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Ann Arbor City Planning Commission
Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Ann Arbor City Planning Commission,

We are writing to express our support for the Ann Arbor Distilling Co. petition to be re-zoned as an event space which will be voted on at the planning commission hearing on June 20th. The Ann Arbor Distilling Co.(AADC) has been an important place to me and my husband personally! We also feel that it is an important part of Ann Arbor committed to supporting local Ann Arbor businesses. We both live and work in the city of Ann Arbor, where we have started to build our lives together and recently bought a home. We used to live in downtown Ann Arbor, walking distance from the distillery. I have also trained at Wildly Fit, in the same building for some years and have enjoyed watching the distillery grow and have a presence in this city that has been missing. I appreciate the neighborhood atmosphere and diversity of people who attends the various events and even the local bar. We love that this business is owned and run by local people who care a great deal about keeping Ann Arbor a unique and vibrant place to live. We have been looking forward to our friends wedding that may not occur with all these changes to the distillery. This has been quite disheartening.

It is hard to overstate the loss to the community if this space is not approved as an event space. Unique venues for private events are a rarity in Ann Arbor, yet it is exactly these types of spaces that are needed to maintain the unique artists, diverse community, and personality of this [city.it](#) is sad that we have to travel elsewhere to find great places like this.

The loss of the AADC extends far beyond our personal wishes and will be a significant loss for the community and Ann Arbor in general. Please reconsider and give the distillery a chance.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone