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To: Hayward Planning Commission

Dear Commissioners,

We are concerned with this application for a café, commercial amusement center and a banquet hall for a number of reasons. Our primary concern is the sales of alcohol in a computer gaming business that will be very attractive to youth. The facility design could encourage easy access to alcohol by youth. In addition, Hayward has had several incidents where 'banquet hall's' have been rented to outside promoters that led to out-of-control violent behaviors. These are some of our questions/concerns:

1) What license type is being applied for? It is questionable whether the application meets the guidelines for license type 41 since the business is not describing a 'bona fide' restaurant (as required by the license). The majority of sales will not be coming from food sales, as required by the license. Will the majority of sales come from gaming? Or, from alcohol sales?

2) Monitoring the alcohol consumption of customers may be difficult due to the business' layout. Customers can purchase alcohol at the café and then walk to the back area of the building (commercial amusement center). They could easily pass the drink to another customer who may be under the age of 21.

In addition, the technicians in the commercial amusement center may have difficulty monitoring underage drinking since they will be attending to daily gaming operation. We do not think drinking should occur at the computers because it could increase the ease of youth access to alcohol.

3) It is good that surveillance cameras will monitor gambling but they should monitor for illegal alcohol consumption as well.

4) The sales of bottled wine should not be permitted. Customers could purchase bottles of wine at the café and then could possibly drink the whole bottle by themselves which could lead to overconsumption - particularly with the limited food options.

The suggested price of \$2/cup of beer or wine is too cheap. The low cost of the alcohol may encourage overconsumption.

In summary, the business concept is confusing. It's hard to tell what they really intend to be. There appears to be too many disparate types of use in one space, which will lead to difficulty enforcing the alcohol sales and consumption.

Thank you for your consideration.

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