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Subject: Serrato Entertainment Inc 21+ Entertainment License Application

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Hello ALRC members, Jim, and Captain Hanson,

I am writing today in regards to Serrato Entertainment Inc's 21+ Entertainment License application. As I understand it this item has been referred twice at ALRC, multiple attempted calls to the applicant have been made, and the application appears to be abandoned. It is my recommendation that the ALRC places the item on file without prejudice.

In my aldermanic capacity, I reached out to the applicant a few times. I asked another person to act as a translator and contact the applicant, because the applicant's preferred language is Spanish. The other person was successful in reaching the applicant. From that conversation, the applicant expressed that they did not attend April's ALRC meeting, because MPD told them that this is a nightclub and the community doesn't want another nightclub. I am unsure if this is a misunderstanding of the process, but it seemed from that point that the applicant was no longer interested in pursuing the license.

Given the lack of communication between staff, myself, and the applicant and absent a neighborhood meeting, I believe that it is best the license is placed on file without prejudice.

Best,

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