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Written comment for 3.1.21 Arden Arcade CPAC, PLNP2019-00333, Mosaic Law Use Permit Amendment. The commenter would like this distributed to the CPAC members.

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From: Jane Christopherson <janechristopherson@sbcglobal.net>
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Subject: Revised Conditions

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Hello Jessie,

Please distribute copies of the attached revised conditions to PLNP2019-00333 to the members of the Arden-Arcade CPAC. These revised conditions replace those previously supplied to you. Revisions reflect Mosaic's Law's changes to their Amendment application.

We know this will be require quick review by CPAC members before the March 1 meeting, but we were denied our request for an extension. As we noted before, it wasn't until February 11 that the notification was posted of Mosaic's Law's amendment approval.

Thank you.

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WRITTEN CONDITIONS, FINDINGS, AND LANGUAGE FOR

PLNP2019-00333 Mosaic Law Congregation and Shalom School Use Permit Amendment

February 26, 2021

The neighborhood committee (representing many interested neighbors in the area of Sierra Blvd. near the Mosaic Law Congregation and Shalom School) requests the following written Conditions, Findings, and Language be included in PLNP2019-00333 Mosaic Law Congregation and Shalom School Use Permit Amendment (Amendment) and any future amendments to such Use Permit.

These conditions reflect:

- Statements and intentions that Mosaic Law has included in its various submissions for this Amendment (e.g., Project Description, etc.), or
- Conditional language included in the existing PLNP2012-UPP-DRS-00206 Use Permit and Design Review for the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento (UUSS), a neighboring non-profit religious entity in the same RD-20 zone of Sierra Blvd., which is permitted to hold non-congregational events.

CONDITIONS limiting frequency of non-congregational events:

- a. No non-congregational event shall be held at the same time as any congregational event or during school hours or school events.
- b. No more than two non-congregational events of 4-400 attendees may be held in any one-month period.¹

CONDITIONS limiting event hours and noise:

- a. All non-congregational events and activities associated with rental agreements inside Mosaic Law facilities shall conclude no later than 11 p.m. on Friday or Saturday and no later than 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, excluding associated clean-up. An additional thirty minutes shall be allotted for clean-up. During these events, there shall be on-site personnel or designated congregational members to monitor event activities.
- b. All outdoor events shall conform minimally to the 10 p.m. noise curfew required by County Ordinance.
- c. No outdoor events are allowed to use amplified music or loudspeakers on Mosaic Law property.

¹ Mosaic Law proposes a limit of 70 non-congregational events per year (which is more than one per week). We request a maximum of two such events per month because of the traffic already generated by Shalom School five days a week and by the Mosaic Law congregation at least once a week, plus congregational events, school events, and high holiday events. *Additionally, The State Board of Equalization states that "Occasional", as defined in section 214(a)(3)(B)(i), "means use of the property on an irregular or intermittent basis..." and more than once a week would certainly not qualify as "irregular or intermittent", regardless of how many organizations are involved.*
(https://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/880_0582.pdf)

- d. All events with inside amplified music shall provide door monitors at the front entrance to ensure that the doors remain closed during the event except for guests arriving and departing the building.

CONDITIONS limiting event attendance:

- a. Attendance at any non-congregational Mosaic Law event shall be limited to 400 persons in total; once 400 attendees have entered, no new persons may enter even if some people leave.
- b. All advertising, on-site signage, event contracts, and parking attendants shall direct event attendees to park:
 - i. Only on Mosaic Law grounds or, when permitted, UUSS parking areas and
 - ii. NOT on Sierra Blvd., or adjacent side streets, or the office complex at 650 Howe Avenue
 - iii. And to behave respectfully and quietly while going quickly to and from their parked vehicle.

CONDITIONS requiring door guards and private security personnel for ANY event:

- a. Any event on Mosaic Law grounds shall require one door guard for each 100 attendees.
- b. Any event on Mosaic Law grounds shall require one security guard for each 75 attendees. If alcohol is served, the number of security guards and the ratio of security guards to attendees shall increase (e.g., 1/50 instead of 1/75).
- c. Two parking lot attendants shall be present at each parking lot entrance/exit for the duration of any event.

