Seaport Neighborhood Association

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Boston Licensing Board

On behalf of the Seaport Neighborhood Association (SNA), I am writing to you regarding the applications for Seaport 50 Hospitality, dba Tacos El Chikis, items 18 and 19 on your May 14 agenda.

We are supportive of the restaurant itself. It is to be run by the same group as Committee, an adjacent restaurant which has been a long standing part of the Seaport. However, we are strongly opposed to the 3AM closing on Fridays and Saturdays. It has been the opinion of the SNA that no broad purpose is served by closing after 2AM. Currently, the vast majority of Seaport businesses are closed well before 2AM, the two that stay open until that time are the locations which have created the most complaints and police attention in the neighborhood. We are supportive and encouraging of the growth and vibrancy of our community, but we are also a residential neighborhood where a late-night respite from activity is appreciated.

We also question the need for a package store to be co-located within the restaurant. We do not have enough experience with package stores to have a strong opinion and fully trust the judgement of the Board. We just point out that there are two package stores within a two-block radius of this business and are unsure if another is needed.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

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