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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose the CUP #7100, for 1453 and 1467 N. Lake Ave, please deny it.

Just because the owner asked for the CUP does not mean that it has to be granted. So please deny it. Our mostly quiet neighborhood would be shattered by the behavior caused by alcohol consumption at the above mentioned location. If you let the crocodile into the bedroom don't be surprised when you are bitten. If you approve this, you are asking the neighbors to continually complain about the problems. We should not be forced to complain; it only adds insult to injury. And, to what avail? You will say that the complaints only come from a handful of people... you will say that it is now a police matter. The police will say that they cannot do anything unless they see the infraction themselves. The police will say that it is a civil matter, etc. It is a vicious cycle of no one being responsible. So be responsible and protect the interests of the people who bought homes in an area that has had specific zoning to protect their interests. Uphold the zoning that is in place and deny this CUP. Keep the peace in our neighborhood, we don't have the money to move elsewhere.

There was a reason that the zoning does NOT allow for bars and nightclubs within 150 feet of residences. I am sure the owners knew of this when they bought the property. But they got the building at a "discounted price" because it is NOT zoned for a bar and a nightclub. Buy the right building for your business venture. We the residents of this, mostly blue collar neighborhood, should not have to fight to complain for each and every infraction. We should not have to deal with the drama of what only benefits the owner of the property. If you approve this, you let the crocodile in our neighborhood and it is we who will be bitten. There won't be any going back. Will you ever retract a CUP once it is given? Highly doubtful. The recourse for this CUP is too expensive for the neighbors to fight. And with the lack of notification to each home more than 500 feet from the proposal, it makes it seem that something untoward, like bribery or corruption is going on.

With home prices the way they are, these are the only affordable 'starter' homes. This nightclub and bar will not "service" the children of our neighborhood. It will bring in people from elsewhere who don't care about our neighborhood and who will probably be drinking morning, noon and night. Most importantly, it will devalue our homes. It is unacceptable for the City of Pasadena to cause us irreparable harm for the benefit of someone trying to "pull a fast one".

The 500 foot radius to send mailers to each home is ludicrous. This is especially true because the eastern 1/2 of the circle does not have residences! Those of us West of Lake will be the most detrimentally affected by what you, the planning office, decide. You should know that you will cause many of us harm, not just those within 500 feet.

Use the zoning to protect the citizens who live here. Our neighborhood is a wonderful mix of

young children, elderly, gay, lesbians, transgender, black, white, Asian, Mexican, El Salvadorian, Honduran and the disabled. Do not harm us by approving this CUP. Uphold the current zoning and stop this insanity.

I was informed that doors would be placed to mitigate the sound from the nightclub. That is just plain stupid. Doors will open and close, thereby letting the noise out, not keep it in. That is just a pure lie. They are gaslighting you! The doors will be open and people will start to congregate outside and it will be more and more noisy. NO, doors do not lower noise, soundproofing lowers noise, denial of this CUP will lower the noise.

Please deny this CUP and protect those of use who are law abiding and rule following, not rule breakers. When the owner put up the wooden fence between the apartment building and the auto repair, did they get a permit for that 6 foot tall fence? When they took down the fence, did they get a permit to demolish it? When they put up the wrought iron fence in front of the apartment building, did they get a permit for that? Now, they are limiting the parking for the apartment building to two spaces, but there are three units. Who will hold them accountable? My normal policy is to live and let live, but I do not want my neighborhood to be harmed by this CUP. You can deny it, so please, deny it.

Sincerely,

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