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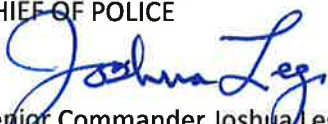
Commander Jennifer Corcoran and I were grateful to participate in the Summit Hill Association public hearing on April 12, 2022. We were pleased to know SHA found our participation informative and helpful. Western District leadership is committed to leading our officers while effectively responding to resident and business concerns about crime and disorder.

Commander Corcoran and I described one strategy that is of note in this discussion. We outlined for those on the call our cooperative strategy with owners of on-sale businesses to mitigate and prevent incidents of violence at their establishments. And part of the strategy described included discussing the value of their voluntary and temporary closing earlier than usual to make the space unavailable to those who may choose to do harm.

Western District leadership, and police department operations in general, does not take any position on license conditions for individual establishments. Such a position would be outside our scope of practice. Nevertheless, we will continue to work cooperatively with all concerned parties to ensure the City of Saint Paul is a safe place to live, work, and seek entertainment.

Respectfully,

Todd D. Axtell
CHIEF OF POLICE


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