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Aloha,

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This is in regards to Ann Kobayashi's proposal to sell alcoholic beverages at certain city parks.

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I am strongly opposed to this idea for the following reasons:

1) Alcohol could be a "gateway" drug to crystal meth.

I don't know the facts on this, but I think it could be argued. And given the community's stance against "ice", the promotion of drug abuse, albeit legal, is counter-productive to the "war" on "ice" and other illicit drugs.

2) Alcohol consumption = problems

Drunk driving, behavioral issues, etc. There is a good reason that the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in city parks. Drinking should be kept indoors. Alcohol removes inhibitions and can lead to lewd behavior, violence, exacerbate already flared tempers from athletic competition, etc.

Sincerely yours,

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