



I wish to testify at the March Council Meeting

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To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us, Chris Sanders <chris@surflasolas.com>

Gentle people,

My experience of observing activity of Sade's over the last several months, including extended periods prior to the State mandated shut-down in 2020 and through 2021, is that Sade's regularly over serves, against State mandated standards. My office is across the street from Sade's and I have on several occasions witnessed days and evenings where clientele have become extremely intoxicated, loud, physically aggressive and abusive towards other clientele and other citizens and visitors to Carmel, to the point where intoxicated clientele are running down Lincoln St., tearing off their clothes, yelling repeatedly, "the South Shall Rise Again", "Fuck Biden", "The only good democrat is a dead democrat", and "When the looting starts, the looting starts".

As far as I have been able to observe, those people came back to Sade's and were there for hours later, continuing to be served, after it was obvious that they were drunk beyond any state mandated standard of intoxication. The owner of Sade's seems to be only concerned with his bottom line, financially. While I can sympathize with him for his business, and I can respect that others may have different political views from mine, I am concerned that these events, which occur regularly, sometimes daily, and present a real and obvious danger to Carmel residents and visitors. The clientele who voice these opinions are generally extremely intoxicated and very forceful in their opinions. There doesn't seem to be any enforcement of behavior enforced by the owner of Sade's over his clientele. There are no mask mandates observed, no drink minimums observed, no behavioral standards observed at all as far as I can see.

While observing these situations I have been extremely reluctant to call the Carmel police. As far as I can see, there is absolutely no enforcement of mask mandates, let alone behavioral mandates in Carmel relative to public intoxication, in spite of several signs around town regarding a \$100 minimum penalty for not wearing a mask. I am acutely aware that Sade's clientele are aware of my occupancy of my office (the lights are on when I work at night) and have made audible vocal remarks about my office (where I have worked beyond typical office hours), and so I have decided that I cannot safely occupy my office after hours without attracting the attention of Sade's patrons. I have never made any effort to make my concerns known to the owner of Sade's, as I am concerned that I may be targeted for further abuse, or to the police, who I have no confidence that they will take my concerns seriously.

I am extremely aware of the difficulties confronting local businesses, but I think there have to be some concerns for those of us who live and work downtown.

sincerely,

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