**Public Hearing: YES** ⊠ **NO** □ **Department:** Planning & Sustainability

#### **SUBJECT:**

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 02 Super District 06

Application of Sky Lounge Cafe – Decatur for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow for a late-night

establishment in the C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district, at 1850 Lawrenceville Highway.

PETITION NO: D9-2024-0634 SLUP-24-1247009

PROPOSED USE: Late-night establishment.

LOCATION: 1850 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, Georgia 30033

**PARCEL NO.:** 18 062 08 075

**INFO. CONTACT:** Adam Chappell, Sr. Planner

**PHONE NUMBER:** 404-371-4922

#### **PURPOSE:**

Application of Sky Lounge Cafe - Decatur for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow for a late-night establishment in the C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: (October 2024) Denial. (June 2024) Denial.

PLANNING COMMISSION: (Nov. 2024) Denial. (July 2024) Denial.

PLANNING STAFF: Denial.

STAFF ANALYSIS: This application was most recently granted a Two-Cycle Deferral by the Board of Commissioners on July 25, 2024, following a request by the applicant and a recommendation from Staff. The applicant, Sky Lounge Cafe - Decatur, is seeking a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow for an existing restaurant (Sky Lounge Cafe - Decatur) to operate as a *late-night establishment* in the C-1 (Local Commercial) Zoning District, which would enable the serving of alcohol to patrons on the premises beyond 12:30 am. The restaurant use occupies a tenant space that is approximately 3,200-3,800 square feet in size and is part of a shopping center that appears to contain four (4) tenant spaces in total. The adjacent uses within the shopping center are two (2) retail establishments and another restaurant comprising approximately 4,000 square feet at the opposite end of the shopping center The existing restaurant, shopping center, and subject property are located within a Town Center (TC) Character Area. The use of a proposed late-night establishment may support the Character Area's intent (per the DeKalb County 2050 Unified Plan) to "promote the concentration of higher intensity residential and commercial uses, which serve several communities surrounding the center, in order to reduce automobile travel, promote walkability and increased transit usage" (DeKalb County 2050 Unified Plan, pg. 32). However, existing site conditions may be inconsistent with these goals. The shopping center in which the existing restaurant is located was constructed circa 1972 and the layout of the site is automobile-oriented, with parking provided in front of the main building directly adjacent to the property's frontage along Lawrenceville Highway (classified as a major arterial). The DeKalb County 2050 Unified Plan further mentions that "properties located along the outer edges of the Town Center shall be sensitive to the building height and density of adjacent single-family residential". The subject property is located adjacent to single-family residential properties that are within a Suburban (SUB) Character Area and are zoned R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75). A survey of the property provided by the applicant (dated April 15, 2017) demonstrates that the existing shopping center/site is

nonconforming with respect to current transitional buffer requirements. Per Section 5.4.5. of the Zoning Ordinance, an undisturbed transitional buffer of not less than 50 feet in depth is required along property lines adjacent to R-zoned lots; the survey and on-site inspections confirm that there is inadequate screening between the existing building and residential properties to the north and west since no planted/undisturbed buffer exists on-site. The survey shows approximately 45 off-street parking spaces provided on-site. Per Section 6.1.4. of the Zoning Ordinance with respect to off-street parking ratios, a minimum of 39 off-street spaces are required with the current restaurant and retail uses on the property (restaurants require a minimum of one (1) space per 250 square feet of floor area and retail uses require a minimum of one (1) space per 500 square feet of floor area). Late-night establishments require a minimum of one (1) off-street parking space per 300 square feet of floor area, which means that a granting of a SLUP would slightly reduce the minimum parking required. While the survey appears to show that the minimum off-street parking requirement is met, many of the provided parking spaces and drive-aisle widths do not appear to meet current dimensional requirements in Section 6.1.3., and the orientation of these spaces and drive-aisles may not meet maneuverability standards for Fire/Rescue or Sanitation vehicles, for example. There has been significant community opposition to the proposal, as demonstrated at Community Council District 2 meetings as well as Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners meetings held previously in July. 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Unless improvements to the sites were made, any safe transport of vehicles by a potential valet service would likely need to utilize Lawrenceville Highway instead of through the two properties. Around this time, an on-site inspection by Staff revealed that a new dumpster enclosure had been constructed in the northeastern portion of the subject property. This enclosure appears to be located in what previously were marked as off-street parking spaces. An approved building permit was submitted to Staff by the applicant (#3130042), for which the scope of work provided was "general repair to brick and façade". It is unknown if the proposed dumpster enclosure was included in the provided scope of work. That being said, this dumpster enclosure appears to have been constructed by the property owner, NOT the applicant for this SLUP request. Upon review of the criteria to be considered for a SLUP in Section 7.4.6. 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PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (Nov. 7, 2024) Denial 6-0-0. Jan Costello moved, Edward Patton seconded for denial, per Staff recommendation. (July 11, 2024) Denial 6-0-0. Sarah Zou moved, Jana Johnson seconded for denial, per staff recommendation.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION: (Nov. 2024) Denial 8-0-0. (June 2024) Denial 7-0-0.



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#### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Chief Executive OfficerInterim DirectorMichael ThurmondCedric Hudson

## Planning Commission Hearing Date: November 7, 2024 Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: November 21, 2024

#### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

Case No.:	SLUP-24-1247009	<b>Agenda #:</b> 2024-06	534	
Address:	1850 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, GA 30333	Commission Distri	ict: 02 Su	per District: 06
Parcel ID(s):	18-062-08-075			
Request:	A Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow for a late-night establishment in the C-1 (Local Commercial) Zoning District.			
<b>Property Owner(s):</b>	Air Hospitality Group, Llc			
Applicant/Agent:	Sky Lounge Cafe – Decatur c/o M. Hakim Hilliard			
Acreage:	1.09 acres			
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Restaurant within an existing Shopping Center			
Surrounding Properties:	North: R-75 East: R-75 (across Lawrenceville Highway) West: R-75	,	South: C-	1 and M (across
<b>Comprehensive Plan:</b>	Town Center (TC)		Consistent	Inconsistent
				X

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Therefore, upon review of the full criteria for granting a SLUP in Section 7.4.6. of the *Zoning Ordinance*, the Planning and Sustainability Department respectfully recommends *Denial* of this application.

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Chief Executive Officer
Michael Thurmond

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY**

Interim Director Cedric Hudson

#### **ZONING COMMENTS – JUNE 2024**

N1. 911 Mountain View Drive. Mountain View Drive is classified as a collector road. If a land development permit is required- Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 35 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (<a href="hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov">hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov</a>). Mountain View Circle and Mountain Springs Way are classified as local roads. Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 27.5 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 5-foot landscape strip with a 5-foot sidewalk. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (<a href="hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov">hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov</a>). No poles may remain within the limits of the path/sidewalk on any street. Only one access point allowed on Mountain View Drive. Refer to Code Section 14-200 (6) for driveway spacing. Consider the circulation loop having access off Mountain View Circle. No parking allowed on the right of way. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO.

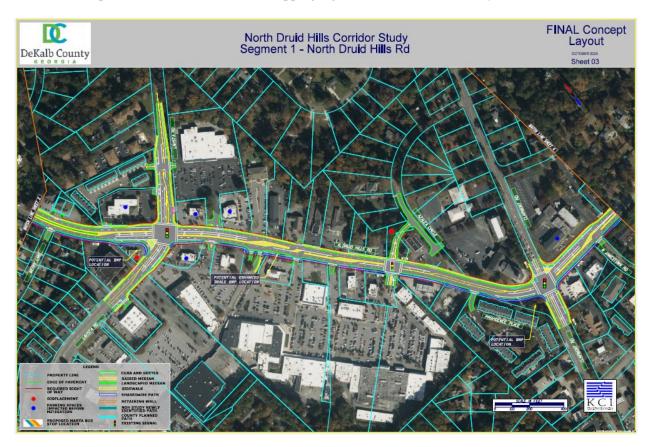
N2. 498 Crestwood Ct: No comment.

