

## **Burger, Kathryn (CI-StPaul)**

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**From:** Tony Bonfe <awbonfe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:24 AM  
**To:** Noecker, Rebecca (CI-StPaul); Thao, Kayla (CI-StPaul); #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul); \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul); 'Brian Farrell'; awbonfe@gmail.com; mikemunson@ackenberg.com  
**Subject:** Letter to St Paul City Council - From Bonfe's Auto Service  
**Attachments:** city council - business letters.pdf

5-27-20

To: St Paul City Council

Our names are Tony and Tom Bonfe. 3<sup>rd</sup> generation owners of Bonfe's Auto Service and Collision Repair. Our family has run our business for 70 years at the same location in St Paul on West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Running a small business is not easy, and with the high cost of taxes, insurance and expenses it can be a real struggle. People think you make so much money because you have a large building and try to keep the place looking nice, but the reality is at the end of the year you wonder how you made it. You think you had a good year but you have no money in your accounts to show for it.

We have made the decision to sell one of our buildings to consolidate our business. Cutting expenses and taxes will make us stronger so we can survive and continue to service our customers and take care of our 30 employees. We have heard overwhelming support from the community for the sale of one of our buildings and have a development for apartments come into the neighborhood. Adding 200 plus residences to the neighborhood will ultimately help us and every other business in the area.

When we heard there was an appeal to the proposed project by some neighbors we were very shocked. So Tom and I met with most of the businesses in the area this past week. It was unanimous that everyone is in favor of this new apartment complex. (Please see attached signatures from local business owners). If we continue to go farther down the street, the results would be the same. Every business wants the apartment added to the West 7<sup>th</sup> community. In addition it will add a much needed residence for the hospital employees who will now be able to walk to work, stores and restaurants.

If you have any questions, please call us anytime

Thank you

Tony Bonfe  
651-295-9685 cell

Tom Bonfe  
651-238-2399 cell

651-222-4458 work

**Tony Bonfe**  
**Bonfe's Collision Center**  
**380 W. 7th Street**  
**St. Paul, Mn 55102**  
**651-222-4458**  
[awbonfe@gmail.com](mailto:awbonfe@gmail.com)  
[www.bonfesauto.com](http://www.bonfesauto.com)

**CAR CARE BY PEOPLE WHO CARE**

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Sincerely,



Print Name:

MARK AUTH

Business: VOMELA

Date:

5/20/20



(651) 227-7071  
www.bankcherokee.com

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Sincerely,

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Andrew J. Gesell

Date: May 20, 2020



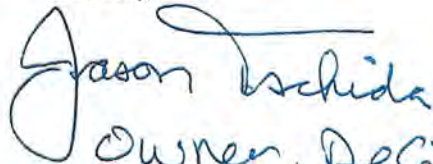
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107

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Owner, DeGidio Inc.

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(Pat Boemer)

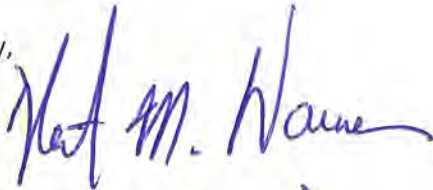
Patrick Mc Govern's Pub  
225 W 7<sup>th</sup> St

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Robert M. Warner

Warners' Stellar Appliance Company



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Tom Reid  
Owner  
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*JoAnne Tschida*

*Degidio's Inc.*

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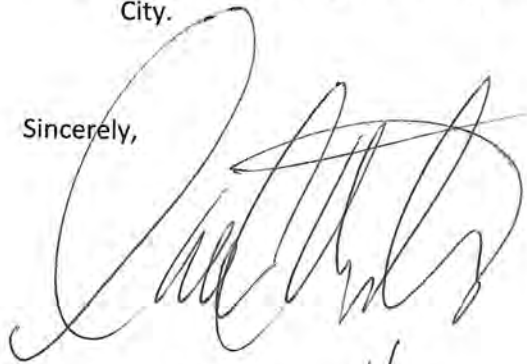
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211 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul MN. 55102

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CRAWFORD DOOR SALES COMPANY

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DUANE P. WLENKE


Owner 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lionor Barcel

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 Sam Butts  
V.P. ST. PAUL  
FLOOR  
CARE

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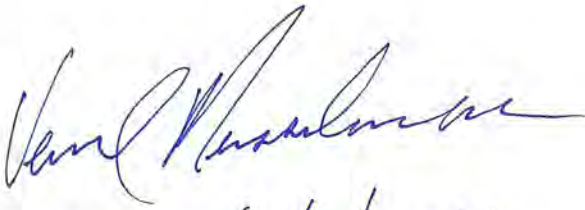
  
Walter A. Warner  
Warner's Station Appliances

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Tyge Nelson  
chef/owner  
Pajarito

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Sincerely,

*Greg Cooper*  
*owner*  
*Cooper's Foods*

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Print Name:

Business:

Mancini's Chow house

Date:

