

## RATING A DANCE CLUB (Things to Consider)!

### CONSIDERATIONS DURING REVIEWS:

#### The Parking situation

- Is it safely lit?
- Is it a safe distance from the club?
- Is there Valet Parking?

#### The Club Exterior

- Is the club adequately lit?
- Is the exterior clean and attractive?
- Are any nearby businesses open (like restaurants, hotels, stores)?
- Is there safe exterior seating

#### The Club Entrance - Security and Welcome

- Does the club enforce a “Dress Code”? (Not at all, very casual, casual, a little dressy, very dressy)
- Does the club inspect for concealed items? (Alcohol, weapons, etc.)
- Is the club (Open to all ages, 18 and older, 21 and older)
- Does the club stamp and allow open exit and re-entry?
- Is there a cover charge? (Never, Only on specific days, usually, always)
- What is the Cover Charge Range? \_\_\_\_\_ (On what days? -- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday—Check all that apply)
- What nights is the club open? (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday—Check all that apply)
- Is there a coat check service?
- Other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Some good questions to ask the Club “person in the know”

- What is the clubs capacity?
- What are the most popular nights?
- Does the club do “Theme” nights (Like Latin, Line Dancing, Old School R&B, Private parties, etc.)

- Can a person get on a “Guest” list?
- Is there “Bottle Service”?
- Is there a V.I.P. area?
- Is there a “Smoking” area? (Cigarettes, Cigars, Vaping, Huka, Cannabis, etc?)

If you arrive early enough, Take photos of some very basic (but essential) club attributes:

- The Bar - Is it well stocked and displayed?
- The DJ Booth (or Bandstand/Stage) - Does it look “Professional”?
- The Dance floor - Does it look inviting? Is it large enough for the crowd they expect?
- Any artwork, furnishings, or other amenities provided for your comfort and pleasure?
- Is there outdoor seating, and is it heated?

Clubs are VERY different at the beginning of an evening, compared to near the end of an evening. Did you notice any major changes in attitudes, personalities, services, behavior, etc., as the evening progressed?

(Comments:)