

May 2, 2018

Saint Paul City Council 15 West Kellogg Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55102-1615

Dear Saint Paul City Councilmembers:

We are writing this letter in complete support of Presbyterian Homes request for zero hours of operation on Skyway Bridge #47.

Allied Parking, Inc. was hired to manage the World Trade Center parking ramp operations. This portion of the skyway system runs from the WTC ramp to Central Towers, which is owned by Presbyterian Homes. As there are no other building access points along this skyway, it only services Central Towers Residents and their need to gain access to the St. Paul skyway system. Presbyterian Homes and Allied Parking, Inc. currently maintain this skyway with little to no security concerns. We feel opening this skyway to the public would only lead to significant security concerns, additional costs for both buildings, and cleanliness issues that we currently do not experience.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter and greatly support Presbyterian Homes application for a zero hours skyway exemption.

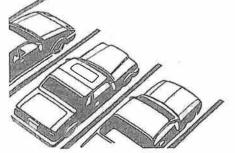
Kind regards,

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April 20, 2018

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Dear St. Paul City Councilmembers:

I am writing this letter in support of Presbyterian Homes, a member of St. Paul BOMA. They have applied for an exception to the standard skyway hours. They are requesting zero hours of operation.

The segment of skyway in question runs from the World Trade Center parking ramp to Central Towers, which is owned by Presbyterian Homes. There are no additional points of ingress or egress along this section of the skyway system. Presbyterian Homes maintains this skyway and has converted it into a park-like environment for use by its residents. Central Towers provides housing and services to low-income elderly persons, many of whom have physical or mental disabilities.

Requiring this portion of the skyway to remain open serves no public purpose and would in fact confuse visitors who would have to back track to the parking ramp. More importantly, allowing public access would create a security concern for the vulnerable adults residing at Central Towers who use this space. Providing the exemption is consistent with how other segments of the skyway system have been treated in the past, such as with MPR and Macy's.

Therefore, St. Paul BOMA is requesting the St. Paul City Council to support Presbyterian Homes' application for exemption. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

Joe Spartz Greater Saint Paul BOMA

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