

Date: April 17, 2007
To: Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Evanston
2100 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201
From: Southeast Evanston Association
Re: ZBA 07-15-SU(R) 1245 Chicago Avenue—An application by Golden Holdings, LLC, property owner, for a special use to establish a membership organization at 1245 Chicago Avenue. The subject property is located within the B1 Business District. Pursuant to Section 6-9-2-3 of the Zoning Ordinance, membership organizations require a special use from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Evanston City Council approval. The applicant proposes to establish a private club for musicians to gather, share experiences, and record music.

Dear Chair and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

The Southeast Evanston Association supports the applicant's proposal to establish a private club for musicians to gather, share experiences, and record music at 1245 Chicago Avenue.

SEA is a neighborhood organization whose mission is to preserve the essentially residential character of Southeast Evanston, and the proposed club lies within our boundaries. Our members have been active over the years in the city's efforts to rezone and redevelop Chicago Avenue.

We support bringing small businesses to Chicago Avenue, one of the major thoroughfares in Evanston, and we believe this is a creative effort to benefit musicians in our community. We also appreciate the developer's desire to preserve the building and to restore its stone exterior.