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"Due to these potential negative impacts to the existing neighborhood uses, the Planning Commission considered and restricted the restaurant to be closed by 8:30 pm every night."

Over twenty years ago, the Planning Commission determined this was a bad idea. Why bring it up again?

We live on the same block as Zinc Cafe. Here are the reasons why extending business hours should not, under any circumstances, be permitted.

- 1.) Safety: Though not always reported to the police, crime and drunkenness on the block are real. Banging on doors, urinating on property, tripping and falling dead on the curb in front of 427 Marguerite - these types of incidents should not be exacerbated by another late-night bar on the block. Crossing PCH even in sober, broad daylight is a potential death sentence. Both Marguerite Avenue and PCH seem, these days, like unenforced drag strips.
- 2.) Parking: Cottages on the block were destroyed. Now, it's two-family dwellings and not enough parking. Increasing cars in the area will only cause more problems. More anger. More hostility. We live here. Drunks don't. Parking meters are not the answer in our lovely residential neighborhood.
- 3.) Employee Parking: Permits are not enforced. Employees from both Zinc and Quiet Woman always park on the streets around the block. This will only make it more difficult for residents and our guests to park. Many employees do not use the municipal parking lot.
- 4.) Trash: Rodents run wild on the block. Why? Because of trash from the restaurants. Please don't make it any worse. Rats, possums, squirrels, mice, you name it. This will only make pest control that much worse. In the past, we have had to hire rodent control. Not to mention attracting coyotes looking for trash and pets.
- 5.) On-Site Delivery: Daily we are challenged by delivery trucks that clog up the alley behind our houses. They use our driveways to back in and out and turn around, and have over time, crushed our cement aprons. It's inconceivable to think that this extension of hours will NOT make this issue worse.

6.) Disruption: Having yet more people staggering and belching and laughing and urinating on this block, especially in the alley, is inevitable based on our experience. This was pointed out over twenty years ago. This is more invasion of privacy. We live here. They drink here. Whose rights should be protected?

My family has owned 425 Marguerite Avenue since 1949. Please respect the neighborhood we call home.

Rodney E.S. Wilson