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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: chris.415@gmail.com; gillian@casementsbar.com
Subject: File No. 240162
Date: Saturday, March 30, 2024 11:23:36 PM
Attachments: [04.02.24 File No. 240162 Casments Bar & Resturant. DJ Lamont Bransford-Young. Fingersnaps Media Arts.pdf](#)

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Hello Angelia,

Attached is my letter of comment for File No. 240162 Casements Bar & Restaurant 2351 Mission Street. Thank you.

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Board of Supervisors
City & County of San Francisco

File No. 240162

As a city and country that is always on the brink of change, it's comforting to know that we have established small businesses such as Casements Bar & Restaurant, 2351 Mission Street in the heart and soul of the Mission District.

As a transplant from Waterbury, Connecticut I have made my home on 20th & Folsom for 27 plus years. I moved my home based business to 3527 20th Street March 1, 2019. I have partnered with Casements since my move and have provided DJ Entertainment throughout the years.

Casements has been a blessing to the local nightlife scene; quality good, great drinks, and a funky urban vibe that represents the cultural and diverse beauty of the people that come to socialize.

Allowing Casements to operate their shared space patio can only be beneficial to the neighborhood and SF nightlife; increased foot traffic and energy on the streets, job opportunities, and increased revenue for the city and county of San Francisco.

Due to the fact that small and large scale businesses in San Francisco have shut down, and or are suffering, because of decreased foot traffic and attractions. It's the sole responsibility of the Board of Supervisors, to assure that all business entities remain healthy from a policy perspective so they can operate at their full capacity and even greater potential.

Anytime that I have spun music at Casements, I have always been inspired by the diversity of its patrons; faces, languages, and the spectrum of sexual orientation that all respect the common ground of sharing time with each other.

As city officials, it's imperative now, more than ever, that you support the lifeline of small business such as Casements to thrive to its fullest. Thank you.

With support of a greater future,

DJ Lamont Bransford-Young
Fingersnaps Media Arts
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From: [Luke Spray](#)
To: gillian@casementsbar.com; [Ronen, Hillary \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Tam, Madison \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Kilgore, Preston \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Ferrigno, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for the appeal at 2351 Mission St
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 10:22:42 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing today in support of the appeal filed by Casements at 2351 Mission St.

Casements is a community-serving business located in the heart of the Mission District. Its location on Mission Street is surrounded by bars, cafes, restaurants, and other retail establishments that make the neighborhood such a bustling, vibrant, and essential part of San Francisco's character.

In the wake of the pandemic's devastating effects, city leaders such as yourselves have been quick to voice support for the small businesses that make up the fabric of this city, and the economic and social benefits they provide. With this in mind, it is disheartening to hear that the Casements' outdoor patio has become the victim of red tape, despite having operated without incident since its opening in 2020.

Without this space, Casements would be forced to shutter, adding yet another vacant storefront to an area that already has far too many. To add insult to injury, several nearby businesses have outdoor areas that operate at later hours, and Casements has been keen on emphasizing that there would be no amplified sound after 10pm.

Casements is not just a community-serving business, but also a haven for the LGBTQ community and a home for arts and cultural activities. It is an enduring draw for countless groups of friends, neighbors, tourists, and families looking to experience this city's warm hospitality while enjoying a meal under the Mission's sunny skies.

To deny this appeal would be a disservice to the community Casements serves, the numerous people it employs, and the tens of thousands of San Franciscans who believe this should be a city of vibrant neighborhoods brimming with local businesses.

Thank you,

From: [Caitlin Ryan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Neighborhood Opposition - Please re-consider file no. 240162
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:56:24 AM

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Community Opposition – File No. 240162
Casements bar – “Down with This Sort of Thing, LLC”

April 1, 2024

Good afternoon.

My name is Dr. Caitlin Ryan. I am an Irish American clinician, researcher and community member who has worked on LGBTQ health and mental health for nearly 50 years. I initiated the world's first research on LGBTQ youth and families and developed the first family support model to help racially and religiously diverse families learn to support their LGBTQ children to reduce risk for suicide, substance abuse, HIV and homelessness and to promote well-being. I did this from my home office at 432 Capp Street, feet away from Casements recently added Backyard Bar.

I have lived on Capp Street for years and I am part of a close knit Capp Street residential neighborhood that represents the fabric of San Francisco's diverse community. We are parents, children, seniors, long-term residents and immigrants, queer and straight, non-English speakers and workers in public service, domestic jobs, suicide prevention, healthcare, education, health technology and the arts. We are doctors who birth babies at the public hospital, teachers who work with children and youth with special needs and others who work to enrich our community every day.

We love our quiet street and have worked hard to beautify and keep it safe. Our closely linked homes are just feet from Casements new Backyard Bar and we are deeply affected by the city's stealth decision to publicly expand Casements bar right behind our homes in ways that have eroded our quality of life:

1. When Casements plays speaker-amplified music we lose the peace of our private home spaces and gardens that we have enjoyed for many years and the quality of life that we support with our taxes.
2. Drinkers at Casements Backyard Bar think they are in a bar and not a residential space adjacent to homes where shift workers, seniors and children live and try to carry on our lives and sleep right behind the Backyard Bar.
3. The loud voices and shouting from drinkers at Casements Backyard Bar carries into our homes and bedrooms and is amplified by the way our historic homes are constructed. This prevents and disrupts our sleep and impacts our health – we know how important sleep is to maintain health and enable us to do our critical work.
4. When the noise from Casements is blaring, it interferes with the trainings I provide virtually from Capp Street to help groups in the Bay Area, across CA, in other states and countries to teach providers, families and others to implement our life-saving evidence-based framework to prevent family rejection and health risks and to increase family acceptance and well-being for racially diverse LGBTQ children and youth.
5. After the city opened Casements Backyard Bar during the pandemic, this attracted partiers to the parking lot who drink alcohol and use drugs, urinate and litter the parking lot with needles, broken glass and trash, and shout and party until 2 and 3 a.m. – right next to our homes.

