

Nov 18, 2017

Dear Jane,

I am 79 years old and have been a member of First Lutheran Church since I was sixteen.

About 40 years ago when other churches in the neighborhood decided to move out to the suburbs and build up more affluent congregations, our congregation voted to remain in its present location and be of service to all the individuals surrounding it no matter where they were on life's journey.

The days alone our church door made "All are welcome" and to this day that is what it means to us with no exceptions.

To admit those who can pass through this door to visit the feeding table for comfort, companionship, etc, would be a great disservice to not only them but also to those who are represented within this building by all of us. So, I am asking you please do not limit

this opportunity to only twenty people. Each day for there is no limit to being able to help each other in any way we can in a church.

Thank you for your time and may God bless you, your work and your decisions.

Sincerely,

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*Mary and Larry Haeg
427 Portland
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102*

November 20, 2017

Ms. Jane L. Prince
Saint Paul City Council
Ward #7
320-C City Hall
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Ms. Prince:

As longtime financial supporters of Listening House we urge you to allow this outstanding social service provider to serve considerably more than twenty people a day, the arbitrary and unfair level currently under consideration by the City Council.

Listening House's new quarters in the basement of First Lutheran Church are a vast improvement over its former location. The Listening House staff is one of the finest of any social service ministry we've encountered. They run a safe, clean, friendly, good neighborly operation, of which all of Saint Paul can be proud. We do not live in Ward 7 but we can tell you if Listening House had similar quarters in our neighborhood we would welcome it with open arms and great pride.

Cheryl Peterson and her team are people of integrity and caring. We're sure they would never do anything to jeopardize the safety and security of the neighborhood. Whenever we visit Listening House we always feel comfortable with their clients and we sense that they, too, want to be good neighbors to everyone in First Lutheran's vicinity.

Please go to bat for Listening House. When you do, you not only will be going to bat for every other faith-based, non-profit in the city but for all of us who so proudly call St. Paul our home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Peterson", written in a cursive style.

Cc: Cheryl Peterson, Listening House

Robin Hanson
2011 St. Croix Trail North
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Jane Prince, St. Paul city council member, Ward 7
320C City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Ms. Prince,

My name is Robin Hanson and I am a member of First Lutheran Church. I am voicing my support for our tenant, Listening House. Listening House provides a valuable service to our community and supports the mission of First Lutheran. The conditions placed on Listening House and First Lutheran are unreasonable and infringe on our rights as a church to serve our mission by providing for those in need. Please vote in favor of Listening House, its guests, and First Lutheran Church on December 6th.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'H'.

Robin Hanson

Jane Prince
St. Paul City Council member, Ward 7
320C City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
St. Paul, MN 55102

November 21, 2017

My name is Louise Berg and I am a 70 year member of 1st Lutheran church. At this time I do not live in Ward 7 but I am in support of the Listening House program that provides a valuable service to those who need a place to be during the day, especially during our winter cold. I know this program has many different services and programs offering help to our fellow citizens. It is my understanding that Listening House is the ONLY program open for help during the day in St. Paul.

I have heard some of the conditions placed on this program and 1st Lutheran that do not make any sense, are unreasonable and border on our rights as a church to continue to serve our mission of taking care of people. Starting with our first pastor when 1st Lutheran was established in 1854 we have provided for those in need for many years. It seems that churches are often the only ones that provide for the needs of many and always have. The government just turns its head away and spends money on stadiums and ball parks.

I am at my church at least two to four times a week, both in the evenings and during the day. Before and after Bible Study on Tuesday mornings I observe the Listening House people coming and going and have observed no problems. Listening House people often are walking around with a shovel or broom and dust pan cleaning up the church grounds and we stop and thank them and they smile.

Please find it in your heart to vote in favor of Listening House, its guests and First Lutheran Church on December 6, 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Berg". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline.

Louise Berg
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To: Jane Prince, council member, ward 7, St. Paul, MN

From: Susan Warner, Member of First Luthera Church, St. Paul

Re: Listening House

Date: Nov. 22, 2018

My Husband and I have resided on the East side of St. Paul for many years and have been members of First Lutheran Church also for many years. What we like most about our church is its mission statement that "All are welcome here". We ask you to support us in our mission. We are voicing our support for our tenent, Listening House.

Listening House provides a valuable service to our community and people in need. The conditions placed on Listening House and First Lutheran are unreasonable and infringe on our rights as a church to provide for those in need. Please vote in favor of Listening House, its guests, and First Lutheran Church on Dec. 6. Thank you. Susan Warner

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Warner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.