

Joe & Stan's Pub & Grill  
949 Seventh St. W.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

18 March 2015

CIB Committee Members  
City of Saint Paul

Dear Capitol Improvement Budget Committee Members:

I would like to enthusiastically urge you to support Historic Saint Paul's request for funding for their Restore Saint Paul Commercial Facade Improvement Program. It's a great program that really benefits both specific businesses along the city's older commercial corridors and the larger, surrounding commercial and residential areas.

I am just completing the renovation of the Joe & Stan's storefront in collaboration with Historic Saint Paul. A 1940s remodeling left us with tiny windows along West Seventh and dropped ceilings inside. Our new storefront, based on the original, historic design of this 1898 building, has huge storefront windows (and restored tin ceilings), giving our neighborhood business significantly more visibility and creating a much more attractive exterior and pleasing interior. My business is up around 20 percent in these past two months—and the sign wasn't installed until last week!

It has been great working with Historic Saint Paul to undertake this project. I wouldn't have been able to do it financially without their assistance—and if I had, it still would not have turned out as well without them. Their expertise with historically sensitive design, project management, and working with the contractor has been fundamental to creating this excellent result. Please provide additional funding for this program so that more businesses, commercial corridors, and neighborhoods around the city can also benefit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Kelly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John Kelly  
Proprietor



## Frogtown Neighborhood Association (District 7)

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March 19, 2015

CIB Committee Members  
City of Saint Paul

Dear CIB Committee Members:

The Frogtown Neighborhood Association (District 7 Planning Council) strongly supports Historic Saint Paul's CIB proposal for their Restore Saint Paul Commercial Facade Improvement Program.

This excellent and unique program provides preservation-based design, financial and technical assistance, and project management to improve the appearance of commercial storefronts in our community and in several of the city's oldest, low-moderate income neighborhoods. The many economic and community benefits include increased visibility and business, storefronts that reflect their buildings' historic character, and enhanced community character and pride.

This program and its services are important for revitalizing Frogtowns's aging buildings and areas and for generating additional reinvestment. Historic Saint Paul is currently working on several University Avenue projects that will significantly benefit our neighborhood. We urge the City of Saint Paul to fully fund this important and successful program.

Sincerely yours,



Caty Royce  
Executive Director