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DATE: May 19, 2026

TO: Alcohol License Review Committee Members

FROM: Jennifer Zilavy, Assistant City Attorney

RE: 2026 Liquor License Renewal Separations: Taco Bell, 534 State Street

This license is separated due to Madison Police Department's concerns regarding repeated calls for service to respond to fights and disturbances at Taco Bell and Taco Bell management/staff cooperation with police pursuant to investigations related to incidents at Taco Bell. A Madison Police Department Detective's complained to the Clerk's office after an incident involving a substantial battery in which the detective requested video footage of the incident. The incident occurred on January 25, 2026. The video footage was requested on January 26, 2026. Taco Bell manager Sofia told the detective the video would be released. The detective followed up with Sofia several times and was told that someone with authority would download and provide the footage. On February 16, after following up on the video status for the 3rd time, the detective was told that the company required a subpoena for the video. On February 18, 2026, the detective served a subpoena for the video on Christopher Kline. On February 23, 2026, the detective was told that Taco Bell was unable to provide the footage as it was no longer available.

The liquor license has a condition which requires establishment staff to regularly patrol and discourage loitering on the premises. It appears some of the calls for service may be related to people hanging out at or around the premises and it is unclear whether Taco Bell management and staff are complying with this condition.