

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

Over the next four weeks, I challenge you to leave your cars in the driveway and experience the struggles of navigating through St. Paul carless. Imagine now that it is the middle of January, freezing cold, and your local corner markets have closed because the lost of profits from the menthol ban so you have to travel even further to get simple daily necessities.

This is the reality I am soon facing if you decide to pass this menthol ban. While I agree smoking is bad for you, the harmful consequences this ban will have outweighs the hopes of getting people to stop smoking. People will continue to smoke; they'll just travel a little bit further for it.

Myself on the other hand, and others in my community like me, will hurt from this ban. We will not be able to afford the rise in prices at our corner markets to make up the lost revenue from menthol.

Please take these next four weeks to think about who actually is going to be hurt by this ban.

Sincerely,

Susan Kay Olsson

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

City Council, please rethink your stance on the menthol ban. This ban is going to do more harm to our communities than good. This ban is taking away revenue from our communities and handing it over to our neighboring cities. Also if this ban is so anti-tobacco, why are we handing over thousands of dollars of profit over to tobacco only shops?

We should be supporting our local businesses instead of turning business away from them. I encourage you to rethink this proposed menthol ban; we can end teen smoking without hurting our local economy.

Sincerely,

Dan Ah
179 Front Ave

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

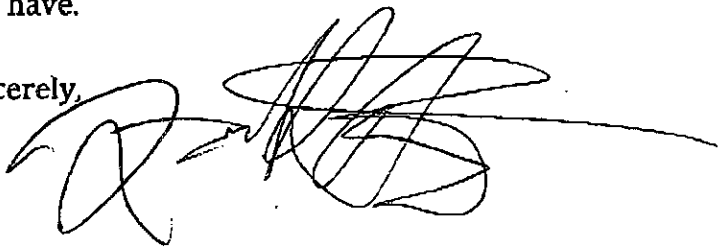
Saint Paul City Council members,

This menthol ban is going to threaten the success of the small corner markets that people in my community rely on. Yes, we buy menthol from these businesses but we also buy food for our families. When these stores are forced to stop selling menthol the rest of their product prices will rise to make up for the loss of profit or even worse have to close. Where then am I supposed to get food for dinner then? My neighborhood will become a food desert.

I do not have easy access to transportation so now not only am I going to struggle on how to get to 1 of the 12 tobacco shops in St. Paul to buy menthol but I am also going to struggle to get to an affordable grocery store.

This ban is going to have a domino effect of harmful consequences in my community. I hope you spend the next four weeks considering the harm this ban will have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

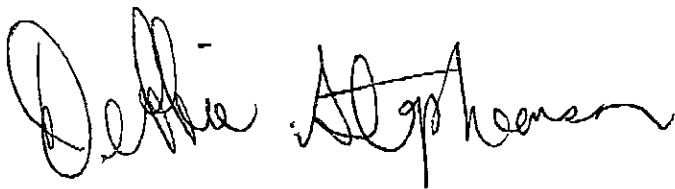
City Council this menthol ban is singling out the poor. I do not think it is fair to place a ban that only really affects those in lower income areas.

What I mean by this is that while it will be an inconvenience for those more financially stable than myself to get a pack of cigarettes, all they have to do is get in their car or pay for an Uber to drive across town to a tobacco shop.

On the other hand, members of my community who don't have cars or the extra cash to get rides across town, including myself, will have little to no access to the products we prefer.

