

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2023 4:04 AM
To: Gama, Bernard
Cc: Cooney, Jim; Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: - Dollar General - East Locust

Thanks for your feedback Bernard. They will ge in front of committee again on the 7th. I'm CCing the staff for the committee so this email can go on record in opposition.

Using the power of the government to shut down a business isn't as simple as it sounds and in order to have such an action stand up in court there has to be a lot there. Also we are only allowed to take into account issues over the last year when making that choice on the committee.

Also neighbors testifying to things they've personally witnessed is important and valuable when making such decisions at the licensing committee.

In service,

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On Nov 3, 2023, at 16:31, Gama, Bernard <gamabx@milwaukee.k12.wi.us> wrote:

Hello Alderman Brostoff,

I'm writing you about the continued operation of the Dollar General on east Locust street.

I live at 1220 E. Locust and have been there since before their presence began in the neighborhood in 2012. I've witnessed one robbery in 2013, and indigent people living behind the building in the summer. People fixing their car in the parking lot at 1:30am. The daily refuse blowing across the parking lot and general chaos of people and delivery trucks jockeying for position. And you can't forget the killing in the store by the MPD in the store in March 2015.

It's been an ongoing mess of a business doing business as it sees fit. For the past 11 years they've claimed to do a better job. They aren't! At what point do you allow a business to conduct business as it runs all it urban locations.

They aren't going to change the way they conduct business on Locust. Their business practice is to only staff two people at any given time. That's part of the reason they are a profitable business. They have a

high turnover of staff because their wages are at the bare minimum. The longest I've seen someone work there is 6 months. The staff doesn't have time to constantly clean the parking lot or police the parking lot.

The robbery I witnessed, was done knowing that they hardly staff the store. What this person did was go into the store. Go in the backroom and fill up Rubbermaid 32 quart tote with whatever they could fit in it. Go out the backdoor and load up their car. I contacted Corporate Dollar General online and e-mailed them. They contacted me back and were grateful that I noted the license plate of the car. They told me, they were and other dollar stores having the same robbery MO in the area. Go in a dollar store that is barely staffed, go in the backroom and out the back door, easy theft.

There's dozens of vacant store fronts within a couple of miles of the Locust location. There's one in a prime vacant location , west North Avenue and 4th street. Let them do business there.

The local residents aren't saying they shouldn't conduct business. Do it somewhere where it's more conducive to a location and customer traffic.

As an Alderman, who's interest do you value more, the residents in your district or a corporation headquartered in Goodlettsville, Tennessee?

Thank you,

Brian