

**From:** Lang DeLancey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 3:49 PM  
**To:** Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>  
**Subject:** Concerning the Ann Arbor Distillery Planning Permission

Dear Ann Arbor Planning Commission,

My name is Lang DeLancey and I am a recent college graduate, Ann Arbor native, and lifetime resident. From a young age, the arts have been very important to me, this fact made growing up in Ann Arbor an indispensable privilege in my development as a consumer of the arts (broadly defined), a musician, a poet, and as a person. Central to the artistic character of Ann Arbor are venues where people can gather in order to share, listen to, see, read, and experience art. These places are paramount to the city and the community. Unfortunately, for a plethora of reasons, many of these local venues are disappearing; the Blind Pig is up for sale and the Yellow Barn no longer offers a rentable performance space. If Ann Arbor is to remain a wonderful vibrant artistic community we have to actively promote spaces for local and touring acts to play. It is for this reason that I hope you all in the planning commission will approve the request that the Ann Arbor Distilling Company become a space that can be rented for performances. Each venue lost subtracts from Ann Arbor's identity as an artistic community.

I ask that this be circulated to the members of the Planning Commission and added to the public record.

Thank you for your time,  
Lang DeLancey