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Hello,

I'm reaching out on behalf of the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association to enter a comment in regard to the liquor license application for 2703 W Beltline Hwy Bhago Properties LLC (Lucky's Market). This is Agenda Item 11 on the ALRC meeting for 3/15/23.

Members of our neighborhood expressed strong opposition to the application for the Class A liquor license for two main reasons: concerns about trash/littering and the history of violent crime at this location. There is a significant amount of trash that residents in Arbor Hills pick up along the Frontage Road and Grandview Blvd., the main thoroughfare through our neighborhood. Mini liquor bottles (50mLs) are one of the items frequently found on these roads. Under previous ownership, this location also had a homicide in 2017 and a string of other violent crime in earlier years. Our Association stepped in to work with the City and MPD to get the owners to clean up their act, improve security, and reduce crime. Neighbors expressed concern that introducing a liquor license at this location could lead to an increase in crime.

The new owner of the property joined a community discussion with our neighborhood on March 9th, and we were glad to hear that there are several measures planned to address these concerns: The owner said that she will not sell liquor smaller than 200 mLs, that there will always be at least two staff present - often either her or her husband, who will manage the store - that the liquor will be located behind the counter, there will be security cameras in place, and the hours will be reduced from 24 hrs/day to 6am-10 pm (with alcohol sold from 8 am to 9 pm). We also appreciated hearing from Captain Harrison Zanders that the location has had very few calls for service to this location in recent years, and from District 14 Alder Sheri Carter that the ALRC will revoke a liquor license if there is cause for concern (e.g., crime at the location) - even before the committee conducts its annual review meeting. It is our understanding that this new owner does not have a history of crime or incidents at the other gas station or liquor stores that she owns in Madison.

If the ALRC decides to grant this application, the AHNA will support that decision, and we will pay close attention to the effects on trash and crime in our neighborhood. We'll bring those observations to this committee for future review or escalate to City and MPD officials if necessary.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration for this application.

Sincerely,
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