



Date: June 12, 2007
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
Subject: Correspondence – Council Agenda Item No. 1

The City Clerk has received as of 1:00 P.M. today the attached correspondence regarding Agenda Item No. 1 relative to the hearing for the Gaslamp Restaurant and Bar.

Any correspondence received after 1:00 P.M. will be distributed at the meeting.

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WHALERS COVE

Home Owner's Association Board of Directors

To Councilmember Gary Delong,

On behalf of the homeowners and residents of Whaler's Cove, The Home Owner's Association Board of Directors expresses a deep concern about the current and future activities at the Gaslamp and it's impact on our community.

With the departure of Live Bait and the negative impact it had on the surrounding neighborhood, It was of great hope and expectation that the next establishment would consider the past issues of the previous business owners before moving into our Community. When the Gaslamp first opened their doors, it was promoted as a restaurant, and we all hoped and believed that it would become a positive dining addition to our neighborhood. Instead, it has become a very popular bar spot again for a much younger crowd on Friday and Saturday nights. So popular that the parking lot cannot contain the amount of patrons during those two night between the times of 8pm to 1:30am. The patrons are now parking along Loynes Dr., a street that has never been used for parking before the Gaslamp opened its doors. There have even been a few incidents where Gaslamp patrons have parked their cars within our gated community. In one particular instance, two young men followed one of the homeowners into our gated community so they could get to their car and leave. This type of action does not help nor create a sense of safety for the residents of Whalers Cove.

In addition, with so many patrons in the Gaslamp, the noise level coming from this establishment has dramatically increased. As a Community that resides directly across the street from the Gaslamp, the voices, laughter and music echo's throughout the night. The homeowners cannot do anything about this and are placed in a position to endure this intrusion to their peace and quiet. At the conclusion of these nights it is far to common that our homeowners are awakened by people leaving the Gaslamp screaming to one another and/or cars exiting the premises at a high rate of speed blaring music as they leave.

It is now of great concern that the Gaslamp is applying for a dance permit. Please consider the current impact the Gaslamp's popularity is having on our Community to date. These issues must be addressed and resolved first. To issue a dance permit to the Gaslamp will only insure that the rate of noise and disturbance to the surrounding community will only increase. We would like to support our local businesses, but at what cost to the surrounding residents and homeowners. With this in mind, the community of Whalers Cove formally requests that the Gaslamp does not receive the dance permit due to the current burden being placed on the surrounding community and the potential escalation of this problem if the Gaslamp where to turn into a nightclub.

We hope that this letter was helpful and has given you insight on the thoughts and wishes of homeowners and residents of Whaler's Cove.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Whaler's Cove HOA

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BAY HARBOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

June 11, 2007

To: Councilmember Gary Delong

From: Board of Directors

Mr. Delong,

On behalf of the homeowners and residents of Whaler's Cove, The home Owner's Association Board of Directors express a deep concern about the current and future activities at the Gaslamp and it's impact on our community.

With the departure of Live Bait and the negative impact it had on the surrounding neighborhood, it was of great hope and expectation that the next establishment would consider the past issues of the previous business owners before moving into our community. When the Gaslamp first opened their doors, it was promoted as a restaurant, and we all hoped and believed it would become a positive dining addition to our neighborhood. Instead, it has become a very popular bar spot again for a much younger crowd on Friday and Saturday nights. So popular, that the parking lot cannot contain the amount of patrons during those two nights between the times of 8pm to 1:30am. The patrons are now parking along Loynes Dr., a street that has never been used for parking before the Gaslamp opened its doors.

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We hope that this letter was helpful and has given you insight on the thoughts and wishes of homeowners and residents of Bay Harbour.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Bay Harbour Board of Directors

Councilmember DeLong,

The residents of the Belmont Shores Mobile Estates (BSME) mobilehome park hereby state their opposition to the application by the Gas Lamp night club for a permanent dance permit.

