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Greetings!

My family has lived in National City on 3rd street for many years, since the early 1940's. My mother grew up in the house on the corner of 3rd and G. She worked for the Chamber of Commerce for many years and our family has been very involved in the community for many years (i.e., Maytime Band review, Las Palmas Lifeguard/Swim Instructor, etc.). The property is very close to Manolo, Sierra Cafe and all other businesses in this area.

The noise level and traffic has increased significantly over the past 6 years causing concern. People drive fast down the road, while the STOP sign that was added to G street has helped but there are still kids driving down the road with loud electric motor bicycles. In addition, Manolo has food trucks parking on their parking lot and play live music until late in the evening. Last Sunday 9/29, the music was playing until after 11pm.

The Spirit license for Manolo will further exacerbate the noise levels and disturbances. With the food trucks, I can see people purchasing hard liquor (i.e., Spirits) and taking the alcohol to the food trucks and drinking there on site. This could create disagreements or potential fights, more car accidents at that intersection, etc.

There is already a liquor store right on the corner next to the laundromat. There are no issues that I'm aware of that have happened at the liquor store. The patrons will drive to the liquor store, pick up the liquor and drive away, drinking elsewhere. This is much of a better situation than people purchasing and consuming the liquor right there on site.

Note in addition, many neighbors including ourselves have voiced our concerns around the restaurants (Sierra Cafe) daily practices of jet spraying their property at about 4pm. They also, at times, run a leaf blower as early as 5 or 6am on Saturdays or Sundays. This also creates another disturbance.

Thanks for your consideration and hearing the Tax Paying Residents concerns!

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