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January 15, 2013

Jane M. Schroeder, Deputy Executive Secretary
Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City
231 E. Baltimore Street – 6th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Ms. Schroeder:

This letter is in support of the transfer of the Class D liquor license at 1035 – 1037 S. Charles Street to Zhao Brothers, LLC (Mr. Richard Zhao, Mr. Raymond Zhao, and Mr. Cheok Zhao).

I spoke with the Zhao's counsel, Mr. Frank Boozer, on January 14, 2013 to gain a better understanding of his client's plans. He assured me they plan to have a sushi restaurant similar to the existing establishment. They have no plans to have liquor carry-out, no plans for bring-your-own-drinks, and no plans to apply for live entertainment.

In addition, Mr. Boozer and two of his clients attended the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) General Membership meeting today to discuss their plans. Our membership voted 57 – 0 to direct me to voice FHNA's support for this transfer. We certainly appreciate their willingness to engage the community on such notice and have no issues with their proposed plans. We look forward to welcoming them to the Federal Hill community.

Finally, we have no desire to delay their hearing. Please contact me to inform when their hearing is scheduled for. If we are unable to send a representative to testify, please ensure this letter is entered for the record. If you have questions, please contact me directly at costello.eric@gmail.com or 607-743-8926.

Sincerely,

Eric Costello, President
Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

cc: Frank Boozer, Counsel for Zhao Brothers
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