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## **Representative Zepnick's comments about local business way off base**

**Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan  
January 21, 2015**

I have worked closely with state Rep. Josh Zepnick on many different issues affecting the 8<sup>th</sup> District and the city over the years, but I am exceedingly disappointed by his comments regarding a well-respected, tax-paying business which has a location in my district.

In a social media posting shown to me today (**attached**), Rep. Zepnick disparages Sobelman's restaurant and its owner, Dave Sobelman, for Dave's opposition to the proposed downtown streetcar. He goes on to suggest that the city reconsider granting his restaurant sidewalk seating permission this for the summer 2015 season!

Dave has been outspoken about his opposition to the streetcar, but he is obviously exercising his constitutional right to speak up for what he believes in. I support businesses across the board, and I respect everyone's right to voice their opinion. But to suggest that the city retaliate by denying the restaurant's outdoor sidewalk seating is absolutely ridiculous and not the way we do business.

For Rep. Zepnick to resort to this level is unacceptable, and I believe he owes Mr. Sobelman a public apology.

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Dave Sobelman is a moron: thousands of customers would have access to his crowded shitty parking lot restaurant, under future transit expansions being planned for Canal or St Paul. Fret not burger lovers. Oscar's Pub and Grill in my District is the best in town anyways. Great parking much safer than Sobelmans! Oscar used to work for sobelman and pursued his dream of owning his own restaurant. Join me in boycotting Sobelmans FOREVER!! Oscars. elsas. Sollys. all good options and actually have decent customer service!! <http://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/blog/2015/01/sobelman-i-would-never-waste-my-own-money-on-the.html>



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**Joshua Zepnick**

Danou: Ain't nobody got time for that!!! Sobelman really piss me off on this one. Talk about no civic pride for a place that profits off my city...good food, but you go there: its crowded, staff is snotty/cranky all the frickin time, parking sucks, and its not safe at night. Hope City reconsiders his sidewalk seating permit for this summer!!! bwah ha ha...

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