

First of all I would like to thank the City Council for this time to speak today

My name is John and I have lived in the Concordia area for 17 years. I am married with four children. I am here to share my concerns regarding to safety and livability issues related to the Last Thursday event on NE Alberta Street. This event takes place the last Thursday of the month May through October. .This event does not require vendors to have a permit or to pay a registration. The result being vendors start appearing and staking out their free spot on the sidewalk as early as 11:00 AM. As the day progresses the sidewalks become more and more crowded at times making it necessary to walk into the street to get around them. This is a neighborhood with many children. Alberta Street does not close until 7:00 PM and by 4:00 PM the traffic gets heavier making it difficult for Tri-met buses and automobiles to negotiate through the crowds. Thankfully no one has been hit or injured yet. This event attracts thousands of people each month. As the evening progresses it is a fact that Last Thursday on Alberta becomes an alcohol fueled event. The crowds swells into the thousands they become louder and rowdier. The impact on the neighborhoods, from 10th through 30th and three blocks north and south is severe.

Jennings, Gayla

From: drink@pcc.edu
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 2:30 PM
To: Jennings, Gayla
Subject: Re: RE: 7/27/2011 City Council Meeting

Hi Gayla,
I would like to speak about the Last Thursday event on NE Alberta St.
Sincerely,
John Rink

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From: "Jennings, Gayla"
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2011 2:22 pm
Subject: RE: 7/27/2011 City Council Meeting
To: "drink@pcc.edu"

> Hi John,
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> I'd be happy to assist you with signing up for the
> Communications portion of next week's Council Agenda, however
> would you mind forwarding me a few sentences regarding the issue
> you're wishing to speak about? We note on the agenda the topic
> each individual speaker wants to discuss.
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> Thank you!
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> Gayla Jennings
> Deputy Auditor | Office of the City Auditor
> City of Portland, Oregon
> Phone (503) 823-3560
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> _____
> From: drink@pcc.edu [mailto:drink@pcc.edu]
> Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 2:07 PM
> To: Jennings, Gayla
> Subject: 7/27/2011 City Council Meeting
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> Dear Gayla,
> I am respectfully submitting my request to speak for 3 minutes
> at next the Portland City Council meeting, Wednesday morning
> July 27, 2011. If possible I would like to speak before or after
> Rick Sills.
> Sincerely,
> John Rink
> 4904 NE 24th Ave.
> Portland, Or 97211
> 503-281-3902
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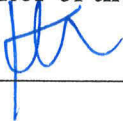
Request of John Rink to address Council regarding Last Thursday on NE Alberta
(Communication)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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