



Fw: 7/16 PUBLIC HEARING re PERMIT FOR BROADLIND LOUNGE dba THE BASEMENT, 149 LINDEN AVE.

Sophia Meng-Chhom to: Daisy Gomez, Pablo Rubio
Cc: Terese Torres

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Hi,

Below is a public comment.

Thank you,

Sophia Meng-Chhom

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Mr. Sund:

I reside in the Lafayette Condominiums, located at 140 Linden Ave. This email is to express my belief the entertainment with dancing permit issuance for Broadlind Lounge (dba The Basement), at 149 Linden Ave., should be denied. Despite the number of reduced days of operation, The Basement consistently, on each night it operates, draws a police response.

On a number of occasions, I've witnessed patrons enter their vehicles and proceed to drive down the bike lanes at speeds exceeding the maximum limit on Broadway Ave.! Street parking in the East Village is minimal at best, and is severely impacted by Basement patrons. Despite promises at prior permit meetings to provide their customers with off-street parking, early every morning after closing, there are between nine and 16 empty parking spaces in the 100 block of Linden Ave. As Councilmember Lowenthal can corroborate, in the past she's received emailed photos showing no empty parking spaces during The Basement's operating hours, and confirming multiple empty parking spaces after The Basement's closure. The various noises (i.e., screaming, yelling, etc.) emanating from the patrons at closure are excessive and unwanted. As recently as this past Saturday night, I saw several intoxicated male Basement patrons intentionally vandalize and break an expensive four foot tall planter at the Lafayette's entrance. I understand LBPD witnessed the crime, and have several suspects. On 2nd Saturday Art Walk days and nights, despite City signage closing the 100 block of Linden Ave. until 11:59 p.m., Basement patrons often park in spaces within the closure area.

The Basement's security staff is unable to control the aforementioned behaviors. In certain circumstances, selected security personnel, including the supervisor, have told me they choose not to eradicate or affect their patron's illegal acts. After patrons disperse to their vehicles, Basement security personnel gather across from the Lafayette entrance to laugh and speak loudly, often until 4:00 a.m. Additionally, Basement security personnel intentionally save each other parking spaces by placing barricades or cones within a designated street parking space, thus denying parking to residents and local business patrons.

The East Village Arts District is an "artsy" environment, and not a nightclub area like Pine Ave. The Basement patrons repeatedly violate various State and Municipal Codes, thus dragging down residential and local business property values within the East Village area. Please remove this blight from our neighborhood by denying any future operationally-related permits for the Broadlind Lounge (dba The Basement), at 149 Linden Ave. Thank you for your time and efforts -

Diane M. Ton