From: Jeremy Furse To: Lynne Zollner Subject: 840 Hospitality area opinion Date: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 4:45:16 PM

Ms. Zollner,

I am the owner of the property located at 843 Massachusetts St. Per your direction I am sending you this email to voice my opinion on the request by the occupants of 840 Massachusetts St. for a permanent hospitality area to be located in front of their business. I have never had any problem with restaurants having these areas in front of their businesses because

1. It adds to the ambiance of downtown

2. it adds additional seating for the business. (My neighbor to the south, Mrs. Fields\TCBY has one). I do however have a strong opinion about this type of accommodation being granted to a non food service business. I don't think it is in the best interest of downtown to have areas in front of property for the purpose of having a place for employees to hang out. I believe that this would be very detrimental to the downtown as a whole. It is my understanding that this business already has a patio in the rear of the business that can be utilized by their employees. No good can come from granting this request. I am definitely opposed to the idea of this business being granted a hospitality area.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Furse 843 Mass From: Linda Campbell To: Lynne Zollner Subject: Sidewalk usage request Date: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 4:05:14 PM

As a property owner at 841 Massachusetts, I am not in favor of granting this request of sidewalk usage.

Win Campbell

Sent from my iPad



October 3, 2014

Dave Corliss City Manager City of Lawrence 6 E. 6th St. Lawrence, KS 66044

RE: Site Plan, SP-14-00379, for a use of a right-of-way permit to use the adjacent sidewalk similar to a hospitality area for a non-food service related business, for Yantra at 840 Massachusetts Street.

Dear Dave:

The Downtown Lawrence, Inc. board of directors has asked me to pass along several concerns about the request of Yantra Services set forth above. The board members are concerned about the precedent this will cause. We would ask that the Commission defer the request. We have not opposed restaurants having this right-of-way primarily because of a combination of the liquor laws and the smoking ban. Before the City expands this beyond restaurants DLI believes the city should examine this detail. DLI is willing to help form a committee to look into the pros and cons of allowing such right-of-ways Downtown. DLI requests that the city either deny the request or defer it for further study and recommendations.

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