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There appears to be some confusion as to the FMIA's support of the current proposed noise ordinance. The FMIA has never at any time voiced its support for the noise ordinance as proposed. In January of 2013, the FMIA did vote to support a draft working proposal of the "Seven Essentials" in order to move the conversation forward as to the need for a new, sensible and enforceable noise ordinance. In June of 2013, the FMIA voted against supporting a revised version of the "Seven Essentials." The FMIA never intended its support for a working draft of the "Seven Essentials" would translate into support for the current proposed noise ordinance.

Irrespective of all of this, the FMIA has been consistent in its call for a sensible noise ordinance that serves all those affected, including residents, businesses and musicians. All such stakeholders must have involvement in the public process of creating a noise ordinance. As well, any noise ordinance should be subject to rigorous public scrutiny and discussion. This clearly has not yet happened.

The FMIA looks forward to meaningful dialog with the city, other neighborhood groups, businesses and culture bearers to tailor a workable, sensible and enforceable noise ordinance that serves everyone.

Sincerely,

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