

H-2 Community Concerns

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Emily Armstrong](#)
Subject: Black application for entertainment permit
Date: Monday, January 21, 2019 1:15:08 PM

Ms. Armstrong,

I am sending this email regarding Black's application for an entertainment permit. I am unable to attend the public hearing as I work and wouldn't be able to make the first part of the hearing.

I have resided in a condo building caddy corner to Black, at 225 Hermosa Ave. for over 3 years. Three sides of my building are on a different street, with the front being on Broadway, one side being on Hermosa, and the back being on Appleton. This means two sides of my building share a street with Black. One of those streets, Hermosa, is one way. In addition, Appleton is also one way.

I consider my building to be in a residential neighborhood as both Hermosa and Appleton are comprised of houses, apartments and condos. Only Broadway has commercial properties on it, and until Black opened, this area was largely a quiet neighborhood. The fact that two of the streets my building borders are one way, has also lended itself to a quiet area. Unfortunately, since Black has opened, it has been a disruptive influence on my neighborhood.

I walk my dog early every morning, and every evening between about 8-9:30pm. During these walks I have observed a major change to my neighborhood that is both dangerous and frustrating. Hermosa is a slow street with a stop sign at Appleton. It seldom had traffic on this section due to the lack of empty parking spaces. Since Black has opened, the amount of traffic on Hermosa has greatly increased. During my evening walk, I have observed cars speeding up Hermosa, running the stop sign, turning the wrong way on one way Appleton, double parking in the street on Hermosa to have loud conversations with people walking to or from Black, playing loud music with their windows down, and generally being a nuisance to a quiet residential street. I have also witnessed cars driving the wrong way down Hermosa having turned the wrong way off Appleton. Twice I have been accosted by a drunken pedestrian trying to pet my dog and not taking no for an answer. (This never happened prior to Black's opening.) At night, in bed, we often hear people loudly walking down Appleton singing, yelling, laughing, etc.

During my morning walk, I frequently observe trash strewn on the grass next to the street, and more frustratingly, on my building's property, in the plantings next to the building. I have to assume this increase in trash is from people driving by and chucking it out of their car, or eating while walking and tossing it, as it almost always includes hamburger boxes and packaging from Burger King, McDonalds and/or Jack in the Box. None of these eateries are

within walking distance of my neighborhood, so this trash was most likely brought here by people in cars.

I believe the above nuisances and dangerous behavior are a direct result of the increase of traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, due to the presence of Black.

Because I believe Black has already had a detrimental impact on my neighborhood, I am quite alarmed at what will most likely happen if they are granted an entertainment permit. I'm sure the purpose of applying for this permit is to increase the number of patrons, which will most certainly increase the above concerns alarmingly.

I don't know how a popular bar was ever approved for a largely residential area with little to no available parking due to our impacted parking situation. Increasing the number of patrons due to entertainment is a horrible idea for those of us who live here. I am most certainly opposed to granting Black an entertainment permit. They are already a blight on this neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Emily Armstrong](#)
Subject: Black LB bar - entertainment permit
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 10:19:57 AM

Hello Emily,

I am writing you with regards to the Black LB bar's request for an entertainment permit. I live near this bar and have already had issues with them not being respectful of the neighborhood. This part of Broadway is more residential than other sections. A few times a week I am able to hear when this bar lets out/closes for the night. Around 2 am I am frequently woken up to loud screaming/yelling drunks walking the streets and sidewalks. This bar clearly already has issues making sure their patrons attempt to be respectful of their surrounding (there's no doorman directing or watching people or controlling their patrons as they leave). They are already a disruptive presence to this area and allowing them an additional form of entertainment which inevitably will be more noise is a detriment to this neighborhood. I strongly disagree with allowing them this permit.

There were never these issues with the previous bar causing disruptive noise like this.

I am not able to attend the meeting tonight, however is it possible to see notes from the meeting after or hear if there were any results or decisions made?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Alamitos Beach resident and home owner

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Emily Armstrong; Council District 2](#)
Subject: Black LB Entertainment Permit
Date: Saturday, January 19, 2019 7:58:41 PM

Dear Emily

As an owner of a rental property located at the corner of Hermosa and Second in Long Beach, Ca , I must inform you that I'm totally against the permit requested by Black LB for Entertainment without Dancing in their establishment.

This business is already a public nuisance that detracts from the peace and quiet of our residential neighborhood.

It's a Bar for skate borders (young people) located in the corner of a residential neighborhood , late at night their costumers came out of there drunk, they are loud with no consideration for the residents in the area, a lot of commotion with no parking. The Ubers park anywhere waiting for their clients with the engines on all the time, lot of confusion , it's a nightmare.

It's incredible that they got a permit for that kind of Bar in the first place, please protect our neighborhood.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Emily Armstrong](#)
Subject: Black LB LP dba Black
Date: Monday, January 14, 2019 10:53:30 AM

Good day -

Regarding 1800 E. Broadway, 90802.

Lindsey apts. - 201, 203 Hermosa Ave & 1771, 1773 E. 2nd St. 90802 are OPPOSED to issuance of a permit for "Entertainment without Dancing.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Emily Armstrong](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments for Public Hearing/Record re: Entertainment w/o Dancing, Black LB, 1800 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802
Date: Saturday, January 19, 2019 8:31:01 PM

TO: Sandy Tsang-Palmer, Manager
Purchasing and Business Services
Department Of Financial Management
City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Blvd 90802

TO: Emily Armstrong
Administrative Analyst
Purchasing and Business Services
Department of Financial Management
City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Blvd 90802

Dear Ma'am -

In response to your solicitation for comments in regard to the requested permit to allow "Entertainment without Dancing" at Black LB, dba Black, 1800 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802, I respectfully submit the following comments for inclusion when considering **"preventing public nuisance activity that detracts from the peace and quiet of residential neighborhoods"** before granting Black the additional permit by the Long Beach City Council on Tuesday, 22 January, 2019.

