

Hello,

My name is Kevin Hermsen and I live at 820 Williamson Street, two blocks from Plan B. When I moved to Madison a little over two years ago I was not yet out of the closet and didn't really have a place that I felt comfortable being myself. Then I found Plan B. Plan B isn't some token gay bar that you find in every city. It is a comfortable place for people to express who they are without feeling judged or having to be uncomfortable. It is a place where both gay and straight people are welcome. I was able to slowly grow and express myself until I was able to find the strength to come out. I met some of my closest friends here who continue to help me to grow. When I think of the East side of Madison, it is places like this that truly make me continue to live here. It's the free thinking, open armed establishments that make the East side special and different from the rest of this city.

As to the noise situation, I can honestly say that Plan B is one of the calmer establishments in this city. I frequent many of the bars and restaurants near B and have never noticed anything loud coming from the building. They did a great job building an area in back for smokers to frequent that is not residential facing, and their security does great work keeping people from loitering outside after bar close or being disruptive while waiting to get in. I could not be more impressed with the effort that Corey and Rico have put in to make B an establishment that is not only successful, but respectful to it's neighbors and community.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hermsen