How is that fair? This ban is creating winners and losers and according to you, I am a loser because I can't afford transportation across town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

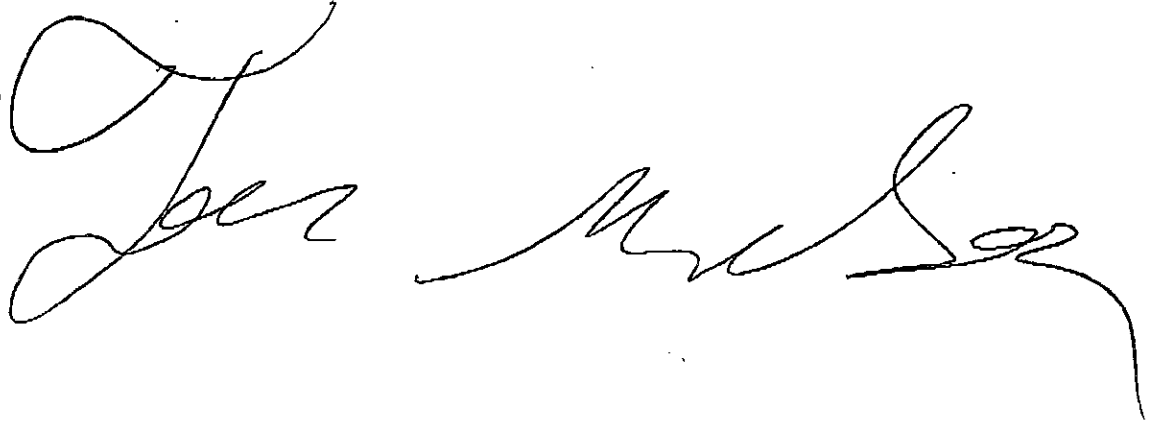
St. Paul City Council Members,

City Council, I urge you to keep an open mind on alternative solutions to curb teen smoking during these next 30 days.

I respect your decision to delay the vote. However, I worry that you are closing yourselves off to possible solutions besides an all out ban. The next 4 weeks should be spent exploring alternatives that benefit everyone in St. Paul, but that can't be done if you have already made your mind up.

I am asking you, City Council, to consider alternative solutions with an unbiased view.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Mulvey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

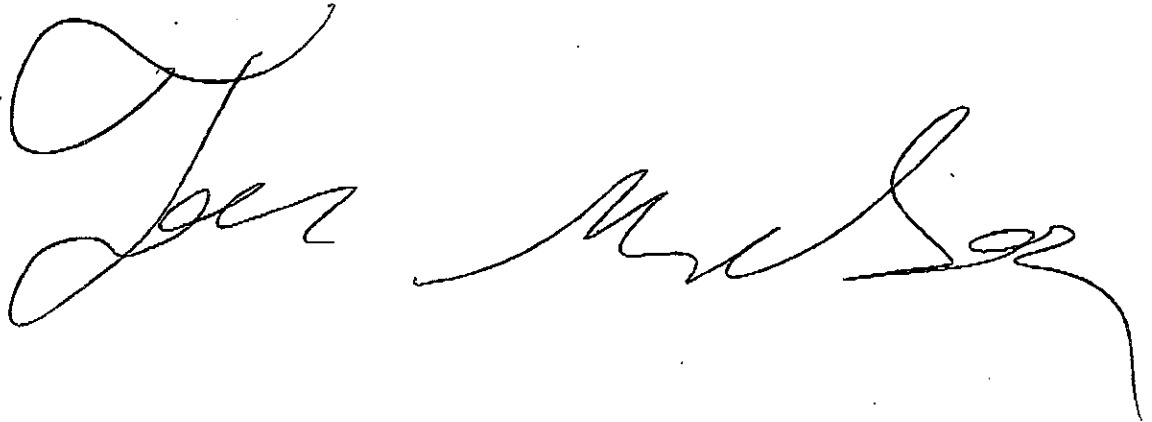
St. Paul City Council Members,

City Council, I urge you to keep an open mind on alternative solutions to curb teen smoking during these next 30 days.

I respect your decision to delay the vote. However, I worry that you are closing yourselves off to possible solutions besides an all out ban. The next 4 weeks should be spent exploring alternatives that benefit everyone in St. Paul, but that can't be done if you have already made your mind up.

