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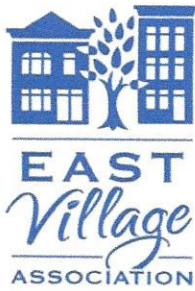
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**Re: B.B.L.L. INC. 1935 W. Chicago Avenue DBA Cleo's Late Hour Liquor Application**

Dear Commissioner Steadman:

I am writing as President of the East Village Association ("EVA") regarding the Late Hour Liquor License application submitted to the City of Chicago by the owners of B.B.L.L. INC. d/b/a Cleo's (located at 1935 W. Chicago Avenue). EVA is aware that the public comment period regarding this license is quickly drawing to a close (we believe the deadline is February 12), and we would like to provide some background and outline some outstanding issues the EVA Board has identified with regard to this application:

- Cleo's representative Scott Floersheimer has made presentations regarding the Cleo's application to two neighborhood associations which border the business: Chicago Grand Neighbors Association (CGNA) on January 19 and EVA on February 1.
- During the presentations, Cleo's did not seek approval or support for its Late Night Liquor License application from either organization, but did answer some questions and entertain comments regarding the application and proposed license.
- At the EVA meeting, Cleo's stated that they are drafting a Plan of Operation (EVA is unclear whether or not this is in addition to the Exterior Safety Plan which is required of all Late Hour Liquor License applicants under 4-60-130(f)). EVA has not seen this draft Plan of Operation, and is not certain how neighboring residents, EVA, CGNA, local businesses, other nearby neighborhood groups, or anyone else can provide meaningful feedback or otherwise participate in the application process without seeing the Plan of Operation.



- At both the CGNA and the EVA meeting, Cleo's was asked to provide the current and ratio of alcohol to food sales at Cleo's. Since Cleo's holds a Consumption on Premises – Incidental Activity Liquor License, questions about the ratios of alcohol to food sales now and the anticipated ratio if Cleo's obtains a Late Night License were relevant. At the EVA meeting, Cleo's could not provide the ratio but stated that it would provide the ratio on February 17, which is after the comment period for the Late Night License application will close.
- The list of residents provided to an EVA member from a FOIA request to the City seeking documents related to Cleo's Late Night License application stated that it was showing the names of residents within 250 feet, rather than 500 feet, as required by 4-60-130(e).

As you know, the process for a business to obtain a Late Hour Liquor License under 4-60-130(e) includes encouraging public participation in the application process in order to assist you in reviewing the application (including notification of voters within 500 feet of the business, notice posted at the business, and written consent of a majority of the legal residents within 500 feet of the business). Given the importance 4-60-130(e) places on public participation, the EVA Board wanted to communicate to you the issues that it considers outstanding with respect to Cleo's Late Night License application.

The EVA Board is particularly concerned about issues associated with Late Hour Liquor License applications since the City's own "Late Hour Liquor Fact Sheet" states: "City data shows increased disturbance calls at late hour liquor establishments resulting in a need for increased police resources."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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