

**From:** Laura Aguilar laguilar@cityofsierramadre.com  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on TUP  
**Date:** April 8, 2024 at 15:53  
**To:** Thomas Holmes tholmes@cityofsierramadre.com



**From:** Rett Bren [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2024 1:11 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com>  
**Subject:** Comment on TUP

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Dear City of Sierra Madre'  
In regards to the TUP.

1. The meeting audio is really bad online during meetings. Can this be corrected? It has been a problem since last year at this time. Not sure what changed.
2. I suggest only 4 TUPs per residence or parcel. As for a non-profit, I think a reduction in the permit up to 2x otherwise as one commissioner stated Sierra Madre will be the go to location just for non-profits. We don't another film debacle where the rules were so lax that film crews came in and did as they pleased because they could be disruptive without enforcement or consequences.

I live in an R-1 neighborhood. I pay dearly for living here after many years of living in mixed use zones. I heard the city had a firm policy on keeping the village atmosphere in their neighborhoods. I have bought into this dream.

I appreciate the concern over the one wedding place and how nice the family might be but I think they just aren't getting their impact. As Alverno has demonstrated, no weddings should be allowed in or among an R-1 neighborhood. That is a CUP that needed serious reduction in use. A Mills act or historic designation property should have to prove they are actually using the revenue to fix up property. The Villa rentals show Alverno uses their profits to keep their tuition cheap. That is of no benefit except to themselves. I was told I would be living next to a school not a party business on the weekends.

This isn't about one wedding business. I for one feel for the neighbors next to the historic home. I live on the perimeter of Alverno. The wedding noise almost every weekend is unbelievable. There is always a new problem with the traffic that the city never considered when allowing this.

There was a lot of talk about how beautiful the home was inside but these are gatherings outside of the home. Wedding music is loud, our home vibrates from the base, and the guests get louder as the drinking increases.

I am not for allowing the abuse or loopholes in the TUP that runs amok. Please stop allowing for businesses in and next to r-1 neighborhoods that bring excessive traffic and noise. That is what the business district is for.

I have a business with a lot of non-profit clients. I have to rent office and warehouse space for it. I could conceivably use my garage and home. I recognize it isn't appropriate to do so no matter how cool it is for me to stay home and work 24/7 when I am in high season.

Alverno rentals are enough of a problem for myself and my neighbors.

There are options for businesses, temporary or permanent. Just because someone has a home with some space they should not eye it as a potential temporary business that impedes on the

with some space they should not eye it as a potential temporary business that impedes on the neighbors goodwill and peace. There are many, many other space options that need not make it an r-1 neighborhood problem.

The city needs to stop making exceptions to the rules just because a place has nice owners, or they claim to give non-profits free use or claim they benefit the community without providing any data to support the claim.

Yours, R. Bren

**From:** Laura Aguilar laguilar@cityofsierramadre.com  
**Subject:** FW: Allowing business in R1 zoning  
**Date:** April 8, 2024 at 15:52  
**To:** Thomas Holmes tholmes@cityofsierramadre.com



**From:** Judy Lee Skiff, Real Estate Broker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2024 2:57 PM  
**To:** Joshua Wolf <[jwolf@sierramadreca.gov](mailto:jwolf@sierramadreca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Allowing business in R1 zoning

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Yes please forward my email to both scheduled meetings. Thank you very much. Judy Skiff

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On Monday, April 8, 2024, 2:55 PM, Joshua Wolf <[jwolf@sierramadreca.gov](mailto:jwolf@sierramadreca.gov)> wrote:

Dear Judy Skiff,

Thank you for your email.

There is a City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:30pm. At this meeting, the City Council has on their agenda consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to waive fees for temporary use permit for eligible parties, such as nonprofit organizations.

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 7:00pm. At this meeting, the Planning Commission will be considering several municipal code text amendments. Essentially, the amendments can affect the way properties in the single-family zone may be used.

Would you like your email forwarded as a comment to either City Council, Planning Commission or both?

Thank you,

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From: Judy skiff [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:34 PM  
To: Joshua Wolf <[jwolf@sierramadreca.gov](mailto:jwolf@sierramadreca.gov)>

Cc: Judy Skiff [REDACTED]  
Subject: Allowing business in R1 zoning

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I am Judy Skiff and I live at [REDACTED]. I adamantly oppose allowing businesses to operate in Residential zoned neighborhoods! The traffic on my street is greatly increased when businesses very close by, have all day weddings and weekend sales and craft shows and craft classes! The intersection of Baldwin and Alegria becomes a real accident waiting to happen as so many cars pull out from Olive St onto Baldwin, they do not stop they speed past and they park in front of our driveways etc. Please consider having businesses do business in the appropriate zoned areas!!!. Neighbors like us should not have to deal with these traffic, poor driving and parking habits, of individuals that should not be going to do business in a residential neighborhood and have their attention drawn to the business and NOT to the neighbors and the traffic rules in our small streets. What if several of us opened a business in our homes every weekend or even once a month. ??? It would be a huge issue to everyone in this community and cause undo traffic and parking issues! Please, please consider our RESIDENTIAL ZONED NEIGHBORHOOD AS A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD! Those who wish to do business we would love to see them take advantage of our downtown area and have the proper permit and place to conduct business. Thank you. Judy Skiff.  
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