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To: David L. Corliss

Subject: RE: Letter to Mayor Farmer

From: Vice Mayor Jeremy Farmer [mailto:voteyourselfafarmer@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 10:05 AM

To: mmk1213@aol.com
Cc: David L. Corliss

Subject: RE: Letter to Mayor Farmer

Mr. & Mrs. Krause:

Thank you for your email. I appreciate getting all points of view. We will include this in the agenda packet correspondence.

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Jeremy Farmer

Mayor, City of Lawrence, KS

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From: mmk1213@aol.com [mailto:mmk1213@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 7:27 PM
To: voteyourselfafarmer@gmail.com
Subject: Letter to Mayor Farmer

Dear Mayor Farmer,

We are writing to express our opinions about the Warehouse Arts District, especially as it pertains about having a business that serves predominantly alcohol. We have lived on the 900 block of Delaware Street, within a block of the district, for about fifteen years. We also own three additional houses on the block as rental property. Our daughters both walked to New York Elementary from kindergarten though fifth grade. We consider ourselves heavily invested in this area both personally and financially.

We hope that you will consider granting an exception to the 55% food sale rule for at least one property (but perhaps more) within the district for several reasons. We have lived within yards of the currently closed 'Charlie's Eastside' at 9th & Pennsylvania. This neighborhood bar did not have the food sale restriction and did not ever pose a problem to us as neighbors. Currently downtown, there are many bars that have been 'grandfathered' in, not having to comply with this rule. It seems to be a reasonable model to follow. And it would be great to have an East Side drinking establishment for us to stroll over to - we would welcome it. We are concerned that businesses won't have the opportunity to thrive in our unique neighborhood. We have been restaurateurs for decades and believe there is a time and place for a bar – and we believe it is now in East Lawrence.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert & Molly Krause 917 Delaware Lawrence, KS 66044

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To: Mayor Jeremy Farmer **Subject:** RE: Warehouse Arts District

From: Mayor Jeremy Farmer [mailto:voteyourselfafarmer@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 1:27 PM

To: Codi Bates Cc: Bobbie Walthall

Subject: Re: Warehouse Arts District

Simon and Codi:

Thank you for taking time to write and express an opinion. I feel like the vibrancy of the district will only be enhanced by a close collaboration between the WAD and the neighborhood, which I understand good conversations are taking place. Please consider showing up tomorrow night if you can and expressing your support. I will have your letter included in the correspondence.

Thanks again for writing.

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Codi Bates

May 1, 2015 at 5:53 PM

Dear Commissioner,

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(but perhaps more) within the district.

We feel that making this exception would allow for an opportunity to drive others interests up in being a part of this exciting area. As neighbors within close proximity of Charlie's East Side and the Warehouse Arts District we welcome the idea of having a bar a block away from our home as we know the community to be a diverse and safe one.

We know the difficulties that new development areas have with bringing in sustainable businesses the will contribute the growth and long term stability of the area. Having exceptions to encourage businesses that are a good fit seems to be a wonderful way to help the area develop and grow.

Thank you for your consideration,

Simon and Codi Bates 1001 Delaware Street Lawrence, Kansas

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From: Gwen Regan [mailto:gregan@flinthillsmgmt.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2015 2:34 PM

To: Mary Miller; Denny Ewert

Cc: 'Tom Larkin'

Subject: Updated Poehler Support Letter

Mary,

Here is the amended Poehler Lofts support letter list, please make sure this replaces the one you currently have in your packet.

To reiterate this tenant was not fully aware of the scope of our efforts and preferred to remove him and his girlfriend's name from the list.

If you have any more questions please feel free to let me know.

Thank you,

Gwen Regan

Property Manager

Flint Hills Management Group



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From: "Arch" < arch@sunflower.com>

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Cc: "Scott McCullough" < smccullough@lawrenceks.org >, "David L. Corliss" < DCorliss@lawrenceks.org >

Subject: Item 4 on agenda for March 23, 2015

Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2015 9:55 am

Dear Chair and Vice-Chair,

Please do not allow a bar without requirements that all other bars/restaurants must follow. This proposed site was once 2 apartments. He could of left it as apartments. He should return the property back to apartments. Don't let him go around the restaurant/bar requirements that was negotiated already. The basil leaf cafe has around the same footprint. They managed to put a kitchen into their building. It would be opening a can of worms to allow them a bar only.

