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To:

Joe Spencer

President

St Paul Downtown Alliance

Re:

Safety Ambassador Program in St Paul

SEIU Local 26 represents over 8000 members who work as security, janitorial and other related service workers in the Twin Cities. We have worked hard over the last decade to establish standards of pay and benefits that can support professional, stable workforces in these industries.

We strongly support the creation of an improvement district and safety ambassador program in St Paul. We have already seen the positive impact that a downtown improvement district can have, when it continues these standards, based on our experience in Minneapolis. Collaboration between building owners, public officials, contractors like Block By Block, and security and janitorial workers have made this kind of program a success.

Iris Altamirano President

SEIU Local 26

CC: Jeff Heinrich, Block by Block