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To the members of the St. Paul City Council:

SEIU Minnesota State Council supports the UFCW and others in St. Paul trying to make our city a great place to live.

Cossetta's Italian Market and Deli has been a fixture on 7th Street in St. Paul since 1911. The good neighbors of St. Paul have honored the business by their patronage. Now the owners of Cossetta's Italian Market and Deli are applying to the city to expand their business.

It is time for the owners to step up to the plate and be a good neighbor to the residents of St. Paul. The Cossettas need to provide their workers with a living wage. Just as the Cossetta family has enjoyed the fruits of their labor and have been honored by the residents of St. Paul, the owners need to honor their workers and the city by ensuring that those who toil for their wealth also reap rewards from their labor.

We question the public purpose that justifies the use of TIF money for this private business expansion. We also question Cossetta's inability to leverage private capital.

For these reasons we strongly request that any expansion relying on TIF money also require that restaurant and deli workers at Cossetta's are all paid a living wage.

Sincerely,

Brian Elliott, Executive Director