I am asking you, City Council, to consider alternative solutions with an unbiased view.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Mulcahy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

October 5, 2017

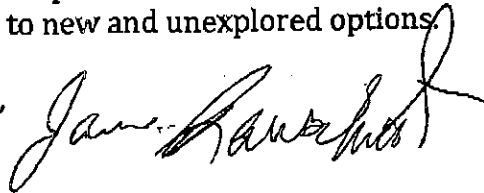
City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council Members,

Thank you, City Council, for coming to the conclusion that this process on the proposed menthol ban has been rushed. This coming 30 days is very important. There are many opinions that should be explored before finalizing your stance on the menthol ban. Many people are going to be negatively affected by this ban and I ask you to please continue to listen to the people's concerns. While no one wants teens smoking, we also don't want our local small businesses hurting.

I urge you to please reconsider your position on the menthol ban and open your minds up to new and unexplored options.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ransford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

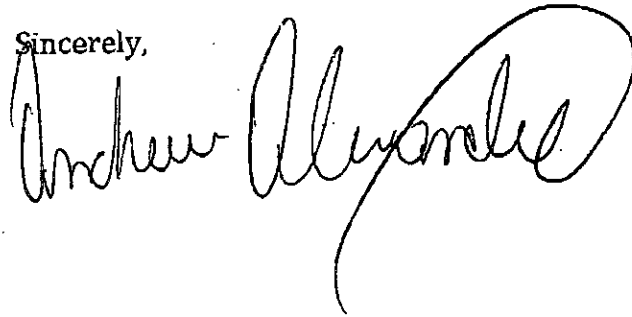
Saint Paul City Council members,

I do not support the proposed ban on menthol tobacco from our local convenience stores and corner markets. I am a menthol smoker but I am also a law abiding, hard working citizen of St. Paul and I have the right to decide what kind of tobacco I smoke.

This ban is going to make my life increasingly more difficult. Every day I struggle to find a way to work because I do not have a car. At the end of a long day, being able to walk down the street to buy a pack of menthol cigarettes is something that makes the daily grind a little easier to tolerate. Now you are telling me that once again I have to struggle to find transportation across town to buy a product I legally use to unwind.

Menthol is a legal product and I have the right to that product. City Council, are you in the business of taking away peoples' rights?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Alyson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

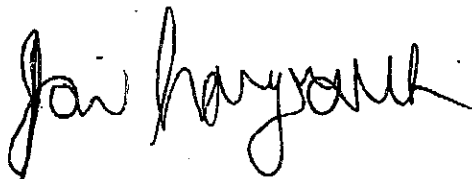
Saint Paul City Council members,

Owning a car is a luxury not everyone is fortunate enough to have. The proposed menthol ban is sending the message that if you cannot afford a car you are not worthy enough to smoke the product you prefer. I find that very upsetting.

I do not own a car so, according to City Council, I don't deserve access to a legal product I choose to use as an adult. I don't think that is right. This ban is going to make my life increasingly difficult. I will have to travel across town or even across city limits just for a pack of cigarettes.

Kids are going to continue to get cigarettes the same way they have been and that's through acquaintances not from buying them at the store themselves. Education is the solution to stop teen smoking. Disrupting my life by moving menthol out of my local stores is not going to do anything to stop kids from smoking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Haysanuk". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

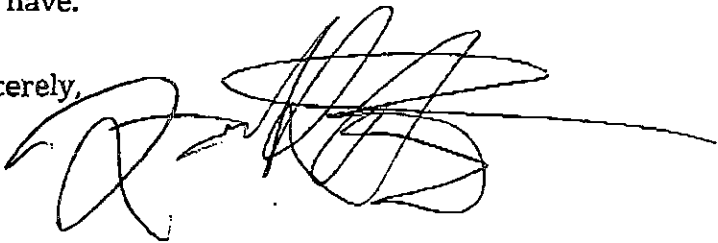
Saint Paul City Council members,

This menthol ban is going to threaten the success of the small corner markets that people in my community rely on. Yes, we buy menthol from these businesses but we also buy food for our families. When these stores are forced to stop selling menthol the rest of their product prices will rise to make up for the loss of profit or even worse have to close. Where then am I supposed to get food for dinner then? My neighborhood will become a food desert.

