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I am a 20+ year business stakeholder in Hollywood. The pandemic has wreaked havoc on the hospitality industry, especially in Hollywood. For the benefit of the industry and the customers and tourists returning to Hollywood, **I request a 1 AM closing time for the rooftop restaurant.** We must find a way to balance the post-pandemic recovery with *legitimate* stakeholder issues. We as stakeholders have individually shuttered successful businesses. We are considerate of the local community citizens. We should be considerate of new hospitality solutions.

We sincerely need to rebuild together to maximize service to our patrons. The mandatory closure at 12 AM due to phantom allegations of potential noise from The Thompson Hotel is lacking in substance. The losses associated from losing a late supper after theatre seating is very real and represents a substantial loss of income to the hotel and lower wages to the personnel hired to manage this new venue.

If rooftop noise is the issue driving the 12 AM closing, then why not condition the property to have a security guards at the rooftop restaurant, from 12-1 AM to monitor and address noise? The guard can be instructed to keep a log and describe activities and decibel levels from 12-1 AM. At the very least, condition the rooftop restaurant to remain open until 1 AM with a 6-month review. We need solutions not penalties.

Thank you.



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