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Dear CIB Board Members,

I am a homeowner in the North End neighborhood. My wife and I bought our first home here five years ago and we love it here. I see some room for improvement, though, regarding several of our highly-used neighborhood parks.

I am writing to express my desire to see the fields at Sylvan Park get an upgrade to fit the needs of the youths whom I see using this park day in and day out. There are several baseball fields there and I see soccer players using it all the time.

Furthermore, there is much room for improvement at the playground at Marydale Park. This lake is such a great asset to our community and has been improved in past years, leaving the playground to stand out as awkwardly outdated. With our first child due this fall, I hope to see a new playground at Marydale Park on the list of approved projects.

Thank you all for your time and effort to become the very best St. Paul possible. After five years in the North End I see our neighborhood on the uptick and I think now is the time to invest in our "Great Northern Neighborhood."

Thanks again,

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From: Joe Byrnes
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 10:05 PM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: CIB letter of support

I support the North End projects for Sylvan fields and MaryDale Park. I grew up in the North End, Rice St. area. I live very close to MaryDale. As there was when I was young there's still a need for places for kids to go and play and have fun. With the recent closing and downsizing of St. Paul Rec. Centers, we very much need to focus on the ones that are left and make sure they are in good condition. The fields at Sylvan are getting worse every year and Mary Dale could use a playground upgrade. We should be proud of our fields and centers. I am embarrassed by the condition of Sylvan. Please consider funds for these two sites. Thank you. Joe Byrnes

Please pass this on to the CIB committee.