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Thank you Lisa for providing the attached response from Planning. There are some flagrant mistruths and false statements in the response that I would like to address like the one below.

"The property's mezzanine area, which previously served as private party space for the restaurant currently operating at the ground floor, has been vacant for almost three years and the existing restaurant owner does not see any viability in the space serving the restaurant as is, in the foreseeable future." - Page 3/Response 2

This is simply untrue as witnessed by numerous patrons and neighbors over the past year. Please see attached photo taken by one of those patrons earlier this year.

As you can see, the patron took this picture of the mezzanine as the patron was sitting at the bar near the front entrance. Does the mezzanine look to you how it's been described by Planning? No, quite the opposite. Where's the evidence they use to back their statements?

The mezzanine has been and continues to be used as dining space for the restaurant.

Is Rich Hills, the Planning Director and one of the authors of the attached response, copied here? I don't see his name and would like to address him directly.

I have more comments to add later.

Thank you again,

Best regards,  
Lefteris

