

Tuesday February 12th



Dear Detective Wood,

This past week the Ocean Beach Planning Board held a community forum to discuss the over saturation of liquor licenses in the 75.02 census tract and the possibility of supporting Dirty Birds in their pursuit of a liquor license.

The concerns brought up by the community included the proliferation of bars on Newport, the type of crowd it draws, but the most interesting one was their concern for our closing storefronts and the ability of businesses to survive without a liquor license.

Ocean Beach does struggle with alcohol related crime, but this is not necessarily restricted to the patrons of the bars on Newport. Many of the alcohol related crimes occur from transients congregating in the empty and closed storefronts where they can consume alcohol from the 6 off sale sites. We want to encourage businesses to move to Ocean Beach, and reduce the amount of empty areas that allow for this type of activity.

After hearing the voice of the community, the board decided to support Dirty Bird's Liquor license on the condition that their liquor license has **the restriction that liquor sales cease at 10pm**. We saw that Dirty Birds had a strong desire to promote themselves as a family oriented business. This was demonstrated by their support of youth sports and other community originations in the neighborhoods they currently operate in.

If you have any question and would like to speak further on the Ocean Beaches communities stance on liquor licenses please do not hesitate to ask. I know you have previously received a letter from our board claiming that we are fighting against this type of licensing. However that letter was the action of just one individual and the community as a whole was not consulted.

Best,

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Andrea Schlageter
Chair Ocean Beach Planning Board