

**LH-Licensing - Parking Lot at 43 Water Street**

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## Legislative Hearing Officer

### City of Saint Paul

#### Greetings:

Please accept this e-mail as an official objection to the Parking Lot License that is being proposed at 43 Water Street East on the West Side, or District Three. As you know, this address is within the City Council approved West Side Flats Master Plan. The Forty acre site is planned mainly for residential and retail with most of the parking to be under the buildings, or as with the US Bank Building at Robert Street, in a dedicated parking facility.

The location in question is being proposed as part of a geothermal system that will help reduce the energy requirements of the new apartment complex to be built just to the East and North of Fillmore. When the City builds the new roadway to Harriet Island this lot will be inaccessible and any monies or effort on the part of the city to keep this lot opened would be a serious waste of city treasure and resources.

The West Side is much more than a "Parking Lot" for downtown. By permitting this parking facility at this location the city is once again degrading the potential of The West Side Flats Master Plan. The plan calls for housing to welcome returning residents to the Flats not temporary

spaces for greasy automobiles 8-5, M-F.

Please advise the date and time for the scheduled hearing.

Respectfully,

**Gjerry Berquist**

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