

Kimberly Rodrigues

From: Dan Akemon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 9:47 AM
To: Kimberly Rodrigues; Illece Buckley Weber; Penny Sylvester; Chris Anstead; Deborah Klein Lopez; Jeremy Wolf
Subject: Cronies Application - In Favor

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Dear Agoura City Council,

Good morning.

I understand Cronies is seeking to add additional drink options to their menu because a large number of customers and local residents have asked for it. In speaking with the owners, I understand no other changes are planned.

My wife Alisa and I are both residents of Agoura for over 50 years. A large group of our neighbors and friends have always enjoyed going to Cronies. It has become a cherished meeting place for many in the Agoura family, including visitors, Agoura and Oak Park high school alumni, local and visiting athletic teams, and the law enforcement and first responder community, much as neighboring Latigo Kid has and will continue to be.

I have been a member of the law enforcement community for almost 25 years, and I am confident Cronies will continue to operate safely under the same management and hours if its application is approved

Please consider approving this straightforward request.

Thank you,

Daniel P. Akemon

Agoura High, Class of '83

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Agoura Hills, California 91301
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*My comments are my own personal views and do not represent the view or opinions of my employer.

Kimberly Rodrigues

From: Charlie Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 11:52 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Cronies Appeal Hearing

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Dear City Council Members

I am a long-time customer of Cronies. I frequently work in Agoura Hills and visit the Agoura Hills restaurant location regularly. I have personally know each of the owners of this long standing, reputable and community centered establishment and have for over 25 years. I am writing in support of the approval of the amended conditional use permit to serve distilled cocktails at this location. The use is consistent with the surrounding uses and the other 4 locations operated successfully by cronies. It is important to recognize in making this request that I am not alone.

1. The City Planning Department conducted a thorough study of the request and RECOMMENED APPROVAL
2. The California ABC Alcohol and beverage control RECOMMENDS APPROVAL
3. The City has NEVER denied a restaurant a permit when the planning Department recommends approval
4. Another restaurant in the same shopping center is allowed to serve alcohol, but cronies was denied.

The biggest reason for approval of this amened conditional use permit for Cronies is that it is in all respects, absolutely the right thing to do for a business that puts the needs of the community it serves as its highest priority. Cronies serves the community of Agoura Hills, and this change is use is designed for that reason as well. We cannot expect business to open their cash registers for our football team, baseball team, great race, dance team and all the other donations that rely on corporate sponsorships and then not support them creating the necessary revenue, in the normal course of business, to be able to continue meeting those important needs. The economy for small businesses is as competitive as it has ever been and serving the community of Agoura Hills with additional drink options is reasonable, customary, and allowed by other operators. The motives behind any denial would have to be carefully evaluated. I ask you to approve this amended conditional use permit as it is in the best interest of your community, the business, and the City.

With appreciation
Charlie



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Agoura Hills City Council
3001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301


Dear Agoura Hills City Council

I am a resident and business owner of Westlake Village and frequently eat at Cronies Restaurant in Agoura Hills I am writing in support of Cronies Restaurant to be granted an amended conditional use permit to serve distilled cocktails.

I think it is extremely unfair to deny them especially when other nearby restaurant serve drinks. As a resident in this community I want to see businesses succeed, especially small locally owned business who are so supportive of our community. I would think the City Council would want the same thing.

Please reconsider your decision and be fair!

Respectfully



Angela Giacobbe

Westlake Village CA 91361

Kimberly Rodrigues

From: Carlos M [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 2:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Cronies Sports Grill
Attachments: Cronies in Agoura.docx

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To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Mike Macias, and I am a long-time customer of Cronies Sports Grill. It has recently come to my attention that Agoura Hills Planning Commission recently denied The Agoura Cronies a permit to serve distilled cocktails to their patrons. I find the denial confusing because every other Cronies Sports Grill throughout Ventura County has been granted their distilled cocktails permit by their respective City.

I have tried to understand the reason the Agoura Cronies permit was denied but I am at a loss. First, there are several other businesses in the Agoura complex that are already allowed to serve distilled cocktails to their customers. Second, The California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has already recommended their approval for the Agoura Cronies to have distilled cocktails. Cronies has an outstanding reputation of being diligent with the distribution of alcohol to who and how much alcohol is served to their customers. If I'm not mistaken, Cronies in Agoura has been serving beer and wine for over ten years without any type of alcohol related violations. For these reasons, I cannot see why their permit was denied.

