

Cactus Club License Renewal Hearing Points

My name is Mike Erter, I'm a homeowner, my wife and I live a stone's throw from the front door of the cactus club at 1430 E Russell Ave – so I am privy to the activity that takes place in the neighborhood as a result of the cactus club's presence

Thank you, madam chair and license committee, for soliciting my input today on the cactus license renewal

I prepared some brief commentary on the cactus club, and I'll share it now

- The Cactus Club is a nuisance; I oppose the license renewal
- The Cactus Club and the drunken Cactus club patrons- who routinely disturb the peace late at night- significantly degrade the character and quality of life in the neighborhood.
- In the spring and summertime outdoor, open air music concerts they put on are a nuisance that disturb my wife and I for the entire afternoon or duration that the outdoor concert takes place. They are egregiously loud. They deny us peace and quiet in our own home on the weekend when they take place. Please not that our home is zoned residential, and this is a ridiculous amount of noise for a residential neighborhood.
- The Cactus Club also disturbs the peace by playing music into the open air on Russell through stereo speakers they have mounted on the exterior of their building. This disturbs the peace for the surrounding homeowners and neighborhood residents. Why should they be playing music into the open air in the neighborhood around their bar? Homeowners and residents do not want to hear it.
- Frequent as in every week- disturbances, yelling, screaming, altercations late at night when drunk people leave the Cactus Club. This wakes my wife up at least once per week when this takes place outside our house.
- In the warmer months people come to the Cactus Club on motorcycles, park them in the street outside the bar and on the surrounding corners and streets- go in the bar- drink for hours and then when they leave late at night- after homeowner and residents are sleeping, they rev up their motorcycles and disturb the peace. This is a weekly occurrence, is an extreme and

egregious disturbance of the peace. They rev their bikes so loud it wakes you up from a sound sleep with a start. They roar down the block making the maximum amount of noise possible, and they do this intentionally- it's loud enough to wake the dead. I want to emphasize this happens *every week* during the warmer months. This is not a one off or infrequent occurrence but every week and sometimes multiple times per week disturbance caused by Cactus Club patrons

- Everyone who lives in proximity to the Cactus Club know all this
- 100% factual, if anyone has any doubts about the veracity of my statements, I'm happy to sign an affidavit
- In summary the presence of the Cactus Club and the drunken Cactus club patrons- who routinely disturb the peace late at night- significantly degrade the character and quality of life in the neighborhood.

I'd like to conclude by mentioning that we pay very high property taxes in Bay View and there is zero enforcement of the noise ordinance that I can see. When you call the police non-emergency number and ask for noise ordinance enforcement, they refer you to the Department of Neighborhood Services. When you call DNS, they refer you back to the police. It's a joke. We'd like to see some modicum of noise ordinance enforcement from the city.

For all of the reasons I've stated, in strongest possible terms, I oppose this license renewal.

That concludes my comments.

Thank you.