

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

CITY OF ST. PAUL
IN THE CITY COUNCIL

In re RAS Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC,
d.b.a RAS Restaurant and Lounge

City Council File No. RES 22-882
License No. 2010000006

**DECLARATION
OF BRIAN D. ALTON**

I, Brian Alton, declare:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of McClay • Alton, P.L.L.P. I represented RAS Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC, d.b.a RAS Restaurant and Lounge ("RAS") and its owner and manager in regard to the June 15, 2022 Council meeting for Resolution 22-882.

2. I am licensed to practice law in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

3. I make this Declaration in support of RAS' Petition for a Stay of Proceedings to the Saint Paul City Council ("City Council") until RAS' appeal is finally concluded.

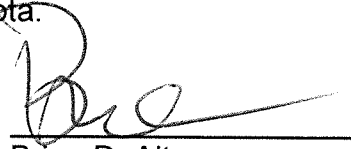
4. I first met DJ Bedasso ("DJ") on June 9, 2022.

5. At that meeting, DJ told me that neither he nor Zinash Amde (DJ's spouse and owner) had received the May 6, 2022 letter from the St. Paul City Attorney. I believe that they first became aware of the letter on June 3 or 4.

6. DJ insisted had he received the letter of May 6 within the response window, May 20, he would have immediately requested a hearing.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 358.116, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Minnesota that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my own knowledge except those

matters stated on information and belief, and that this Declaration is made this 21st day of July 2022, in the County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota.



Brian D. Alton