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Subject: Forbidden Festival

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

Good evening Ms. Bowie,

I'm writing to express my disappointment that you are in support of this event. On the heels of the outrageous noise from the breakaway music festival, we will now be subject to yet another disruptive weekend of noise pollution. This time, however, we will add in drunk college students. How can we think an open bar festival for just turned legal drinkers is a good idea?

I understand there is a desire to bring people to the city and there is economic benefit to the surrounding businesses. In this case, however, I don't see who will benefit. They certainly won't be going to the bars as they will be drinking as much as possible at the event. Restaurants will be closed by the time they leave. So who, exactly, benefits from this? They are cheap college students, so they won't pay for parking. In all likelihood they will be parking in the neighborhoods, getting drunk at the event, stumbling back to their cars and driving under the influence home. (Best case they take an Uber-let's hope so)

I hope the council will give more thoughtful consideration to the impacted residents before approving these events and the accompanying noise variances. At a minimum there are other locations that have fewer residences nearby.

Thank you,
Gretchen Hoar
1350 Ashland Ave
Sent from my iPad