

Pillsbury Club PH response

Your name (optional)	James Berg
Comments- all will be part of the public record	I live at the intersection of Franklin & Nicollet, about one block away from the Pillsbury Club. I went on a trolley tour in mid-May, and it was absolutely delightful. The people of the Pillsbury Club curated a thoughtful experience from beginning to end. It is a well-run organization. The Whittier neighborhood would benefit if this council approves its license to sell liquor.
Today's date	05/20/26
Name of the business	Pillsbury Club Ltd

Your name (optional)	
Comments- all will be part of the public record	I support adding as much legitimate business as we can to the Whittier and Stevens Square neighborhoods. We have a large problem of vagrants and petty crime centered around the Franklin and Nicollet intersection, mainly driven by cheap booze provided by the area liquor store. Adding a boutique hotel to the area would hopefully bring in more visibility and shine a light on the quality of life issues that permanent residents of the neighborhoods have to deal with on a daily basis.
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Name of the business	Pillsbury Club

Your name (optional)	Jeff Nelson
Comments- all will be part of the public record	I have no objection to the applicant's request for a liquor license.
Today's date	05/27/26
Name of the business	Pillsbury Club

Your name (optional)	Tricia Sletten
Comments- all will be part of the public record	I am writing in response to the Pillsbury Club's application for an on-sale liquor license. I am an owner at the Franklin Lofts, which is located on the same block as the Pillsbury Club and a short distance from the proposed licensed premises. While I appreciate efforts to revitalize and invest in the Whittier neighborhood, I am concerned about the increased noise, traffic, parking demand, and other neighborhood impacts that could result from the combination of a hotel, restaurant, and outdoor patio serving alcohol during late-night and early morning hours. Even under its current operations, the Pillsbury Club has had a noticeable impact on the surrounding area. The property serves as the departure and arrival location for the Minneapolis Trolley Tours, which generates additional vehicle traffic, parking demand, pedestrian activity, and noise associated with the trolley's operation. While these impacts have generally been manageable, the proposed addition of alcohol service and extended operating hours raises concerns that these effects may become significantly more pronounced. The Franklin Lofts includes a small courtyard that serves as a valued outdoor gathering space and quiet retreat for residents. This courtyard directly faces the rear of the Pillsbury Club property. From the courtyard, the Pillsbury Club building and trolley are clearly visible, and activity on the property is readily apparent. The relative peace and quiet of this space is one of the property's most important amenities and contributes significantly to residents' quality of life. My primary concern is the compatibility of a late-night outdoor patio with neighboring residential properties. Even if live entertainment is not proposed, conversations, gatherings, and social activity associated with a cocktail lounge and outdoor patio can generate substantial noise, particularly during evening and overnight hours when nearby residents are trying to enjoy their homes or sleep. Noise carries easily between the properties, and residents of the Franklin Lofts would be directly affected by increased outdoor activity. For these reasons, I encourage the City to carefully evaluate measures that would minimize impacts on neighboring residential properties. Most importantly, I have significant concerns about an outdoor patio operating until 1:00 a.m. immediately adjacent to residential housing. While I support reasonable commercial activity in the neighborhood and do not oppose the success of the Pillsbury Club, outdoor alcohol service extending into the early morning hours is not, in my view, compatible with the quiet enjoyment of nearby homes. Conversations, laughter, and other social activity associated with a late-night patio can travel well beyond property lines, particularly during warmer months when residents are using outdoor spaces or have windows open. I respectfully request that the City consider the following conditions: requiring an earlier closing time for the outdoor patio, even if later hours are permitted indoors; prohibiting amplified outdoor music or speakers; requiring appropriate noise mitigation measures; and establishing a clear process for monitoring and responding to neighborhood complaints should issues arise after the license is granted. The Franklin Lofts and surrounding residential properties contribute to the character and livability of this neighborhood, and I hope that any approved operation will include reasonable safeguards to preserve residents' ability to peacefully enjoy their homes and shared outdoor spaces. Thank you for your consideration and for providing nearby residents the opportunity to share their concerns. Tricia Sletten 111 E Franklin Ave #321 Minneapolis, MN 55404
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