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Good afternoon! I am a condominium owner in the Commodore and am responding to the notification regarding license #0043940. I have some concerns and or clarifications that I would like to understand and until these items are clarified/addressed, I oppose the request for entertainment license modification.

I have tried unsuccessfully to connect with the DSI Inspectors referenced in the notice, but a voice mail received from them indicated "not much would change". As much as I would like the bar and restaurant to re-open, I am concerned that interests of the neighbors will not be considered. Mr. Rupp has spoke to many of us and indicated his desire to transform the venue into a Jazz club similar to the Dakota which has music events every night of the week.

1. The request is to remove the condition for complying with the requirements of section 411.04 (b)(5), (6), & (7). I am unable to locate what these specific requirements are.

2. I am confused about the licensee information on the application. Is the DBA The Commodore a reference to the Bar/Restaurant? Is this specifically only for the banquet/ballroom that is located above the squash club? Is there a separate license and liquor license for each parcel? In order to enter the banquet/ballroom, one must walk through the entrance and bar which is part of the Commodore Condo Association. I consider any entertainment license would need to extend to all parts of the business, i.e. the bar and restaurant, as patrons would likely be moving through all areas throughout.

3. Many of the current conditions have NOT been complied with over the past several years, specifically:

A. there is a south (Holly Avenue) door within the Bar/Restaurant that continues to be used as a "smoking area". There appears to be some sort of a paper sign taped to the door but this has not curtailed the practice. This emergency exit is in extremely poor condition with the handrails broken with even an attempt to tape them together.

B. With the exception of a graduation dance/party, there have been no security guards on the property for any of the private events.

C. There has been no contact information/phone number provided to residents of the condo association to contact during events - or even at any time as we've had several gas issues over the past several years with no way to contact anyone associated with the bar/restaurant.

D. There has been no communication regarding upcoming events.

Additionally, there have been notices posted on the property regarding delinquent property taxes for all three of the parcels in the building owned by John Rupp and/or the companies he is associated with, the most recent from Ramsey Counting Property Tax Services that it is pending forfeiture with a last day to redeem of 7/31/2025. I would hope that the change in entertainment license would be dependent on all property tax delinquencies to be paid current.

Thank you for soliciting our input.

Respectfully,
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