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Alcohol License Review Commission Jim Verbick Office of the City Clerk, City-County Building 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Rm 103, Madison WI 53704 JVerbick@cityofmadison.com

Commission Members:

The Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) has taken the unusual step to follow up the January ALRC ruling with a vote against the current proposed plan that is Canopy nightclub at 944 Williamson St. by proprietor Austin Carl.

As you are aware, the January ALRC meeting referred the Canopy proposal back to the February agenda. On the neighborhood association level your referral would have traditionally been interpreted as an opportunity for us to reset the process and include Mr. Carl in February committee and board meetings.

However, between the 2/15/20 ALRC meeting and the January MNA meeting on 1/20/20, Mr. Austin proceeded to open Canopy despite concerns from the Madison Police Department, the City Attorney's office, and the Marquette Neighborhood Association.

The Marquette Neighborhood Association must interpret Mr. Carl's decision to forge ahead with his advertised January 18th opening night event as a refusal to adhere to processes implied in the January ALRC decision.

Consequently, the Marquette Neighborhood Association requests the ALRC to deny an alcohol license to this applicant for this specific project.

Sincerely,

Jack Kear, Co-Chair of the Preservation and Development Committee and Board Member Marquette Neighborhood Association cc: Marsha Rummel, District 6 Alder; MNA Board