The Gas Lamp was originally licensed to be a family restaurant, closing at 10PM. This venue was acceptable to the residents of BSME immediately adjacent to the Gas Lamp. Unfortunately, it all too quickly became a night club. This change was very much not in the best interests of BSME residents, as evidenced by their great displeasure with a previous night club at the same location, the Live Bait.

The current night club venue has continuously produced unacceptable levels of noise and disturbances by patrons, many of whom appear to be under the influence of alcohol. Over the past two years, efforts to prevent the excessive noise and disturbances from the Gas Lamp have failed, and the problem has become progressively worse. Area residents are deprived of their right to the quiet enjoyment of their residences.

Therefore, the residents of BSME request that the Gas Lamp's application for a permanent dance permit be denied by the Long Beach City Council.

In addition, we ask that current City noise abatement/restriction ordinances be enforced at the Gas Lamp, and the City work with the CA Alcohol Control Board (ABC) to ensure the Gas Lamp's compliance with various restrictions related to its license.

Thank you for your consideration.

James Glendenning
President

June 11, 2007

It is with much support I write this letter for the Gas Lamp in Long Beach.

I have been not only a very happy customer, but have worked with Alicia and Jennifer for the past two years in support of the positive image of their establishment.

I have been their primary “go-to” person for many special event-planning needs, which they have hosted. Some include my son’s birthday parties, and my college student’s last class meeting party, high school team parties, plus numerous other events sponsored by the Gas Lamp. Many of these events have been fund-raisers to support the wonderful organizations here in Long Beach. Alicia and Jen never say NO to anyone wanting their support for a local Long Beach charity.

Each and every time I have needed to consult with these two professional women one thing always was their priority...making their customers happy. Their attention to detail, concern for good food served in a safe environment is un-matched. Their friendly staff is one of the many things that make the Gas Lamp so very popular among their customers. MANY are return customers who bring all of their friends.

I plan to continue taking my family and friends there often and am planning Long Beach Poly’s 40th reunion there this summer with the Elm Street Band. It is a grand venue for many Long Beach events.

How wonderful to have this entertaining establishment in our city. They add so much to drawing many to our town.

**Sincerely,
Jeri Carter
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Part time faculty, CSULB**



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To: <cityclerk@longbeach.gov>
cc: <district3@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Gaslamp Restaurant

06/11/2007 06:26 PM

Mr. Herrera

I am writing this email to endorse Gaslamp Restaurant in Long Beach as a bridge connecting the city vision with the local community. The best way I can echo this by repeating what Major Bob foster said **"Our blend of big city convenience with the friendly, relaxed atmosphere of an ocean side community is unmatched."** This is the feeling I get when I go to Gaslamp. I staff & manage hundreds of conventions, tradeshow and events at the Long Beach convention center and when clients are looking for a good place to go eat and enjoy the local community flavor, I always recommend Gaslamp above all. I have yet to get any complaints from my clients.

I have been working in special events through-out the nation in the last 12 yrs but dealing with the Long Beach community is truly a treat. Due to places like Gaslamp is why I am looking to buy a house in Long Beach this winter. I love Gaslamp's vision from hosting wine tastings, professional networking mixers, socials, weddings, fundraisers, special events promoting our community, etc, etc.

Working with different entities and government & city institutions in Long Beach, I feel Gaslamp is in line with our vision to make Long Beach the #1 destination in the nation. The Long Beach CVB motto "Long Beach after dark is a world like no other--filled with scintillating salsa, sultry jazz, classic rock n' roll and some of the leading sounds on the alternative scene. From Latin clubs to jazz and cigar lounges, Long Beach is the hotbed of grooves and tunes to light up the night. Whether you're downtown, in the East Village or in Belmont Shore, there's always a hot band, sizzling hangout or smokin' dance floor ready to show you the time of your life."

Mr. Herrera, as a respected professional in the City of Long Beach and soon to be a resident "again" in this city, I endorse Gaslamp Restaurant 100%.

