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Greetings,

After attending the public meeting about Diaspora I have a few concerns about their license application and their proposed hours of business. Below I have listed errors that I found on the application. In particular, I want to note that this location is across the street from Riverwest Elementary School.

Page 22 of the Application PDF - Is the building within 300 feet of any church, school, daycare center, or hospital. No is checked but the location is directly across the street from Riverwest Elementary School.

Page 26 of the Application PDF - Describe surrounding area. Industrial is checked, this is not an industrial part of the neighborhood, it is strictly residential and commercial.

Page 44 of the Application PDF - Will any sound amplification be used? No is checked, but at the public meeting they were using a microphone.

I am mostly concerned with the very broad hours they want to operate under. 6 AM - 2 / 2:30 AM, seven days a week is too broad in my opinion. I understand that they would like to play soccer games in the morning but I checked The Highbury Pub's license (they show European Soccer) and they only have 6am hours on weekends because that is when the majority of the games are. I am against any AM hours on weekdays but if the license is issued with the AM hours on weekdays, I believe it should be held until their food license is issued.

I am also concerned with the closing times. The other bars on the block are all bars serving the neighborhood, but this seems to be pitched as a destination bar that people will travel to. I live closer to the corner of Fratney and Locust, but we could always tell if there were events happening at Company Brewing because of the amount of cars parked on the street. We have had issues with folks coming back to their cars being over served, loud, and a few minor fights. This is very manageable on Fridays and Saturdays at 2:30am, I live in a city, I expect noise. But I do see it becoming a challenge if it is happening 7 days a week.

In a year, when they have proven to be good neighbors (which I expect they will), I think the conversation for the extended hours should be reopened. But I don't think any bar should be given such broad hours at their initial licensing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best,