November 1, 2021

City of Columbus Mitchell J. Brown, City Council Member 90 W. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215 c/o Denise Friend Foster, Legislative Aide

Sir,

The following investigation was conducted concerning the City of Columbus' 2021 annual objection to the renewal of liquor permit 4155585 issued to Isaac Usman Inc., which is doing business as Whittier Food Mart 1st Fl, located at 915-917 E. Whittier Street, Columbus, Ohio 43206. The record owner of said permit is Isaac Usman.

After reviewing the State of Ohio, Franklin County, and City of Columbus records regarding the above liquor permit establishment, the following information has been compiled to support the objection to the renewal of the aforementioned permit issued by the State of Ohio.

The above listed liquor establishment has been issued **C1, C2, and D6** permits by the Division of Liquor. This permit grants the permit holder the privilege to sell alcoholic beverages at the above listed address.

An inquiry of liquor violations revealed that the permit holder has received the following violations in **2021**:

## June 23, 2021

PERMIT NOT POSTED

IMPROPER CONDUCT (DRUG and DRUG PARAPHERNALIA POSSESSION BY EMPLOYEE OF THE PERMIT HOLDER)

A review of the Columbus Division of Police records revealed the Division of Police has created (20) twenty official police reports concerning incidents at the listed liquor establishment between January 2020 and November 2021. These reports referenced homicide, shots fired, discharged firearms, robberies, assault, drug offenses, burglary, and motor vehicle theft, including:

## April 1, 2020

DISCHARGED FIREARMS IN OCCUPIED STRUCTURE

**September 29, 2020** SHOTS FIRED/SHOT SPOTTER

October 26, 2020 SHOTS FIRED/SHOT SPOTTER February 19, 2021 ROBBERY

February 25, 2021 ROBBERY

**April 29, 2021**DRUG TRAFFICKING, POSSESSION

July 10, 2021 ASSAULT

July 19, 2021 ASSAULT

July 27, 2021 ASSAULT

August 3, 2021 HOMICIDE

**September 19, 2021**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

October 4, 2021 BURGLARY

In addition, the Columbus Division of Police have been dispatched to **915-917 E. Whittier Street**, **Columbus**, **Ohio 43206** on **(61) sixty** calls for service, **(30) thirty** in 2020, and **(39) thirty-nine** in 2021 at **Whittier Food Mart**. These calls for service include responses to shots fired, robberies, fights, narcotics complaints, overdoses, intoxicated individuals needing assistance, disturbances (including disturbances with a high risk of violence and disturbances involving intoxicated individuals and open containers), burglary, domestic violence, and property destruction. Additionally, CPD patrol officers have suspicions of possible prostitution occurring at the location.

The Columbus Division of Fire was also dispatched to the location (2) two times from October 2020 through October 2021, including for (1) one overdose.

Respectfully submitted

Detective Joshua Gantt, #763 Columbus Division of Police

P.A.C.T. Unit