To: The St. Paul City Council

From: Julie A. Bauch, General Manager, 180 East Fifth Street

RE: Application for Appeal
Mandated skyway access hours

Date: February 17, 2016

The management and security divisions of 180 East Fifth Street would like it on record that the incidents of people urinating and defecating in the stairwells and skyways of 180 East Fifth Street have increased exponentially over the past twelve months. The staff of 180 East Fifth and adjacent building owners have met to discuss the increase in graffiti and property damage as well as physical altercations between youth and pedestrians using the skyway system.

180 East Fifth offers 24/7 on site security, however, it is virtually impossible to maintain a secure environment with three skyway connections to buildings that operate without discernable security.

We believe that both staff and the public are at risk of personal harm by the youth and homeless individuals that enter the building via skyway after business hours. Our concern was validated by Gander Mountain, headquartered in 180 East Fifth, when they requested additional safety measures be implemented to assuage the fears of their staff. Safety is our first priority and we have commenced closing the skyways at 10:00 pm.

We respectfully request a hearing regarding mandated skyway hours.

Julie A. Bauch
General Manager

Cc: Joe Spartz, President, St. Paul BOMA