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**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2  
**Subject:** Lowertown Blues Fest sound variance

Hi there!

My 85-year-old mom and I live in the On the Park Condominium, overlooking Mears Park.

We're writing regarding the request for a sound variance from the Lowertown Blues Festival. We note that they're asking to extend the hours of the loud music from 10 pm to midnight this year, for all three days of the event, and we are lodging an objection to that request.

Obviously, when you live in Lowertown, amplified music from the wonderful activities happening in Mears Park is part of the deal, and we accept that... up to 10 pm. After that hour, we MUST be cognizant of the fact that Lowertown is also a residential neighborhood, with people of all ages who live around the park. Especially for the young and the elderly, midnight is just too late to be blaring high-decibel noise, particularly on a weeknight.

Also, we are concerned that allowing the Blues Fest to produce such very loud noise until midnight will set a precedent for other park users, such as the Music in Mears events. They will also likely want to go later than 10 pm.

Please, Rebecca, take the quality of life for young and elderly Lowertown residents into account when considering whether to support the Lowertown Blues Fest's request for a midnight sound variance.

Thanks & cheers!

***Don Jacobson***