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RE: Taste of Rondo Restaurant, 976 Concordia Avenue

Katie Burger
Recording Secretary

I am deeply concerned about the pending application for Liquor On Sale at the above mentioned establishment. Since I moved to the neighborhood in 2010 there have been incidents at the above mentioned address that involve gun discharges. Ours is a residential neighborhood with many young children.

Furthermore here have been a great many incidents at another establishment just a block away from 976 Concordia, at the Pioneer Lodge, on 334 N. Milton. According to newspaper records and my memory there have been a series of incidents at this address involving shootings, burning vehicles and death of individuals at that establishment. I feel uneasy having my 5 year old son going to visit friends along Carroll Avenue because of the random bullets that may be flying from either of these locations. Just driving home by these establishments is unnerving and often difficult as the street is often blocked by patrons coming and going.

Aside from the extensive record of gun discharges along Concordia at the two above mentioned establishments there is the issue of noise from loud patrons leaving the premises and waking up young families — this is a weekly issue. The loudspeakers from the neighboring arenas keep us up till 10 PM or so and then from midnight to 2 am we have loud people in the street. In the summer months I could be calling the City or the police every night given the level of noise. I am sure the City's resources can be used in other ways than responding to complaints of noise by neighbors.

We cannot condone the undertaking of establishments that promote behavior that involves gun play in our residential neighborhood. We have two addresses within a block that have a history of serious deadly threats to law and order. This needs to stop. I urge the City of Saint Paul to reject the application for Liquor On Sale at Taste of Rondo Restaurant, 976 Concordia Avenue. If we truly want to honor the memory of the historic Rondo Neighborhood we should not support this type of enterprise.

Respectfully,
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