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Legislative Hearing Officer
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Re:

Proposed Change to Essence Event Center (1217 Bandana Blvd): Liquor and Entertainment licenses

The Como Community Council Board voted unanimously October 18 to approve the following motion:

The District 10 Como Community Council supports the Liquor License condition change submitted by the Essence Event Center.

Essence Event Center Executive Director Catherine Cuddy proactively reached out to D10 prior to applying for the license amendment to allow events after midnight. We shared notice of discussion of the change in our weekly newsletter and the opportunity for community members to attend our October 18 Land Use committee meeting for Catherine to explain the need for the change and answer any questions people may have.

Catherine explained the change being necessary for New Years Eve events to continue that previously received exemptions from the midnight requirement. These exemptions are no longer provided, so a change in the license is needed. The business doesn't have any intention at this time to host after midnight events other than on New Years Eve.

We appreciate the opportunity to support this change.

Sincerely,

Shevek McKee
Executive Director
District 10 Como Community Council