

KENSINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 22, 2005

Catherine Kutsuris
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Contra Costa County
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Re: Draft Temporary Events Ordinance

Dear Ms. Kutsuris:

Supervisor John Gioia presented the revised draft (June, 2005) of the proposed Temporary Events Ordinance to the Kensington community at the Council's special meeting this evening. After extensive discussion and questioning by all present, the Council passed the following resolution by a 4-1 vote.

“The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council supports the good work of the County on revising the Temporary Events Ordinance and supports the Ordinance subject to the following modifications which address the concerns of health, safety, and quality of life in Kensington, an R-6 residential community:

- 1. Each event requires an individual permit. Multiple events on a single permit are prohibited.**
- 2. Maximum number of events which can be held on a residential property is two within a 12 month period with the two events not less than 45 days apart.**
- 3. Maximum number of persons on site limited to 125 per event including all attendees, staff, and entertainers for any event.**
- 4. The County and Law Enforcement agencies shall monitor and enforce the Administrative Permit and Temporary Event ordinance provisions. The applicant shall pay all costs of this enforcement.**
- 5. All sound monitoring shall be performed by a person qualified in the use of sound level measurement equipment.**
- 6. The responsible Fire Department and Law Enforcement Agency shall each be notified at the time an Administrative Permit request is filed.**
- 7. Define “Outdoor Assemblage” as an outdoor gathering where attendees may enter the onsite residence as opposed to an indoor residential gathering where attendees may also gather on attached decks.**
- 8. Even if all grounds FOR APPROVAL are met by the applicant, an administrative permit may still be denied if ANY grounds for DENIAL are met.**

- 9. Amplified sound is prohibited after 8 pm daily. Maximum sound levels shall continue to be enforced after 8 pm.**
- 10. Section 82-44.206(a): delete “75 or more invited persons at a venue” and replace with “75 or more people present at a venue”.**
- 11. Section 82-44.414(b): The second sentence should be moved to the definitions at Section 82-44.206.**
- 12. Section 82-44.204: The second sentence starting with “Because” and ending with “conditions” be deleted.”**

Thank you for this opportunity to offer our recommendation regarding the new draft of the Temporary Events Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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CC: Supervisor John Gioia
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