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As a long time resident of the West Avenue Neighborhood, I wish to respectfully ask the planning board to pursue and support the banning of alcohol sales after two am. I have watched in horror as residences are converted without neighborhood notification to party houses, beer gardens with little regard for our neighborhood. With the advent of these poorly managed tourist sites, we now have to restrict hours of alcohol sales. It is sad, but the quality of life has taken a serious hit. This was once a proud middle class neighborhood that was safe to walk, skate and bike in. We now have speeders in the middle of the night, loud mufflers, loud motorcycles, loud drunk tourists and more theft. More accidents. Pedestrian and bicycle injuries and death. Single family homes in this area are almost gone. Parking is a growing issue. Most of these venues have little to NO assigned parking. This leaves their customers wandering loudly through out our neighborhood. Please remove any exceptions or grandfathered institution that plans any open air or outdoor seating and all (indoors or out doors), who do not have on site parking for the amount of guests they are allowed to have, from being exempted from the very much wanted two am restriction. Valet is not an exception to the onsite parking either. I include indoor sales if they do not have on site parking to keep their boisterous clientele on their property. I think this is a very reasonable approach to managing the problems we are all seeing moving to our neighborhoods. It is a sad thing, because neighborhood bars were rarely a problem until we had so many visitors moving in to neighborhoods that were not prepared to deal with tourists who were not monitored or managed. I especially want to see Bikini hostel and Bodaga restricted in that they have been leaders in the loudness and drunkenness I have observed or had to call code on. Exhausting. Covid and its restrictions were an actual bonus for the peace and quiet this past year, but that will only be a temporary reprieve before the chaos returns.

Respectfully yours.
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