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Subject: Sound Level Variance

Hello,

My Name is Marcelino Puentes. I have resided at 4xx Daly Street since 1998. I am submitting the following comments for the public hearing regard the sound variance request by Shamrock's Irish Nook.

My story is one familiar to many in this once peaceful neighborhood. Due to the bars located in my immediate area, peaceful sleep and available parking is almost non-existent. It is something we have come to expect here in this area. Parking is extremely frustrating. As bars increase their seating by expanding their seating, they draw more traffic to the area by promoting their shuttle bus to sporting events. This places even more stress on a miserable parking situation to begin with. I recall my family in the restaurant business (Coronado and Frias families) complaining about parking availability making their expansion more difficult. Yet Shamrock's seems to be allowed to expand regardless of the available parking spots available for their increased business. My current vehicle (Photo A) has been hit and no note was left behind. My previous vehicle was struck and a witness left a note on my windshield. The driver left Joe and Stan's bar and drove into my car before driving off. If not for the tireless work of my friend Deputy Chief Todd Axtell, I would have been the victim of another hit and run. His officers were able to locate the habitual, unlicensed, drunk driver who drove a truck registered in his ex-wife's name, living in the basement of his mother's home. He admitted to hitting my vehicle. In short, I am happy to see St Paul business become more successful but I want them and City officials to know there are some here paying a price. To end this section I will add that bottles (Photo B,C) and glasses are part of the scenery. Vomit on the sidewalk after a weekend is also a common site. This suggests people are being over served and under policed by allowing them to exit the establishment with an alcoholic beverage.

My hope would be to allow Shamrock's Irish Nook to hold their one day event with some added restrictions. Each year on the West Side, the Cinco de Mayo celebration draws people to their neighborhood to celebrate the event. For many blocks around the event site, parking is limited to local residents by issuing a parking permit that is displayed in the front window of the vehicle. This would be (In my opinion) good common ground which would allow the business to hold their one day event without making resident parking a day long struggle. My son is employed as a PEO for the St Paul police and he gets many tags in this 2 block area without any special events. People simply don't comply with the parking ordinance. Most homes here have old single car garages that are used for storage. Some don't have a garage at all and there are many rental units with no off street parking whatsoever. Most businesses on 7th street have no parking behind their building as those who live above them park on the street as well. **Is the idea of permit parking for that day a possibility?**

I truly wish the local establishments great success on this special day. I simply want to be respected and recognized as a long term resident who has paid a price for their success. I feel together this event can be held without issue if the parking issue is addressed.

Thank you for considering my request.

Respectfully,

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