



Historic Concordia Neighbors, Inc.
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City of Milwaukee Licenses Committee
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

September 5, 2023

Dear Licenses Committee Members:

On behalf of Historic Concordia Neighborhood, we, the board members of Historic Concordia Neighbors, Inc. (HCNI), unanimously request that the Licensing Committee deny a request for a Class A liquor license at 802 N. 35th Street.

There are already three establishments in our neighborhood's vicinity which currently sell beer and/or liquor, one of which is quite literally around the corner from this location:

- Midtown Foods (3420 W. Wells)
- Kilbourn Super Market (901 N. 27th Street)
- RK Liquor (2537 W. State—Full Liquor)

Our neighbors and residents have been vocal in their desire for more access to fresh foods, healthy options, and more family-oriented and diverse businesses. Many of our residents are in recovery from addiction and do not wish to have another liquor store within walking distance. Our neighborhood also has several children and minors who live in close proximity to this location, including students at Pathways High School (roughly four blocks away) and the Neighborhood House (roughly eight blocks away).

We believe that approving a class A liquor license will oversaturate our neighborhood with yet another place to purchase alcohol at a time when residents desperately want other alternatives. There are other places to purchase beer and liquor within walking distance of this location. Therefore, we strongly recommend that the Licenses Committee deny a Class A liquor license to 802 N. 35th Street.

Sincerely,

The HCNI Board of Directors:

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