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From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 5:55 PM
To: 'Christy Worley'
Subject: RE: Wah Longs

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message will be provided to the appropriate City staff and included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

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From: Christy Worley [<mailto:christy.worley@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 3:23 PM
To: Public Council Inbox
Subject: Wah Longs

Dear Burien City Council,

I have been a home owner in Burien/Normandy Park for 10 years, grew up in Boulevard Park, poss a career as a Controller of a High-end Service shop in Redmond and have been playing dart league for Wah Longs for about 6 years. I am not a big drinker and choose to not drink at all on league nights. There for I pay attention to others and what is going on around me more then a normal patron. I can say I have never witnessed any drug use or shady dealings in Wah long's, I once witnessed a guy smoking something that I knew was not a cigarette in the parking lot and notified Jimmy, the owner, and he ordered him to leave the property and not come back. I was very happy, as I am very anti drug. I have children and I don't care who thinks they have permission to smoke drugs (Marijuana) where they want. It is still illegal to me. PERIOD!!

As I stated before, I play darts, which causes me to travel to different local bars in Kent, Renton, Burien, Federal Way, Auburn to compete. On several occasions I have seen ridiculous behaviors from patrons. Fighting, drug use, misconduct, ect. I feel this is every where you go. You cant predict what people will do. Just notice questionable actions and try to eliminate them before they are a problem. I strongly feel this is how Jimmy runs Wah Longs.

My parents use to question why I would want to hang out at a "dive" bar, especially since their use to me hanging out at high end places on the eastside. I got tired of defending Wah Long's as they had NEVER been in the establishment, and were just assuming. So I invited my parents to come in and watch me shoot a dart tournament which happen to be my birthday month. My parents being very skeptical still said ok. They came in, hung out in the dart area, got to meet all the dart players I associate with as well as Jimmy the owner and were very impressed on how wrong there assumptions were. They were so comfortable and ok with being there they even had a drink even though they only drink once or twice a year!! They have never questioned me since and have come up every year for the December birthday Tournament to celebrate with me.

Wah Longs is not at fault for any incidents. They do what they can just like every other bar. All companies try things to increase sales and its all about trial and error. When there was a DJ and local artist's performing there it did make more money, but the crowd it brought in was some what unpredictable, so Jimmy decided to cancel it all to keep everyone safe after the Jan 2011 shooting. So that says to me he is more worried about his patrons then making a buck!!

I feel that every time a bar goes out of business or closes for one reason or another, we notice the rif raf that starts coming thru and its usually gone not too long after as there is no tolerance. I can name several similar occurrences in just a 5 mile radius of things that have happen at other local bars!!

I hope that someone that matters reads my personal experience and opinion of Wah Longs and take into consideration all sides.

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Thank you for your time, I greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Christy Worley

P.S

Wah Long's is know as one of the biggest and most successful DART bars in the area!! There are definitely positive things, but like we all know. Everyone says the bad things VERY LOUD and very rarely even share the good!!!