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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

Please find attached our letter regarding the above referenced public hearing scheduled for April 13, 2021. The property owner is proceeding to demolish the Big Top Liquor Building so we respectfully request that the hearing be postponed since it will be rendered moot once the building is demolished. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Bruce

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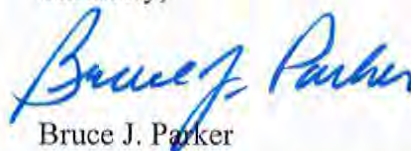
Re Notice of Public Hearing dated March 12, 2021 for the Big Top Liquor Building (1544 University Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN)

Dear Mr. Magner and Hearing Officer:

We represent Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC that is the master tenant of RK Midway Shopping Center LLC and leases the above referenced property that is the subject of the above referenced Notice of Public Hearing. As you know, the property was severely damaged during the rioting and arson at the end of May last year that followed the death of George Floyd while in Minneapolis police custody. My client promptly secured the property and erected a fence around the damaged structure. My client has been working with the City of Saint Paul in an effort to redevelop the entire Midway Superblock outside of the professional soccer stadium located on the southern part of the block. My client is committed to demolishing the damaged structure by May 31, 2021 and is willing to enter into an agreement with the City of Saint Paul to do so in lieu of appearing at the legislative hearing on April 13, 2021. Please advise if this course of action is acceptable.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Bruce J. Parker

cc: Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC
RK Midway Shopping Center LLC