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Planning Commission Members:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your thoughtful efforts with regard to the proposal at 1680 Dhu Varren Road. You have clearly made this proposal better by your input, but it is also evident that, as approved, the proposal contributes very significantly, 320 furnaces worth, to our city carbon footprint, likely for the next 30 years. Many of you spoke passionately about the frustration you feel, placed in a position to see this disaster, without the legal tools to do much about it. Public & Commissioner comments highlight the need for a standardized comparison of gas vs. electrified HVAC in future planning presentations, that would include a “payback” calculation of the consequences of rooftop solar installation to defray electrical operating costs. If advocacy is needed for this to happen, please make this known.

Finally, please advocate for City Council to consider ways to incentivize this developer to electrify the apartments on this plan. It is not too late until the gas line is built. It is completely understandable that profit will be the primary consideration for the developer. While we can hope and plead for good stewardship from them, ultimately, the city and community will have to create a financial environment wherein even the short term perceived cost advantages of gas are eliminated.

With gratitude for your service our community,

Best wishes,
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