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Subject: Re: 1826 Collins Ave-PB 21 0452 aka PB File #1903
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Re: 1826 Collins Ave-PB 21 0452 aka PB File #1903

To Whom It May Concern,

I own a unit in which I live at 1800 Collins Avenue.

This is a family building. Living at 1800 Collins Avenue we have elderly residents, we have working couples, and we have children. In some cases, there are multiple generations of one family living at 1800 Collins Avenue. All of us have the right to sleep at night.

For some reason, 1826 Collins Avenue was permitted to be built right to their property line which puts that building uncomfortably close to 1800 Collins Avenue.

When residents of 1800 Collins Avenue learned of the plans for 1826 Collins Avenue, we were concerned. But representatives of the developer of 1826 met with Board members and residents of 1800, and we at 1800 were promised that at 1826 Collins Avenue there would only ever be an elegant restaurant that would close by midnight. There was such a restaurant and we had no trouble with that business.

Now a nightclub has opened at 1826 Collins Avenue.

I constantly hear complaints from my neighbors who live on the north and east sides of 1800 Collins Avenue: The residents who have bought or rented those units cannot sleep.

Lights are flashing in their bedrooms, music is very loud until it's time to wake up, the bass from the music shakes our building, drunk and loud people emerge onto the street in front of our building in the wee hours of the morning – there is screaming, and recently there were gunshots.

I've been told by one neighbor that he bought a one-bedroom unit, but now lives in a studio because the noise from 1826 Collins Avenue stops him from sleeping in his bedroom – he's taken to sleeping on the sofa in his living room in order to get any sleep at all.

I've been told by a neighbor who must be at work early that she no longer feels safe walking her dog before sunrise (as she's done for decades) because of the drunken, rowdy people stumbling around in front of 1826 and 1800 Collins Avenue – and that is after the noise has kept her awake all night.

Many people ask me what can be done to restore the safety and comfort of their home – safety and comfort that has been taken from them by a business that is not supposed to be there.

We've met with the nightclub Manager, we've called the police many times, but the noise and the mayhem are increasing.

The chaos at 1826 Collins Avenue worsens even without permission for this nightclub to exist. Imagine how much worse it will be for the residents of this neighborhood if this nightclub is given permission to continue operating.

Only by denying the request that live entertainment be permitted, and only by denying the request that this business be allowed to operate after midnight could a decent quality of life be restored to our homes.

Being safe and having the ability to sleep are the very least that one should be able to expect from one's own home. Right now half of the residents at 1800 Collins Avenue no longer have either of those things, and that is because of the nightclub at 1826 Collins.

I beg you to deny the request to allow the business at 1826 Collins to operate after midnight. I beg you to deny the request to permit live entertainment at 1826 Collins Avenue.

I beg that you do not move the problems of the "entertainment district" to our residential area.

Thank you.