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Via Email

Douglas Paige
Acting Executive Secretary
Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City
231 E. Baltimore Street – 6th Floor
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Mr. Paige:

This letter is in support of the transfer of the Class B liquor license at 38 E. Cross Street to 38 Cross, LLC (Eric Levitt and Patrick Morrow, Liquor Licensees), under the condition that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) tentatively agreed to by both Mr. Levitt and Mr. Morrow and the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) is successfully executed prior to this hearing before the BLLC..

This letter of support is conditioned upon the fact that this transfer does not increase the maximum occupancy of the existing establishment, thus not increasing the total number of patrons in Federal Hill. In addition, both parties agree that there will be no expansion of this business to the third floor of 38 E. Cross Street.

I spoke with Mr. Levitt and Mr. Morrow, and they both assured me that No Way Jose will remain operating as a restaurant, similar to the existing establishment. In addition, Mr. Levitt and Mr. Morrow attended the FHNA General Membership meeting on September 17th, 2013 to discuss their plans and get community input. Our membership voted unanimously to direct me to voice FHNA's support for this transfer, under the conditions stated above. We appreciate their willingness to engage the community on such notice and have no issues with their proposed plans and look forward to welcoming them to the Federal Hill community.

This is what we hope to be another strong example of the community working together with Liquor Licensees through the execution of a reasonable MOU. 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



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