

From: Council
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 3:43 PM
To: 'Pomeroy, Jordan J'
Subject: RE: Recent murder

Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be forwarded to the Councilmembers and included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming City Council meeting.

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City Manager's Office

From: Pomeroy, Jordan J [mailto:Jordan.Pomeroy@edwardjones.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 12:30 PM
To: Council
Subject: Recent murder

To the Burien City Council,

I wanted to send an e-mail expressing my profound sadness to hear that someone was stabbed and killed last night at Goodtime Ernie's. But I also feel it is necessary to remind you, the elected representatives of Burien, that myself and several others from the building my business is in sent you a letter several months ago warning you about the Wai Long Sports Bar and the other establishments like it in Burien. I asked you then what it would take for the Burien City Council to wake up and realize that it has a problem.

These bars have no business being allowed to operate in the city. And now Burien just made the front page of the Seattle Times online with the words "stabbing" and "killed" in the headline. If the Burien city council is okay with that being the Burien that is portrayed, why was the town square built? And how is it that none of you can see the connection between these types of events that occur on a daily basis, people's perception of Burien and the fact that the town square sits mostly vacant?

As I said to you in the letter, I have personally seen drug deals, fights, reckless behavior, and people who are clearly under the influence leaving the bar. Obviously, this is happening not only at Wah Long but Good Tim Ernie's and probably others. And I asked you then, "will it take someone dying for you to finally do something?"

Well, tragically, someone just died. So I'll ask it again, what is it going to take for you to put the pressure on these bars and close them down? Enough is enough, start cleaning up this city. And if you need a model, look at what the City of Seattle did with the bars that they had that were trouble.

Disappointed,

Jordan Pomeroy
Burien business owner and Exchange Club of Highline member

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cc: Police Chief, City Manager

