November 9, 2015

RE: Morgan Park Rezoning and Rental Development

Dear City Council Members,

Attached you will find copies of signatures and letters from individuals who oppose the rezoning of Morgan Park High School and the mass building of rental projects. Morgan Park is a tiny enclave in a unique location. The original design reflects One Hundred (100) year old traditional housing with a unique design. The footprint of this project would devastate our Community. It would turn it from a family friendly Community into a transient zone of constantly changing tenants with every lease cycle.

You are already supporting the creation of homeowner opportunities in the Hillside, due to the abundance of rental properties. Why create the same problem in Morgan Park that you are trying to eliminate in another neighborhood.

The Community of Morgan Park would support single-family homeownership and green space.

Council Members, this is your opportunity to support our neighborhood, where we live!

Thank you.

Cc: Jay Fosle

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Subject: Concerns about Morgan Park School housing development

From: osberg73@gmail.com To: susieborich@hotmail.com 179 23

## Dear Jenn:

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the proposed development on the Morgan Park School site. I live in my childhood home, on 90th Ave W, that my parents purchased in 1959 back when Morgan Park thriving little community. Although, it has changed I still love being here. However, this development that has sprung upalmost over night has me very worried. I have seen what the current plans are and it is clear that this is being done without little consideration to the people that live in the area surrounding the school.

The first thing that I notice, is the proposed townhomes are being built right up to the street, which I think is very unfair to the homeowners that have lived here for decades. One of the reasons people bought there homes directly behind the school, is because they enjoy having the space right out there front door. I believe the buildings need to be set back from the street in the areas where there are homes present & add a buffer (88th Ave W being the exception.) Another issue that has me worried is there are multiple roads coming out from the townhouses to 90th Ave W. Our street is narrow and was not redone back when Morgan Park got its new sewer lines installed. So, our street is disrepair and will not be able to handle all the construction traffic and all the new resident traffic from these townhomes. While the school was open, when there was football practice, parking on 90th was a real issue and it will once be an issue if the following plan is constructed. It would worry me that I would loose my street parking in front of my home

I know that all of these new townhouses are "market rate" and that is fine, but lets say that they are unable to fill all 132 apartments. Then what? I highly doubt they will just be left sitting empty. Instead, now they will start to slowly be filled with section 8, and then this in turn will drive out the market rate people. I believe they should start with one or two buildings and see if they fill, to construct them all at once and hope for the best is ridiculous!

There are also many other issues such has snow and garbage removal and increased strain on the water and sewer lines to the properties surrounding the area.

In closing, I believe that the developer needs to meet with all the homeowners that surround the school site and address these issues. I live on a quiet street with no worries and that's how I would like it to stay This development popped up over night, and is now being shoved down our throats and we have little say about what is going to happen with OUR school property. Just because we live on the west side of town does not mean we don't have a voice!!

Thank you for your time,

Lizette J. Swanson 1237 90th Ave West

# Sent from my iPad

## Begin forwarded message:

From: Earlene <earlenemartin@hotmail.com>
Date: September 4, 2015 at 12:32:15 PM CDT

To: "jmoses@duluthmn.gov" <jmoses@duluthmn.gov>

Subject: Morgan park school site

My name is Earlene Martin and I have lived at 1331-90th Ave W, across from Morgan Park School since the summer of 1967. I am against the plan for the lots across the street.

- 1. I think it's too large a project for the site. There is no sure bet it will go over in this part of town.
- 2. I question the sewer systems ability to handle this many units.
- 3. Also, snow removal in winters. Where will all the snow go if we have another winter like 2 years ago?
- 4. Plus parking, a driveway for 18 garages will be put right across the street from my house. Our streets are too narrow for all this traffic and parking issues that will happen if all these apartments fill in.

I have lost faith in the Duluth City Council. They don't seem to care what happens out here. The Rockridge project was stopped. We need to stop this project too.

Sent from my iPad

To: jmoses@duluthmn.gov CC: susieborich@hotmail.com

Subject: Morgan Park School Development

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We live at 1251 90th Avenue West. We live acrossfrom the football field. Here are some of our concerns:

- 1. We are not in favor of the rezoning.
- 2. Concerns that the sewer system would not be able to handle all these units. We do not want to get assessed for a new system.
- 3. Definitely not in favor of having the street coming down Grace. Ridiculous of traffic coming down this residential neighborhood when 88th Avenue West is plenty wide and capable of handling all the traffic.
- 4. Parking issues arose whenever there were football games. We don't need any more parking problems out here. It was hard enough to get in and out of our driveway with excess vehicles parked on the street.
- 5. We are very concerned about our property values going down with this new development.
- 6. Very concerned about the crime rate going up. Falcon St. to Idaho Street from 90th Avenue West to 93rd Avenue West I believe has been very low with crime. We want to keep it that way.

Lynn and Don Jones

From: Susie [mailto:susieborich@hotmail.com] Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 9:29 PM

To: Jennifer Moses

Subject: morgan park site

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We are concerned about the project that is proposed on the Morgan Park School site.

We live at 1231 90th Ave W, right behind the school, since 1980.

