

Dionne Bearden

From: Jennifer Ly
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:07 PM
To: Dionne Bearden
Cc: Patricia Diefenderfer; Alison Spindler-Ruiz
Subject: Fw: Noise Ordinance

To be forwarded to the Planning Commission

From: jimgoodin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Jennifer Ly <Jennifer.Ly@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Noise Ordinance

-EXTERNAL-

Hi Jennifer, it seems that I still have not made it to your email list since I am not receiving your Noise Ordinance notices. I am on vacation in Hawaii and learned of the upcoming Planning Commission date from neighbors.

I will be back in Long Beach for the meeting, but I have question. I cannot compare documents from here. Were any citizen comments from spring/summer incorporated? Are the same documents from earlier this year going to the Planning Commission or revised ones?

Regards,
Jim Goodin
Ocean Blvd.

Dionne Bearden

From: Jennifer Ly
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:08 PM
To: Dionne Bearden
Cc: Patricia Diefenderfer; Alison Spindler-Ruiz
Subject: Fw: Requests re Planning Commission meeting on 21 October to review Noise Element & Noise Ordinance Amendments - Final EIR

To be forwarded to the Planning Commission

From: Linda Scholl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Jennifer Ly <Jennifer.Ly@longbeach.gov>; LBDS-EIR-Comments <LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov>
Cc: jimgoodin@aol.com <jimgoodin@aol.com>; mpmills@yahoo.com <mpmills@yahoo.com>; bob.kelton@gmail.com <bob.kelton@gmail.com>; Kathy Kelton <kathy.kelton@hotmail.com>; sjhbgk@gmail.com <sjhbgk@gmail.com>; lindaspery@gmail.com <lindaspery@gmail.com>; Ian Patton <ispatton@yahoo.com>; mbcotton@hotmail.com <mbcotton@hotmail.com>; mpshogrl@msn.com <mpshogrl@msn.com>; nancydowns562@gmail.com <nancydowns562@gmail.com>; Feeruza Shah <cafshah@gmail.com>; Becky Starr <beckystarr10@gmail.com>; tomvegors@yahoo.com <tomvegors@yahoo.com>; ethiopia@msn.com <ethiopia@msn.com>; oplg@aol.com <oplg@aol.com>; Ilgin Baran Gallo <ilginbaran@icloud.com>; Doctormfj@gmail.com <Doctormfj@gmail.com>; davidschaffner@yahoo.com <davidschaffner@yahoo.com>; Greg Samaras <g.samaras@verizon.net>; genmgr@itoalb.org <genmgr@itoalb.org>; Joe Landau <jklandau@yahoo.com>; Susan Sklar <drsklar@sklarcenter.com>; Christina Ryan Rodriguez <Cjrr11@gmail.com>; Linda Scholl <lscholl2011@gmail.com>
Subject: Requests re Planning Commission meeting on 21 October to review Noise Element & Noise Ordinance Amendments - Final EIR

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Jennifer and staff,

Thank you for the email notice that the Noise Element and the EIR are going to be on the Planning Commission Agenda on Oct 21.

1. Many residents previously sent requests for changes to the Noise Element Draft and EIR. We request a list of those changes that have been incorporated or made since we last received this document. It's not possible to read thru hundreds of pages in that amount of time without notes of the changes that have been made.

2. Also, some people are on travel and cannot reply or comment in the short two weeks of notice given. Please inquire also if you can postpone the Planning Commission meeting to provide adequate time for those involved to respond.

We appreciate your help with regard to these requests ASAP to assist our review and proper comment to the Planning Commission.

Thank you,

Dr. Linda Scholl
Long Beach, CA

Begin 2 forwarded messages:

From: LBDS-EIR-Comments <LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov>

Date: October 11, 2021 at 2:46:50 PM PDT

To: LBDS-EIR-Comments <LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Noise Element & Noise Ordinance Amendments - Final EIR

To Whom It May Concern,

The Final EIR for the Noise Ordinance Update and associated Noise Ordinance Amendments is available at the following webpage: <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>

The proposed project involves an update to the General Plan Noise Element and associated amendments to the Noise Ordinance. The proposed project is intended to update the City's current Noise Element and amend the Noise Ordinance for consistency with the General Plan Land Use Element.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, the City, as Lead Agency, prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR 03-20) for the Noise Element Update and Noise Ordinance Amendments. The public comment period on the EIR is now closed.

