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Billings, MT 59102



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Mayor and City Council
PO Box 1178
Billings, MT 59103

22 November 2016

**Re: City Special Review 951
Project no. 16-00208**

Dear Zoning Committee, Mayor, and City Council:

I will be unable to attend the Zoning Commission hearing discussing this proposed project on 6 December. Therefore, I'm submitting my opinion here in writing. I request that you deny the application to grant a beer and wine license with gaming in the currently vacant tenant space (suite 1) in the strip mall at 805 24th St. West. I live next door to this tenant space on the upper floor of a condo at 2336 Yellowstone. I own the condo.

1. I am concerned about the type of people who will frequent this gambling establishment (do we need another casino in Billings?) and the inevitable armed robberies that will occur there. I'd rather not have shots fired into my condo. I and my neighbors on this block of Yellowstone already have had enough problems with a mentally unstable and threatening neighbor and with ongoing drug dealing.
2. I am concerned about the late-night noise (drunk people, altercations, cars peeling out of the parking lot) that a drinking and gambling establishment will generate.
3. I am concerned that the value of my property will decrease because of its proximity to a casino. The previous tenant was Cherry Berry, a franchise to which only lactose-intolerant people might object.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela J. Bruton".

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