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**Subject:** Noise variance for Mightyssippi

**Think Before You Click:** This email originated **outside** our organization.

Dear Councilmember Coleman and President Noecker,

I am writing to oppose the noise variance for Podium Sports Marketing on June 6.

Early June is peak nesting time for birds and loud noise has been identified as a disturbance to birds. Birds may abandon their nests leaving their offspring to die and the adult birds themselves may be at risk of higher predation as the noise interferes with their ability to see and hear predators or, the warning calls of other birds.

We all are exposed to too much noise on a daily basis. It has become a very loud world and as suggested by the city's noise ordinance, humans are disturbed by loud noise as well as animals.

Recently, a number of airports have assumed a "quiet" mode with no background music or noise, only safety reminders are broadcast. This is true of the Charlotte, NC airport and I believe LAX. The reduced noise makes air travel much more pleasant.

I would like suggest a compromise for the Mightyssippi event, use of microphones for start and finish of the race, but no music or amplified sound for the duration. The area around the River should be quiet and calming, that is likely part of the reason the race is being held there. It is not a fairground, but rather a national park and important habitat for birds and other creatures.

Thank you for support of these comments.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Zimmer

*"The human race is challenged more than ever before to demonstrate our mastery, not over Nature, but of ourselves." Rachel Carson*