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**Re: 1085 Grand Ave. (Iron Ranger) Liquor License:
Application to Extend Service Area to New Rear Patio**

Background

The applicant is extending his existing rear patio further into his rear parking lot, which would double it in length. SHA supported the required parking variance (3 + bike storage from the present 8, for variance of 4) at our meeting on 3/16/21, subject to the applicant concluding a shared parking agreement with the U.S. Bank next door and his undertaking to work with surrounding neighbors to address any concerns that might arise. We submitted a letter of support on 3/19/21.

At the same time, Mr. Forti applied to upgrade his existing beer and wine license to a full liquor license covering the existing service area (front sidewalk, indoor, existing patio). That application was approved by City Council Resolution (RES 21-783) on 5/19/21.

The Present Application

The applicant wishes to extend his liquor license to cover the newly extended portion of the rear patio as well, and is required either to submit a petition with a sufficient number of signatures, or to receive a letter of support or non-objection from the District Council.

Public Hearing

We received 4 letters, including one representing several owners at the Oxford Hill Condo Assoc., all of which were in support, and held our public hearing on 5/25/21 after notifying surrounding property owners.

The following is a summary of the issues discussed:

1. Reason for Letter Request vs. Petition