Dear City Council Members,

Below is a timeline of the progression of the established occupancy of The Kollege Klub. I look forward to addressing your questions and concerns.

Jordan Meier Owner, The Kollege Klub

2009

Operating at an occupancy of 305, City of Madison Fire Department initiated a review of established occupancies. An occupancy analysis was performed by Kruser Architects establishing the occupancy of The Kollege Klub at 320. The Kollege Klub contacted City of Madison Alcohol Policy Coordinator about the possibility of an increase in occupancy and was informed the Alcohol License Density Ordinance (ALDO) in place at the time did not allow for any establishments to increase occupancy.

2011

City of Madison approved a change of licensed premise application to allow a substantial renovation of The Kollege Klub. The renovation included the expansion of the restrooms, the limiting factor to the occupancy at The Kollege Klub. A revised capacity evaluation, included in the architecture costs of the renovation, established the new occupancy according to current building/fire codes at 400 patrons. The City of Madison Alcohol Policy Coordinator was again contacted about the possibility of an increase in occupancy and The Kollege Klub was informed the ALDO still did not allow for establishments to increase their occupancy.

2014

Alcohol License Density Ordinance expires and is not renewed.

September 2015

The Kollege Klub confirmed with the City of Madison Alcohol Policy Coordinator that ALDO had in fact expired and met with Captain Gloede of MPD and district alder regarding an increase in occupancy. The Kollege Klub submitted a change of licensed premise application to operate at an occupancy of 400. The application was approved by the ALRC and City of Madison building inspection.

March 2016

The Kollege Klub was informed by the City of Madison Fire Department in March of 2016 that, per fire code, the increase in occupancy would only be approved with the addition of wet fire protection within the public occupied spaces of the establishment.

2019

The Kollege Klub submitted a change of licensed premise application on or around May 18, 2019 requesting the approval of 1) The addition of a 235 square foot private party room including 2 individual restrooms and 2) an increase in occupancy from 400 to 480. Final occupancy would still be determined as the lowest approved number by ALRC, building inspection and City of Madison Fire Department.

