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Subject: Opposition to ALRC Agenda Items 71461 and 71462, May 18, 2022 (Taco Local 811 Williamson Street)
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Dear City Officials,

We are writing on behalf of the Livingston Condominium Association regarding ALRC agenda items 71461 and 71462 during its May 18, 2022 hearing. Our building is directly across the street from Taco Local. We have 36 residential owners. Both our building and Taco Local's building have no set back from the City sidewalk.

There have been several complaints from our owners about noise from Taco Local during the warm weather months. During those months Taco Local does live music quite often with the double doors propped open and customers in front of the building. (See photo below taken in early May.) We asked Alder Benford to help on at least two occasions without any improvement.

When the Common Council granted the liquor license in July in 2020, it imposed two conditions:

~ The establishment must meet the definition of a restaurant pursuant to Madison General Ordinance section 38.02 at all times.

~ Alcohol sales shall cease by 10 pm daily.

We oppose aspects of the requested license modifications for two reasons. First the requested changes would materially alter the conditions that were imposed by the Common Council when the license was granted in July, 2020. Second, the application should be denied until the current problems are resolved.

We are opposed to dining IN FRONT of the property for noise and pedestrian access reasons. Second, we are opposed to extending the liquor license to serve alcohol until bar time, which would turn Taco Local into a bar after dinner service. We are also opposed to any live music at this establishment since Taco Local does not have a license for it and the history of complaints related to the live music.

We ask the City to deny:

1. Extending the liquor license past 10 pm.
2. Permitting outdoor dining in front of the establishment.

We also ask the City to order the business to cease its live music since it does not have the required license.

Respectfully,

The Livingston Condominium Association Board of Directors

John Sims, President

Peter Gunder, Vice President

David Bridgeford, Treasurer and Secretary

