

Traielle and Brielle Godfrey (794 Case Avenue) stopped by the office Monday, October 23, 2017. They are both FOR the menthol restrictions. This is all about saving lives. They know they need to give small businesses time to implement the changes. They feel they have to start small and this is the best way to do that.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Katherine Bowman  
1724 Hampshire Ave  
Saint Paul, MN 55116  
6127105814

Postcards received from Beautiful Lie – Ugly Truth

Nancy Vue  
1580 Edgerton Street  
St Paul, MN 55130

Pa Der yang  
1523 Etna Street  
St Paul, MN 55106

**Postcards in support received from:**

- 1. I support restricting menthol tobacco because targeting children and marginalized populations is downright dirty!**  
**Dr. Josie Christian**  
**Concordia University**  
**St Paul Nursing Dept.**
- 2. I support the menthol ban in our St. Paul community.**  
**Megan Wentz, MSN, RN, PHN, OCN, CNE**  
**Nursing Instructor at Concordia**

**3. I'm a nursing student at Concordia University and I support restricting menthol due to high impact it has on our health.**

Council Member - Ward 6 Dan Bostrom  
Room 320-B  
15 Kellogg Boulevard West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102-1635

Dear Council Member - Ward 6 Bostrom,

I'm writing to you today as your constituent and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. I hope I can count on you to support the city's proposal to restrict the number of places that can sell menthol.

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Our city took a stand for health and our kids by restricting the sale of fruit and candy-flavored tobacco. Now it's time to treat menthol products the same way.

I quit smoking as my birthday present to Mary Ellen on her 24th birthday. Second best choice I ever made.

It's time for you to choose. Will you vote for what's best for the health of our community and future generations, or what's best for the tobacco industry's wallet.

I urge you to say "no" to Big Tobacco and help reduce cancer in future generations by voting yes on this life-saving ordinance.

Thank you,

Mr. Stuart and Mary Ellen Knappmiller  
1112 Orange Ave E  
Saint Paul, MN 55106-2058  
(651) 470-6124  
[stuartknappmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:stuartknappmiller@yahoo.com)

Councilmember Bostrom,

Thank you for supporting the locally owned and operated liquor stores in your ward. We truly appreciate you and your staff. Please open the attached document to see our perspective on the sale of Menthol Tobacco products.

Take Care,  
Tony Chesak

Dear Cnclm Bostrom,

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Sincerely,  
Cathy Schoonover  
957 Arcade St Apt 1  
Saint Paul, MN 55106-3817

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Sincerely,  
Melisaa Clemmens  
1756 Iowa Ave E  
Saint Paul, MN 55106-1344

From: Kristine Erickson [<mailto:kristine.m.erickson@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 12:44 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: I support restricting the sale of menthol tobacco

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kristine Erickson  
289 5th St E  
Unit 311  
St Paul, MN 55101

From: [advocacy@mylegislators.com](mailto:advocacy@mylegislators.com) [<mailto:advocacy@mylegislators.com>] On Behalf Of Timothy Weldon

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 9:26 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Letter to St. Paul City Council Members

Dear Cnclm Tolbert, Quit targeting tobacco users as an unlimited source of taxes and start spending our taxes RESPONSIBLY instead of splurging on new football and soccer stadiums, among other things. Last but not least, quit trying to regulate every single aspect of our lives. We are adults and can make our own decisions. I will be watching this issue closely and let it be known I am an active voter. Sincerely, Timothy Weldon 1912 Ford Pkwy Apt 1 Saint Paul, MN 55116-1955

From: Kristie and Paul [<mailto:pakkme@q.com>]

Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2017 3:21 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: menthol in tobacco

Dear Councilperson Tolbert:

I urge you to support the restriction on menthol tobacco products. Restricting menthol products to adult tobacco shops will make it more difficult for youth to get these products and start the deadly habit. This is important to me as a public health professional and a parent of two adolescents.

Kristie Ellickson  
Ward 3 resident

From: Tony Chesak [<mailto:tony@mlba.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 2:11 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Menthol Tobacco

Councilmember Tolbert,

Thank you for supporting the locally owned and operated liquor stores in your ward. We truly appreciate you and your staff. Please open the attached document to see our perspective on the sale of Menthol Tobacco products.

