

Church of the Ascension

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To Whom it May Concern:

**South Kingstown Town Council
*The Rhode Island General Assembly
All related regulatory agencies

Greetings and Peace,

I have been in contact with owners and developers of the property at 349 Main Street, Wakefield Rhode Island, as they seek approval for a liquor license for their proposed facility which will be sited just across the street from our historic Church sanctuary and Parish Hall. What they propose is a small bar situated in the lobby of the hotel, provided for the use of their guests.

I have reviewed the plans, together with the president of our congregation. This hotel will provide our community with a much needed hospitality venue. We welcome additional partners in our community who respect our historic presence, mission and aesthetic. Our lay leaders believe, as I do, that this re-purposed facility will enhance the community and provide a showcase for the Village-- something that benefits everyone.

As a member of the Episcopal Church, we are aware of the implications of alcohol use and abuse. We support the responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages and we believe that the new owners respect the laws and restrictions our community places upon any facility that holds a liquor license. Within our own church, we have hosted a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for over 50 years now, and we are aware of the need for moderation in all things. So, we do not offer our support lightly.

We at Ascension look forward to a long and beneficial partnership with the owners and management of the hotel property at 349 Main, as we move into what promises to be a bright future for them, and for the Village of Wakefield.

Sincerely,



(The Rev.) Mitchell J. Lindeman, Priest in Charge
for the Vestry of Ascension Parish