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Sandy Colvin Roy, Chair
Transportation and Public Works Committee
350 S. 5th St., Room 307
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear CM Colvin Roy,

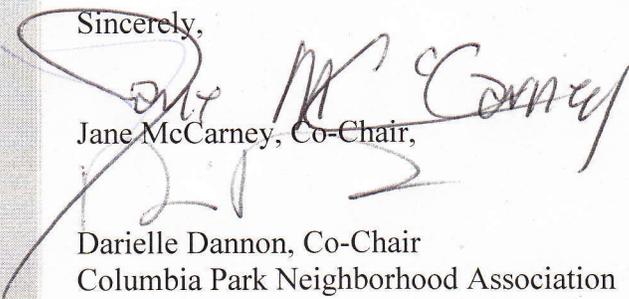
We are writing regarding the upcoming council action for the City of Minneapolis to serve as the fiscal agent for a MNDOT Roadside Landscaping Grant for the Columbia Park neighborhood along University AV NE. This would assist the Columbia Park neighborhood in replanting a stretch of the right-of-way which serves as a noise buffer between MN Hwy 49 (University AV NE) and the neighboring properties.

If funded the neighborhood, in collaboration with Hennepin County Sentence to Serve will clear out the remaining stumps and replant an area that was cleared of some dead trees and because of their soon to be doomed life, a large number of ash trees. Because this area served as a buffer to a state highway, the sound levels have increased dramatically for homes directly facing the roadway and the neighborhood at large.

We would appreciate your affirmation of supporting the livability of the neighborhood by voting to serve as the fiscal agent for the MNDOT grant, which covers the cost of the planting materials for the restoration to be done in the spring of 2014.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Jane McCarney, Co-Chair,

Darielle Dannon, Co-Chair
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Cc: CM Kevin Reich, Council President Barbara Johnson, Mayor RT Rybak