

EVE'S LOUNGE  
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Dear Captain Sterolyn Birch,

This letter is regarding the recent unfortunate incidents that occurred at Eve's Lounge. I would like you and your colleagues to understand that the recent violence around Eve's Lounge is not a representation of, nor does it reflect the standards and practices of Eve's Lounge. It is our desire to create a safe, violence free, upscale environment for the people of our community to enjoy themselves during and after long work weeks, while creating revenue for generations, within the community in which I live. Furthermore, I understand these incidents may have raised concern within your office because it raised great concern and cause for action with me. I'd like to thank the men and women of your office for the manpower and expertise put into this investigation, especially the officers and detectives. What occurred at my establishment not only troubles me greatly but it also humbled me to the fact that there's still work to be done as a business owner.

When both incidents occurred, I was not present. The first incident, I was out of town for my Father's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and the second, I was in route to Eve's Lounge, which has caused me to make several changes that will prove to be small but mighty gestures to ensure the community and the patrons are safe. Until further notice, all out of town trips for business or pleasure for myself, have been canceled. I will be devoting my time to overseeing the day-to-day operation. I'm currently installing a new security system both inside and out of Eve's Lounge as suggested by Det. Adrian Harris. In addition to these changes, I'm also installing motion sensitive flood lights to illuminate the outside areas. I've also taken the initiative to contact Alderman Mark Chambers along with the Liason Officers at district 7 to discuss additional input to ensure the safety of our patrons and the community we all serve. I have taken disciplinary action against the staff and Management of Eve's Lounge. There have been major changes to the security staff. There will also be advanced screening of all employees and required physical search of all patrons and employees upon entry of the building. It is the highest priority of Eve's Lounge to protect, serve and ensure the safety of those within this community.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions and/or concerns.

Respectfully,  
Thomas Holmes

