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City of Madison Planning Department Madison Municipal Building, Suite 017 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI 53703

## Dear City Planners:

On September 16, 2019 Nathan Greenawalt came before the Marquette Neighborhood Association board with his request for a conditional use for Old Sugar Distillery in regards to expansion and he received unanimous support.

The neighborhood association recognizes Old Sugar Distillery as an important anchor tenant for the Commonwealth Development business incubator at Main Street Industries. We have seen the positive impact the business has made to the culture of our district. Some key takeaways from the discussion include:

- (1) Support for an event space with the tasting room and recognition that there is a distinction between them; support for no restriction on types of alcohol permitted in either space; support for no restriction on the number of events in the space.
- (2) Support for expansion of hours to keep them on par with other neighborhood competitors; recognition that expanded hours during holidays and special events such as neighborhood festivals makes sense.
- (3) Support for an active sidewalk cafe; a request for no external amplified sound to which Mr. Greenawalt agreed.

We look forward to the continued development of East Main Street as a destination and we value Old Sugar Distillery as a part of that.

Thank You,

Lynn Lee MNA President