I can be reached anytime on my cell phone if you wish sir.

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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov
Subject: The Gaslamp Restaurant

06/11/2007 07:35 PM

Mr. Herrera,

I understand that The Gaslamp Restaurant is under evaluation for a change to their use permit. As a Long Beach resident and homeowner, I am writing to you to express my support for The Gaslamp Restaurant and the requested change. I've been a believer in The Gaslamp Restaurant since the two owners, Jennifer McDonald and Alicia Shelton, signed their lease. Since that day, The Gaslamp Restaurant has blossomed into an affluent eatery and entertainment venue catering to a diverse community of business leaders, professionals, seniors and young adults. Some prominent events I've noticed at The Gaslamp include, countless charity fundraisers benefiting public services, weddings, birthdays, wine tastings and varying complimentary entertainment shows, all of which were successfully managed with professional aptitude.

Since the restaurant's opening, I have been amazed with the exemplary care and concern that Alica Shelton and Jennifer McDonald have shown to maintain the delicate balance of a restaurant with entertainment, located next to a housing community. On many occasions, I've witnessed both owners visit the immediate surrounding properties to ensure that events held at the restaurant are silent in the surrounding communities. In addition, I've noticed that if a large crowd is expected there are always an abundance of courteous security staff helping with crowd management.

In closing, by providing a safe and pleasurable environment, The Gaslamp Restaurant has become a wonderful addition to the city of Long Beach for all ages to enjoy. I hope that the city recognizes The Gaslamp as a responsible, successful, contributing business and grants them the requested changes to their use permit. Thank you for your consideration and time.

I have owned and lived at the following location since August 2003:

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To: <cityclerk@longbeach.gov>
cc: <District3@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Gaslamp Restaurant & Bar

06/11/2007 07:46 PM

Dear Mr. Herrera,

Please grant this wonderful venue their Dance License.

I had my husband's 70th birthday party WITH A BAND and dancing - a tremendous success.

We had our whole family there for Thanksgiving (6months - 94 years old)

We love going there for dinner and dancing,

Please don't deny a terrific addition to the community, both young and old.

PLEASE listen to your constituents, happy residents and pleased patrons.

Sincerely - Susan & Morton La Pittus



"Monica & Larry"
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To: <cityclerk@longbeach.gov>
cc: <district3@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Gaslamp Restuarant

06/11/2007 09:41 PM

Dear Mr. Herrera,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Gaslamp Restaurant & Bar, located at 6251 E. Pacific Coast Highway. It has been a real pleasure watching it change from a horrible, boarded-up windows, dive joint to a well-run sophisticated restaurant catering to all ages (we're mid-50's). They have informative wine-tasting events, karaoke night for those who indulge and theme nights such as "Christmas in July" with special decorations and fun prizes. Their menu ranges from kid's fingerfood to fancy steaks and chops so you always have plenty of choices.

It's been a long, hard journey but the two owners, Alicia and Jennifer, have taken extra care in making it a great place for customers as well as residents of Long Beach. As such, we've especially enjoyed their numerous fund-raisers for people and causes in great need. The Gaslamp Restaurant is always quick to answer the call and has helped in many different areas. We really appreciate neighbors like these and wish more businesses could be like them.

In addition, it's nice to find a place like Gaslamp to hold a wedding and/or reception with such flair and atmosphere without breaking the bank as you won't find anything else in Long Beach even remotely close in price. The owners really enjoy working with brides and grooms to make their day as special as can be and it shows in the responses they get from attendees.

Bottom line, we feel the Gaslamp Restaurant is a great place to dine and dance, enjoy a cold beverage while watching a game on the big screen or just chatting with friends. Please do everything in your power to ensure it stays that way.

