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Plan Commission:

I would like to register my unqualified support for the approval of conditional use(s) for the proposed shop. As a longtime resident of the Roundhouse Apartments at 626 Langdon, I sincerely believe that the new shop would fit in wonderfully with the surrounding campus neighborhood, and add its' charm, vitality and uniqueness to the Roundhouse. There is no downside. It would provide a much needed benefit not only to those who live in the two Roundhouse Towers, but also to the many students and non-students alike, who regular traverse the Langdon - Lake Street corridor - whether school is in session or not. The opening of the new shop would be the last piece of the puzzle in what had formerly been originally been envisioned for the Roundhouse Apartment, when it was thankfully allowed to avoid premature demolition - advocated by some - and add overall improvements and upgrades, including the construction of a second adjacent fully rented apartment building. The ground floor space has been underutilized and non functional for too long, to the detriment of many.

The application's approval would allow the shop owner(s) to develop in a way that fits their business model and sales projections - while adding to the overall quality of life, quiet enjoyment and economic vitality of the Madison Downtown/UW Campus community. It would further add another key Dane Buy Local member to the Langdon-State Street business community.

Again, I support the above-referenced application and would like this statement to be included as an agenda item comment to be included in the record.

Thank you,

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