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CITY OF BURIEN

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My wife, daughter and I moved into our present location in September of 2004. Initially, everything was fine, the building was new, and our landlord, Binod Prasad, is everything you'd want in a landlord-tenant arrangement. But with time, and this is certainly no fault of Binod's, the situation we find ourselves in is untenable at best. Directly across the street from our residence, the W.H. Long Sports Bar has become our nightmare. Each evening, and this is without fail, incredibly loud music, ristsights, drunken as well as drug-induced behavior, along with either a series of yelling or talking well above what is considered to be normal, emanates from there on a nightly basis. Furthermore, even though curfew for such establishments is a well-known fact, two a.m., I've witnessed on several occasions patrons exiting the bar as late as three o'clock in the morning. People who drive away from this bar are clearly drunk, squealing their tires, swerving all over the road, creating a danger to anybody unfortunate to be on the road at the same time. And although during the summer months, when we'd like to keep our windows open at night to keep things reasonably cool, with the constant blaring of noise confronting us, we have absolutely no choice but to forgo even that small expectation.

What has been the response of the City of Burien and the Police? At best, the police respond less than thirty percent of the time when I call to complain and ask for some kind of reasonable action to curb this disorderly behavior. You must understand, I'm not calling any earlier in the evening than midnight, well beyond a time when we should expect to be free of such shenanigans. And when the police do respond, it's as if there giving the situation nothing more than lip service, and nothing changes. I can't even be sure the police aren't in collusion with the bar, seeing they do nothing more than show up, sometimes as many as five patrol cars arrive, but then they leave without any action being taken. This despite the fact that there is clearly drug activity going on and God knows what else. You only have to look at the clientele to recognize this.

In closing, nobody should have to endure what we have been forced to live with during the course of the last five years. Due to the inaction of the police as well as the City of Burien, what should be a nice place to live, clearly has been anything but. Your lack of action regarding this matter has been reprehensible. Any other municipality wouldn't tolerate this foolishness for a second. Please do the right thing and put an end to what has become our nightmare.

Sincerely,


Ben Seaman

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August 14, 2009

TO: Ben Seaman

FROM: Chief K. Scott Kimerer, Burien Police Department

RE: COMPLAINT REGARDING WAH LONG SPORTS BAR

Dear Mr. Seaman,

I appreciate your correspondence regarding issues at the Wah Long Sports Bar. We have begun an investigation of the complaints and will be working with other affected Burien City Departments to address any violations. In reviewing the calls for service over the last two years, the number of calls is not extraordinary, however the types of calls the police have responded to are concerning. We will also be working with the State Liquor Control Board to ensure compliance with their license. Finally, we will be meeting in the future with the owner to let him know of the problem and work with them on developing a good neighbor relationship.

Please continue to call the police when necessary to help us track the number of complaints generated by Wah Long. Generally, these issues are not resolved overnight but be assured we understand and respect the problems you are experiencing and will work toward a resolution. Please call Sergeant Henry McLauchlan at 206-296-3350 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

K. Scott Kimerer
Chief of Police, City of Burien

