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In Response To: Recommendation (May 29, 2013) to Deny Food Dealers License for
- Shubh Alliance, Inc.
- Amritdeep Kaur, Agent

Dear Common Council Members:

I am filing a written objection to the License Committee's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation not to renew the Food Dealer Retail license for my business at 714 North 27th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin — Shubh Alliance, Inc. dba Mobil Gas Station. The Committee's recommendation is listed as being based on the police report and testimony.

Basically, there are 5 police reports (#B, C/D, F, G, and H) that were entered into evidence with dates from my last License Renewal (June 2012). It was agreed to, in Committee, that discussions would be limited to this information. With the exception of 2 items, they refer to interactions between Milwaukee Police Department and citizens on the public bus stops at 27th Street and Wisconsin Avenue—which just happens to be the same corner as my business location. In one remaining report, the Police Officer chased a man into my business. Our video tape revealed that the man had not previously been in my store at any time during that day. When he entered, the man attempted to hide drug items behind food items in my store. The Police Officer took him and the merchandise into custody within the first minute of him entering the store. This timeframe does not constitute loitering.

Neighborhood testimony was provided but much of which is not applicable to the renewal of my Food Dealers license.

- #I had agreements with a previous business owner as I have only leased the business for the last 2.5 years. I have had no communication from either Avenues West or Merrill Park Associations. These individuals only present, with Ald. Bauman, at various Committee meetings.
- #J hasn't lived in Milwaukee in more than 3 years; I have only leased the business for 2.5 years.
- #L and #N only saw a small amount of food items in my store because I have a small convenience store and we are not a regular grocery or corner store business.
- #L believes that he cannot find tenants for his business in over 15 years because of a single gas station that is more than a block away. Again, I have only been his neighbor for less than 3 years. The overall blighted condition of the one-mile radius

for more than 15 years would be the cause to discourage many clients from leasing his SOHI commercial space at 760 N 27th Street. It is worth noting the omission that the space was recently rented as a Subway restaurant and it is not clear why a lease was not extended to this owner for subsequent years. Prior to Subway, federal FEMA and at some point, City of Milwaukee has used the SOHI property, as needed, on this same corner.

- #Q is not listed as presented at the meeting because she was in full support of the Food Dealer License Renewal. She was in addition to a list of 20 signatures that were not taken into record (unsubstantiated documents from opposition, however, were taken into record). This support was in addition to nine former employees, customers and residents who appeared before this same committee in support of my business (April 19, 2013).

In #F we provided the Police with a copy of the video camera recording to help in the robbery and beating investigation. Through video surveillance and security persons, we have made every reasonable effort to comply with the recommendations by the MPD after being labeled a nuisance business—unlike presented by #P.

The only item directly related to my capability as a food vendor is #C/D. During an unrelated arrest the female Officer came back into the store and began to go through every food item (including chips, cookies, gum, etc.) looking for expiration dates. Later in her search she found one half-used container of milk in the cooler that had an expired date. The officer also admitted at that time that this one item did not match anything else in my store—by either brand or size.

A complete listing of my objection is not presented here. I wish to make use of the opportunity to appear at the Common Council on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 to explain why my Food Dealers License should be renewed and to answer any question regarding my objections.

Thank you,



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