

Hello, Sarah and Shon,

I "met" you the other evening at the "Taste of Monroe St." gathering. We didn't shake hands, but I remember you as you introduced yourselves. I was seated to your left and slightly behind. I'm Katy, and I own the business at 1817 Monroe St., *Katy's American Indian Arts*.

I wasn't able to attend last night's neighborhood gathering, but I heard from one who was there that things got a little heated?! It's typical of human behavior that oftentimes there is fear or reluctance in accepting that which is not familiar. I'm hoping that once your smoking process is explained and better understood, folks in the neighborhood who live in homes and on streets behind and near Monroe St. will become more accepting of the intentions you have for creating your restaurant business.

Tonight Sara [our alder person] sent out a newsletter with explanation links--and a map of Austin, TX--showing the many BBQ smoking units and restaurants that co-exist there, both with each other and with the neighborhoods. It clarified things well, and should put at least some minds at rest. I imagine a number of us will be attending next Wednesday night's meeting regarding your alcohol licensing bid, and hoping for success!

I wish you the best of luck getting your restaurant up and running and I'm pretty sure I'm not alone in looking forward to your joining our wonderful Monroe St. business district filled with independent owner/operators--like yourselves--who love retail and the service industry, and are trying to make a satisfying living, the happiest and best way we know how.

Warm regards, [and please forgive the late hour. I know---I'm a night-owl.]  
Katy Schalles [pronounced *SHALL*-us]