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Subject: Comment regarding Class N License for Billy's on Grand

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Dear Councilmember Noecker;

I'm writing to express my concern regarding the license that Billy's on Grand has applied for. based upon the license application specifics, as published on the ENS dated 3/24. Most concerning to me are:

A closing time of 1 am. This is inappropriate for a bar in a primarily residential neighborhood, as the past issues associated with Billy's has proven. There is no reason that this is warranted in an area that is not an entertainment district and where most surrounding businesses close much earlier. In terms of establishments serving liquor, the nearest ones are Salut (closing at 10 pm on weekends) and Red Rabbit (closing at 11 pm on weekends). Until Billy's is able to demonstrate that they can run a compliant business and exercise appropriate controls over their patrons, a similar closing time would be a good starting point.

- Liquor service on their patio. As above, this should be even more sharply curtailed, given some of the behaviors that have been witnessed there, and the noise potentially generated by raucous patrons, as witnessed in the past.
- Entertainment. As above. The existence of entertainment speaks to a clientele which is there to drink, rather than to dine. The crowds potentially attracted by this, the noise that would certainly be generated, and again, the previous issues related to this, speak to denying this aspect of their license until they demonstrate that they can operate responsibly and exercise appropriate controls over their customers.

Absent any details around their plans vis a vis security (both inside and outside the premises) it seems doubly important that they are allowed only an earlier closing hour until a significant trouble-free period of time might justify a later closing time.

Thank you for your consideration.

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