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Greetings,

I am writing in opposition to the composite zoning map update, and specifically I am opposed to the rezoning of my community, the NE 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue MAX Station area in the Rose City Park neighborhood, which I'll call "East Normandale."

Not only do I oppose rezoning but so do the majority of homeowners in East Normandale. Moreover, the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association sent a letter to the Commission in opposition to rezoning. Even moderate redevelopment would change East Normandale for the worst. As the neighborhood association has pointed out, East Normandale lacks the infrastructure to absorb significant redevelopment.

In lieu of rezoning East Normandale, or any other area, I urge the city to pursue the Residential Infill Project. East Normandale is a 126 year old neighborhood, and for the majority of its history, East Normandale has developed according tenets of residential infill. Hence, the area has over the years developed so-called middle housing such as duplexes, tri-plexes, four-plexes, and so on. That development, however, has happened organically in the neighborhood, with infill not only fitting into the neighborhood but also only developing in the parts of East Normandale that can support it.

Again, while I oppose rezoning this or any other area, I do support efforts of the city to pursue processes embodied in the Residential Infill Project.

Sincerely,

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