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From: "Steve Johnson" <stevejohnson0710@gmail.com>  
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Date: 02/01/2011 02:11 PM  
Subject: Glorious Manor, 420 Grand Ave.

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Dear Ms. Ferenczy,

I am writing to express my opposition to granting a Conditional Use Permit to locate a teen drug counseling center at 420 Grand Avenue, Long Beach.

My primary concern is that drug counseling centers require careful and consistent management and the owner of the property at 420 Grand has not shown herself in the past to be a responsible manager. While I understand that the owner should be able to use her property, I

believe she needs to chose a much less volatile business than a drug counseling center so that she can rebuild trust with her neighbors.

My secondary concern is whether a drug counseling center should be allowed in a residential neighborhood at all. A more appropriate location would a medical/professional complex.

Please include my concerns in the record of the appeal meeting that is to be held on this matter on February 8, 2011.

Thank you.

Signed

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Dear Councilperson O'Donnell;

I am writing about the request for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a counseling service at

420 Grand. My house is located around the corner from 420 Grand in the stated residential zone. Yes, this is a residential zone where homeowners take pride in their homes and strive to improve their properties.

Gloria Calixto has a history of disregarding city ordinances, zoning laws, and her neighbors in this residential zone. Previously she operated a shelter that caused a nightmare of problems in the neighborhood. Abandoned shopping carts, trash, tagging, and small burglaries in the neighborhood were common during her tenure, along with excess noise and fights that required a police presence. Some of the nuisance issues could not be directly linked to Glorious Manor; however, there was a sudden decrease in activity when the city closed this unlicensed facility. There was a strong neighborhood reaction to this blight on our quality of life. Gloria has shown only callous behavior toward us, her neighbors in this residential zone. I am very concerned about this Conditional Use Permit; given this is a residential neighborhood zone, given Gloria's history, given that the city does not have the resources to monitor this facility in the future, and so I strongly urge the Department of Development Services to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Bette McKinney