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**Re: Panama Joe's Entertainment Permit Renewal**

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Cc : Ron Newman, Greg Newman

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have been living in Belmont Shore for the past four years and will soon (1 week) be expecting our first daughter. I am currently employed with a financial institution on 2<sup>nd</sup> street and my wife owns a tutoring company in Naples. When I first moved into the shore in 2008, I heard so many complaints and issues with the restaurant Panama Joes. From the noise, fights, loitering and safety of patrons, they were the topic of discussion at so many meetings and events I attended. Since the ownership change in 2009 and the with the help of the Entertainment Permit put in place by Gary DeLong and city management, these issues have vanished. Panama Joes is now the place where I take family when they are in town visiting, first choice for when friends hold events and my #1 spot for a fantastic lunch. They are also very involved with our community and thrive to make a difference.

The management team of Panama Joe's have done an exceptional job of upholding the requirements by the current entertainment permit. Manager Fabius Rizk is a current member of the BSBA (Belmont Shore Business Association) and makes sure everybody has his phone number and phone number of all management. They have worked closely with local restaurant / bars to come up with answers on the issues listed above.

I recommend the one-year extension of the Entertainment Permit for Panama Joe's. This is the best system in place for Panama Joes to be a great neighbor in the community and to have a great restaurant experience.

Sincerely,

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