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Summary: CF 17-0981 was brought to the attention of the NANDC Board because since June we have been looking at the number and types of liquor licensees and the various of points of alcohol access in and around our community. In light of the fact that the Board will not meet before the City Council's August 14 meeting, I am briefly sharing concerns already discussed.

Based on our preliminary observations, we urge the Council and its Committees not to adopt a 'cookie cutter' policy with the expectation of it being equally effective in mitigating nuisance and underage drinking in each area throughout the City. For example, in the NANDC area alcohol license requests are increasing among small establishments as they try to be competitive in order to retain and grow their client base since many newly developed housing and other venues cater to non-family patrons. Unfortunately, shortening the application and approval process would also allow less time for the community to notice and respond to permit request postings. In addition, smaller restaurants and establishments are not going to have the manpower needed to allow their required onsite manager sufficient time to monitor and respond to issues outside while ensuring quality service inside their establishment.

Lastly, as South LA (South Central) residents, it concerns us that the concentration and saturation of 'liquor outlets' that provide access to alcohol will not be a factor when issuing new licenses. A superfluous combination of on-site and off-site liquor outlets has the propensity to become another public safety and public health issue.

We ask that the Council and its Committees consider incorporating proactive strategic safeguards that allow industry and job growth without sacrificing public safety and well-being.

Respectfully submitted.

Thank you.