Public-Record Context Regarding GILT Nightclub, Emergency Responses, and False Narratives

To Whom It May Concern,

I am providing this summary to help clarify an important public-record issue involving false narratives, reputational harm, and the unfair projection of problems from a different nightlife environment onto me, my company, and the OptiView brand.

This communication is not intended to attack anyone personally. It is intended to bring attention to public records, news reports, and documented incidents involving **GILT Nightclub, located at 740 Bennett Road, Orlando, Florida**, and to explain why those issues should not be confused with, projected onto, or used against **OptiView, Joseph Diaz** or my business when it was at **855 N. US Highway 17-92, Longwood, Florida**.

Why This Matters

My concern is that false narratives from the Orlando nightlife scene, including narratives connected to GILT Nightclub and individuals connected to that scene, were later projected onto OptiView. In my opinion, this caused serious reputational harm, permitting prejudice, character assassination, and unfair assumptions about me and my business.

The public record shows that GILT Nightclub had its own separate history, location, ownership structure, nightlife environment, emergency responses, and law-enforcement-related incidents. These matters should be examined separately and not improperly attached to OptiView.

Public Records and Media Reports Found

Publicly available records show that **Bennett Road Nightclub, LLC** was filed in Florida in 2013 and listed **740 Bennett Road, Orlando, Florida 32803** as its principal address. The Sunbiz record also identifies the company's managers and corporate filing information. (Sunbiz)

Orlando Weekly reported in 2014 that GILT was opening in the former Roxy space at **740 Bennett Road**, describing it as a large nightlife and entertainment complex with multiple bars, VIP areas, a second level, and a major nightclub concept. (Orlando Weekly)

Local media later reported multiple serious incidents connected to or near GILT Nightclub:

In **January 2016**, ClickOrlando/WKMG reported that Orlando police were investigating the death of a man found behind GILT Nightclub as a homicide. The report stated the body was discovered behind the club on Bennett Road and identified the victim as Essex Taylor III. (WKMG)

In **May 2016**, ClickOrlando/WKMG reported that the Orlando Fire Department investigated a "malicious" fire at GILT Nightclub. The report stated that OFD responded after an automatic fire alarm, found a small fire near the entry area, and reported a propane tank inside the building that firefighters removed to prevent a possible explosion. (WKMG)

In **August 2018**, ClickOrlando/WKMG reported an arrest after a shooting in the parking lot outside GILT Nightclub. The report stated that a fight broke out, multiple shots were fired, and one person was injured. (WKMG)

In **July 2021**, WFTV reported that Orlando police were called to GILT Nightclub on Bennett Road just after 2:00 a.m. for a battery-shooting call. (WFTV)

In **November 2021**, ClickOrlando/WKMG reported that three people were wounded near GILT after 30 to 50 gunshots were reported. The article stated that officers encountered a large crowd near GILT, located at 740 Bennett Road, and that injured individuals were treated at Orlando Regional Medical Center and AdventHealth South. (WKMG)

In **November 2022**, WFTV reported that chaos erupted at GILT Nightclub after a fight broke out in front of the club on Bennett Road, requiring officers on patrol at the club to call for backup. (WFTV)

Florida alcohol-license records also show that in 2023, **Bennett Road Nightclub LLC / GILT Concert Venue** was associated with license number **BEV5802630** at **740 Bennett Road, Orlando, Florida**. A later 2025 ABT quota-license list shows the same license number associated with **Eye by Euphoria LLC** at a different Orlando address, which appears relevant to the venue's later licensing history.

My Position

These records are important because they show that GILT Nightclub had its own public history of serious incidents, police responses, fire response, shootings, crowd issues, and emergency-related events.

OptiView was a different business, in a different city, at a different address, with a different purpose, different business model, different staff, and different facts.

I respectfully ask that anyone reviewing my podcast episodes, court filings, public-record materials, or related communications carefully separate:

GILT Nightclub / Orlando nightlife issues
from
OptiView / Longwood / 855 N. US Highway 17-92

The two should not be merged into one false narrative.

Purpose of the Podcast Evidence

The podcast episodes I am sharing are intended to correct the record, provide eyewitness testimony, explain the timeline, and show the real impact of the false narratives on me, my business, my staff, my permitting process, and my ability to receive fair treatment.

The videos include discussion of evidence, public records, witness accounts, and the personal and business harm that followed. My goal is not harassment or retaliation. My goal is transparency, accountability, and a fair review of the facts.

Request for Fair Review

I respectfully ask that this information be reviewed with an open mind.

If any public official, agency, newsroom, investigator, or records custodian has information, records, incident reports, public documents, or knowledge that may help clarify the difference between the GILT nightclub history and the OptiView narrative, I ask that it be preserved, reviewed, and considered.

This issue is important because false narratives can destroy a person's reputation, damage a business, influence permitting decisions, livelihood, and affect the fairness of legal proceedings.

I am asking for truth, fairness, and accountability.

Respectfully,
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