Have you made a study of the concentration of rentals in the city? Look at the affects is have on our neighborhoods and schools.

The rich east vs. the poor west. You will be and have been adding to the problem every time another apartment building (rental) or HUD housing project goes in. Why are you putting them all out west? I'll tell you why. People out east don't want it. They didn't want Aaron Schweiger out at Rockridge so he pulling out.

We have lived out west all my life. It has been a wonderful place to live, but our neighborhoods are changing as the rentals

go up. There is more littering, loitering, noise, and crime.

# Putting rentals in our neighborhood <u>will not</u> revitalize our neighborhood. We need home owners that take pride in their homes and neighborhood.

Please think about the home owners that will be effected by this project. 132 rental units are too much! Let's be fair. Develop more rentals out east and even out the city.

Rick and Susie Borich 1231 90 Ave W Duluth MN 55808 Date: Tue, 8 Sep 2015 12:34:40 -0000

Subject: FW:

To: susieborich@hotmail.com

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From: Luanne Taylor [mailto:Itaylor@eversmiles.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:33 PM

To: 'jmoses@duluthmn.gov'

Subject:

I am writing in regards to the apartment complex proposed for the Morgan Park school site. Living on 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave W. the increased traffic is a concern, we have no sidewalks and the street is narrow allowing single lane traffic only. I believe this should be looked into. Also why in the plans would they put the largest number of units in the already populated area instead of on 88th Ave. W. with only the community club and the opposite side. Finally strong concerns regarding this becoming Section 8 housing I feel we already have our fair share and this site is not any more suitable than the Rockridge site would have been. Luanne Taylor @ 218-391-9170

From: Susie [mailto:susieborich@hotmail.com] Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 8:51 PM

To: Jennifer Moses

**Subject:** Concerned about Morgan Park rezoning

I am a concerned home owner in Morgan Park. I have lived at 1231 90th Ave W for 35 years. I, along with many other residents of Morgan Park do not like the plans that Aaron Schweiger has for the Morgan Park site. We will be at the rezoning meeting on Tuesday to express our concerns.

There are too many units (132) for that area.

We need single family homes at market rate in this area. We have enough apartments.

We are concerned about the possibility of section 8 coming in. I know that it is not his plan, but that doesn't guarantee that it won't happen.

The streets surrounding the complexes will need to be widened. There will be over 48 single car garages coming off of just 90th Ave W. Our streets can't handle all the overflow of traffic and parking that it will bring.

What is the next step we need to take to stop this from happening to our neighborhood?

Susan Borich 1231 90th Ave W Duluth MN 55808 218-626-3783

From: steve.samberg@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: Morgan park
To: susieborich@hotmail.com

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: "Steve Samberg" < steve.samberg@yahoo.com>

**Date**:Fri, Sep 4, 2015 at 5:02 PM

Subject: Morgan park

Hi, my name is Steve samberg. I live in the house on 1351 90th Ave west with my wife Heidi and my two kids chloe who is 7 and Luke who is 3. Because of work I'm am not able to attend your meetings! But I'd like to voice my opinion! Being that I grew up in Morgan park and am now a home owner on 90th right behind the school! I am strongly against what you guys are trying to do! You preach this Market rate housing.. but let's be honest.. that will not happen with building 132 units or what ever the number is? In time these will be filled with low income housing.. which will attract welfare, drug dealers, drug users ect... which will lower the price of the homes of the hard working people that have worked hard to build this community up again! You probably don't know are care but Morgan park is rich in history and the folks that live here take pride in our neighborhood! After a hall storm in 2013 Morgan park got a nice face lift and helped make this place come back to life! Not only will your low income project will affect our property value but it will affect how we live on a daily basis! Extra traffic, parking, plowing, having to worry about my, house, and family while I'm at work.. because of the people you are going to attract for your units.. All so you can fatten your pockets! Do us all a favor and really think about the lives of the people you're going to affect before you push forward on this project! Which I hope doesn't go through.. because if it does I'll loose friends, family, great neighbors and money on my house when myself and others go to sell! I doubt you'll take the time to read this... so ill make a hard copy for someone to bring to the next meeting!

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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## Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Moses <jmoses@DuluthMN.gov>
Date: September 8, 2015 at 3:49:51 PM CDT

To: 'Erik' <eselisk101@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Morgan park school site

Erik.

Thanks for your email. I will make sure Planning Commissioners get a copy.

Jenn

----Original Message----

From: Erik [mailto:eselisk101@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 3:22 PM

To: Jennifer Moses

Subject: Morgan park school site

Dear Mrs. Jenn Reed Moses,

I would like to say that I strongly oppose the current proposal of the development at the old Morgan Park Middle School site. I do believe that the property should be used for something, however the current proposal is far to large and not a good fit in Morgan Park. Some concerns are parking, snow removal, sewer systems and other infrastructure in surrounding blocks being able to handle such a large steady increase in usage. I feel that there should be more time and thought put into this site and its future possibilities prior to moving forward. Sincerely,

Erik Seliskar 1343 90th Ave. W. Duluth MN 218-349-6833

Sent from my iPhone