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Dane County Coalition to Reduce Alcohol Abuse Position Statement on Agenda Item 44

The Dane County Coalition to Reduce Alcohol Abuse, with reservations, supports the EDO Garden application, which is subject to a hearing before the ALRC this evening, April 25, 2012. The DCCRAA supports the application, as long as the applicant is denied or does not pursue an entertainment permit.

If this establishment truly plans to operate as a restaurant, there is no need for a permit to allow DJ's or bands. Applying for an entertainment permit would throw into question whether this establishment truly plans to operate as a restaurant, or whether they actually will operate as a club at night.

The Dane County Coalition will continue to oppose granting additional entertainment licenses in this downtown area. Until there are fewer bars here, the Coalition believes that increasing the number of entertainment licenses will only exacerbate the alcohol-fueled environment.

The Coalition asks the ALRC to support this license only if an entertainment permit is not also granted. In the event that the license is granted and the applicant later returns requesting an entertainment permit, the DCCRAA would take position of opposing the application and ask that the ALRC deny the entertainment permit.

Thank you for your time.