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Subject: RE: Breakaway permit levels too high, loud
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Hi Jane – Thank you for writing in about the proposed sound level variance for the upcoming Breakaway Music Festival. Your comment has been received and will be added to the public record for this item.

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Dear Council Chair Noecker

I am writing to request that the city council reduce the noise level approved for Breakaway Fest. Last year, the noise level was so high at my house, which is on the other side of highway 94, that I could see water waving in a drinking glass to the sound of the music. It hurt my ears. I phoned the police who were unable to do anything. I was told that the event monitored and measured their own noise levels. How is it that the city did not contract with an unaffiliated contractor to measure the noise levels? While the council is not reducing the level enough in this year's permit, how can we even believe that this decibel level will be adhered to?

I hope that the council will not allow any music to play in the soccer stadium going forward. It's intolerable. They should be playing in the Saints baseball stadium downtown where there are fewer residents.

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