

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed liquor store for 421 S. Park St. Among the reasons for my objection are:

1. Proximity to Brittingham Park. Longtime residents and police should remember conditions at the park in the 1990s when the park was plagued by problems related to alcohol, prostitution, etc. This led to closing off Shore Dr. at West Washington and closing the fireplaces and bathrooms at the shelter. Siting a liquor store at 421 S. Park St. would likely contribute to a recurrence of those problems.

2. Proximity to West Shore Dr. West Shore Dr. is a bike boulevard connecting segments of the Capitol City Trail. It is frequently at all hours by cyclists, runners, and walkers of all ages, including children. Siting a liquor store at 421 S. Park St. would likely lead to more traffic on West Shore Dr. and likely more impaired drivers.

3. The city already denied an application for a store selling alcoholic beverages at 405 S. Park for similar reasons. The close location and much larger size of this proposal should only give reason for doubling down on this license request.

Thank you for your consideration.

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