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Repeal exceptions to 2 AM closing time for CD-1 and CD-2 on Alton Road and West Avenue

February 19, 2022

Dear Planning Director and Planning Board Members,

As a full-time Miami Beach resident/owner on West Avenue for over eight years, I have become increasingly dismayed at the continued commercialization of my **residential** neighborhood. One way to reverse this trend is to **repeal the exceptions** granted to certain entertainment establishments for 2:00 A.M. closing time in CD-1 and CD-2 on Alton Road and West Ave.

For this reason I **strongly SUPPORT** this ordinance presented by Commissioner Samuelian.

Enforcing a 2 A.M. closing time without exceptions would demonstrate, in a real and tangible way, the stated re-branding efforts for Miami Beach as a cultural rather than a 'party' hub that the City has been pursuing.

The residents of Miami Beach spoke resoundingly last November when they voted in favor of a city-wide 2 AM cut-off for the sale and consumption of alcohol in a straw-ballot referendum. Although it was not binding, I would ask that the will of the voters be upheld **without carve-outs and without exceptions**. Business owners who want to remain open past 2 AM will find a way to work around the loopholes. For this reason, to be fair to **all** business owners, exceptions should be repealed.

Your continued support for the betterment of our beautiful City is very much appreciated.

Regards,
Amalia Litos
Resident of West Avenue