

## Melendez, Yadira

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**From:** Burgelis, Peter  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2025 1:52 PM  
**To:** Melendez, Yadira  
**Subject:** FW: Liquor License Hearing Tuesday, November 11

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**Subject:** Liquor License Hearing Tuesday, November 11

Alderman,

My name is

We have not spoken before, but I wanted to take a moment to write to you with my concerns about the proposed License for the business located , 4302 W. Forest Home Avenue.

I received the notice of the application earlier this year and wrote in with my objection to this license, and I also encouraged others to do the same. I was recently invited to attend the hearing which will be held tomorrow at City Hall, as were those who wrote in. While the city has made it possible for people to attend virtually, online, I am concerned that a number of those who wrote in will not be able to participate due to the timing of the meeting, as many will be working during that time.

Personally, I think that granting this store a liquor license would be a mistake. Putting aside the parking issue that is greatly exacerbated by the recent construction on both Forest Home Avenue and on 43rd Street, and its proximity to a grade school, I would like to tell you about the character of the business owner in question, how inconsiderate they have been since opening, and some of the problems they have caused for my school and the other adjacent business during that time. That is specifically the odor problem that stems from them using their product indoors.

The building in question has three spaces, and both the 4300 and 4302 spaces have a shared airway that sits above the drop ceiling. This means that when they light up their product in their space, it is only a short matter of time until that odor makes its way into my space, and will sit there until the space is aired out. Terry, the owner of the store on the opposite side, has had a similar experience, but not as severe. Both of our businesses cater to kids. My business also caters to adults who are interested in getting away from drugs, and who work in careers where they are routinely drug tested. There have been times when I have opened the door to the school to find it reeking of marijuana, cigar smoke, or other vape odor, which is a real problem when I happen to open the door for a prospective student.

When this problem happens, I then need to prop open the door, turn on numerous fans, and air out my space for

15-20 minutes, in the process losing my AC or heating to the elements, postponing my classes until the problem dissipates. You can imagine how expensive that problem is in the middle of winter and the height of summer. When confronted about this, the owner has repeatedly lied to my face, claiming that he does not allow smoking in his shop. There have been many times when he was the only person there, the problem began once he arrived, and ended after he left. Now I realize that the hemp-based products they are selling use a legal loophole, but the negative impression this makes on my customers is the same.

I have complained to the landlord numerous times, but because this problem dissipates within an hour, and the landlord is not immediately available to police this problem, they have not been able to verify it, despite the fact that I have a classroom of students who can attest to how bad the problem is. I filed one complaint with the Department of Neighborhood Services, requesting an inspector come out to assess the problem, but nothing was ever done about it.

This owner is also negligent in taking care of the exterior of their shop, allowing overgrown weeds to grow, leaving litter and trash in their planter bed, as well as a pile of broken glass from when someone threw a brick through their window.

The reason I bring this up is because if someone is willing to ignore the rules pertaining to the smoking ban in Milwaukee, they are also likely to ignore other rules such as those regulating liquor sales. I don't believe that this owner truly cares about the community, and is only interested in making a quick buck. The previous tenants did brisk business there, and what we noticed were a lot of their customers parking on the curb in front of my space, or double parking on the street, blocking traffic to quickly run in and get their product. I would really like to avoid that happening again, it is already a dangerous enough intersection during rush hour. If they truly want to own a liquor store, there are better locations for it, including those with their own parking lot.

I am planning on attending the hearing tomorrow. What is your estimation of the likelihood of this licence being granted?

Thank you for your time in reading this.

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**From:** Cooney, Jim  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2025 8:05 AM  
**To:** Melendez, Yadira  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to Class A Malt and Liquor License Request – Planet Triage Cannabis Dispensary

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 8, 2025 3:55 PM  
**To:** Zamarripa, JoCasta <JoCasta@milwaukee.gov>; Cooney, Jim <Jim.Cooney@milwaukee.gov>  
**Cc:** JPCA President <jacksonparkincpresident@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Objection to Class A Malt and Liquor License Request – Planet Triage Cannabis Dispensary

Dear Alderwoman Zamarripa and Members of the Milwaukee Licensing Committee,

As a **long-term resident of this community for over 30 years**, I am writing to formally object to the **Class A Malt and Class A Liquor License request submitted by Planet Triage Cannabis Dispensary**. While I value responsible business growth in our neighborhoods, this particular request and location raise serious concerns about safety, community impact, and neighborhood compatibility.

There are already **two bars/taverns within 0.2 miles** of this proposed address, along with a **large liquor store only eight blocks away**. The addition of another alcohol outlet in such close proximity would oversaturate the area and provide little benefit to residents while increasing the potential for alcohol-related issues.

Of particular concern, there are **two schools located within 0.2 miles** of this site. Introducing additional alcohol sales so close to schools sends the wrong message to students and raises legitimate safety concerns for children and families traveling through the area.

The proposed location also sits at a **three-way intersection with a history of traffic accidents**. Traffic patterns in this area are already difficult to navigate, and congestion will only increase once **S. 43rd Street and W. Forest Home Ave. reopens**. The addition of **new soccer fields** nearby will further increase the presence of children and families, making this a particularly unsuitable location for a business selling alcohol.

Furthermore, **pedestrian infrastructure in this area is limited**, with few safe walking routes. Adding a business that draws high vehicle turnover will worsen conditions for those walking or biking. There is also a **lack of adequate parking** near the establishment, which will likely result in unsafe or illegal parking on neighboring streets.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to **deny the Class A Malt and Class A Liquor License** for Planet Triage Cannabis Dispensary. The risks to public safety, traffic flow, and the well-being of nearby families and children far outweigh any potential benefit.

Thank you, Alderwoman Zamarripa, for your continued commitment to the health and safety of our neighborhoods and for considering the voices of long-term residents like myself in this important decision.

Sincerely,