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**Subject:** Mucci's Italian LLC Patio License  
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Legislative Hearing officer,

13 May 2021

310 City Hall

10 West Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: License number: 20150003362

May 13, 2021

I am writing in about Mucci's wanting to add patio dining in their Saint Paul location on Randolph Ave. I, along with my immediate neighbors, are highly opposed to the idea.(\*). Parking has been an issue since the restaurant first opened and it is hard to find a parking spot close by. My family and visitors must park one to two blocks away on the days the restaurant is open. If Mucci's opens to more seating there won't be enough parking for the customers and residents in the neighborhood when the Covid restrictions get lifted and things get back to normal.

Noise is also a major concern! The patio is flush up against my neighbor Jeff's property with tight walls that echo. Having people dine in that cramped space is going to increase volume levels tremendously. Customers can be loud as is when returning to their cars after eating. There seems to be a consistent trend to slam doors and some customers continue to visit outside late at night. Upon first opening, the owner Tim Niver sent out a written statement to us that the restaurant was going to be open on certain hours during the week and serve food on particular days, with Sunday opening to serve only donuts for a few hours starting at 11a. A year or so after opening of the hours were changed to stay open later. They cancelled selling donuts in the afternoon to instead start

servicing their menu on Sundays too. Even if there was a proposed plan for allowing a patio to be open, I don't trust the owners' word at this point and doubt management and staff could even keep a long-term commitment if one was made.

Management has not been friendly or caring towards this residential neighborhood. It seems almost daily that staff sits outside late at night after they close up (weather permitting) and drink by the back door on the driveway. This gets especially worse on the weekends. They get really loud and their speech is inappropriate and highly offensive. (I can't even imagine what Mike must hear). I have even heard racial slurs and cussing from them sitting outside late at night too. This is very irritating as I am usually already in bed because I get up at 4:30 for my job on the weekdays. The noise has woken me up numerous times (and yes, even a few times during Covid). The trash container is constantly left out instead of being placed in the designated latched gate leading to smells that linger when the weather warms up. Mice have become more of a nuisance too, which would most likely escalate from patio seating.

Overall, there has been a lack of respect from management, the staff, and sadly even visiting customers who are noisy and continue to visit after hours late at night when the restaurant closes.

My neighbors' driveways get blocked by customers going into eat at the restaurant quite frequently. Jeff had to pay for two city "no parking" signs to be put in from customers consistently illegally parking in front his driveway, which is alongside the alley between his property and my mine. Mike has had people park on the street and block his driveway as well. Simply put, there is not enough parking as is. I understand in wanting to do more business as Covid has hurt the normal work flow and brought limits to everyone - but to allow more traffic by having patio dining I honestly find insulting and highly disrespectful given the track record he's shown with us and this block. I understand Tim has operated other restaurants in other residential neighborhoods. Have our concerns been similar to theirs?

I am glad that Tim has had success as a restaurateur. The food is very good and they now sell their

pizza in the frozen section in grocery stores. People really enjoy coming to our neighborhood to eat and give high praises for the great food. That is where the good news sadly ends for Mucci's as far as being neighbors of their success as a business. I find that they are out of place in our neighborhood. Most of the people in the neighborhood can't even afford to eat here. There is a constant lack of respect - many things I've pointed out in my letter but many more too. The opening of adding patio seating will further escalate the situation. Parking is already scarce as it is, and noise levels will increase. Mucci's comes across in strong ethics to thrive as a business establishment with no concern or respect for the neighborhood or its neighbors.

\*\* It's important to note that while I have talked to Jeff and Mike separately, as well as Randy (at 794 Randolph Ave.), that this letter is my own. I know Randy has submitted his letter of concern and objects to the patio too. While Randy and myself are submitting objections to you, I know that Mike and Jeff do not want to get involved for conflict reasons and believe that the license isn't going to get approved anyway. None-the-less, all the residents surrounding the immediate restaurant are all highly opposed to a patio being open.

Thank you for your time and taking into account what I have written out. If there are any questions I can be reached by email or my cell phone (listed below).

Kind regards, peace & blessings,

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P.S. IMPORTANT NOTE: My objections have nothing even to do with serving liquor outside.  
Everything I voiced above is objecting to serving outside in general from what I strongly voiced  
above.