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Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 4:50 PM
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Subject: FW: Vote NO to the request for separation for Plan B

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Subject: Vote NO to the request for separation for Plan B

Members of the Alcohol License Review Committee,

I live (1102 Willy St.) and work within blocks of Plan B. It is a thriving tax producing community centered business that needs to be left alone. The owners and staff are involved in countless community building organizations lend their property, time, staff, money and talent to fundraising events year round. The business itself draws people in regionally as it targets LGBT clientele. A thriving profitable Plan B is very important to the LGBT community in Madison. Of all cities in America, Madison does not want the negative image of hampering a very important LGBT gathering place.

Vote No on the request for separation for Plan B.

Thank you,

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From: Dick Wagner [rrdickwagner@gmail.com]
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To: Christianson, Eric
Subject: Plan B license

Please share this with members of the ALRC.

I was concerned when I saw the letter sent on behalf of the Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) which can only be viewed as an attack on Plan B, a business operating in a commercially zoned area and part of the vitality Williamson Street.

While I know a few neighbors raised a noise issue over Plan B, and there was a working group to focus on the issue, I do not feel the license renewal rises to the level of a neighborhood wide issue. I say this as a resident of the neighborhood since 1974 and one who served as a past president of MNA. I and my immediate neighbors certainly sometimes hear late night parties at the Elks Club just down the Street, but would not think it was an issue to seek their license denial or one to involve the broader neighborhood association which can have only the most limited understanding of such a localized issue. So with Plan B.

What disturbs me most is that Plan B is being treated as if their were a hog rendering plant or some noxious use. As one of the many early gay people who moved into the Marquette neighborhood, along with many other straight people as well, the effort was to build a place where all could be part of a community. The neighborhood welcome the Gay Liberation statue in Orton Park, other gay related institutions like Outreach and AIDS network have found a home and become important parts of the area. A gay bar is one more cherished institution to have in the neighborhood, at least that is my view, and one I would have expressed had the neighborhood association done any communicating with its current members like myself.

Just because we have an African American President does mean racism is at an end, likewise just electing an openly gay Senator does mean homophobia is gone. This Spring publicity was distributed in the neighborhood publicizing our festivals. It was unfortunate in my view that only the four longer establish festivals were featured and the new festival of FruitFest, specifically geared to the LGBT community was not included. Whether this was oversight or animus I cannot say but I know how I felt seeing my community's event excluded.

At my age of near 70 I am only an infrequent user of gay bars, indeed of any bars, but I hope the ALRC will seek to resolve any issues so Plan B may continue.

Thank you for your talent in weighing all the public issues of your work.

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