

May 27, 2023

Peter Garavito
230 Massachusetts Ave., Unit 12
Arlington, MA 02474

Town of Arlington
Select Board Members
c/o Diane M. Mahon, Stephen W. DeCoursey, Lenard Diggins,
Eric D. Helmuth, and John V. Hurd
730 Mass Ave.
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Select Board Members,

This letter is in regard to the announcement of a hearing concerning an application for an All Alcohol Package Store License associated with 232 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA 02474. I would like to express my opposition as I reside at 230 Massachusetts Ave., Unit 12, Arlington, MA 02474.

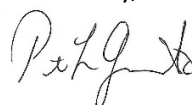
On a personal level, this is an important issue as I have resided at 230 Massachusetts Ave, Unit 12 for 25 years. Our neighborhood near the Capitol Theater in East Arlington has an excellent quality of life with a variety of businesses to support. I have a major concern that having a liquor and smoke shop next door will negatively impact our quality of life with regard to the crowds, the trash, and importantly, the traffic problems. Our condominium building has a private driveway next to 232 Massachusetts Ave. In the past, with the dry cleaner's business, we submitted numerous complaints associated with their customers parked in front and blocking our driveway. We had to consistently approach the business owner and customers requesting that the car(s) be moved. Also, we have building signage displaying "Do Not Block Driveway" and customers simply do not pay attention. With a liquor and smoke shop, the problem will only increase.

In addition, our neighborhood has two liquor store businesses in a very small radius. They are Mass Ave Wine & Spirits located at 137 Massachusetts Ave., and Menotomy Beer & Wine located at 80 Broadway. Along with these two businesses, there are a few liquor shops in a wider radius on the edge of Cambridge and Somerville.

I would like your support to oppose issuance of a license to Nikant 232 Inc. D/B/A City Wine, Spirits and Smoke Shop. Quality of life is extremely important to me while I enjoy living in Arlington, MA. I know there are other residents who express the same concern. I believe there are more suitable types of businesses for that location which will help maintain our quality of life.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Garavito", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Garavito