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To: Members of the Alcohol License Review Committee.

Re: Item 32, Change of Licensed Premises, The Atwood, 2116 Atwood Ave

We ask that you deny the request to modify the current license for The Atwood to serve customers in the area behind building

For years we have attempted to curtail the noise and fights in the back of the former Mr. Roberts. This bar is surrounded on 3 sides by residences. The back of the bar is not visible from the street and therefore is not easy for supervision. When the new owners took over the bar (The Atwood), there were meetings with our alder and neighbors to determine ways to decrease hearing the loud music from within the bar and to keep people from gathering and smoking behind the bar. **These conditions, aimed at dealing with noise were approved by the ALRC and the City Council for the granting of their existing liquor license:**

Common Council granted 12-9-2016 with the following conditions:

1. After 9 p.m., the back door will be used as an emergency exit only.
2. No trash will be dumped or collected between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
3. Live music will end by 12:30 a.m.
4. While there is live music, the front door will be kept closed.
5. On nights when there is live music, a staff member will manage the parking lot from 11 p.m. until it has cleared.

This modification of the current license will negate all the current conditions in place to help stop the noise from this bar disturbing neighbors on Corscot Ct., Linden Ave. and Division St.

- There are no provisions in this request to control the number of people that will gather in the back.
- There is no end time the bar will stop serving alcohol on the patio.
- The area requested is quite large and extends east to behind the adjacent building with no provision to control any noise or supervision.

Notification of this major change was merely a sign in the window of The Atwood. When we called the city clerk's office last week to learn more about the specifics of The Atwood's request, we were told that there should have been an informational meeting posted on the public notice in their window. There is none. We were told that the postcards should have been mailed to those within 100 feet of the bar. Our lot line ends at the back of the bar's cement lot. We did not receive a postcard.

We strongly oppose this modification.

Thank you for your time,
Terry Cohn and Michael Johns

