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DSI Inspectors: Kris Schweinler and Jeff Fischbach
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Dear Inspectors Schweinler and Fischbach:

In regards to the petition by Carbone's, aka Alfonso's, Inc. for a beer and wine permit to serve on the sidewalk, I am opposed. I did not oppose their petitions for beer and wine and expansion inside their restaurant. Outside, however is a different story.

First, they are directly adjacent to a High School and will have little control over usage outside. They already have minimal control *inside*. Outside alcohol is *not* a good environment for our youth.

Furthermore, this neighborhood is on a busy east-west residential street, with frequent use by the main fire department to gain access to the school, airport, route 5, the Interstate 94, and the Mississippi River. It is rare to have even a 3 hour period without response crews flying by. They should NEVER be impeded. There would be a HIGH likelihood of patrons occluding the sidewalk, requiring others to walk in the street - this is *already* a problem, especially in winter. Carbone's already abuts the sidewalk directly. They have not been known to take particular care of their sidewalk in winter and I have had to care directly for people who have fallen. I do note that the adjacent hair dresser is usually helpful, and staff at Carbone's either don't notice or don't care to assist.

Third, this neighborhood is centered on a main street for a reason. The vast majority of homes in this area house variously handicapped folk who are dependent on the bus line. There exists a very dangerous situation in the winter when sidewalks are poorly cleared and the numerous elderly, cognitively impaired, blind or wheelchair dependent residents are required to pass in the street. Occluding the sidewalk with tables and persons drinking alcohol will present a clear danger to our vulnerable neighbors. It is also very unnecessary. There are restaurants on Snelling and Cleveland where people can drink on patios and not occlude sidewalks. This establishment also recently more than doubled their inside capacity and do not have need for the few additional tables that would fit on a sidewalk.

For the quality of life of our neighborhood and for the safety of our residents I am vehemently opposed to this extension of licensure.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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