

From: Leigh Phipps [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 8:34 PM
To: Carpenter, Tate E. - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for bill 1266

I'm in support of Jolon Clark's bill to require hookah bars to close earlier than they currently do. I'd like to see the requirement to close at midnight, if possible.

Leigh Phipps
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From: JULIANNE RAEDEKE <[REDACTED]>
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:41 PM
To: Carpenter, Tate E. - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 1266

Hello Tate,

I would like to voice my support for the bill to limit the operation of hookah bars in the City & County of Denver. You are free to share my input below.

Thank you.

I am a resident of Platt Park, about 1.5 blocks away from Habibi Hookah bar at 1800 S. Broadway. The city recently reached an agreement with the owner of the property to close the business as a nuisance. This was after several months of ongoing problems with noise (stereos blaring, cars racing up/down streets, yelling, fights, etc.), trash, and large crowds, but most alarmingly, gunfire.

There were also issues with patrons who were turned away due to crowding: people urinating in yards, parking in private spots or on lawns, damaging cars and property, and more.

These problems occurred most frequently between the hours of 2am - 5am on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings. It caused our neighborhood great anxiety and worry about the potential for someone living nearby to get hurt or killed, property values decreasing, and health issues due to anxiety and lack of sleep.

I urge the city to limit the hours of operation of such businesses, especially when they are adjacent to neighborhoods. Having a business operate after the bars close - with drunk and/or unruly patrons - can be detrimental to the local area.

Greetings --

Tate may have passed this message on to you, but I wanted to make sure that you received my comments in support of 1266. I cannot speak strongly enough in support of this bill. The upheaval

caused by the presence of an all-hours lounge in our neighborhood has been ongoing and traumatic. Landlords lost tenants because of the all-hours disturbances which frequently ended in gunfire. DPD District 3 had to call in off-duty officers in order to have enough of a force on the ground. If there is any question that the hookah lounge was the source of the problem, one need only check police call logs. The hundreds of 911 calls placed from citizens in the surrounding blocks will directly correlate with Habibi's hours of operation. When Habibi was closed, we had peaceful nights. When Habibi was open, the hours between 2am and 5am were noisy with parties, fights, and gunfire -- not to mention our yards being used as public restrooms. Thank you for including my testimony in your consideration of this bill!

Here is a copy of my earlier note to Tate:

Dear Tate,

I am unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday, but I definitely want to have my "vote counted." I am 100% behind any legislation that will keep Denver's neighborhoods healthier and safer.

I've been living through the Habibi saga for months and can speak with certainty about businesses that stay open after the bars close. They not only attract late night partiers who can keep neighbors up all hours, but as we have seen, more than noise and trash becomes an issue. The gun violence associated with these late night establishments has been dangerous and unnerving. The City Attorney spoke to us all about the ongoing problem of Hookah lounges all over the city. SO, you and Jolon can feel really proud of the work you've done to get this legislation on the table!

Yes for 1266!

Ginny Threefoot

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From: [REDACTED] >

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 at 11:49 AM

To: Carpenter, Tate E. - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior [REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support For Bill 1266

Hi Tate,

Word went out looking for written comments regarding Jolon's Bill 1266. As we're just (hopefully) winding down on the Habibi issue, I'd like to submit the following statement in support of 1266:

Hookah bars can be a valuable contribution to Denver's nightlife and cultural scene. They provide an alcohol-free night time socialization space for those who do not drink, and may provide a safe space for ethnic groups marginalized by traditional American nighttime business that focus on revenue from alcohol sales.

Bill 1266 would be of great benefit to Denver in general because it will help create uniform limits and hours-of-operations expectations for hookah bars in specific, and thus for nighttime businesses across the board in general. Limits on nighttime businesses are created to protect our residential neighborhoods from noise and other undesirable byproducts of commerce. Making that protection a de-facto and transparent part of hookah bar operation would be of benefit to the City of Denver.

Andrew Melnick

If y'all need anything else to go with a statement like that, just let me know and I will be happy to cooperate.

Best,
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[REDACTED]
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 at 12:06 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 1266

Hi Tate,

I would like to support this bill because we've had horrible problems in our neighborhood in the early morning hours because of Habibi Hookah bar including:

- Shots fired at all times of the early morning
- Street blockages by cars and people
- Neighborhood houses vandalized
- Trash, urination, and defecation on neighbors property

The bar has since been closed, which is a huge relief. I don't mind the hookah bars as long as the hours are limited, preferably no later than midnight, and the bar patrons act like civilized and good neighbors.

By the way, Denver Police were exemplary during the several months that we had problems with the bar patrons. They always responded to our many calls, and kept a presence at the bar in the wee hours to limit the problems. Thank you very much to the DPD.

Thank you,
Don

Don Henderson

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