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Capital Improvement Budget Committee  
Community Facilities Task Force  
City of Saint Paul – Office of Financial Services  
15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Subject: CIB Proposal for Hamline Midway Library**

To the CIB Community Facilities Task Force:

Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) supports CIB funding to upgrade the Hamline Midway Library as proposed by the Saint Paul Public Library.

The Hamline Midway Library is a beloved central hub for community activity in the neighborhood. In addition to the important services that a branch library provides, a wide range of meetings, forums, programs, and gatherings take place at the library every month. CIB funding will ensure that the Hamline Midway Library continues to be a resource for the Hamline Midway community into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Jon Olson".

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Dear Mr. Lehmann, and to the CIB Community Facilities Committee:

We of the Hamline Midway Library Association (HMLA) would like to encourage the Capital Improvement Budget Committee to support the proposal for improvements at the Hamline Midway branch of the St. Paul Public Libraries. This branch is a mighty resource for not only the Midway neighborhood, but also for the entire SPPL system. After this location was threaten for closure, the entire community organized to demonstrate that this library truly is the heart of our neighborhood. Now, five years later, not only is there a local library association (all volunteer) dedicated to supporting and enriching the library with additional programs and services, but the library has become a central hub of many activities and group meetings. Our branch now bustles with activities and programs, serving the very diverse demography of St. Paul's population. And we are such a thriving institution that we have grown into the lovely problem of not having meeting rooms available for all the groups who are looking for space from time to time.

The improvements sought through the CIB process will serve to continue to strengthen not only the physical space of the library, but will allow the branch to continue to be an asset to the broader city of St. Paul as well.

We thank you for your review of this proposal and look forward to your vote of approval.

Truly yours,

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