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**Subject:** Legistar #58773 -- Canopy nightclub  
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Dear Members of the ALRC and Alder Rummel,

I do not support Austin Carl's proposal for Canopy, a nightclub at 924 Williamson Street (Legistar #58773). While I sympathize with his desire to start a business and the financial pressures he is under with his current lease, everything I've heard from him in several meetings makes me think he's not prepared to run such a business. Each meeting decreases instead of increases my confidence. His ever-changing plans have been impossible to pin down or evaluate, his paperwork has been incomplete and not matched his verbal promises, and he hasn't communicated clearly with neighbors, the alder, or the city.

Several specific concerns with Mr. Carl's plans have gotten a lot of discussion, including unclear parking agreements, whether or not there will be 18+ nights or live music, and his stated future plans for an outdoor patio. While all these elements are important, I don't think they can be resolved in any way that changes a more fundamental problem -- a large nightclub does not belong on Williamson Street so close to people's homes. The noise and disturbance has proven to be an insurmountable problem for close neighbors over the past decade despite their efforts to work with the owners of the previous nightclubs in the space, Plan B and Prism. As other neighbors have stated, it's been tried and it has failed. For this reason, I hope Austin Carl is able to start a successful business in a more appropriate location, but not at 924 Williamson Street.

Please deny Mr. Carl's applications for alcohol and entertainment licenses for Canopy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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