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## Public Comment - J Manley



**Public Comment for El Dorado Bar & Grill**  
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Subject: Private property owners pay the price.

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Please think about the damages done.

TO: Long Beach City Council:

This is in reference to the hearing tonight regarding a permit for Entertainment without dancing by Patrons, to Kwazule Companies, Inc., DBA El Dorado Bar and Grill.

We all certainly are aware of the new operation and business commonly known as the El Dorado Bar and Grill. In the last 26 years of ownership of my home on Lees Avenue, I have seen at least 6 different versions of restaurateurs try their business model at that location. Some were successful and flourished, others just came for the quick buck and left the neighborhood racked with insult and injury. The successful ones served good food, had respect for the community and therefore attracted people from the neighborhood and elsewhere. Now, we are at that juncture once again and this is serious because win or lose the neighborhood "pays the ultimate price" not the proprietor of the establishment. We live another day lamenting that the horror will not happen again.

Therefore, I do not believe that an Entertainment Permit should be issued to the Kwazule Company. Certainly, there have been band aid fixes to the site with a fence, new outdoor patio area and upgrades in the interior. However, the real fix and needed remedy has NOT been addressed and doesn't appear to be even mentioned. The **parking, noise factor and crowds** that do not respect the neighborhood by virtue to its proximity to the El Dorado Bar and Grill. For example, the parking for the site is limited to 20--25 spaces depending on what the ownership has in the lot as storage. Permanent storage, I may add ( a real eyesore). The patrons park in our driveway, park on Pavo St. behind the restaurant (which is designated NO PARKING ANYTIME), deposit their liquor bottles in the street and other trash. This is not what the successful restaurateurs do to their neighbors. As to the noise, well, it still is a problem in that the restaurant owner is capitalizing on his bottom line of the numbers of patrons packed into his establishment at any cost. Yes, he gets the receipts for more alcohol and other amenities sold, we get the horror of drunks yelling and fighting and littering the streets irresponsibly. This sound like your neighborhood? I didn't think so.

In concluding, without any signs of limiting uncontrolled parking problems, unacceptable noise levels and the fact that most of the patrons visiting the establishment Do Not live in the

neighborhood and therefore DO NOT CARE about it either. Here on Lees Avenue we pay our property taxes, pay the City of Long Beach for trash pick ups once a week and street sweeping maintenance. We DO NOT have parking permits that some neighborhoods have had to resort to, such as in the Long Beach City College area and Cal. State University. The need for some protection is necessary and needed for our neighborhood if this is going forward. And as to the noise factor, well, I have recently been in this new establishment and it gets noisy enough as it is much less with the onslaught of "live entertainment" that attracts groups of followers (fans) from other areas that think that this neighborhood is at the disposal, literally. No place to park? How about that driveway. We are not in the business as residents to pick up after the El Dorado Bar and Grill that is adjacent to our residential property. We don't need more noise pollution to an already unmanageable amount from the intersection of Spring St. and Studebaker Ave.

We are no longer naïve and satisfied with the status quo of business as usual in such matters as the former operators of the El Dorado, such as the short-lived business practices of the infamous, Jon Storms (indicted) and his precursor. My neighbors and I understand what a permit to Entertainment means, a roadway to more of the same mistreatment by people who are irresponsible and lack self-restraint. Yes, I spoke to the new owner, Travis, and his bottom line is the money. And without appropriate guidelines and mandatory measures in place it will inevitably happen once again.

Thank you,

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