FINDING:

The granting of the Use Permit will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

LANGUAGE – (We also request that the following language from the original 2005 Mosaic Law Congregation Use Permit be included in any amendment to such Use Permit):

THIS ACTION DOES NOT RELIEVE THE APPLICANT OF THE OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH ALL ORDINANCES, STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES. ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE THE CONDITIONS LISTED IN THIS PERMIT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERMIT HOLDER AND/OR PROERTY OWNER. THE ABOVE USE WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED TO CONSTITUTE EITHER A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NUISANCE. VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING CONDITIONS WILL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT. A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, IF NOT USED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS GRANTED, SHALL LAPSE AND SHALL BECOME VOID THREE YEARS FOLLOWING THE DATE ON WHICH THE PERMIT BECAME EFFECTIVE, UNLESS BY CONDITION OF THE PERMIT A GREATER TIME IS ALLOWED, OR UPON THE EXPIRATION DATE OF A VALID BUILDING PERMIT OBTAINED AFTER THE GRANT OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, WHICHEVER DATE IS LAST TO OCCUR.

The Case for Written Conditions for PLNP 2019-00333
Mosaic Law Congregation and Shalom School Use Permit Amendment

A precedent for written conditions has been set by the Conditional Use Permit 12-UPP-DRS-00206 of a neighboring church, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento (UUSS), approximately 1,000 feet northeast of Mosaic Law Synagogue on Sierra Blvd. The conditions of the UUSS Use Permit are shown in Attachment 1. The neighborhood faced challenges with UUSS events several years ago and conditions of operation were developed to ensure that the actions of the permit holder would not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

Additionally, written conditions for the pending Mosaic Law Use Permit Amendment are necessary given the history of Mosaic Law's bad behavior in its use of its "Event Center" in violation of its Use Permit in ways that have been detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood. Whether due to frequent changes in leadership (presidents serve only a two-year term), unsupervised or uncontrolled event managers, increased need for funds, or other motives, Mosaic Law has consistently broken promises and the conditions of its current Use Permit. No matter how sincere, contrite, and conciliatory the current administration appears to be, we have seen it all before. Our purpose is to preserve the integrity, sanctity, and value of our RD-20 zoned residential neighborhood by asking that written conditions be added to the Mosaic Law's Use Permit Amendment to prevent and punish any repeat of the destructive events we have had to live through in the past several years.

Following is a brief history of Mosaic Law and Shalom School, followed by the neighborhood's experiences with events at the "Event Center". A pattern will emerge that seems to indicate that all the actions of Mosaic Law were planned, deliberate, and lacking in concern for the welfare of the RD-20 neighborhood in which its property resides.

Mosaic Law's Articles of Incorporation:

First filed August 22, 1940, the articles define the purpose of the Mosaic Law Congregation corporation to establish and maintain a synagogue for people of the orthodox or conservative Jewish faith, to establish, maintain and conduct schools for religious instruction, and to organize and operate as a non-profit, etc.

Amendments on December 7, 1964, August 4, 1978, and December 20, 2000, among other goals, more clearly defined the dedication to religious, charitable and educational purposes to specifically meet the requirements for the California Welfare exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (for property used exclusively for charitable, hospital, or religious purposes owned or held in trust by nonprofit organizations operating for those purposes.)

Use Permits

Except for the 9/19/2019 Temporary Use Permit, all use permits and amendments to date have authorized the use of the property at 2300 Sierra Blvd. only for religious, congregational, and school events.

July 3, 1964 - Use Permit to Mosaic Law Congregation for the existing facilities on the project site was approved.¹

February 17, 1971 – A three-lot split was approved.³

January 31, 2005 – 03-UPP-PRP-0630 Use Permit and Special Review of Parking was approved.³

Expansion of an existing church facility allowing a pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade private school on property zoned RD-20, subject to findings and conditions recommended by staff, and the included amendments.

Expansion also consisted of the addition of a new 2-story, 24,000± square foot sanctuary and social hall.

The Special Review of Parking reduced the required parking from 330 spaces to 281 spaces with the justification that “...the two principal uses (church and school) are never in operation at the same time. The school operates Monday to Friday. Church services are on Saturday.”

