

To: Legislative hearing officer

Kathryn Burger

Councilmember Thao

RE: 477 Selby Avenue; Farrells

We are unable to attend the hearing scheduled Monday at 10:00 am because we are not in St Paul. Please accept this letter as testimony in opposition to the licensing 477 Selby as a health club.

We have lived in the Cathedral Hill area since 1977 (42+ years), resided since 1982 (37+years) in our current home at 193 Mackubin street and have owned 483 Selby since 1986 (33+ years). 483 Selby shares a property line to the west with 477 Selby. We are no stranger to commercial activities on Selby avenue.

Since Farrells opened last year we have witnessed firsthand the noise generated by this business and have received numerous complaints from our tenants. As we understand it, the business promotes high energy workouts that use loud music with repetitive bass and amplified drill sergeant orders being yelled out. Which has been disruptive and intrusive.

The residents of 483 Selby have been told to contact the inspections dept or the police when it becomes too loud. These are not practical solutions, nor should residents have to police businesses. Therefore, we oppose the licensing of Farrells.

Thank your understanding and addressing our concerns,

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory and Susan Hotzler