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Regarding the proposed licensing (#20230001030) of Sohn Hee Eateries LLC, dba Best of Best Quality Korean Fried Chicken.

I support an amended proposal for this licensing. Although the restaurant in question may add to the quality of the neighborhood, this proposed license should be amended, for several reasons.

First, it should be noted that the block on which the restaurant is situated includes nearly 100 residences (single family homes or apartments) which either face the street or have windows on the side of the building, which means that they are directly exposed to noises and disruptions from the street. Although the street is a busy street, the street currently quiets down throughout the evening hours, so that by 10:00 pm all, or nearly all businesses, have closed. This includes Kowalski's and Green Mill. After ten pm, the street is quiet.

This situation is appropriate for what is to large extent, or mostly, a residential block. Although there is no doubt a difference in zoning between Grand Avenue and Lincoln, one block over, there would be no consideration of granting a liquor license on Lincoln, for outdoor drinking until midnight. The residents of Grand Avenue are no less deserving of consideration. In fact, they should be more deserving of consideration, because there are more of them.

In addition, the City has shown that it has difficulty policing/controlling other establishments which stay open late and serve liquor, including the ever-present noise disruptions (loud music, loud voices, loud revving vehicles), at Billy's Bar. Such a situation is not appropriate in a residential neighborhood, and Grand Avenue is largely a residential street, despite the businesses.

Therefore, it is important that residences and businesses co-exist on Grand Avenue, and so this proposed license should be modified. Because other businesses in the area close by 10:00, it seems appropriate that a business serving alcohol, especially outside, do the same.

This proposed license should be amended so that the serving of alcohol end at 10:00 pm on the public street. The business itself should be required to close by 11pm. In this way, the needs of the business and the needs of the neighborhood can both be considered, and Grand Avenue can continue to be a good place to live and run a business.