Take Care,

Tony Chesak

10/25/2017

St. Paul City Council Members,

I wanted to thank you all for the opportunity to listen to the voices of the off premise liquor stores in regards to the Menthol Ban. I have personally contacted every package store and all hope to continue to sell menthol tobacco products.

As I stated during my brief time on Wednesday the 20th, the off premise industry vets their customers more than any other retail business that I am aware of, even more than the proposed tobacco shops. St. Paul's liquor stores sell this legal product now and do so with great care and responsibility. We do not allow customers in our establishments without being over the age of 21. If they are under 21, a parent or legal guardian MUST accompany them. We even turn away business to our customers if they are exhibiting signs of obvious intoxication or impairment.

Our liquor stores are responsible folks and I assure you, I will do my best to remind them of the importance of preventing youth access.

On behalf of the off premise industry in St. Paul, I am asking for you all to consider, allowing the off premise liquor stores to be included in the continued sale of Menthol Tobacco products. I also wanted to assure you, that due to our responsible business models, we are also perfect candidates to sell this product that should never be in the hands of minors.

Have a great day and if you have any questions, please reach out to me, as I will with you. I look forward to the council meeting on Wednesday the 25th. We appreciate you.

Sincerely,



Tony Chesak

Executive Director

Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association

From: Sylvia Amos [<mailto:sylviaamos04@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 12:27 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7

Cc: Coleman, Chris (CI-StPaul)

Subject: No Menthol Restriction

Good Afternoon Honorable City Council President Stark and members of the City Council,

I know that you meet today to vote on the proposed ordinance to restrict the sale of menthol tobacco to tobacco-only stores. I will be in attendance again today and I strongly support the proposed restriction. I also understand that some of you are considering adding liquor stores. I strongly OPPOSE adding a liquor store amendment. This would weaken the restriction and I and members of the African American community want it to remain strong. This is about the health and life of our community, don't put profits over lives. As I shared before, ALL LIVES MATTER!

Dr. Sylvia Amos

Stairstep Foundation &

Mn State Baptist Women's Auxiliary

From: Sharon Day [<mailto:smarieday@icloud.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 11:17 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: Menthol decision  
Please vote to ban the sale of menthol cigarettes.  
Sharon Day  
2032 Itasca ave  
St. Paul 55116

From: Todd Knudten [<mailto:tknudten@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:08 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: Menthol ban  
Council member Tolbert,

It is my understanding that the city council is voting tomorrow on the proposed menthol ban.  
I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO!

As a small business in St. Paul I am of the opinion that the council has not done its due diligence with the stakeholder process and has been insincere to its community of small independently owned business and is sending a scary message to all businesses in St. Paul.

This ordinance is poorly thought out and will have a devastating impact on my business.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Todd Knudten

From: Margaret Thalhuber [<mailto:nowandthendesign@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:29 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: Vote Yes  
Dear Council Member Tolbert,

I'm writing to let you know that I strongly support the proposed restrictions on menthol tobacco here in St Paul, and I hope you will vote to support the ordinance. I'm lucky that my life has provided me with the education and level of stability to make a decision for myself to quit smoking. Many individuals from the marginalized communities most targeted by the tobacco industry with menthol won't have that privilege and because of various stressors in their lives will not be able to quit before it's too late. The marginalized groups that are hit hardest by menthol need your support to push back. Please vote yes on this ordinance.

M. Thalhuber  
23 Inner Drive  
Ward 3/Highland Park

From: Thomas Briant [<mailto:info@natocentral.org>]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:20 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7  
Cc: Niziolek, Dan (CI-StPaul)  
Subject: Menthol, Mint and Wintergreen Ordinance

Coalition of Neighborhood Retailers

DATE: October 24, 2017

TO: St. Paul City Council Members

CC: DSI Deputy Director Dan Niziolek

Today, the first substantive stakeholders meeting was held to discuss the menthol, mint and wintergreen ordinance. We thank the city council for allowing this stakeholder process to begin, and our respective trade associations along with our retail members are committed to this process. When the city council voted to undertake a stakeholder process, we put our full faith in that action and believed that the process would unfold over the coming months. However, this stakeholder process requires more than one meeting to fully discuss the implications of the proposed ordinance, alternatives, and mitigation strategies, especially since the first meeting was cancelled just thirty minutes before the scheduled start time.

