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Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 12:15 PM

To: Marianne Flynn Statz <mflynnstatz@gmail.com>

Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Re: 131 W WILSON ST

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I have copied Heather Stouder Director of Madison Planning so your email can be made part of the official record.

Ledell Zellers

> On Jun 7, 2022, at 12:10 PM, Marianne Flynn Statz <mflynnstatz@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Please forgive me if you've already received my 1st email—but from my end it appeared it didn't go through.

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> In short, I'm writing to implore you to not support the demolition or a new building at 131 W. Wilson St until Greg Rice/EMI buy out Paisan's lease and also cover the cost of relocating their business to a new location.

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> As a life long Madisonian and someone who worked for the City for almost 3 decades, I as many do, consider Paisans to be a family tradition—a place where generations of families gathered to celebrate, socialize and also grieve—when my Dad died—Paisan's was where we went—because he and Mom had taken us there our whole lives—as I did with my family. The memories made there are irreplaceable!

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> Please show small businesses that you stand behind them. Mr. Rice has a history of unethical practices and he needs to be held accountable.

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> Thank you for your time and consideration.

> Best,

> Marianne Flynn Statz

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> Sent from my iPad

From: Lora Schwenn <blmounds@frontier.com>

Date: June 5, 2022 at 9:55:19 PM CDT

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Subject: Paisan's

Please do not support the demolition of the building at 131 W. Wilson Street or a new location at that location until the landlord buys out Paisan's from its current lease.

Please do not reward the unethical behavior of the landlord and his business associates by allowing a project at this site until this situation is resolved.

Loyal longtime Paisan's patrons,
Jim & Lora SCHWENN

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jerry Hancock](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Fwd: Paisan's
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 6:45:27 PM

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Madison's future depends on city government being able to protect the institutions of our civic life. Paisan's is one of those institutions. For more than 70 years, Paisans has been deep in the heart of Madison. Generations of students have worked there. Generations of families, including my own, have made Paisan's part of the fabric of our lives. it is inconceivable that the city would allow the owner of a building, through deliberate neglect, to tear out such a valued part of Madison. Private greed is understandable. Government indifference is incomprehensible. Do your job.

Jerry Hancock
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From: Sean McCosky [<mailto:mccosky52@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 12:16 PM

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Subject: Please Help Paisan's

Dear decision makers,

My name is Sean McCosky and until recently I had been an employee and a manager for the past 7 years at Paisan's. I am sending this email on behalf of Wally Borowski, Ed Shinnick, the employees, and all the lifelong patrons of Paisan's.

I had never heard of Paisan's before I started working there. I started there as a busser through my freshman year of college through a friend whose family has always loved Paisans, and I would continue to see that family come in frequently over the years, long after my friend had stopped working there. They became one of dozens if not hundreds of families I have recognized as regulars.

Customers always have similar stories about the history of Paisan's and how they have been coming to Paisan's since they were kids with their families, and now they are bringing their kids. The older patrons often would tell stories about how they have been coming to Paisan's since they were in college and would wait in lines that stretched outside.

Paisan's has developed a special place in my heart over the years as I have grown through my experiences there into the person I am today. I have worked every position in the restaurant at one point or another, including as janitor a couple of times. For the last couple years of my time there, I was handling quite a big chunk of the restaurant's operation both on the floor and administrative.

After a couple tough years with Covid and then the building safety shutdowns, I took a new job. I needed better job security and because of the negligence of EMI, Paisan's couldn't offer that.

I know both owners, Wally and Ed, have been looking into possible new locations for probably close to a year now, but the few locations that would have worked as turn-key were either too small or the rent was too high. Paisan's is having to give up one of the best lake-view locations in Madison, as well as being central to many great event venues that made Paisan's a prime spot to stop before or after badger games, Monona terrace events, Alliant energy center events, and more. At a new location, business will surely never return to what it used to. Even at the current location with the public knowledge of

the questionable safety of the building structure, many of our customers won't step foot in that building ever again.

Please hold Greg Rice and EMI accountable for the situation they have put Paisan's in. Paisan's is a Madison staple and it would be shameful if they were forced out of business because of Greg Rice and Executive Management.

Regards,
Sean McCosky

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