Note that there is no mention of non-congregational events or an event center.

¹ 03-UPP-PRP-030630 Mosaic Law Congregation and Shalom School Use Permit and Special Review of Parking, page 4-5.

September 19, 2019 PLNP2019-00289 Temporary Use Permit (TUP)

When it was discovered that Mosaic Law was booking non-congregational events in breach of its Use Permit (and to the detriment of the neighborhood) the TUP was granted to allow Mosaic Law to fulfill the contracts it had already booked, up to 10. In the end, Mosaic Law held more than 10 such events.

PLNP 2019-00333 will allow Mosaic Law to have non-congregational events on its property.

Business Licenses

Mosaic Law used a 2016 “mistake” in one of its business license renewals to justify booking non-congregational events on its property. When neighbors began to question how it could be booking monstrous size “raves” at its property, Mosaic Law’s “event center” manager pointed to this business license as authority.

Mosaic Law has created its own names that appear nowhere in its Use Permit or Amendments and which have proven confusing to County employees and even Mosaic Law employees who seemed to believe these names alone allowed the generation of business outside the scope of Mosaic Law’s use permit.

Mosaic Law has used the names “Event Facility” and “The Center at Twenty-Three Hundred” in the activity areas of its Business Licenses even though the Business Name on its licenses is Mosaic Law. We assume that Mosaic Law has applied for fictitious name registration for either or both of these labels. We heard a Mosaic Law board member express pride at the name recognition The Center has gained, which was generated, of course, through the booking of non-congregational events and widespread marketing of these events, at the expense of the neighborhood.

Per the County of Sacramento (County), Mosaic Law has two types of liquor licenses, one for the congregation and one for catering. **When one of these licenses, GNB32010-47789, was renewed in 2016, the County Inspector changed the activity description to the name on the building, “The Center at 2300”, and removed the condition that the site had to be used only for church activities.** Per County Principal Planner Wendy Hartman’s 9/26/2019 email (Attachment 2), “(we are not sure why this happened)”. However, since a Mosaic Law event coordinator used this license as authority to book non-congregational events, it seems likely that a Mosaic Law employee made the suggestion for the change. Per Ms. Hartman, “When their license next came up for renewal in 2019, their business license was denied because

it had become apparent that the business's activities did not fall within the scope of the approved use permit or within what is allowed by-right in the Zoning Code."

Documented disruptive Mosaic Law events

The events listed here are a fraction of the non-congregational events held by Mosaic Law, but these were well documented and are among the most egregious violations of the neighborhood. Overall, there was an average of six large and loud events per year.

Friday, September 11, 2015 Although this was not the first disturbing event at Mosaic Law, it is the first we documented. It took place on Friday, September 11, 2015. We do not know if the event was a congregational event or not, but it is included here to show how much the neighborhood was disturbed and how we chose to handle the matter.

Four emails shown as Attachments 3a through 3d are attached. Each email is informative, but we want to direct your attention particularly to 3d, which lists all the Mosaic Law members and employees that we spoke with multiple times, including the rabbi at the time. The meetings were congenial and respectful on all sides. We were made promises about how the noise would be abated in the future and we were hopeful that things would improve.

May 26, 2019 Overflow crowd at Mosaic Law resulting in several fights in the street after the event ended at 2 a.m. A helicopter, 13 patrol cars, fire truck, and paddy wagon were on the scene. Mosaic Law claimed they had 17 security officers on the grounds. Music lasted from 6 pm until 2 am. Program was advertised to teens 15+. Judy Goldbar sent an email to Susan Peters, District 3 Supervisor, explaining the neighborhood's problem and relating her conversation with Michael Rich, Executive Director of the Event Center, in which he told her that he would book anything that would make money for The Center.

June 15, 2019 Overflow crowd at Mosaic Law with crowded parking on neighborhood side streets. Scantily-clad women (brassiere top and thong bottom ONLY). Lots of garbage left on streets, lawns, and in the bushes: broken bottles, condoms, paper, cigarettes.

