

**Statement of Ald. Ashanti Hamilton  
December 20, 2007**

I was pleased with the Licenses Committee's vote today to revoke the license of Club Escape. Although my job is predominantly focused on nurturing business and economic development, in this case I had to err on the side of public safety and the public good.

When all of the facts were laid out, the Licenses Committee agreed this establishment is a detriment to the neighborhood. While the club did meet some entertainment needs in the community, those needs were met at a cost that was much too high for the neighborhood, and too high for our city.

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