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Mr. Jeff Fischbach
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City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI)
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October 24, 2019

Re: Licenses for Café Lilla, 1110 Payne Avenue

Dear Jeff,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Payne-Phalen Community Council. The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22nd at the Arlington Hills Community Center. The published agenda indicated the application by Lilla and La Femme, LLC for 1110 Payne Avenue and the Board packet included the notice for these licenses: Wine on Sale, Malt on Sale (Strong), and Entertainment (A).

The Board voted to support this permit application.

After the Board Meeting, PPCC became aware of the request to waive the 45-day notice period. While the Board did not specifically call out support for a waiver for the 45-day notice, as the Executive Director I am confident that there is support for a waiver given that this is a new license application (rather than a renewal) and so there would be no complaints about current or past issues with this applicant or license for this address. In regular practice, PPCC is very supportive of new businesses who are investing in the neighborhood - and it would only be necessary to seek a 45-day period for feedback if a business was existing and had a long list of issues in the community. Obviously, that's not the case with a new start up like Café Lilla. In any case, I feel confident that if a waiver was specifically requested, our Board would have supported it. We have no concerns about issuing a waiver.

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We appreciate you including this letter in the record related to this application, Jeff. And thank you in advance for taking the position of the Payne-Phalen Community Council into consideration as you make your decision.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Byers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jack Byers
Executive Director

cc. Jon Oulman, Co-Owner, Lilla and La Femme LLC
Bill Dermody, St. Paul Planning and Economic Development
Athena Hollins, Board President
PPCC Board of Directors