

To the ALRC:

A couple of you have asked me about the letter of support from the Greenbush Neighborhood Assn for the Mason Lounge's proposal.

The intent of the Greenbush neighbors is to have the Mason Lounge be a successful business. I want that, too. However, I respectfully disagree with the members of the Greenbush Neighborhood Assn. I am still opposed to this proposal.

This is the second time in my short tenure that the group wanted one thing, and an individual wanted the opposite. One of the most important principles in our society is protecting the rights of the minority. While it's a little highfalutin' to be applying that principle to a small outdoor seating area, I feel that it applies. My job as an elected official is to represent the group as best I can--unless they're wrong. If they're wrong, then it's my job to stand up for the individual.

In my opinion, the right of the neighbor to live peacefully in his own home trumps the right of Mr. Richgels (whom I respect and wish otherwise to support) to make money.

I oppose this request. I ask you to deny it.

Thanks.

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