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## THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties 21st Legislative District

July 27, 2009

Mr. Franklin D. Jackson, Chairman
Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners - Liquor Control Board
County Service Building
5012 Rhode Island Avenue Room 204
Hyattsville, Maryland 20781

Re: OPPOSE License Transfer Application for Rio Sports Bar & Grille Hearing date July 28, 2009

Dear Chairman Jackson,

We oppose the pending transfer of the liquor license held by Mr. Sung H. Lee to Mr. Tak Yoon

We ask the Liquor Board to <u>deny</u> this license transfer application — <u>unless</u> all current restrictions and our community's few requested additional restrictions are made conditions of the license transfer, to ensure that Rio Sports Bar & Grille is required to operate as a <u>genuine</u> "family-friendly sit-down restaurant".

## We oppose this license transfer for these reasons:

There has been a long history of violence, shooting, and rule violations at 13501 Baltimore Ave, Laurel, MD, as documented in the Commission's long record of adverse rulings against Dinosaurs, Club Amazon, and Rio Sports Bar & Grille.

The proposed business operations described in the license transfer application do not literally nor in spirit conform to the Commission's June 14, 2006 ruling that any transferee of that license must operate a "family friendly sit down restaurant", which the Commission ordered a second time on Sept 26, 2006 when the current licensee, Mr. Sung H. Lee proffered and agreed to each of the specific restrictions currently on that license.

Based on the Commission's September 26, 2006 hearing record, here are the <u>current restrictions</u> on that license, as well as three <u>revised</u> and two <u>new</u> restrictions, all of which are imperative for safe operation of Rio Sports Bar & Grille as a <u>genuine</u> "family friendly sit down restaurant":

 (Current Restriction) The operation of Rio Sports Bar must be that of a "family friendly sit down restaurant".