For this reason, we urge you not to vote on the menthol, mint and wintergreen ordinance at the October 25th city council meeting. To do so would mean that the city council is formally concluding a policy discussion when the actual discussion process has literally just begun. That is, the implications, alternatives, and mitigation strategies have not been and will not be explored or fully vetted if a vote is taken tomorrow. In fact, during today's stakeholder meeting, one of the retail participants highlighted his frustration that not all policy options were being fully pursued including how to reduce smoking as well as ways to lessen the economic impact of the menthol, mint and wintergreen restrictions. Even so, he remains determined to work with the city council and the city staff.

While some may inappropriately refer to us as "Big Tobacco," nothing could be further from the truth. Up to this point in time, the bulk of testimony by proponents has focused on past manufacturer marketing and advertising practices, not any such actions by retailers. However, this ordinance is directed squarely at retailers who have done their best to abide by the law and they stand ready to continue to work through this process. Today's stakeholder meeting was a start and we believe that the city council was sincere in its desire to set aside time to allow a process to be pursued. For all intents and purposes, a vote tomorrow would end the process and serve to alienate St. Paul's retailers who have placed their faith and trust in their elected officials to do what is right, what is reasonable, and what is fair. All we ask is that the city council reaffirm its commitment for a fair and transparent process involving all impacted stakeholders and stay true to its word and give the process the needed time to be completed.

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [<mailto:ican@acscan.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 8:51 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: It's time to choose.

Oct 24, 2017

Council Member - Ward 3 Chris Tolbert

Room 310-C

15 Kellogg Boulevard West

Saint Paul, MN 55102-1635

Dear Council Member - Ward 3 Tolbert,

I'm writing to you today as your constituent and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. I hope I can count on you to support the city's proposal to restrict the number of places that can sell menthol.

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It's time for you to choose. Will you vote for what's best for the health of our community and future generations, or what's best for the tobacco industry's wallet.

I urge you to say "no" to Big Tobacco and help reduce cancer in future generations by voting yes on this life-saving ordinance.

Thank you,

Mr. Niels Billund

1456 Eleanor Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55116-2231

From: Highland Bp [<mailto:highlandparkbp@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:31 AM

To: Coleman, Chris (CI-StPaul); #CI-StPaul\_Ward1; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7

Subject: Menthol ban

Attention St. Paul city council members,

As a small business owner in St. Paul, I request you vote AGAINST the ban of menthol cigarettes in the City of St. Paul.

I do not believe the city council is cognizant of the consequences of the ban on small business. I am not a smoker. I have never been a smoker. I am a business owner who provides a service to people in the community. My customers have a right to purchase legal products at their convenience. And, I as a business owner have the right to sell legal products in such a way as to compete with neighboring businesses.

You, as council members do NOT have the right to pick and choose what you determine to be a social injustice. If you are successful in this endeavor you will have achieved nothing more than pushing business myself, and others, have worked hard to earn to other stores, outside of St. Paul. I believe it is more in your job description to keep small business and the jobs they provide in St. Paul, then it is to jump on board of a discriminatory approach to helping people quit smoking. Honestly, if that is the goal, who in their right mind would choose this for the route to success? What research suggests that banning one type of tobacco is the most effective way to reduce the overall number of smokers? The degree to which this will impact small business owners is difficult to ascertain as it will involve the purchase of gas, drinks and other items as well.

It is interesting to note that the same city council voted "NO" to enforce restaurant owners to switch to more biodegradable take-out packaging, citing the cost was 'too high' for small businesses. In this circumstance the business owner would have a choice! There are options available and it would mean switching to one. There is grant money in some cities to establish healthier recycling and environmental friendly business practice. The restaurant could also pass on this cost to customers if needed. The point here is that there are many options for the business owner to consider. In the menthol proposal there is none. Nobody to pass it along to as they will purchase in surrounding cities!

Appreciate your time,

Brian Henderson



From: Abdalla [<mailto:atobasi@aol.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:16 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7

Subject: Menthol store ban

Please vote no to this upcoming disaster, the menthol ban you are proposing is the wrong solution to this problem let's be smart about it and change the legal age to 21 like edina and St. Louis Park did , that will be more effective than banning the cigarettes altogether which will disturb the lives of a lot of Saint Paul residents and destroy your local businesses that provide jobs and keep the economy going in the city of Saint Paul by paying and generating lots of tax money and employ thousands of people .

