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To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Comment regarding Class N License for Billy's on Grand

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Dear Ms. Noecker,

I'm writing to you today to voice my concern regarding Billy's on Grand and their operation. I am a neighbor, living at 22 Grotto Street, and have followed the troubles at Billy's with both my eyes and ears. My wife and I have been awoken late at night to the sounds of gunshots and the shrill of sirens racing towards Billy's. Just reading the last sentence should tell you and anyone else who is invested in the neighborhood that something is terribly wrong with Billy's. The management of Billy's simply can not control or worse do not wish to control their patrons.

I attended a Zoom meeting, some time ago, about Billy's where police officers were in attendance. They spoke about other problem bars that stayed open until 2:00AM and when they were forced to close at midnight the problems went away. The truth is that they went away from the problem bar but simply resurfaced at another bar that was open until 2:00AM...like Billy's!

I believe and wish to impress on you that the first step to addressing the problems with Billy's is to limit their hours of operation and keep their closing time to midnight. With that said I'm not confident that would control all bad behavior at Billy's and make for a safer Grand Avenue but it would certainly be a good start!

Most Sincerely,
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