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Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2012 12:52 PM
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ward3@ci.stpaulmn.us; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward6
Subject: VOA proposal for Jackson Street facility

June 30, 2012

Dear Honorable Mayor Coleman and City Council Members,

I am a resident of St. Paul and proudly employed by Volunteers of America -- Minnesota. VOA operates several successful services within our great city and has recently completed more than \$100,000 in building improvements to two of our sites. These improvements not only have improved the aesthetics of these properties, they've allowed us to better serve program participants and our community. VOA's more than a century of service is a wonderful tradition to be part of as is VOA's mission to help people gain self-reliance, dignity and hope.

I encourage you to follow city staff's recommendation and allow for up to 74 residents at the Jackson Street facility. I believe city staff has diligently followed city code on this issue and the upward modification to the CUP is warranted as the staff recommends. Having this facility in our city will benefit our city and those St. Paul residents who are returning to the community from federal incarceration. It is my hope that the merits of this appeal are heard and considered and that the right thing is done for a city I am proud to call home.

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From: bouachao yang **Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2012 8:14 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5
Cc: OBrien, Kim (CI-StPaul); Sanders, Donna (CI-StPaul)
Subject: APC 12-6

Dear Amy Brendmoen

I am writing to support the appeal of Volunteers of America-MN for their application for the condition use permit at 1394 Jackson St. St. Paul. I believe VOA has the potential

value to help our community by allow them to relocate to the city of Saint Paul. They provide good service and help many people with their future and I support them. I ask that your City Boards approve the condition use permit according to their proposal. I am currently rent a space suite 105 and doing business as Minnesota Senior Care at 1394 Jackson St., however, I am willing to relocate my business and allow the Correction-licensed residential to occupy and provide the service in our area.

I can be reach at 651-493-xxxx

Thank you,

Christina Yang

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From: bouachao yang
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 7:25 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5
Cc: OBrien, Kim (CI-StPaul); Sanders, Donna (CI-StPaul); bouachao yang
Subject: APC 12-6 and APC 12-7

June 29, 2012

Dear Amy Brendmoen

My name is Bouachao Yang, the owner of Vinai Office Park locate at 1394 Jackson St. Suite 101. I am writting to support the decision appeal of Volunteers of America-MN for the approval of condition use permit to operate a Department of Corrections-Licensed community residential service. Our community are honored to have this program into our community for number of reason: First, this service of Correction facility is a useful program. it will help our children and people who in need the service to fulfill their future dream like you and I. Our community especially, our Hmong people are desparate need to have this service because it will most benefit us the most. it will give us a tool and a place to start our lives. Secondly, this location is locate in the center of all work areas and also surrounding by community families. People who use the facility many have better chance to find jobs and closed to their families. Third, VOA is an organization that has been known to many communities for their work, services and the safety and security environment provide by its organization. There is no doubt that this organization will bring a healthy place to our children within our community.

District 6 may opposed to the service Volunteers of America provides but I myself strongly disagreed with the District 6 decision to appeal. I have been doing business within the District 6 teritory for twelve years and I have very familiar with the District and its Board of Directors. My experienced with the District is that all their job is to opposed especially those business that may not benefit them but good for the community like VOA. They have turned down so many oppotunities that will benefit our

community without the knowledge of the City of Saint Paul Council Boards. Many of our Hmong business owners within the District 6 have done poorly and hardly been successful because of the lack of support and the bad decision made by the District 6 and its Council Boards. Our community within the District 6 suffered the worst in life because we lack many good organizations, programs and services compared to other communities in the City of Saint Paul due to the poor decision of the District 6. It is a shame for the District 6 to make an appeal to the City of Saint Paul Boards against the VOA proposal and to oppose the decision approved by the Planning Commission of the City.

Please do not let this opportunity pass by and I ask your boards to approve the condition use permit per VOA requests. I am willing to relocate my business at 1394 Jackson St. and allow this honorable program to occupy this facility and make this program available to our community. I can be reached at bouachaoyang@xxxx or call me at 651-500-xxxx if you have a question.

Thanks

Bouachao Yang