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District 6 Planning Council supports the Saint Paul Police Department's proposal for funding for the Central District Office to be located within the North End community. District 6 was home to the Central District office and since the removal of the office from the neighborhood we have suffered as a community.

It is difficult if not impossible for our residents to get to Grove Street and unfortunately Grove Street is not easy for neighbors to "drop in" as they may at either the Eastern or Western District offices. The Central Team is the only Police District that does not have stand-alone space and in looking at the communities served by the Central District it seems shortsighted not to have a police district located in the North End, which is the northern section of the City as well as home to commercial corridors that would also benefit.

Since the demise of the offices located at Rice and Arlington, the neighborhood has been strongly vocal in expressing the need for the police presence back in the North End. Also the move of the Central Team offices was indicated as a temporary move and the project has been proposed and in queue far too long. It boils down to a matter of neighborhoods having an equal playing field, especially neighborhoods that are distressed.

The possible location, the Sylvan site is ideal for the Central Team offices, there should be no acquisition costs and the site is large enough to incorporate a shooting range. This location would not take any property off the tax rolls which to the neighborhood is a consideration to be taken into account.

The North End is home to a large population of new arrivals, particularly the Karen Community. It needs to be recognized that police/community relations must include the entire communities' that make up the neighborhoods that served by the Central District. The creation of a Central office will go a long way in enhancing the Community Policing efforts and strengthen the ties between both the police and our residents.

Regards,

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