

Agenda Item 29: Alcohol License Renewal

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Alcohol Issues

- Popular, profitable
- Addictive, destructive
- Reduces inhibition, encourages bad behavior
- By far the most harmful drug per 2010 study by Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs

Related Social Problems

- Poverty, income inequality, corruption
- Mental illness, despair
- Cycle of incarceration
- Reduced opportunity, racism
- Addiction, drug prohibition, crime
- Homelessness

Walia Convenience Store

- 812 East Tenth Street
- Near homeless shelter
- License up for renewal
- Legally sells cheap booze
- Users get drunk, pass out, litter
- Lots of local service calls by police

Precedent With Wiley's

- Many police calls as of November 2016
- Some councilors investigated further
- Wiley's called police many times
- City recommended fewer “fish bowl” drink specials
- City renewed alcohol license

Recommendations for Walia

- City could install trash cans
- Daily litter cleanup
- Avoid selling cheapest booze
- Call police more often
- Conditionally renew license

Big Picture Ideas

- Culturally switch from alcohol to a safer drug
- Homeless need safe place to get buzzed akin to city shelter for chronic alcoholics
- My proposed homeless shelter would provide that
- Mitigate cluster of social ills

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