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To:

Subject: Opposed to Sconnie Bar amendment

Hi Sara, I am not able to attend the upcoming meetings about the Sconnie Bar request to change their entertainment license, but wanted to share my opinion. I am strongly opposed to the request for several reasons.

1 - the change requested by the amendment is an enormous increase from current state and it undermines the terms of their liquor license. The owners first stated this would be a sports bar with occasional live music, not a place where there would be music more than half the days they are open. Their liquor license was approved with the condition that Sconnie Bar limit the noise. Increasing live music to 16 times per month from 4 is not limiting noise, it is a significant and unacceptable increase. This feels a lot like a bait and switch.

2 - this is not an established neighborhood institution; Sconnie Bar has been around for just a few months. They have a largely unproven track record, and zero experience during the summer months and football season, which is when problems are more likely to arise (lots of open windows/doors, increased number of people during games, etc).

3 - the Regent St area is already very noisy. Residents expect this on game days, but it should not extend to disturbing the neighborhood 16 days a month, with loud music filtering into the neighborhood and loud patrons leaving the bar afterwards.

Thanks and I hope you will share this with the ALRC.

Thank you,
Leah Johnson