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The City Mayor
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RE: Geno's noise pollution

To whom it may concern;

We are the current residents residing of 626 Congress street located directly across the street from Geno's Hard Rock Bar.

When Geno's was able to renew their license to operate in 2008, the license agreement was pending on a condition. That condition was to build a double front door construction to reduce the noise. This condition was put forth by the Portland Police Department. Regretfully, we have to inform you that the double door construction did very minimal to alleviate the noise coming from Geno's, because the real unbearable noise comes from the left side of the building where the wall is very thin. The most frustrating thing is that from midnight on to one o'clock in the morning, there is a pounding sound of bass from the bar, which vibrates the walls and windows of our home.

So, to resolve this problem, I suggest the building of a sound barrier on that thin portion of the wall. Otherwise, our family and other residents around Geno's will have to put up with yet another year of torture of not being able to sleep because of the loud racket.

In our household alone, are seven residents. Won Bae Park, Ip Boon Park, Jin Young Park, Se-Jong Park, Ji Youne Park, Tae-Su Park, and last but not least, Chae Hee Park. Five adults and two toddlers. The four year old Tae-Su, and the two year old Chae Hee, frequently wake up due to the loud racket made by Geno's and often do not get the

sleep that the toddlers need at night and become cranky and ill. Se-Jong Park, is a First Assistant in surgery who often goes into surgery without a good night of sleep due to the noise made by Geno's. For the other adults, we are constantly fatigued and ill due to not getting the rest we need at night. Furthermore, there are times when the noise goes well over 1:30 am, resulting in not sleeping at all that night for the whole family, and then the next day is just dreadful.

In June of 2007, I (Won Bae Park) had the privilege of meeting the owner of Geno's and discuss this issue in a civil manner. I've politely asked to him to consider the sound barrier option for the noise, but the answer that was given was that he did not want to waste any money on a building that someone else owns. Also, we have requested for the base to be turned down to the security manager and the music man of Geno's, which was not enforced.

An interesting fact is that originally, there was a standing building on the left side of Geno's (which used to be the Skinny). Back then, due to the blockage of noise from a standing building, we did not have this problem with noise that we currently have which is dramatically dropping our family's health condition. So, we believe that if there was something to block the noise from the left side of the building, i.e. a sound barrier or a standing building, this problem will be alleviated to a bearable degree.

At the Chamber Meeting in December of 2007, it was proven that the noise level of Geno's Hard Rock Bar went beyond the requested level of the city noise limit.

As Geno's prospered in their business from the alcohol sales and the cover charges in the past three years, we think that it's time to stop the torture of the residential neighbors around their business by cooperating with the noise level and to put forth a budget to construct a sound barrier.

As Geno's pay their business taxes to the city of Portland, and we pay our business taxes and property taxes to the city of Portland, we are very hopeful that this issue will be resolved with the cooperation of all the parties involved especially the City Faculty.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our family at above address and number.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

The Parks. *Parks*

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Ip Boon Park	Sign	<u><i>Ip Boon Park</i></u>
Jin Young Park	Sign	<u><i>Jin Young Park</i></u>
Se-Jong Park	Sign	<u><i>Se-Jong Park</i></u>
Ji Youne Park	Sign	<u><i>Ji Youne Park</i></u>
Tae Su Park	Sign	<u>X</u>
Chae Hee Park	Sign	<u>X</u>

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