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Cc: Reeve, Tracy
Subject: FW: Testimony in Support of Council Agenda Item 204
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For this morning's Regular Agenda item #204.

Karla Moore-Love | Council Clerk

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Good grief, Karla

I sure am goofing up tonight. Reference Council Item 204.

Corrected Phone number, just in case is (503) 201-6460

Marty Slapikas

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Karla,
I am unable to get to the Council meeting that would discuss this issue. Please pass this on to the Council members.

Thank you,

Martin Slapikas
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To: Mayor S. Adams
City Of Portland Council

Subject: Feb 29, 2012 City Council Agenda Item 204

From: Martin G. Slapikas
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I am in support of City Council Agenda Item 204.

I live on Hayden Island. I have witnessed the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's (OLCC) lack of regulatory diligence and the effect it has had on Hayden Island. Under the circumstances, I would not recommend licensing food carts for the sale of liquor.

In addition, I propose to City Council that you seek the separation of the sales/distribution elements of OLCC from its licensing/enforcement element to eliminate the regulatory conflict of interest that works to the detriment of Portland's neighborhoods.

The Hayden Island neighborhood has been subjected to a concentration of liquor licenses and lottery machines located in an area of Hayden Island euphemistically labeled "Lottery Row." It functions as an unauthorized casino for their clientele. State Representative Tina Kotek, representing the Hayden Island area, reports crime rising within 1,000 feet of the twelve businesses at Jantzen Beach retail strip (aka Lottery Row) based on statistics gleaned from police reports. Violent and Part II crimes including shootings, simple assault, weapons, sex, liquor, disorderly conduct and trespassing crimes causing police dispatch calls increased from 621 in 2005 to 1,224 in 2010.

The lack OLCC's guideline enforcement efforts affecting traditional brick and mortar establishments serving liquor on Hayden Island casts serious doubt as to OLCC's ability or "will" to provide any regulatory diligence or oversight involving carts that would benefit neighborhood residents and businesses in the food cart area.

Should liquor licenses be issued to establishments with "no walls" or "no premises" (with no uniform standard of licensing), having but just a footprint on the ground, does that open up the door to package liquor and beer sales, and eventually, requests for lottery machines?

Witnessing the result of OLCC's regulatory conflict of interest on Hayden Island leads me to conclude OLCC is not prepared to control any concentrated proliferation of establishments, with or without walls, for the benefit of a neighborhood.

I support, and encourage, the passage of such a resolution that directs the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and the Portland Police Bureau to notify OLCC of City's opposition to issuing liquor licenses to food cart areas, and support the participation of the City Attorney's Office to participate on behalf of the City of Portland.

I would hope you would also do so for the benefit of the Hayden Island community.

Respectfully,

Martin G. Slapikas