

Dear Council Members;

We're reaching out about the Doran redevelopment plan for Hennepin Ave and 31st St W. A city council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21.

The Planning Commission approved a new plan without consulting nearby neighborhoods about major changes from earlier versions that had community backing. They only gave us less than a week's notice before the meeting, which didn't allow enough time for input.

In contrast, BUILD:PUBLIC, led by Michael Lander, who has a long and firm record of development in Minneapolis, has created an enhanced plan with strong community support. Michael is focused on making our city vibrant, and his track record shows how his projects enhance and blend with neighborhoods like Uptown.

Since June 2025, BUILD:PUBLIC has shared an improved plan with a cost/benefit analysis that benefits everyone. At this early stage, there's still time to adopt this better plan. Unlike the current Doran plan, which feels closed off from Hennepin and 31st Street and could further dampen community life, the BUILD:PUBLIC plan includes equitable features like a public plaza, front stoops, and ground-floor shops, similar to Daymark.

We support revitalizing Uptown through redevelopment, but what's the point of an apartment building that doesn't bring life to this key intersection? A few extra weeks to get this right is nothing compared to 50+ years of a project that misses the mark.

**I support this letter and the BUILD:PUBLIC plan:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_