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RE: License Number 2022400002677

Dear Legislative Hearing officer,

I am strongly opposed granting or expanding liquor on sale and gambling in this area. The application would allow to be open until midnight.

About me:

I own an 18 unit apartment building at 1635 Sherburne Ave that I have owned since 1980.

This property is in the 4D Affordable Housing Incentive Program that commits occupancy for low income residents. I have a number of residents that have been with me for 20 years I am committed to providing safe, affordable housing.

My Issue:

- Livability: Development that might be good for the whole of our city appear to be landing more on this community. Even beneficial development can have detrimental impacts locally.
- Examples: While the Light Rail is greatly needed for our city, our neighborhood has to bear the brunt of train riders parking their cars in front of our buildings every day! And the soccer stadium might be good for the community but on event days, my tenants have to park 3-4 blocks away! All this has an impact on my tenants and the livability of the neighborhood.
- We have a history with nightclub/nighttime liquor establishments that bring: Parking problems, noise problems, and a menu of behavior problems associated with their activities and exacerbated by alcohol.

To be clear, I do not believe there is anything intrinsically wrong with drinking, gaming, or gambling, but there is a real percentage of people (perhaps a small percentage - that adds up) that create disturbances of all kinds. I feel this neighborhood is asked to embrace a lot of it. Perhaps more than our share.

I am not a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard), but I am a NOIMBY (Not Only In My Back Yard).

I am a NO on the application.

Thank you for your consideration!

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