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To whom it may concern:

I have lived in my home for twenty years, (directly behind the Capital View Cafe) Our neighborhood already faces parking problems, delivery trucks (some as early as 5:00am) trash on our boulevards and lawns, total disregard of no parking signage for street cleaning, or snow removal on a daily basis, because of the Capital View Cafe, now to add the Rental Hall back in the mix, will cause many more problems that we have encountered in the past.

I have objections to the Smith Avenue Rental Hall re-opening, (627 Smith Ave. S.)

Over the years, when the Rental Hall was open for business, my neighborhood has seen many outrageous events take place:

Parking: Neither business has adequate parking available for their patrons
Our street becomes the "parking lot" for their patrons
We had to purchase a "No Parking within 5 feet of driveway" sign from the city
The sign is ignored on a daily basis already (I've had it for a year)

As mentioned earlier, when the city is going to clean the streets, and have put up signage, said signage is completely ignored, or in the winter when there is a snow emergency. Our street is never adequately plowed, because of this. We often have to call and have them come back, after the restaurant is closed.

Noise:

Many patrons of both establishments, are extremely loud and hold conversations practically in our front yards.

There are horns blaring, shouting, fights have broken out after functions at the hall, right in my yard.

Drinking:

Since there is a No Alcohol policy, at the Hall, many patrons retreat to the parking lot, (Baker Street) and indulge in their libations in or around their vehicles. One particular wedding reception, pepper spray was used on party guests, and we had five men, in our yard trying to use my garden hose to rinse out their eyes. (I had to turn off the water at 1:00am) to get them out of my yard. The police were in front of the building and had no idea what was going on in the neighborhood. I have also had party guests vomiting/urinating in my yard. Pleasant. The party often continues after hours, out on my street.

We've also experienced children, who are bored at the party, throwing rocks at our vehicles, because the parents have told them to go out and "play"

Security Guard:

If they intend to have a security guard on the premises, said security, has never ventured out of the building to see what is going on in the area. It is truly outrageous the things that my neighbors and I have to deal with.

Trash:

Litter, bottles, vomit, urine. Who cleans that up? Not the owners of these establishments, it's up to my neighbors and I. Disgusting.

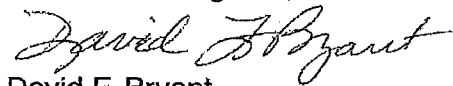
To refresh everyone's memory the RNC was held at the Excel Energy Center in 2008. The previous owner of the Smith Avenue Rental Hall, had rented out the hall, to a group of anarchists. (The RNC Welcoming Committee)

What an outrage that was!!

People living in their cars, changing clothes on Baker Street, to return downtown and wreak havoc on the city, without being recognized. FBI and other Law enforcement agencies going up and down our block, photographing license plates. Then, there was the raid on the Rental Hall. People being zipped tied/hand cuffed in our yards, after being chased down by police. (It's all in the report)

I know the city wishes to not have all these vacant businesses around. But, quite frankly, I wonder if the hall would be re-opening if anyone from City Council lived in my neighborhood.

Concerned Neighbor,



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