

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident of the area, and I have been closely following this project for the past couple of years. To provide additional context, the developers were initially trying to get approval for both onsite and offsite alcohol sales about 18-20 hours a day, with live entertainment and other amenities. However, as myself and others noted, these proposals ignored the fact that this building is right next to an elementary school and within 100 feet of several multi-family apartments. Additionally, as others noted (including LAPD officers and the Kingsley Elementary School principal), these proposals would have been a hindrance to students/neighbors at worst, and outright dangerous at best,. Unfortunately, the representative speaking for the developers was very dismissive of our concerns, and he made comments such as (paraphrased) "the students can just find other walkways to get to school", "we aren't the only ones selling alcohol in the area", etc. This was back in 2022, when I attended a virtual meeting regarding their initial proposals. After reading the most recent Report from Central Area Planning Commission (from July 2024), I just want to state for the record that I am pleased with the several changes and conditions that were placed on the original proposals. Alcohol sales will now take place during reduced hours and be on-site only (from about 11am-11pm on weekdays, rather than the initially-proposed 6am-2am), there will no longer be a live entertainment element (which I strongly believe would have been disruptive for the elementary students), and so on. I sincerely appreciate the fact that city planners/representatives were so receptive to the concerns that myself and others voiced. It really felt like these building owners just expected neighbors to blindly accept anything and everything they hoped to do. However I'd like to note one final lingering concern: As stated in the 07/24 Report from Central Area Planning Commission, the building currently has "rooftop showers". Apparently the Kingsley Elementary principal noted the fact that kids could see individuals showering from the school campus, and the building owners addressed this by covering/obscuring the showers with some sort of artwork. I want to say that this perfectly illustrates how careless the owners have been in taking the neighboring area into account; the idea of even a single kid seeing an adult showering is sickening and disturbing.

Ideally these showers would be completely obscured, so that the kids couldn't see the showers whatsoever, and the individuals showering also couldn't see the kids while doing so. I really just wanted to note this issue so others could understand how reckless and irresponsible these owners have been from the very beginning. They were rude and dismissive and entitled back in 2022, and I'm just glad that the city forced them to accept so many concessions. I just hope that the owners actually follow all of these concessions (including ones regarding 24/7 security guards onsite, etc).