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Legislative Hearing Officer
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To whom it may concern:

We are writing in response to the notification we received informing us that Far East, Inc has requested a gambling location license. While we are in full support of local businesses, our family have many concerns over this particular establishment and the safety.

Over the recent years, we have encountered numerous unsafe and unpleasant experiences with people who we believe are customers who frequent this establishment. We have observed people parking their cars in front/side of our house; this begins around 9pm most days of the week and especially Friday-Saturday nights. We see these people walk down our block toward Arcade St to their destination and return to their cars around 2-3am. At these late hours, we have woken up to and witnessed people gathering late at night from 9pm-2-3am talking, yelling, shouting loudly; people urinate and vomit on our property; and physical fights taking place on our sidewalk making its way through our fence and into our garden beds. We often wake up the next morning to find random garbage thrown on our property: empty bottles of alcohol/beer, empty cardboard boxes of beer, used condoms, cigarette butts, shoes, etc.

As a valued neighbor, our biggest concern is the safety and health of our neighborhood and the quality of our lives. Both have decreased immensely over the recent years, affecting our ability to function in our everyday lives as we are a working family. We have lived and raised our family in our home for 20+ years. We love our home and our community but we are also very concerned for our safety and quality of our lives. We only wish to improve our quality of life and our neighborhood and we believe this establishment has only brought misfortune; granting a gambling license is a disadvantage that will only open up opportunities for crime which has led us to write this letter to voice our genuine concerns.

Sincerely,

The Vang Family