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Supervisor Eric Mar's comments to the Entertainment Commission – on Jack in the Box [Geary and 11th Ave] extended hours premises permit application

President Newlin and Commissioners:

Thank you for helping us hold Jack in the Box accountable for the many public safety concerns members of the Richmond District have raised.

I also want to **thank Mr. Saeed Khan**, the owner of Jack in the Box for agreeing to make his business safer and to address the community's concerns. And for his agreement to **continue this item** while we work [with neighborhood stakeholders, police, SF SAFE, merchants and others] on a much stronger safety plan that he and his staff will implement.

If you continue this item it will allow Mr. Khan and his Jack in the Box staff to **meet face to face with neighbors** to hear their concerns directly, and for my office to work with stakeholders, including the Police Station and SF Safe and merchant groups.

Besides the safety conditions recommended by Captain Keith Sanford and Officer Tobias Moore which address security, parking lot safety, toilets, trash pickup, and security cameras, I want to add a few other recommendations:

1. Mr. Khan has agreed to increased security protection for the business. I support the increase of security guards to **7 days a week from 10pm-4am**;
2. But I also support adding a **second guard for Friday and Saturdays** to better patrol the parking lot and perimeter on evenings when more bar and late activity occurs.
3. I support Mr. Khan's suggestion that the **shift managers** also participate in patrolling the parking lot during the 10pm to 4 am periods to help with reducing noise and disturbances.
4. Mr. Khan has also agreed to improve the **SIGNS outside** to let customers know that the parking lot is off limits to loitering.
5. Mr. Khan has agreed to **prevent customers from eating outside** in the outdoor seating area after midnight.
6. I support **increasing the exterior/perimeter lighting and monitoring them better** so that the bulbs are replaced in a timely manner when they go out.

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN:

Besides supporting stronger safety measures by Jack in the Box, I am working on a comprehensive safety strategy with SF SAFE, merchants, residents and the Richmond Police Station.

SF SAFE: In addition, SF SAFE [Safety Awareness for Everyone] through their director Cindy Brandon has agreed to do workshops with neighbors and residents surrounding the Jack in the Box to help them develop block groups to raise the safety level of the neighborhood.

RICHMOND POLICE STATION: I am also working with Captain Sanford and his staff to increase the patrols around Jack in the Box, which includes bars such as the Hearth and Would You Believe It, the massage businesses, the motel and Hookah business across the street and other neighborhood hot spots.

COMMUNITY SUMMIT ON LATE NIGHT FOOD/ENTERTAINMENT

Vice President Joseph and the commission staff have offered also to help us create a safer Richmond District by co-sponsoring with me a COMMUNITY SUMMIT on Late Night activities to bring together bar owners, late night restaurant businesses and community stakeholders to collectively address neighborhood safety concerns. I hope to organize this summit within the next 2-3 months.

In conclusion, I want to thank the neighbors that have been **organizing for a safer community** in the Richmond for helping me and my staff and the Richmond Police Station and SF SAFE develop a **comprehensive community safety plan** for our neighborhood. My goal is to channel the frustrations over the tragic Thanksgiving morning car assault and the history of incidents and issues surrounding the Jack in the Box and other late night businesses into a **proactive community plan to make our neighborhood safer**.

Thank you!

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