Unfortunately I have never seen a city that works so hard on destroying its businesses , when we said this will be a destruction to our businesses we were not kidding we are telling you the truth what else could we say to make you understand that this is extremely harmful to our business health.

When you have a problem in your car engine you do not take the wheels off of the car to fix that problem , you take a hard look at your engine and you see what causes the problem and you fix it from the roots, I am very frustrated with this, it seems like the council members have nothing to do but pic on the local businesses, Which is very sad for a great city like Saint Paul.

Abdalla tobasi

From: Katherine bowman [<mailto:bowmankat@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 4:32 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: I support restricting the sale of menthol tobacco

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Mrs. Katherine bowman

1724 Hampshire Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Grace Higgins [<mailto:ghiggins@metrodoctors.com>] On Behalf Of TCMS

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:49 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7; Coleman, Chris (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Letter of Support Menthol

Dear Mayor Coleman and Members of the St Paul City Council,

Please find attached another letter in support of the proposed menthol restrictions in St Paul. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this life saving ordinance.

Twin Cities Medical Society

1300 Godward Street NE, Suite 2000, Minneapolis, MN 55413

October 23, 2017 St Paul City Council 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 310 City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mayor Coleman and Members of the St Paul City Council, I am writing to you again on behalf of the Twin Cities Medical Society to reiterate our strong support for the proposed ordinance to restrict the sale of menthol flavored tobacco to adult-only tobacco shops in St Paul. Our 4,500 physician and medical student members work tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of residents of the Twin Cities metro. In many ways, their impact on tobacco-related disease outcomes pales in comparison to that which stands to be made by passing the proposed menthol ordinance before the council.

Ruthless tobacco industry marketing tactics have targeted young people of color and the LGBTQ community with menthol for decades, preventing these populations from having their best possible chance at a long and healthy life. In fact, African Americans are more likely to die from tobacco-related diseases than whites and lung cancer kills more African Americans than any other type of cancer.

These marginalized groups hit hardest by menthol need your support to push back on the tobacco industry before it's too late. Restricting access to one of the most appealing flavors in the industry's arsenal will impact not only on youth access to these deadly products, but also their exposure to advertisements in the local convenience stores they frequent daily.

This is a crucial next step in protecting our youth from the harms of tobacco. I hope you will vote to support this ordinance and target health inequities head on.

Sincerely,

Matt Hunt, MD

President of the Twin Cities Medical Society

Dear Cnclm Bostrom,

Banning the sale of all flavored menthol cigarettes in addition to mint and wintergreen flavored cigars and dip is clearly an attempt by City Council to further limit the choices of adult tobacco consumers, and it's UNFAIR! These restrictions on legal tobacco products go too far. Attempting to ban flavored tobacco is a prime example of government overreach. St. Paul has already banned all flavored tobacco in the city except for menthol, mint, and wintergreen. Banning these products even further unfairly limits my choices as an adult tobacco consumer. It's not about flavors. It's about limiting adult choices. Banning flavors will only undermine local small businesses and threaten our city's economy. Please STOP targeting adult tobacco consumers with unreasonable regulations. This is an important issue to me and I will remember how you vote. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amber Bernal

887 Lawson Ave E

Saint Paul, MN 55106-3218

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Sincerely,

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1173 Forest St Saint Paul, MN 55106-2634

**From:** [advocacy@mylegislators.com](mailto:advocacy@mylegislators.com) [<mailto:advocacy@mylegislators.com>] **On Behalf Of** Benjamin Swenson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <[Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE harmful regulations in St Paul

Dear Cnclm Prince, Banning the sale of all flavored menthol cigarettes in addition to mint and wintergreen flavored cigars and dip is clearly an attempt by City Council to further limit the choices of adult tobacco consumers, and it's UNFAIR! These restrictions on legal tobacco products go too far. Attempting to ban flavored tobacco is a prime example of government overreach. St. Paul has already banned all flavored tobacco in the city except for menthol, mint, and wintergreen. Banning these products even further unfairly limits my choices as an adult tobacco consumer. It's not about flavors. It's about limiting adult choices. Banning flavors will only undermine local small businesses and threaten our city's economy. Please STOP targeting adult tobacco consumers with unreasonable regulations. This is an important issue to me and I will remember how you vote. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Benjamin Swenson 891 Hudson Rd Saint Paul, MN 55106-5512