

Greetings-

I held a neighborhood meeting 3/1 for all three licenses on your 3/14 ALRC agenda. Usually I try to have my meeting before the neighborhood association meets but that didn't work out this time. Approximately 32 neighbors and adjacent business owners attended. Many of the neighbors had attended the MNA Board meeting and were supportive of the license conditions in MNA's recommendation. I support MNA's license conditions as well. I do have some additions noted below.

Thanks for your service. I plan to attend the meeting for a while.

Alder Marsha Rummel

18. [25293](#) Public Hearing - Transfer of Location
AVRA LLC • dba OPA
New Address 901 Williamson St. • Agent: Vasilis Kallias
Estimated Capacity: 48
Class B Combination Liquor & Beer • 20% alcohol, 80% food
Aldermanic District 6 (Alder Rummel) • Police Sector 408

I support the license for "Take Five"/OPA with conditions listed in MNA's letter. There was concern among many neighbors about adding a more intensive alcohol component to what was previously more of a convenience store/take-out restaurant use. Over the last few years, several new licenses have been added to this block: LaRocca and now Pigs, Plan B, Umami and now Madison Sourdough. The Wisco is across Paterson on the corner of the 800 block. Some neighbors feel it is enough, though they recognize the C2 zoning allows for this use and most enjoy the great restaurants and bars on Willy St. But in general the south side of Williamson is more residential. In fact, 901 Williamson has second floor residential uses. People welcomed the greek fusion menu format proposed by Mr. Kallias, but there was no support for alcohol to be served until bar time. The compromise that satisfied most was to allow the restaurant to stay open til 11p with the conditions requested by MNA. No one wanted an empty storefront in a retail building, but many were concerned about late night noise and other impacts of a restaurant catering to bar time crowds at that corner.

At the meeting, Vasilis Kallias agreed to most of the MNA Board's conditions: no live music or DJ inside. He also verbally committed, as did the landlord Mike DeMinter, that no patio service would be requested and no amplified music outside, so please add that to the conditions. Mr. Kallias may request the ability to serve food until 2a Thurs-Saturday. I don't support that at this time. In addition, I support Capt Gloede's condition that the applicant serve food at all times of operation and meet the definition of a restaurant at all times of operation.