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Subject: Local Legend Hospitality LLC, doing business as Local Rumor
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Hello, Legislative Hearing Officer,

I'm writing in response to a recent letter from your office, in regard to the new restaurant opening in my neighborhood. I'm against it being open until the midnight/12:30 hours specified, as well as the sidewalk tables and service being open that long as well.

I'm a longtime homeowner (over 30 years) on Dayton Avenue, directly North of the restaurant, and there were many issues with the previous Blue Door restaurant with their more limited hours. I have great concerns that there will be even more problems with the longer hours and increased activity / size, especially where there is alcohol being served.

- The block the restaurant is on has no alley; so homeowners and renters have only the spaces allotted to them in front of their own homes for their own parking. This is already a parking issue for us home owners with all the college housing on both sides of Dayton Avenue and Selby Avenues, between Fairview and Wheeler, taking available parking spots during school season. And they have guests with cars, too. Now that the law permits more renters per unit, we've seen an increase in cars as well. It's rare I can park in front of my own house, especially when the Blue Door Pub was open.
- The odor of cleaning grills late at night, with winds coming from the South, makes hamburger and frying odors drift our way and it smells like the State Fair on a hot summer's night....every night this occurred with Blue Door Pub, so badly that I contacted the inspector's office and they assured me that the vents were up to code and said they were just cleaning the grill. Well, hours of frying meat odors aren't pleasant, as much as I love a good hamburger. The odors were also during the day / evening hours as any restaurant may have. I'm concerned about this. It's been a treat to not have a bar that serves food at that location!
- I'm concerned about restaurant guests parking in front of my house and leaving the restaurant late at night, continuing their conversations, etc. before driving away. I have a street light right in front of my house so it's a very popular place for people to park, party, (drug deals in times past), catalytic converter thefts, and more until the wee hours of the morning. I keep my windows open, so these noises and bad aromas are a problem in my house, especially late at night. I go to bed fairly early and am a light sleeper, and hated accommodating a restaurant from within my own home! I shouldn't have to shut my windows because of noise and odors.
- We FINALLY don't have as many St. Thomas party house issues and I'd like to keep it that way! I'm concerned about spillover, or starting at the restaurant and continuing to one of the many college houses on Selby, both sides of Dayton, and even on Marshall Avenue. Again, it's been wonderful to have more parking in front of our homes since

Blue Door closed. Our block is a mixed block of homeowners, renters, and alot of student housing.

- Their are families with small children that live just in back of this restaurant, with their back yards abutting the restaurant property / parking lot / alley access. Their bedrooms, too, face the bar, parking lot, and garbage areas.
- Garbage pickup and recycling pickup for the Blue Door was throughout the middle of the night, and was sooooo loud and disruptive! Again, I would hear it as did the families adjacent to the BDP.

They've already installed and bolted down their picnic tables. The awning was installed today. Do we neighbors ever have a say in anything in this city anymore? Things are always done first, then we're notified, but it's often just a formality and things have already been decided. Zoning is a big issue.

If this is allowed with extended bar hours and more, what's preventing more of the same from filling Selby Avenue nearby?!? Years ago, there was a plan to do just that...this isn't quality of life living as i see it and want to experience it. Just look at all the issues Grand Avenue and neighbors have had to deal with all these years with the very same thing!

New bars, new city employees, rinse and repeat.....

Please don't allow this liquor license and hours to be approved. I'm against it.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my experienced concerns.

sincerely,

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