I do not have easy access to transportation so now not only am I going to struggle on how to get to 1 of the 12 tobacco shops in St. Paul to buy menthol but I am also going to struggle to get to an affordable grocery store.

This ban is going to have a domino effect of harmful consequences in my community. I hope you spend the next four weeks considering the harm this ban will have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council Members,

This ban is not going to keep me from smoking, however; it is going to keep me from being able to continue to support my local convenience stores. I walk into the store with the intention of only buying a pack of menthol cigarettes and when I leave I find myself with a bag full of other things; snacks, a drink, or whatever else looked tempting at that time and now all that profit is now going to go to somewhere outside my neighborhood.

I don't think City Council fully understands how this ban is going to affect communities. We rely on these stores to buy the things our families need and these stores rely on the sales of menthol to keep their doors open. This ban is going to hurt people.

So, I urge you to spend the next four weeks really considering if what you are doing is for the good of the community.

People will continue to smoke but stores' doors will not remain open.

Sincerely,

Laura Zupari

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council members,

Thank you for taking your time on the menthol vote for the city council. We know how vital it is to support small businesses. This is not an issue that you can just run through, and I am happy to see that you are willing to take the time to listen to every voice in the city. You proved that you value our voices twice, and it will not go unnoticed.

I hope you will take the four weeks to reach out to a diverse crowd of people to see how this vote will impact them. There are business owners from every background and neighborhood who would like to work with you to find a solution that is best for the city. Please keep your mind open to their ideas and vote for what is best for the city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison D. Simco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "A" at the beginning.

October 5, 2017

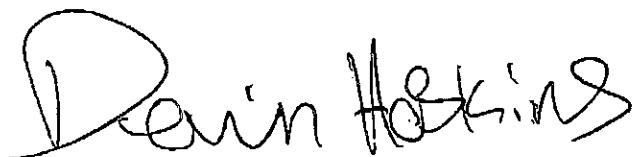
City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council Members,

I ask all of you in City Council to please use this time to listen to other possible resolutions to the issues surrounding teen smoking. Education is our strongest weapon and we should spend the next 30 days figuring out how to improve educational programs instead of passing a ban that will hurt our community.

We can improve the lives of those in our community without restricting adults' rights to a legal product.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Devin Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first letter 'D' is large and loops around. The last letter 'S' is also large and loops around.

October 5, 2017

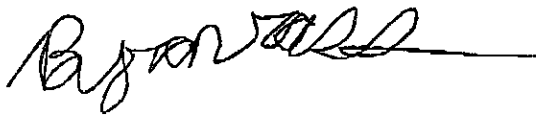
City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

Please do not make it difficult for me to go about my daily life and access my cigarettes just because I smoke menthols. This ban will greatly inconvenience me. Not everyone has easy access to transportation and this ban will make menthol smokers travel farther to get their cigarettes and people who smoke regular cigarettes will get to continue on as they always have.

Don't pick winners and losers like that. It will not deter smokers; it will only make it harder for menthol smokers. It isn't right to target one community and not the other. Please vote against the menthol ban.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Wall", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

October 5, 2017

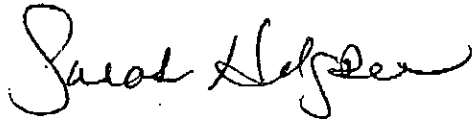
City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council Members,

The next 30 days are crucial to the success of our small local businesses. Their livelihoods are on the line and it is important that these individuals are given the time and effort that they deserve before a decision is made that will greatly impact their lives. City Council, you took a step in the right direction by delaying the vote, but that time is only valuable if you are willing to explore alternatives to a full out ban of menthol.

Keep an open mind, City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Halpern". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

Headlines read, "City Council saves smokers from themselves" except we didn't ask you to save us. As adults, we have the right to make our own decisions and you shouldn't be actively trying to take away that right.

Traveling across town to get a pack of menthol cigarettes is going to disrupt my life. I do not have easy access to transportation and I do not have the money to spend every other day on a taxi or the bus. How is it fair that the man with money can easily still get his pack of cigarettes but someone like me who does not have the finances for transportation is left feeling the burden of this ban?

