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cc district8@longbeach.gov
Subject Fwd: Public Hearing - November 19,
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City of Long Beach

Attn: Dennis Strachota, Interim Assistant Director of Business Services

Ladies & Gentlemen:

We are property owners of an office building located at 4940 Long Beach Boulevard, and we received the Public Notice concerning the issuance of a permit for "Entertainment without Dancing Patrons."

We operate our engineering/structural steel detailing corporation out of this location, and we have been in this location since 1974. We are located directly across the street from the establishment requesting this permit. When we saw the line "Entertainment without Dancing Patrons" we thought it was a euphemism for something unseemly. When we called the City of Long Beach for clarification we discovered it was a request for amplified music or two or more people performing.

Our experience of the new bar across the street requesting this permit is that it has attracted all the wrong clientele. We often see two hookers cruising the area, noise in the parking lot, a known drug dealer working the area, and it is common to see fighting in the parking lot. This "Entertainment without Dancing Patrons" can only add to the chaos.

We are committed to the neighborhood and we have watched the City of Long Beach invest in the new center dividers, encourage property owners to come into compliance with better signage and other improvements, and we have been very encouraged that the neighborhood is on the upswing. This will not help the City's efforts to upgrade our District 8.

We are sure that you are aware of the close proximity of two preschools. The preschool next door to us, Dorothy Ahrens Nursery School, is approximately 300 feet from the bar, and the preschool on the corner of Long Beach Boulevard and 49th Street is approximately 30 feet from the parking lot. This should be taken into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

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