

Kimberly Kaufmann-Brisby

From: Emily Hunt
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 12:20 AM
To: Kimberly Kaufmann-Brisby
Subject: Thai Basil Variance application-P11-027.

Dear Mrs. Kaufmann-Brisby,

In light of the recent closings of many of Sacramento's treasured eateries and night spots, I would like to ask that you heavily consider granting Suleka Lindley and Thai Basil the necessary permits and permissions to expand LevelUp Lounge.

Midtown needs businesses like Thai Basil and LevelUp and owners like Suleka. The expansion would help draw more attention to the location and in turn invite more people to frequent this great neighborhood lounge. I would so much love to see LevelUp become what it has the potential to be: a relaxed and safe place for people to socialize and unwind with an unbeatable atmosphere and great food.

When so many other local businesses struggling and falling under the current conditions, it would be nice to see a place like Thai Basil and LevelUp succeed and flourish. I believe that this expansion would help facilitate it's continued success as one of Sacramento's favorite spots.

Thank you for your time, and have a wonderful day.

Emily Hunt

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From: Mercy Zeleski
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Kimberly Kaufmann-Brisby
Subject: Thai Basil Variance application-P11-027

Dear Kimberly,

I am writing to express my support of the Thai Basil & Level Up Lounge open-air balcony proposal. With so many restaurant's in Midtown struggling to stay afloat in this economy, the fact that an owner is trying to improve their business should be embraced by Sacramento. One of the perks of living in Midtown is the convenience of having a mixture of businesses at your front door. Traffic, noise, and parking issues come standard with business and Midtown in general. Honestly, it's a given. Plus, the noise level will still be regulated by the sound ordinances in the area.

I hope the Planning Commission and the City of Sacramento will support local business and back this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mercy Zeleski
Sacramento Resident

Dear Kimberly,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm writing with regard to the proposed Thai Basil Restaurant remodel. The purpose of this correspondence is to share my thoughts as a neighbor and also as an employee of the business.

I purchased my home on the 2500 block of I street nearly seven years ago. One of the most important attributes I looked for in a home was a central location in a vibrant neighborhood where I could interact with neighbors and enjoy the diverse dining and entertainment options in the City. Amongst the many dining options I found Thai Basil which quickly became one of my favorite restaurants. I frequented the restaurant and often noticed my neighbors there as well. Over the years I met people like Michael Smith and formed new bonds over meals of Som Tom and Pad Thai. I truly considered Thai basil more than just a place to get good food but a neighborhood amenity.

A few years later Level Up Lounge opened; an upscale lounge where I could relax with a cocktail and mingle with my friends just added to the sense that this neighborhood is truly a gem. I've met more of my neighbors at Level Up than I have in any neighborhood association meeting or during many leisurely walks through Midtown. One of these people is Suleka Sun-Lindley, who always treated me like a friend and neighbor. We became acquainted through another neighbor and before long, upon learning of my interest in cooking Suleka offered me a job in the kitchen. A year and a half later I am working 30 hours a week and about to begin formal culinary education. I would not have had that opportunity were it not for the connections that I made through this business. Aside from developing a passion, the additional income this job provides is a Godsend given these tough economic times.

I hope this letter has provided some perspective with regard to the benefits that Thai Basil and Level Up have provided the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Jonathan A Hunt