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Esteemed City of Key West Planning Board-

My name is Belkis Susana Lopez and I am a long term tenant in one of the upstairs apartments located at 217 Telegraph Lane where I live with my two children Christian and Guadalupe. I saw the public notice posted outside the neighboring property and noticed the construction going on and it has come to my attention that the Smokin Tuna is intending to build a stage for the purpose of outdoor live music directly under (less than three feet away from) the windows of the bedroom where I sleep with my children. On the plans that have been presented it shows a deck being proposed but I know that the real purpose of that structure is a stage for outdoor live music as I saw the online advertisement for Mile 0 Fest that lists nineteen shows between January 21-25 2025 at the Smokin Tuna. Here is the advertisement I saw online that indicates this:

<https://www.mile0fest.com/schedule>

I contacted the kind people at Planning and they told me that the process before Smoking Tuna can open anything next door is Planning Board January 16, HARC January 28, and then City Commission March 4 and that they would have to get approval from all three government bodies, and specifically be permitted to have outdoor live music, before they could legally open anything next door directly under the window to where me and my children sleep.

This being the legal process, how is it possible that Smoking Tuna could be advertising nineteen live music shows for January 21-25 if they can not possibly be legally open on those dates? Also I heard that they do not have a proper liquor license for the property and are going to try to illegally use the Hank's liquor license and say they are doing a catering event at the smokin tuna. Please investigate this.

I please beg you to not allow Smoking Tuna to have an outdoor live music stage less than three feet away from the windows of the bedroom where I sleep with my children. They also own the building on the corner of Caroline and Telegraph (former Keyviche restaurant) so why cant they open their business in there and put the live music inside so they dont bother anybody ?

Thank you for your consideration

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