



City of Lilydale
1011 Sibley Memorial Hwy.
Lilydale, MN 55118

May 8, 2025

Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and Councilmembers
375 Jackson St, Suite 200
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

Re: May 14, 2025 Public Hearing for Sound Level Variance, Breakaway Music Festival 2025

Sent via email to: CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us and Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Mayor Carter and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Lilydale City Council, I am writing to formally oppose the application for a sound-level variance submitted in relation to the Breakaway Musical Festival on June 6 and 7, 2025. After careful review and consideration, the Council has determined that granting this variance would not be in the best interest of our community. **We urge the St. Paul City Council to deny this sound-level variance and instead approve the sound limit recommended by St. Paul's Department of Safety and Inspections of 100 decibels at 100 feet from the main stage, and 99 decibels at 75 feet from the secondary stage.**

Lilydale is a residential community that places a high value on quality of life, environmental integrity, and public well-being. The proposed variance exceeds acceptable decibel levels and would result in noise disturbances that will negatively impact our residents, particularly during evening hours when quiet enjoyment of their homes is expected and protected by ordinance.

We have also received numerous concerns from residents regarding the duration, frequency, and intensity of the anticipated noise. The potential impact on public health cannot be overlooked.

While we support responsible community events, such endeavors must respect the established guidelines designed to protect all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyle F. Hanzal", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Lyle F. Hanzal
Mayor