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November 13, 2023

Ms. Michele Harvet
City of Minneapolis Department of Licenses and Consumer Services
350 South 5th Street – Room 1C
Minneapolis, MN 55415–1316

RE: Liquor license application for the Abiitan Mill City

Dear Ms. Harvet:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association's (DMNA) Land Use Committee **to express support for the on-sale liquor license with Sunday sales for the two restaurants at Abiitan Mill City.** Laura Boyd from Alcohol Compliance Services and restaurant owners Brittney Klass and Gerard Klass met with the DMNA Land Use Committee on November 7, 2023.

Ms. Boyd explained that Mr. and Ms. Klass will be opening restaurants in the two vacant restaurant spaces at Abiitan Mill City. The former Porter Café restaurant will reopen as Cream Café and the former Smith and Porter Restaurant will reopen as Klassic Kitchen + Cocktails. Ms. Boyd stated that Mr. and Ms. Klass currently operate Soul Bowl at Target Field, Target Center and the Minnesota State Fair. They have over 15 years of restaurant experience. The Klass' indicated that they hope to open the Cream Café coffee shop in December. They hope to have Klassics Kitchen + Cocktails opened by mid-January.

After some questions and discussion, the DMNA Land Use Committee **voted to recommend that the city approve the on-sale liquor licenses with Sunday sales for Cream Café and Klassics Kitchen + Cocktails.** The committee members expressed appreciation that these two long vacant restaurant spaces in the Mill District will have new life.

If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at christie@thedmna.org or by phone at 320-583-4573.

Sincerely,

Christie Rock Hantge
DMNA Executive Director

CC: Laura Boyd, Alcohol Compliance Services
Council Member Michael Rainville
Kevin Frazell, DMNA Land Use Committee Chair