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Hi Council Member Kim.

I am writing to comment on the upcoming ordinance amendment (ORD 24-10, Agenda item 15).

I and other neighbors have had concerns with excessive noise levels from events at the Como Pavilion for some time. We expect recent upgrades to the Pavilion's sound system will ally or at least minimize many of our concerns and we look forward to continuing a positive working relationship on this matter with Park and Lancer staff.

Regarding the proposed ordinance amendment to provide for a single permit and fee for multi-day events, I think this makes sense overall. My concern is specifically with regard to events occurring at the Como Pavilion. Many, perhaps most, other sound-producing events permitted under the ordinance, are one-time events or events impacting non-residential areas. On the other hand, events at the Como Pavilion are numerous season-spanning occurrences that create a cumulative effect that has become tiresome and intrusive. Sound level limits, as in the current ordinance, while still impactful, seems an acceptable trade-off between a valued community resource and our desire for peace and quietude.

Multi-day (and day-long) events, especially those requiring a sound level variance, are too much.

Please consider these concerns by perhaps providing for specific relief for events at the Como Pavilion.

I would be happy to chat further about my concerns.

Thanks,

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