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My name is Juli Hotzler. I have lived and been associated with the neighborhood since the mid-1970s. My address is 483 Selby Ave. where I currently live and have for nearly 30 years.

For well over 100 years the residents and businesses on Selby Avenue have existed in a respectful and peaceful manner. But now, I feel like I am being squeezed out of my home.

I wake many mornings before 6 AM to the amplified screaming of fitness classes next door at Farrell's. The noise continues on and off throughout the day and evening as late as 8 PM.

And across the street is the new Gnome restaurant. I have contended with noise since the day they opened. The huge deck expansion creates a nonstop din, along with live entertainment or recorded music. Their parking lot is inadequate. It doesn't begin to cover their parking need. This pushes all those excess cars onto the streets and into the neighborhood. During the Christmas season there was a makeshift outdoor movie theater erected in the Gnomes parking lot. Many nights there were two showings so twice a night there was traffic waiting on the streets to get in and then unloading of the parking lot to get out.

And now the Gnome is requesting a license to make it a gambling location. If the license is approved the only thing I can see happening is that there will be more. More litter. More intoxicated people hooting and hollering wandering back to their cars when the bar closes. More times my driveway is blocked. More often my healthcare provider has to park blocks away. More noise. More noise. More noise.

Please do not allow the approval of this application. Approval of this application would be so wrong for the mixed use of Selby Avenue. Our residents value our local businesses and our local businesses value our residents. But the Gnome has already gone so far past what works in this neighborhood that the adding of gambling will only make it worse. And remember this neighborhood is our home.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to expressed my concerns today regarding this issue.