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Sincerely,

Ms. Patty Radford Henderson
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Ms. Emilia Vesper
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As an anesthesiologist, I can tell you that putting patients with a history of tobacco abuse under anesthesia is more difficult than nonsmokers .
Smokers have more anesthetic and surgical complications.

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Dr. Priscilla Thomas
2312 Brewster St.
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Dr. Gregory Filice
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St Paul, MN 55106

Clido Heu
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St Paul, MN 55106

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St Paul, MN 55106

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St Paul, MN 55106

Postcards from 11 people **in Support** of the Menthol Ordinance Change:

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12xx Sylvan St
3. Mee Meh
12xx Sylvan St
4. Pao Thao
7xx E Magnolia Ave
5. Gao Vang
57 Iowa Ave W

6. Chenee Vue
5xx Hoyt Ave E
7. Alizabeth
4xx Maryland
8. Gao Y (sp)
6xx Bedford
9. Yeng Lee
270 Larpenteur
10. Xai Sarah Lee
1527 L'Orient St
11. Anna Yang
Xxx Desoto

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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:38 AM

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Cc: Niziolek, Dan (CI-StPaul) <dan.niziolek@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Process on Menthol, Mint and Wintergreen Ordinance

Coalition of Neighborhood Retailers

DATE: October 20, 2017

TO: St. Paul City Council Members

CC: DSI Deputy Director Dan Niziolek

We note that the agenda for the October 25, 2017 St. Paul City Council meeting includes Item No. 20, which is the proposed menthol, mint and wintergreen sales restriction ordinance. As you will recall, the city council approved proceeding with a process that would include all stakeholders to consider the impact of the proposed ordinance and potential mitigation strategies. We envision that an appropriate process could involve up to five stakeholder meetings to:

- (1) Consider the economic impact of a citywide menthol, mint and wintergreen sales restriction.
- (2) Discuss the need for an economic impact study that analyzes the St. Paul retail impact and how such a study could be funded.
- (3) Research the importance of allowing less harmful mint and wintergreen tobacco products to remain on the market, since the discussion to date has focused almost exclusively on menthol cigarettes.
- (4) Talk about other options that retailers brought up during the public hearings on the ordinance.

(5) Investigate what resources the City of St. Paul and the Association for Non-Smokers Minnesota will provide to retailers that would be severely impacted by the ordinance.

(6) Research mitigation strategies to lessen the fallout on retailers and the communities that they serve.

(7) Study the recent announcement by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that is seeking public input on how to regulate menthol cigarettes on a federal level.

(8) Review proposed compliance timelines for a future effective date.

(9) Consider other issues that may be raised as a part of the discussions during these on-going stakeholder meetings.

With the city council's recognition of the need for a proper process, we reiterate our request that the city council should not take any final action on the ordinance at the October 25th council meeting other than to postpone a vote on the ordinance to allow the stakeholder process to be completed over the coming months.

Your decision at the conclusion of the continued public hearing held on September 20th to proceed with an inclusive stakeholder process and involve the Business Review Council was the correct action to take and we look forward to the stakeholder meetings.