



The Willard Neighborhood Association

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Residents
2596 College Ave.
Berkeley Cal

Dear Neighbors

Several of your neighbors have asked the Willard Neighborhood Association write to you on their behalf, and on the behalf of the entire neighborhood.

Even though several neighbors have attempted to speak with you about the loud music that has accompanied parties and other activities at your house, the hours and volume of the music played outside, both during the day and at night, have not diminished. In fact, it seems to have increased as the weather has turned nicer, even as recently as both days last weekend. This has been a real disturbance to many of your neighbors and we understand that you have recently received a 2nd Response citation as a result of the noise.

Your neighbors have told us that the volume of your amplified music is loud enough that even by closing their windows they cannot avoid it. Noise that loud can be an infraction of the Berkeley city code even during the day. Loud music during the day prevents some of your neighbors from concentrating on work they do at home or from sleeping if they have irregular schedules. Some neighbors are students that need to study and sleep at all hours of the day and night. Some are parents with children who both need their sleep. In addition to the music, your neighbors have been awakened by loud boisterous talking or yelling late at night. Your neighbors are asking you to honor their right to the quiet enjoyment of their homes day and night.

The Willard Neighborhood Association is concerned that this kind of disturbance will undermine our extensive efforts to maintain a quiet neighborhood. We have worked with the Chancellor's Task Force, which includes representatives of the University administration and the City of Berkeley as well as the UC and Berkeley Police Departments, to eliminate out of control student parties. Parties by homeowners or renters create neighborhood disturbances and set a poor example for others. We ask that you assist us in this communitywide effort to assure that the Willard neighborhood is a welcoming and considerate neighborhood for all.

If you would restrain the volume of the music played outdoors, both during the day and during the evening, and ask your party guests to be considerate of sleeping neighbors, especially at night, this would help show that people can have a good time in our neighborhood while respecting other residents' right to quiet enjoyment of their homes.

We are very grateful for your understanding and hope you will feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vincent Casalaina
President, Willard Neighborhood Association

cc Off. Burcham, BPD