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Subject: Panama Joe's vote - April 19th

Dear Councilman DeLong,

I'm writing you as a resident of your district. While I'm not as long tenured a resident as some in the Belmont Shore area, I've been here long enough to see the changes due to the change in ownership of Panama Joe's. Living fairly close to the restaurant, I've noticed a huge up-tick in foot traffic in our neighborhood, and not the good kind. While this might not be directly attributed 100% to Panama Joe's, I do believe the more recent aggressive competition between 2nd Street bars is responsible. My wife and I are regularly woken up in the early morning hours (generally between 12am-3am) by incredibly drunk folks yelling and carrying on as they try to find their vehicles or make their way home after a night of drinking.

While I'm not entirely against having a fun night out, it's the increase in the wrong crowd that have been streaming into our otherwise wonderful neighborhood that is most worrisome.

While I am not able to attend tonight's city council meeting, I do hope my fellow like-minded residents do and are able to address the entire council on this matter. I am urging you to do the right thing for our neighborhood and vote no on Panama Joe's entertainment license. Until they become a more responsible neighbor, they need to learn a lesson and clean up their act. At least a little. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

James Cervantes