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From: Martha Davis [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 10:39 AM  
To: licensing  
Subject: Alcohol License Review Committee

Re: Divine Orders Catering LLC - Application for Liquor & Beer License

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of [REDACTED] located on Luann Lane. As you may know, Luann Lane is a very small, narrow lane with a sharp curve to it which is approximately located right where 2122 Luann Lane is located - Divine Orders Catering. Luann Lane has several multiunit apartments on one side of the street, the condominiums on the other side of the street, and then closest to where Luann Lane meets Coho Street there are office buildings containing Preferred Title, a crematorium/funeral home, an accounting firm and several other offices. I doubt this very short street with multiunit residential buildings and a rather sharp curve was intended to have multiple parked vehicles on both sides of this street during receptions at the reception hall, funerals at the new funeral home, and large business gatherings at Preferred Title and other businesses.

Since the building at 2122 Luann Lane was purchased and occupied by a reception hall of some sorts, we have had several calls for service with the Madison Police Department due to noise complaints mostly due to their music, particularly the booming lower bass sounds. I personally have also reported that on some of their event nights, parking spills out onto Luann Lane on both sides of the street particularly where the curve in the road is located. There are some streetlights but it is not very well lit. This building is not situated very far back from the road and I would estimate that it is approximately 200 feet from the driveway to 2125 Luann Lane (condominium) and has to be less than 100 feet to the apartments located directly to the west of them.

Our neighborhood police officer (NPO) who originally dealt with these calls for service/complaints was Sgt. Richardson. Now I believe the neighborhood police officer is Officer Beckfield. You may want to contact them prior to approving a liquor license for this facility.

Sgt. Richardson, when acting as the NPO, did meet with the owner of this establishment a year or two ago and indicated to me that the owner was going to make efforts to control the decibel level during events held at this facility. However, occasionally we do still hear that booming bass thumping, thumping, thumping. And... no matter what efforts they make to control the decibel level in their reception hall, they cannot control the noise of their customers' vehicles as they are arriving or leaving.

It is my strong belief that allowing alcohol or beer to be served at this location will be a huge mistake. Drivers will be leaving this building after consuming alcohol into vehicles which are parked on both sides of a very narrow dimly lit street. This is a recipe for disaster. Aside from the safety concerns, there is the quality of life for residents on Luann Lane and the property value of the condominiums on Luann Lane, which have taken a significant hit over the last 10 years. When I purchased my condo, Luann Lane was a very quiet street which was one of its attractions. It still remains a quiet street except on those evenings where there is an event occurring at the reception hall located at 2122 Luann Lane.

Please take an opportunity to consider my comments. I apologize that I cannot be there in person for the hearing.

Thank you for your service.

Martha L. Davis

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