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To: [Eduardo Sarmiento](#); [City Council](#); [Suja Lowenthal](#); [Angela Crespi](#)
Subject: New eComment for City Council Virtual Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM, Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM), Duly Posted on May 20, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. by E.S.
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JONATHON STEWART submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Virtual Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM, Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM), Duly Posted on May 20, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. by E.S.

Item: b. REPORT 21-0325 CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 20, 2021 PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION TO DENY A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE ONSITE SALE, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION OF GENERAL ALCOHOL INDOORS ONLY WITHIN THE HOTEL LOUNGE FOR REGISTERED GUESTS ONLY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK 7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M. AT AN EXISTING HOTEL (H2O HERMOSA) AT 1429 HERMOSA AVENUE, AND DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA). (Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

eComment: Council members, planning commission-- Appreciating there are likely considerations to which we are not privy, the Java Stew Coffee Company cannot more strongly support a decision to allow H2O to serve beer and wine on site to guests at its hotel. In a town that relies on tourism as a major component of its economy, it is incomprehensible as to why the planning commission would deny the use of their ABC-granted liquor license, especially after its recommended approval for use by the city. Upholding the planning commission's denial of the resolution puts H2O at a distinct disadvantage in competing with other local hotels with an ABC liquor license who have universally been permitted to serve beer and wine to guests. What rationale could possibly justify such action? Providing hotel guests a safe, regulated environment in which to enjoy adult beverages feels like the exact kind of policy that is in line with the overall aims of the city. We hope this matter is resolved quickly and easily so that H2O can be fully compliant and on equal competitive footing as we head into summer in the coming days. Thank you for your kind consideration. All the best, Jon Stewart Java Stew Coffee Company

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