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Zoning Board of Appeals
Boston City Hall, Room 204
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To Whom it May Concern,

At the February 7, 2007 meeting of the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association, Mr Richard Gordon and his lawyer presented his plans for wanting to apply for a liquor license for The Buttery, located at 314 Shawmut Ave, Boston, MA.

Mr. Gordon's concept is to expand the seating capacity and to stay open later in order to serve patrons breakfast, lunch and dinner. Mr Gordon felt that adding a liquor license was important for diners would like to have a glass of wine or a cocktail with dinner. Mr Gordon is not planning on having a traditional bar in the restaurant although there will be counter space for 4-6 people where people could eat or have a drink before sitting down to dinner. Mr Gordon would to have a license to serve alcohol until 1AM.

Neighbors were concerned about having another full alcohol establishment nestled in the middle of a residential area. Concerns were focused around noise, increased car and pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood and excessive drinking. Mr Gordon reiterated that his concept is that of a dining establishment and he has no intention of this becoming a bar.

The Eight Streets Membership voted to not oppose the liquor license with the conditions that while The Buttery could stay open late to serve dinner, that alcohol would stop being served at time earlier than 1am. Mr. Gordon agreed to work with the neighborhood association to determine alcohol serving times that would be acceptable to everyone involved.

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

Thank you.

Yours,

Heather Slaby
Secretary
Eight Streets Neighborhood Association

CC: Mr Richard Gordon, The Buttery, 314 Shawmut Ave, Boston, MA