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June 8, 2006

Mr. Dewey Kim
Administrator
Honolulu Liquor Commission
711 Kapiolani Boulevard
Suite 700
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: May 25, 2006 Application of ALFUJ, Inc. for extension of licensed premises.

Dear Director Kim:

I am the Representative for District 28, which includes a number of constituents who live in the Sheridan-Keeaumoku area. A matter came to my attention that I feel must be raised with you and the Commission.

On May 25, 2006 ALFUJ, Inc., the licensee for a club that is now called "Business" located at 1346/7 Kapiolani Blvd. Honolulu, Hawaii brought its application for permission to increase the size of its premises by about 2,080 feet before the Commission. The application was approved by vote of the Commission. No notice of public hearing or notice to the Neighborhood Board or the community was provided. Luckily, I happened to come across this in reviewing the weekly reports.

My constituents who live in the Sheridan area have fought new hostess bars for several years. The premises that was approved, was, to my recollection, formerly a hostess bar that lost its liquor license. My recollection is also that Hawaii law prohibits issuing a hostess license for premises that is within 500 feet of another hostess bar. In view of the fact that this premises was taken out of classification as a permissible hostess bar, it strikes me as odd that the Commission would allow the premises to go back into circulation as a hostess bar, especially without letting the community voice its opinions.

I represent my constituents' interests in making sure that the Commission follows its own rules and the law in its actions. In this case, the Neighborhood Board was not notified in advance. Hence, I ask that you reconsider your ruling of approval and re-set this matter for a hearing which will allow the Neighborhood Board and concerned residents and voters to be heard. I plan to attend and comment.

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Liquor Commission Rule 3-83-62(c) requires that the Neighborhood Board be notified prior to a hearing where the increase sought is by fifty percent or more. This increase is almost 100 percent. Hence, the Board should have been notified. There being the notice problem, the Commission must, at a minimum, reconsider and reverse its ruling and permit a public hearing on the matter.

Please consider this a Motion for Reconsideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bev Harbin".

BEV HARBIN

House of Representatives

District 28

Keeaumoku/Sheridan, Kakaako, Downtown, Chinatown, Iwilei