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Jim Verbick - I hope this is in time for the packet. If not, please do your best including sending it to the police and city attorney representatives that support the ALRC. Thanks much.

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Dear Members of the Madison ALRC:

Sorry I will be unable to attend the ALRC meeting to which this application has been referred.

I am not comfortable with the proposed uses, even as further detailed in the revised application. The intent is still to operate, in part, a liquor store with all sales for off-license consumption.

We have always supported food sales and beer and wine to augment those dining experiences. The proposed use includes no on-site dining and the alcohol sales are not necessarily intended to augment food, but could easily include many sales not involving food whatsoever. I know what has been supported in much of the past because many years ago I served for 18-1/2 years as the chair of the Vilas Neighborhood Association Zoning Committee. I have lived down the block from this location for 44 years.

I am also not comfortable with the veracity of the applicant's compliance with the licensing process. I had hoped that that after their 2019 application that they would have been more explicit with their plans and more in line with what the ALRC told them then.

I learned of the 2022 application from a text message from someone who was in the VNA meeting when this application was being discussed. Because the trades had been working in the 1403 building this summer, I had been periodically going down to the building and had seen no public notice posted. I telephoned the clerks office after hearing of the application discussion and left a message that there was no public notice posted. A notice first was posted between when I looked on 31 August 2022 and when I looked again on 01 September 2022. To my mind, this is when adequate public notice was first given. Even as posted, the sign location is such that it can be found by someone looking for it, but would be noticed by very few who were not looking for it. I do not think it is good enough, but it is the City who would make any such judgement.

Thanks for listening and thanks for the hard and necessary work you do.

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