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## **Metropolitan Planning Commission**

Suite 403, City-County Building 400 Main Avenue Knoxville, TN 37902

Re: Agenda Item #34 – Applicant Charles Richardson

Dear Commission:

This letter is written on behalf of the above Applicant who requests permission to open a small retail wine and spirits store (3,500 square feet) in the Northshore Town Center. City Council has already approved a license for Admiral Wine and Spirits for this location after MPC certified on July 23, 2010 that the site was permitted for retail sales. (A copy is enclosed.)

The Applicant is in the process of acquiring  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of land to build a two story building in which 3,500 square feet would be the proposed wine store and the remainder for office and storage space.

Staff has recommended against this use because the location is in the peripheral area of the Town Center Zone. However, it is important to point out that there are other uses permitted in the peripheral area of the zone such as hotel/motels, eating and drinking establishments, clubs and lodges and churches which could have a much larger impact on the area via traffic, hours of operation and so forth, than the proposed wine store.

Furthermore, the Town Center Zone permits any other store or shop for retail trade or for rendering personal, professional, or business services which the Planning Commission finds does not produce more noise, odor, dust, vibration, blast or traffic from those that I mentioned above.

The wine store is permitted to operate 6 days a week and must be closed on Christmas, Thanksgiving, Labor Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and New Years Day. The Applicant who, along with his son, will be the owner of the store, proposes to close at 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 on Friday and Saturday. The traffic impact estimated from this wine store is less than 200 trips per day. In discussions with other owners of similar wine stores in the City of Knoxville the owners find that only 12% of those trips occur after 6:00 p.m.

We submit that the proposed store is a good use for this site which presently is simply a hole in the ground and is difficult to develop. The Applicant also would like to reduce the

parking required and will be applying for a reduction in the number of parking spaces required if the use is approved.

The Applicant feels that permitting this development will go a long ways toward promoting the development of this town center area which has been proposed for over 5 years.

We would urge you to support this development.

If you have any questions about the Richardsons' proposal, please call the undersigned or Chuck Richardson at 524-2452 or Brett Richardson at 405-3525.

We appreciate your consideration. Sincerely. Real Contraction Arthur Ç LP ERANTZ, MCCONNELL & SEYMOUR, I

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I am speaking on behalf of myself, husband, and neighbors in stating our complete and utter opposition to a liquor store next door to Northshore Landing Subdivision on Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922. The proposed building would be approximately 125 yards from my home, not to mention the dumpster would be at the end of our street. I have 2 elementary aged children and this is not what I want them exposed to on a daily/nightly basis. Customers wishing to purchase alcohol can simply drive less than a mile down the road to the commercialized area. The current location for the proposed store is residential in nature, not commercial. Let us not forget the proposed elementary school in the same location and what message a liquor store next to their playground area would send.

Thank you, Sharon and Jason Campbell and family 9804 Kristi Drive Knoxville, TN 37922 865-671-2750