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TO: District 17 stakeholders (residents, workers and property owners)
FROM: Jon Fure, Executive Director - CapitolRiver Council (District 17)
SUBJECT: Proposed boundary change for Saint Paul District Councils 9 and 17

A group of residents on Irvine Avenue has requested a change to the district council boundary, so that they would be in District 9 (West 7th Fort Road Federation) instead of District 17 (CapitolRiver Council). In response to that request, District 9 and District 17 are planning to jointly submit a proposal to the City Council to change that boundary. These district councils also recommend changing the boundary so that the Ramsey County River Bluff and other buildings on Kellogg Boulevard would be included in District 17 instead of District 9. The current boundary follows Kellogg Boulevard, and buildings on the south side of the street are in District 9.

The purpose of this memo is to notify affected residents, workers and property owners of the proposed changes. A public meeting has been scheduled to discuss any questions or concerns. The meeting will be on **Monday, July 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at Bad Weather Brewing, 414 7th Street West**, in Saint Paul.

The map below indicates the current and proposed boundary changes. The blue lines show the current boundaries, the black lines are the proposed boundaries, and the "X's" show current boundaries that would be deleted.



The rationale for changing the Kellogg Boulevard boundary is that both sides of the block are zoned as B5, Central Business District Services, and the buildings on both sides of Kellogg seem like they should be included in the downtown area, and not in the West 7th / Fort Road neighborhood.

The rationale for changing the boundary in the Irvine Avenue area is that the residents do not consider themselves downtown residents, whereas almost all of our planning and engagement activities are focused on the needs and concerns of downtown residents and workers. Also, CapitolRiver Council's meetings are all held downtown, which are not convenient for Irvine Avenue residents.

Here are the primary ways that people would be affected by the proposed boundary changes:

- Irvine Avenue residents would be able to vote for district council board member candidates in the District 9 election and would be eligible to serve as District 9 board members, whereas currently they are only able to vote in the District 17 election and may serve as District 17 board members. If there are Irvine Avenue residents who work in District 17, they would still be eligible to participate in those District 17 activities.
- Irvine Avenue residents who have concerns about their neighborhood or who request a variance currently work with the District 17 staff and board to review and make recommendations on those issues and / or requests. The proposed boundary change would mean that they would work with District 9 staff and board instead.
- District 9 planning activities would include the Irvine Avenue neighborhood.
- Future residents and workers at the Ramsey County River Bluff site would be eligible to vote in the District 17 election and would be eligible to serve as District 17 board members.
- The current District 17 boundary also includes one home on the south side of Summit Avenue, which is in Ward 1. That home would also be moved to District 9.

The process for changing district council boundaries is found in Chapter 95 of Saint Paul Administrative Code (a link is available on the CapitolRiver Council website, www.capitolrivercouncil.org). Please contact me at 651-221-0488, or office@capitolrivercouncil.org, with questions or feedback about this proposed boundary change.

Sincerely,

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