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Hi Sarah,
It was great meeting you last night. Thanks for presenting the material on the reasons why the City of SB is considering Limited Alcohol Use at the Louise Lowry Davis Center.

I live at 136 West Victoria which is directly across from the Center, so this approval would directly impact me. When I walked into the meeting last night, I was completely against having alcohol allowed here. But after hearing that there would be a monitor/security guard at the events with alcohol, I am willing to reconsider my stance.

My main concern is the noise factor. When alcohol and music are combined, the noise factor at parties/events will tend to increase, and the sound will travel directly into my apartment on the 2nd floor. I would prefer that events with alcohol be allowed on Friday/Saturday nights only.

I spoke to several of the other residents at 136 West Victoria, and a big concern was parking. When the Moose Lodge has an event, the guests take up the vacant street parking on West Victoria, as well as the entire Louise Lowry parking lot. If there were 2 events going at the same time, parking for residents would diminish greatly. A lot of party guests also linger out in the parking lots, smoking and socializing loudly from the Moose Lodge events. I know that the City doesn't have any control over the Moose Lodge activities, but what can be done to manage this if there are 2 events that overlap? Will the monitor/security guard be at the event the entire time?

I would be more than willing to have a temporary alcohol permit period of time (maybe 6 months) that the City could review at that time to decide whether it should be a permanent benefit to this location. Is that something you think the City would consider?

Please let me know if I should formalize this email into a letter. I would love to come to the upcoming meetings, but I think it might be difficult for me to get to them as I work out in Goleta. But can you let me know again, when those upcoming meetings will be?

Thank you for your interest in getting public comments.
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