

Dear Chris,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the ordinance change for the city liquor license. I have read the letters and emails from the community and I agree it is not the right move to change the ordinance in this way without a significant need from local license holders or consideration of broader unforeseen consequences. Mayor Carter has asked that the council lay over the proposed change until a review can be conducted by the department of Safety and Inspections. Are you considering this and has this been discussed with the other Council Members. I urge you to follow his lead and postpone or oppose.

I was especially moved by Chai Lee's (Ward 7 resident) comments to please be concerned for the well being of our communities, Don't make exceptions "for liquor stores to proliferate in poor and low wealth communities of color."

Also, if the city were to make changes to the Liquor license ordinance game plan, it should be with the support of those already in the game, the other businesses with liquor licenses. That does not appear to be the case. It doesn't seem fair to make changes that give an edge to one business at the cost of all the others and the community at large.

I like the charm of our neighborhood liquor stores and our unique local businesses. I want our city council to respect the character of our community and the businesses that make a living here. Please oppose this ordinance change.

Thank you for your consideration,

Diane Bell

Highland Park resident