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**To:** Donovan, Robert  
**Subject:** Cardinal Capital Management

I have received a copy of the notice of public hearing from the city's planning commission. Unfortunately, for personal health reasons I will not be able to attend this meeting. Therefore, I hope you will present my disapproval of the development of apartments at 2331 Vieau Place and 918 S 24<sup>th</sup> Street. I am a resident of the area, residing at 824 S 24<sup>th</sup> Street and wish my vehement disapproval of this plan to be reiterated.

I have several reasons:

1: The stability of an area depends upon stable families moving into an area who plan to live in the area for an extended period of time. In this neighborhood, we have far too many buildings which are occupied of either transient or short term residents. **This leads to neighborhood disunity, drug activity, prostitution and crime.** As our Alderman, I am confident you are aware that drug use, prostitution and crime are rampant in this area. If these developments were allowed to proceed, it would only increase that. What does the planning commission want another Cabrini Green? (I remember the representative from Cardinal Capital Management telling me that would never happen – my answer to that would be that I am confident the residents of Chicago were told the same thing. This is not something they can guarantee.) As a resident that is not what I want.

2: Although it has improved recently, we have often had to wait an extensive length of time for police response. This would only be aspirated with more transient or short term residents moving into the area.

3: It would be far better to have single family (or duplexes) as this would bring in people who would care about the neighborhood and the upkeep of their properties.

4: Another concern would be the park known as Clark Square. Although it is a county park and not a city park, it is poorly cared for and unsafe to walk around after dark. Please recall in the last few years there was an incident during the middle of the day that included knife and gun play. I fear this would only increase the degeneration of Clark Square. Do Journey House and the developers care at all about the children in the area? I don't think so!

5: As you well know, parking in this area is very limited. Many of the buildings do not have driveways, parking slabs or garages. The last thing we need are more people moving in who need parking. As you know, the apartment house on the corner of National Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> Street has recently been reopened. Since that time, parking has gotten much worse. If these developments were allowed to continue they should have at **least parking for two (2) cars per bedroom.**

6: Another concern I have would concern littering in this area. There are far too many people in the area that just throw trash around as it is. Can you guarantee me that the new residents would be more considerate? I don't think so.

7: I was one of the people who attended the original meeting held at Journey House. I distinctly remember the developer stating that it didn't matter if the residents wanted these developments or not; the development company and Journey House would just keep pushing until they got their way. That type of remark shows just how little they care about the neighborhood or the residents of the neighborhood. This makes me question the ethics of these developers. Are they somehow connected with the management of the city? I would be very interested in knowing that as I have gone to Cardinal Capital Management's website and seen that they already list this as an approval project. What aren't the residents being told? Something feels underhanded here! I think both Journey House and Cardinal Capital Management should be looked into very extensively!

There are several other vacant lots in the area that are on the main drag that would be far better to develop, such as the old Pick 'n Save (which has a parking lot) and the old Lindsey's Meat Market Building..

I am writing for only myself, but rather for my roommate and my landlady who lives at 900 S 24th St.

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