



Dear Urban Design Commission,

I am the one of the Owners and the Operator of Eno Vino Downtown located at the top of the AC Hotel in Downtown Madison. We opened in May of 2017, and over the course of the last three years we have become a destination for local and visiting guests to celebrate Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations, and many other life events. Many of our visitors take photos to commemorate these life achievements and their photos display the stunning birds-eye view of the Capitol Building as the backdrop. With all of these celebrations and corresponding commemorative photos, we have truly become a landmark in Madison and a top destination for locals and visitors alike.

We have partnered with Destination Madison, the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce, Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau, Travel Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Cheese to host many visiting groups to the Madison Area. We have also been featured in multiple Promotional Videos for Travel Wisconsin, highlighting our City and view of the Capitol Building from 10 stories up. These videos showcase the beauty of Madison and have encouraged travelers to choose our City as their destination. Our partnership with the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau has been particularly successful, utilizing Eno Vino Downtown to showcase our beautiful City and helping to encourage companies to choose Madison as the location to host their large events and conventions.

We are proud to have partnered with a number of local charities over the years as well, including Garding Against Cancer, Coaches vs Cancer, the UW Carbone Cancer Center, and the American Family Children's Hospital. Through these partnerships, we have been able to help raise money for these charities, money that stays in our community.

We are a public restaurant, and our space is open to anyone and everyone, local or visiting the Madison Area, to experience the incredible view of the Capitol.

We have been proud to be the venue for countless special occasions for many visitors from the Madison Area and across the country. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations, Engagements, Weddings, and many other life events are celebrated with us regularly, with the illuminated view of the Capitol, that feels almost so close you can touch it, making all of these life events feel extra special for everyone that celebrates with us.

If this development proceeds at its current height, the stunning and unique view of the Capitol will be completely lost, and local and visiting guests hoping to take a picture with the Capitol in the background will have a glass office building as their backdrop instead. We think the opportunity for the public to enjoy this birds-eye view of the Capitol shouldn't be blocked for private use, but instead should remain a landmark for all to enjoy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jose Luis Granados





















