January 12, 2015

Saint Paul City Council 15 Kellogg Boulevard West, Room 310 Saint Paul, MN 55102

To the Members of the Saint Paul City Council,

River Park Lofts, located at 406 Wacouta Street in Lowertown, was originally built in 1905 as the George Sommers and Company Building. Our condominium building is diagonally across the intersection of Wacouta Street and Sixth Street from Mears Park.

People from diverse backgrounds, a range of age groups, and of various ethnicities, move to Lowertown specifically for what our area offers: community spirit, fun events, close access to the Light Rail, and excellent concerts in Mears Park. The residents of Lowertown are a big part of the audience at these events.

The City Council is considering a sound variance for music at Mears Park during the Twin Cities Jazz Festival. We have read the attached letter from Neal Wallace of Event Pro, Inc., the lead sound engineer for the Festival. We agree with his findings and we encourage you to cast your vote to grant this variance. Events such as the Twin Cities Jazz Festival are good for the great city of Saint Paul.

Thank you for your support of the Twin Cities Jazz Festival,

Sincerely,

Chuck Woodbury, President Board of Directors River Park Lofts Condominium Association 406 Wacouta Street Saint Paul, MN 55101