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Subject: Local Rumors Liquor License Support - Selby Avenue, St. Paul, 55104
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Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

Hello,

I'm writing in support of a new restaurant/small business (**Local Rumors**) located directly next door to my house at 1803 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104. I've lived here since 2011. During this time and for years afterwards – **Blue Door Pub (BDP)** was the neighborhood hot topic and was in place prior to Local Rumors. BDP was very popular (**they were also featured on Diners, Dine-ins, and Dives which drastically upped their foot traffic**), and they were open beyond midnight on weekends. During my 10+ years living next to them I would not define my experience as being negatively impacted by their serving our local neighborhood.

Scott, Local Rumors' owner, introduced himself to me weeks earlier and shared what their restaurant is all about. He volunteered the set and setting, that they have (or are working towards) a full liquor license, and that they didn't plan to be open beyond 11pm on any one night. In return I hoped to put his mind at ease citing I've lived here when the BDP was in operation and that I welcome any small business into the neighborhood that improves the area's quality of life. And, that we also understand the nuances of living next door to businesses (busy antique stores) and a restaurant since we live in a populated area between two city centers.

There was no indication during this discussion that I should anticipate anything negative once they're up and running. And if I did, I feel comfortable contacting Scott for his awareness. I want to add too that he and his team have put blood, sweat, and tears into this restaurant – and they've positively impacted the neighborhood by already just by being 'neighborly' and considerate individuals.

Although nobody has ever shared their own personal complaints about the BDP with me before it closed, ever – the complaints I have heard from my neighbors (about other neighbors' concerns) leading up to this e-mail seem overblown.

In closing, I have no concerns about Local Rumors' operating while having a full liquor license. Plus, any complaints received prior to any alcohol related issues taking place seem very premature (especially when there are several other restaurants in the immediate area that also have full liquor licenses and appear to be operating just fine).

I'd like to add that I did not know Scott prior to this restaurant opening – and I have no

affiliation, nor gain any monetary benefit, to them opening and/or maintaining a full liquor license.

Thank you for taking the time to read my e-mail in support of Local Rumors. I would have preferred to attend the hearing in person, but my work schedule didn't cooperate. Should you have any further questions do not hesitate to reach out.

v/r, Dave
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