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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

STATE SENATE

April 18, 2018

Mr. Joel Dock
Metro Planning and Design Services
444 S. 5th Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Re: Case # 18ZONE1014

Dear Mr. Dock:

Please add my letter to the official record for case # 18ZONE1014, Top Golf rezoning.

After hearing from an extraordinary number of constituents and conducting research on other cities experiences with this Top Golf concept, I must express my opposition to this rezoning.

Top Golf would be a great amenity for the City of Louisville, but to consider the current site of Oxmoor Mall shows a complete lack of respect and total disregard for the existing residents of this area, and this submitted proposal is grossly out of context with the existing neighborhood form district. Top Golf needs a "nonresidential" location, and there are plenty of those sites available for alternate consideration.

It has come to my attention that the plan submitted for rezoning includes:

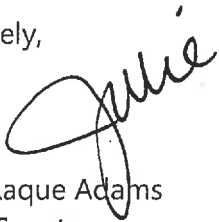
- A 65,000 square foot bar and nightclub which will remain open until 2:00 AM,
- Loud, live, outdoor music facing directly at Christian Way and the City of Hurstbourne,
- A 4+ acre driving range with perimeter netting and poles reaching 170 feet - that is approximately 15 stories tall, and
- 102 outdoor bays with stadium style lighting.

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As a former member of the Metro Council and a former member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, I have first-hand experience of projects being denied for various reasons, but most often they were denied for "lack of conformity". This project is a perfect example of non-conformity. A 15 story structure that blares music, lights, and serves alcohol until 2 AM does NOT belong in a residential neighborhood. In fact, I think a perfect spot for consideration is the old River Road Country Club property. It is adjacent to an interstate, next to an industrial site and has acres of vacant land with no residential component. Lastly, if you look at where Top Golf has located in other cities across the country, they are NOT adjacent to residential neighborhoods; they are next to Interstate highways.

For these reasons, I am opposed to the proposed application for rezoning to C-2 and any permits, variances or waivers which would allow a golf driving range, athletic/entertainment center or restaurant/bar in the rear of Oxmoor Center.

Sincerely,



Julie Raque Adams
State Senator
District 36

cc: Mayor Greg Fisher, City of Louisville
Mr. Chris Lewis, Office of Councilwoman Parker, District 18