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Hi Karen -

Are you able to share this for public rescission.

I am writing for the support of city sponsorship of the upcoming planned DORA. As it's known this went through the development committee and many of our local businesses are planning for the availability of an outdoor refreshment area to give them a boost for the damaged business that they have seen during this pandemic. If given ample time the businesses may have been able to band together to plan an event themselves, but with only one day before the planned event we are likely pushing a potential business improvement away from our local establishments. Given it's close to the meeting time I don't have full time to research but I believe that Delaware and Hilliard are allowing a designated outdoor refreshment area this weekend to help with the significant decrease of occupancy that they have. The elimination of the event in Powell on short notice will push people to those areas Instead of staying here.

I understand that the dispatch may be looking for an excise to punish an article, but focusing on helping businesses enforce our current conditions opposed to deleting a much needed designation this weekend is a more prudent course of action.

Thank you for the time -  
Shaun

Sent from my iPhone

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Powell City Council  
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Re: Powell DORA events

Dear Members of the Powell City Council:

On June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the City held its first Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) weekend. By all accounts, the event was well attended and appeared to be successful in drawing people to the downtown environs. However, from a health standpoint the event was completely unsatisfactory by reason that there were very few masks being worn and social distancing was almost non-existent.

COVID-19 continues to rear its ugly head and Delaware County remains under a mask mandate issued by Governor DeWine on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Law enforcement officials in the county have indicated that they will not be "actively" enforcing the mask mandate from the Ohio Department of Health. Despite this stated enforcement policy the Department's website advises that "people in counties designated as "Red" are required to wear masks or a face covering in any indoor location that is not a residence; when outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household".

The City has scheduled another DORA event for July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. In the interest of public health, safety, and welfare ProPowell PAC strongly encourages the City to cancel this weekend's event.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Mike Jones  
President