# NorthWest Minneapolis Business Association

*Committed to enhancing the North West Minneapolis Community through promoting, supporting and connecting existing businesses, encouraging new business development that meets the needs of the local community. *


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****Signifies a new member this year!**

July 27, 2006

Zoning and Planning Committee
Gary Schiff, Chair
Minneapolis City Council
350 South 5th Street, Room 307
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Chair Schiff,

We understand that your committee will approve the Mayoral nominations for the Planning Commission at today's Zoning and Planning Committee meeting. We appreciate that the Zoning and Planning Committee cannot replace names that the Mayor has submitted to the committee for consideration as members of the Planning Commission. However, we respectfully request this letter be placed in the record as being opposed to the nominees who represent the 10th and 13th Wards.

The Planning Commission is an important citizen committee that works tirelessly to create a functional, well designed city to live in, work in, and visit. As such, we believe that all parts of the City should be represented. Under the current membership there are no representatives from the Near North or Camden planning districts. Unfortunately the two nominees that the Mayor's office is recommending to the Z&P Committee today, do not represent the north side of the City. While we appreciate the work that the Planning Commission does to represent the City as a whole, we are concerned about the lack of representation of the 70,000 residents and thousands of small businesses and employees that live and work in north Minneapolis.

We bring this letter to you, as Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee, to call attention to this serious lack of representation and hope that you will make note of the issue at the committee hearing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Vivienne Williamson
President
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Cc: Mayor RT Rybak
Zoning and Planning Committee members