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From: Elena Guevara <elg.guevara@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2019 5:48 PM
To: Burger, Kathryn (CI-StPaul)
Subject: legislative hearing for 1184 Maryland Ave. East

Unfortunately, I will be working during this hearing, but I would like to be able to submit my comments in absentia.

In my previous letter regarding license 20180004316, I had objected to conditions 1 and 2 due to the fact that there were no measures in place to prevent the car wash from being used outside of the named conditions. The reasoning of the neighbors is that if no measures exist now, how is a transfer of ownership going to prevent misuse of the car wash?

In the weeks since the first notice of license application letter was received, the gate leading from the alley to the car wash has been closed. Although it is not locked, and has been left partially open for several days, for the most part the gate has remained closed in the past few weeks.

There has not, to my knowledge, been any security measures put in place to ensure that customers cannot use the car wash before 8:00 am and after 8:00 pm. If the business has put measures in place to ensure that will not happen, the neighbors surrounding the business would like to know exactly what was done.

Regarding the noise pollution caused by the car wash, several of the surrounding neighbors have noted that the doors to the car wash only close about 50% of the time that the car wash is in use. When the doors fail to close, the entire cycle of the car wash is run with the doors wide open, causing incredible noise. Not so much of a problem in the winter, but a great concern in the summer when we are out trying to enjoy our yards. If the new owners could simply repair the doors so that they close completely during every use of the car wash, this would reduce the noise level significantly.

And finally, neighbors noted that often delivery trucks will park in the alley while delivering their goods to the store, cutting off access to one end of the t-shaped alley access points for hours. Mostly, the trucks park directly next to the house at 1186 Duluth St. If the new owners could ensure that delivery trucks park in their parking lot only during deliveries, this would be a great improvement in alley access for those who live nearby.

Mostly, we would very much appreciate knowing the outcome of this legislative hearing, and what, if any, changes the new owners plan to make to address our concerns. How does the city council plan to share this information with the neighbors surrounding this business?

Thank you,
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