City Council I urge you to spend the next four weeks thinking about the people you are singling out with this ban.

Sincerely,

Ivory Dotson

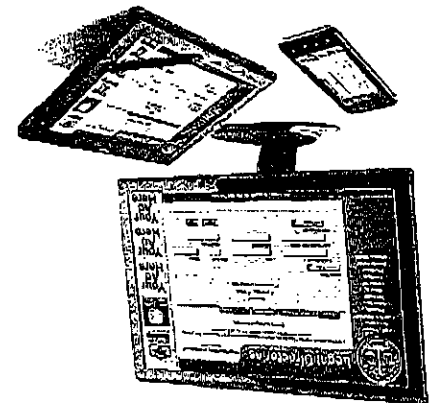
FAX COVER SHEET



Legal Directories Publishing Company, Inc.
PO Box 495069 - Garland, TX 75049-5069
(214) 321-3238 • (800) 447-5375 • Facsimile: (214) 723-7542

Reaching more Online and in Print
Build your business on www.LegalDirectories.com
The Legal Search Engine

Date: October 2017
From: Carol Valentine, Front Section Editor
Phone: 214-321-3238 ext. 115
Email: cvalentine@legaldirectories.com



View your professional listing at www.LegalDirectories.com
"The Legal Search Engine"

Attn: Shari Moore, City Clerk
Fax: 651-266-8574
Phone: 651-266-8688
Re: St. Paul City Officials (Ramsey County)
Total number of pages including cover sheet:

The 2018 Minnesota Legal Directory, "The Blue Book", will be going to press very soon! Please verify/update the following information on your proof and return by deadline date.

Thank you

Serving the Legal Profession Since 1935

Confidentiality Warning: All the pages included in this fax transmission are intended only for the use of the intended recipient(s), are confidential, and may be privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, copying, circulation, disclosure or other use of this fax is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender immediately by return fax and destroy all the pages included in this fax transmission. If you would like to "OPT-OUT" of any future faxes from us, please make an "OPT-OUT" request. To make an "OPT-OUT" request, send a fax to (214) 324-9414 or call our toll-free telephone line at (800) 447-5375. In making your request, you must identify the fax number(s) that wish to "OPT-OUT" of future faxes. An "OPT-OUT" request is not valid if, after the request is made, you give permission for or invite future fax advertisements from us. Our failure to comply with a valid "OPT-OUT" request is unlawful.

MINNESOTA LEGAL DIRECTORY
 "YOUR BLUE BOOK OF ATTORNEYS SINCE 1935"
 PO BOX 495069 - GARLAND, TEXAS 75049-5069
 (214) 321-3238 - (800) 447-5375, Ext. 115
 Facsimile: (214) 723-7542
 www.legaldirectories.com • E-mail: cvalentine@legaldirectories.com

October 2017

Shari Moore
 City Clerk
 St Paul City Officials (Ramsey County)
 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Rm 310
 St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Ms. Moore:

We would like to ask your assistance in updating the 2018 Minnesota Legal Directory.

The following page(s) are for your verification. These pages represent your City information as it currently appears in our database. Return or fax these pages by October 20, 2017 to ensure that this information will be updated for the upcoming edition. Please verify/update the name, address and telephone number of each listing (include fax number and E-mail address).

We value your assistance and hope that you will continue to make the Minnesota Legal Directory an invaluable tool for the legal community. As a valued contributor of this directory you are eligible to receive one (1) complimentary copy of the 2018 Minnesota Legal Directory. In order to qualify for your complimentary directory this letter and the following proof need to be signed, dated and returned to our office by the deadline date of October 20, 2017. Fax these pages to: 214-723-7542 or email to: cvalentine@legaldirectories.com.

Please note that shipping and handling is not included and you will be billed \$8.75 to cover the shipping and handling costs.

