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To: Members of the Alcohol License Review Committee

From: Sara Eskrich, District 13 Alder RE: Rockhound Brewing Company

Date: June 17, 2015

Thank you for your attention to the request for a Class B beer and liquor license at 444 S. Park Street. As you saw in the submitted public comments before you this evening, this application has garnered much attention from the surrounding neighbors, overwhelmingly in support of the applied for alcohol licenses. We held a public neighborhood meeting, with mailed postcard and electronic invitations to residents, on June 4th to discuss this application and I have been in contact with neighbors via email and listsery conversation over the past month.

The applicant, Nate Warnke, is a very active and engaged Greenbush neighborhood resident. Though neighborhood residents have expressed overall concerns about parking and nighttime noise impacts from a commercial space operating at this location, residents have also expressed confidence that this operator will do his best to accommodate and mitigate impacts in whatever ways are feasibly possible. He has made this commitment to the neighborhood. I believe that a quality restaurant and brew pub at this location will activate Park Street further as an engaged corridor where residents can walk and bike. This will hopefully further incorporate this corridor into the neighborhood. For these reasons, *I support the approval of a license at 444 S. Park Street for the Rockhound Brewery*.

Thank you for your attention and thorough review of this alcohol license. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.