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ALDERMAN, 12TH DISTRICT

April 12, 2007

To the Honorable, the Common Council

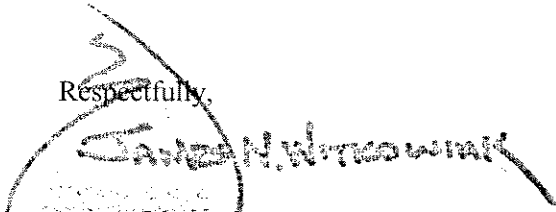
Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 061301

Attached are written objections to the recommendation of renewal, with a 15-day suspension based on neighborhood objection and the police report, of the Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance license of Antonios Anagnou, Agent for "Euro Café Bar, LLC", for the premises at 324 E. Mason St. ("Euro Café Bar") in the 4th aldermanic district

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its April 17, 2007 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached objections.

Respectfully,



James N. Witkowiak, Chair
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 061301

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Honorable Members of the Milwaukee
Common Council
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Re: Renewal Application—Euro Café Bar
324 East Mason Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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RONALD J. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

Dear Common Council Members:

I am writing to you concerning the March 27, 2007, hearing conducted before the License Committee relating to the renewal of Euro Café Bar Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance license. At the conclusion of the lengthy hearing, the committee recommended on a 4 to 1 vote to renew the Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance license held by Antonios Anagnou with a fifteen (15) day suspension.

We do not object to the action recommended by the License Committee and respectfully request that the Common Council approve the Committee's recommendation.

I do have some objection to the findings submitted, in that they do not contain some testimony that was given during the March 27 hearing. Although some neighbors complained about noise problems, there was testimony from the neighbors that there was "significant improvement" with the noise after the owners of Euro Café Bar constructed a vestibule on the outside of their building. The vestibule provided a double set of doors, as suggested by the Condo association, which association is comprised of 30-32 condominiums. This was at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00 by Mr. Anagnou.

Based on suggestions made by the Condo association, all of which have been complied with by Mr. Anagnou, he has reduced by ½ the number of speakers on his premises; he has permanently sealed the double pane windows which cannot now be opened. Although Mr. Anagnou has trained his valets as requested by the Condo association, he offered at the hearing to eliminate valet parking completely, so as to eliminate people congregating outside at closing time while waiting for their vehicles. Mr. Anagnou also offered to further reduce his music volume by an additional 20% from the level which is currently allowable by City noise ordinances.

Paragraph F of the findings refer to the fact that the licensee had exterior tables although no extension had been applied for exterior tables. The findings fail to include evidence that was presented at the March 27, 2007, hearing, that Mr. Anagnou voluntarily removed the outdoor tables on the request of the Condo association and that no one from the City of Milwaukee ever addressed the issue.

Paragraph H of the findings refers to neighbors observing patrons going into the alley to urinate. No one at the March 27 hearing testified to that fact, as we recall. Mrs. Harvey testified that she assumed that that was what was going on, but she didn't know for sure, because she couldn't see once people walked into the adjoining alley. The Milwaukee police officers whose patrol area includes the Euro Café and other nite spots on Milwaukee Street and Water Street, testified that they see people urinating in alleys throughout the downtown area, but where these particular people come from could not be attributed specifically to Euro Café or any other particular establishment.

Mr. Anagnou is committed to continuing to work with his neighbors, as he has already done, in following the recommendations of the condominium association, which has not contacted him since their letter of December 12, 2005, as set forth in Paragraph I of the findings.

We are once again kindly requesting the approval of the License Committee's recommendation by the Common Council.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Pyzyk
Attorney for Euro Café Bar

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