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Dear STAR Board,

The Highland District Council is pleased to submit this letter of support of the STAR grant application put forward by the Jewish Community Center with respect to its proposal for the beautification of the open spaces bordering St. Paul Avenue. The St. Paul JCC requests support from the St. Paul STAR program for exterior landscaping and beautification of the neighborhood, including the following elements: (1) Enhanced green space via additional landscaping (trees, bushes, etc.) (2) Storm water management system: Water conservation and retention elements (pervious surfaces, underground water tanks), (3) Erosion prevention and sediment control, (4) Concrete paving for new sidewalks, entry, and ramp, (5) Asphalt paving for parking lot, (6) External security features: Boulders to protect people congregated on the north lawn and bollards to prevent forced vehicle entry into the building, (7) Community education about the rainwater retention system, and (7) Public art installation. complete the required repair of the sanitary sewer system.

The Highland District Council's Board believes this project will improve and beautify this portion of the Highland Park neighborhood while helping to keep the members of the JCC and neighbors in a safer environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal,

Kathy Carruth  
Executive Director  
Highland District Council

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The Highland District Council's mission is to foster opportunities for the people that live, learn, work, and play in Highland Park to engage and connect with neighbors, businesses and local government and to help build a more vibrant, welcoming, and safe neighborhood.

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