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Greetings Council Members,

As a resident of C&E Flats at 735 Raymond Avenue, I wanted to write in support of the sound variance that has been requested for Dual Citizen Brewing to host the Lowertown Blues Festival. I've lived at C&E Flats since 2018 and have watched Dual Citizen Brewing continue to grow and evolve in its current space, even through the pandemic, and attract an increasing number of residents and visitors to our area through a number of community events they've hosted on the property and in the streets nearby. These events have always been safe, well-attended, family friendly, fun, and have brought a very broad cross-section of people in our community together to celebrate, many who had either not spent much time in the neighborhood and/or never before been to Dual Citizen Brewing. Guests that I've personally invited to visit during these events frequently comment to me how great it must be to live in a community that has such a great resource as Dual Citizen, and that they wish they lived somewhere that had similar activities themselves. Having an event like this hosted on the premises of our community has left me as a resident here feeling proud of the community in which I live and proud to call myself a citizen of St. Paul. Though such events always come with some minor inconveniences for us as residents (parking and traffic may be a bit more difficult during, music is audible), the benefits of having them far outweigh any downsides and what has consistently impressed me is what a great job Dual Citizen has done following these events to "leave no trace" that the event had been there just hours or days before. As a result of their responsible stewardship, they bring only benefit to our community and leave nothing behind.

I hope that you'll hear from more like-minded citizens who are excited to see Dual Citizen hosting events like this, and I look forward to attending this year's Lowertown Blues Festival!

Best regards,

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