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To: Board of Appeals
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thank you for the opportunity to request a reconsideration of your approval of the latest OBGC resolution, Case No. S-238. We understand the nature of a nonprofit organization and its need for fundraising. While we do not want to affect the viability and sustainability of OBGC, the requested change to the language of the charter is more than a mere semantic update.

The petition states that the buildings have been used for fundraising purposes for the past 22 years. There is no mention of how frequently those buildings have been used for those purposes. This rule change would allow an unlimited use of those buildings with no restrictions. The effect of this modification would permit the late night use of this property conceivably on a 365 day basis.

Your approval of this request relies heavily on the unproven assertions and representations that the change would not adversely impact the surrounding community. Alluding to the fact that the buildings are located in an area that is close to the wooded section of the property, representations were made that the traffic and surrounding properties would not be adversely impacted. These representations are not based on any data or scientific proof. If current experience can be used as a guideline, the properties that adjoin the OBGC site and lie on the other side of the wooded area would be adversely impacted by the unrestricted use of the OBGC property.

Granting the use of the subject property without any limitation or restrictions would clearly jeopardize the quiet enjoyment of the properties that adjoin the OBGC site. The noise of the events can clearly be heard on the adjoining properties, and the lights are not blocked by the wooded areas. This change could dramatically shift the number of nights when the adjoining properties would be adversely impacted by events going on at the club.

At the very least, we request that common sense restrictions be placed on the number of evenings when the lights can be used. Allowing events to last until 1030 at night means that for security reasons, those lights will remain on and noise will continue through late night hours.

Thank you for considering these issues, I am available should you have any questions or need further clarification.

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