



**MPL Specialties**

549 E. Minnehaha Ave. St. Paul, MN. 55130

(651) 771-4541

July 12, 2011

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kathy Kieffer and I'm a Business Owner in Railroad Island, 549 Minnehaha Ave. E. My reason for writing this letter is to plead with the Police Department, ESND or whatever agency willing to listen to the neighbors of this area about the possibility of another investor opening up the property at 580 Minnehaha Ave E. This property was the blight of the neighborhood, not to mention the numerous police calls, drive by shootings, gang activity and constant drug activity. I had several of my female employees quitting because of this area. This directly affects my business, my personal life and my quality of life.

We don't need or want another apartment building filled with undesirable people, absentee landlords coming into our neighborhood again. There is no yard at that site, so that means more unsavory people on the streets looking for trouble or approaching my customers for money or hand outs. We fought the same fight several years ago with three buildings at the 509, 511, 517, 519 Minnehaha Ave E and had them shut down and our neighborhood was returned to a better quality of life for Railroad Island residents. Two years ago those properties were reopened and have had numerous police calls, destruction of our neighborhood and a landlord that doesn't really what we think or want. All we're asking for is a better quality of life. This area can not support anymore absentee landlords and their problem rental properties.

Please do not let this happen! Since my husband passed away last August, I operate my business alone and with several other women and we are really in fear from day to day. I live at this building also, and I'm here in this building alone at night, which is very frightening. I'm asking that you please put a stop to this building being reopened and operating. I, along with many neighbors feel that this building should be torn down and have some green area, it would be very helpful to that corner, Edgerton & Minnehaha.

Here are several signatures from my fellow neighbors that feel the same way that I do and wish that you take this under consideration for the good of the people here in Railroad Island. We have to preserve what we have, and we've been working for the last 15 years trying to clean up this neighborhood. **Please, here our voices!**

Sincerely,

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