N3. 6061 Redan Road. Redan Road is classified as a minor arterial. If a land development permit is required-Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 40 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (<a href="hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov">hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov</a>. Young Road is classified as a collector road. If a land development permit is required-Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 35 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (<a href="hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov">hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov</a>). Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO. Provide a direct pedestrian connection between the public infrastructure/right of way to the building. One right in/left in/right out access point on Redan Road. Install physical barrier to prevent left turns and include a no left turn signage. Only one access point allowed on Young Road- away from the signalized intersection as possible. Update pedestrian striping and ADA ramps at traffic signal. Bring curb and gutter up to current standards along property frontage. No poles may remain within the limits of the path/sidewalk on any street.

**N4. 1422 Rock Chapel Road.** Rock Chapel Road is state route 124. GDOT review and approval is required prior to permitting. (JLivingston@dot.ga.gov) Rock Chapel Road is classified as a major arterial. If a land development permit is required- Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 50 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). If applicant is seeking a variance from the above infrastructure requirements, it is suggested to seek during the zoning process. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO. No poles may remain within the limits of the path/sidewalk on any street.

N5. No comment

**N6. 2933 N Druid Hills Rd.** Additional coordination is required with the PW- Transportation Division on related to the North Druid Hills Study Section 1B. The Transportation Division has applied for federal funds to design and construct this project. Dedicate necessary right of way for the project. Recommend variance for all other infrastructure improvements until the project is delivered during zoning process. Please note the final position of access points. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO.



N7. 5370, 5384, 5378 Flat Shoals Parkway. Flat Shoals Parkway is SR 155. GDOT review and permits required prior to permitting. (<a href="mailto:JLivingston@dot.ga.gov">JLivingston@dot.ga.gov</a>) Flat Shoals Parkway is classified as a major arterial. If a land development permit is required- Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 50 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (<a href="mailto:hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov">hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov</a>). Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO. No poles may remain within the limits of the path/sidewalk on any street. Private roads must be built to public road standards. All interior roads are to be private and maintained by a Homeowner's Association. Verify the distance between the garage door and sidewalk is long enough to accommodate a vehicle without blocking the sidewalk. Make sure that sidewalk/pedestrian paths meet ADA requirements at driveways. If street is less than 24 feet wide, no on street parking allowed. Add no parking signs and include parking restrictions in neighborhood covenants.

**N8. 1850 Lawrenceville Hwy.** Lawrenceville Hwy is SR 8. GDOT review and permits required prior to permitting. (<u>JLivingston@dot.ga.gov</u>) Lawrenceville Hwy is classified as a major arterial. If a land development permit is required-Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 50 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse

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#### 6/14/2024

To: LaSondra H. Hill

From: Ryan Cira, Environmental Health Director

Cc: Alan Gaines, Deputy Director Re: Rezone Application Review

#### General Comments:

DeKalb County Health Regulations prohibit use of on-site sewage disposal systems for

- multiple dwellings
- food service establishments
- · hotels and motels
- commercial laundries
- funeral homes
- schools
- nursing care facilities
- personal care homes with more than six (6) clients
- child or adult day care facilities with more than six (6) clients
- residential facilities containing food service establishments

If proposal will use on-site sewage disposal, please contact the Land Use Section (404) 508-7900.

Any proposal, which will alter wastewater flow to an on-site sewage disposal system, must be reviewed by this office prior to construction.

This office must approve any proposed food service operation or swimming pool prior to starting construction.

Public health recommends the inclusion of sidewalks to continue a preexisting sidewalk network or begin a new sidewalk network. Sidewalks can provide safe and convenient pedestrian access to a community-oriented facility and access to adjacent facilities and neighborhoods.

For a public transportation route, there shall be a 5ft. sidewalk with a buffer between the sidewalk and the road. There shall be enough space next to sidewalk for bus shelter's concrete pad installation.

Since DeKalb County is classified as a Zone 1 radon county, this office recommends the use of radon resistant construction.



N.5 -2024-0631 SLUP-24-1247001 18 069 02 028

5439 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Amendment

- Please review general comments.

N.6 -2024-0632

SLUP-24-1247003 18 111 03 018

2933 North Druid Hills Road, Atlanta, GA 30329

Amendment

- Please review general comments.

N.7 - 2024-0633

Z-24-1247008 15 066 01 06, 15 066 0 012, 15 066 01 011

5370, 5384, and 5378 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034 Amendment

- Please review general comments.

N.8 - 2024-0634

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1850 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, GA 30033 Amendment

- Please review general comments.

**DeKalb Public Health** 

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## DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTION FORM

The following areas below may warrant comments from the Development Division. Please respond accordingly as the issues relate to the proposed request and the site plan enclosed as it relates to Chapter 14. You may address applicable disciplines.

1247009 Review disposition comment: No objection.

#### **DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS:**

#### Transportation/Access/Row

Consult the Georgia DOT as well as the DeKalb County Transportation Department prior to land development permit. Verify widths from the centerline of the roadways to the property line for possible right-of-way dedication. Improvements within the right-of-way may be required as a condition for any land development application review approval. Safe vehicular circulation is required. Paved off-street parking is required.

#### • Storm Water Management

Compliance with the DeKalb County Code of Ordinances 14-40 for Stormwater management and water quality control and Georgia Stormwater Management Manual is required as a condition of land development permit approval. Stormwater discharge must comply with 14-40.(e)(6).

#### • Flood Hazard Area/Wetlands

The presence of FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area was not indicated in the County G.I.S. mapping records for the site; and should be noted in the plans at the time of any land development permit application.

#### • Landscaping/Tree Preservation

<u>Landscaping and tree preservation plans for any building, or parking lot must comply with</u>

DeKalb County Code of Ordinances 14-39 and are subject to approval from the County Arborist.

#### • Tributary Buffer

State water with buffer was not reflected in the G.I.S. records for the site. Typical state waters buffer have a 75' undisturbed stream buffer and land development within the undisturbed creek buffer is prohibited without a variance per DeKalb County Code of Ordinances 14-44.1.

#### Fire Safety

<u>Plans for land development permit must comply with Chapter 12 DeKalb County Code for fire protection and prevention.</u>



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### COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS WATER AND SEWER

Case No.:	Parcel I.D. #:	
Address:		
WATER:		
Size of existing water main:		(adequate/inadequate)
Distance from property to nearest main:	Size of lin	e required, if inadequate:
SEWER:		
Outfall Servicing Project:		
Is sewer adjacent to property: Yes	No If no, distance to nearest line:	:
Water Treatment Facility:	adequate inadequ	uate
Sewage Capacity:	(MGPD) Current Flow:	(MGPD)
COMMENTS:		

Signature:



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## COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Case No.: 52UP-24-1247009	Parcel I.D. #s: 18-062-08-075
Address: 1850 Lawrenceville	Highway, Decatur, Ga 30033
A	djacent Roadway (s):
(classifi	cation) (classification)
Capacity (TPD) Latest Count (TPD) Hourly Capacity (VPH) Peak Hour. Volume (VPH) Existing number of traffic lanes Existing right of way width Proposed number of traffic lanes Proposed right of way width	Capacity (TPD)  Latest Count (TPD)  Hourly Capacity (VPH)  Peak Hour. Volume (VPH)  Existing number of traffic lanes  Existing right of way width  Proposed number of traffic lanes  Proposed right of way width
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OMMENTS: Plans and field Rel	ic flow.
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	Signature: Jerry Whit



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## REZONE COMMENTS FORM:

#### PUBLIC WORKS ROAD AND DRAINAGE

Case No.:	Parcel I.D. #:
Address:	
Drainage Basin:	
Upstream Drainage Area:	
Percent of Property in 100-Year Floodplain:	
Impact on property (flood, erosion, sedimentation) und	er existing zoning:
Required detention facility(s):	
•	
COMMENTS:	

Signature: Akin A. Akinsola





## BUSINESS LICENSE/ALCOHOL LICENSE

Business License # 1244103

Active as of 2/8/24

Alcohol License #1244104

Active as of 2/8/24



## **CITATIONS**

- Six (6) DKPD Citations: No alcohol server permits, no County alcohol license at time of inspection
- Three (3) Fire Marshal Citations: No ventilation system, unsafe conditions at time of inspection
- Health Score-69/100 at time of inspection: Inaccessible hand-wash sinks, sinks stopped with hookah material, dirty men's restrooms.



