

7-24-12 H-2

**Re: Panama Joe's Entertainment Permit Renewal**

Fabius Rizk to mayor@longbeach.gov, district1@longbeach.gov, district2@longbeach.gov,  
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: district6@longbeach.gov, district7@longbeach.gov, district8@longbeach.gov,  
: district9@longbeach.gov, Gary DeLong

Cc : Ron Newman, Greg Newman

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have been living in Belmont Shore for the past four years and will soon (1 week) be expecting our first daughter. I am currently employed with a financial institution on 2<sup>nd</sup> street and my wife owns a tutoring company in Naples. When I first moved into the shore in 2008, I heard so many complaints and issues with the restaurant Panama Joes. From the noise, fights, loitering and safety of patrons, they were the topic of discussion at so many meetings and events I attended. Since the ownership change in 2009 and the with the help of the Entertainment Permit put in place by Gary DeLong and city management, these issues have vanished. Panama Joes is now the place where I take family when they are in town visiting, first choice for when friends hold events and my #1 spot for a fantastic lunch. They are also very involved with our community and thrive to make a difference.

The management team of Panama Joe's have done an exceptional job of upholding the requirements by the current entertainment permit. Manager Fabius Rizk is a current member of the BSBA (Belmont Shore Business Association) and makes sure everybody has his phone number and phone number of all management. They have worked closely with local restaurant / bars to come up with answers on the issues listed above.

I recommend the one-year extension of the Entertainment Permit for Panama Joe's. This is the best system in place for Panama Joes to be a great neighbor in the community and to have a great restaurant experience.

Sincerely,

Kristen & Cory Peters  
5316 E Appian Way  
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**Fw: Please DENY Panama Joe's Entertainment Permit as recommended by  
the Long Beach Police**

07/24/2012 03:00 PM

From: "Terry Endersen" <terry.endersen@charter.net>  
To: <qarv@qarydelona.com>

Date: 07/24/2012 02:35 PM  
Subject: Please DENY Panama Joe's Entertainment Permit as recommended by the Long Beach Police

Dear Councilman DeLong, Mayor & Other Councilmembers,  
As a Belmont Shore resident living approximately 1.5 blocks South and 1 block West of Panama Joe's (towards Ocean Blvd from 2<sup>nd</sup> St), I can assure you that the patrons of Panama Joe's are a consistent source of disturbance to residents in the surrounding area. While I am appreciative of the efforts by the management & security of PJ's attempts to control their patrons within the nearby parking lot, that is where their influence ends and the negative effects on the residents and their property begins.

Rarely do the Police request a Denial of a Permit, as outlined below.

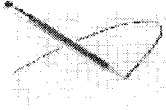
The Police Department also evaluated calls-for-arrests for the time period between December 14, additional evaluation was done to determine if improvements that would mitigate the high number incidents, determined to be attributable to the b evaluation, the Police Department determined that arrests remained constant and continued to be an Department resources, while negatively impacting t

Based on this comprehensive evaluation, the Po  
**DENIAL** of this application for an Entertainment wit  
Joe's Inc., dba Panama Joe's Cafe, located at 5100

Please follow the recommendations of the Police along with many, many residential neighbors to DENY this permit.

Sincerely,  
Terence Endersen  
122 ½ Argonne Ave  
Long Beach, CA 90803





ROBERT STROPKY <rq\_stropky@msn.com>

07/24/2012 01:59 PM

To <lbiz@longbeach.gov>

cc

Subject Panama Joes Entertainment License

Mr. DeLong,

I am writing in response to your letter below. In particular, I would like to address one specific excerpt as follows:

the Police report states that they contacted the three residents living within 100 feet of Panama Joe's and that two of the three were supportive of Panama Joe's and that the third resident didn't respond to their inquiries. Also, one of the residents stated "Management is receptive to their concerns, and have done a good job mitigating issues of concern in the neighborhood."

I am personal friends with the two residents that "support" Panama Joes and I know first-hand that they value the personal attention that they receive from Fabius, PJs manager. In fact they fear that if they oppose PJs, they will lose the responsiveness that they currently receive from Fabius. You may recall that, in so many words, he threatened In front of City Council to withdraw the "protections" that they had implemented if they were not awarded the entertainment permit last year.

The fact is that Fabius and PJs do not and cannot control what goes on beyond 100 feet of their establishment. Do they prevent their patrons from parking and drinking in their cars, from vomiting and urinating, from vandalizing property and disrupting the peace beyond 100 feet? Do they prevent the downgrading of Second Street's and Belmont Shore's image?

The only thing that they can effectively do is to change their business model and practices. But, they won't do that left only to pursue increased profitability. It is the role of government and you to protect the citizens and property owners of the community from unchecked greed. I hope that you and your colleagues on the Council support your constituents and police department in this role.

