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Germantown community leaders have laid the groundwork for a mass protest against the proposed location of a fifth State liquor store in the highly populated residential area.

The State Liquor Control Board has announced it is preparing to open the store at 336-38 E. Chelten Ave., despite the fact four other liquor stores are now located within an eight square block radius of the proposed new site.

STORE LOCATIONS

The four stores now operating in the Germantown area are located at 135 W. Chelten Ave., 6132 Germantown Ave., 5644 Chew Ave., and Germantown Avenue and Wister St.

A public protest meeting to fight the opening of the new liquor store will be held September 4, 1974, at 8:00 p.m. at the YWCA, 5626 Germantown Avenue. Plans for the protest gathering were made last Friday night at a meeting of the 59th Ward Health and Welfare Council at 5800 Germantown Avenue.

The Council is a branch of the 59th Ward Democratic Committee. Clerk of Quarter Sessions, Edward S. Lee, is leader of the 59th Ward organization.

Lee sent letters to area members of the State Legislature and City Council, seeking their support to block the selection of the East Chelten Avenue location as the site for the additional liquor store.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

In letters to State Sen. Louis G. Hill, City Councilman Joseph Coleman, State Sen. Freeman Hankins and State Rep. David P. Richardson, Lee said the opening of the new store would result in traffic congestion problems and threaten the "health, safety and welfare of the residents of the community."

"I am calling upon you to use the power of your office to take whatever action is necessary to join with us in opposing erection of this liquor store," Lee wrote the legislators and City Council member.

The Quarter Sessions official said he had discussed the issue with the Germantown community's business and civic organizations, community groups, and religious leaders and sought their backing in the protest battle.

Among those pledging opposition to locating the liquor store at the East Chelten Ave. location were George F. Foy, president of the Germantown Businessmen's Association, Rev. Donald A. Doyle, representative of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, 475 E. Chelten Ave., as well as other religious leaders.

Those invited to the Friday night meeting included: Myrtle Scott, Price-Knox Neigh-

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bors; Eldridge Oom-Harrison, Wister Neighborhood Council; Sam Cromwell, Duval Improvement Association; Hulan Miles, East Germantown Civic Association; Mrs. Viola Grier, Pomona Cherokee Civic Association; Lillian Holliday, Greater Morton Civic Association; Kenneth Mosely, chairman of the Germantown Health and Welfare Council, and Stephen Hanisco, of the Germantown Businessmen's Association, and State Rep. Robert O'Donnell, 198th Legislative District.

FILE PROTESTS

Lee urged Germantown Residents to file protests in writing directly to members of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board in Harrisburg, as well as his Quarter Sessions office, Room 673, City Hall. Members of the Liquor Board are Gene F. Rosciolli, Chairman; Daniel W. Pennick and Edwin Winner.

The Quarter Sessions official said he would notify the Liquor Board of the protests and have the matter listed formally before the Court of Common Pleas.

Once the court rules on the proposed site there is no further appeal, Lee said.

Only 15 taxpayers living within a one-quarter of a mile radius of the proposed site are necessary to protest the proposed location, but Lee urged area-wide opposition.

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