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: September 3, 2013

TO: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FROM: FLORENCE EVANS, Secretary *J. Evans*
County Planning Commission

SUBJECT: **12-UPP-DRS-00206** - (ARDEN ARCADE / GREGORY)
USE PERMITS AND DESIGN REVIEW

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO – Architect: Jeff Gold & Associates - located at 2425 Sierra Boulevard, on the north side of Sierra Boulevard, approximately 1,000 feet west of Fulton Avenue, in the Arden Arcade community.

The County Planning Commission, meeting in regular session on August 26, 2013, voted unanimously (District 5 seat is vacant) to approve the following actions:

USE PERMIT

Approved a Use Permit to allow the expansion of an existing approximately 15,436-square-foot church facility consisting of the remodel and expansion of a social hall and classroom buildings on approximately 5.949 gross acres in the RD-20 (Residential Density 20 acres) and RD-20 (F) (Flood Combining) zones. The expansion is a 25-year master plan of the existing church facility to be completed in three phases and for a Private Social Center to allow the church facility to be used by the general public, subject to the findings and conditions recommended by staff as outlined in Addendum #2 and further amended as outlined in the Memorandum dated August 26, 2013 as follows:

Phase IA:

- Beginning renovation of the existing Social Hall building and the addition of approximately 3,793 square feet along the west side of the building;
- Beginning renovation of the FAHS and East Classroom buildings;
- Construction of an outdoor labyrinth area.

Phase IB:

- Continued renovation of the Social Hall building with the completion of the west and east side building additions; addition of approximately 2,366 square feet to the building;
- Addition of approximately 957 square feet on the north side of the FAHS Building;
- Construction of an outdoor activity lawn area consisting of an outdoor amphitheater.

Note: "Based on the need by the church to renovate the existing Social Hall building to meet current building standards and because Phase 1A needs to include the addition, the Planning Commission recommends deferral of street improvements to Phase 1B based on these unique circumstances."

Phase II:

- Addition of approximately 522 square feet for the East Classroom Building;
- New approximately 2,522-square-foot Offices-Welcome Center Building located on the north side of the Social Hall Building.

Condition No. 5 previously stated:

All non-related church events and activities associated with rental agreements inside the church facilities shall conclude no later than 11:00p.m., excluding associated clean-up. An additional thirty minutes shall be allotted for clean-up. *(Sacramento County Community Development Department – Planning and Environmental Review Division)*

Condition No. 5 amended to read:

All non-church related events and activities associated with rental agreements inside the church facilities shall conclude no later than 11:00 p.m., excluding associated clean-up. An additional thirty minutes shall be allotted for clean-up. During these events, there shall be on-site personnel or designated congregational members to monitor event activities. *(Sacramento County Community Development Department – Planning and Environmental Review Division)*

Condition No. 6 previously stated:

The Social Hall building and outdoor amphitheater shall not be used at the same time by two different entities. *(Sacramento County Community Development Department – Planning and Environmental Review Division)*

Condition No.6 amended to read:

The Social Hall and outdoor amphitheater shall not be rented at the same time by two different entities nor shall the applicant rent the social hall while conducting a church service in the amphitheater or vice versa. *(Sacramento County Community Development Department – Planning and Environmental Review Division)*

Condition No. 7 previously stated:

The maximum number of seats within the Social Hall building shall be limited to 360 seats. *(Sacramento County Community Development Department, Planning and Environmental Review Division)*

Condition No.7 amended to read:

The maximum number of seats within the Social Hall shall be limited to 360 seats and the maximum number of seats within the outdoor amphitheater shall be limited to 175 seats. (*Sacramento County Community Development Department, Planning and Environmental Review Division*)

The Commission further recommended deferral of street improvements to Phase 1B based on the unique circumstances of the church needing to renovate the existing Social Hall building to meet current building standards and because Phase 1A needs to include the addition.

DESIGN REVIEW

Approved the Design Review to comply with the residential design guidelines.

The Commission accepted the Negative Declaration as adequate and complete and adopted the Mitigation and Monitoring and Reporting Program.

The complete file and copies of all documents are attached.