Sincerely,

Robert Stropky

121 Granada Ave.

BSRA Board Member-At-Large

Fw: Please Support L.B. Police, Vice, & Business Licensing DENY Panama Joe's Entertainment Permit

07/24/2012 07:14 AM

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PJ Happy Hour Promotion July 2012.jpg

submit to city clerk

-----Forwarded by Erik Sund/FM/CLB on 07/24/2012 07:13AM -----

To: <councilmember\_gary\_delong\_wdtge\_dsqvgcf@cp20.com>, Gary DeLong  
<gary@garydelong.com>  
From: Melinda Cotton <mbcotton@hotmail.com>  
Date: 07/21/2012 01:05PM

Subject: Please Support L.B. Police, Vice, & Business Licensing DENY Panama Joe's Entertainment Permit

*(See attached file: PJ Happy Hour Promotion July 2012.jpg)*

Please DENY an Entertainment Permit with Dancing to Panama Joe's (July 24th Council Hearing Item 2). The City Conditions attached to Panama Joe's Entertainment Permit for the past three years have been ineffective, as proven by the Long Beach Police Crime Analysis and Police conclusions for the last three years.

The current Conditions state: "This Entertainment Permit is accessory to the primary business, which is a restaurant." However a quick look at the Panama Joe/Sharkeez Website <http://www.sharkeez.net/belmont-shore/> and the attached flier shows a major emphasize on Bar-type activities, HAPPY HOUR specials and supersized, cheap drinks, and a Sports Bar approach to their operation. Thursdays are "College Night" (see below) with "beer pong and flip cup tournaments" and "drink specials so cheap they're sure to fit any starving college student's budget!". Saturday and Sunday are: "Sports House Day Club" from 9 am with 60 HD Televisions, and drinks. Wednesdays are "Guest Bartender" days "2 for the price of 1 drinks for all your friends while you're behind the bar! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!"

The Conditions do nothing to control this huge emphasis on alcohol. To enforce the existing conditions would take a Long Beach Police officer onsite daily from at least early morning to 2 am or later to be sure the Conditions were enforced. Our Long Beach General Fund cannot afford the policing and management supervision that would be necessary to enforce the Conditions on Panama Joe's license!!!

*Long Beach Police and City Management state clearly:*

**"Despite efforts by the Vice Investigations Section to mitigate issues of concern with ownership and management from Panama Joe's, calls-for-service and alcohol related arrests continue to be a burden on Police Department resources, and have a negative impact on the surrounding Community."**

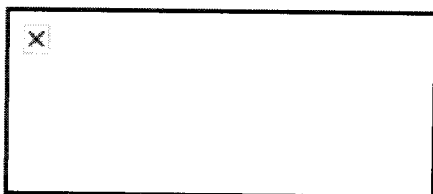
*The only answer in the words of our short-staffed, overworked and beleaguered Police Department:*

**"The Police Department recommends the application for Entertainment with Dancing by patrons, live amplified music, disc jockey, and karaoke be denied."**

Please honor this plea from the Long Beach Police Department to ease the burden currently placed on them, the plea from neighboring businesses for better protection and the plea from residents to protect our safety, property values and quality of life.

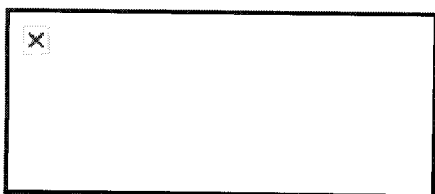
Sincerely, Melinda Cotton, 29-year resident of Belmont Shore  
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## SUNDAY!!!



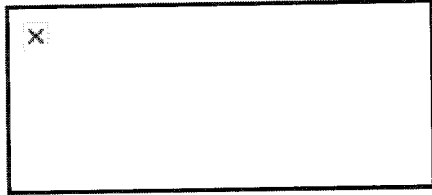
SPORTS HOUSE DAY CLUB = bubbles, bloody mary's and breakfast  
Party starts at 9am...COME PLAY WITH US! Premier sports viewing in HD on over 60 flat screens & crystal clear surround sound.

## . College Night



Long Beach's hottest College Night is EVERY Thursday here at PJ's @9PM! Beer pong and flip cup tournaments and drink specials so cheap they're sure to fit any starving college student's budget!

# Guest Bartender Wednesdays!



Be a guest star behind the bar! Guest Bartender at Panama Joe's and enjoy a \$25 bar tab and 2 for the price of 1 drinks for all your friends while you're behind the bar! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

To City of Long Beach

July 23, 2012

From Mike Metz owner of 173 Nieto (5 units) 90803

Attention [lbbiz@longbeach.gov](mailto:lbbiz@longbeach.gov)

I have owned my units since the early 1970's and have had to bear the noise that is created from the 2<sup>nd</sup> street bars. I have in the past lost some tenants due to noise. This has cost me money and time that I think I should not have to bear.

Once when I had a plumbing emergency I had to go to my units at about one in the morning. I could not believe the noise and even found some drunk person's ( 2 groups) near my property. Mine is the second building from Rite Aid.

I had dinner in Panama Joe's the other night and I think the building is too small for dancing. If you allow dancing to be there will be a lot of people outside.... and that means more drunks to cause disturbance at my property. My tenants for years have been complaining of the noise. Having the bar is hard enough...please do not issue them a dancing permit

Mike Metz owner of 173 Nieto Ave.

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