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Subject: Chens Dumpling House Hearing

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## Dear ALRC Member:

As the matters in the 500 block of State Street are taking up a lot of our time lately, I will try to keep this brief. Mr. Hinkley, who owns 2 buildings across the street from Chen's Dumpling House and one around the corner, has a medical issue so I am writing on behalf of both of us.

Chen's, a new name and Manager is a continuation of the sushi restaraunt that previously has been addressed by the ALRC for several complaints and violations. Tau and his investors also has Asian eateries at 200 and 515 State Street, and holds licenses for both establishments. In the past year, since being closed and censured by the ALRC, we have had no problems with noise which was our complaint as it was the loudest business on State Street I have seen in 25 years of living downtown. As you may know they built a bar upstairs and seemed that a stealth bar was their main business plan. Since then the 6 foot by 4 foot Bar sign has been removed from the side of the building next to the separate entrance that led to the bar at 505 State Street. I also see they are now just applying for a beer and wine license instead of liquor.

While we would greatly appreciate that they disassemble the bar room upstairs, I guess we can only hope for so much.

I feel as with Soga (another of their establishments), Tau and his investors are now content with running a restauraunt and it appears to be profitable without the headaches.

We have no objection to Chen's obtaining a beer/wine license with one reservation that a qualification of such license is that no entertainment or noise louder than background noise or music and sales stop at an early time to be set by the ALRC.

Thank you for your time.

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