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Community Facilities Task Force  
Capital Improvement Budget  
City of Saint Paul  
700 City Hall  
15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Members,

The West 7<sup>th</sup>/Fort Road Federation strongly supports two funding requests submitted by the Parks and Rec Department; namely Palace Community Center site improvements and Victoria Park restroom and picnic shelter.

Both of these projects were seen as critical public investments in West 7<sup>th</sup> and the City of Saint Paul many years ago.

We strongly encourage you to support funding for these two great projects.

Sincerely,

Shawn Devine, President

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March 22, 2015

RE: Palace Community Center

Dear CIB Committee Members,

I am a parent and community member and submit this letter for your consideration regarding the renovation project at Palace Community Center. Our family has used the facility at Palace for the past several years and fully supports all efforts to upgrade the building and surrounding fields.

Palace is a wonderful and necessary part of our community. It helps to foster stronger neighborhood relations, while providing a venue for kids and families to go for meeting space, Summer Blast camps, sports training and competition city-wide, nutrition/meals funded by Saint Paul Public Schools and annual Neighborhood Night Out events, among other events hosted at Palace annually.

This project will enhance opportunities for families with toddlers and elderly members of our community, as well as services and classes for youth/teens. Palace has, for years, needed more space for meeting rooms, arts and crafts, Teen Check Program, fitness for all ages, and upgraded concession and kitchen areas. Making Palace ADA accessible and more secure, including proper lighting, have also been needed for many years. The playground, refrigerated ice rink and three fields surrounding the building will also benefit greatly by the renovation.

I and my family ask that you support all CIB funding requests for Palace by voting YES to the proposed budget. It's time to make Palace Community Center whole so that our families and community benefit. Together, we all win by supporting Palace.

Sincerely,

Magdalena J. O'Reilly