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**To:** Melendez, Yadira  
**Subject:** Fwd: Objections: 233 E Chicago Street Tavern B License Application

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Hello Yadira,

I'm writing to you regarding the oral testimony required for the objections I submitted below for the 233 E Chicago St Tavern B license application.

Please provide me with the information for next steps.

Have a good day!

Thanks and best regards,  
Shelley

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Shelley Smith <[shelley.smith512@gmail.com](mailto:shelley.smith512@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** **Objections: 233 E Chicago Street Tavern B License Application**  
**Date:** September 25, 2022 at 4:20:44 PM CDT  
**To:** [license@milwaukee.gov](mailto:license@milwaukee.gov)

Dear Licenses Committee,

My name is Shelley Smith and I've lived in the Historic Third Ward as an owner/occupant of Cityside Plaza - 239 E Chicago St Apt 507 - for more than five years.

I'm writing to express objections to the Tavern B license application for 233 E Chicago St for the following reasons.

### **Increased Delivery Traffic & Alley Blockages**

- Since there is no loading dock or accessible door on 233 E Chicago, they must be planning on using the loading dock and back hallway of our building for deliveries. Sweet Diner deliveries and garbage pick-up have caused excessive wear and tear to the property.
- The alley is often blocked with delivery vehicles. In addition, I've been trapped in our garage ramp, unable to exit to get to work because I was blocked in by a diner delivery vehicle. Similarly, I've also been unable to enter our garage due to diner delivery trucks blocking our driveway.

### **Excessive Noise from Entertainment**

- Gaming machines, music, dancing, cabaret acts will create excessive noise. Our bedroom and many of our neighbors' bedrooms face the east side of 233 E Chicago.

### **Excessive Garbage / Waste / Litter**

- Sweet Diner produces a lot of food waste that attracts insects and rodents. They already have four garbage/recycling dumpsters, a grease dumpster and linen bins that are lining the alley driveway to their parking lot. How will the significant increase in waste be handled? There doesn't appear to be any additional space for more dumpsters unless they give up some of the parking spaces.
- Dumpsters are often overflowing, so the lids don't close, and garbage is blown out of them, littering our driveway and the alley. This is particularly bad on the weekends.
- There was recently a fire in a linen bin, which completely burned and melted. We don't know how the fire started and is a safety concern.
- The drains in our garage have become plugged at least twice with grease from Sweet Diner. The drains backed up into our garage, making the floor greasy, slippery, and creating an odor of rotten French fries that took months to dissipate – even after the garage was pressure washed.

### **Increased Crowds**

- Sweet Diner patrons are often loitering in our residence lobby, even blocking our doorways to our common entrances. This is especially an issue when it's cold outside.
- Sweet Diner's planters and tables and chairs narrow and block the sidewalk. The planters are directly in the middle of the sidewalk all summer long. Another restaurant in the same configuration will add further blockages.
- The crowds create more litter and track dirt into our building, requiring additional cleaning.

### **Inequitable Financial Burden to the Residents' of Cityside Plaza**

- Increased garbage collection.
- Increased water usage.
- Increased cost of cleaning basement drains, common areas and outside the building.
- Additional maintenance of lobby due to high traffic wear and tear.
- Decline in our property values due to a nightclub in close proximity.

My interest is in ensuring the Historic Third Ward remains a safe, enjoyable and vibrant neighborhood for residents and visitors alike. Thank you in advance for your time and serious attention to these issues.

Sincerely,  
Shelley

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