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To: Merritt Long, Board Chairman  
Vera Ing, Board Member  
Roger Hoen, Board Member

From: Pat Parmer, Chief of Enforcement  
Rex Prout, Deputy Chief of Enforcement

Subject: Divisional Recommendation - Sports/Entertainment – Darkened House

The Enforcement and Education Division, with the concurrence of the Licensing Division, recommends holders of the Sports/Entertainment License be authorized to allow consumption of alcohol within the darkened seating portions of the venue during entertainment activities. This recommendation is subject to the following provisions:

- The Board approves darkened house events only after notification to the local authority as identified to the Licensing Division and approval by the designated local authority. The notification will clearly state:
  - Primary responsibility for the control of the darkened area of the establishment will rest with the licensee and local law enforcement authorities.
  - The Board will not entertain contradictory recommendations from subdivisions of the local jurisdictions.
- Liquor Enforcement Officers will only be required to work within the areas of the venue where there is an environment to safely support enforcement activities.
- Permission for darkened house activities will be in the form of a standard addendum attached to the existing operating plan.
- Violation of the darkened house addendum to the operating plan will be viewed as an aggravating factor to a violation rather than a primary enforcement issue.

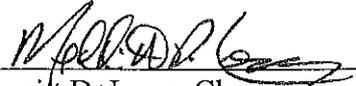
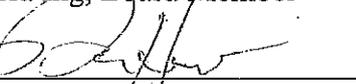




- Licensing and Enforcement will coordinate to create:
  - A specific notification to local authorities.
  - An operating plan addendum.
  - Instructions for licensees to apply for the privilege.
- Enforcement headquarters will create written guidelines for all enforcement staff in regard to this change.

If approved, Enforcement and Licensing will coordinate for expeditious implementation of this recommendation.

**APPROVED:**

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