



September 14, 2022

Saint Paul City Council  
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd. West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Saint Paul City Council Members,

The Black Hart of Saint Paul and its Midway-resident owner Wesley Burdine are planning an expansion of the bar to include a large outdoor patio. Wes has approached the Hamline Midway Coalition, District Council 11, about supporting their effort to have their liquor license expanded to the neighboring property at 1401 University Ave W. The Hamline Midway Coalition supports this expansion.

The Black Hart of Saint Paul has been in operation for four years now, but maintains the longest running gay bar in Saint Paul. It is a gathering space for queer folk from the twin cities as well as Midway neighbors and soccer fans.

The proposed patio expansion would transform an empty grass lot into a vibrant gathering space on University. The Hamline Midway Coalition strongly recommends the city's support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah O'Brien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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