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Dawn Schmidt  
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841 N. Broadway  
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Dear Ms. Schmidt:

I am writing to express my opposition to granting a "Special Privilege" to Two Bucks, a tavern at 2321 North Murray Avenue, to use part of the street in front of their business for their own private use.

I have submitted an information request under the Wisconsin Open Records Law, §19.31 et seq. to learn the exact nature of the business' request. When I receive the information I will revise my position accordingly and send it to the alderman and committee clerk.

As I understand the "Special Privilege" request now, Two Bucks would like to extend their current "Extension of Premises," which currently occupies much of the sidewalk, into the street.

I am opposed to this idea for the following reasons:

1. As a member of the public, I have the right to travel down the public sidewalk and street. I walk past this business frequently. Being able to walk places is an important reason that I enjoy living on the East Side of Milwaukee. The business owner doesn't have a right to use it for their business. That's why they need a "Special Privilege" in the first place. Granting this privilege should not be seen as the default. The business should need to demonstrate why this is in the public interest and that their actions won't interfere with the public's right-of-way.
2. Two Bucks' current "extension of premises" already interferes with the right-of-way. Walking down the sidewalk, I routinely have to squeeze between the meter and the curb to make my way through because wait staff and patrons are standing next to the existing tables, blocking the aisles. If the business puts more tables or has more activities in the right-of-way, that act would tend to exacerbate the situation. I am providing a photo depicting the current situation.

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3. Despite the North Avenue area's growing reputation as a bar district, it still has businesses, institutions, and residences that aren't alcohol related. People not going to a bar should still be able to go out to dinner, visit the library, etc. without having to tangle with bar patrons blocking the sidewalk. There are four bars on this block face alone. When analyzing the impacts of this establishment's "Special Privilege," please consider the cumulative impacts if other bars follow suit.

4. Some of the other taverns in the North Avenue area have outdoor cafes on their private property, namely Paddys' Pub, Von Trier's, Beans and Barley and RC's. Please don't put those establishments that pay taxes on their outdoor cafes at a disadvantage to those that clutter up and sometimes block the public's right-of-way.

Thank you for consideration,



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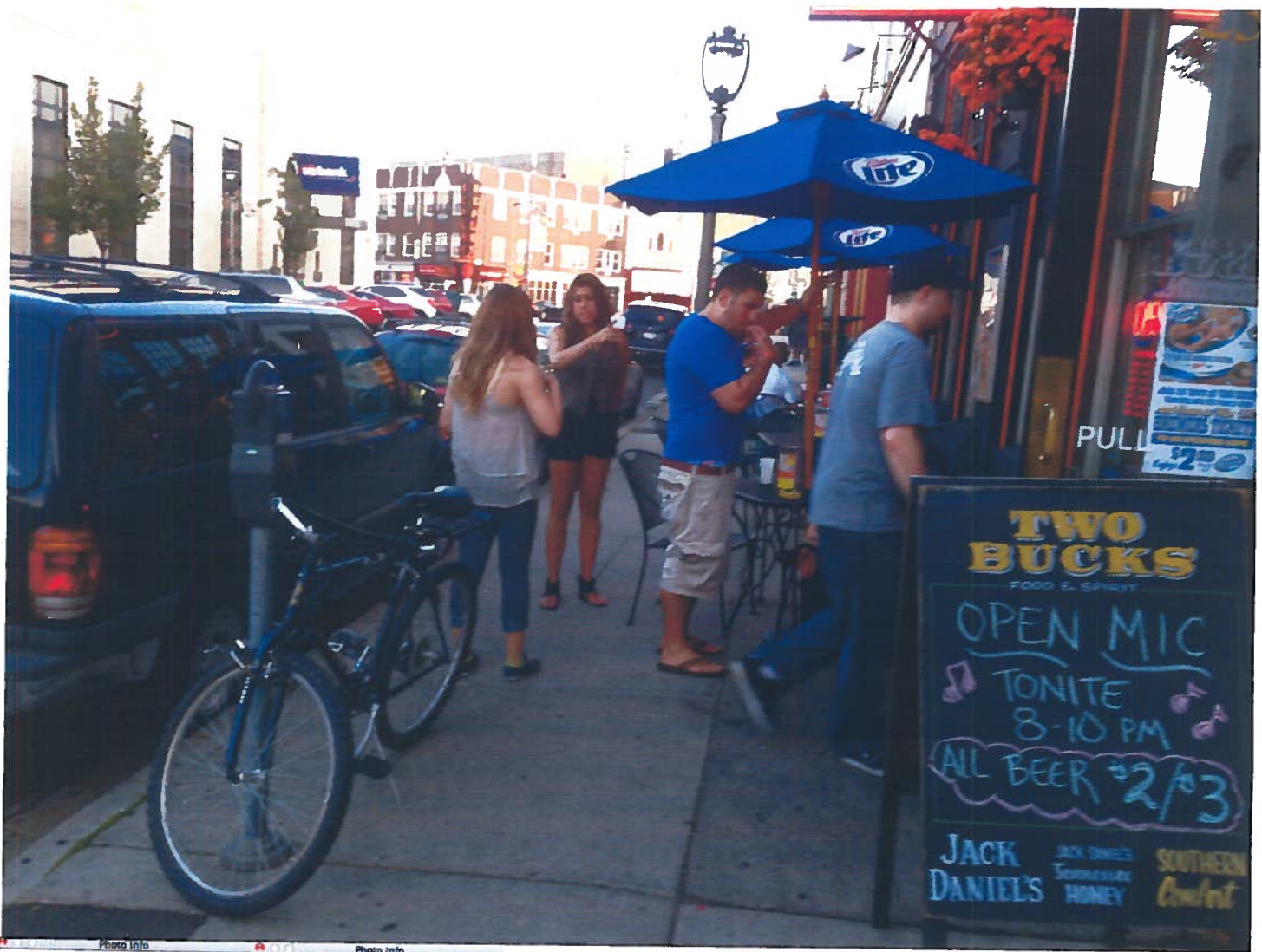


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