## **PERMITS**

Latest permit-Permit # 3133792

• Installation of a ventillation system



## RECOMMENDATIONS PRIOR TO APPROVAL

- Most recent Health Score 85/100
- All citations rectified as of 9/2023
- Must submit LOE for 2024
- Recommended approval for SLUP.

From: Maiysha Rashad

To: Chappell, Adam W; Hill, LaSondra

Cc: Folgherait, Andrea K; Reid, John; Hakim Hilliard; Denise Hayley; rizwan budhwani; skyloungeatl@gmail.com

Subject: RE: November 2024 Zoning Cycle Community Council & Zoning Sign Templates -1850 Lawrenceville Hwy

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024 2:26:26 PM

Attachments: PARKING AGREEMENT.pdf

1850 L"Ville - Dekalb Permit for Repair - re dumpster.pdf

Hi Adam,

Here are the responses from your earlier email.

<u>Dumpster</u>: The dumpster enclosure was installed by the property owner, who has an active permit for it. Please see the email from the owner and his employee below. I also attached the permit for your reference.

<u>Parking</u>: Please see the attached parking agreement that Skylounge executed with the neighboring property. Additionally, Skylounge has confirmed that they still plan to offer valet parking as part of their services.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

## Maiysha Rashad | Senior Associate Attorney CHILIVIS GRUBMAN

1834 Independence Square | Atlanta, Georgia 30338 Main: 404.233.4171 | E: mrashad@cglawfirm.com

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From: rizwan budhwani rizwan.budhwani04@outlook.com

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024 2:17 PM **To:** Maiysha Rashad <u>mrashad@cglawfirm.com</u> **Subject:** Fw: Dumpster Pad - 1850 L'Ville Hwy

Received this email with permit from property owner

#### Get Outlook for iOS

From: Mack Mackwani < mack@tenantxpress.com > Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 1:35:41 PM

To: rizwan.budhwani04@outlook.com <rizwan.budhwani04@outlook.com>

**Cc:** Anil Jivani <anil@tenantxpress.com> **Subject:** Dumpster Pad - 1850 L'Ville Hwy

Hi Rizwan,

This is to inform that the dumpster pad at 1850 Lawrenceville Hwy has always been there. There have been blocks that have been broken over the last 10-15 years. We repaired the blocks and broken bricks recently and also painted around the dumpster.

Attached is the permit we had received from Dekalb County to do this work. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Best regards,

Mack

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Malik (Mack) Mackwani
Director of Operations
Granity Consulting, LLC
5815 Live Oak Pkwy, Suite 2F
Norcross, GA 30093
678-399-9957 (direct)

mack@tenantxpress.com

Best Regards, Maiysha

# Permits for New Construction, Additions, Alterations and Repairs for Structures

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MY FEES	
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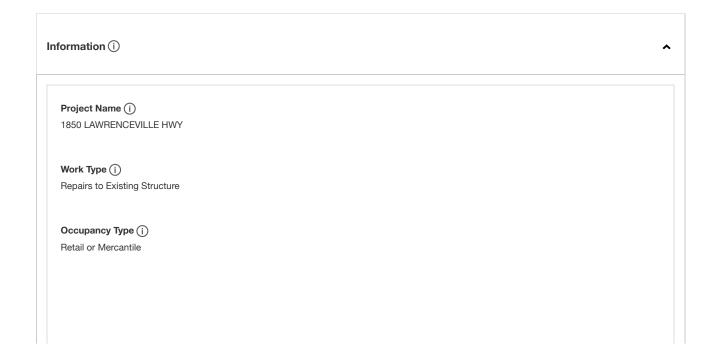
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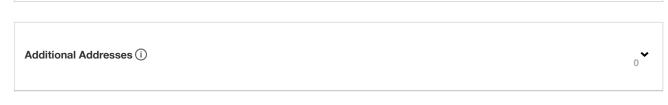
Current Milestone (i)
Inspections

Primary Address (i)
1850 LAWRENCEVILLE HWY
DECATUR GA 30033
Primary Applicant (i)
Anil Jivani Air Hospitality Group, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER

Inspections



Square Footage (i) 2000				
Declared Valuation (i) \$20,000.00				
Calculated Valuation (i) \$0.00				
Processed Date (i) 04/07/2023				
Temp COO Date (i)				
Issued Date (j) 04/07/2023				
COO Date (j)				
Final Date (j)				
Expire Date (i) 04/07/2024				
Description (i) General repair to brick and fac	cade			
Location (i) 18 062 08 075 1850 LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY DECATUR GA 30033				
Additional Applicants (i)			3 ^	
AIR HOSPITALITY GROUP	Bayard Builders CONTRACTOR	Anil Jivani Applicant		-



PROPERTY OWNER

Inspections ①

There are no inspections to display here.

Fees ①	5^
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Status Paid	
Amount \$130.00	
<b>Balance</b> \$0.00	
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Status Paid	
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Description FIRE MARSHAL INSPECTION FEE(INITIAL)	
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Status Paid	
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Total Balance	\$0.00
Reviews (i)	1^
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LD 683613	
Scheduled Date -	
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There are no related records to display here.	

Along with the conditions of the SLUP the Applicant has proposed, we look forward to talking with you through any additional concerns you might have.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

Hakim Hilliard

From: Hakim Hilliard <hhilliard@cglawfirm.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 6:26 PM

To: Bragg, Rachel L. <RLBragg@dekalbcountyga.gov>

**Cc:** Maiysha Rashad <mrashad@cglawfirm.com>; Hakim Hilliard <hhilliard@cglawfirm.com>; rizwan.budhwani04@outlook.com

Subject: 1850 SkyLounge Cafe - Application for SLUP

Good afternoon, Ms. Bragg.

I had the opportunity to speak with Larry Williams regarding your recommendation of denial related to the application of SkyLounge Cafe.

We regret your recommendation, but we appreciate your willingness to share your reasoning for the recommendation and providing us with the opportunity to react to it separately.

In this regard, please consider the following:

- 1. The dumpster associated with SkyLounge Cafe has been redone and provided with the appropriate screening.
- 2. Please see the executed parking agreement allowing for the exclusive use of 55 parking spaces located across the street at A&Z Wholesale at 1838 Lawrenceville Highway.
- 3. Subject to approval of DeKalb County, "no parking" signs have been placed on private property along Woodbridge Drive.

#### PARKING AGREEMENT

This Parking Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by and between (Owner) "A to Z Wholesale", located at 1833 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur GA 30033, and "Sky Lounge Cafe", located at 1850 Lawrenceville Hwy, Suite 100, Decatur GA 30033.

- **1. Premises** The Parking Space Owner hereby agrees to rent to the Vehicle Owner their parking spaces located at A to Z Wholesale.
- **2. Term** The term of this Agreement shall commence on May  $9^{th}$  2024 and shall terminate on May  $9^{th}$  2026, unless extended or terminated sooner in accordance with the provisions herein.
- 3. Use of Parking Space The Parking Space shall be used exclusively for parking purposes for guests and employees, and only personal vehicles such as cars, motorcycles, or bicycles may be parked in the designated spaces. No other storage or use is permitted.
- **4. Maintenance and Care** The Vehicle Owner shall keep the Parking Spaces in a clean and tidy condition. The Parking Space Owner is responsible for the general upkeep of the parking area.
- **5. Liability** The Vehicle Owner agrees to use the Parking Space at their own risk. The Parking Space Owner shall not be liable for any theft, damage, or harm caused to the vehicle or the Vehicle Owner arising from the use of the Parking Space, except where such damage is due to the direct negligence of the Parking Space Owner.
- **6. Termination** Either party may terminate this Agreement with a written notice of 60 days. Upon termination, the Vehicle Owner must remove their vehicle and any personal belongings from the Parking Space on or before the last day of the notice period.
- 7. **Miscellaneous** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Any modifications or amendments must be in writing and signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Parking Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

A to Z Wholesale
(Owner)
Date: 05 09 202 4

Sky Lounge Café Avishak Syam (Agent)

Date: 05/09/2024



#### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

#### SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Amendments will not be accepted after 5 working days after the filing deadline.

