



Date: September 11, 2007
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
Subject: City Council Meeting September 11, 2007

As of 11:00 A.M. today, the City Clerk has received the attached correspondence regarding Agenda Item No. 1 relative to the continued hearing for the Gaslamp Restaurant and Bar.

Any correspondence received after 11:00 A.M. will be distributed at the meeting.

Attachments (13)

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Sincerely,

Michael D. Lynn



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Subject The Gaslamp and our neighborhood

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For the past few months, at the request of one of our neighbors, I have been attending "Permit" meetings of the Gaslamp Restaurant on the corner of PCH and Loynes Drive. The Gaslamp is the upscale restaurant that replaced "Live Bait", "Some unremembered night club", Bentleys and even an Olive Garden for those of us that have been around since the 70's (and no not the Olive Garden franchise we know today). It has been the source of many headaches, both figuratively and literally.

For many years, the site was the source of unwanted noise, drunk patrons and other assorted less than desirable activities. Then Alicia & Jennifer took over the Gaslamp, serving the community with fine foods and an opportunity to have some wine or alcohol with our meal. Then they started allowing private parties like weddings and church services at the site. Not exactly sleazy stuff, but they needed an entertainment permit for weddings etc. which they got, unopposed. Now they are trying to get a dance permit, after all what would a wedding be without a chance to dance and patrons also wanted to dance to DJ's and bands that would appear at the place in the evenings.

They are going to the City Council on Sept. 11th, for consideration of an approval of a dance permit, but there are some who are concerned about the issuance of such a permit. They have registered one primary complaint.

LOUD NOISES FROM THE MUSIC and PATRONS and THEIR AUTOS - PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY LEAVE THE PREMISES.

Since then they have soundproofed the premises so well that even a surprise visit from the LB Health Dept. found there was no noise emanating from the building (they thought the band had stopped playing which it had not) and that it was hard to distinguish between parking lot noise and street noise--you know how noisy PCH can get.

They have also increased security in their parking lot, encouraging patrons who are leaving the premises to respect the rights of neighboring residents and be quiet. These guards are posted all around the premises and are wearing yellow jackets so that they are easily identified. In addition, there are signs posted all over the place re: respecting the neighbors.

They have also implemented "Valet" service at the suggestion of UPENA President Janice Dahl so that cars parked adjacent to areas where people are living are parked along the fence by persons who will not make lots of noise. In addition, they are investigating sound absorbing landscaping along those back fences to assure there is less intrusion into the lives of their neighbors, the Mobile Homes, Whalers Cove and adjacent housing developments.

Loynes Drive will have red curbs and "no parking" and they have closed the entry adjacent to the Marina Bahia Yacht Club parking lot, which at times creates its own "Night Music", not to mention the traffic that comes through from the Golden Sails.

I believe that we should support our neighbors. I very much believe that the woes of each of our neighbors will eventually be our woes too. I would suggest that when, and if, the Gaslamp ceases to be a "Good Neighbor" we should step up and protest their presence, but given their honest and sincere efforts to comply with the concerns of all of us, we should support their efforts.

Therefore, I am asking if you have a moment, could you please send a note to the City Council, which will be considering their permit on the 11th of September, asking them to approve their permit. If you know any of the City Council personally, a phone call would also be great. I am personally going to go to support them since I know they sincerely want to work with the community. I also would suggest you take the family and go have dinner at their place--the food is great and it is a very wholesome environment. If you are into dancing, hopefully you will have a place to go soon as well.

Cordially, your friend and neighbor
Pat Towner



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09/10/2007 08:16 AM

Subject Support for The Gaslamp

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to support The Gaslamp in their efforts to get an Entertainment Permit For Dancing By Patrons.

I have had the opportunity to see a couple of performances there. Those experiences proved to be safe and enjoyable.

The Gaslamp is also currently attempting to contribute to the community by being hospitable to the students of CSULB and charitable causes.

The city would be well advised to support this business and give it an opportunity to grow.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Subject The GasLamp Restaurant and Bar - Vote YES to extend
dance permit

Dear Mayor Foster, Mr. Herrera, Councilman DeLong and City Council Members,

My name is Marilyn Frapwell. I work with the Long Beach Unified School District and have lived in Long Beach with my husband and 3 children for 30 years. I have had the pleasure of working with Jenn MacDonald and Alicia Shelton on various occasions at the GasLamp Restaurant. These two VERY professional women have enabled my family and friends to celebrate college graduations, birthdays and anniversaries in a warm and fun atmosphere. I have also participated in their "winetasting Thursdays" and have enjoyed it immensely.

