

Dear City Council--

I understand that someone has applied for a tavern license for 1842 Monroe Street.

I doubt that this would be a good idea.

I love this neighborhood, have lived here ever since I moved to Madison in 2001; I currently live at 1710 Jefferson. One of the reasons I love the neighborhood is that the Monroe Street commercial area is very family-friendly. I have no hesitation about letting my two girls (currently 12 and 15) walk around the neighborhood.

I fear that adding another tavern would change the balance and feel of the neighborhood, in a very negative way. This would be true no matter the licensee, but I think it especially true if the proposed business is focussed on drinking as an end in itself; none of the existing businesses on that block are places one goes just to drink.

Thanks for taking on the tough job of listening to, and balancing, the various and varied voices in our city. I hope that you will agree that the proposed tavern is too big a jump, in the wrong direction, and that you will help guide the evolution of my neighborhood wisely.

Regards,
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