

I have to go to an appointment this afternoon and am unsure if I will make it downtown in time to register to speak. Therefore, I am pasting my statements below for the record.

Good Evening:

Thank you for opportunity to speak. I am speaking in opposition to the liquor license application for 6706 Raymond Rd. I am a property owner who lives within a block of the proposed location. I have submitted written statements in the last week supporting my opposition to the proposed liquor store location and appreciate the opportunity to summarize my statements here.

Since my husband and I purchased our home in 2006, property values decreased roughly 25% and have stayed stagnant since then. According to the City of Madison west district police web site,

neighbors have self reported via survey that burglaries and break-ins are a large problem in the area, along with drug activity and gang activity.

Studies published by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation as well as the University of Minnesota, which were previously provided to Alder McKinney and the ALRC, have concluded that areas with higher alcohol

establishment density are more likely to have higher violent crime rates. Furthermore, since this establishment would be

located within **112 feet** of the Kindercare Daycare Center, if this store opened, small children would be exposed to the type of crimes that liquor establishments tend to attract, such as public drunkenness, drug sales, and disputes that can arise due to the fact that people tend to loiter around these establishments.

Furthermore, the following stores would directly compete for business with this proposed store.

Sam's Club and Walmart are 1.6 miles away from this location, and are on the bus line.

Woodman's Liquor store is 1.5 miles away from this location, and is also on the bus line. Steve's Liquor store is 2.6 miles away on McKee Rd, and is also accessible by bus, as is the Hyvee store

across Fitchrona Rd from Steve's Liquor. There isn't a shortage of liquor stores in the immediate area and there especially is no reason to locate a new store in a residential area, immediately next door to a daycare center.

I encourage the business owner to locate the store in a commercial area more appropriate for liquor sales, and encourage the Alcohol License Review Committee to decline this application for a liquor license for 6706 Raymond Rd.

Thank you.

Joanne Heil