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To: Dr. Suja Lowenthal

Re: 4th Street Vine Entertainment Permit

I've been in business since 1986, and have seen 4<sup>th</sup> street at it's worst. Remember the crime, drug use and vandalism? Boarded up storefronts, abandoned buildings and absentee owners?

I marvel that now we have a group of like-minded business owners who want  $4^{th}$  street to succeed, and who want to succeed on  $4^{th}$  street. Jim and Sophia of  $4^{th}$  street Vine are such owners.

When I started my business, the Art Theater was a dilapidated relic; there was a rundown locksmith shop, and an out of business drycleaner. Oh, lets not forget "Smitty's" adult bookstore.

No one ever walked on 4<sup>th</sup> street past 6pm, and now there is a vibrant, inviting community based street that people enjoy with little worry. 4<sup>th</sup> street Vine has been a big part of creating an exciting, dynamic nightlife on 4<sup>th</sup> that I could have only dreamed of 28 years ago!

Meow is the oldest business on the street and I fully support their request to acquire an entertainment permit.

Warmest regards, Kathleen Schaaf