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TONY ZIELINSKI
ALDERMAN, 14TH DISTRICT

January 14, 2016

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File Number 151143

Attached is the written objection to file number 151143, Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses, relating to the recommendation of:

Renewal, with a 90 day suspension of the Food Dealer's and Public Entertainment Premises licenses, and nonrenewal of the Class B Beer and Class C Wine, based upon the police report, neighborhood and aldermanic testimony, and operating outside the plan of operation for Donald Lewis for the premises located at 2451 W Fond du Lac Ave ("Young Urban Jazz") in the 15th aldermanic district.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its Tuesday, January 19, 2016 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached statement and materials.

Respectfully,

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Tony Zielinski, Chair
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 151143



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Re: Donald Lewis
Class B Beer and Class C Wine,
Food Dealer's and Public Entertainment
Premises license(s).
2451 West Fond du Lac Ave. ("Young Urban Jazz")

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Dear Mr. Owczarski:

I have been retained by Donald Lewis to represent him and file a written objection regarding the Licenses Committee of the City of Milwaukee recommendation of a 90 day suspension of the Food Dealer's and Public Entertainment Premises license(s) and nonrenewal of the Class B Beer and Class C Wine license(s) based upon police reports, neighborhood and aldermanic testimony and alleged operation outside the plan of operation for the Young Urban Jazz located at 2451 West Fond du Lac Avenue.

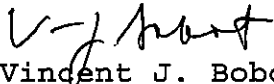
A private event, namely, a birthday party was being held at 2451 West Fond du Lac Avenue on October 18, 2015. A man attending the party arrived intoxicated and was loud and annoying people at the event. The man was asked to leave and did so. The man was then shot at a location outside the establishment. Alderman Russell Stamper testified that Mr. Lewis violated his plan of operation by hosting a birthday party on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 10:38 p.m., therefore violating the plan of operation to close by 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. On the contrary, Mr. Lewis did not violate his plan of operation for allowing a private birthday party at the premises.

On October 21, 2015 at 12:29 a.m. unknown person(s) dosed the front of the building at 2451 West Fond du Lac Avenue with a flammable liquid and ignited it. There was no evidence of wrongdoing by Mr. Lewis regarding the fire at the premises.

A citizen, namely, David Powell, testified that he had seen loitering and drug dealing outside the premises. There was absolutely no corroboration or evidence of any drug dealing associated with Young Urban Jazz presented to the Licenses Committee. Additionally, Attorney David Bangert stated that no loitering signs and security cameras had been installed at the premises.

Mr. Lewis met with the Milwaukee Police Department regarding the homicide that occurred on October 18, 2015 and the arson on October 21, 2015. Before the Licenses Committee, Mr. Lewis testified that he had a uniformed security guard at the premises. Mr. Lewis further stated that the security officer is licensed by the State of Wisconsin and insured. Mr. Lewis then told the committee that he would no longer host any private parties at the premises.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. J. Bobot", is written over the typed name.

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