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Subject: Request to Close Streets of Oread Hotel Block Parties
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I am writing on behalf of Harrison Family Farms, L.C., that owns 1145 Indiana Street and Chapter House for Beta Theta of Phi Kappa Tau, LLC, that owns 1100 Indiana Street.

Both entities are OPPOSED to closing of streets for any such thing as a "block party" for the following reasons:

1. Our tenants at 1145 Indiana have complained that they are often blocked from access to the property they rent by delivery vans for Jimmie Johns food services and by patrons of the Oread Hotel. This situation is bad enough as is without a beer-soaked block party taking place.
2. Our tenants at 1100 Indiana reacted negatively when I suggested that they might enjoy having a block party up the street. They indicate that they have observed drunken brawls outside a drinking establishment in the Oread Hotel called "The Cave" and that these altercations have occasionally resulted in pugilists being bloodied and occsionally arrested. They hold the opinion that late night activity is already out of control and that worse behavior should not be encouraged.
3. Your drawing states that "no event activities shall take place in the 1100 block of 12th Street." Who will enforce this? The Lawrence Police Department at public expense?
4. Our tenants have already suffered enough through the construction process when dust, construction debris, construction noise and unreasonable loss of access were experienced. Now to put them through a series of drunken brawls going on until midnight on the public streets outside their residences is simply too much.
5. By permitting the operation of "block parties" on public property, the City of Lawrence would clearly share liability for any resulting loss of rental income, injury to citizens and damage to private property. This is a burden that the taxpayers should not have to shoulder.

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