



East English Village Association

*A neighborhood organization to promote better communication, cooperation
and understanding through the combined efforts of concerned citizens.*

September 6, 2022

City of Detroit Planning Commission

RE: Cadieux Café Zoning – Public Hearing September 8, 2022

On behalf of the East English Village Association Board, we are writing in unanimous support of the Cadieux Café's request for rezoning of the site land from residential to commercial. For almost ninety years, the Cadieux Café has been a community staple ~ a gathering spot attracting local residents as well as many visitors. The Cadieux Café has provided excellent food, drinks and entertainment and has been a good partner with East English Village and other community associations since its inception.

East English Village has hosted various events at the Cadieux Café including Pub Crawls, Feather Bowling evenings as well as a welcome place for residents to meet before or after our monthly meetings. John Rutherford is a longtime resident of EEV and a business owner who truly cares about the community he serves. When so many businesses were unable to remain open during the past two years due to Covid restrictions, John renovated the adjacent outdoor space into a spacious biergarten enabling the business to remain open and also retain his employees ~ many of whom are residents from the various surrounding neighborhoods.

In light of the fact that the Cadieux Café has been operating successfully and respectfully of the neighborhoods it serves, we encourage the Planning Commission to approve this reasonable rezoning request. We are confident that a positive determination will benefit not only the business owners but also the many Eastside residents it serves as well as the City of Detroit. Our small business owners face enough challenges ~ we need to do all we can to minimize those challenges and assist our dedicated small business owners in their attempt to "fight the good fight" in an effort to simply stay alive! Please endorse this rezoning request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

East English Village Association Board

