

I am unable to attend the separated renewal meeting today but would like to ask that the ALRC support the license renewal for Plan B with conditions to address the disruption it has caused the neighborhood.

I was at the Marquette Neighborhood Association meeting when the owners presented Plan B (originally, for a Wilson St. location) as a gay-friendly restaurant, with a separate room with entertainment for adults. In my naivete, I remember thinking (and may have even stated aloud) "but *every* restaurant in this neighborhood is gay-friendly..."! Indeed, this spirit of inclusiveness is one of the many things I love about my neighborhood.

Willy Street is, in my opinion, not suited for the noise and traffic associated with a nightclub. Now that it's there, every action needs to be taken to ensure that *none* of its neighbors are forced out of their sleep, or out of their homes. While they could not have expected a nightclub to open nearby, the club's owners should have anticipated that it would be costly to retrofit the premises, and to hire sufficient staff, to minimize its impact.

While the owners have taken steps to try to resolve the issues that have resulted from this mismatch of club and neighborhood, it seems that there are still opportunities in this regard. I encourage the ALRC to require, as a condition of license renewal, that all reasonable accommodations are made to address the gaps identified by those neighbors who are most impacted, with recognition that these changes will benefit the neighborhood as a whole.

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