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Chris Benne
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(Delivered via email)

Re: Request to lift packaged goods moratorium from Clark to Ashland on Irving Park Rd.

Dear Chris,

Thank you for meeting with the community and me regarding lifting the moratorium that affects 1415 West Irving Park Road in the 47th Ward in order to allow the opening of a new 7-Eleven at that location with a packaged goods license. I have reviewed your proposal along with comments from residents, Lake View High School, Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and local neighborhood groups.

While the occupancy of a vacant commercial space along Irving Park Road would be welcomed by all, the inclusion of a packaged goods license is not something that I can support. The proximity to Lake View High School along with the concerns of neighbors surrounding the location makes this an unacceptable site for a packaged goods store. Although I have full faith in 7-Eleven's commitment to upholding applicable law regarding holding this license, we will not lift the moratorium to allow for this application.

Should 7-Eleven wish to open a store without alcohol sales, the community would welcome that with open arms. Surely a large number of students and residents would patronize the location and provide a suitable customer base for your business.

Thank you for presenting this opportunity to our community. I hope you will not hesitate to bring future proposed sites for your stores to my attention in the future.

Sincerely,

Alderman Ameya Pawar, 47th Ward

Cc: Peter Spyropolous, Southport Neighbors Association, Lake View High School
Graceland West Community Association, Lakeview Chamber of Commerce