

July 6, 2009

Members of the Madison Common Council
210 Martin Luther King Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Agenda item 23: Opposed to Sidewalk café for Bayou Bar on S. Butler St.

Dear Council Members;

I do appreciate the removal of beer bongs by the Bayou Bar. I am opposed to another sidewalk café on S. Butler St. We have already had problems with noise including people talking very loudly, early morning garbage dumping and band music. I anticipate a continuing problem with pedestrian traffic, and more noise disturbances in the street. This proximity of the café is too close to private residences.

We have past saturation point on alcohol and cafes in the downtown area according to a recent market analysis in this small area.
[http://visitdowntownmadison.com/uploads/media/Executive_Summary_\(2\).pdf](http://visitdowntownmadison.com/uploads/media/Executive_Summary_(2).pdf).
There could also be more consideration in the café application process to notify neighbors in advance of approvals by city and notice of city committee meetings. The limited café hours suggested would be better than nothing, if that is what you choose to do.

No other part of the city has the level of alcohol fueled disturbances, crime and violence. The Common Council and it's committees should monitor the downtown crime situation and consider implementing one of the many suggestions offered in the past to remedy the situation and rigorously pursue disciplinary actions to protect the public health and safety I look to you to address this issue given the impact that overconsumption has on the safety and quality of life in the downtown.

Sincerely,

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Cc: K. Plominski, mayor's Office
Mary Schauf, Captain of Police