FE: rmw

cc: In-house
Owner
Engineer

Fw: Permit process for Mosaic Law and The Center at 2300 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento

From: Jane Christopherson (janechristopherson@sbcglobal.net)

To: janechristopherson@sbcglobal.net

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 10:58 AM PST

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To: Jane Christopherson <janechristopherson@sbcglobal.net>; moffitl@saccounty.net <moffitl@saccounty.net>

Cc: Jack Burrows <jack3bg@gmail.com>; Pat Hara <harastepat@aol.com>; Judith R. Scott <rx4rd@mac.com>; Judy Goldbar <jgoldbar@sbcglobal.net>; Joseph Marcinek <pepe071260@gmail.com>; Jacobson. Laura <jacobsonl@saccounty.net>; Schmidt. Howard <schmidth@saccounty.net>; Susan Peters <susanpeters@saccounty.net>; Cesar Peralta <cesarbchico@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019, 06:13:08 PM PDT

Subject: RE: Permit process for Mosaic Law and The Center at 2300 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento

Jane,

I am sorry for the late response. Miscommunication on my part on who was going to be responding to you. Thank you for your letter detailing you and your neighbors concerns. Below is a very brief summary that addresses more of the process related questions/concerns rather than specific operational concerns which I will touch on more at the end of this email.

As you mentioned, the existing use permit (Control Number: 2003-0630) allows for the church facilities, private school, and social hall. At the time of the approval of the use permit, the County interpreted the social hall as a facility that would be used for the benefit of the school and for church-related events. The business license related to events on-site was approved in 2010 and through its subsequent renewal in 2013 under that condition. However, as you noted, the condition restricting events to church-related activities was dropped in error during the license's 2016 renewal (we are not sure why that happened). When their license next came up for renewal in 2019, their business license was denied because it had become apparent that the business's activities did not fall within the scope of the approved use permit or within what is allowed by-right in the Zoning Code (Question #2: The County is enforcing the provision through denial of their business license. As part of that process businesses have an opportunity to rectify deficiencies and/or appeal decision. Mosaic Law is working on amending their use permit to be in compliance).

Planning and Business Licensing staff has informed Mosaic Law that their use permit and business license was not intended for non-church/school related events. Mosaic Law representatives have indicated that they had not interpreted or intended the use of the social hall to be strictly for church or school related events. PER (planning) staff informed them that in order to use the social hall for other ancillary uses not directly related to the church or school on a permanent basis, they would need to apply for an amendment to their existing use permit. This will be a discretionary project and as such, there are opportunities for community input built into the process. The request will be heard by Arden Arcade Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) and ultimately decided by a public hearing body (residents within 500 feet of the project site will receive notification by mail prior to these meetings). Both venues will have opportunities for public comment. In response to your question #1: All projects that are subject to a conditional use permit have the ability to apply for an amendment when expanding or modifying their use.

In the meantime, the Temporary Uses Section of the Zoning Code (3.10.2.L specifically) allows for any property in any zoning district to host 10 days' worth of events under certain parameters with the approval of a Temporary Use Permit. It requires that any events be under the direct supervision of some sort of public or non-profit entity, in addition to some other parameters. While Temporary Use Permits are ministerial projects and there is no formalized public review included in processing them (ministerial means if they meet the requirements they get approved; similar to how a building permit is issued). That being said, the conditions placed on the Temporary Use Permit issued to Mosaic Law were crafted with the neighborhood concerns that were voiced to staff in mind (prior meetings you or neighbors had with Business License staff). I believe Laura Jacobson has sent you a copy of the Temporary Use Permit, but if you need a copy please let me know.

As it relates to your other concerns mentioned in your letter: As part of the County's application process for discretionary projects such as use permits (including amendments), the County encourages applicants to do their own neighborhood outreach in addition to what the County will do through the application process (CPAC and public hearings). It is our understanding that the consultant hired by Mosaic Law, Brian Holloway, has already held a meeting with you and other interested neighbors to discuss your concerns. We hope this dialogue continues. That being said, once the application for the use permit amendment is submitted (should be very soon) and a planner is assigned to the project we will notify you. In addition, I will make sure the letter you have submitted is provided to the project planner so that the concerns listed in your letter can be considered as part of the project analysis. Parking, noise, appropriateness of the request given the residential neighborhood and other concerns and Zoning Code requirements will be addressed as part of the project analysis.