Presently, I have 3 college-age children. They love to go to the GasLamp and have a fun and entertaining evening with friends. I have also gone to check things out on a Friday night and have observed people having a great time with very few problems. I have also observed the VERY professional staff that sees to it that everyone is happy and safe.

I feel that the GasLamp has vastly improved a once "not very impressive site" and changed it into a place that is not only aesthetically pleasing, but is also a restaurant that serves the community well. I feel that we, as a community, need to support businesses that meet the needs of Long Beach. Jenn and Alicia have been constantly supportive of the police department, council people, and citizens-in- need through fundraising events at the GasLamp and through monetary gifts.

I, as a Long Beach resident, feel that we need to support this community-friendly restaurant and their owners in any way that is needed. The GasLamp, and Jenn and Alicia are indeed an asset to our city.

It has been brought to my attention that it is up to the City Council to extend the "Dancing Permit" at the GasLamp Restaurant and Bar. I highly encourage all of you to vote to pass this simple and deserved request.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Frapwell
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09/10/2007 11:45 AM

Subject Problems with Noise

I live in Bay Harbour and have for many years. The noise from the Gas Lamp parking lot on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights is deafening and getting worse. People coming out of the club are loud and disorderly and then squeal out of the parking lot. Weekend guests in our home suggested we call the police. I have not done that because I know how taxed the police are and I don't want to take them away from fighting crime. This is almost as bad as Live Bait. What can be done to stop this menace?

Catherine Rubenstein

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We currently are scheduled to have our wedding ceremony and reception there next month. We select this location because we felt that the current reputation was what we were looking for. We have had the opportunity to visit the Gaslamp Restaurant on many occasions for drinks, dinner and dancing with friends and family and have felt very comfortable and thought the other patrons there were very respectful as well. Being new to the community, and as a couple in their 40's, this Restaurant is an important asset to us as well as others in the community.

Sincerely,

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Distinguished City Council Members,

As a Long Beach resident and homeowner, I am writing to you to express my support for The Gaslamp Restaurant and the requested addition of a dance permit. The Gaslamp owners have gone above and beyond normal duties of business owners to mitigate concerns that their operations might impact the nearby neighborhoods. A few actions that I've noticed, include: hiring additional professional security staff and adjusting parking lot traffic flow to ensure a safe, quiet parking lot environment, offering valet parking, installing sound insulation materials in the building, closing earlier than normal and providing a safe, pleasant environment for all ages to enjoy.

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.

In closing, The Gaslamp Restaurant has become a wonderful, contributing addition to the city of Long Beach for all ages to enjoy. The Gaslamp has earned the support of the city of Long Beach. I hope that the city recognizes The Gaslamp as a responsible, successful, contributing business by supporting 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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Subject GASLAMP RESTARAUNT

Hello and good day! My name is Danianke Smith. Long Beach Poly h.s graduate, C/o 1988. I'm currently a football coach for long beach poly football program.

At this time, i would like to communicate to you regarding Gaslamp Restaraunt in Long Beach.

I attend Gaslamp for dinner and special events. All of my many experiences have been a positive outcome, regarding attending the venue. The customer service most importantly. The venue was clean, staff accomodated me well, and the food & entertainmet was excellent! Attending patrons were well dressed, good manners, and the security staff very helpful in all aspects during entertainment hours. I consider Gaslamp a very professional venue, with great people whom help me toward a desired outcome.

Along with myself, my network of friends & associates had great experiences. I celebrated my 37th birthday @ Gaslamp in April '07. My entire family, coaches from our staff, current NFL Football players, and fans of Long Beach Poly football enjoyed a professional establishment.

On my behalf, I want to inform you that my experiences at Gaslamp have been favorable. Thank you for your time and consideration. Take care, have a great day!

DANIANKE SMITH

Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free [AOL Mail!](#)



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I have been a patron of the Gaslamp Restuarant and Bar since it opened over three years ago. This is a great place for locals and tourist to vist while in Long Beach. The food is fabulous, the staff is friendly and the owners are the most gracious people I have ever met. Over the past three years, I have reconnected with old College friends from CSULB and met many new friends. This is a great place for students to network with the young and old professionals in and around Long Beach.

Please approve their dance license. It would be a shame to deny it.

Thank you for your time. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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