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Dear Community Leaders,

First of all, I want to say thank you for welcoming my husband Scott Cochran and I into the community to create something so approachable, beautiful, and thoughtful. You are a part of making a dream come true and for that, we are forever grateful.

An impressive majority, of the community, has welcomed us with open arms, encompassing so much excitement for this space to be brought back to life. We have had countless people walking through the doors daily to see what's happening and their reactions only amplify our happiness. Needless to say, when we got the news that there were 2 objections to getting our liquor license, we were totally shocked and saddened. Our biggest wish, is that the ladies that objected, would have come in to ask questions and see what we are doing. I think they would find so much comfort in knowing that this is far from what The Blue Door was. This is a safe space that will bring the community together to catch up and have great food and beverages. This is not a sports bar or a dive. This is the sweetest family business owned by locals. A walking place in the neighborhood that will have elevated food and drink. A place that will offer something different than anywhere else in the neighborhood. Our vibe is very Georgia O'Keefe...what nature would look like as a feeling...very different from the peanut bar that was the Blue Door. It is important that we obtain a liquor license to complement our menu and to prove that we are a responsible establishment.

We invite anyone that questions our intentions, to meet us, let us treat you and help you understand that we are only bringing the most positive space to the neighborhood with insight to what it was before us and how we are going to be completely opposite of that. We have an impressive background in hospitality and care. Please let us make a difference in our community by providing the best of people, service, and standards.

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