

September 10, 2014

To The Alcohol License Review Committee,

I urge you to deny an entertainment license to the Lakeside Cafe at your September 17 meeting. The purpose of zoning is to establish the character for various neighborhoods. Amplified music belongs in entertainment districts. I want this to continue to be a place where the businesses support people living in a residential neighborhood. At this point, all of the businesses on Lakeside are quiet and keep regular business hours.

I can empathize with the neighbors who are directly affected by the noise from the Lakeside Cafe. Several years ago, I also had a neighbor who created noise during the hours my husband and I needed to sleep. Being teachers, our sleep was essential. We were looking to buy a house in a quieter neighborhood when a legal solution was found, and we were able to stay here.

Already the neighbors of the wine bar are unable to resolve problems regarding unauthorized amplified music by simply communicating directly with the owners. Therefore, a restraining order was sent by the Assistant City Attorney on July 30.

I recommend that the wine bar continues to offer acoustic music three to six times a month, which is in keeping with the character of the neighborhood where they are located.

I live on Monona Bay and from time to time I walk around it for exercise. I hope you can work to help keep our neighborhood a place to live for families and those who need to keep regular work schedules.

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