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Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:39 AM
To: Lee, Chris
Cc: Osterman, Jeffrey
Subject: ZND Committee - Support of Item# 231461

Good Morning Chris –

I am writing you this AM in support of Item# 231461 – request to rezone to IM for the property at 324 N 15th Street as well as 1357-1439 West St. Paul.

I spoke in favor of this development proposal previously and still strongly believe residential in the St. Paul Corridor is an acceptable and needed component to this particular region of the Valley to assist in it's success and growth. At the previous plan commission there were numerous and an overwhelming amount of business owners (along St. Paul) in support of this project, there was only 1 group represented that opposed it, the MVP. It was clear at that meeting what the businesses and property owners in that zone of the Valley want. The committee moved to approve.

I am not in support of Item#8 (240199) – Substitute Ordinance amending land use recommendations from the Valley plan. The Ordinance is unnecessary, overly-wordy, as well as overly-confusing. Any further considerations for residential or other uses not currently zoned for should be evaluated by City Staff on a case by case basis as it is today.

I am a business owner in the Valley, a land owner in the valley, as well as an employee in the Menomonee Valley. Those that work and own land in the Valley (as well as Pay for the BID to represent us) should have our voices heard rather than a collection of people not working or owning land in the Valley. In this particular case, the opinion of the MVP and BID is not the opinion of those they are tasked to represent.

Sincerely,



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