

To: City of Madison, ALRC, or whomever it may concern,

My name is Eddie Angelo Lopez. I have been with Lush Lounge since it's grand opening. I have spent 10+ years with the bar industry in the Midwest. I had taken a break from the work since the pandemic in order to pursue a career in plumbing work, with no plan of returning. That is until I was inspired to join the team after hearing Miss Alisa Davis' vision for Lush Lounge. Bar work and nightlife entertainment is messy, inconsistent, and problematic. At the same time, enjoyable and a necessity for a hardworking community. People all over the world go to their favorite watering holes to shed their career expectations and daily dilemmas, in hopes of making a deep connection with others. Lush Lounge allows strangers to become great friends and a whole establishment of individuals to connect on a higher happier vibration. If it were not for this feeling when I walked into work, and if it were not for this connection Lush Lounge holds with the eastside community, I would not be a part of this, or it's future. I will go to bat for Lush in any way in order to help keep the dream alive.

Since day 1, anyone that has been employed at Lush Lounge, that does not coincide with a vision for a long standing safe future for the Madison community, has been let go by Alisa, or myself. I have been witness to bar situations gone right and bar situations gone wrong in my career, so far. I have a strong intuition for when a situation is getting bad in the moment. Having two young children, I have made multiple promises to them, myself, and Alisa to keep Lush Lounge a safe, and unique place for the city of Madison.

Sadly, one thing that continues to get in the way of safety, economic development, and friendly bonds for the Eastside Madison Lush community is my previous manager, Miss Robin Thompson. Since opening day she has displayed selfish behavior. Some of these incidences including; inappropriate behavior towards employees, theft, betrayal, intoxication, and indecency to customers.

I hope you find it in your hearts to allow nonsense go to the wayside so we can continue to work together for a prudent time to come.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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