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Subject: RE: Objection to the Silk Exotic Adult Entertainment Club proposed for 1118 N. 4th St.

To: license@milwaukee.gov

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To Mayor Tom Barrett and members of the Common Council:

The Board of Milwaukee Turners, Inc. would like to state for the record that we object to approval of the "Silk Exotic" adult entertainment club as proposed for 1118 N. 4th St. Our historic designated Turner Hall, located at 1034 N. 4th St., is unique to the city, and is a significant tourist attraction. We are the oldest continually existing civic organization in the city, having served the community from this location for over 160 years.

Maintaining our historic goal of "A Strong Mind in a Strong Body," we continue to offer gymnastics, rock climbing, and other physical education classes for children and youth in our Gym in the evenings, as well as on Saturdays. We are concerned that open hours of this adult entertainment establishment might coincide with the family programming in Turner Gym. We also share the concerns of our neighbors, the BMO Harris Bradley Center, the Pabst/Riverside/Turner Hall Ballroom, Turner Hall Restaurant, Aloft Hotel, Bid 21, and Westown that the presence of a strip club would prove to be a deterrent to families who frequent our businesses on a regular basis. In fact, we have received notice from parents of children who are now in our program that they would not feel comfortable continuing to send their children to our facility, should the city decide to both lease and license this entity in the block directly north of our historic building.

We agree with the BMO Harris Bradley Center that locating a strip club in our neighborhood "will adversely affect the neighborhood and its perception by customers, tenants and sponsors; create concern and discomfort for many who must walk by it to attend events..." Even if the representations can be accepted at face value that there will be no signage identifying this adult entertainment facility, the current "Silk Exotic " operation advertises heavily in local media, and adding this proposed site would certainly affect the public's perception of our location, and its safety and suitability for their children.

Sincerely yours,

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