

AGENDA MATERIAL

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ITEM NO. RA18

October 19, 2021

Chairperson Bronson, Vice-Chair Grijalva, and Members of the Board:

My name is Kurt Schmidt. I've been a resident of the Casas Adobes area since 2004. I live in the neighborhood south of Foothills Mall, almost half a mile away as the owl flies from 2265 W. Ina Rd., the location of the first version of the bar/nightclub/dancehall known as Whiskey Roads. Even from this distance, starting with when Whiskey Roads opened its doors to the public on August 2, 2019, the noise generated in association with this establishment has degraded my family's quality of life. Furthermore, Whiskey Roads has been a disruptive, non-compliant presence in this part of the Tucson metro area, especially for those residents who live closest to it. Beyond a reasonable doubt, based on a trove of collected evidence, I'm convinced that Pima County government – from elected officials to staff - bears significant responsibility for this. It's all been and continues to be a rather curious state of affairs to me.

It's curious that you're about to decide whether or not to approve a liquor license location transfer application, submitted to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licensing and Control containing factual errors, for a Series 6 license issued to an establishment that since late 2019 operated with that license in violation of Pima County's Zoning Code, sanctioned as that was by the previously constituted Board of Supervisors.

It's curious that this particular, transferable liquor license, prior to being purchased by one of the owners of Whiskey Roads, used to be in effect through June 2019 at the now defunct Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile, a property acquired by Pima County that 2-1/2 years later still sits unused despite the critical need taxpayers were told justified its over-market \$2.85 million purchase price.

Finally, it's curious that Whiskey Roads – an enterprise that from inception onward misrepresented its intentions; disregarded zoning, building, and fire codes; disturbed the peace; created an atmosphere in which criminal offenses from trespassing to rape occurred; and, following the withdrawal of the attempt to have the property it was leasing from Casas Church rezoned to legitimize its non-compliant operation, ignored the County's mandates for immediate compliance... Actually, all that said, it's more than just curious that Whiskey Roads is on the verge of reopening at 2290 W. Ina Rd. in a venue on the south end of Foothills Mall that has twice the space as its original location and has been designed to accommodate 886 people, nearly three times as many allowed to occupy the first version building.

The Board of Supervisors should acknowledge how disruptive Whiskey Roads presence has been and will continue to be in the Casas Adobes area if Pima County continues to shirk its multi-faceted responsibilities to enforce the community standards meant to govern such an enterprise. I urge you to vote no on the subject liquor license location transfer application until such time that a proactive, well-resourced plan is developed and instituted by Pima County to do just that.

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