YES Please send the complimentary 2018 Minnesota Legal Directory. *I agree to pay the shipping and handling charges.*

NO I decline my complimentary 2018 Minnesota Legal Directory. *I am only updating my proof.*

Signature: _____
 Date: _____

Respectfully,

Carol Valentine

Carol Valentine, Front Section Editor

Enclosures

Ref: MNIDX

PROOF from LEGAL DIRECTORIES PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.
9111 Garland Road, P.O. Box 189000, Dallas, Texas 75218-9000, Telephone: (214) 321-3238 (Ext. 115), Facsimile: (214) 324-9414, Toll Free: (800) 447-5375

2018 MINNESOTA LEGAL DIRECTORY

PLEASE VERIFY/UPDATE YOUR LISTINGS AND RETURN BY FAX: 214-324-9414 OR E-MAIL: CVALENTINE@LEGALDIRECTORIES.COM

DEADLINE DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2017

MNDX

**RAMSEY-A COUNTY
ST. PAUL CITY OFFICIALS**

Physical Address: City Hall, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West
(Area Code 651 - Zip 55102)

City Hall Annex 25 4th St W 55102 (651) 266-6770
FAX 266-8689

Fire Chief
Tim Butler

645 Randolph Ave 55102-3523 (651) 224-7811
Mayor

Chris Coleman

City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 390 55102-1635
(651) 266-8510 FAX 266-8513

Police Chief
Todd Axtell

357 Grove St 55101-2416 (651) 266-5588

City Attorney
Samuel J. Clark

City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 400 55102-1635
(651) 266-8710 FAX 298-5619

City Clerk
Shari Moore

City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 310 55102-1635
(651) 266-8688 FAX 266-8574

City Contract & Analysis Services
Jessica Brokaw

City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 280 55102-1635
(651) 266-8900

Council Members
6- Daniel Bostrom

City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 320B 55102-1635
(651) 266-8660 FAX 266-8574

E-Mail: ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us

5- Amy Brendmoen
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 320A 55102-1635
(651) 266-8650 FAX 266-8574

E-Mail: ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us

2- Rebecca Noecker
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 310B 55102-1635
(651) 266-8620 FAX 266-8574

E-Mail: ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us

7- Jane Prince
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 320C 55102-1635
(651) 266-8670 FAX 266-8574

E-Mail: ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us

4- Russ Stark
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 310D 55102-1635
(651) 266-8640 FAX 266-8574

E-Mail: ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us

1- Dai Thao
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 310A 55102-1635
(651) 266-8610 FAX 266-8574

E-Mail: ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us

3- Chris Tolbert
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 310C 55102-1635
(651) 266-8630 FAX 266-8574

E-Mail: ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Director of City Planning & Economic Development
Jonathan Sage-Martinson

City Hall Annex 25 4th St W 13th Fl 55102-1634
(651) 266-6565

Director of Public Health
Rina McManus

Public Health Ctr 555 Cedar St 55101-2209
(651) 266-2424

Director of Public Works
Kathy Lantry

City Hall Annex 25 4th St W 15th Fl 55102-1634
(651) 266-9700 FAX 266-6222

Director of Technology & Communications
Tarek Tomes



Legal Directories
 www.LegalDirectories.com
 The Legal Search Engine
 PO BOX 495069 • GARLAND, TX 75049 • Phone: 214-321-3238 • Fax: 214-723-7542 • Toll Free: 800-447-5375

.....

Indicate different address here

Return your order by fax to (214) 723-7542


.....
 Customer Signature
 Print Name
 Date

Must be signed to be valid

WE WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE: _____ **COPIES**
 Print Version
 CD-ROM Version (pdf format)

Note: 20% Restocking fee on returned orders.
 (Prices are subject to change without notice!)

Please indicate your order quantity below:
 If ordering more than 1 copy call for P&H charge: (800) 447-5375 accounting dept. ext. 2



2018 Minnesota Legal Directory
 Your Blue Book of Attorneys

Order your copy now!
 Price is \$43.00 per copy plus \$8.75 P&H

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

October 6, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

I am not in support of the menthol ban. This ban is not going to keep smokers from smoking; however, it will single out those who do not have the luxury of owning a car. This ban is going to highlight the haves and the have-nots.

