

Dear ALRC,

I will be at a conference in Green Bay and unable to attend your 10/16 meeting.

I am opposed to the license for VIP restaurant at 6718 Odana Road and recommend that it be denied by the ALRC. Longtime members will recall that there have been four consecutive problematic establishments at this location over the past eight years. Each of those establishments closed under revocation or threat of revocation after numerous incidents of violence as well as violations of conditions, ordinances, and statutes. The most recent establishment, Little Manhattan, had its license revoked exactly one year ago after less than one year of operation.

The applicant contacted me by email on Sep. 24, and I advised her of my opposition and suggested that opening the restaurant without an alcohol license for some period of time would help demonstrate that the establishment can be operated safely.

I realize that this applicant has no relationship to the previous operators, however that was also the case for the last three operators. In my experience there appears to be something about the environment or the building, perhaps even be related to its reputation, that has caused the succession of problems.

For these reasons, I believe granting a license at this location is contrary to the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Thank you,

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