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Subject: Liquor License request for property on 976 Concordia Ave
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License Number:	20190000107
Application for:	Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, and Entertainment (A)
License at:	976 Concordia Ave
Licensee:	Taste of Rondo LLC, doing business as Taste Of Rondo Restaurant Charles Carter, owner, 612-268-8441

I am the Asset Manager and the Owner's representative for Capitol City Limited Partnership the owner of Capitol City Townhomes located on the North side of Carroll between Milton and Chatsworth.

As a provider of affordable family housing, located behind 976 Concordia and sharing an alley, we are concerned about the traffic and drug/alcohol issues that have plagued this area from commercial establishments. The area is generally residential with a few small exceptions that have had a large negative impact on the area. A restaurant sounds lovely but there is a reason that St. Paul has moved away from commercial property in residential areas. If this was a proposal on Selby, Dale or University I could see the request, but the infrastructure is not in place for a sit down restaurant of that capacity to exist in this location including parking.

If the purpose of this venture is truly the just a restaurant (and not a bar) why not allow a provisional license for wine and beer or operating without any liquor license to start? There are other businesses without the liquor license that are BYOB and simply charge a corking fee. People who want wine or beer simply bring their own. There are obvious pros and cons to this but it seems like an option.

When Mr. Carter he was questioned by a neighbor last year about the increase in drug/alcohol issues, he said he can't be blamed for the behavior of people outside his establishment. A hard liquor license will bring challenges to a neighborhood that has had its share of challenges. Our families have chosen to live on a quiet tree lined street like any other family would, having a restaurant/bar opened on the corner and sharing an alley with a bar is not what they, the families, have signed on for.