

Alcohol License Review Committee:

We respectfully request that the application for a 21+ Entertainment License of Diego Enterprises Inc dba Cucos Mexican Restaurant (Item 13. #49889) be rejected by the Committee. We continue to protest with similar testimony made during the Separated Liquor License Renewal reviewed at the ALRC meeting on 5/25/2017.

Our concerns continue to be primarily focused on excessive bass from current Entertainment/"Karaoke" at the establishment during the hours of 11:30PM to 2:30AM on Friday and Saturday nights along with yelling/fighting in the parking lot. Initial efforts to encourage the owner/manager of Cuco's to employ sound damping have proven unsuccessful so we have resulted in calling the police. Though we're demoralized over this multi-year issue without resolution and frequently forgo phoning, we've recently submitted excessive noise complaints on 11/4/2017, 12/9/2017, 12/16/2017, and 1/6/2018.

Our understanding is that the following conditions were placed on the Liquor License during the 6/6/2017 Common Council meeting:

- 1) Establishment must meet the definition of a restaurant under section 38.02 MGO at all times;
- 2) Food must be available at all times;
- 3) The license holder will appear before the Alcohol License Review Committee no later than August 2017 and that before doing so will participate in a neighborhood meeting and will complete Safer Bars training.

We have not seen an attempt at the business to hold or participate in a neighborhood meeting. Nor has the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association reported any such activity. We also can find no records of appearance in the meeting minutes of the ALRC for that time period.

With respect to this new application, given the levels of current intoxication and disturbances witnessed, we have serious reservations about the security plan attached with this license request as well as the missing type of entertainment requested.

The unfortunate reality of this situation is that Cuco's operates as a full-fledged bar during the weekend late hours and hosts live music without regard for their neighbors unfortunately located less than 125' between properties and less than 275' from back door to back door. We also challenge the validity that they operate within their 80% Food and 20% Alcohol ratios. We fully support a responsible restaurant in that location that serves alcohol to its patrons but take issue with this bar/club like behavior.

In summary we request that this application be rejected and that the current alcohol license LICLIB-2014-00066 be reviewed with scrutiny when up for renewal before 06/30/2018. We feel that with goodwill and a little effort, the business can safely and without disturbance continue to be a profitable location on the East Side.

Thank you,

Ryan & Christina McKee

Madison, WI 53716