

From: [Lin Aanonsen](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_PED-ZoningCommitteeSecretary](#)
Subject: Re: ZF# 23-043-758, 898 Raymond Rezoning
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 10:52:21 AM

[Please note, this is a resubmission with the zoning file number in the body of the email]

Dear Zoning Committee Members:

My name is Linda (Lin) Aanonsen and I live at 897 Raymond Ave. My home is directly across the street from 898 Raymond Ave (ZF# 23-043-758) which is being considered for rezoning from RM2 multiple family residential to T2 traditional neighborhood. I am writing to **object** to this change for a number of reasons.

I have young children and absolutely do not want the possibility of age inappropriate establishments such as a tattoo parlor, bar, etc. moving into the neighborhood. This may not be the owner's intention now, however, there is no guarantee that this will not happen in the near or distant future if that building is rezoned to T2. My youngest child's bedroom looks directly over 898 Raymond Ave. Even if I did not have children, I would object to this rezoning because of the added possibility of disruptive and loud behavior. This has been a fairly quiet neighborhood and a number of changes have occurred over the years to maintain and/or make it more so.

Raymond Ave has changed dramatically in the time I have been here and all of it has been in an attempt to quiet the street and make it a safer place. Many years ago, large trucks/semis were rerouted off Raymond to decrease noise and increase safety. More recently, attempts have been made to slow traffic down around the curve at the convergent intersections of Long, Bayless, and Raymond. A median was built and cross walks were put in. This has helped; however, traffic still goes too fast and every winter, cars end up in either my front yard or the neighbors to the north or south of me because of going too fast around the curve. Increased traffic due to a potential new business from rezoning 898 Raymond Ave will only likely add to the traffic incidents in winter.

Finally, not many years ago, a bike lane was added to Raymond Ave which removed parking completely off the west side of the street where we live. This has made parking very challenging for the residents and the visitors of residents on the street. Adding a business that might bring in more cars will only add to the parking shortage we already face.

Again, I would like to state my opposition to the rezoning of 898 Raymond Ave.

Thank you for your consideration.

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On Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 10:45 AM Lin Aanonsen <aanonsen@macalester.edu> wrote:

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From: [Nancy](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_PED-ZoningCommitteeSecretary](#)
Subject: ZF#23-043-758, 898 Raymond Rezoning
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023 9:00:32 AM

Re: ZF#23-043-758, 898 Raymond Rezoning

To Whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the rezoning of 898 Raymond. I live directly across the street and would be greatly impacted by any zoning changes. One HUGE concern is parking. There is none. Because of the unique nature of this corner, I lost all street parking near my house when the bike lane came in and any more loss of parking would be an extreme loss to me. For example, it is already an ordeal every time my disabled mother wants to come to visit me. We have to scramble to rearrange cars or send someone a block away with her wheelchair to get her to the house. Another concern I have is noise. Two bedrooms in my house overlook the building in question so what becomes of this corner concerns me personally. I can lay in bed and hear conversations happening on their stoop. I am not opposed to neighborhood growth - I live a block from the Creative Enterprise Zone and am a small business owner myself. But I also think it is important to keep our little pockets of quiet residential areas in our city.

I would greatly prefer that 898 Raymond Avenue remain as currently zoned.

Thank you for listening to my concerns,
Nancy Shellum
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