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Dear Dolores,

Thank you for providing an invitation to submit public comment for review in regards to review of Planned Unit Development at 501 West Main Street (River Bend) in Lyons.

There appears to be 4 points under consideration, 3 of which I fully support.

The point that I do not support is allowance for music to be amplified.

As a shift worker, I am required to get up at 3:30 a.m. to drive the highway in the dark, with deer and other hazards. Work on Saturday and Sunday is normal for me, so there is no difference between amplified music on a week night or weekend night. My professional driver training for RTD includes that there is no substitute for sleep to cure drowsiness. Cold showers and coffee only increase the hazard with a false sense of alertness.

My concern is not about the right to enjoy my property. My concern is very specific to SAFETY in the transport of myself to work, and SAFETY of passengers on my bus.

Please also consider:

Once that cat is out of the bag, it is hard to get back in. Lyons is pretty far down the road to being known as a "party-town". There are towns in Florida and along the gulf coast working to change party-town reputations with new curfews, and discouraging the spring break madness that has created safety issues.

Telluride, here in Colorado is working to change their party-town image too.

My experience with Planet Bluegrass has not been good. I cannot count the times I have twisted and turned during my sleep time with throbbing, amplified, bass notes going through my head.

So I ask that our Planning Commission give a nod to the SAFETY of our shift workers and people they serve by prohibiting additional amplified music in Lyons. I ask that our Planning Commission look at negative experiences of other towns who allowed their party-town reputations to go too far and are now trying to "get the cat back in the bag".

Thanks for listening,


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