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Dear ALRC,

As a neighborhood resident, I support granting a liquor license to Taco Madres. It's great to have more dining opportunities, more small businesses, and more cultural diversity in the neighborhood.

Alcoholic beverages are typically a high-profit menu segment for a restaurant, in a business that otherwise has a very constrained profit margin. I myself drink very seldomly and would likely not have a margarita at Taco Madres, but I want to see this business have a real chance at putting down roots here.

I was in attendance at the Jan 15 meeting, and am aware of the unnecessarily awkward and prolonged process that this applicant has already gone through. For me, that meeting highlighted disparities in how applicants are treated, and I encourage the body to reflect on how issues of language, culture, and neighborhood could be influencing how applicants are treated.

I'm not concerned about having a Mexican restaurant in the same neighborhood as an elementary school or a park. That is, frankly, an absurd pretext of a "concern". It's a very thin paper over a hard-line prohibitionist agenda that, while well-meaning, is unrealistic and will lead to unintended consequences. Atwood Ave is our neighborhood's main commercial corridor, and if anything, is underused as such.

As a seldom drinker myself, my interest in this alcohol license is rooted primarily in making my neighborhood a walkable, complete, amenity-rich place to live, where people don't have to get behind the wheel of a car to have a drink with their restaurant meal--or after they've had some.

Thank you,

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