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Subject: Objection to Proposed Noise Variance

I will not be able to attend the City Council meeting on October 18, 2017, but I am grateful for the opportunity to register my concern about the proposed noise variance for the Turkey Trot Run on Thanksgiving, November 23.

I am puzzled by the frequent requests for variances to cancel out noise ordinances; it seems to me that these ordinances were enacted to preserve the quality of life in neighborhoods. Yet the Council routinely voids these useful noise ordinances to please race organizers. I object! Please do not allow race organizers to blast loud noise into our neighborhood at 7:15 AM on Thanksgiving Day.

The solution is actually very simple: move the location of the race start and finish 3/4 mile east of the proposed location. There are no homes in this stretch of Shepard Road, so noise would not be so disruptive to the peace of a residential area. If the location of the race start and finish lines cannot be changed, **please do not support the proposed variance.**

I believe people should be allowed to enjoy a holiday morning without being rudely awakened at 7:15 AM by loud speakers and music. My husband has cancer and is receiving hospice care at home. Sleep is very precious to him, and I would like to do everything I can to allow him to rest comfortably. Clearly this is an outstanding example of the reason noise variances exist—and why variances should not be granted.

So I am pleading with the Council to NOT allow the variance to city noise ordinances on Thanksgiving. Please either silence the loud speakers or move the start and finish to a location that won't be disturbed by them.

Thank you for your consideration.

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