Black sits on the southeast corner of Broadway and Hermosa Avenue. My place of residence is on the southwest corner of Hermosa and 2nd Street, one short block south of Broadway. Both Hermosa Avenue and 2nd Street are one-way streets. Since opening last year, Black has attracted a vibrant, young and energetic crowd on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Good times and good feelings appear to emanate from the establishment on those nights. Everyone deserves the opportunity and facility to enjoy themselves having a good time.

However, the council is requested to acknowledge and address the collateral nuisances currently detracting from the **peace and quiet of our residential neighborhood** as a result of those **few** individuals unable to restrain themselves when extending their good time in public (outside

Black) to include:

- with increased public traffic attracted to Black, the ride services Uber, Lyft, taxi and "friend rides" park on corners in red zones with/without lights on late at night at the intersection of Hermosa Avenue and 2nd Street, awaiting the patrons exiting Black at late hours and/or at closing (2am?)

- with increased public traffic attracted to Black late night has produced more vehicles (cars, motorcycles, trucks, etc) speeding/racing up Hermosa Avenue or speeding/racing across 2nd Street often running thru the newly delineated crosswalks at that intersection

- increased public traffic attracted to Black has produced numerous late night loud, argumentative, unruly, threatening and occasionally violent incidents in public in the vicinity of Hermosa Avenue and 2nd Street

- late night departing patrons from Black frequently congregate and sit on the steps of the residence on the corner of Hermosa Avenue and 2nd Street where on at least two occasions the nature and decibel level of those conversations necessitated I confront groups of individuals as politely as possible to request they either move elsewhere or terminate their conversations at that location.

- with the increased public traffic attracted to Black on those late nights around the intersection of Hermosa Avenue and 2nd Street, some increased litter (e.g., cigarette butts, empty bottles, package wrapping, trash) occurs necessitating the residents or management of the property clean up afterwards.

- with the increased public traffic on those late nights around the intersection of Hermosa Avenue and 2nd Street, there have been incidents of vomiting on residence grounds, sidewalk, greenways, curbs and streets.

To be clear, these incidents do not happen all the time nor all at once. Nor do I contend ALL these incidents are directly associated with Black patrons. However, it is one of these things or another to deal with every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night since Black opened last year.

Granting Black a permit for "Entertainment without Dancing" under whatever conditions that would entail, will only generate a corresponding proportional increase of the incidents cited above, pushing the limits of

patience of residents in this neighborhood dealing with the late evening consequences while trying to be good neighbors with the local business establishments.

Of note, whenever there is a Long Beach Police presence (parked visibly nearby), there is a corresponding "calm" at night. Which is not to say the City of Long Beach should dedicate valuable police manpower to a continuous over-watch of the area, but the peace and quiet of this residential neighborhood situation will not be improved until this unprecedented and unacceptable public behavior is managed more effectively.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
E. 2nd Street
Long Beach, CA 90802
[REDACTED]
Ph: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Emily Armstrong](#)
Subject: Entertainment Permit - Black
Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:34:37 PM

Re: the entertainment permit at Black, 1800 E. Broadway (corner of Hermosa Avenue).

I have lived at 1st and Hermosa, 1 very short block from this location, for 21 years.

Please note that this bar is located in a primarily residential neighborhood. Directly across Broadway are apartments, and directly across Hermosa Ave. are apartments, and Hermosa Ave. is residential completely toward Ocean Bl. Previous entertainment, live or DJ, at this building (Paradise Lounge) has been limited, I believe, to a 10:00 PM cut-off on weekday nights Sun.-Thurs., which we believe is fair to allow residents normal sleeping hours.

Also, parking issues have been a problem. A Valet service was used by Paradise at various times, but is not effective because the Valets simply park the cars in the street spots needed by the residents. The parking lot at the Rite Aid one block away at Broadway and Cherry was also used by Valets for a time, but now cannot be used after 10:00 P.M. and results in towing of customer cars quite often. Therefore, Paradise had to discontinue the Valet service.

I want to support local business, but again, this is a primarily residential neighborhood, not Pine Ave. A 10:00 PM end time for live or DJ music on weekdays has been used in previous businesses, which is fair, maybe extending to 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday nights.

Anything with later hours during the week should not be approved so we residents are able to sleep.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Emily Armstrong](#)
Cc: [Council District 1](#); [Council District 2](#); [Council District 3](#); [Council District 4](#); [Council District 5](#); [Council District 8](#); [Council District 6](#); [Council District 9](#); [Council District 7](#)
Subject: Entertainment Permit for Black at 1800 E. Broadway
Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 1:41:31 PM

I am emailing in regard to the proposed Entertainment Permit for Black on 1800 East Broadway.

I live a block away on 135 Hermosa Avenue. Given that Black is located in a residential district (versus an entertainment district), it's important that any permit continue to consider the nearby residents and the impact of late-night loud music.

The Paradise, which was previously in this space, had this 10 p.m. limit during the week I believe. I have to get up for work at 6:30 AM, so any extension of the present 10:00 PM cut-off time for music is a big problem.

I want to support the local business, but in a residential district, there must be a balance to allow us residents our 8 hours of sleep! 10:00 PM Sun-Thurs and 11:00 PM Fri-Sat would be reasonable.

If you would like to speak with me further, I can be reached at 805-680-7846.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
135 Hermosa Ave
Long Beach, CA 90802

January 19, 2019

BLACK LB LP DBA BLACK ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

EMILY ARMSTRONG
LONG BEACH GOV

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