Date Received:	Application No:
APPLICANT NAME: Sky Lounge Cafe - Decatur	
Daytime Phone: <u>(404)-343-1661</u>	E-Mail: skyloungeatl@gmail.com
Mailing Address: 1850 Lawrenceville Highway,	Georgia 30033
Owner Name: Air Hospitality Group, LLC  (If more than one owner, attach	contact information for each owner)
· ·	E-Mail: anil@tenantxpress.com
Mailing Address: 5815 Live Oak Pkwy, Suite 2F	, Norcross, GA, 30093
SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS OR LOCATION: 185	0 Lawrenceville Highway, Georgia 30033
	DeKalb County, GA
Parcel ID: Acreage or Square Feet: _1.09 a	acres Commission Districts: 286
Existing Zoning: C-1 Proposed Special Land	Use (SLUP): <u>Late-night es</u> tablishment
I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Susta this application.	inable Department to inspect the property that is the subject of
Owner: Agent:	Signature of Applicant:

#### YOU ARE INVITED

to

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAND USE APPLICATION COMMUNITY MEETING

FOR

SKYLOUNGE 1850 Lawrenceville Highway is applying for

Special Land Use Permit to extend operating hours

Submitted for Applicant by:

M. Hakim Hilliard, Esq.

Find out more about the

project, ask questions, and

voice your opinion at the

following community meeting:

on

Wednesday April 17, 2024

#### At 6:00 PM

At 1850 Lawrenceville

Highway

(If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application, prior to or after the meeting please email them to <a href="mailto:dhayley@cglawfirm.com">dhayley@cglawfirm.com</a>)

Address Name eury;/ 716 Densley Dr If Ismith @ gmv.il.com Jim Smith Marieffell 2665 Woodridge Dr. Macmh430 Smail.com 840 Whelche/Dr. Claire French CVfrence emory, 858 Gaylemmt Ox Britner Where britmrotter@gmail.com Malina Rodviguez and Blake Beskham 2637 Woodridge Dr. Hoamalinaa gmail.com A Wheleho Jayles Engl to engel aguathor erikavanattáa) gmail 811 Whelchel ERIKA Engel Ms.a.owens@gmail.com sterlin.henley@gmail.com ALI OWENS R BEN HENLEY 817 Whielchel 824 Whelchel Dr shervills at legmail. con Alex Shemill a Venet@bellsouth-net 2536 Sagamore HVIISDr. Allen Venes egrimbergence gnafi Elizabeth Grimbergen 406 Whelche Dr Jessica Andrews -Wilson jpandrens milson@smil.com 823 Whelchel Dr

#### Discount Mailing service

2459 Perkerson road SW Atlanta, GA 30315-7217

## Invoice

Date	Invoice #
3/20/2024	64-#899

Bill To

Chilivis Grubman
1834 Independence Square
Atlanta Ga 30338
Attn:Maiysha Rashad

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April 29, 2024

#### **BY EMAIL ONLY**

DeKalb County Government Development Services Center DeKalb County, Georgia 30030

RE:

Letter of Application of Sky Lounge Café - Decatur Application for Special Land Use Permit for Late-Night Establishment

1850 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, Georgia 30030

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is prepared on behalf of Sly Lounge Café-Decatur, located at 1850 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, Georgia, 30033 (the "Subject Property") seeking a Special Land Use Permit to allow for the operation of a late-night establishment at the Subject Property, which allow the business to open from 12:30am-2:00am every evening, except Sundays.

The Subject Property consists of approximately 3200 square feet within a 13,778 square foot commercial building. The Subject Property has historically been used for commercial purposes and, more specifically, as an eating and drinking establishment. The Applicant currently operates the business as a full-service restaurant with an expanded menu, where hookah service is permitted by DeKalb County Government. The proposed hours of

With the expanded permission afforded with a late-night permit, the Applicant's proposed operating hours shall be 1:00PM-2AM on Monday through Saturday, but the late-night hours will not consistently extend until 2:00AM. The business will be closed on Sundays. No live entertainment shall be provided.

The Applicant has had several conversations over the short period the business has been located at the Subject Property. Based upon those discussions, the Applicant is proposing the following conditions:

- 1. A vestibule shall be installed at the entrance to the Subject Property to reduce noise spillage from inside the Subject Property.
- 2. The Applicant shall conduct a sound study to ensure that interior sound is not heard outsid the Subject Property. (This has already been completed.
- 3. The Applicant shall remove base components to the interior sound system. \*This has already been completed.

- 4. Ventilation system installed and all furniture is fire retardant to avoid accidents caused by use of hookahs. (This has already been completed.)
- 5. Activity at the rear of the Subject Property from employees is limited and efficient.
- 6. The Applicant shall inform all patrons regularly that the business is adjacent to a residential neighborhood and to be respectful entering and exiting the Subject Property as a result.
- 7. Provide the neighborhood representative a 24-hour business contact to address any questions or concerns real-time that may arise during business hours.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with all concerned as this request is processed.

Yours very truly,

M. Hakim Hilliard

cc: Maiysha Rashad, Esquire

#### **IMPACT ANALYSIS**

A. Adequacy of the size of the site for the use contemplated and whether or not adequate land area is available for the proposed use including provision of all required yards, open space, off-street parking, transitional buffer zones, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located.

The building where Sky Lounge Café – Decatur ("Sky Lounge") is located is an existing commercial building and the suite Sky Lounge is located within has been a restaurant use for many years.

B. Compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent properties and land uses and with other properties and land uses in the district, and whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use.

The building where Sky Lounge is located is a part of a larger commercial building, which is located on property zoned commercial. It is fronted by Lawrenceville Highway, a busy roadway. To the rear of the Subject Property are single-family homes. Despite a restaurant business having been in the proposed location for many years, the Applicant is taking steps to ameliorate the impact of its business on nearby and adjacent properties. These steps include, but are not limited to, building a vestibule at its entrance to reduce sound spillage, remove base speakers from inside, encourage patrons to enter and leave the inside of the building quietly and otherwise adhere to all applicable rules and regulations related to noise control.

C. Adequacy of public services, public (or private) facilities, and utilities to serve the proposed use.

The business is in a space that has historically been used as a restaurant and adequate public and private services and utilities are available to serve the proposed use.

D. Adequacy of the public street on which the use is proposed to be located and whether or not there is sufficient traffic carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area.

The Subject Property fronts on Lawrenceville Highway and sufficient capacity is available thereon.

D. Adequacy of ingress and egress to the subject property and to all proposed buildings, structures, and uses thereon, with particular reference to pedestrian and automotive safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in the event of fire or other emergency.

There are two points of ingress and egress on the Subject Property at Lawrenceville Highway.

E. Whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner and hours of operation of the proposed use.

The proposed use could potentially create adverse impacts upon adjoining residential neighborhoods. As such, the Applicant has taken steps outlined to ameliorate these impacts. In this regard, the Applicant has been in communication with the adjacent residential neighbors and looks forward to agreeing on proposed conditions to be associated with the SLUP to address all issues.

F. Whether the proposed use is otherwise consistent with the requirements of the zoning district classification in which the use is proposed to be located.

Yes.

G. Whether the proposed use is consistent with, advances, conflicts, or detracts from the policies of the comprehensive plan.

The proposed use is consistent with the policies of the comprehensive plan.

H. Whether there is adequate provision of refuse and service areas.

The proposed use has adequate room for refuse and service. The dumpster is located to the rear of the Subject Property and efficient service is otherwise coordinated by the property owner.

I. Whether the length of time for which the special land use permit is granted should be limited in duration.

The Applicant is willing to work with the County to agree to a limited duration for the SLUP, and re-apply upon conclusion of the agreed upon period, so that all impacted parties will have confidence that the Applicant will be a good neighbor to its neighbors.

J. Whether the size, scale and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate in relation to the size of the subject property and in relation to the size, scale and massing of adjacent and nearby lots and buildings; and whether the proposed use will create any shadow impact on any adjoining lot or building as a result of the proposed building height.

Yes. It is an existing building that has been used for the same purpose over time.

K. Whether the proposed use will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.

N/A.

L. Whether the proposed use satisfies the requirements contained within the supplemental regulations for such special land use permit.

Yes. All supplemental requirements are satisfied.

M. Whether the proposed use would be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood or the community as a whole, as expressed and evidenced during the review process.

The Applicant believes that with adequate conditions in place, its proposed use would be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood and the community as a whole.



