



July 17, 2017

Shannon Trotter
Local Liquor Control Commissioner
121 N. LaSalle St.
City Hall, Room 800
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Trotter:

The Streeterville Organization of Active Residents (SOAR) was recently notified of a formal notice of an application for a Tavern, Public Place of Amusement filed by a proposed Firewater River East LLC. It has come to our attention that the proposed proprietor(s) currently operate a similar establishment in the Chicago area, and that establishment has had ongoing 911 complaints of rowdy behavior, late night noise, theft and battery in addition to several other problems. Streeterville residents object to this type of establishment in the community as it does not serve the needs and profile of the community. Therefore we are opposed to the issuance of a liquor license to Firewater Saloon.

The proposed new establishment at 403 E. Illinois Street is adjacent to many residential buildings and a very busy pedestrian sidewalk used by local residents and visitors. Navy Pier and other adjacent buildings are family oriented locations, and the patronage of the proposed Tavern and Place of Amusement would be in conflict with the area residents who are presently attracted to the Streeterville neighborhood due to its atmosphere. We have received letters of concern from area residents.

SOAR respectfully requests your commission to **reject this application** in order that the neighborhood not suffer any nuisance that would prevent Streeterville from being one of Chicago's most desirable neighborhoods to live, work and enjoy.

Thank you for your commission's consideration of the needs of the neighborhood's residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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