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March 11, 2016

Re: Community Meeting for Proposed Restaurant at 2577 North Clark Street (the former Vapiano location)

Dear Neighbor:

I am writing to invite you to join my office and the Park West Community Association at a community meeting to review a proposal by HopCat, a Michigan-based restaurant group, to operate a restaurant at 2577 N. Clark Street (the former Vapiano location). My office will be present at this meeting to monitor the discussion, take notes, and record your feedback.

WHAT: HopCat restaurant proposal for 2577 North Clark Street

WHO: Hosted by Alderman Michele Smith and the Park West Community Association

WHEN: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:30 PM

**WHERE: The Second Church of Christ Scientist
2700 North Pine Grove Avenue**

The site has a current zoning designation of "B1-2" and the restaurant seeks to amend this to a "B3-2" designation. The City's Department of Planning and Development has determined that the size of the proposed restaurant would require the proposed zoning change. Further, HopCat would seek to apply for an Incidental Consumption on the Premises liquor license. No rooftop patio is under consideration. Under this proposal, HopCat would seek to renovate the existing structure.

Please note that you will also receive notice in the mail for of the zoning amendment application having been filed by the developer and contract purchaser of the property, Shiner Capital Partners. However, I have informed the applicant that I will not take a position on this application, nor will I allow this matter to proceed to the City Council's Committee on Zoning for a vote, until they fulfill our community review process and the community is able to provide input on this restaurant proposal.

I hope you can join my office and the Park West Community Association to engage in a direct dialogue with the development team to gain a better understanding of this proposal and obtain answers to any questions the community may have.

In the meantime, if my office can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at (773) 348-9500 or visit my website at www.ward43.org.

Sincerely,

Michele Smith
Alderman, 43rd Ward