Regards,

Arch Naramore 1204 New York Lawrence KS



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To Mr. Bruce Liese, Chairman, and Planning Commissioners Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission

RE: ITEM NO. 4: CS-UC TO CS-UC; 0.27 ACRES; 804 PENNSYLVANIA ST (MKM)

The League of Women Voters Land Use Committee urges the Planning Commission not to approve the recommendation of the Planning Staff to allow the alternative choice of using the subject historic property as a bar without food service and only with special conditions. We ask this for the following reasons:

- 1. The applicant, himself, has said that the residents of the area have expressed the need for a use within walking distance to provide food service, we assume especially at noon, but also after work so as to avoid having to travel by car to a another area for lunch or meetings.
- 2. The need for a bar alone seems to be primarily that of the owner of the property, not of the residents of the neighborhood. A bar would not provide the need expressed by those who live in the area. It would not really function as a need for the immediate neighborhood.
- 3. At noon and in the evening a bar would attract customers outside the area and could become much more intensely used, especially in the outside patio area. This would make it more difficult to control the noise, clutter, and other unpleasant side effects that a bar rather than a restaurant would bring.
- 4. Because the suggestion of allowing a bar without food service would not serve the neighborhood, there are alternatives mentioned that would facilitate providing a restaurant which were not considered by staff in their final recommendation.
 - a. There is a near-by building that can be replaced to supplement the needed space, especially for a kitchen. A building addition that would connect to the stone building could provide for the needed kitchen so as to avoid imported food service.
 - b. Because a bar alone without food would likely attract more customers from outside the neighborhood, it could become a hazard and a nuisance rather than a benefit for the neighborhood residents regardless of the conditions imposed.
- c. There would be less need for auto parking if the use is designed to attract the local customers.
- d. One of our LUC members who has worked in retailing pointed out that the objection to keeping track of daily sales is something retailers do routinely and questioned this as a valid reason for objecting to the food sales requirement.

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We urge that you recommend to the Historic Resources and City Commissions that the food requirement be the only alternative to allowing serving liquor, i.e., the first recommended alternative, and that the applicant seek methods to facilitate that choice if he chooses to continue to use this building for commercial use.

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Sincerely yours,

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Alan Black, Chairman President Land Use Committee

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Lawrence, Kansas 66044

RE: Rezoning Request for 804 Pennsylvania Street Bar/Bistro

Commissioners,

As the Director of the Cider Gallery, I am writing this letter to show full support for the rezoning request at 804 Pennsylvania Street, in order to allow for a neighborhood eating and drinking establishment.

We host multiple events at the gallery throughout the year – we have no fewer than 68 events on the schedule for 2015. These range from Final Fridays to East Side Blues Nights, Weddings and Receptions, Corporate Parties and Events, Customer Appreciation Gatherings, Political Fundraisers, KU Classes and Receptions, Non-Profit Fundraisers and Social Events, Free State Festival Activities, and Awards Ceremonies. As a member of the Warehouse Arts District, we are interested in bringing Lawrence residents to the historic east side of town on a regular basis, and not only within the confines of our planned events. A neighborhood gathering spot that includes indoor and outdoor seating as well as great atmosphere, will add to the energy that is already being generated in the area.

We host coworking office tenants on our second floor. They invite clients to the district, and have a need to entertain. They also work long and varied hours, and would be interested in acquiring food and beverages that are in close proximity to our work space.

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City County Planning Office Lawrence, Kansas Our occupancy in the gallery space, including use of our outdoor courtyard, is 316. We have hosted events for up to 300 people without finding that the noise is a factor for our neighbors. A small patio space at 804 Pennsylvania would only accommodate a fraction of that number for seating, and we don't imagine that to be a disruption within the community.

We plan to work with management at 804 Pennsylvania to ensure that guests at both establishments are pleased with the location, service, sound management, and parking situations. We are looking forward to this addition to the Warehouse Arts District and believe that it will serve to support the business leaders and artists who are already actively working in this thriving part of Lawrence.

Thank you for considering our letter in support of this particular rezoning request.

Jennifer Letner

Director, Cider Gallery - Events, Fine Art

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To: City of Lawrence City Commissioners 6 East 6th Street

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Respected Commissioners,

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We at Flint Hills Management Group are extremely eager to welcome the Bistro into our neighborhood. I believe it will be an asset to what currently exists here, and I have heard from many of our tenants and colleagues how much they too are looking forward to its opening. As a management company we see how certain business types can be disruptive to our mission, but the Bistro concept will be very complimentary to what currently exists down here today!

I would like this letter to reflect my complete support for the rezoning request and bringing this unique and highly desirable restaurant to the flourishing district.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Putman

VP of Property Management

Flint Hills Management Group

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