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Subject: Objection to Sound Variance University of Saint Thomas Aug 28 at 80 dBA and August 29 at 92 dBa
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Dear Council Members,

My front yard at 65 Cretin Ave N is about 70 feet from the Saint Thomas University football stadium exterior wall. I highly object to a sound variation above 75 dBA. It is understood that acute exposure to loud noise or repeated exposure at moderate loud noise causes hearing loss and other effects of ill health including anxiety and agitation. I have been mistakingly tolerant of the frequent and disruptive noise variants of my very loud neighbor Saint Thomas. I just can not take it anymore, the noise level and frequency rattles my house windows and jangles my nerves and is disruptive to daily living activities and my well being as well as my family.

On August 29 I object to Saint Thomas's request for 92 dBA this is an extreme noise bomb that would go on for over 5 hours continuously. It is 10 times louder than 82 dBA and 100 times louder than 72 dBA! The measurement of sound in dBA is log rhythmic, sound is reported in an exponential manner. So, what may look like a small increase on a piece of paper or a request at a city meeting, is actually exponentially loud and intolerable for the duration and frequency being requested by Saint Thomas.

Furthermore, I object to the request for 80 dBA sound variance by Saint Thomas on Aug 28 for the pep rally-this is electronic amplification. Why not let the pep bands and pep groups do the work and whip up the crowds to join. I should not have to tolerate electronically amplified noise pollution for hours for something that is supposed to be garnishing good feelings, energy and support for the team.

How about if Saint Thomas behaves like a good neighbor in a truly residential neighborhood and just lives within the proper levels of electronic noise generation that is allowed in order to avoid residential noise pollution and promote good will in the neighborhood.

I work full time, I have a family here, I am caring for my 88 year old mother and my terminally ill brother. I have a full life and a full plate. Responding to and objecting to The number of noise variants requested by Saint Thomas takes up a lot of time and energy, stealing from me the precious resources that can not be replenished, peace of my mind and home and time.

Please do not rubber stamp these and other requests from Saint Thomas for noise variants, they can figure out a better method and technology to minimize their noise pollution. And it might be good to have a sound bomb experience of these noise levels and imagine experiencing these noise levels for hours, repeatedly throughout each week before approving the variance.

Once the games or events get going, we have no recourse to "turn down" the volume. No one will or can deal with this problem including the Saint Paul Police, the U of S T Safety Dept or the neighborhood liaison.

Please help with peace and hope, deny these sound variance requests,

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