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**Re: Community Meeting Regarding New Ownership  
Chicago B.L.U.E.S. Bar 2519 North Halsted Street**

Dear Neighbor:

I am writing inviting you to join my office and the Park West Community Association (PWCA) to a community meeting discussing a change in ownership to the Chicago B.L.U.E.S. Bar, located at 2519 North Halsted Street.

The current owner is in the process of selling the venue to a new owner, who will continue to operate B.L.U.E.S as a music venue that sells alcohol in a similar manner as it has operated for the past several decades. That said, given this change of ownership, the City of Chicago requires the new owner submit for a new liquor license as well as a Public Place of Amusement (PPA) application in order for the sale to go through.

This is merely a procedural licensing matter, as the venue has previously operated in this fashion, but does require a public notice be sent out to the surrounding community informing them of these applications.

I requested the new ownership attend a community meeting to further explain their plans moving forward and to answer any questions from the community that may arise. My office will also be present at this meeting to monitor the discussion, take notes and record your feedback.

**WHAT: Chicago B.L.U.E.S. Bar Ownership Change – 2519 North Halsted Street**

**WHO: Hosted by Alderman Michele Smith and Park West Community Association**

**WHEN: Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**WHERE: Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute  
(Formerly Lurie Children's Research Center)  
2430 North Halsted Street  
Wolfson Room, First Floor Conference Room**

In the meantime, if my office can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at (773) 348-9500 or visit my website at [www.ward43.org](http://www.ward43.org).

Sincerely,

Michele Smith  
Alderman, 43rd Ward

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