Dear Marsha, Grant and Jim,

While I have been a huge supporter of Baum's Garver project since it was first proposed years ago and love everything that the Underground Collective has touched since their formation, I am writing in opposition to the indoor and outdoor closing hours that they are proposing in the new Garver space. Closing at 2am during the week and 2:30 am during the weekend is incredibly late - even for a restaurant or event space. If the Olbrich Biergarten is required to close down by 9:30pm and is not in or closely adjacent to neighborhoods unlike Garver, I feel that closing around that time as well would be a reasonable request - at least for the outdoor component of the facility. Closing at midnight for the indoor space is also more reasonable, even with a wedding reception, etc.

Please keep in mind that within our neighborhood, we can hear all of the outdoor events that Olbrich hosts in the summertime, and I believe that they are required to shut down at 10pm. In the end, transferring this liquor licence from neighborhood and context to another needs to be done thoughtfully, not automatically.

In addition to feeling that the hours of operation that they are requesting are excessive, the general consensus of the neighbors that I have spoke to about this is that the original Baum proposal, while calling for some community event space and food vendors, never proposed an event venue that can collective support almost 800 people. Does the Garver project have a 800+ capacity parking lot? If not, will they be parking at Olbrich and crossing the railroad tracks, or parking in our neighborhood and walking down the bike path? Our neighborhood would no doubt have been less receptive to this project if this was proposed initially, in my opinion.

Again, we are incredibly excited about the Garver project finally coming to fruition, but I hope that we can still be considerate of the surrounding neighborhoods who vigorously supported this project as we reach the finish line.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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