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Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 5:17 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: License Application / 475 Fairview Ave S

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

We were recently notified about this proposed liquor license:

License Number: 20190000396
Address: 475 Fairview Ave S

We have concerns about such a license at this location, and we're disappointed that this neighborhood was considered to be used for such a purpose.

In the homes along the 1800 block of James Avenue, we have small children as well as older folks who will not appreciate being awakened by late night talking in the street, car alarms, slamming doors, and engines starting after 10:00pm. Yes, St Paul has a noise ordinance, but the damage is done once residents have been awakened.

The tiny parking lot on that property, which we understand will be further reduced by an outdoor patio for smokers, will only accommodate a handful of cars. There is a shortage of parking space on James Ave as the apartment buildings along Randolph Ave have expanded tenancy in the past two years.

We understand that the operators of this business already have a restaurant in Minneapolis, but that doesn't mean they will succeed in this location. We've lived in the Macalester Groveland neighborhood now for 26 years - 22 of them in our current home on James Ave - and have seen many restaurants come and go. With a liquor license in our midst, we need to think about what the NEXT business will be like? The operators can pull out when it becomes unprofitable, while we are committed to staying in our homes, and further improving our neighborhood.

What will be our recourse if there are problems? Is there someone we can contact to have them addressed? How difficult is it to remove a liquor license or to alter its terms (e.g., hours of sale) once it's in place?

We previously lived near the University of St. Thomas (Portland and Howell), and moved here to raise our kids because it is a peaceful neighborhood. We hope that it can remain that way, as much as possible.

Sincerely,

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