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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 4:19 PM
To: McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon Sound Level Variance STRONGLY OBJECT

Ms McMonigal-St. Dennis,

Hello! Once again it is time to complain about the noise variance request for the Twin Cities Marathon.

This is a significant noise event that unnecessarily wakes up the neighborhood for commercial purposes. The marathon is noisy, and nobody much cares after 9. However, there is no reason the sponsors need to be blathering at 80 dDBA when there are no runners present at 6:30 AM! The casual runners in the 10 k race do not need to hear sponsorship messages, if in fact those messages wake us up on a Sunday morning at 6:30. This request needs to be denied. The taxpayers are inconvenienced enough by the race already.

Please see my last years' comments, below.

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Ms McMonigal-St. Dennis,

I write you every year when I get the notice for the races run on Summit Ave. The City has listened to resident's comments, and we no longer have races shutting down Summit weekly. Thank You for that! But the Marathon folks ask for a bit too much. I'll explain:

As the owner of the house exactly at the intersection of Summit and Prior, this event will be directly in front of my front door. Summit Avenue is a RESIDENTIAL neighborhood. I pay some of the highest property taxes in the city to live in my home and enjoy my neighborhood. While I'm sure that many delight in the marathon, it is a significant disrupter to our life on race day. It is not appropriate for any of the marathon sponsors to come in and blast us out of bed at 6:30 Sunday morning with an 80 decibel sound test.

I'm sure you- as a working person- would enjoy being roused Sunday at 6:30 AM by 80 decibels outside your bedroom window! Guess how we feel!

In fact, the 6:30 sound check makes no sense based on the actual race! The marathon is not passing by our house at 6:30 AM; marathon runners start at 8 and take over 2 hours to finish the race. We are 4 miles from the finish. This means the first marathon runners go by well after 9. A 6:30 rousing for this is unreasonable.

The batch of runners that do go by our house before the actual marathon runners are the 10 mile folks. Why should we be roused from bed at 6:30 for a bunch of 10 mile runners? Why can't the Twin Cities in Motion people just respect the neighborhood's right to quiet until 9, then do their sound check and make their noise when the marathon is actually going down the street?

A little enforcement of reason on the part of the city- in delaying the noise until 9- can make a huge difference in lessening the impact this race makes on our neighborhood.

Please register my **strong** objection to the proposed noise variance as requested by Twin Cities in Motion. Please change the time of the variance to 9AM.

Thank you for your work on our behalf!

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