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Hi! I am here to testify but must leave for a board meeting that begins at 5:30pm.

As Executive Director of the nonprofit organization that produces the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, I am here to testify that I would like you to vote no to the resolution. The list of festivals that you are showing favoritism to simply because they never paid their bills, is a slap in the face to the rest of us. One of them isn't even a nonprofit organization. We struggle every year to raise the funds to produce nearly 50 free and low cost events over the ten days of the Winter Carnival, and our police and security bills are significant too. We are all charged the same amount to my knowledge and should all be treated in the same way. Please bring us all into consideration with funds to assist with security costs. Thank you.

Lisa Jacobson