

Good morning Emily,

Please include my comments/opinions on Tuesday, July 16th regarding the proposed permit for Entertainment and Dancing permit for “Grand Investment Group DBA The Harbor Bar.”

I am opposed to granting The Harbor Bar an Entertainment Permit for the following reasons:

I am a long-time resident of 133 The Promenade N located directly across the alley from The Harbor Bar. The current music coming from Alegria on Pine and Sevilla has been a disturbance for as long as I can remember. I moved into my condo in the Summer of 2007 and have been battling noise from these two establishments from day one.

Do you recall Cohiba situated above Broadway Pizza? They played their music so loud that our condo walls would vibrate due to the bass in their music. Despite all the meetings we had with the DLBA, club owners, etc. we were never able overcome the noise intrusion to our building coming from their club. Our saving grace was that fact that they eventually closed their business.

Well, it's the same today for Alegria on Pine Avenue. They play their music is so loud I can hear it throughout my apartment with all my doors and windows closed. Their club music starts in the evenings and plays until 2 am. They leave their front door open and their patio is open and doesn't block any noise. They have speakers mounted on the exterior of their building which also help to amplify their music. On weekends they blast music all day long – do you think you could stand to live in that kind of noise intrusive environment 24/7? It's not pleasant and has affected my entire condo building. I know this because I have been a member of my building's Board of Directors since 2009 and I hear many complaints.

Sevilla has various bands play in their club each weekend and the “Mexican” bands they invite warm up their instruments in the parking lot (located between The Federal Bar and The Harbor Bar) on Sunday nights at 10:45 pm while they wait for their sets to begin. I've called and texted Elvis at the Club on numerous occasions, but he is unable to stop this from reoccurring. I have pictures of this, video with sound; it's of no use – the City agencies haven't helped at all and it just keeps happening. I also hear Sevilla's (bass) music through my bedroom walls on occasion.

I only mentioned these other situations because the city doesn't have an effective way to enforce our current rules on Noise. I've been complaining about the excessive noise coming from these clubs/restaurants for years, calling LBPD (who all say these club are entitled to blast music because they have a license (never addressing how excessive the music is and measuring and documenting they are out of compliance); going down to these establishments in the middle of the night asking them to turn the music down only to have it cranked back up minutes later; texting club managers like Elvis at Sevilla, writing letters (emails) to DLBA. None of these activities have helped one bit to enforce compliance with our current ordinances.

As a result of an already out of control noise intrusion on our street, I am NOT in favor of granting The Harbor Bar and Entertainment w/Dancing permit.

Feel free to contact me.

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