

Zoning Board of Review

J Dorley Municipal Building 444 Westminster Street Providence, RI
02903-3215

To the Zoning Board of Review,

My name is Bianca Suchite, I have lived at 54 Courtland Street since July 2023. My apartment is across the street and directly faces Courtland Club. During my time here, Jason and his staff have been exceptional neighbors, and have helped make my experience of living and adjusting to this neighborhood pleasurable.

Courtland Club's patio has served as an incredible space for the community to share and enjoy. From the yard sale that brought folks together to sift through affordable nifty objects for their homes, to the delicious smell of lamb that fills the air when their head chef, Nikhil, is grilling outside, Courtland Club's contributions to this neighborhood have been nothing short of positive, adding to the beauty of this little corner of the west end.

I fully support and urge the city to grant Courtland Club a permanent expansion of its outdoor space and look forward to many more summer evenings spent on their patio alongside the rest of our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Bianca Suchite

Tenant

54 Courtland Street, Apt 2 Providence, RI 02909

Devon Curtin
31 Ring St, Providence, RI, 02909
860.307.8770

To whom it may concern,

My name is Devon Curtin, and I reside directly across from the Courtland Club at 31 Ring St. Over the past four years, I have closely observed and interacted with the club, particularly noting its growth and adaptation during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Initially, I had concerns about potential noise and disruptions from the club's expansion into the adjacent outdoor space. However, these concerns have never materialized. The Courtland Club has consistently demonstrated a high level of respect for our neighborhood. Noise levels, especially outdoors, are well-regulated, and activities are contained strictly within the club's premises. The owner's proactive engagement with the community and their visible presence ensure that any potential issues are addressed swiftly.

Furthermore, the club has significantly contributed to the vibrancy of our community, bringing a unique spirit, as well as diverse food and music options, which have been greatly appreciated. Having witnessed their responsible management and positive impact over these years, I strongly support the maintenance of their current outdoor patio setup.

I am confident that the continued operation of the Courtland Club in its current form will only serve to enhance our neighborhood further. I look forward to seeing their sustained success and positive contribution to our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Kind regards,

Devon Curtin

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Erica Bello. I moved to 56 Courtland St in 2020 during the height of the pandemic. At the time the neighborhood was very quiet due to the statewide lockdown, but as a new neighbor I was curious and excited to explore my community. As restrictions were lifted I discovered a small cocktail lounge across the street, Courtland Club. The bar is very unassuming, blending in with the multi-family homes that surround it, which adds to its local charm.

In Federal Hill, the multi-family homes are often accompanied by ample parking lots. This seemed ideal at first, until I realized that many of these lots were unused, acting as vacant spaces that didn't benefit the community. One such lot existed next to Courtland Club. For a year the lot stood empty, and was somewhat of an eyesore in the neighborhood. One day I was pleasantly surprised to find contractors renovating the empty lot. I was even more thrilled to discover that it was Courtland Club who would be transforming the area into the patio, something the local community could enjoy.

As a renter, I do not have access to an outdoor space of my own. I rely on community resources to enjoy the alfresco aspects of Providence. With the addition of the patio at Courtland Club I have been able to enjoy cookouts, live music, and drinks with friends in their elegantly designed outdoor space. It's not every night that I get to partake in Courtland Club's wonderful atmosphere, and on the nights I stay in I have never been disturbed by the bar or their patrons. The Club is very respectful and the patio has only benefited the community by creating a space for locals to gather while supporting a small business. I'm glad to live across the street from a bar that takes such pride in their neighborhood and looks to improve it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica Bello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Erica Bello

Fitzroy Lawrence Jr.
335 Washington Street #1019
Woburn, MA 01801

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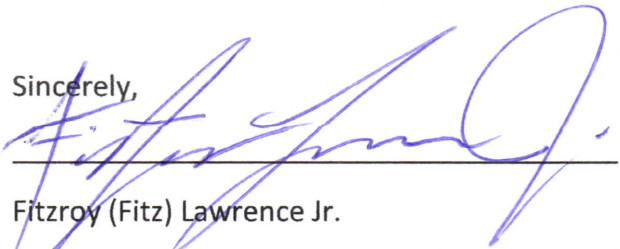
To The Zoning Board of Review:

Hello all, my name is Fitzroy Lawrence Jr. My wife, Gabriela Lawrence-Soto, and I are the owners of 47 and 47 ½ Courtland Street in Providence – right next door to the Courtland Club. I would like to share my full support to establish the latest Courtland Club patio expansion as a permanent feature of the Club.

The Courtland Club continues to be a great overall addition to the neighborhood. The outdoor patio that was constructed during the COVID crisis has been an excellent use of outdoor space, and has served as a quaint, accessible entertainment area for the community. Jason and staff have always been good neighbors. They are considerate of their actions and do their absolute best to not disturb others. The outdoor patio has only benefitted from this relationship – the site is clean, noise levels are moderate, and traffic is adequate. Our tenants, close neighbors and I continue to have very open communication with Jason & his team.

I am in full support of the City providing the Courtland Club with a permanent usage permit for the outdoor patio. I look forward to continuing using it, along with the rest of the community.

Sincerely,



Fitzroy (Fitz) Lawrence Jr.

Owner

47 Courtland Street, Providence RI
47 ½ Courtland Street, Providence RI

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ignacio Quiles. I reside at 51 Courtland Street apt 2, directly upstairs from Courtland Club. I have lived here for 5 years. Courtland Club is well-managed, they're respectful neighbors, and I truly enjoy & appreciate the addition of the outdoor space.

As a senior, I find the patio enjoyable and accommodating. It is age friendly, which welcomes an intergenerational crowd, including wheelchair access. I'm always amazed by the diversity of Courtland Club's clientele.

The outdoor space is designed to blend in and adds beauty to our neighborhood. Courtland Club as a whole has become a great place for all of Rhode Islanders, and I encourage the Zoning Board to make the outdoor expansion permanent.

Ignacio Quiles
51 Courtland Street, apt 2
Providence, Rhode Island 02909

JEFFREY HAYNES

Owner of 72-78 Courtland St., Providence RI 02909 | 617-271-8905

May 22, 2024

**Zoning Board of Review
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903**

To The Zoning Board of Review,

My name is Jeffrey Haynes and I am the owner of 72-78 Courtland St. in Providence. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support and approval of making the patio expansion at Courtland Club permanent. It's located on the same street as our property.

With Jason Shechtman's passion, vision and implementation, Courtland Club has blossomed into a community building enterprise over the last 7 years, and especially in the last 3 with the patio. In my point of view, it raises the value of the neighborhood and we - as the clubs neighbors - all benefit from the cultural, social and economic advantages of having a world class 'speak easy' in our community. Jay and his team treat all their neighbors with respect and appreciation, and the communication lines are always open.

Making the patio expansion permanent is the right thing to do, as it has operated without issue during the 3 year probation period. It is an excellent use of space, and it adds to our neighborhood's flair and flavor by giving the community and outside visitors a chance to enjoy the club and the open air, at the same time.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. My contact info can be found above.

Sincerely,
JEFFREY HAYNES