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My name is Ken Kampo, I am the property manager for the 2 apartment buildings next to the proposed Taco Bell Cantina at 534 State Street and manager of the private parking lot that borders that buildings rear door.

Neighbors of 534 State Street have been told by workers there this will not be a Taco Bell but is a Taco Bell Cantina which translated means: tavern; barroom, saloon. The license hearing is Wednesday November 15 at 6:30 pm. This hearing while construction is still underway at the site. In the past we have had multiple Police calls for fights, drug dealing and loud noise with another stealth bar located across the street which has led to restrictions on their restaurant alcohol license after a year of many Police calls. We have had numerous fights, a stabbing, broken plate glass window, drug use and sales and much urination, defecating and vomiting in our doorways and lot during the past Taco Bell occupation of the same space until they left approximately 3 years ago. Much of this was due to being open late and giving people a place to gather at bar time and a persistent drug gang operating in front of 534 State for many years now and through each business located there. Employees have also been caught on video smoking drugs with the drug sellers. I put Taco Bell Cantina in Bing Search and a Wall Street Journal said the Cantinas were being opened to attract Millennials serving alcohol. On Yelp I have read many reviews, very few mentioning food except Tapas (small finger foods) but mainly say: loud music; lounge with full bar; ice drinks with alcohol and a Baha Blas drink where the customer selects the alcohol; lots of neon. I feel this is just another stealth bar masquerading under a restaurant alcohol license. There seems to be a rush to obtain a license before the interior is finished to avoid anyone seeing a bar set up previous to an alcohol license.

I have no doubt my residents, and myself, will again be treated to loud stereo and crowd noise, constant fighting, trespassing on our property for drug use and sales, relieving customers and vandalism. Previous our residents were robbed of sleep with many like myself having to get up at 4 am to 6 am for work and school. I would ask for a denial of a license, putting the hearing off until construction is complete or set hours of 9 pm or 10 pm for alcohol sales to end as other restaurants in our block adhere to. Also no noise that exits their building as it is a high density residential area in the immediate area. Any other outcome will have many Police calls, residents will be deprived of quiet and sleep in their homes. There are far too many bars and Police calls in the State Street area now. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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