



Eight Streets Neighborhood Association
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Zoning Board of Appeals
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To Whom it May Concern,

At the January 3, 2007 meeting of the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association, Anna Barounis and George Tsaousidis, presented their new store concept for Athens II, located at 532 Tremont Street, Boston, MA. They came to the monthly association meeting to ask for our support for obtaining a license to sell beer and wine (take out only).

Anna Barounis and George Tsaousidis' concept is to create a high end neighborhood market where people could purchase convenience items, gourmet foods, prepared foods and also beer and wine making it easier for customers to get everything they need for a dinner at home in one stop. They would like to create a small wine cellar and beer area downstairs where there will also be Greek groceries available for purchase. They view Athens II as a higher end store and not a place where people will loiter or peddle outside. They have 105 signatures of approval from residents across the street at Atelier 505. They have 35 letters of approval from other residents in the neighborhood. Hours of the store would be 6AM – 10PM.

Concerns from the neighborhood included people loitering out front and increased traffic in the alley behind the store. Ms Barounis and Mr Tsaousidis have committed to not selling lower end/inexpensive beer and wine or selling single bottles of beer. They have also committed to taking extra care to keep the exterior of the building clean and have agreed to work with neighbors on finding a solution to help reduce foot traffic in the alley behind the store which includes monitoring, reducing use of the back door for deliveries, and possibly adding security lighting. All questions and concerns from neighbors were answered.

The Eight Streets Membership unanimously voted they are not opposed Ms Barounis and Mr Tsaousidis adding beer and wine sales to their new market.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns on this subject.

Thank you.

Yours,

Heather Slaby
Secretary
Eight Streets Neighborhood Association

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