

To the City Council of Long Beach California
February 21, 2017

This past Saturday, February 18, I witnessed and took pictures of an employee of *Olympix Fitness* on Ocean Blvd., erasing the chalk marks placed by City of Long Beach Parking Enforcement. I called the police and reported the incident. I did not hear back from the police as to what they did or how *Olympix Fitness* responded. I believe *Olympix Fitness* needs to be fined and their business license should be placed under review.

Before Saturday's illegal actions, I have had to call the police to report construction on Sundays, and I am concerned that the owner of the building has been allowed to build 4 feet above and in some places 12 feet above what was discussed in public hearings. In addition, the gym has added tall, oversized exercise equipment on the roof where they said only yoga classes would be held. They've said one thing and done another.

In the 18 years that I have lived on Ocean Blvd. in Belmont Shore, I have on many occasions moved my car from the one hour parking time zone along Ocean Blvd. A few times I missed the cut off time and received a ticket. For 18 years I have moved my car every Thursday and Friday for street sweeping. Again sometimes getting tickets and having to pay for my tardiness or forgetfulness.

I remember getting home late and having to park sometimes 4 or 6 blocks from where I lived because of the lack of parking. But I never minded the walk because I feel privileged to live near the beautiful ocean in a wonderful community where you can feel the ocean breezes and breathe the fresh air.

I never once considered getting around the law by wiping off chalk marks so that I could avoid a ticket or stay longer in "my spot." Instead, I thought about my neighbors who might need to use the space. Even when I was in a hurry and the parking limits were a great inconvenience because I had to carry groceries or drive around looking for another spot, I never once thought to erase the chalk marks off my car. And I know my neighbors of 18 years have done the same.

I remember when *Yankee Doodles* brought trouble and now everyone seems glad to have moved on to a private gym. But is our new neighbor any better than *Yankee Doodles* when they believe they are above the law? Is our new neighbor any better when they don't consider or respect our presence? Is our new neighbor any better when they use being community minded as a sales tool rather than a reality? They showed nothing but disrespect to a community that has moved their cars for years, and walked a few extra blocks to get home.

In addition, Kurt Schneiter, the owner of the building where *Olympix Fitness* is housed is a past City of Long Beach Parking Commissioner. I assume he is also part owner of *Olympix Fitness*. Mr. Schneiter used to make the parking rules we all follow, and now when it doesn't suit him, he

bends the rules or creates an environment where those around him believe it's permissible to break the law. I believe the city should look very closely at any dealings with *Maverick Investments* and Kurt Schneiter. If he can't follow simple parking rules how can you expect him to be a good member of the community? When a former city official breaks the very laws he enacted, isn't that the definition of corruption or is it abuse of power? I believe it's both.

Sincerely,

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