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TO: Alcohol License Review Committee Members

FROM: Jennifer Zilavy, Assistant City Attorney

RE: 2025 Liquor License Separation: Hayes Place, 1145 N. Sherman Avenue

Hayes Place was separated due to their repeated violation of their Conditional Use ("CUP") which requires live entertainment to cease at midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and 10 pm Sunday to Thursday.

North District Police and ACA Zilavy have met in-person with licensee Connee Jones and her husband Dwight Hayes on at least two occasions due to the continued violation and the many complaints MPD has received for noise and disturbances associated with Hayes Place. We informed Ms. Jones that as long as the live entertainment stopped at midnight, they could remain open until bar time. That did not seem to matter to Ms. Jones. One citation has been issued for continuous violation of the CUP. The CUP violations did not stop until the landlord served Ms. Jones with a 10-day notice advising if there were further issues they would be evicted.

Since Hayes Place opened in June 2023, there have been 195 police calls for service to the property. A good number of those calls have been police problem solving calls and stratified policing calls, but they have been necessary because of the complaints and disturbances that have resulted from Hayes Place patrons and also those who come to Hayes Place but are not necessarily patrons. This number of police calls for service is not sustainable, especially for a business with a capacity of only 125.

The issues police have responded to have primarily been in the parking lot and have involved noise with cars playing loud music, dancing, hanging out, disturbances and fights, and alcohol consumption in the parking lot (lots of discarded alcohol bottles).

When Ms. Jones came before the ALRC she presented that she was going to have paint and sip nights, poetry, networking events, baby showers. She did not say they were going to operate as a nightclub. Clearly there is a need in the City for what Hayes Place is offering in terms of the nightclub-type activities, but they need to find a way to have those activities that does not require the level of police response that has been necessary at this location.