Sincerely,

Wendy W. Hartman, AICP, Principal Planner

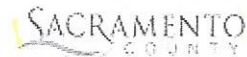
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Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:41 PM

To: Hartman, Wendy <hartmanw@saccounty.net>; moffitl@saccounty.net

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Subject: Permit process for Mosaic Law and The Center at 2300 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento

Loud music and bright lights at Synagogue

From: Jane Christopherson (janechristopherson@sbcglobal.net)

To: nancyaxford2@gmail.com

Cc: rx4rd@mac.com

Date: Friday, September 11, 2015, 09:19 PM PDT

If you are as annoyed as we are at the incessant drum beat and music, I can tell you that it is coming from the synagogue. They are having an outdoor music event of some kind and have appropriate county permits. The Sheriff was called and we talked with the Deputy who was dispatched. There is nothing he can do about it until 10:00 p.m. because they have the proper permits.

We talked to the Rabbi who lives on Shangri Lane and respectfully informed him how loud it was and I asked him to please go to see for himself. His wife said it is not a synagogue event but the Rabbi said that he would call the director about the noise. I asked him again to just go down and see the level of the noise and to appreciate how annoying it would be if he lived closer. Our doors and windows are closed and we can still feel and hear the music.

There is something that we can do if enough people want to see this kind of activity curtailed in the future. We can put pressure on the county to prohibit the issuance of permits for outdoor music activities in this residential neighborhood. We all know (from the success with the speed tables) that we can have an effective voice.

We would appreciate feedback to know if you are interested in pursuing this further. We are concerned that this activity will only increase in volume and frequency, to say nothing of the kind of people that may be attracted to this neighborhood depending on which groups the synagogue is willing to rent to.

If a significant number of people are interested, we will initiative a petition and will carry it through. Please respond directly to jack3bg@gmail.com if you are supportive.

Jack Burrows and Jane Christopherson

Fwd: horrendous noise coming from The Center yet again

From: WalnutView (nancyaxford2@gmail.com)

To:

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2015, 11:23 AM PDT

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From: <kristinbposehn@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 11, 2015 at 8:04 PM

Subject: horrendous noise coming from The Center yet again

To: "nancyaxford2@gmail.com" <nancyaxford2@gmail.com>

We called the sheriff, three times so far. The music has been going since 4:30 this afternoon. The windows on our house are rattling. Ainsley, our 4 yro still cant handle loud noises since their Biker party. She has yet to sleep in her own room.

I was threatened with arrest for loitering and public defacement by 3 rent a cops when I wrote with sidewalk chalk that the parties were bad for our neighborhood.

I've left countless messages on voicemails for any and all Center ee's I could do so.

If the noise is as obnoxious to anyone else, please call the Sheffif ASAP!!

- Thanks, Kristin Posehn

Sent from Windows Mail

Fwd: Fri nite cacophony

From: WalnutView (nancyaxford2@gmail.com)

To:

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2015, 10:06 PM PDT

Well, the Rabbi lives on Shangri Lane.

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From: <harastepat@aol.com>

Date: Sat, Sep 12, 2015 at 9:17 PM

Subject: Fri nite cacophony

To: rx4rd@mac.com, nancyaxford2@gmail.com

Neighbors:

I came home after dark on Fri nite & saw event @ the synagogue. Also saw a number of extra vehicles parked down Blackmer & people returning to same. I live fairly far down the block but could hear the music in my backyard.

In addition, while walking my dogs early this a.m., noted several discarded drink cups, 1 new white sock and a shattered glass bottle lying in the street.

I heartily support curtailing such events & would request that the synagogue pay to have people posted at each end of Blackmer to encourage parking elsewhere for all events. This has happened in the past.

You asked if anyone knew the manager of the Sierra View condos. I do know someone who was on the board & perhaps if I see him on my morning walk, I can talk to him.

Does anyone know someone on Shangri Lane who might have also heard the noise?

Pat

Fwd: Results from discussions regarding party at 2300 Sierra Blvd.

