

Longfellow Community Association  
2542 Charlotte Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108-2711  
January 15, 2010

Neighborhood and Community Services Department  
Regulated Industries Division  
Attention: Patrice Winston, Division Investigator

Re: 901 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64109 (**Mid 27 Food Mart**)

To Whom It May Concern:

Per the Notice of an Application for:

1. Full Liquor by the Package sales license
2. Sunday sales license to sell alcohol
3. Unknown applicant's proposal to operate 24 hours, 7 days a week with liquor sales as "outlined" in the ordinance

As the President, on behalf of the Longfellow Community Association, we are emphatically in opposition to any liquor sales of any type at this location. For the record, LCA opposed the location of the food mart at this location just a few years ago, but were denied the opportunity of a public hearing on the license for the market at that time. Some years before that, though the certificate of non-compliance issued many years earlier had been expired several years, a city employee advised the applicant for a business not to apply for a new certificate of non-compliance because that would require a public hearing. Instead, the applicant was allowed to "renew" the expired certification.

Mid 27 Food Mart is located in the middle of a residential area. To call the present operation a "food mart" is perhaps stretching it a bit. It appears that, while they may sell some grocery items, the operation is primarily a smokes and junk food store. This type of use of the location is not consistent with the present and future development of the neighborhood.

Even now, the following situations present a nuisance for the neighborhood with apparently no concern of these negative effects by the operators of the present food mart: 1) sidewalk signage, 2) lighting, 3) industrial-style chain link fence, 4) restricted vision for oncoming traffic, 5) inordinate amount of trash on the sidewalks, in the gutters, and on private yards within the vicinity of the store. Even more considerable negative social effects will occur if this effort to expand the operation by allowing 24/7 liquor sales succeeds.

This is a quality of life, safety, and values issue. To be clear, as the designated neighborhood association, our position is: **no liquor sales at this location, at any time!**

Firmly,

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