

**SUPPORT LETTERS** – From Property Owners within Radius  
As of 4/12/2023

Ordinance No. O-2223-33  
Midway Grocery, Inc.  
601 W. Eufaula

530 W Eufaula St.  
Norman, OK 73069  
(773) 354-8044

March 23, 2023

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing in support of the SPUD application from Midway Deli. I live directly across from the "Red House" and we also own a second lot in the affected area (a rental home at 305 College). I would like to note a few points as the committee reviews this application. I would argue that Midway makes this neighborhood unique and charming in Norman and we would like to support its continued success.

- 1) I view from a lens of supporting small, local businesses. What makes a business sustainable evolves over time. It used to be more grocery, but now events are important. Please give a longtime local business the opportunity to adapt.
- 2) Noise has never been an issue for us. I can't speak to the sound on Chautauqua but on Eufaula, it's never been more than a gentle level from Midway. The NHS football games and track meets, Lions Park music events and the students on Symmes with their twice a semester late nighters, are all significantly louder. But we cheerfully accept all of them because we like NHS, Summer Breeze and living near OU. They, like Midway, are entities that add to this community.
- 3) Parking is fine. We live in a busy area. OU students and employees park along College during the school year because it's free street parking close to campus. Midway customers park along Eufaula for lunch. LOTS of people park here during football games... It is not onerous to share a public street. I don't expect any difference with Midway events.

We have a marvelous neighborhood and many wonderful neighbors, including Midway.

Sincerely,

  
Sue Ringus

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## Brenda Hall

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**From:** Austin Brewer <austin.brewer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2023 11:04 PM  
**To:** Rone Tromble; Brenda Hall  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL EMAIL : Letter in Support of Rezoning Midway Grocery, Inc. to a SPUD - Austin Brewer, 204 Chautauqua Ave

Rone & Brenda -

I am writing to you, again, with a letter of support in favor of the rezoning request by Midway Deli from C-1 to a SPUD to allow for outdoor entertainment and live music. As a next door neighbor (literally) - located at 204 Chautauqua Ave - I can speak directly to the impact, or lack thereof, this rezoning request will have.

We moved back to Norman 2.5 years ago and have enjoyed Midway as both a neighbor and gathering place for the entire neighborhood. Moreover, we consider Bob Thompson - owner of Midway and the adjacent red house/barn part of the rezoning request - a close friend and partner in all things Norman, and more specifically, our Chautauqua/Eufaula neighborhood intersection. Bob has the best interest of all neighbors in mind and would never do anything to adversely impact the overall feel and inclusiveness of our lovely neighborhood community. His intentions with this rezoning request are to allow for live music at a property he owns, in line with the original (historical) zoning of the subject property, and with the input of his neighbors close by.

On more than one occasion while Bob experimented with live music at his venue before submitting the formal rezoning request herein, the music emanating from Midway was no louder (and many times less loud) than the summer breeze concerts at Lions multiple blocks away. Additionally, he sought our input multiple times for the overall timing of music (never past 9pm) and decibel levels. We've never had an issue and enjoy the live music and gathering that was taking place finally again, post covid, which we have all have yearned again for so long. I must add that we have a 5 year old at home, and no, our child (nor us) have ever had a problem sleeping or with the music traffic that gathers for an evening show.

Prior to moving back to Norman and after graduating most recently from OU Law, we lived away from Oklahoma approximately 9 years, having spent 3 years in Austin and 6 years in Denver before that. Both amazing places to live no doubt, however, we were excited and have remained enthused about moving back to Norman to raise our small and growing family. In both Austin and Denver, we lived in communities that had neighborhood gathering spots eerily similar to Midway, complete with great food, live music, and neighborly love. We miss those places, however, we feel lucky to have moved next door to Midway which strives to be the same type of one-stop neighborhood gathering spot.

I wish nothing more than for Bob & Midway Deli to continue their positive momentum towards creating this neighborhood gathering place where food, live music, and neighbors can gather. It is such a unique, positive, and unifying force that so many neighborhoods across America can only hope and dream about. As a planning commission, I hope you feel the same.