#### **DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability**

178 Sams Street Decatur, GA 30030

Phone: (404) 371-2155 dekalbcountyga.gov/planning

DeKalb County

Cedric Hudson Interim Director

Michael Thurmond Chief Executive Officer

#### LETTER OF ENTERTAINMENT

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

1.	Both the	tenant an	d property	owner are	required t	o sign	the for	rm.
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2. All signatures must be original.

3. Both signatures must be individually notarized (two seals, two stamps, etc.).

4. \*Agents (holding companies, property managers, attorneys, etc.) signer for property owner must attach any and all documentation necessary to prove they have authorization to act on behalf of the owner. Failure to provide such information will delay approval of all permits and licenses necessary to open this business.

Current Name of Business: Sky Lounge Cafe - Decatur						
	Previous Name of Business (if name has changed in past twelve (12) months):					
Add	ess of Business: 1850 Lawrenceville Highway, Georgia Suite #					
Busi	ness Contact Name & Number: Rizwan Budhwani - 678.467.2751					
Date	·					
	EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED COMPLETELY:					
1.	Is this Letter of Entertainment for a					
	✓ New Establishment OR ☐ Renewal of Existing Establishment?					
2.	Is this establishment a Restaurant OR a Freestanding bar? (Check Only One)					
	Restaurant: An establishment where food and drink are prepared, served, and consumed primarily within the principal building.					
	☐ <u>Freestanding Bar</u> : An establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and which derives at least fifty (50) percent of its total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of beverages, including but not limited to taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabaret.  Note: Sunday Sales are Prohibited for Establishments which are classified as a Freestanding Bar.					
3.	Is this establishment permitted to sell alcohol on Sunday?					
	Licensed establishments deriving a minimum of sixty (60) percent of their total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared meals or food are authorized to apply for a Sunday sales permit to sell and serve distilled spirits by the drink from 12:30 pm Sundays. Note: Sunday Sales are allowed only for Establishments which are classified as Restaurants					
4.	Is this establishment open after 12:30 am?					
	<u>Late Night Establishment:</u> Any establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises where such establishment is open for use by patrons beyond 12:30 a.m.					
5.	Does this establishment include a patio or deck?					
6a.	Does this establishment sell tobacco products, allow smoking, or otherwise allow consumption of tobacco products on the premises including, but not limited to Hookah Services?  \( \vec{\substack} \) Yes \( \substack \) No					
	Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, e- cigarette, oral smoking device, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form.					
6b.	Do you have the required mechanical ventilation permit?  ✓ Yes □No Note: Onsite Tobacco Is Prohibited without a Ventilation Permit. Please refer to DeKalb County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance-File No. 52-1548					
7.	Is this establishment a nightclub with dancing and musical entertainment?					
	Nightclub: A commercial establishment dispensing alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and in which dancing and musical entertainment is allowed.					
8.	Is this an "Adult Entertainment" establishment as defined by the DeKalb County Zoning and Adult Entertainment licensing and alcohol beverage ordinances?					
9.	Has a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) been approved for this establishment?   A Special Land Use Permit is granted by the Board of Commissioners under Section 27-7.4.  If yes: please provide Case Number					



#### Letter of Entertainment

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT I HAVE ANSWERED THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS TRUTHFULLY AND ACCURATELY AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BUILDING PERMIT(S) AND CERTIFICATE(S) OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED IN RELATION TO THIS "ENTERTAINMENT STATEMENT" ARE CONDITIONED ON THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, AFFIRM THAT THE BUSINESS OPERATING NAME IS THE SAME AS THE NAME REFERENCED ON ALL COUNTY APPLICATIONS.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD I, IN THE FUTURE, OFFER ANY USE NOT EXPRESSLY PERMITTED BY THE DEKALB COUNTY CODE OR STATE LAW AND/ OR CHANGE THE USE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FROM THE APPROVED PERMITTED USE, THAT MY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY NULL AND VOID.

Sworn to and subscribed before this	Sign Avishak Syam
*	Tenant or Authorized Agent
day of20	(Print/Type name)Anil I. Jivani
Notary Public	Sign Property Owner or Authorized Agent
Sworn to and subscribed before me	Property Owner of Authorized Agent
day of20	(Print/Type name)
Notary Public	



#### Letter of Entertainment

## TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT STAFF AFTER REVIEW OF LETTER OF ENTERTAINMENT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

#### Alcohol Serving Establishments Within 1,500 feet of residentially zoned property

License Review Type	Approved	Denied	Not Applicable
New License close at 12:30 am			
New License – Nightclub- SLUP granted		,	
New License- Late Night – SLUP granted			
Renewal License close at 12:30 am			
Renewal License –Late Night- No SLUP Required (grandfather documents submitted/validated)			
Renewal License -Nightclub- No SLUP Required (grandfather documents submitted/validated)			

### Alcohol Serving Establishments Beyond 1,500 feet of residentially zoned property

License Review Type	Approved	Denied	Not Applicable
New License close at 12:30 am			
New License - Nightclub			
New License – Late Night			
Renewal License close at 12:30			
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Renewal License – Nightclub			
Renewal License – Late Night			
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(Sign Name)			
(Print Name)			
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(Title)

#### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

#### LATE NIGHT ESTABLISHMENT OR NIGHTCLUB CHECK LIST

1.	Is the requested SLUP for a new business or an existing business? (Please check only one) New Business Existing Business If the SLUP is for an existing business, please answer question Nos. 2 - 5.
2.	Does this Business have a current Business License? YesNo If yes, provide a copy of current business license.
3.	Has this business ever been operated without a Business License? YesNo
	If yes, how long did the business operate without a business license?
4.	<ul> <li>Has this business received a citation for any of the following:</li> <li>a. Life safety violations such as pyrotechnics, overcrowding, inadequate ingress/egress operating beyond the permitted hours of operation.</li> <li>b. Construction (major/minor renovation, alteration and addition) without a valid DeKalb County permit.</li> <li>c. Business closure and renovation without surrendering license to State and County as required by State law.</li> <li>d. Change of business name, ownership, or use without DeKalb County approval.</li> <li>e. No valid Certificate of Occupancy issued by DeKalb County</li> <li>f. Violation of operating hours of the Zoning ordinance or Alcohol Ordinance.</li> <li>g. Lack of proof of residency under DeKalb County. Any person who holds a liquor license in DeKalb County is required under DeKalb County law to be a resident of DeKalb County.</li> </ul>
5.	If one or more of the citations mentioned in No. 4 have been issued, please provide copies

Submittal of a fraudulent application is a violation of DeKalb County and State law.

of summons and citations and summary of court decision or resolution.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC GITATION, SUMMONS AND ACCUSATION GA0440200 Court Case Number NCIC NUMBER **DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA POLICE DEPARTMENT** Upon MA.M. (Month). Operator License No SECTION I-VIOLATOR License Class or Typ Endorsements (First) (Middle) Registration No. CDL YES NO ACCIDENT YES NO INJURIES YES NO FATALITIES YES NO DRIVER REQUESTED ACCURACY CHECK ☐ VASCAR ☐ LASER ☐ RADAR PATROL VEHICLE OTHER BLOOD BREATH URINE TEST ADMINISTERED BY III Applicable OFFENSE (Other than above) in Violation of Code Section of State Law Local Ordinance REMARKS NCIC LIGHTING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INFORMATION (A) ROAD (B) TRAFFIC WEATHER 16+ Passengers ☐ Daylight ☐ Darkness ☐ Light ☐ Clear D Dry ☐ Concrete ☐ Medium ☐ Blacktop Cloudy Commercial Vehicle Violation GA0440200 ☐ Other Dirt Othe ☐ Heavy ☐ Hazardous Material Violation (PLACARD) Von (secondary location) You are hereby ordered to appear in Court to answer this charge on the AM PM in the 3630 Camp Circle Georgia. NOTICE: This citation shall constitute official notice to you that failure to appear in Court at the date and time stated on this citation to dispose of the cited charges against you shall cause the designated Court to forward your driver's license number to the Department of Driver Services, and your driver's shall be suspended. (Georgia Code 17-6-11 and 40-5-56) The suspension shall remain in effect uch time 45 there is a satisfactory disposition in this matter or the Court notifies the Department

