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To: <u>Jeffrey Fischbach</u>; <u>Tom Ferrara</u>; <u>Greg Weiner</u>

Cc: Scott Cochran

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Hello Mr. Jeffrey Fischbach, Mr. Tom Ferrara, and Mr. Greg Weiner:

I am writing this letter in support of the application made by Scott Cochran to secure a liquor license for his restaurant in St. Paul, Local Rumor.

I have lived in St. Paul's West 7th neighborhood for over five years and in that time I have learned how important small, locally owned and operated bars and restaurants are to this community. The world is a very challenging place at the moment, more so post-covid, and the more we can do to help local business thrive, improve and support employment opportunities and business expansion, improve community capacity and cohesion, and make the area attractive to its local community depends on the support of our local citizens, like Scott Cochran.

I have known Scott for three and a half years, working under his leadership at Keg and Case Market. During that time, I witnessed what is means to have good leadership — a leader that is responsible, meticulous and cares for their team and the community we serve.

Scott was instrumental in the development and successful execution of many bars and restaurants in California. I am thrilled he now has the opportunity to open his own and that he has chosen our beautiful city of St. Paul to do it. With a liquor license, Local Rumor will encourage people to return more openly to community life — a resiliency we are really only starting to see in St. Paul.

I therefore urge you to support this liquor license application made by Scott Cochran for Local Rumor. I am available if you wish to further discuss this letter and my support.

Sincerely, Molly Yee

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