Those who have access to transportation will be bothered by this ban, but not in the same way people of lower income areas will. People will have to travel by foot outside of their neighborhoods in the freezing cold winter to get a product they have every right to purchase.

Kids are going to get their hands on tobacco from people in their neighborhoods not by buying them directly from the store. The inconvenience of this ban directly affects retailers and consumers, not kids.

City Council, you need to rethink whom this ban affects before placing your vote.

Sincerely,

 Timothy Lee

October 6, 2017

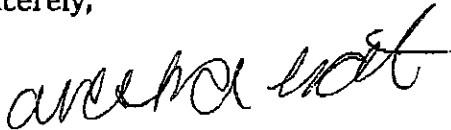
City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

Please don't make life more challenging for me just because I smoke menthol cigarettes. Why is it that the average Joe who is smoking non-menthol cigarettes still has every opportunity to buy his smokes but just because I choose menthol that opportunity is taken away from me? I do not have a car; I will not be able to just drive across town to pick up a pack.

You should not be singling out just one group of people like this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Not".

October 6, 2017

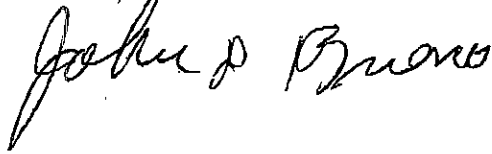
City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council Members,

I want to extend my gratitude to those in City Council who voted in favor of a delayed vote on the ordinance regarding the menthol ban; it shows me that you are listening to our concerns. However, I am worried that your minds are already made up on the issue. It's important that you stay open to new ideas to a solution for keeping teens away from tobacco. We can support our local retailers and curb teen smoking as long as we keep the conversation going.

Now is the time for all of us to come together to look for a solution that will do more good than harm to our community and our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John P. Bruno". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

October 6, 2017

City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

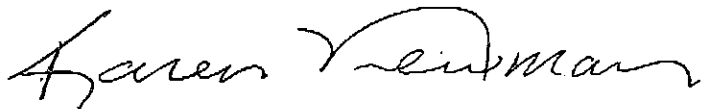
St. Paul City Council Members,

This 30-day extension is very important to our community because it gives us the chance to keep the conversation going, and I thank City Council for giving us this opportunity.

Many of you on Wednesday said your minds were already made up on the issue, but I think that is a mistake on your part. You are eliminating a lot of potentially really good ideas that could work for both sides because your mind is already made up.

Close-mindedness is foolishness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Weinman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

October 6, 2017

City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council Members,

In 30 days, City Council is going to put the menthol ban to a vote and the decision you guys make is going to greatly affect the people you are meant to represent.

The choices you make affect our daily lives. You are ultimately voting on whether or not you believe I am capable of making decisions for myself. I hope you spend the next 30 days really thinking about the message you will be sending with this ban.

It is great that you have decided to slow down the process, but this time is wasted if you are already set on your decision. I urge you to keep an open mind to other solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Puzos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

October 6, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

The menthol ban is much more complicated than voting on an issue and saving smokers from themselves. To begin with, smokers did not ask for you to save them. As adults we have the right to decide to smoke or not, it is not the governments place to make that decision for us.

This ban is going to affect the lives of both smokers and nonsmokers. Does the hope that people will stop smoking justify threatening the livelihoods of retailer owners and people in their communities? I do not believe so.