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#### **AUTHORIZATION**

The property owner should complete this form or a similar signed and notarized form if the individual who will file the application with the County is not the property owner.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:	
(I), (WE) AIR HOSPIT	TAVITY GROOP, LLC nan one owner, attach a separate sheet)
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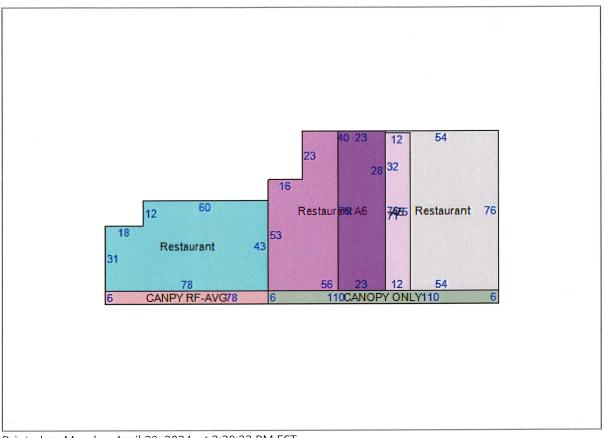
In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, OCGA Chapter 36-67A, the following questions <u>must</u> be answered.
Have you, the applicant, made \$250.00 or more in campaign contribution to a local government official within two years immediately preceding the filling of this application?
YesNo*
If the answer is yes, you must file a disclosure report with the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:
1. The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made.
2. The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application and the date of each such contribution.
The disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the application is first filed and must be submitted to the C.E.O. <u>and</u> to the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.
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#### **1850 LAWRENCEVILLE HWY**



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## **Sky Lounge Cafe - Decatur**







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# PRE-APPLICATION FORM REZONE, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, MODIFICATION, AND LAND USE

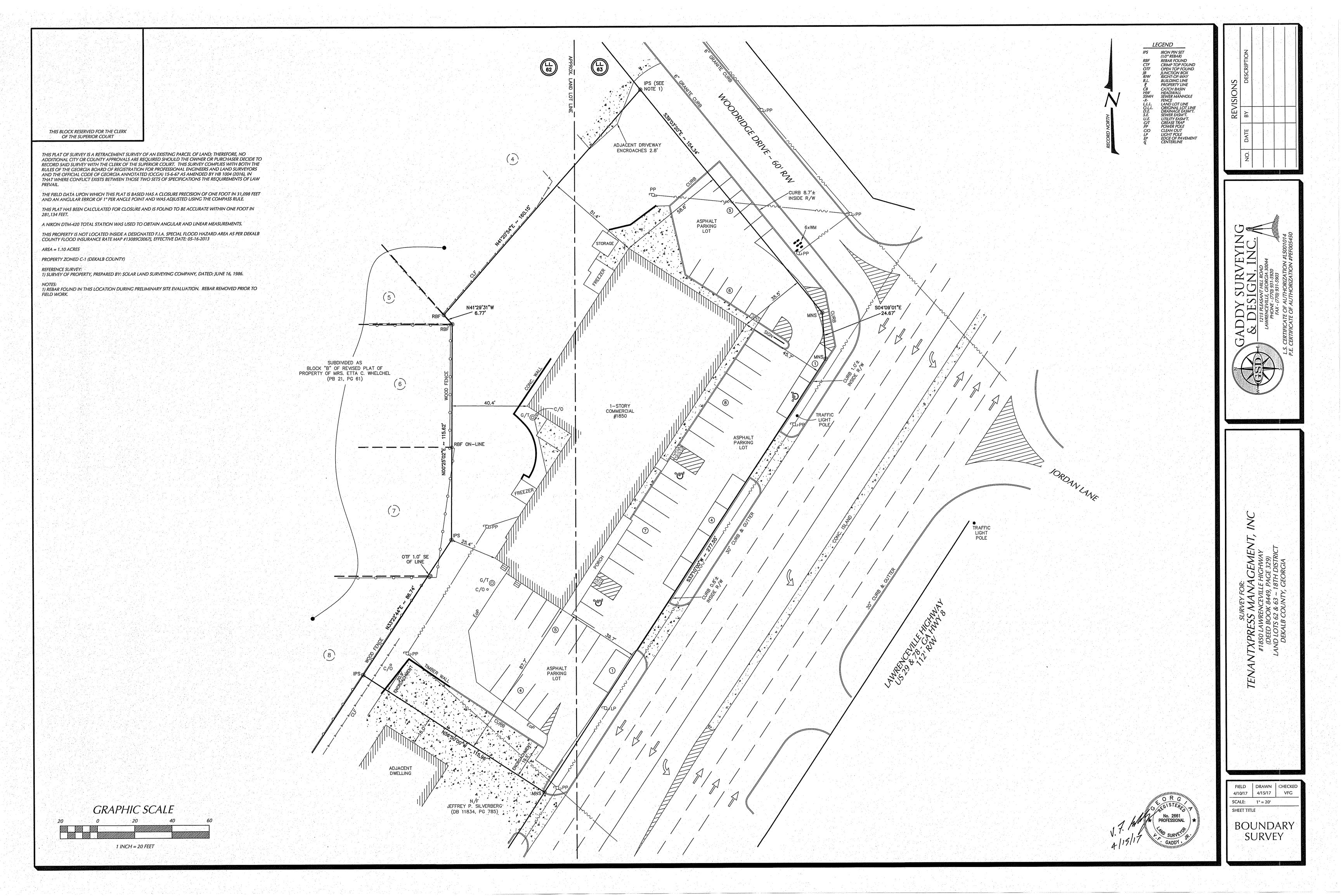
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Applicant Name: Hakim Hilliard Phone: 404-797-5525 Email: hhilliard@cglawfirm.com
Property Address: 1850 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur 30033
Tax Parcel ID: 18 062 08 075 Comm. District(s): 2 & 6 Acreage: 1.09
Existing Use:Proposed Use: Late-night establishment.
Supplemental Regs: Overlay District: No DRI:
Rezoning: YesNo X
Existing Zoning: C-1 Proposed Zoning: Square Footage/Number of Units:
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Land Use Plan Amendment: Yes No  Existing Land Use: Proposed Land Use: Consistent Inconsistent  Special Land Use Permit: Yes No Article Number(s) 27
Special Land Use Request(s): Late-night establishment.
Major Modification:  Existing Case Number(s): N/A  Condition(s) to be modified:



DECATUR PLAZA 1850 LAWRENCEVILLE HWY DECATUR, GA 30033

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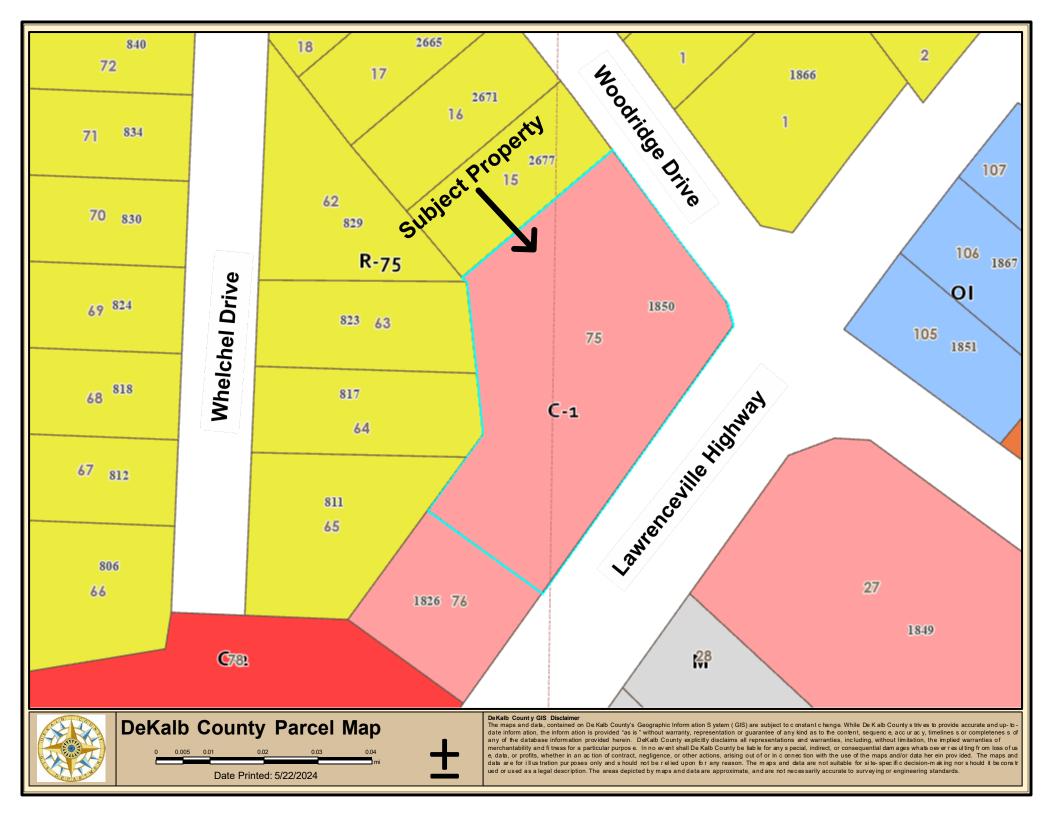


