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Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 8:14 AM
To: Fischbach, Jeffrey (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: 1332 Grand Avenue - Em Que Viet - Pending Liquor Outdoor Patio and Sidewalk License Application (ID #20210001847)

Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

Good morning Jeffrey--

Below are responses to your questions in RED.

Maria – Please **respond** to this email **with the following information**:

- Explanation of the steps you took to fulfill the petition requirements showing you made a good faith effort. I fulfilled the request petition signatures needed and got 29 of the residents around my restaurant to sign the petition. Ross emailed me the petition information and I followed his instructions. I will forward to you what Ross sent to me and the signed petitions I sent to him on June 22nd. Ross sent me the petition information on April 21 and it took me 2 months to get the required number of signatures. My business partner and I went around the neighborhood on many nights and days to get the signatures. The reason it took so long for me to get the signatures was because it was difficult to find the right time when the residents were home to sign the form. Most of the time people were not home. We left petitions to sign in their mailboxes and only received a couple of them back via email. I wrote letters with self addressed envelopes with stamps for people to sign the petitions and this produced about 11 signed petition forms. I then went back and knocked and also left petitions again in mailboxes. I spent about 20 hours knocking on doors, drafting and mailing petitions. In addition, my partner spent about 10 hours knocking on doors.
- Description of how you believe the results of the petition attempt showed a generally favorable disposition from the surrounding community toward the extension of liquor service to the outdoor patio and sidewalk areas. When we were able to find a resident home to sign the petition and explain to them our desire to get a liquor license for our outdoor patio and front cafe, our neighbors were very excited to have us in the neighborhood and looked forward to coming to our restaurant. Almost all of the residents happily signed the petition and didn't think it would be any problem for us to have a liquor license. Some questions we received were: what are our business hours, who we were, what experience we had in the restaurant business, what we would do if residents had complaints (I told them to come and talk to me right away). After answering questions, people signed the petition. I had 2 residents who didn't want to sign the petition because they were moving out and thought the new owners should decide. Overall, a very positive response from the people who live around our restaurant.

Hope this answers your questions, please reach out if you need addition information.

What is the next step? I am assuming it will be going to the city counsel for approval? When is the next city counsel meeting? Can you help us by getting us on the next city counsel meeting?

Thank you Jeff.

--Maria Nguyen
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