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12/18/2013
Good Evening Decision Makers, Community Members + Neighbors,

My name is Nikole Nelson and I have lived in the Atwood neighborhood for 6 years on Jackson Street. When I first moved in I was amazed at how accepting and open every single person was that I came into contact with, and this still remains true today. When I think of the Atwood community I feel a sense of warmth and happiness and think of a place where all humans are free and equal. However, the last time the BP tried to obtain their beer license they were denied and this appeal was scheduled. There are a myriad of thoughts that come to mind when I consider this, the first being how unfair it is to impose personal beliefs + life styles on others (such as making the choice to abstain from alcoholic beverages). In my opinion we should each respect one another without judgment, as I know our Heavenly Father advises. I

understand the potential harm that can come from drinking, but who is to say which beverage to drink and when. And, if members of the churches on Atwood are concerned about a gas station down the street selling beer, when do we bring up the wine, drunk as a replica of the blood of Christ? It's incredibly unjust to say some can do an activity in God's name while others cannot. I also keep thinking about how the BP on Atwood is one of my favorite convenience stores in the neighborhood, and it is also owned and operated by a remarkably kind family ~~minority~~ that are a minority in this free country of ours. It pains me to think that racism may be one of the only forces stopping this store from exercising their right to own a business and support their family on American soil.

Looking through the history of our country, those who are martyred and persecuted always come back with more

strength, more energy & more determination than ever. If we lose this battle today we will be back, time and time again, until we reach our goal. Fighting for what we believe in is what Americans are known for, and as this letter is being read we are gathering more supporters of justice and equality for all.

Will you stand with us or will you choose to fall apart?

Thanks for listening to my words,

Nicole Nelson

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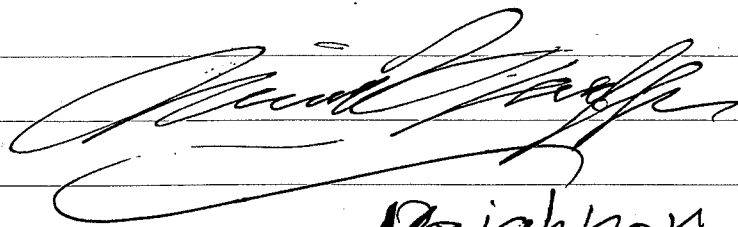
The Manager Just
WANTS. THE OPPORTUNITY
TO PROVIDE A SERVICE
FOR THE COMMUNITY.

FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS
AND I THINK THEY DESERVE
A CHANCE

IF PROBLEMS ARISE THEN
THEY WILL BE ADDRESSED.

MOST OF US LOOK FOR WAYS
TO HELP OTHERS.

AND THIS IS ONE WAY WE
CAN HELP THEM STAY
IN BUSINESS.


Neighbor

To Whom This MAY
CONCERN:

I Would Very Much
like TO SUPPORT THE
SMALL BUSINESS-MAN IN
OUR NEIGHBOOR, BY giv^{ing}
g. Him A CHANCE, WE
OUR HERE TO HELP OUR
NEIGHBOR

Ralph Williams

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To All concerned About 12/18/13
The Liquor License -

As a Resident and small Business
owner in the ~~present~~ ^{present} area for
over 20 years, I am encouraging you
to award the Liquor License to BP
for the following reasons -

1. New Management (Nabal) & Co.
Have demonstrated a responsible
community oriented Business environment
2. The employees are adults and their
are only 3 of them (Less chance of error)
3. Management understands the
responsibility that goes with selling
Beer and they will be diligent in
checking Id's.
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#2 I know the full history of BP/Clark and have endured losses (monetary) from previous owners - I understand the neighborhood fears of robbery, fights etc. NABEL has spoken to me that he is responsible and cares about the community

#3 - It's a new ERA, New Management
Let's move forward with this decision - it will go full circle and the benefits will be realized by all in the neighborhood of Madison.

#6. Nabel has been very receptive to input I've given him regarding what BP can contribute to this community?

Moving Forward
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Regarding the application to the ALRC for a license to sell beer at the Atwood Avenue BP Station:

I live two blocks from the Atwood Avenue BP Station. I am adamantly opposed to the approval of a license for this gas station to sell beer.

In the past, the owners of this property agreed to a Conditional Use that required that the premises never sell alcohol. Each owner, as the property was sold to new owners, was aware of this restriction. The current owner was well aware, at the time they bought the property, that this restriction was in place. They should be held to that promise, made to the neighborhood in 2006, and not have their application for a license granted.

The Plan Commission, I believe, simply punted the issue to the ALRC because they believed it was an issue related to alcohol only. In fact, one of the applicants was the original developer of the BP station -- who agreed to the restriction in the first place.

This is not an issue of fairness: there are indeed other premises on Atwood Avenue that have licenses to sell beer and liquor. However, only this premise had its owners agree to a permanent restriction NOT to sell alcohol on the premise. The argument that others have a license and so the BP station should be allowed to have one two ignores the simple fact that the property owners made a promise to the neighborhood to NEVER sell alcohol on the premises in exchange for being able to redevelop the property in a way that fit their plans.

The owners should be held to that promise and not allowed to have their license approved.

In addition, some people suggest that, because of the lower quality beer that will be sold at the station, somehow class or race comes into play in this argument. This logic is also faulty. No other set of owners have agreed to the set of conditions that these owners have agreed to. So, other businesses that sell alcohol on Atwood Avenue are not in a similar situation: they are not restricted because they made no such promises to the neighborhood.

The SASY neighborhood has written you a letter opposing the approval of the license application. The immediate neighbors do not want this license approved.

In the face of the immediate opposition of neighbors, and the neighborhood association should the ALRC approve the application. No it should put the application on file and suggest to the owners that they continue to fulfill the promise they made to the neighborhood when they bought the property.

With regards,

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RE: Issuance of Liquor License

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support the application for a liquor license for the BP located at 2801 Atwood Ave, Madison, Wisconsin. I attended a community meeting in September at the Plymouth Church regarding this issue. There were approximately nine people in attendance to talk about whether a license to sell beer should be issued to the operators of the BP. Of the nine people attending, only two people opposed the idea stating that the previous condition placed on the premises to prohibit the sale of alcohol, which has now been lifted, should not have been lifted. (Apparently the condition was placed on the premises long ago under different ownership and it has nothing to do with the current owners.) Also in attendance was the Chairman of SASY (Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Association), Lou Host Jablonski. As I recall, he was not opposed to the issuance of a license on a trial basis to see what the impact would have on the neighborhood. I have lived in the neighborhood for over 25 years and I do not believe that it would be detrimental to the area to have beer sales at the BP.

Very truly yours,



Dean F. Christianson