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Hello Councilperson Noecker,

It is my understanding that Billy's on Grand has applied for a new Class N license to serve liquor until 1:00 am. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) will present this application to the City Council on April 5th.

It is also my understanding that the City Council can direct DSI to either process the new application, which, if granted, <u>would</u> <u>nullify existing enforcement processes</u>, or reject the new application and continue to pursue current enforcement actions.

I see this as an attempt to evade responsibility for at least two pending enforcement processes which are as, or are more serious, than the previous two violations they have been cited for and have been held to account for. I respectfully request

that you reject the new application and direct DSI to continue to do their job of enforcing conditions under the existing license. To allow them to evade the conditions and their operations that have made our neighborhood less safe, and resulted in an increase in police calls in our neighborhood is not an acceptable outcome.

Further, for them 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.

Bob

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