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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC) we are pleased to pass a resolution on in October 17, 2017 to offer a support of letter to the Association for Nonsmokers-MN (ANSR) for restricting the sale of menthol tobacco to 18-over adult-only tobacco stores.

SAPCC is full support of a restriction that would reduce to 17 the number of vendors that could sell menthol tobacco products. We understand that the ordinance will prevent young people from becoming addicted to nicotine and suffering the same health consequences as their parents and grandparents. In the long term, it will help reduce health disparities.

SAPCC fully supports adopting the proposed ordinance, we hope the Saint Paul will be at the forefront of helping to prevent another generation from becoming lifelong tobacco users. Per our understanding the ordinance will prevent young people from becoming addicted to nicotine and suffering the same health consequences as their parents and grandparents. In the long term, it will help reduce health disparities.

Please feel free to contact me at the number above or via this email if you need more details or if more information is needed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Suyapa Miranda

**Executive Director**