From: WalnutView (nancyaxford2@gmail.com)

To:

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 07:36 PM PDT

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From: <jack3bg@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Oct 6, 2015 at 7:31 PM

Subject: Results from discussions regarding party at 2300 Sierra Blvd.

To: WalnutView <nancyaxford2@gmail.com>, "janechristopherson@sbcglobal.net" <janechristopherson@sbcglobal.net>

Jane and I initiated efforts to discuss the 9/11/2015 event at The Center at Twenty Three Hundred, the building owned by Mosaic Law Congregation due to the music (noise) being heard as far away as the northern most section of Blackmer Circle. Over the past three weeks, we met briefly with Rabbi Taff twice, had one phone conversation with David Long, the President of Mosaic Law Congregation, several phone conversations with Adrienne Grevious, the Executive Director of The Center, as well as a meeting with Adrienne on October 3, 2015. In all conversations, representatives expressed the desire of the Synagogue and The Center to be good neighbors.

We expressed our concerns that future events of a similar nature could lead to the Unitarian Church conducting similar outdoor events, all of which could ultimately have a negative impact upon "our very nice residential neighborhood". We expressed our desire to come to a mutually beneficial conclusion, which could result in a win-win outcome for all concerned.

In our meeting with Adrienne, she informed us that all future public events will be reviewed by "The Center's Committee", which is composed of members of the Synagogue, for approval and, on her own, offered up the idea that all future Center events would be held in the central courtyard, which is an outdoor area surrounded by the Synagogue, the Library and "The Center" which is considerably further back from Sierra Blvd., or inside "The Center" itself. Music or other potential noise levels would be maintained sufficiently low to ensure they would not be disturbing to neighbors to the east, north or west of 2300 Sierra Blvd.

Jane and I thought this was a nice, "friendly" way to potentially resolve this issue and were thankful to Adrienne for suggesting it.

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I would like to be able to have live access to the comments at tomorrow's meeting. I own my home (in the Woodside East community) directly across the street from the auditorium seeking future rental approval for renting this facility for dances and parties. I have been subject to years of weekend events at this very facility lasting well into the hours of 2-4 AM. It has been a nightmare living across the street from this facility. Homeowners in residential areas are entitled to quiet enjoyment in their neighborhoods. This is a residential neighborhood and initially this facility was only to be a part of the school and worship of the Jewish community it serves. It was never approved as a facility for Teen dances, and wild parties. We Homeowners are tired of having our weekends disturbed by these ruckus unsupervised, beyond loud, lasting into the early morning hours gatherings. The last event held at this facility before COVID, was a disaster. Hoards of Teens were swarming in groups all over the parking lot and later spilling out onto Sierra Blvd. Multiple Police were summoned, Helicopters observed from above, a teenage girl was stabbed in the street (Sierra Blvd.) directly outside my bedroom window. It was horrifying. The crowd was completely out of control and additional police were called in to stand guard until the premises were evacuated.

This is only one incidence of rowdy behavior and blasting music well into mid morning hours. Security was "invisible" and useless at enforcing any contract agreements made prior to any of these events.

Our neighbors (and there are MANY of us) are exhausted and fed up with the events that are allowed to use this facility. We sincerely hope that the Sac.County Board of Supervisors will listen to these verifiable concerns and vote NO on allowing any future rentals to be allowed for any use other than those directly and solely related to the Church/School that owns this property.

This may be too late to include in tomorrow's meeting, but I hope it will at least be put before the Board so that they have all the facts.

and not just the petition to restore the ability to rent this facility out just to generate more income for the property owners. We are a proud peaceful group of residential homeowners and Renters hoping to preserve our right to quiet enjoyment of our homes.

With Gratitude for your consideration and presentation at tomorrow evening's virtual meeting . I will be on the call and hope you will address and share our concerns.



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If the request is for use of the Center for non-congregational use, I thought it was already renting it out to anyone. In the time I have lived across the street from the Center there has been nothing but trouble nearly every Thursday and Friday and sometimes Sundays during the summer. The people they rent it out to do not abide by the rules of when the event needs to end and noise levels. In fact, there are so many complaints that the Sheriff's office will no longer come out to try to control problems. The school should be not be allowed to continue to disrupt the community in with no thought to the neighborhood.