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Kathleen Joyce, Chair  
Licensing Board for the City of Boston  
One City Hall Square, Room 809  
Boston, Massachusetts 02201

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RE: Outdoor Patio Entertainment License for Provisions, 255 State Street

Dear Madame Chair:

Provisions Restaurant is applying for an outdoor entertainment license at 255 State Street in the Wharf District neighborhood. As part of the licensing process, Patrick Lee, Partner of the Grafton Group, came before the Wharf District Neighborhood Council at the March 15, 2022 monthly meeting. Mr. Lee requested WDC support for outdoor music emanating from speakers on the patio area located in the front of the restaurant on State Street and along the side of the restaurant on Atlantic Avenue.

The music would be the same as the music played inside the restaurant. Music would be played during Spring and Summer months when the patio is open; only during kitchen hours; and at a volume conducive to conversation. Mr. Lee made a commitment to the WDC that the music from the speakers will be at a conversational level and will never approach the maximum acceptable noise levels of 70 decibels in the noise ordinance .

Based on the presentation and the assurances we have received, the Wharf District Council voted to support Provisions' request. With our support, we request that management effectively control the approved times and conditions of operation and prevent unnecessary noise and rowdiness. And that Provisions fully cooperate with the Boston Police. Provisions is an important and well-respected member of our neighborhood; providing a welcoming environment to residents, workers, visitors and tourists; as well as a place to enjoy good food and a variety of beverages. We are pleased to support them with this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susanne Lavoie*

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