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May 5, 2008

Members of The Common Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
210 MLKJ Blvd., Room 103
Madison, Wisconsin

Subject: Cardinal Café and Bar
Madison's

Dear Council Members:

On Monday April 28th, 2008, residents of the First Settlement District of Capitol Neighborhoods Inc attended an alder-sponsored meeting regarding several alcohol licenses

The First Settlement neighborhood can not support the capacity increase requested by Madison's on King Street at this time. Since this business does not yet meet the definition of a restaurant, any capacity increase would violate the alcohol outlet density plan. We appreciate the honesty and candor of the owners presenting this request, and look forward to working with them as they continue to come closer to meeting the definition of a restaurant.

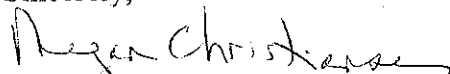
We do not object to the proposal by the Cardinal Bar and Café regarding seating outside between 4:00 p m and 9:00 p m , with furniture removed by 11:00 p m. and the area cleared by midnight. Mr Gonzales's assurance that the side door leading into the outdoor café area would only serve the café and would not become a second entrance to the Cardinal should be a condition of this approval.

A recent downtown market analysis by Downtown Madison Inc. indicates more than 50% of the retail businesses in the area are eating and drinking establishments. Madison Police Department data show a direct correlation between alcohol outlet density and crime.

As you know, the total licensed capacity of King Street exceeds the current sidewalk capacity. We anticipate a continuing issue with pedestrian traffic in the street, not as a result of any single licensed establishment but as a result of alcohol outlet density on King Street. Both the ALRC and Madison Police should continue to monitor the situation. The First Settlement neighborhood continues to be committed to protecting public health and the safety of all downtown residents and visitors.

Meanwhile, the existing Majestic Update Committee will evolve into a King Street Update committee which will meet periodically with all licensed establishments in the King Street area. While we appreciate the vibrancy of the nightlife there, we will want to maintain close connection with the owners so that all parties are in the loop to maintain the health and safety of this important hospitality area.

Sincerely,



Megan Christiansen, Representative
First Settlement District