

September 6, 2022

City of Madison Alcohol License and Review Committee
c/o Jim Verbick, City of Madison
sent via email: jverbick@cityofmadison.com

RE: Laura Garden Alcohol License Application to be Considered on September 21

Dear Mr. Verbick and ALRC Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Vilas Neighborhood Association (VNA) to express our position on the alcohol license request for Laura Garden LLC, 1403 Regent St. to be considered at the September 21, 2022 ALRC meeting.

The VNA is supportive of a carry-out food establishment within our neighborhood. We are also supportive of the 1403 Regent building being occupied following an extended vacancy. However, the VNA has concerns about the potential for the proposed establishment to function as a de-factor liquor store in the absence of restrictions. We are also concerned about the current "alcohol density" in the immediate area including several other establishments selling take-out alcohol along with several bars within a few blocks of the proposed establishment. Our goal is to support the proposed business while limiting its potential to exacerbate the alcohol-related issues in this area.

For these reasons, the VNA Council passed the following resolution at our August 24, 2022 meeting:

"The VNA supports granting an alcohol license to Laura Garden at 1403 Regent St. only with the following conditions:

- 1. No liquor sales - beer and wine only**
- 2. No sale of single serve bottles or cans larger than 25 ounces in size**
- 3. The floor display shall be revised to include the kitchen space**
- 4. No keg sales"**

These conditions are consistent with the alcohol license for Kwik Trip at 1421 Monroe St. located about two blocks from the proposed establishment. In the absence of these conditions attached to the license, the VNA would be opposed to granting the alcohol license to the applicant.

Thank you for your consideration,



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VNA Council Member on behalf of the VNA

CC: VNA President Sarah Bahauddin
CC: Alder Tag Evers, District 13