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Subject: Re. Billy's on Grand application for a new Class N license ...

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

.. to serve liquor until 1:00 a.m.

Greetings, Councilperson Noecker,

I am a Grand Avenue resident and own a domicile located on the south side of the same block as Billy's on Grand. The goings on in the neighborhood that are Billy's-related over the last several years, many of them very serious if interested in the welfare of humans, has changed how so many of us live our lives, and not at all in a good way. I park my car in the Grand Place Garage (870 Grand Avenue), and I no longer feel free to park my car and walk the block to my domicile after dark because of the activities generated by Billy's attendees. No going to Cantus concerts, Minneapolis-located Broadway musicals, late nights at the home of friends, etc. because it is no longer safe to walk the block to my place at night. One of the units in the building in which my domicile is located had a bullet arrive through the window and into their kitchen as a result of a Billy's attendee. It is a very different place than existed when I purchased my domicile, and much of the problem is Billy's-related. I really do wish you would support a 12 midnight closing time to research if that reduces both actual crime as well as police calls related to Billy's activities. If it does, that 12 midnight deadline should be continued. I have noted your lack of support for this request () which, I know, has been made by many local residents whose lives, like mine, have been significantly and negatively affected by problems arising from Billy's. For Billy's to suggest that a 1am closing time (in the new license application) is an acceptable step disregards the input from the surrounding community of this mixed residential and business neighborhood that a midnight, or earlier, closing time is more appropriate. If there is to be any consideration, after the existing enforcement processes have been fully completed, of issuing a new permit for this establishment, a more transparent and complete public engagement and input process must be implemented. Our safety and peaceful enjoyment of our neighborhood is in the balance.

Re. Billy's current request, my concern is that Billy's is attempting to evade responsibility for at least two enforcement processes which are, perhaps, even more serious than the previous two violations for which they have been cited and for which they have been held accountable. **I therefore request that you reject the new application and direct DSI to do their job of enforcing conditions**

in place under their existing lease.

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