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Dr. Suja Lowenthal
Councilmember

## Memorandum

To:

Mayor and City Council

August 13, 2013

From:

Suja Lowenthal, Second District

Subject:

**Downtown Dining and Entertainment District** 

## **REQUESTED ACTION:**

Request the City Attorney draft an interim ordinance that prohibits the issuance of a business license for a nightclub establishment with a Type 48 Alcohol License while a study is undertaken.

Request the City Attorney draft an interim ordinance that caps the number of Entertainment Permits in the Downtown Dining and Entertainment District (known as the "District") at its current level of active permits and prohibits businesses without a fully operating kitchen from applying for a permit for a period of up to one-year from the passage of the ordinance.

Request the City Manager conduct a one-year evaluation with regularly scheduled stakeholder workshops to address topics relating to the District, including but not limited to:

- Evaluation of Conditions of Operations and Tiered Regulations as the best means for ensuring the original tenets of the District formation, as follows:
  - o Competitive parity between Pine Avenue, the Pike and Shoreline Village
  - Support residential development
  - o Balance between retail and restaurant uses
  - Noise impacts
  - o Automobile gridlock
- Expansion of District borders
- Consideration of distinct districts such as Dining, Entertainment, and Retail
- Survey of cities with entertainment areas and/or permitting processes to identify best practices for management and enforcement

Request the creation of a Steering Committee made up of stakeholders representing the residents, landlords, businesses, conventions, and improvement districts in the Dining and Entertainment District to assist with the study and public outreach while providing input to staff.