Sincerely,
Monica and Larry Reed
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To: CITYCLERK@LONGBEACH.GOV
cc: DISTRICT3@LONGBEACH.GOV
Subject: GASLAMP

06/11/2007 10:16 PM

I AM WRITING THIS EMAIL IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE GASLAMP. I HAVE BEEN A LONG BEACH RESIDENT FOR THE PASS 10 YEARS. AND, EVER SINCE THE "GIRLS" TOOK OVER THE RESTARAUNT IT HAS BECOME ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES TO GO. WHETHER I AM JUST ENJOYING DINNER WITH MY WIFE AND 3 KIDS OR WATCHING A SPORTING EVENT ON TV WITH FRIENDS. I HAVE NEVER HAD A PROBLEM THERE AND GO VERY OFTEN . IT IS A SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND UPCLASS ESTABLISHMENT GOOD FOR ALL EVENTS. PLEASE ALLOW THE GASLAMP TO CONTINUE TO BECOME A STRONG POSITIVE CORNERSTONE OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, RACES, AND DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE. THANK YOU.

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"Vanessa Vance"
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06/11/2007 10:32 PM

To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov
Subject: Gaslamp

My name is Vanessa Vance, I just finished my first year at Cal State Long Beach, and I have been a hostess at the Gaslamp since September of last year. Upon my high school graduation my parents moved from Riverside to Arizona and I have been in Long Beach to fend for myself and go to school. I did not know a single person until I started to work at Gaslamp. Without this job I would not be able to afford the higher education I am getting. The Gaslamp has become my saving grace and my second family. As the hostess, I speak with every person who sits down at a table. For people who have been to the location when it was "Live Bait", they say, "This place has really come a long way". But more than what the guests of the Gaslamp have said, I have seen and experienced what the owners, Alicia Shelton and Jen McDonald go through. I have seen them organize fundraisers for police, veterans, and school bands alike. Never once have they turned down the opportunity to help friends who have been in an accident, or the family of John Burke at his tragic passing, or the passing of recently fallen soldiers. I know how important it is to these women to maintain a class act establishment. These women are not willing to see the Gaslamp turn to shambles any more than the city council is. The Gaslamp is important to the owners, to the workers, to the guests, to the many many citizens who have been helped, and to me. I am proud to work at the Gaslamp and call it my home. The Gaslamp deserves to conduct business in the classy and appropriate manner of which they have carried the establishment since its opening. Having a permanent dance license will allow for the Gaslamp to remain open and thriving, while providing a safe and enjoyable environment for the citizens of Long Beach. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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To: <cityclerk@longbeach.gov>, <district3@longbeach.gov>
cc:
Subject: Council Meeting Agenda

06/11/2007 11:11 PM

Dear Mr. Herrera and Councilmember DeLong,

My name is Travis Goertz and I have been a resident of Long Beach for 21 years. My daughter Allison attends Wilson high school with Councilmember DeLong's daughter Betsy who is a close friend of hers. I have worked at CSULB for the past 8 years and for LBUSD for the 11 years prior to that. I regularly vote in all city elections and am an active member of the community.

It's my understanding that the Gaslamp Restaurant & Bar is on the city council agenda for tomorrow's meeting with regard to an amendment to their license which would permanently allow dancing at the establishment.

I hope you'll both support the amendment without restrictive measures to the license to allow the Gaslamp to flourish as a successful business in their current location.

I know the Gaslamp has hosted and contributed to several charitable events and causes such as the benefit for wounded police officers Wade and Yap (an event my daughter and a high school friend volunteered for) and continues to organize such events even in the wake of the vote on their license. Owners Jennifer McDonald and Alicia Shelton have built a significant reputation as philanthropists which can only be an asset to the business community of Long Beach as a whole.

In a very short time span, they have built a business which this district can be proud of. It's nice to read in the local papers about the Gaslamp's positive involvement with and impact on the community.

I understand that there are reservations about issuing the dance license. Again, the Gaslamp regularly supports the Long Beach community in charitable ways. It would seem that the city would benefit greatly if business at the Gaslamp continues to grow.

Please vote in support of the dance license at tomorrow's meeting.

