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To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: Xiong, Mai Chong (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Liquor License for new restaurant on the corner of Western and Selby

Rep. Thao

Hello, I am a constituent of yours who lives on Dayton Ave and I used to work in Mayor Coleman's office as the City's Lobbyist. I'm writing to encourage you to support the liquor license request for the new restaurant that is going in on Western and Selby. As a property owner in the neighborhood I am always excited about businesses opening up especially new restaurants. I hope that the City of Saint Paul supports business owners who are interested in being good community partners and neighbors.

Thanks! I appreciate your consideration.

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September 3, 2014

VIA EMAIL

Saint Paul Councilmember Dai Thao
City of Saint Paul
310-A City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: License Applications for 173 Western Avenue

Dear Councilmember Thao:

As the State's largest local chamber and a strong supporter of creating vibrant neighborhoods through private investment, the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce (SPACC) supports the Class N license applications for 173 Western Avenue. In approving the licenses, the City of Saint Paul will allow additional private investment to be made in a historic neighborhood. This will transform a vacant building into a one-of-a-kind dining experience for residents and visitors. In short, SPACC believes the proposed restaurant—The Salt Cellar—will enhance the cultural, economic, and historical value of the City of Saint Paul. We are excited about this opportunity.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MB", is positioned above the printed name of Michael J. Belaen.

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Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Councilmember Dai Thao
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Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilman Thao,

As a senior leader with the Northern Star Council, BSA and nearby neighbor to The Salt Cellar in the Cathedral Hill neighborhood, I have been asked to confirm our proposed relationship with The Salt Cellar.

Recently, we came to a verbal agreement with restaurant owners Joe Kasel and Kevin Geisen to support their fine dining restaurant by offering parking for their patrons, and this will include ample parking spots for weeknights as well as weekends.

Sincerely,

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Thursday, August 28, 2014

Councilmember Dai Thao
City of Saint Paul, Ward 1 310-A
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilman Thao,

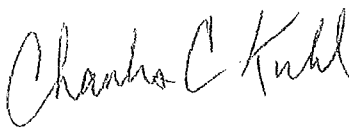
As a resident of the Cathedral Hill neighborhood, and future next-door neighbor to The Salt Cellar, I feel it is my responsibility to share with you how much this restaurant will mean to our neighborhood.

First of all, the fact that someone will finally be occupying the building on 173 Western is good news. Vacant buildings in the middle of a busy destination neighborhood like Cathedral Hill only serve to detract from the historic and well-established nature of the area. As a retired firefighter, I also know that vacant buildings are an open invitation to people with less than good intentions, something no neighborhood desires.

Second, I can't think of a better place for a fine dining restaurant than 173 Western. The Salt Cellar will bring an experience unlike any other and will contribute to what is already a historic and dignified neighborhood that offers a unique experience for its residents and visitors.

Finally, our neighborhood needs owners who understand what it means to be a part of Cathedral Hill. Joe Kasel and Kevin Geisen know what Cathedral Hill is all about because they are St. Paul boys through and through. Their success at Eagle Street Grille illuminates the fact that they know what it means to run a successful business in St. Paul as well as be outstanding members of the community. Operating a fine dining restaurant is clearly a dream of theirs, and I am excited to see what they will bring to 173 Western.

Regards,



Charles C. Kuhl
Resident Cathedral Hill Neighborhood

Thursday, August 28, 2014

Councilmember Dai Thao
City of Saint Paul, Ward 1 310-A
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilman Thao:

I am aware that a new restaurant plans to be introduced this fall to the Cathedral Hill neighborhood. As a relatively new resident in the area, I am delighted by The Salt Cellar's plans to open. The nearby restaurants and retail are two of the key reasons that influenced my decision to move here.

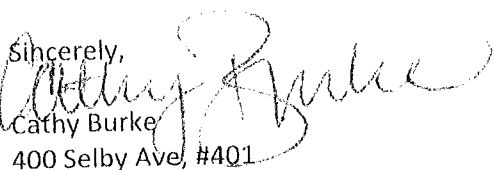
I have loved the Selby-Dale area for many years and am thrilled to now be living in it. I have really grown accustomed to the idea of this neighborhood being a trending destination for unique dining experiences, and I feel that The Salt Cellar will be a tremendous addition to that trend.

The owners, Kevin Geisen and Joe Kasel, seem inspired to bring a restaurant experience that our area has not seen in a long time. Their ideas combine both fresh thinking and traditional roots, and I believe this stems from a planful concept and understanding what Saint Paul and diners from all over the Twin Cities desire. They also seem to understand how to fit such a concept into the existing restaurants, thus providing diners with a destination for many wonderful food choices similar to Eat St in Minneapolis.

I, too, along with you, attended the neighborhood night when the owners addressed our concerns. Parking is tough everywhere in the cities. To me, it is a price we pay to live and visit such urban areas that have a residential feel. It is a consideration I make in choosing a restaurant – not whether there is parking but where I feel like parking. I think this restaurant will be new diners to the area, regardless of the parking situation, and I love the idea of new people being exposed to Selby-Dale. From what I understand, there is a solid agreement in place with the Boy Scouts of America to lend weeknight and weekend parking which will complement The Salt Cellar's already established parking spots. To me, this makes parking a non-issue.

I can't wait until The Salt Cellar opens!

Sincerely,


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Councilmember Dai Thao
City of Saint Paul, Ward I
310-A City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilmember Thao,

Red Cow has been open in Cathedral Hill for less than two months, but we cannot express how fantastic the area has been for us and how wonderful it is to be a part of such a historic neighborhood. As a part of the continued revitalization of the Cathedral Hill neighborhood, Red Cow prides itself upon offering finely crafted burgers, craft beers, and fine wine. We know that our customers appreciate the care we put into our food, drinks, and service.

We welcome other restaurants to the area that possess a shared value of offering premium food and magnificent service. That is why The Salt Cellar will be a perfect addition to the area. Not only are the owners focused upon offering their highest quality dining experience, they have been a part of St. Paul all of their lives. They know what the Cathedral Hill neighborhood is all about and they know how much the area means to the people that live here and own businesses here.

The Salt Cellar will be a fantastic investment in our area, and will continue to shape Cathedral Hill as a trending destination in St. Paul known for wonderful dining, historical buildings, and a close-knit community.

Sincerely,

Luke Shimp
Owner
Red Cow

Andrea Jepsen

to bwatson@saltcellarsaintpaul.com

Mon, Sep 8 12:16 PM

Neighbors Support the Salt Cellar

Hi Blake, I understand that you're getting some flack about parking issues and the proposed Salt Cellar restaurant. This is a neighborhood made up in large part of situational cranks where the issue of change is concerned, and parking usually comes up as a red herring anytime change is introduced. There are many folks in the neighborhood who are excited about the Salt Cellar and would like to know how we can best be supportive. Please let us know.

Andrea Jepsen