

PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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September 1, 2011

Sheri Pemberton-Hoiby
City Of Saint Paul
25 West Fourth Street
Suite 1100
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Sheri Pemberton-Hoiby:

This letter indicates strong community support for the re-location and retention of Kendall Crosby's *ACE Hardware* retail store in the Payne Phalen community. His business is in the process of re-location due to Ramsey County Right-Of Way related to the long-anticipated County lane expansion at Maryland and Payne Avenue.

Residents have reported great enthusiasm for locating the store at the highly visible and significant corner of Payne Avenue and the Phalen Boulevard. Mr. Crosby has met with the Community Planning & Economic Development Committee (CPED) and has expressed his perceptions about the process and outcomes of this necessitated relocation. Mr. Crosby's vision and commitments to the area are commendable and his store has been an asset in this community.

We believe that his business will provide a great commercial "gateway" anchor on this corner that will stimulate development of surrounding commercial and residential properties in District Five.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director / Organizer

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