Thanks very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Travis Goertz



Jessica Wood
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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov
Subject: Gaslamp

06/12/2007 12:08 AM

Dear Larry Herrera,

I am writing you in regards to the Gaslamp. I cannot express to you enough how many pleasant experiences I have had there. Last June, we had my daughter, Jennie's college graduation party there. We had over 100 guests all of whom were more than pleased with the evening. I received numerous phone calls from family and friends to let me know how wonderful the food and service were and how much fun the evening was as the entertainment began. In fact, my daughter's graduation party has led to several of those guests planning events at the Gaslamp including my nephew's 18th birthday and high school graduation party.

The Gaslamp provides for fun for all age ranges and Jennifer and Alicia have been nothing but accommodating to myself and those who have planned events after my daughter's party. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Jessica Wood

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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov
Subject: The Gaslamp in Long Beach

06/12/2007 07:30 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

The Gaslamp in Long Beach has been a great source of family entertainment, social gatherings, and facility to hold special events for me and my family. The Gaslamp has played an important role in our family traditions.

The facility is conveniently located in the center of where our entire family lives in Long Beach, making the location an ideal place for family get-to-togethers, dinners, etc. On an annual basis we hold a rather large birthday celebration for my brother who is a regular attendee to the Gaslamp. We always have an outcome over 50 people or more just for family birthday celebrations and everyone always walks away with an positive experience. We have family members in other states that look forward to visiting us on an annual basis and know how popular, fun, and entertaining the Gaslamp is. The quality of service at the Gaslamp is outstanding due to the fact their staff is very helpful, quick to meet all your needs, and all accommodation's are either met or exceeded.

The Gaslamp is not only an entertainment venue for the adult crowd within our family and friends but always a pleasurable experience for my toddlers as well. My two sons always look forward to eating dinner at the Gaslamp because of the great music, children accommodations, and food. The Gaslamp provides a relaxed atmosphere for me and my children because they are so kid friendly with the children entertainment they provide (coloring books, toys, games, etc) and the staff is always quick to meet any special attention we made need when dining with toddlers.

Like I mentioned before, the Gaslamp plays an important role in our family traditions as it is always the first place we think of when hosting events. We have held many birthday celebrations, family dinners and where intending to hold a few babyshowers, bachelor/bachelorette parties and even an huge birthday celebration for our grandfather who is turning 80 years old this year.

If the Gaslamp were to ever close, my family would be heartbroken because it really is the primary facility for family entertainment and social gatherings for us.

Sincerely,
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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov
Subject: The Gaslamp

06/12/2007 09:51 AM

Council Member,

I am a frequent patron of The Gaslamp and would like to see it continue its great growth and success here in Long Beach. Ever since taking over that location improvements and renovations have made Gaslamp a fun place to eat, drink and dance.

Prior to becoming Gaslamp the previous venues were never as clean and well patrolled by security. Gaslamps parking lot has security patrolling at all times. Inside Gaslamp is clean and also plenty of security guards.

When comparing the crowds that frequented the previous two venues to the crowd the frequent Gaslamp, about 90% of the crowd is from Long Beach State or Alumni from LB State. Where as the crowds from the other two venues were most definitely not from LB State. The Gaslamp opened, I believe my senior year at LB State and I think I went to that location prior to becoming Gaslamp about 3 times, now that it has become The Gaslamp I have been there 75 - 100 times.

The Gaslamp has done many fundraisers, recently one was for the Long Beach Police Officers that were shot and killed, there have been wedding receptions, graduation parties and hundreds of birthday parties. I personally will be having my 30th birthday party there next Friday. Family and friends will be joining me for dinner and then staying for the band. The Gaslamp is a great place to hang out with friends and feel safe. Long Beach needs more venues like The Gaslamp.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Renny Sibiglia

A loyal Gaslamp friend!

