

**LH-Licensing - objections to License Application #2011000059**

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to urge the rejection of the above License Application number for the Lexington Restaurant. It is clear that the present owners intentions are 'good' (i.e., they aim to keep the outdoor dining/sidewalk seating limited at this time); however, my concern is that once outdoor dining/drinking/music is allowed at this site, there will be no ability to control further 'sprawl' of this situation, particularly in view of the fact that the current ownership has made it clear that they are having financial difficulty and may need to sell the restaurant if they are not able to generate more revenue. If they do sell the restaurant, and new owners decide to turn the restaurant into an establishment resembling Billy's or Sweeney's, the impact on the neighborhood would be huge. It is my concern that once this 'door is opened', the neighborhood loses its leverage, and there is no limit to how bad this situation could get. It is for this reason that, despite the obvious limited and good intentions of the current ownership, I ( and my wife, Darlene Medley), are not in favor of granting this expansion of the Lexington's existing license.

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