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Subject: Lexington outdoor dining

Greetings,

My wife, Ann, and I have lived in the neighborhood since 1984. We have always felt fortunate to have lived and raised our family in such a unique place. To be in the middle of a major metropolitan area is important to us for work and our interests. St. Paul is the perfect place for us--a combination of big city amenities with the true spirit of community this neighborhood provides.

Like many long-time residents, we think of the Lexington Restaurant as a kind of touchstone for the neighborhood. Who hasn't been to a wake, graduation party, wedding reception, or party with friends at the Lexington?

I understand there has been some opposition to the request for outdoor dining. Please accept this email in support of this very good idea. There are not enough places in the neighborhood for dining outside, and this would be a terrific improvement to the restaurant scene.

As a resident, I believe we should be supportive of area businesses which are innovative, that want to make our neighborhood a destination. I have difficulty imagining how outdoor dining at the Lexington would negatively impact neighbors. Located at a very busy intersection, I hardly think a few rooftop diners are going to make more sound than traffic does. Having an outdoor rooftop dining option will be fun and a special place to spend some evening hours during our short seasons of pleasant weather.

Regards,

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