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Subject: Cypress

Dear Commissioners,

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday during the walking tour.

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Specific to ShockBoxx, our original ask was to have you look at the current Temporary Minor Special Event Permit that we have been following for calendar year 2019 and look at the possibility of amending this permit to allow for more than 12 events in a calendar year. An alternative solution to amending the number of events could be to amend the definition of what constitutes an "event," in this area.

If you have been watching us, or been to one of our "events" this year, you will know that none of them have been disruptive to the neighborhood, or drawn any attention or complaints other than targeted complaints driven by lawyers and a business owner suing the city. Case in point: They filed a complaint about an "event" that was nothing more than a fake flyer. Our doors were locked, lights off and nobody was on the property, yet they called and emailed saying people were spilling into the street and that the music was loud. We made this flyer to prove that they were not in the area and simply targeting us to make their case.

We are not asking for permission to serve alcohol, nor are we seeking to obtain liquor licenses or become bars or nightclubs. This is another lie being perpetuated through this process. In fact, if alcohol is any part of any problem moving the needle forward, let me be clear: We don't need it and would be happy to become an alcohol free zone to appease any current misconceptions.

This year we have had 11 art openings that lasted 2 hours each. We will have one more this year because that's all we are allowed under the current definitions and permit process. Our openings are going to have totaled 24 hours out of a possible 8,760 hours in a year. We spend days in the studio painting, creating, and quietly using the space. In addition, we sweep the street and gutters for free, and our existence on Cypress has reduced traffic, drug deals, squatting, and visibly cleaned up the area. Expect more of the same improvements should we find that the city backs the people's desires clearly spelled out in PLAN Hermosa.

Thank you for your time regarding this and everything you are doing in Hermosa Beach. I totally appreciate your commitment and dedication to the city.

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