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To: Members of the Alcohol License Review Committee
From: Sara Eskrich, District 13 Alder
RE: Scennie Bar and Rockhound Brewing Company
Date: May 15, 2017

There are two entertainment licenses before you this evening in District 13. I am writing to share my support for both applications.

52. 46911 Change of Licensed Conditions Scennie Bar LLC • dba Scennie Bar • Capacity: 160 1421 Regent St • Agent: Thomas Van Wie Class B Combination Liquor & Beer • 66% alcohol, 33% food, 1% other Aldermanic District 13 (Alder Eskrich) • Police Sector 303 Request to change entertainment from 4 times per month to 4 times per week.

There was significant neighborhood concern when this bar changed ownership, particularly related to noise. I am happy to share that there have been no complaints regarding noise under this new ownership and management. I am supporting this scaled increase in entertainment license capacity, rather than entirely removing conditions, under the expectation this continued respect for neighborhood noise levels will be maintained. We held a neighborhood meeting where residents were understandably nervous about an increase in entertainment, but ultimately seemed to not oppose increase in capacity. However, I do know there are some residents who do not support increased entertainment or bar capacity generally on Regent Street.

58. 46910 21+ Entertainment License Rockhound Brewing Company LLC • dba Rockhound Brewing Company • Capacity: 138 444 S Park St • Agent: Nathan Warnke Class B Combination Liquor & Beer • 50% alcohol, 50% food Aldermanic District 13 (Alder Eskrich) • Police Sector 305

This brewery has been a positive addition to the neighborhood and neighbors showed up to support their outdoor seating and indoor entertainment license proposal at our neighborhood meeting. I have also heard from neighbors and residents who are concerned about added outdoor seating and potential for noise from entertainment licenses, but the vast majority of contacts I have received are supportive and positive. I have confidence the owner will continue to be a respectful neighbor and not misuse the privilege of an entertainment license.

Thank you for your attention and thorough review of these licenses. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.