

Mayor Chris Coleman and the Saint Paul City Council  
15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 310 City Hall  
9/18/17

Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mayor Coleman, Council President Stark, and members of the Saint Paul City Council:

I am writing today on behalf of Anglos Latinos Motivados a Superarse (ALMAS), a student group at Henry Sibley High School in Mendota Heights. ALMAS is dedicated to serving and promoting the health of the community. Many students in ALMAS live, work and play in St. Paul, and as such, we urge you to support the proposal that removes menthol tobacco from stores where kids can enter.

The tobacco industry targets diverse neighborhoods and those of lower socioeconomic status with advertising and they provide easy accessibility for youth to pick up these products. These industry tactics are paying off as too many young people are using, and becoming addicted to, these deadly products. In my own experience, my older brother has been struggling with tobacco use since he was my age. This affected both me and my family greatly. They specifically targeted my own race, which made me very upset.

We hope that Saint Paul remains a leader in the state and assures that tobacco isn't the number one killer for another generation. Thank you for promoting the health of Saint Paul residents.

Sincerely,

Karely Reyes Alvarado  
Student  
Henry Sibley High School  
9-18-17

Dear Mayor Coleman, Council President Stark, and members of the Saint Paul City Council:

I have been going to school in West Saint Paul since preschool and have lived in the city before for a long time. I am writing today on behalf of Anglos Latinos Motivados a Superarse (ALMAS), a student group at Henry Sibley High School in Mendota Heights. ALMAS is strongly dedicated to serving and promoting the health of the community. Many students in ALMAS live, work and play in St. Paul, and as such, we urge you to support the proposal that removes menthol tobacco from stores where kids can enter.

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Sincerely,  
Anissa Sturdivant

Student

Henry Sibley High School -

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Sincerely,

Valdemar Bahena  
ALMAS student  
henry sibley warriors

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September 18th, 2017

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Sibley High School in Mendota Heights. ALMAS volunteers and helps out in our community. Every day that I come into ALMAS I am excited to make a difference in hopes that I can help create a more unified community. Many students in ALMAS live, work and play in St. Paul, including me, and as such, we urge

you to support the proposal that removes menthol tobacco from stores where kids can enter.

The tobacco industry targets diverse neighborhoods such as mine, and those of lower socioeconomic status with advertising and they provide easy accessibility for youth to pick up these products. I would not want for my generation the generation of my younger siblings to be impacted. These industry tactics are paying off as too many young people are using, and becoming addicted to, these deadly products. I have personal experience with the loss of my grandfather, who passed away a few years ago due to a heart attack. As I mentioned before, I do not wish this upon any generation.

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a difference to better our future in your decision.

Sincerely,

Azucena Esparza  
Student  
Henry Sibley High School

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In my own life I had an aunt that had lived in El Salvador, Central America but I never knew her that well as my mother did. She started smoking from the age of 20. She was a mother of 2, Sister to 3, and especially a daughter. She was diagnosed with Lung Cancer at the age of 36 and this affected me terribly but I never knew what to feel because I always thought "I don't know her that well so should I feel sad or not feel anything at all?" She passed away July 2008, a week before my birthday. But this all wouldn't have had happened if she was not addicted to Cigarettes at a young age.

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Sincerely,

Byron Sifuentes Flores  
Student  
Henry Sibley High School  
September 18 2017

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Sincerely,  
Emily Nila

Student  
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Sincerely,  
Emily Nila  
Student

**From:** Cook, Elizabeth [<mailto:elizabeth.cook@isd917.k12.mn.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward5 <[Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Coleman, Chris (CI-StPaul) <[chris.coleman@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:chris.coleman@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarette Ordinance  
Dear Mayor Coleman and Council-member Brendmoen,

I am writing in support of the proposed ordinance to restrict the sale of menthol tobacco products to adult-only tobacco shops. Menthol masks the harshness of tobacco products, thereby making menthol tobacco products more appealing to children. Hence, whatever we can do to reduce the appeal, advertising, and accessibility of these products to children is of utmost importance and will have lasting impacts on lessening the number of children becoming addicted to tobacco.

I am a parent of a middle school child, and at home, we have many discussion about the negative affects of tobacco use. I know that many children begin smoking in their middle school years and become addicted by the age of 18. Therefore, anything that we can do to protect our children from the harmful affects of tobacco and a lifetime of addiction is worth fighting for.

Thank you for your bold leadership in advocating for the health of our kids and community.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Cook  
721 Como Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55103