We won't tell. Get more on shows you hate to love
(and love to hate): Yahoo! TV's Guilty Pleasures list.
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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov
Subject: The Gaslamp

06/12/2007 09:56 AM

To whom it may concern,

I have made several visits to the Gaslamp since I found it two years ago, and I think it is one of the nicest restraunts I have been in. The guests, the staff, and the entertainment are clean and classy and great for all ages over 21.

I recently got engaged. The Gaslamp has been the source of so many happy memories for my fiancée and myself that we are considering having our wedding and reception there next year.

We moved to Orange County a few years ago and finding a "night life" place that was clean and classy was not easy. We searched Long Beach for a place that we liked and were fortunate to try the Gaslamp one night. There is such a variety of entertainment and we have made almost weekly outings there ever since.

Thank you for your time.

Tiffany Green
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06/12/2007 10:00 AM

To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
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Subject: supportive email

The following message was sent to me on my Myspace in support of the Gaslamp Restaurant and Bar.

I am a Bar Owner in the city of Bellflower and I have been to your place several times and have never had any problems you have a professional staff and a clean atmosphere. I hope your success will come..

BOTTOMS UP BAR KARAOKE CLUB 562-920-2012
Owner, Suzanne M. Blevins

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06/12/2007 10:03 AM

To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov, sheltonalicia@hotmail.com
Subject: support email

The following email was sent via myspace in support of the Gaslamp Restaurant and Bar.

Dear City of Long Beach,

I'm writing this on behalf of myself and my three best friends, Megan Garrett, Yasmin Chowdhury, and Julie Magnus. We have been coming to Gaslamp at least once a week for many months now...in fact we have at different times all driven many miles just to spend time at Gaslamp. In fact, Megan has even driven from Las Vegas in order to spend Friday night with at this one of kind institution.

That's what Gaslamp is- an institution. Its positive energy is so invigorating that you find it hard to stay away. Gaslamp has helped us get through break-ups, difficult life choices, and lost loved ones. Less the month ago, I witnessed a group of mourners for a fallen soldier make a pilgrimage to Gaslamp, because that's where Josh would have wanted to be remembered.

I admit that I don't understand the politics behind dance permits, but I can only stress that Gaslamp and all that it has to offer- food, drinks, music, dancing, happiness, friends- is nothing but a positive fixture in the LBC, no make that in the greater southern California area. Please allow Gaslamp to keep delivering the sunshine at the end of my weeks!

Very Best,
Samantha Henry
Los Angeles Resident and Gaslamp Friday Night Regular

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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
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Subject: Gaslamp Restaunt, Long Beach

06/12/2007 10:12 AM

Hello,

I just wanted to take a minute to express my views on The Gaslamp resturaunt in Long Beach.

The Gaslamp is the refined type of place that this city has needed. It charming, it's poised, and the entertainment is great.

I go the The Gaslamp regularly because it is different then most places. There has never been a bar fight or anything even close when I have been there. The staff is great. Also the entertainment is amazing. Every night it seems there is something different, and it is always clean entertainment, unlike alot of places.

I always take out of town visitors to the Gaslamp, because it makes Long Beach look good!

Thanks for taking the time to read this and take in everything I have expressed.

Nick Choate



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06/12/2007 10:29 AM

To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Gaslamp Restaurant

Dear City Clerk,

I understand some neighbors of mine have registered a complaint about the Gaslamp Restaurant. I live in the back of the Belmont Shore Mobile Estates and my bedroom faces the Gaslamp parking lot. I am very, very close to the restaurant. I have lived here since June of 06. I also have a little barking dog that sleeps on my bed and if he hears a leaf drop, he barks his head off. My point is that not one time have I heard or been awakened by noise coming from the Gaslamp.

I also know there are several old biddies that are bored and are constantly looking for something to complain about. It seems they have nothing else in life to do.

As far as I (and my family) are concerned the Gaslamp has been a terribly good neighbor and has never caused us to be concerned. We have never heard a single thing coming from their direction.

