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Mayor Carter and City Council Members-

My name is Kathy Klimoski and I live at The Regency Condominiums at 2265 Youngman. I have lived in this community for about 6 years and in the Highland neighborhood for 40 years. I appreciate this building more now than when we first bought the condo, because we didn't even think to ask if it was a no smoking building. The previous owner was not a smoker, but an owner on our floor was. That prompted me to get some help with getting our building designated a no smoking building...not an easy task. In fact the entire property is now a no smoking property. Having a disclosure made on a property would bring this issue to the attention of a perspective buyer who might not imagine that smoking is allowed in the building.

I have been following the council's consideration of a smoking policy disclosure ordinance for condos in St. Paul. I appreciate the time you've put into thinking about ways to help improve the health and safety of St. Paul condo and townhome residents. Secondhand smoke exposure is a significant health hazard. Secondhand smoke contains over 7,000 chemicals, 70 of which are known to cause cancer in humans. Secondhand smoke also moves easily from unit to unit. Like lead, potential of exposure to secondhand smoke in ones home is a health hazard that must be disclosed to a potential buyer or renter.

St. Paul condo buyers deserve full information about a property before they purchase their next home. Please vote yes to this ordinance.

Kathy Klimoski