Sincerely,

JAMM WILSON

October 6, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

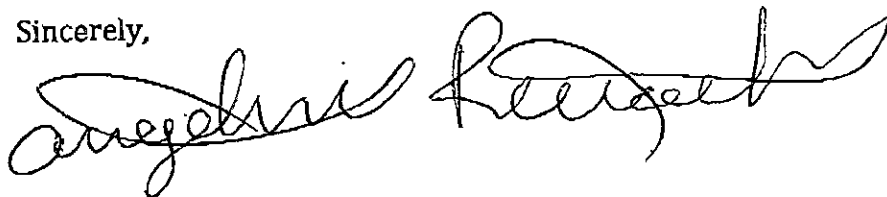
Saint Paul City Council members,

City Council I am asking you to please reconsider your stance on the menthol ban. Smokers and nonsmokers will feel the weight of this ban in their neighborhoods.

People in my neighborhood rely on convenience stores and corner markets for daily necessities and if this ban is passed prices are going to rise in these stores and they may possibly even have to close. I do not have access to transportation to find other stores to go to once my local markets have closed. This will directly impact my day-to-day life.

I agree smoking is bad and we should do something to lower the number of smokers in our city but implementing a ban on menthol products is not the way to go about reaching this goal. I believe we should redirect our focus on education and continue to let stores sell a legal product to adults.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angelina Kuegel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

October 6, 2017

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Saint Paul City Council members,

City Council, I do not support the menthol ban. This ban is vilifying menthol smokers by forcing them to go outside of the city or to 1 of 12 tobacco-only stores to buy their preferred products. All the while allowing regular smokers to continue on with their business as usual. What makes a menthol smoker so much worse than those smoking non-menthol tobacco products?

I do not think this is a fair ban and we should not be singling out a group of people like this. Some people do not have access to transportation and because of that, they have less of a right to purchase their preferred products?

City Council, I urge you to reconsider this ban.

Sincerely,

E.N

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: Menthol Tobacco Ban

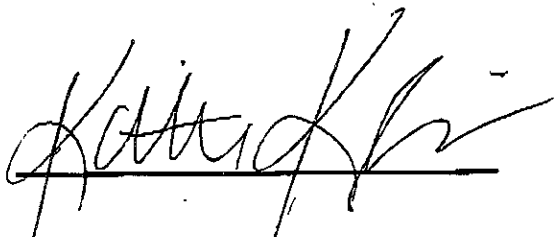
You cannot control Peoples' actions. Stop virtue
signaling and do your jobs. We have REAL Problems
facing our city. Ask any students.

Theo Menon

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: Menthol Tobacco Ban

This menthol Ban IS Unamerican.
It will cost the city jobs &
force convenient store owners to
close their stores. NOT good
for St. Paul


Katie Klein

10/4/17

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: Menthol Tobacco Ban

This ban will kill small businesses and
will put an unnecessary burden on minority
communities. City policies could be spent
differently. ☹️

David Blondin
David Blondin

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: Menthol Tobacco Ban

This ban is stupid. It hurts local business owners who are trying to do better for themselves. Additionally, many local owners are immigrants and/or lower-income than say you, making this decision. Don't take away their profits to feel good about yourselves.

Thanks!

From a concerned U of M student.

MBirchmeier

10/3/2017

Michaela Birchmeier

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: Menthol Tobacco Ban

~~I just like menthol cigarettes. Pls don't take away
the highlight of my already usually depressing day. So
get it together.~~


Quinn Daley

Quinn Daley

City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: Menthol Tobacco Ban

Seriously stop trying to take away
our rights. You people always talk about
standing up for the poor & minorities but
this policy is going to hurt your citizens.



Jacob Strandin

October 5, 2017

City Council
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Room 310
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council members,

City Council, while I am not a smoker myself, I believe it is important to preserve the rights of each citizen to choose for themselves whether they use menthol tobacco products. By banning a legal product and making it illegal to sell such products at our corner markets, the burden of compliance falls on our police force.

The St. Paul police force has other problems that they need to be focusing their time and efforts on; for example, the crime rate in our city is growing. Emergency 911 calls are at a historically high rate and the number of homicides in St. Paul is on the rise. We need to focus on what really matters in this city and that's keeping our citizens safe.

City Council, please redirect your focus to what really matters.

Sincerely,

Justin Milligan
1085 Montreal Ave. Apt 1509
Saint Paul, MN 55116