

Craig, Sondra

From: Chuck Callies <cccallies@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 2:00 PM
To: Craig, Sondra
Subject: Response to Indoor Cabaret License Application

To Whom it may concern,

The following is offered regarding the application for an Indoor Cabaret License by the Sushi Pirate at 200 Main St. in downtown La Crosse.

My wife and I have been residents of the downtown area for the past 15 years. Our residence is located one half block from the Sushi Pirate and we have no specific issue with the owners or restaurant patrons. We would be considered veterans of downtown living and enjoy participating in the robust nightlife. As was noted in our previous letter, the characterization of "rave" parties would certainly appear to be accurate, right down to the secrecy under which they were operating. During that time, we observed a significant rise in undesirable, extremely late night activities that extended well beyond typical bar hours. The crass and disgusting behaviors we were hearing and observing, extended far beyond public urination, and required clean-up and repair I am quite certain would not be tolerated on city owned property. It was apparent that the participants in the events noted, have no interest in social convention, or the long term viability of downtown La Crosse.

Our neighborhood and the city of La Crosse have worked extremely hard to provide a safe, clean, and welcoming downtown area. It is our hope the city does not endorse the behaviors that led to the decline and deterioration of the downtown in the past, by granting this Indoor Cabaret License without first ensuring and protecting the investments of this city and its residents.

Sincerely,

Chuck and Carla Callies

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