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Dear Councilmember Finney,

The District 1 Community Council would like to express our support for the proposed charter amendment and ordinances regarding liquor licenses for restaurants. We agree with excepting restaurants from the license cap and for modernizing the definition of what constitutes a restaurant.

We are excited to see the new restaurants that have opened on the East Side and for the economic revitalization that these establishments have brought to their neighborhoods. As we look ahead to the construction of the Gold Line, we anticipate substantial investment in the redevelopment of District 1. We hope that new restaurants will be part of this redevelopment, and the proposed changes will support that.

We encourage the Department of Safety and Inspections to keep monitoring the conditions in restaurants should this proposal be adopted. We hope that additional discussions can be entertained regarding further expanding late-night service and other options not allowed under the proposed changes if conditions warrant in the future. We expect new establishments to benefit the community and are confident that nuisances can be addressed through the regulatory process.

Sincerely,

Paul Sawyer
President, District 1 Community Council