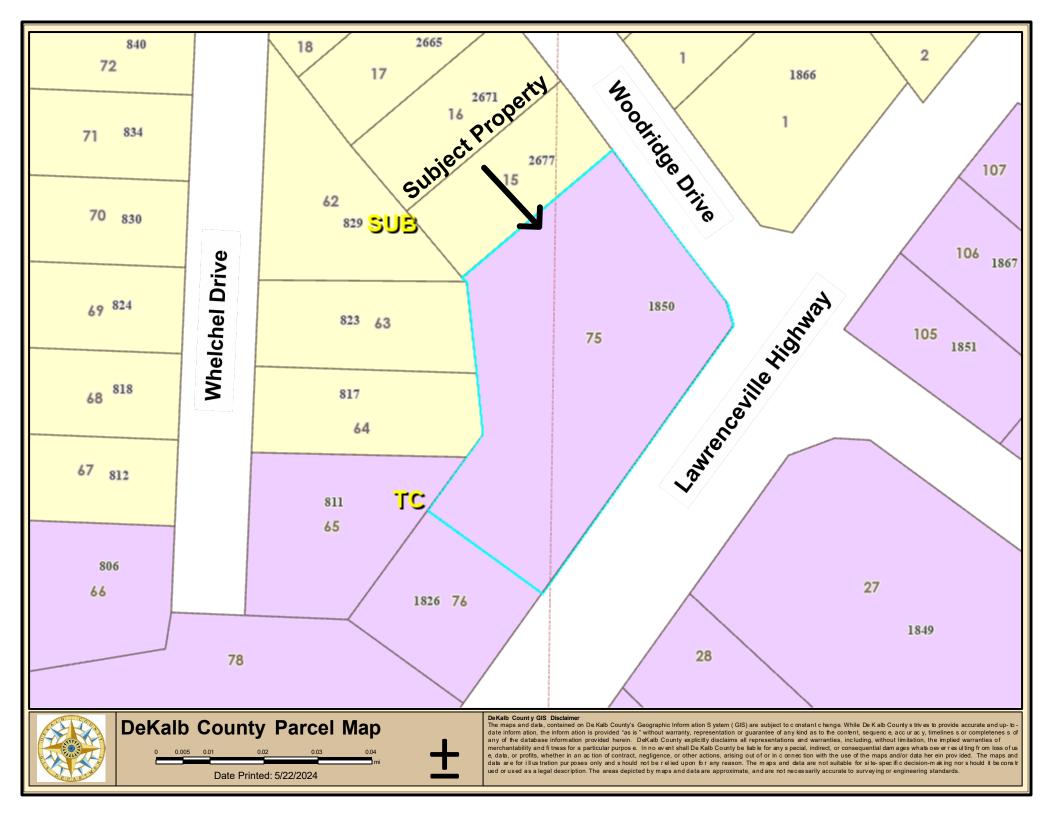






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To: <u>Ted Terry</u>; <u>Spears, Michelle L</u>

Cc: Bragg, Rachel L.; Chappell, Adam W; Davis Fox; Beth Ganga; Enloe, Caroline; Washington, Larry; Kimble, Aaron

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Subject: Opposition to Sky Lounge SLUP application and Request to Meet with Immediate Neighbors

**Date:** Thursday, July 18, 2024 11:37:18 AM

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Dear Commissioners Terry and Spears,

As you may have heard, there is significant opposition in the Medlock Neighborhood to the Late Night SLUP request by Sky Lounge. At the 7/11 Planning Commission Meeting we had 20+ neighbors wait until 10:30 pm to voice their opposition to this application.

Sky Lounge has made improvements from a year ago, but by no means are they in compliance. The neighbors are still tolerating noise and behaviors that I personally would not accept if I lived next door. Sky Lounge is MOSTLY closing by 12:30, but there are still many nights when their bass can be felt and heard by the neighbors until closing time. You don't have to look far on Instagram to find them advertising "club nights" and DJ events at their location. I don't think lack of negative complaints over a couple of months is reflective of the neighbors' experience. I also don't think a lack of complaints entitles Sky Lounge to a Late Night SLUP, temporary or otherwise.

From a zoning perspective, I believe this application should be denied on the nonconformity of the lot alone. In my mind, this situation is exactly why a SLUP is required for Late Night Establishments - because they are not appropriate or reasonable in all properties that are zoned commercial. The current zoning code has evolved with the understanding that commercial and residential properties need proper buffer (space, plantings, and screening) to live together in a cohesive manner. This property provides no buffer and will continue to be in conflict with it's residential neighbors until it is redeveloped. While the building is grandfathered in, the use is not. Increasing the intensity of this property will further inflame this already difficult situation between Sky Lounge and and their neighbors.

I will also add that the parking solution being proposed (A to Z parking across Scott Blvd) is a tragedy waiting to happen and further illustrates the this nonconforming lot does not have the space to support a Late Night Establishment.

The neighbors have felt heard and supported by the recommendations for denial from the Staff, the Community Council and Planning Commission. They were however quite alarmed to receive Commissioner Terry's response to their opposition. The immediate neighbors are requesting a meeting with Commissioners Terry and Spears so that they can share their concerns directly and in detail. Please let me know if you can make yourselves available to meet with the neighbors.

Sincerely,

Theresa Same Zoning Chair, Medlock Area Neighborhood Association From: Monica Morgan < monicamorgan180@gmail.com >

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:41 PM

To: Ted Terry < <a href="mailto:curry@dekalbcountyga.gov">cterry@dekalbcountyga.gov</a> Spears, Michelle L < <a href="mailto:mlspears@dekalbcountyga.gov">mlspears@dekalbcountyga.gov</a> >

**Subject:** Sky Lounge SLUP application - Opposition

Hi Commissioners Terry and Long Spears,

As a resident of Medlock Park I want to add my name to the list of neighbors that <u>OPPOSE</u> Sky Lounge's SLUP application. It is on the docket for tomorrow's (7/11) Planning Commission meeting and the 7/25 BoC meeting.

This business has consistently operated illegally after hours and not abided by noise ordinances for years. The loud music and the bass can be felt in the surrounding neighbors' homes during and after legal operating hours already. We do not want a late night establishment so close to the neighborhood that has already demonstrated a negative impact on the neighborhood.

### N8-2024-0634 SLUP-24-1247009 Commission District 02 Super District 06 18 062 08 075 1850 LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY, DECATUR, GA 30033

Application of Sky Lounge Cafe – Decatur for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow for a late-night establishment in the C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district.

Thank you, Monica From: <u>Lauren Leyrer</u>

To:Ted Terry; Spears, Michelle LCc:Chappell, Adam W; t sameSubject:Sky Lounge SLUP OppositionDate:Sunday, July 14, 2024 3:12:04 PM

#### Commissioners Terry and Long Spears:

We are have been residents of Medlock Park (2670 Woodridge Dr.) since 2016 and our raising our family here. We would like to make it know that we and many other neighbors OPPOSE granting Sky Lounge a SLUP to operate as a late night establishment.

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Sky Lounge was first officially notified that they could not operate in a late night capacity in May of 2022 right after they opened. Sky Lounge continued to operate for over a year as a night club and a late night establishment regardless of the outreach of the county and neighbors. They only stopped acting in a late night capacity when they hosted a community meeting for a SLUP and the community councilman strongly suggested that they be a decent neighbor for at least a year before trying to apply for a SLUP.

