



March 27, 2017

Honorable Alderman Walter Burnett – 27th Ward
4 N. Western Ave
Chicago, IL 60612

RE: Liquor License for Madison Vine Wines at 1340 W Madison

Neighbors of West Loop were contacted by the owners of Madison Vine Wines regarding an application for Consumption on Premises-Incidental Activity license and a Public Place of Amusement (PPA) license. In response to objections that were being made by an individual living next door, the owners, Mark & Wendy Battaglia, have created a Plan of Operation that includes limiting the hours of operation, the hours that live music will be performed, and the capacity of the business. Madison Vine Wines stated the applications for the two licenses and the Plan of Operation were reviewed and received email approval from Sgt. Rebecca Arguelles. They also scheduled two meetings, with the invitations being sent via certified mail to the six residences in the building. One unit showed up to the March 8 meeting and they wrote a letter in support of Madison Vine Wines.

Madison Vine Wines has been a good neighbor on Madison Street and we expect that to continue. The owners have been involved in the neighborhood for years and live near the business. We believe that whatever concerns have been raised about noise or congestion have been adequately addressed by the Plan of Operation submitted by the business.

Based on the information that has been provided and conversations with the owners, it is the opinion of NoWL that Madison Vine Wines should be granted the licenses applied for and that their presence and modest plans for expansion in the West Loop could only serve to enhance the charm and appeal of our community.

Thanks,

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cc: Sgt. Rebecca Arguelles – 12th District
NoWL Board of Directors