Respectfully,  
Austin Brewer

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March 27, 2023

Ms. Rone Tromble

Re: Midway SPUD application

City of Norman – Planning & Community Development

225 West Webster Ave.

Norman, OK 73069

I'm writing to support the application for the SPUD for The Backyard at Midway Market. As a long-time resident of the community, I support the requested change to allow live music on a limited basis. It's in the best interest of our neighborhood to establish this as the only allowed use of the property going forward.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Suit". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Chris Suit (Suit-Benfield Trust)

715 West Symmes

Norman, OK 73069

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ON 3/30/23 FW

MIDWAY REZONING SUPPORT LETTER

RE: 302 College Ave  
Norman, OK 73069

March 31, 2023

Fred and Patricia Stuart  
302 College Ave.  
Norman, Ok 73069

City of Norman Planning Commission  
Planning and Community Development  
225 N Webster Ave.  
Norman, OK 73069

Dear Planning Commission and City Council Members,

We own 302 College Ave. in Norman and we support Bob Thompson and the current Midway Rezoning proposal. We have lived South of Midway for 35 years and have never had any complaints about the venue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Stuart". Above the main signature, there is a smaller, less legible signature that appears to be "F. M. Stuart".

Fred and Patricia Stuart

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MIDWAY REZONING SUPPORT LETTER

RE: 308 College Ave  
Norman, OK 73069

March 31, 2023

Fred and Patricia Stuart  
302 College Ave.  
Norman, Ok 73069

City of Norman Planning Commission  
Planning and Community Development  
225 N Webster Ave.  
Norman, OK 73069

Dear Planning Commission and City Council Members,

We own 308 College Ave. in Norman and we support Bob Thompson and the current Midway Rezoning proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred and Patricia Stuart".

Fred and Patricia Stuart

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# Andy Darks

305 Chautauqua

-Waggoner N 77ft. 2in. LOTS 26-27-28 BLK 22

307 Chautauqua

-Waggoner S 62ft. 10in. LOTS 26-27-28 BLK 22

I support the Midway Deli SPUD for the following reasons:

1. There has been a considerable amount of misinformation spread regarding Midway and the neighborhood
2. I have owned property next to Midway for over 3 decades and have always found Midway to be a good and considerate neighbor.
3. One neighbor recently told me that they heard that Midway was going to play OU football games on the radio and that they did not want that! This particular neighbor has lived on Chautauqua, next to Midway for over 30 years. We live near the university campus. Everyone in the neighborhood is going to hear OU football.
4. The main protestors that have contacted me have only done so because I own 2 properties directly across the street within the SPUD boundary. Otherwise I am just a "nasty old landlord." Midway has not tried to contact me at all but the protestors with an agenda have. They have also contacted and spread untruths to my tenants.
5. Midway Deli is good for the neighborhood. The best thing that I have seen come out of this is that it has gotten people to start talking. They are not all agreeing necessarily but at least they are talking. I believe that alone puts the Midway neighborhood far ahead of the rest of Norman. I believe that open communication is key to any relationship, whether good or bad.

The protestors have said that Midway and the advancement of the SPUD will devalue nearby properties. I have owned and managed residential property in the neighborhood for 42 years. I receive an average of three calls, texts or letters daily from people wanting to rent or purchase property within the neighborhood. In my vast experience, the Midway Deli has not ever had a negative effect on the neighborhood nor any nearby property values.

Thank you for the opportunity to address City of Norman Planning and Community Development.

Sincerely,



Andy Darks

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ON 4/7/23

# City Of Norman

Planning & Development

Regarding my property at 527 W EUFAULA ST

I fully support the application for the SPUD for The Backyard at Midway. It's in the best interest of our neighborhood to establish this as the only allowed use of the property going forward.

Signed



BOB THOMPSON  
MARICHA THOMPSON

Ms. Rone Tromble Re: Midway SPUD application

City of Norman

Planning & Community Development

225 W Webster Avenue

Norman OK 73069

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ON 4.10.23



Dear City of Norman,

On behalf of the property located at ~~309~~ S. Lahoma Avenue, we are writing this letter in support of the backyard at Midway SPUD. As long-time property owners in the neighborhood, we have seen our property values increase due to Midway's success. We believe it is in the best interest of the neighborhood for the SPUD to pass, and we look forward to the growth and entertainment it will continue to bring.

Sincerely,

 POA

The Inbody Family

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