

September 3, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of St. Paul Event Center. I am a resident of the West Side Neighborhood and live directly on Smith Ave.

I have been curious about the recent renovations of a building that has been standing vacant in the neighborhood since I purchased my house four years ago. The newly renamed St. Paul Event Center went through a number of sales and auctions and it is with extreme pleasure that the property landed in the possession of Mahamud Mahamed.

I have toured the space since its renovation. I am happy to report the fantastic work that has been completed to transform the space. Unfortunately, Mahamud Mahamed stated to our neighborhood's Riverfront Development and Land Use committee that he has not yet been able to open the space to events. Mr. Mahamed is diligently working to fix what can be fixed and to address resident concerns including fears over parking.

As a resident on Smith Ave I would be happy to have people parking in front of my property while attending events at the St. Paul Event Center. I am interested in having people visit this hidden gem of a community and to see people sharing our streets. It is with enthusiastic support that I welcome this business to my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Halley Tu".

West Side Resident  
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