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Legislative Hearing Officer

RE: License Number: 20180000129
Opposition to Application for Liquor On Sale License at 1672 Grand Ave

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer,

I am writing to oppose the above referenced Liquor on Sale License Application. I am the property owner of 1656-58 Grand Avenue in Saint Paul, which houses my business and also has residential tenants. I am also the owner of several other properties within close proximity to the property applying for the Liquor on Sale license.

I am opposed to this full liquor restaurant/bar being open until the late hour of 12 am nightly, with patrons vacating by 12:30 am, for three reasons: (1) because of the noise that will result at late hours of the night, including the proposed sidewalk seating having full liquor access until 12 am, which will create additional outdoor noise; (2) because of a lack of parking in the area that will be additionally strained if this license is granted; and (3) I am opposed to the live entertainment that will cause noise and disturb my tenants and me.

There is not sufficient parking to accommodate this license. The area that previously served as parking in the rear of the building was made into additional seating for a restaurant. Grand Central Café had operated with a parking variance granted in 2010 to a different business (Grand Sandwich) which had seating for only about 10 people. The proposed liquor license at Applicant's establishment, in addition to the larger seating capacity, will strain the limited street parking for longer hours, hurting other businesses and residents in the area.

I am also opposed to the possibility of live entertainment, (amplified or non amplified music) to 12 am. The noise associated with performances, late-night liquor consumption, and sidewalk seating is a great concern to me and my tenants and the residents in the area. St Paul code limits noise after 10 pm:

- Noisy parties in private homes or apartment
- Radios, paging systems, musical instruments or other similar machines must not be too loud after 10:00 pm.
- Noise from a bar or similar business, including noisy patrons outside the bar, may be not just noise but disorderly conduct.

For the above stated reasons, I respectfully submit my objection to the proposed liquor license. Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you for considering my objection.

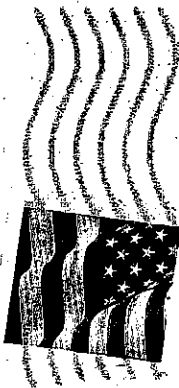
Sincerely,

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