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Subject: proposed club at 3116 Commercial Ave

My name is Steve Kaftanski, and I am a resident in the neighborhood where a proposed club at 3116 Commercial Ave will be coming before the Alcohol License Review Committee for consideration of an alcohol license on Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30 PM.

I generally support the project, as a needed improvement to a troubled section of my neighborhood that has too many empty buildings and sketchy behavior. While I realize it may seem counter-intuitive to grant an alcohol license for the purpose of neighborhood improvement (compared to a community center or a police station), I believe this is the most effective and efficient plan going forward to bring a steady level of organized and community-positive behavior, to everyone's benefit. The alcohol-portion of the club will allow the club partners (and my neighbors) to have the funding resources to achieve many other community goals & dreams; an empty building is merely a potential danger.

I urge the ALRC to support this project.

I am **not** currently a member of the board of the Carpenter Ridgeway Neighborhood Association, but I know them well. I was very active with them during the establishment of the Rethke SRO project, and expect to be even more active in the future as our neighborhood continues to strengthen and improve our own sense of community. In fact, I believe approval of this project will produce some of the benefits that were imagined (promised?) and discussed during the Rethke SRO project: a focus and potential gathering place, better observation and interaction from legitimate actors (customers, neighborhood watch, building security, police) and increasing community ties within the neighborhood.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Steve Kaftanski