

Fw: OCTOBER 17th AGENDA: Item 10.1 (c) - CUP for "Speakeasy" Lounge at 2 W. Santa Clara Street

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Looping in the City Clerk. Thanks!



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Fyi – not sure if this needs to go to anyone else

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Dear Mayor and City Council:

I represent DivcoWest on this application. We are excited to present to you a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Speakeasy Lounge that will activate the vacant basement of 2 W. Santa Clara Street. **The Planning Staff recommends approval of the project.**

Below are the key features of the project that we hope you will consider:

1) **A Unique New Place for Downtown:** Locals and visitors alike seek out unique and hidden bars in urban neighborhoods for fun and social times. This proposal will add to Downtown's existing attractions.

2) **Add Pedestrian Activity to a Depressed Block:** All four corners of the intersection of W. Santa Clara Street and South First Street are almost entirely vacant. This new lounge will create a reason for people to walk to this block of Downtown, helping to activate the streets again, especially in the evening and after dark. (please see images below)

3) **Reactivate and Re-Tenant the Existing Vacant Building:** The entire building at 2 W. Santa Clara Street is currently vacant. This Speakeasy lounge in the basement is part of the owner's strategy to reactivate the building and find tenants for the rest of the 9 floors of the building. The hope is that the lounge will be a desirable amenity and will promote positive pedestrian activity to make the block feel more safe and pleasant.

For all of the reasons above, we hope that you find the project worthy of your support.

Thank you for your consideration. Please email or call if you have questions.

Best Regards,
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