I think it would be a terrible thing if 3 or 4 old troublemakers could cause this business to go away.

Yours truly,

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cc to: District 3 Atten: Mr. DeLong



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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
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Subject: The Gaslamp

06/12/2007 10:36 AM

This message is for City Clerk, Larry Herrera:

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the recent uproar by some neighbors around the Gaslamp who fear that a dance license will cause much noise and disturbance in their area. I can say first hand that as a mother of 2, one 3 years old and one 3 months old, I absolutely enjoy going to eat dinner with my family there. Not only do they have games for the kids to play, but the staff and their owners are so cordial and pleasant. I highly doubt that by giving them a dance license things would change so drastically as a couple of old neighbors who have never even been in there would think. I have also been in there without my kids in the evening and the security has that place in check; there are only the occasional incidences which happen at ALL establishments. I feel very safe there with the security and confident that I will not be harmed. The Gaslamp is so far from the old "Live Bait" and it would be a SHAME for you to not give this place a dance license based off a few pissed off senior citizens. The owners are great in the community, do fundraisers, weddings, birthdays.....How can you explain to a bride and groom who were just married that they can't have their first dance because its after 10 and they aren't allowed to? Please do the right thing and let the Gaslamp prove to the neighbors and the city that they can handle a full licensee with no restrictions.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Barrett, Mom of 2 and Gaslamp regular

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"Erin Silva"
<jtsmomma@hotmail.com>

To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov, district3@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Gaslamp

06/12/2007 10:39 AM

Larry Herrera,

My name is Erin Silva and I am writing to you in support of The Gaslamp. I have been there on several occasions and each time it has been a great experience. I've gone there for a some drinks and to socialize, and I've also gone there to have dinner with my 6 year old son and family. I feel very safe when I'm there. I have never witnessed any out of control situations. I would never bring my son there if I thought it was a bad place. Jen and everyone at The Gaslamp have always been very nice and friendly. They care about their establishment and would never let anything happen to jeprodize what they have there.

Thank You,
Erin Silva
(562) 606-9965

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"Robert Pingatore"
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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Gaslamp

06/12/2007 11:47 AM

Mr. Herrera,

I understand that the young ladies who own the Gaslamp restaurant will be appearing this afternoon, and wish to send a quick note of support for their establishment. While the previous places of business that were in this location previously were of a dubious nature, the Gaslamp has from its opening been a place that has provided outstanding food, reasonably priced beverages, and a relaxed and positive atmosphere. I've attended multiple fundraisers, a wedding, and other community-building events within its walls, and wish to express a deep appreciation for its role in the community.

In the past few years, decisions by city leadership have repeatedly questioned my faith in the 'Business Friendly' image that is purported to be Long Beach's mantra. My hope is that in some small way, your influence may be a tempering one, and that an appropriate balance may be struck through your efforts. Having said as much, two small business owners such as those who own the Gaslamp and who provide their community with a place for dining and relaxation that is quite unique to the marketplace are ideal candidates for a favorable reception from the city.

Thank you for your time and attention, and I hope my petition falls not upon deaf ears.

Sincerely,
Robert Pingatore



Marcela Hammond
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06/12/2007 11:37 AM

To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov
Subject: The Gaslamp Dance License

Dear City Clerk Larry Herrera,

1. I am a local from Long Beach born and raised and have been to just about every bar and restaurant in town. Gaslamp is the most controlled, comfortable place I have been to and their security is top notch. I go there almost if not every weekend and can honestly say I have NEVER seen a situation get out of control or that the security guards cannot handle.

2. I have a 3 year old nephew and his friends that I take every Friday night to eat, play board games, color and dance in their fun colored spot lights. Every time we drive by the Gaslamp he says "I want to go to Gaslamp!" and cries if we don't. He would be devastated if he could not dance on that dance floor.

