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Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair
City of Minneapolis
Economic Development & Regulatory Services Committee
350 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Chair Goodman,

The Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) has reviewed the *44th & Penn Avenue North Redevelopment Plan* and supports the City's acquisition of the properties located at 2139 and 2147 44th Avenue North. ViNA's membership and board of directors reviewed and discussed the plan at meetings on April 25, 2018, and May 2, 2018, and voted overwhelmingly in support of the acquisition.

The Victory Neighborhood Association believes the commercial node located at 44th & Penn Avenues North brings considerable value to the neighborhood. The small businesses and multi-family housing complexes already located there create important opportunities for residents to live, work, and connect in and to our community. And with the future addition of two Bus Rapid Transit lines, the node's potential becomes even greater. For these reasons, the Victory Neighborhood Association supports the acquisition of 2139 and 2147 44th Avenue North for mixed-use, transit-oriented development.

The Victory Neighborhood Association is excited about the potential that lies with this plan and looks forward to working with the City to identify development opportunities that meet the needs of current and future residents.

Sincerely,

Diane Spector, Chair
Victory Neighborhood Association

CC: Council Member Phillipe Cunningham, Beth Grosen

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