

**From:** Andrea Gilats

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**To:** McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)

**Subject:** Noise variance comment for podium sports half marathon on August 1

Hello Barb,

I live in the Mississippi Flats building of the Upper Landing condo complex—that's the building right next to Upper Landing Park. I received a letter yesterday announcing a public hearing to consider a noise variance for the podium sports half-marathon on Saturday morning, August 1, 2015. I'll be out of town for the public hearing, so I writing now to offer my comment.

It all sounds fine except for the sound check from 6:45 to 7:00 a.m. When they did this last year, they startled me (and most of my neighbors) out of a sound sleep. I almost had a heart attack! My heart was racing so fast that I became nauseous. I'll never forget that.

I could not believe the disrespect and rudeness of the event people! How could they do such an inconsiderate thing so early on a weekend morning right under the bedrooms of hundreds of Mississippi Flats residents? Were they not aware that hundreds of people live here now? I was so angry!

**The City needs to mandate that they have their sound check no earlier than 7:30 a.m.**

Please keep in mind that all of us who own homes in this building are paying high property taxes for this location, and the City needs to respect that, too. Changing the sound check to 7:30 is not a big, complicated change from what the event organizers requested. It should not be difficult to make this change.

Thanks for making sure this change is made. It is absolutely necessary!

Sincerely,

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