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Subject: Woodbury Gardens (REZ24-0008 and SP26-0003) & Issue of City Utility Easement
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Dear Planning Commission,

I want to strongly support Sam Homan's request that Woodbury Gardens be pressured to grant the utility easement the city has requested before it considers granting Woodbury Gardens requests related to its new building plans.

My wife and I first moved onto the end of South Blvd. in 1991. When the city would flush out the water line each week it would leave our water brown with rust and other particles. It stained our clothes when we washed them. It would ruin the sprayers on our kitchen sink and shower heads and stain our sinks and tubs. The rust or lime that would build up in our toilets meant they had to be repaired every couple of years in order to keep flushing.

After we and our neighbors submitted a letter of complaint the city began flushing out the hydrant in front of our house regularly and agreed to give us free water filters until the problem was corrected. At the time we were told that might take ten years-- that is around the year 2001.

These improvements definitely helped as we could now wash our clothes so they didn't get stained anymore, but enough particles have continued to come through the water such that we still have the problem of staining and having to fix or replace things like shower heads and the sprayer on our kitchen sink, as well as continuing to clear out the build-up on toilets so they keep working. Though we've been told our water is safe-- we also worked to filter the water that came out of our taps for the sake of the health of our children. Many times over these years I've thought about complaining to the city about how unfair it seems for us to have us to pay the same rates for our water as everyone else while having all these extra problems and expenses.

The city runs the fire hydrant in front of 1411 South Blvd., the last house on the block, for an hour every day to clear out the rust. That's water and employee time we're all paying for.

I'm thinking it was something like five years ago that we were told the water loop was scheduled to be completed that spring or summer. I believe it was to be done in conjunction with the re-paving of our street. The street ended up being repaved, but the water loop was never done. When we called to inquire what happened they said the city had not been able to get an easement to do it.

In the last year or two we have been told the city was pursuing an easement for the water loop but we weren't told who was continuing to hold up granting that easement. I figured that it had to be Woodbury Gardens. It is incredibly frustrating to learn that it is Woodbury Gardens

and that they are now asking the city for re-zoning and new tall buildings when they have been so uncooperative with the city around this easement. I believe we are the last place in the city to have this problem and we have been waiting 35 years for this problem to be corrected and it now appears that at least a good part of this time this has been due to Woodbury Gardens refusing to grant this easement. Now I'm learning that the people on Coler, the street next to ours, are also affected.

While I support the building of affordable housing in our city, that is housing that anyone working full-time could afford to live in, I see no reason for the city to encourage building more expensive housing especially one bedrooms and studios, which are not suited to families. I especially don't see any reason the city should consider granting exceptions to Woodbury Gardens given the lack of concern they have shown towards their neighbors.

Thank you,

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