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From: Kathryn Murray <kathryn@sapcc.org>
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 4:03 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Cc: Burger, Kathryn (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Nico's Tacos Liquor License

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

Please accept the following comments from the St. Anthony Park Community Council in regards to the liquor license application for Nico's Tacos.

The SAPCC Executive Committee voted unanimously on Friday, October 5 via electronic vote to support approval of the liquor license for Nico's Tacos at [2260 Como Avenue](#) with one change to the Recommended License Conditions. We support the closing time being 11 PM with all customers vacating the premises by 11:30 PM.

While we recognize the concerns of The Emily Program, we believe that they are based on assumptions more typical of a bar than of a restaurant that serves liquor. We believe that it is unlikely that the behaviors of patrons described in The Emily Program objection letter will occur at this restaurant. We suggest that Nico's Tacos and The Emily Program try to reach license conditions that are acceptable to both, based on the experience of the Nico's restaurant location in Minneapolis.

A survey conducted last year as part of our 10-year plan development identified a restaurant serving alcohol that stayed open past 9 PM as a highly desired addition to our neighborhood business community. Currently all of the nearby restaurants close by 9 PM. The addition of Nico's staying open until at least 11 PM would fill this need. We expect that there would be frequent use of this restaurant by community members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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