

Dear Members of the ALRC,

I am writing both in support of the community members who live on the 900 block of Jenifer St. and of PLAN B.

One of the reasons my family bought a house in the Willy St. neighborhood was the diversity of people and businesses. This neighborhood has bars, a co-op, families, restaurants, college students, young couples, and a dance club. Living in this type of neighborhood comes with its perks and its challenges. Yes, I can walk to my local grocery store, but unfortunately there are occasions when I have been woken up by college students coming home from the bar late at night. However, from my experience with knowing and working with a family who lives on the 900 block of Jenifer St. what is occurring with PLAN B is more than an occasional inconvenience. It is an interruption of their life.

I am in support of having a gay bar/dance club in our neighborhood. I have had many friends and roommates who have enjoyed their experience at PLAN B and feel as though it enhances the neighborhood, and I wouldn't argue with that. However, as a part of the community, I would hope that PLAN B would do everything in their power to soundproof their building. Although it sounds like noise assessments have been done, PLAN B was given advance notice of the dates in which they would occur, making it easy to adjust their noise level for that evening. This evaluation also did not address the issue of the vibrations from the bass. From my understanding, Audio Design Specialists of Madison were hired by PLAN B to do an assessment of the building and it was noted that sound was escaping from the roof. Despite this evaluation, PLAN B has chosen not to install vinyl to the top of the roof which may remedy the situation.

I am in support of PLAN B remaining in the Willy St. neighborhood. I am also in support of them doing everything in their power to soundproof their building. Even if only a few people are affected by the noise, it is their duty to restore those people's lives back to normal. Our neighborhood has given PLAN B their support. It is clear that it is a well-loved establishment. PLAN B should give their support to all community members and install the vinyl on their roof to address the bass and noise that is escaping.

Sincerely,
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