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Legislative Hearing Officer
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15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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23 October 2021

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

I strenuously object to the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) granting a Liquor on Sale and Entertainment A license to Em Que Viet Restaurant & Bar at 1332 Grand Avenue. I do not want this business to be serving liquor and having amplified music until mid-night every night of the week for the following reasons:

1. "Entertainment" in the form of amplified/unamplified music/karaoke will be entirely too loud for the homes that are across the alley from the commercial businesses on Grand. This is a quiet neighborhood of working families who do not want loud music heard until midnight.

My bedroom faces the alley and any loud disturbance in the alleyway disrupts my sleep. In the past, music from 1328B Grand Avenue from several unauthorized events was extremely loud, and kept me awake until the middle of the night.

The buildings on Grand Avenue were not built to mitigate loud noises such a business might entail.

2. The types of restaurant patrons who drink then listen to, or sing to, amplified music up until midnight on any weekday or weekend night, are not necessarily the type of "good neighbors" who would keep the neighborhood evenings quiet. We work to keep our alleys free of litter and free of vehicles that block our cars from getting into our garages. People not from our neighborhood walking our alleyways late in the night are often up to no good.

3. Parking is at a premium in this area, especially in the winter. Clientele at this business might be tempted to park in my alleyway or add to already crowded parking on Lincoln, Syndicate or Hamline Avenues. Any additional large dumpsters or vehicles in the alley space I use to back out my car could make it difficult to get out of my garage. This is especially difficult in the winter when snow banks limit the space for my garage egress.

4. Clientele who have been drinking in establishments with loud music late at night would create foot traffic in my neighborhood with loud late-at-night conversations and litter that would detract from this quiet residential neighborhood.

Please do not grant License # 20210001847.

Regards,


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