



Alaska State Legislature

Senator Johnny Ellis

Representative Les Gara

716 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

November 28, 2012

Director Shirley Coté
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
5848 E. Tudor Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Dear Ms. Coté,

We are writing to you about concerns we have regarding the potential liquor license renewal of Rumrunner's Old Towne Bar & Grill located in downtown Anchorage at 415 E Street.

According to the Anchorage Police Department (APD), in 2011 the APD was called to the general vicinity of Rumrunner's 345 times. Of those calls, 279 somewhat involved Rumrunner's, and 36 (about 10%) directly involved Rumrunner's. In 2012, as of November 20, APD was called to the general vicinity of Rumrunner's 147 times. Of those calls, 127 disturbances somewhat involved Rumrunner's, and 20 directly involved the bar.

In 2011, there were 45 disturbances related to weapons and assaults reported in the general vicinity of Rumrunner's. Of those, two were weapons calls directly related to Rumrunner's business. In 2012, as of November 20, there were 28 disturbances related to weapons and assaults reported in the general vicinity of Rumrunner's. Of those, one involved a weapon and 13 were assaults that were directly related to Rumrunner's business. This kind of conduct makes a recurrence of events like the recent killing in front of Anchorage bar Platinum Jaxx a realistic future possibility.

As noted by the Anchorage Daily News, Rumrunner's has received 27 notices of violation since 2005, four of which were issued in 2012. The high number of incidents pertaining to this single establishment is of great concern to us and our constituents. In the interests of public safety, we ask the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board not to renew Rumrunner's liquor license, or implement safety conditions that would vastly reduce the number of police calls and potential of injury or worse.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Representative Les Gara

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Ellis".

Senator Johnny Ellis

CC: Paul Nangle, President, Downtown Community Council
Bonnie Harris, President, South Addition Community Council