

I am writing in opposition to the requested sound variances for Billy's. I can't imagine how these events would even be considered, given the long, consistent and very disturbing pattern of criminal activity at Billy's over the past several months. If they can't control their customers on a regular night, there is zero evidence that they would be able to control them for an even larger event, and it's very questionable about whether or not they would be able to keep alcohol sales indoors. Over and above that, the traffic, noise and likely spillover of bad behavior caused by this event would be unacceptable for even one day, much less several. It would clearly disturb the peace of the surrounding neighborhood over a radius of several blocks.

I also am disturbed that the City is apparently willing to waive the 60-day advanced notice required under the code for a business that has proven to be so problematic, with an adverse action against its current license. Instead, I think they should be focusing on limiting Billy's liquor license to midnight (if not earlier) until they can prove that they are capable of running a compliant business that is an asset to the neighborhood--and they are far from that now.

--Lori Brostrom