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Ms. Lynema,

I understand that the ARB will be discussing a proposed restaurant and brew pub for the former Tango Restaurant space at 464 Mass. Ave. I think it is a tremendous opportunity for Arlington to finally have its first brew pub in modern times. It is even better to see a vacant storefront could soon be filled. I wish the applicant all the best, and I encourage the ARB to act favorably on this application.

I am specifically writing to request that the ARB discuss compliance with the Mass. Architectural Access Board (AAB) regulations as a part of its deliberations. The plans appear to indicate that the existing entrances are to remain unchanged. Despite the statement in the code review section of the provided drawings, judging from the submitted plans, neither existing entrance off Mass. Ave. appears to be code compliant. Under the AAB code, a project with a construction budget in excess of \$100,000 is required to provide an accessible entrance unless a variance is received from the AAB. While compliance with this requirement is under the jurisdiction of the Inspectional Services Department, it would be appropriate to raise this issue during Environmental Design Review, as making the required changes would involve modifications to the front facade. There are too many legacy barriers to accessibility in town, and it is important that improvements be made when they can, especially when they may be required under State Law.

My thanks to you and the ARB for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christian Klein
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