



El Patio at Mason
1431 S. Mason Rd.
Katy, TX, 77450

September 14, 2024

Dear Memorial Parkway Community,

We are writing to provide clarification about the events that transpired at our business location on Sunday, July 28th.

On that day, Venezuela held pivotal presidential elections, marking a significant moment in the country's history. Given the ongoing challenges stemming from a 25-year communist and dictatorial rule, a notable portion of the population, exceeding 7 million individuals, has been compelled to seek refuge elsewhere, leading to one of the world's largest displacement crises. The elections held on July 28th represented a critical opportunity for many Venezuelans to shape the future of their nation. However, the aftermath of these elections has been marred by controversy.

A political party in opposition to the incumbent government, with the backing of more than 80% of the Venezuelan community worldwide, organized a private event in the bar area of our park. This event aimed to demonstrate solidarity with the elections by hosting interviews with prominent public figures and disseminating real-time news updates.

Although the event was intended to remain private, our establishment did not engage in any form of advertising or promotion for the event. Regrettably, it was publicized by the political party, resulting in an unexpectedly large turnout of supporters. In anticipation of this gathering, local authorities were duly notified, and additional security measures were promptly implemented to manage the situation. However, as the crowd swelled and disruptions ensued, we deemed it necessary to seek assistance from local emergency services (911).

The unforeseen surge in attendees precipitated noise, traffic congestion, and other disturbances within the surrounding neighborhood. We wish to emphasize that such outcomes were never our intention. As advocates for the Venezuelan community, we are deeply apologetic for any discomfort or inconvenience this may have caused you and your family. Following the dispersal of the crowd by authorities, our volunteers dedicated countless hours to rectify the situation by cleaning up the debris left behind.

We acknowledge the inconvenience and disturbance brought about by these events. However, we are disheartened to observe that certain individuals have exploited this situation to disseminate misinformation and make baseless allegations against our business, resulting in unwarranted public backlash.

We hold our community and its well-being in the highest regard and remain firmly committed to upholding our status as responsible and considerate neighbors. Should you have any specific concerns or inquiries, we invite you to communicate with us directly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

El Patio at Mason
Food truck Park & Bar