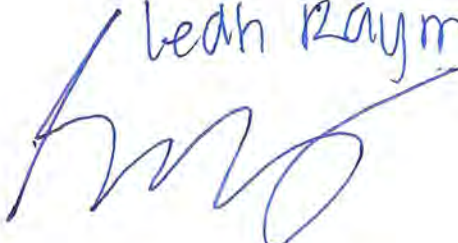
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owner of CAFE Astoria  
Leah Raymond  



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Kurt Welcott      Mgr Welcott  
STATION



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Brian Ferguson

Hope Breakfast  
owner





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Nathan Bell : Accountant  
St Paul



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Wm C. Heine 5/20/20  
owner GR Auto 1  
315 W. 7th St. St. Paul

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Print Name: THOMAS J. STREMSKI, STATE FARM AGENT, ST PAUL, MN

Business: 

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Print Name: GREGORY AWADA

Business: ZAMBONI'S PIZZA PUB

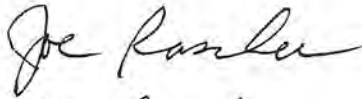
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Print Name: Joe Rascher

Business: Rascher Plumbing & Heating Inc.

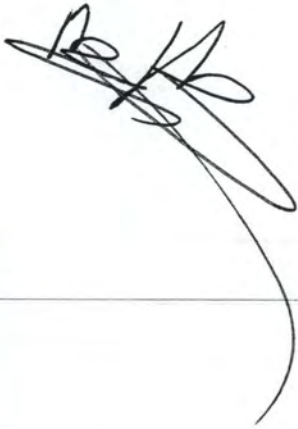
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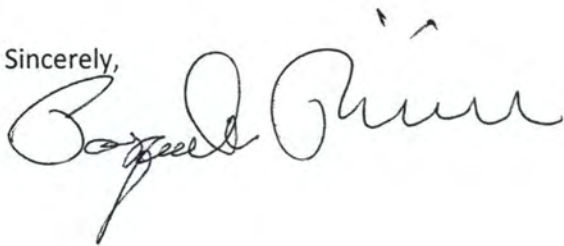
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*Steve Shroy* a neighbor

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Leach Street

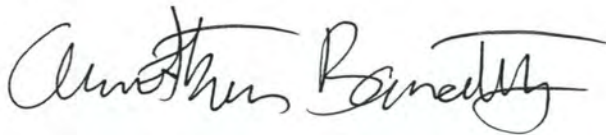


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Arthur Baumeister IV

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*Anthony D. Dan*

5.19.20

St. Paul, MN resident

237 Montrose Place

St Paul 55104

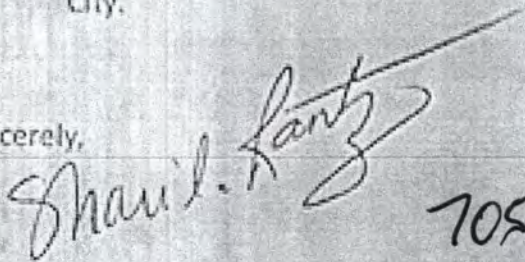


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7058 Union Terrace LN

St. Paul, MN Resident St Paul Customer

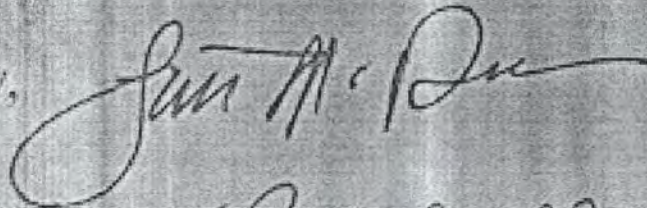


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St. Paul, MN resident

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1259 Fremont Ave

ST PAUL MN

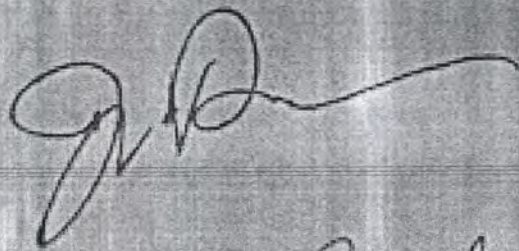


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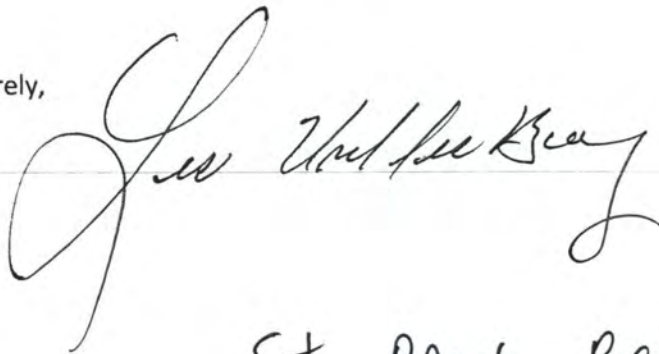


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