



January 24, 2019

Alderman Proco "Joe" Moreno
1st Ward
2740 W. North Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Re: New Tavern Liquor License to 1610 W. Chicago Inc/Loop Tavern at 1610 W. Chicago Ave.

Dear Alderman Moreno,

The East Village Association Board recently met with Steve Kontos and Dean Maragos to discuss the proposed issuance of a new liquor license for Loop Tavern, as well as a proposed Plan of Operation.

After discussing the matter at the Board level, the East Village Association board does not oppose the issuance of the license, assuming that the Plan of Operation is put in place as presented to our Board. We attached a copy of the proposed Plan of Operation.

We appreciate the fact that Mr. Kontos reached out to us for our support. Loop Tavern has been operating on Chicago Ave for more than 30 years, and it sounds as if the operations of the business will continue relatively unchanged with anticipated improvements coming in next few years. Given the many changes on Chicago Ave, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on one of our legacy businesses.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Michael VanDam
President, East Village Association

Cc: Raymond Valadez
Dean Maragos, Attorney for Applicant