

Dear Planning Board,

My name is Joseph Schroeder. I am the owner of most of the property that faces 725 Duval St., front and side. I have 722 through 801 Duval St. I'm a Commercial Building Contractor and have been in Key West for 35 years now. I'm all about building the American dream. I'm a problem solver and not a problem creator. I am not a fan of creating problems where there are none. My businesses, are located in HRCC1, which is the High Intensity Commercial District. I have dealt with the adjoining neighbors for many years trying to be a good neighbor and working out noise problems, because they built on the edge of the Commercial District. I have the same rights to enjoy my businesses as every other business on Duval St does. People that build next to airport and complain about the noise afterwards, should not have the right to close the airport. Residential of any kind will be directly affected by the commercial noise generated by mine and other business near by. Bourbon St Pub and 801 Bar have been in existence for over 20 years. It would not be fair to the tenants of the new apartment complex, to think this area is quiet place to live. There is no way to achieve this with out closing all the nearby businesses on Duval St. Why would any one want to build high end apartments across the street from a loud bar? More than likely the building will be sold and the problems will be passed on to the next owner and new group of tenants, generating endless noise complaints.

I am not in favor of any Residential Building in a Commercial District, just as no one is in favor of Commercial Building in a Residential district. Case and point.

Thank you,

Joseph J. Schroeder