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Attn: City of St. Paul

Greetings,

I have been a resident of the Hamline Midway neighborhood since 2010. I love my neighborhood and I love my city. One thing that I have not loved over the years I've lived here is the number of empty storefronts and shuttered businesses. The Green Line has helped substantially but I still see so many opportunities for small business owners to make Hamline Midway their home and to enrich our neighborhood even further. This is only one small reason why I am throwing my support behind Strength Collective coming to our neighborhood and city.

Any naysayers concerned about parking issues should rest easy; the bulk of Strength Collective training happens in the early morning hours and will not further add to the evening Can-Can influx of cars. There is literally no good reason why Strength Collective should be denied licensure.

Jenny Halstead is a community-minded relationship builder, and she is committed to this neighborhood and the economic development and improvement of Hamline Midway. St. Paul must be on the forefront of encouraging and attracting more woman-owned small businesses to thrive in our city. Strength Collective is more than a gym, it is a nurturing community that I am thankful for and reliant on for my own health and well-being. It would be a significant loss to Hamline Midway if she was not allowed to open for business. Approve her licensure immediately so our neighborhood can become even greater than it is today.

Sincerely,

Laurel Richmond