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To: McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Bennett's Sound Level Variance Request
Attachments: City Council letter re-Bennett's live music 2018.pdf

This letter is being sent to address the request by Bennett's Chop & Railhouse for a sound level variance. This is our written objections and comments to their request.

Thank you.

March 6, 2018

Dear St. Paul City Council Members:

This letter is being written with strong opposition to the proposed sound level variance for live music at Bennett Chop & Railhouse on March 16 and March 17, 2018. Our opposition is based on previous experiences from past years when Bennett's has been allowed to present live music for St. Patrick's Day.

Being that we live only a few houses from Bennett's we have been subjected to excessively loud music, patrons littering the boulevard with beer bottles and trash, Bennett's bus blocking traffic lanes on Victoria and West 7th Street as they loaded and unloaded customers, patrons drinking on public sidewalks, and the entrance/exit to our alley blocked with various commercial vehicles associated with the St. Patrick's Day event. Parking on Victoria Street is limited with parking only being allowed on the East side of the street. In past years, patrons have parked on the West side of the street where it clearly states, "No Parking". The parking ban is in place because Victoria Street is too narrow to allow parking on both sides of the street with 2 traffic lanes. This has led to hazardous conditions not only for pedestrians trying to cross the street, but also for motorists who are driving north/south on Victoria Street. In addition, Bennett's advertises free parking, but the tent for live music completely fills their small parking lot. Consequently, patrons are forced to park on the residential streets surrounding Bennett's which in turn has led to the aforementioned problems associated with this annual event.

Our concern is that Bennett Chop & Railhouse is in a residential area that should not be subjected to the excessively loud music that a sound level variance will entail. The "enclosed tent" is not effective in containing patrons, litter, traffic congestion, and loud music. We strongly urge you to consider our objections and place a more reasonable sound level and hours of operation limit on Bennett Chop & Railhouse's Sound Level Variance Request than what has been requested.

Thank you for allowing us to voice our concerns,

Joe and Terry Buzicky