

June 9, 2021

Saint Paul City Council  
15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Saint Paul City Councilmembers and Staff,

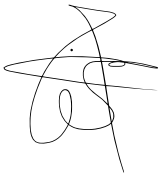
My family and I appreciate your commitment to our community and attention to this specific matter, including this statement. For over 5 years we have lived on Arundel Street near the business at 444 Maryland Ave W where we have witnessed a range of activities inside and outside. Based on our experiences and observations the business caters to customers who do not appear to be our immediate neighbors, frequently commute here by car, and remain before or after their business visit to:

- loiter in the parking lot and along our street
- block driving lanes in our street with their vehicles
- block our driveway and our neighbors' driveways with their vehicles
- rob and assault our friends, who ironically attempted to patronize the business
- drop litter from the business on our streets, sidewalks, and yards
- smoke marijuana in their vehicles and in front of the business
- yell, fight, and shoot guns and
- urinate in our neighbors' yards

These experiences are so common throughout the day and night that it has become increasingly difficult to visit our neighbors, walk on the sidewalk, host guests, sleep (some nights), or even patronize Mr. Alfureedy's business. Many times, we have wanted to visit his business to make purchases; however, over the years the environment around it has grown increasingly dangerous with significant police activity. We would go as far to say we are happy to support a business zoned T2 with a tobacco license that draws customers from other neighborhoods if it is operated properly, for instance we patronize one such example in a neighborhood to the west of us called Tim & Tom's Speedy Market.

To City Councilmembers reading this, my family has a question for you. If DSI provided Mr. Alfureedy's business a tobacco license with incorrect zoning and if you were a nearby resident witnessing this activity in your neighborhood, would you grant the business a zone change? We understand DSI made a mistake, but we believe the situation we've described is unusually bad. In the absence of business operational changes from Mr. Alfureedy, we request City Councilmembers to deny the zoning change. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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