

November 7, 2010

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

This letter is in regard to the application for license number 20100004369. As a nearby resident living east of the property, I have several strong concerns including:

- 1) The type of business
- 2) The recommended license conditions as outlined in the notification letter received the week of October 27, 2010.

Arcade Street is already home to ample auto related businesses. Only two years ago, the property was licensed for this same use. Approximately 20% of businesses between Wheelock Parkway and 7th street are auto related. This is an over representation in this two mile long stretch and obviously not a successful business choice for this particular property. In addition, many store fronts are empty. We should be trying to diversify the business mix in order to create a draw for community members to shop, invest their dollars and otherwise enjoy this historical neighborhood. I'm surprised that there does not seem to be an involvement by the Economic Development arm of either the District Council or the City in this review.

While I'm pleased to see requirements eliminating banners, requiring fencing and some landscaping; as an entrance to a highly used and valued park and parkway, it is not in keeping with other park entrances throughout the Twin Cities.

Please consider my concerns and do not recommend granting this license. It would only serve to add to an already deteriorating neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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