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My name is Paul Kusuda. I came to support the Las Islas Del Mar's application for a Class B Combination Liquor and Beer license at 5696 Monona Dr.

I came today because I was unable to attend the public hearing on July 18. I was not asked by anyone to attend or speak. I represent no organization, just myself.

My wife and I own a single-dwelling home on 200 Tompkins Dr., about three houses from Las Islas, where we've lived for more than 50 years. In fact, I was one of the persons responsible for the annexation of the area from Blooming Grove.

The site was occupied by Crandall's. Before that, it was a Burger King, and before that, Bonanza Steak House.

My wife and I support Islas because it will be family operated, and we encourage local development and patronize local businesses whenever possible. The family operating Las Islas invested a great deal in improving the site. It developed a good business plan and an attractive menu that were distributed in the neighborhood by a young member of the family. Family and extended members will comprise the core of employees until the work force needs to be enlarged.

I am not personally a sea foods fan because of allergic reaction to shrimp, crab, and possibly other food items. My wife enjoys sea food, so we plan to be dinner patrons from time to time with my ordering non-seafood items listed on the menu.

I believe that Las Islas should receive the requested license because without it, business attraction will be considerably reduced.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support of Las Islas.