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NIK KOVAC

ALDERMAN, 3RD DISTRICT

October 31, 2019

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File Number 190950

Attached is the written objection to file number 190950, Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses, relating to the recommendation of:

Renewal, with a twenty (20) day suspension, based upon the police report, and aldermanic and applicant testimony of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Debi Damron for the premises located at 2079 S 8th St ("On My Way Home") in the 12th aldermanic district.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its Tuesday, November 5, 2019 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached statements and materials.

Respectfully,

Nik Kovac, Chair
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 190950



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October 30, 2019

James Owczarski
and Molly Kuether-Steele
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Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Debi Damron
The Clem-Pank Group LLC

Objections to Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law Resulting in a 20-Day Suspension of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Operator Licenses

Dear City Clerk,

I have been retained by the Clem-Pank Group LL, licensee Debi Damron, to represent them regarding a 20-day suspension recommendation to the full Common Council of Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses.

At this time, we are filing a written objection to the recommendation of the 20-day suspension of the licenses.

- 1) The incidents reported at the license hearing were not entirely accurate. No firearm was pointed at another person during the incident that occurred on February 24th, 2019.
- 2) The incident that allegedly occurred on February 24th, 2019, where a shell casing was found outside the bar, was not accurately reported. The police report does not ascertain what date that incident took place, or who may have been involved in it.
- 3) The Domestic Violence-Battery that occurred on June 25th, 2019 did not occur inside the establishment. The incident that was reported was due to the fact that victim was allowed to reenter the bar to seek help from the employees within. Again, to our knowledge, no firearm was pointed at another person in that incident.
- 4) The criminal damage to property that occurred on July 23rd, 2019, a window was broken by an unknown person and the police were properly notified to this incident. This incident happened between 4-4:30 am, when the bar was closed. To our knowledge the bar was not involved at all.



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The premises were under video surveillance, the licensee has indicated clearly to the members of the committee that she is in the process of purchasing her own video surveillance equipment that has greater surveillance capabilities and will be more reliable.

The applicant has been cooperative with the Milwaukee Police Department and will continue to do so. During the hearing, the licensee was encouraged to attend the Pivot Program, which she has attended and completed. The applicant intends on remaining in constant contact with Milwaukee Police Department and Alderman Perez regarding the operation of this business.

The punishment is harsh and does not seem to fall within the lines of progressive discipline, if any is warranted.

I may also exercise my clients right to speak to these objections before the full common council.

Very truly yours,

Vincent J. Bobot
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