



June 6, 2022

Mayor Mayor Steffenson  
Members of the Council  
City of Maple Grove  
12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway N  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

**RE: REALTORS®**

Dear Mayor Steffenson, Members of the Council, and City Staff:

The Minneapolis Area REALTORS® (“MAR”) is a professional association representing more than 9,500 REALTORS® who live and work throughout the Twin Cities. More than (N=330) REALTORS® call Maple Grove home and many more serve clients who buy and sell homes in the community. Our overall goal is to support the healthy growth of the Twin Cities’ real estate market and help consumers make informed real estate decisions.

MAR routinely monitors proposed local government actions and for some reason in this case we only learned “after the fact,” that a rental moratorium has now passed. As you may know, state statute established the moratorium process to protect the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare by regulating, restricting, or prohibiting any use or development in all or a part of the city. It is for this reason MAR urges local governments to moratoriums cautiously, judiciously, and only when necessary, for the health and safety of the citizenry. MAR has worked with several communities on rental moratoriums in the past. In those communities we typically note concerns regarding undue infringement upon property rights, financial damage to residents and businesses, unintended consequences, damage to the housing market and the local economy. REALTORS® would like to be part of the solution in Maple Grove and are happy to provide data and discuss ideas with elected officials, city staff, and other stakeholders.

**MAR recommends the following considerations regarding the rental moratorium:**

- Expedite planning, development, and ordinance review process.
- Minimize the financial damage to residents and property owners.
- Remain open to shortening moratorium period upon the identification of new policies or processes.
- Be aware that an extended period by which rental permits are not available incentivizes non-compliance.
- Understand an extended period by which new rental permits are not available ignores the needs of would-be residents, buyers, sellers, and tenants.
- Demand for housing does not diminish and renters are our friends, family, co-worker, neighbors and deserve to have access to housing options that fill their needs.

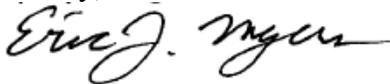
**MAR recommends the following regarding housing:**

- Partner with area REALTORS® to continue to help “sell the city”
- Continue to Invest in Metro HRA and Other Partners

- Develop policies designed to aid renters transitioning to homeownership (i.e. down-payment assistance & education)

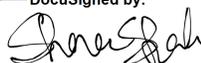
REALTORS® are interested in meeting with you and relevant staff regarding the rental moratorium. Again, we look forward to being part of the solution in Maple Grove.

Sincerely,



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Director of Government Affairs

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