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Subject: In support of Dexter's Pub expansion/renovation

Good evening,

I'm writing on behalf of myself, Jessica Hamm, and my boyfriend, David Howell, to voice our support of the Dexter's Pub expansion and renovation. We live at 2544 East Johnson St., which is four houses away from Dexter's.

We moved into this neighborhood almost two years ago. Close proximity to a walkable, friendly, neighborhood pub and restaurant was a key consideration when we were looking for a house. We spent over a year house hunting on the east side of town and would often have lunch at Dexter's in between showings and hoped that we'd be able to find a home close to what eventually became our favorite pub.

Food, drinks, and a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere aside, Dexter's is a good neighbor. The staff is kind and they pay close attention to patrons to make sure everyone is being respectful and safe. The building is well maintained and litter-free. We realize that some may believe that noise will be a concern. We disagree. When we moved into our home, Dexter's organized outdoor volleyball nights. We could hear the players when we were on our deck or had the windows open, but it was never too loud or out of control -- and things wrapped up around 9 p.m. We genuinely believe that Dexter's will continue to be courteous to neighbors and mitigate noise at night.

We also wholeheartedly believe that the proposed renovations will improve Dexter's reputation in the neighborhood and will only strengthen its position as a community asset. By investing in the facade and outdoor space, Dexter's will create an even more welcoming environment and will modernize its appearance. Plus, there's an obvious interest in more walkable outdoor spaces in the neighborhood judging by Tip Top Tavern's bustling outdoor space in the warmer months. We believe this will improve the area's desirability for homeowners.

Again, we fully support the proposed renovations at Dexter's Pub and hope to see this community gathering place continue to thrive, and we're incredibly excited to enjoy the new outdoor area.

Sincerely,
Jessica & Dave