3. Just because a few (and I mean a hand full) of neighbors who are all over 60 and pretty bitter at the world anyway) are "afraid" that it will turn in to Live Bait please don't prevent a full dance license be given to them. These people who complained 9 out of 10 times haven't even been inside the Gaslamp and don't know how it works.

Please take this into consideration and give the Gaslamp and their awesome security the opportunity to prove they can handle this privilege and keep things under control.

Sincerely,
Marcela Hammond

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"Valerie Arias"
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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
cc: district3@longbeach.gov
Subject: Gaslamp Restaurant and Bar

06/12/2007 11:48 AM

Dear Mr. Herrera:

I am writing you in regards to the Gaslamp Restaurant and Bar.

I have been a patron of the Gaslamp for the past year and a half and I love the ambiance and energy that the restaurant provides. It is a great place to meet friends for drinks, socialize with Long Beach locals and to celebrate special occasions (I just recently celebrated my birthday at the Gaslamp and had a wonderful time).

In addition, my sister has been a cocktail server at the Gaslamp for the past several months. What I especially like about the Gaslamp is how protective they are of their employees and how their safety is never compromised. My sister feels safe in her work environment and security is so important - especially when there can be a couple of people who don't know how to properly handle their alcohol.

While I live in Los Angeles and there are many bars and restaurants, the Gaslamp stands out to me though it is in Long Beach. Whenever I take a friend down to the Gaslamp, they always leave saying how they wish they had a place like this in LA. Which is true. The Gaslamp is unique because it has that neighborhood feel - it's intimate and fun but not too ultra-glam or too exclusive. It's open to EVERYONE - no guest list or pricey cover to keep people out. It is place that welcomes all.

I have NEVER had a bad experience at the Gaslamp. The staff is dedicated to making it a place that is enjoyable to all - something that shouldn't go unnoticed or overlooked.

Please, I ask you, to help keep the energy of this fine establishment up and running. It is solid scene on the Long Beach landscape that deserves to remain in its spot.

With kind regards and many thanks,

Valerie Arias



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06/12/2007 11:52 AM

To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov, district3@longbeach.gov, "Alicia Shelton"
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cc:
Subject: The Gaslamp Resturant

To Larry Herrera and Council member DeLong,

I understand there will be a hearing today regarding the current licensing status for the Gaslamp Resturant. I am unable to attend the evenings meeting, and in lieu of my attendance, I would like to submit this letter to show my support. I live in Long Beach (Park Estates) and have called this city my home for over 10 years. I am both personally and professionally dedicated to the area, and because of that, I have to voice my strong feelings about Alicia Shelton and Jennifer McDonald. I met them both 2 years ago, and have found them to be hard-working and totally dedicated to making the Gaslamp into a great dining and entertainment destination. Think they are focused on loud music and Saturday night clubbing? You couldn't be more incorrect with your assumption. They have gone far and above to integrate the Gaslamp into the neighborhood by playing host to and providing a place for many groups and organizaions to meet. In addition, they have done numerous fundraisers for some of our locals, which entails alot of hard work and dedication, without much of a financial payback. I consider Alicia to be a personal friend, a relationship that was developed after I rented commerical kitchen space from her for a business I owned at the time. Her upbeat optimism, incredible love of her job (especially in this day and age of decaying work ethics) and her unwavering commitment to making the Gaslamp the best it can be makes her not only a valued member of our business community, but also someone who deserves the professional respect of the lawmakers of Long Beach. They provide a popular destination on the weekends for folks looking for good music and a fun atmosphere, which in turn keeps the money in Long Beach vs a club in LA or OC. I know they are sensitive to the level of noise that may affect local residents and I can assure you, that issue is pretty paramount during their planning and organizational meetings.

Please recognize that they are running the business with a high standard of ethics and with a keen sense of how a community needs to come together. Please work with them to come to positive solutions for everyone involved.

Sincerely,
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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov
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06/12/2007 11:54 AM

Dear City Clerk, Larry Herrera

Just wanted to write and say I think Gaslamp should keep there Dance permit.

Zac

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