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Subject: AADC Petition: Allow Events and Support Community

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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,

I am writing to express my 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 personally and as a frequent visitor to Ann Arbor, and an alumnus of the University of Michigan. As such, I am committed to supporting local Ann Arbor businesses. My sister has lived close to the distillery for a couple years and she and I visit every chance we get. She has been planning her wedding to be held at the distillery. She chose the distillery because it is personally important to her and our family, and also because there are very few venues within the city that are affordable for hosting weddings.

My family is comprised of six University of Michigan graduates: me, my parents, my two sisters and my brother-in law. My dad was raised in Ann Arbor and my parents fell in love there. Both of my sisters met their husbands in Ann Arbor and fell in love there. We come back to Ann Arbor from Annapolis Maryland and Nashville Tennessee to meet up with my parents who live in Holland, Michigan. Our interest in seeing the AADC permitted to host my sister's wedding is part of a larger commitment that we have to Ann Arbor as a whole- the city we all claim as our home base. This plea is personal because we greatly hope that the permit and related issues will be resolved in a timely manner, so that my sister's dream of an AADC wedding will be possible. However, the loss of the AADC extends far beyond our personal wishes and will be a significant loss for the community. Alumnae like us love the distillery and the city. We want the local community to understand that part of the national draw to Ann Arbor is it's willingness to support unique, independent business like AADC that give Ann Arbor character and charm unlike any place in the USA. Let us all celebrate there! We love it and want to keep coming back!

I appreciate your consideration to approve the AADC request to permit them to host events.

Sincerely,

Sarah Johnson Honig