Hi, Jim. Can you please distribute to ALRC members? Thanks.

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From: Nate Ehresman <>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 22:02
To: Foster, Grant
Subject: Please Discontinue Silk Licenses for East Washington Location

Dear Alder Grant Foster,

Thank you for your service to our community in D15. We appreciate your efforts thus far in helping us feel safe and valued in our neighborhood.

In that focus of safety and value, I am requesting that Silk Exotic's application for new liquor and adult entertainment licenses to do business in the building where Visions operates currently would not be granted.

Despite the drugs and disruptive behavior Visions is known for, its location is directly adjacent to homes and families. A strip club (Silk or otherwise) does not provide the kind of role models, behavior, or hope for a better future that we would like our children in the surrounding neighborhoods to emulate. The women who are employed in such clubs are often the poor and marginalized in our community - those who feel they do not have any other viable options. The men who frequent the clubs are not learning healthy sexual conduct or how to treat their female counterparts with respect. My wife and I have four children under the age of 13, and we would love to see something in that location that builds up the intrinsic value of our youth instead of calling it into question.

Perhaps we could connect the location with the East Madison Community Center instead. The EMCC is only a few blocks away, and is doing wonderful work empowering and giving hope to the marginalized in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering our request to disallow Silk to take over the Visions location.

With kindness and respect,

~Nate Ehresman