Timothy Rowell

2040 Laurel Ave

St. Paul, MN 55104

April 11, 2023

Legislative Hearing Officer

310 City Hall

15 West Kellogg Blvd

Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer, I am opposed to the request for the expansion of the St. Thomas University existing liquor license.

St. Thomas University was just granted an expansion to their liquor license in Fall of 2021 that is a little over one year ago. Why do they need to expand liquor sales again?

The current license covers most of the buildings and the athletic fields in the north section of their campus. The addition Murray-Herrick Campus Center and the Fowler Veranda increases it to a majority of the north area. My family and I live on Laurel Ave two houses from Cleveland Ave.

I am opposed to St. Paul expanding the liquor license to the Schoenecker Center that is not completed and scheduled to open in 2024.

During the last liquor license expansion hearing, in the Fall of 2021, the discussion focused on the logistics of the liquor serving events. City of St. Paul needs to think about the message this is sending its residents. A University can expand to serve liquor at a majority of a campus area with residents right across the street.

Student drinking and parties are a problem in our neighborhood. In fact on Monday, April 10 2023, I had to call St. Paul Police about a loud party behind my house. The responding officer told me that my call would result in the 3rd visit to the party. This is a waste of city resources. I am concerned about the message the University is giving its students when they can sell liquor all over its campus for events when student drinking continues to be a problem.

Furthermore the University has not replaced its' Neighborhood Liaison. This position was the only lever the neighbors had when a problem arises. The only resource neighbors have is to call SPPD. As a taxpayer in the city, this is a concern.

I have lived in this neighborhood for over twenty years. I do not think Saint Paul should reward St. Thomas and expand their liquor license again. I fail to see the benefit to Saint Paul and its' residents to allow St. Thomas to serve alcohol at additional outdoor gatherings and additional buildings.

St. Thomas University has expanded in many ways over the years and neighborhood has endured enough. Please do not endorse this liquor license expansion.

Regards, Tim Rowell

From: Tim Rowell
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Fwd: St. Thomas Liquor License Expansion Application
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:36:30 PM
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Hello, I just sent the email below and noticed the mailing requested my phone number.

I can be reached at (651) 261-5579

Thank You, Tim Rowell

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Subject: St. Thomas Liquor License Expansion Application
Date: Tue, 11 Apr 2023 22:29:06 -0500
From: Tim Rowell <trowell@q.com>
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer, or Ross Haddrow, or Jeff Fischbach

Attached are my comments about the St. Thomas Liquor License Expansion Application. I have also sent a copy by US Mail to Legislative Hearing Officer, 310 City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

Please email me at trowell@q.com if there any questions.

Please email me at trowell@q.com and mail me at 2040 Laurel Ave St. Paul MN 55104 about the scheduled hearing.

Thank You, Tim Rowell