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To: <u>CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)</u>

Subject: Comment re sound variance application for Twin Cities Veg Fest on September 6 agenda

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Dear Council Members and Mayor,

Twin Cities Veg Fest is proud to call Harriet Island it's home, and to bring free, live music performances to the public during the festival. This year we will feature Happy Lance Brunious, Mary Bue, and The Red Wine Trio. We appreciate your support of our sound variance application to make this possible.

This year's festival theme is "Healing People, Animals, and the Planet" We are partnering with Metro Transit to provide free ride passes to the festival, and we pay for free shuttles to Harriet Island from Union Depot through donations from the public and local businesses.

We appreciate the city's support through various departments, as well as through Cultural Star funds which we gratefully received the past two years.

With the animals,

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