Casements solicited nearly 50 letters with the exact same language from people who don't live here to tout how important it is to have another bar where queer people can drink in a queer-identified city – a Backyard Bar that now directs noise from 1,777 square feet into our homes on Capp Street.

Increased Risk for a Vulnerable Community – I have served the LGBTQ community since the 1970s. If Casements understood anything about our queer community, they would know that LGBTQ people have the highest incidence and are at greatest risk for alcohol use disorder. Our District has a binge drinking rate of 21% which significantly contributes to mental health and behavioral health problems including suicide, violence, motor vehicle accidents, child abuse and crime. How does this help vulnerable at risk members of our community?

During the pandemic, the city enabled Casements Bar to survive and thrive – they have succeeded and we wish them well.

But Casements wants more – their success has come at the expense of our quality of life and impacts our health and well-being. We had no opportunity to comment on opening a Capp Street Backyard Bar that affects our lives every day.

REQUESTED OUTCOME - I ask the city to rescind the Backyard Bar and restore Casements to a Mission Street venue and deny further incursion on our meager rights as residents. The pandemic has passed and Casements has established itself as a successful Mission Street establishment.

Where is the equity in privileging the income of a single for-profit bar over the well-being of many hard-working, long-term residents who contribute every day to support the well-being of our diverse communities with our skills, public service, neighborhood pride and the value of our homes which is undermined by the city-sanctioned erosion of our quiet, cohesive community?

Dr. Caitlin Ryan
432 Capp Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

From: [Howard Simons](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: From a concerned resident: Please reject appeal file no. 240162
Date: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:38:25 AM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a proud current Mission resident and longtime San Franciscan since 1992, I urge you to please reject appeal file no. 240162 submitted by Down With This Sort of Thing LLC, dba Casements, to keep their outdoor patio open past 10 pm in our neighborhood 7 days a week.

My husband and I truly understand the challenges faced by small businesses and fully support LGBTQ+ safe spaces, but Casements' disingenuous appeal of the Planning Commission's 10 pm condition has already broken our community's trust for the following reasons:

1. Lack of outreach – We and our surrounding neighbors have had zero clear or direct contact from Casements regarding any hearings related to their entertainment permit for a permanent outdoor live music space or planning department permit to extend patio hours past 10 pm to 11 pm on weekdays and 12 midnight on weekends.
2. Operational History – Since Casements opened their outdoor patio in 2020 it has been far from “incident free”. The noise levels in our neighborhood have only intensified with live music blasting through our homes on a regular basis. The surrounding areas in the adjacent parking lot are always filthy with broken glass, dozens of beer bottles, urine, needles, and garbage left behind by disrespectful vagrants who are drawn to Casements' loud perimeter in the shared corner of the California Parking Lot. This extends to our sidewalk on Capp Street. We have been forced to call the SFPD on numerous occasions as the music blasting from Casements patrons is so loud our windows vibrate from the noise. This would only accelerate with the proposed expansion and creates a strain Mission PD resources.
3. Other bars in the neighborhood - Dr. Teeth, Benders and Lost Resort all have outdoor patios that close at 10 pm promptly. By allowing Casements to stay open longer, this appeal will set an irreversible precedent for other bars in residential neighborhoods across SF to do the same.
4. Economic Impact on the neighborhood: Our property values have already dropped because of the noise, disruption and street chaos that will forever come from Casement's permanent outdoor live music space.
5. Community Diversity: Casements' identification as a queer, immigrant, and female-owned business is respected. Our objection is not against diversity but against the disregard for our community's well-being. We seek the same consideration and respect given to neighbors by other businesses in the vicinity.

In closing, I urge the Board of Supervisors to prioritize the well-being of our community over the potential financial benefits to Casements. Upholding the 10 pm closure aligns with supporting small businesses, fostering community spaces, and respecting the needs of residents.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Howard Simons
Owner, 431 Capp Street

From: [jen_yeh](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please reject appeal file no. 240162
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 4:08:15 PM
Attachments: [casements-rejectappeal.pdf](#)

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the neighbors that live around and in close proximity to the Casements bar on Mission Street. I have attached a letter and 29 signatures opposing their appeal to extend their outdoor patio hours past 10 pm everyday.

The letter is as follows:

Dear Members of the Board,

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Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Yeh

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Mission Neighborhood Residents

	NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1	Kavri Mishra	1849 Market	[Signature]
2	Jonathan Sevy	433 Capp	[Signature]
3	Julius Turner	433 Capp	[Signature]
4	Ilia Shavelov	436 Capp St	[Signature]
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6	JL Kim Kinsal	606 Capp St	[Signature]
7	DBenny	114 Liberty St	[Signature]
8	Juan Patisso	790 Church St #203	[Signature]
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11	MOMOU MORO	3440 20th St	[Signature]
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