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**Subject:** Fwd: Closing time at Billy's on Grand

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Dear Councilmember Noecker,

I will not be able to attend your "listening session" this week. Please see the attached letter discussing our opposition to a 2am closing time. This matter will be before you next week and I encourage you to require a 12am midnight closing time.

Sincerely,  
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Ms Thao and Councilmember Noecker

In addition to the letter I sent please also see the police responses to just this address for Billy's from the past two years, including the recent period under the management of the current operators. 116 calls and responses by St. Paul Police. Over 30 of which involved Assaults, Theft, Disturbance-Disorderly or Firearms. This does not include calls made by

neighbors or others at addresses nearby resulting from the spill out onto our neighborhood sidewalks that are not associated with just this address.

A later closing time is not good for our neighborhood nor our already strained police capacity.

<https://kstp.com/business/st-paul-considers-2-am-bar-closing-for-billys-on-grand/6310729/>

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**From:** Jean Johnson <jeanmom51@gmail.com>  
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Regarding the listening Councilmember Noecker is holding tomorrow, Thursday, 8:30 am Linwood Community Center regarding Billy's request for extended hours.

One of the issues Rebecca ran on in her election bid was supporting thriving neighborhoods and safety in St. Paul. For that reason, I am assuming she supports a neighbor-friendly closing time for establishments like Billy's who share our neighborhood.

Four years ago when we were considering Avon Place, a friend/Edina Real Estate professional cautioned us about the address. He commented on the number of police calls connected with the Wild Onion/Billy's businesses. (2:00 AM closing at the time). Between October of 2019 and December of 2020, there were over 100 police calls related to Billy's.

We understand that we live in a mixed-use environment requiring a commercial/residential balance. We appreciate the business's needs and support its presence as an excellent dining option for shoppers, guests/patrons, and area residents. By the same token, Billy's must accept that they are a neighborhood bar. A later closing time says they are catering not to the neighbors, but primarily to the bar

crowd and hope to attract people who were already drinking at other establishments that have closed for the night. This does not demonstrate an acknowledgment of their responsibility in the commercial/residential balance to have a successful mixed-use neighborhood, nor does it show respect for their neighbors.

Based on our friend's comment from four years ago, and the number of police calls related to Billy's address, approval of a 2:00 AM closing time will have a negative effect on the quality of life in our neighborhood and the value of our properties.

Thanks for considering.

Jean Johnson

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