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February 20, 2013

Lisa Quinn-Lee and Robert Lee
261 Brimhall Street
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer,

We are writing to strenuously object to the dance or rental hall license application (20120005119) made by Cinema Ballroom.

There are already problems with having this business right next to our house, and we do not want Cinema Ballroom to be any busier than it already is. We object for the many reasons listed below:

- 1) Noise. Patrons are very noisy when they go outside to smoke and also when they go to their cars when they leave Cinema Ballroom late at night.
- 2) Trash. After an event at the Cinema Ballroom, there is always an increase in trash, including bottles, cans, cigarettes, and paper.
- 3) Parking. Whenever there is an event at Cinema Ballroom, we are unable to find parking anywhere on our street. When we have visitors over, our visitors cannot find parking on one entire block. There is only parking available several blocks away, and this is not fair to we homeowners (and our neighbors) and our visitors. We and our visitors have small children, and it is difficult to park so far away from our house. The approved shared parking arrangement on file with the City does not even begin to cover the high number of parking spaces needed for Cinema Ballroom. I understand that Cinema Ballroom has an agreement with Sweeney cleaners for parking spaces, but this is not nearly enough. The parking lot where they have an agreement for parking spaces also includes parking for other businesses like St. Clair Broiler and Carmelo's, among other businesses. Customers from those businesses take up a fair number of the available parking spaces, which leaves few for Cinema Ballroom customers; this means that the customers are parking up and down our block.
- 4) Blocked alleyway. Whenever there is an event at Cinema Ballroom, there are several times throughout the event that we are unable to get into our alley into our garage. Various people park their cars there, and even if they have their flashers on, they block the alleyway for an long amount of time that is unacceptable. Caterers, patrons, party rental and other vehicles consistently block our alley.

For all of these reasons above, we strongly object to the City of Saint Paul granting Cinema Ballroom a dance or rental hall license.

There are already enough problems and nuisances for we neighbors of this business. We do not want Cinema Ballroom to be able to rent out their space because it will create even more problems for us.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 651-208-1350.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Quinn-Lee and Robert Lee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Lisa Quinn-Lee and Robert Lee

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