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Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Ehrenberg, Scott A.
Subject: Comments on proposed amended and restated unified housing policy

Hello Scott,

As a Minneapolis property owner, I would like to submit these questions and notes (**boldface**) about the City's proposed Amended and Restated Unified Housing Policy -

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