Fast forward one year, it does appear that they have been closing at the legal hour, however they and the property itself are not good neighbors. They still operate in a nightclub capacity by having DJs every Saturday and advertising a Club Night during the planning commission meeting as their attorney claimed they have not had a DJ in over a year. I can hear their bass inside my home in the evenings. The property owner has removed the dumpster enclosure so trash is out in the open and piled around the dumpster. I reached out to the landlord regarding their contractor dumping concrete in the woods in March (when I'm not even sure they had a permit) and recieved an email back stating "You remind me of that annoying child in elementary school."

I stopped calling the police after I had to let a police officer into my bedroom at 5 in the morning in July of 2023 to see if he could hear the noise from inside my house rather than them just saying a business couldn't operate that late.

I understand Sky Lounge is open to a temporary late night SLUP but I would strongly request that this not be granted. With the history we have had, difficulty we have faced with enforcement and the continued inconsistencies, how can trust Sky Lounge to follow through with their self inflicted conditions and who do we call if they don't?

Our neighborhood supports businesses operating legally and being good neighbors to our community. It's unfortunate that Sky Lounge has already been give the grace and time to learn the rules with guidance from the county and they are still not in compliance and are not good neighbors. A late night establishment at this location does not fit with the existing neighborhood, particularly on a non conforming lot.

The Medlock neighborhood will not set a precedent that a late night establishment is an appropriate use along this portion of Lawrenceville Highway. We will be at the Board of

Commissioners meeting on the 25th in strong opposition to this SLUP application.

Thank you,

Lauren & Michael Leyrer 904.887.5465

**From:** Leigh Hopkins < hopkins.leighann@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2024 1:43 PM

**To:** Spears, Michelle L <mlspears@dekalbcountyga.gov>; Ted Terry <ecterry@dekalbcountyga.gov> **Cc:** Washington, Larry < lwashington@dekalbcountyga.gov>; Kimble, Aaron J.

<ajkimble@dekalbcountyga.gov>; Bragg, Rachel L. <RLBragg@dekalbcountyga.gov>;

davis7fox@gmail.com; Beth Ganga <aeganga@dekalbcountyga.gov>; Medlock Area Neighborhood Asssociation (MANA) <medlockassoc@gmail.com>; t same <t same@bellsouth.net>; Jeff Hopkins <jeff@hopcoach.com>; Decaturish Editor <editor@decaturish.com>

**Subject:** Sky Lounge SLUP application >> Opposition

Commissioners Terry and Long Spears:

We are long-time residents of Medlock Park (2576 Woodridge Dr.), and would like to add our names to the long list of residents who **OPPOSE** granting Sky Lounge a SLUP to operate as a late night establishment, provisional or otherwise.

N8-2024-0634 SLUP-24-1247009 Commission District 02 Super District 06 18 062 08 075 1850 **LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY, DECATUR, GA 30033** 

Application of Sky Lounge Cafe – Decatur for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow for a late-night establishment in the C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district.

The applicant does not meet minimum parking requirements. At last night's Planning Commission meeting, the applicant indicated that they had a shared parking agreement with A to Z Wholesale. This business is located across six lanes of traffic on Lawrenceville Highway. The nearest crosswalk is at DeKalb Industrial Blvd., located approximately 600 feet away. So theoretically, someone who parks at A to Z Wholesale would need to walk 300 feet to the nearest crosswalk, cross Lawrenceville Highway, and then 600 feet back up the street to Sky Lounge (see attached map). And then repeat when Sky Lounge closes at 2:30am? Do you think someone is actually going to do that? Not a chance. They're going to run across Lawrenceville Highway. We see tragic accidents like this all the time along Buford Highway. This is a disaster waiting to happen.

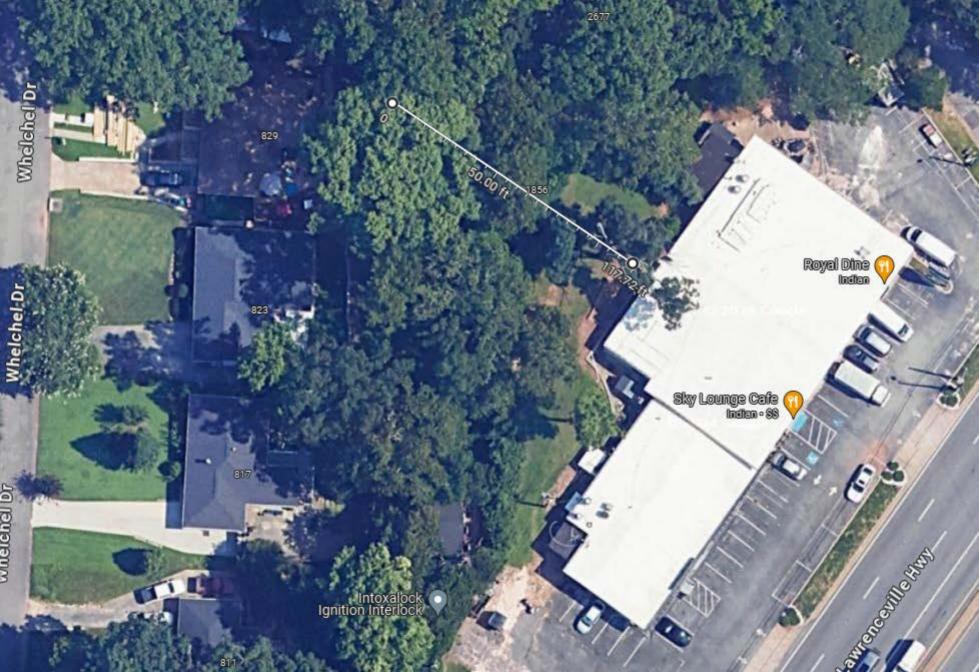
Sky Lounge has repeatedly emphasized that they're first and foremost a restaurant, but they **clearly operate as a club and late night establishment.** Neighbors hear loud music and feel bass in their homes at all hours of the night. This is happening now. In fact at the time of the Planning Commission meeting last night, one of Sky Lounge's DJ's (@primetime404atl) posted a promo for "Club Night" Saturdays. You can clearly see the DJ equipment, and there are several posts on his page that show video of the club atmosphere. I've attached several of his recent posts.

This is not about our neighborhood opposing an immigrant business. This is not about the applicant not understanding code compliance. They understand the code and choose to violate it. Our neighborhood supports businesses *operating legally* and *being good neighbors* to our community. We have opposed similar applications in the past at this and at other locations adjacent to the neighborhood, and Sky Lounge is no exception. A late night establishment at this location does not fit with the existing neighborhood, particularly when the business is located less than 50 feet away from someone's back porch (see attached map).

The Medlock neighborhood will not set a precedent that a late night establishment is an appropriate use along this portion of Lawrenceville Highway. We will be at the Board of Commissioners meeting on the 25th in strong opposition to this SLUP application.

Regards,

Leigh Hopkins, AICP, CEcD 404-695-0371







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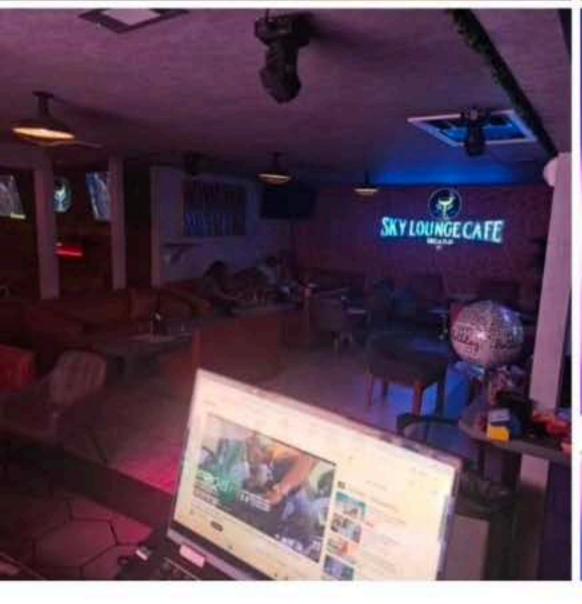
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