

Dear Chairman Lynch and all -

I am writing in regards to the proposed liquor license application for Lord Hobo in the former ONCE space. I regret that I can't be present at tonight's meeting, but wanted to send these written comments for your consideration.

I am generally supportive of the license application, and am glad there will be active use in that space - like many others, I was very sad to see ONCE close. That said, I do want to register a few specific issues that I've heard from neighbors, so that Lord Hobo will be aware of the specific neighborhood issues with this location.

Specifically:

1. The rear parking lot has been an ongoing area of concern, in terms of both garbage accumulation and nighttime-noise, and it directly abuts several 1- and 2-family residences, and will soon be used by the East Coast Remedies dispensary as well. I encourage a condition specifying that Lord Hobo will not use this rear parking lot as a gathering space and/or regular entrance/exit, and will actively work to keep the parking lot clean.
2. At ONCE, soundproofing was generally good, and serious noise disturbances were rare. And, the previous owner had developed strong relationships with the abutters so that they could contact her on rare occasions when noise became an issue. I ask that the owners of Lord Hobo also reach out directly and create an open line of communication with neighbors so that any issues arising can be dealt with directly.

Thank you for considering these comments,

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