One can only speculate that Agoura City and City Counsel of Agoura Hills is holding some type of personnel grudge against the Agoura Cronies Sports Grill because they exercised their constitutional right of running a business and keeping their restaurant open during the unconstitutional "COVID 19" shutdown.

To the best of my knowledge the owner of Cronies Inc., Mr. Dave Foldes, was adjudicated of all fines and charges against him and his business. This surely could not be the reason the distilled cocktails permit was denied because I would find it extremely disturbing that a public and elected entity like the Agoura Hills City Council would hold such a petty vendetta.

In conclusion, I am writing this letter to support The Agoura Cronies and request the Agoura Hills Planning Commission reconsider their position and approve the permit for Cronies distilled cocktails license. Cronies is a family orientated restaurant and has the utmost respect from its community members.

Respectfully,

Mike Macias

July 8, 2024

Dear City Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my full support for Cronies Sports Bar and Grill's application for a liquor license. Cronies has been a tenant of Agoura Meadows for over a decade, and recently signed a five-year lease extension. They have been great tenants for our shopping center and great business owners in the community.

The owners of Agoura Meadows are pleased to support Cronies' Conditional Use Permit request, echoing the Agoura Hills Planning Department's recommendation for approval. With 34 years of experience across five locations, all with liquor licenses, Cronies has consistently demonstrated responsible alcohol management. Their commitment to community, evidenced by their charitable actions and community involvement, is commendable, and we trust that their addition of spirits to their existing menu will be welcomed by their patrons.

The owners of Cronies are outstanding in their support for local causes and involvement in the community. Cronies has not only sponsored and donated to numerous schools and sports teams in Agoura Hills but has also contributed charitably to local events such as Agoura's Great Race and the Paramount Ranch rebuild efforts. During local emergencies, Cronies fed first responders, demonstrating their deep care for the community.

Moreover, Cronies' operations will be in line with existing practices at Agoura Meadows, where other restaurants serve hard alcohol without issue. Cronies has agreed to adjust their operating hours to align with community standards, further illustrating their flexibility and cooperation.


Our management team enjoys a positive working relationship with Cronies, recognizing their contributions to the center's vibrancy and tenant camaraderie. In an era where operating small businesses is increasingly challenging, granting Cronies' liquor license will not only benefit their business but also enhance the overall economic vitality of our community.

In conclusion, I urge you to approve Cronies Sports Bar and Grill's application for a liquor license. Their long-standing commitment to our community, outstanding tenancy, and alignment with local regulations make them an ideal candidate for this privilege.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

AGOURA MEADOWS LLC

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Pat Wilkison

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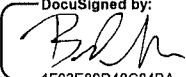
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Brad Snyder
Co General Partner

Kimberly Rodrigues

From: Kevin Kowalczyk [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 7:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Cronies!

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Agoura Hills City Council,

My name is Kevin Kowalczyk. My family and I live in the neighborhood directly behind Cronies. Our home is one of the closest to the restaurant.

We have been customers of Cronies for many years. They have a friendly and professional staff. Cronies has always been a place that I enjoy joining friends and family for great food and drinks. They also are one of the few places nearby that have any sport broadcast you would like to watch.

I support Cronies being approved for a permit that will allow them to serve alcohol. My wife and I would appreciate the option to have a margarita or other mixed drink rather than a beer or wine. We have friends that enjoy Cronies, but they do not visit as much because they would rather order a cocktail.

Also, we have never experienced noise or negative issues from Cronies. They are not that kind of establishment.

Please approve the permit that will allow Cronies to serve mixed drinks.

Thank you,
Kevin Kowalczyk

Sent from my iPhone

Kimberly Rodrigues

From: Dog Waker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 8:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: #10

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Honorable planning commission and City council,

I'm writing to you because I oppose the extension of the beer and wine license to include distilled liquor. Cronies has shown by their actions to have a complete disregard for rules and regulations. What makes a good and safe place for all seems to not be what the owners of Cronies believe. They seem to believe they are above any other business and are entitled to do what they want. I'm actually surprised they did not have their business and liquor license canceled after it was suspended and they continued to operate without one. This is not political it's just facts. Why have a health department if business refuses to follow the rules. Who knows how this business will serve hard liquor and follow liquor license rules?

Do not approve this.

Thank you,
A concern 30 year resident.
Linda L.