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RE: Protest of transfer of ownership of Latin Quarters bar at 646 S Newkirk St

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a new resident of O'Donnell Square, a new development in the Greektown community in Baltimore City. I recently became aware of the application of transfer of ownership for the Latin Quarters bar located at 646 S Newkirk St by my neighborhood HoA. I would like to file a protest in regards to this transfer of ownership application.

I am a new homeowner in the community, what drew me to this area and this neighborhood are some of the things that now would be effected by this transfer of ownership. I have a high concern for the safety and security of my neighborhood and my home. A little bit about myself, I am a registered nurse serving Baltimore's inner city youth, this means that I have twelve hour shifts that are varying start and finish times, sometimes meaning I will be getting off work or going into work at three o'clock in the morning. As a young female, I do not think a bar located less than a block from my house is best for my safety. I also think a bar being located within a block of my house will not want me to remain in my new house once I have children in the years to come due to the fact that my future children's safety is at an increased risk. I am hoping that in the coming years that the Greektown area will become safer and secure with some of the added improvements that my neighbors and HoA are discussing.

In regards to the Latin Quarters bar, I have many concerns:

- 1) Location- I moved from a previous apartment to this house, I was drawn to this house because this house is not within two blocks of liquor stores, bars or busy restaurants. This would be a place that I would love to raise a family and establish roots while experiencing the city charms. My last apartment was located within a block of two bars and one restaurant; this was not conducive to a quiet night's sleep ever, no matter what night of the week. At any hour of the night there were bar patrons in the street being noisy, laughing and carrying on while having smoke breaks. Even when the bar would close the crowd would not disperse. We already have a train passing through which we cannot control; this

type of loitering noise can be controlled. By having this bar in basically the middle of a residential area the quiet neighborhood feel would be gone.

2) Protection of property & Safety – As with any bar that comes into a local area there is an increased level of incidents of loitering, broken bottles, urinating on cars, knocking on random doors, vomiting on lawns, etc. Especially if I am walking from my car to my house after work I do not want to be approached by drunken strangers at any hour of the night. Being a young female, I would not hesitate to call the police or mace anyone that seems to be causing issues. This will then cause even more issues since police will be in the area very frequently, I do not play around, if there are drunken patrons causing problems the police will be called, point blank.

3) Traffic/Parking – As everyone must know, the streets around Latin Quarters and O'Donnell Square are very tight and narrow and of course one way streets. Opening this establishment would cause more people in the area and more cars. This then causes a parking problem. I live on Foster Avenue and I want my friends and family to be able to come and visit, there is already limited parking as it is and with this establishment opening there will be even less space. This does not even take into account that if patrons are leaving the bar after having a few too many and attempting to drive down the narrow, one way, very congested streets there is an increased chance that these patrons will hit pedestrians or cars that are parked on the streets. There are already many times that I feel like I am going to be run over by someone speeding around the corner, add alcohol and this could be a deadly combination. Just think how much publicity the area would get if a drunken patron hit a small child just trying to play in their yard or if a drunken patron assaulted any of the females in the neighborhood just trying to go home after work.

Thank you for considering my reasons for protesting against the transferring ownership of this establishment and therefore allowing the bar to be reopened. We hope that this bar will not be reopened so that my neighborhood can be a better place for all who live there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louisa Germann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Louisa Germann