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To: mike.ding@gmail.com; Verbick, Jim re: UmamiGo at 901 Williamson St.

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## Dear Commissioners:

Michael Ding presented his proposal for the UmamiGo project at 901 Williamson St. to the Preservation & Development Committee of the Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) on Tuesday, Dec 8th.

Because of the way meetings fall this month, he is before you this evening to request licensure for his business. Although I cannot provide you a letter from MNA, because that board meets on Monday, Dec 21, I can say that Mr. Ding's proposal was met with *unanimous* support from the committee. At this particular meeting, fifteen Marquette residents attended and voted on the UmamiGo proposal.

The committee's request to the MNA board would be for a letter of support to include an agreement Mr. Ding made to resolve any noise concerns that may arise from the exhaust fans at the property which had posed some disturbance to nearby neighbors when previous businesses at that site ran the fans throughout the night. Mr. Ding stated his agreement to resolve any concerns that might arise in this regard by working with MNA channels.

I will forward whatever statement MNA chooses to make regarding this proposal as soon as possible after their meeting on the 21st. Because of the dire circumstances the pandemic has created for small businesses, however, I also wanted to make you aware of the committee vote so as to inform your own decision-making with Mr. Ding's request of you this evening.

Thank You,

Jack Kear P&D Chair MNA