Please contact Jennifer.Ly@LongBeach.gov with any questions regarding the Final EIR.

Thank you,
Long Beach Development Services, Planning Bureau

From: Jennifer Ly <Jennifer.Ly@longbeach.gov>

Date: October 7, 2021 at 4:33:16 PM PDT

To: Undisclosed recipients;;

Subject: Noise Element & Noise Ordinance Amendments - October 21 Planning Commission Hearing

To Whom It May Concern,

This message is to notify you that the Draft Noise Element and associated Noise Ordinance Amendments will be heard by the Planning Commission on October 21, 2021.

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Please find the public hearing notice attached. The staff report and attachments will be available prior to October 21:
<https://longbeach.legistar.com>

Best,

Jennifer Ly
Planner

Long Beach Development Services | Planning Bureau
411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3rd Fl. | Long Beach, CA 90802
Office: 562-570-6368

Dionne Bearden

From: Jennifer Ly
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:11 PM
To: Dionne Bearden
Cc: Patricia Diefenderfer; Alison Spindler-Ruiz
Subject: Fw: Noise Element & Noise Ordinance Amendments - Final EIR

To be forwarded to the Planning Commission

From: Randy Schafer [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 4:24 PM
To: LBDS-EIR-Comments <LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov>; Jennifer Ly <Jennifer.Ly@longbeach.gov>
Cc: jimgoodin <jimgoodin@aol.com>; hestermay2@gmail.com <hestermay2@gmail.com>; 'Sandra Stanton' <sandra Stanton9@icloud.com>; 'claire Heiss' <claireHeiss@GMail.com>
Subject: RE: Noise Element & Noise Ordinance Amendments - Final EIR

-EXTERNAL-

Jennifer, thank you for sharing the 865-page tome on noise environmental issues. A lot of work; not the fun part. Enforcement.

My speed-reading skill is limited to "Edit-Find" capability (a/k/a text search). When I look for "enforce" (which also picks up several parts of speech, singular/plural and various tenses of verbs), I count 164 instances. Virtually all uses of this word in its various forms is from a policy perspective: enforcement must be designed, etc.

To be blunt, we didn't need this depth of analysis at whatever cost to tell us there was a noise problem and enforcement needed. What happens next? Are adequate laws on the books to circumscribe the offenses and sanctions for violation? What technology (an equivalent to red light camera?)? Will the police be compelled to actually pull people over and cite? In other words, has this moved the needle on problem resolution in any meaningful way?

Copying people who I know and whose names were in the report with commentary to you.

Randy

Randy J Schafer
Cell: (732) 822-3341

From: LBDS-EIR-Comments <LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 2:47 PM
To: LBDS-EIR-Comments <LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Noise Element & Noise Ordinance Amendments - Final EIR

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Thank you,
Long Beach Development Services, Planning Bureau

Dionne Bearden

From: Heidi Maerker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 2:22 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Noise Element

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern,

I see you're planning on taking readings for noise hazards "with the windows closed". As a homeowner in the Villa Riviera on Ocean Blvd, and as you all know, my building and others along Ocean Blvd. have no air conditioning. We have the ocean breeze to enjoy and cool down and prefer not to have air conditioning.

I bought here in the late 80s. At that time, Grand Prix and 4th of July were the big events that we all looked forward to and enjoyed. Then the city kept adding more and more events. Ear splitting noise, so we can no longer talk to each other, on the phone, listen to music (we like) or watch tv.

Now the Grand Prix is two weekends long and I have to leave town for the Drifting Races and Grand Prix weekend for unbelievable noise and smells. Amateur drag racers fill our street before and after and keep us up all night. I have to leave during the 4th of July and New Years due to the fireworks, which are set off all over town for weeks before and after and frighten my dogs.

The city is thumbing its nose at the downtown community and its residents.

Heidi Maerker, Villa Riviera

Dionne Bearden

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:25 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Cc: jimgoodin@aol.com
Subject: Comments to Agenda Item 5, 10-21-21
Attachments: Comments to Planning Commission 10-21-21 Atch.pdf

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Planning Commissioners:

Reference: Agenda Item 5, Thursday, October 21, 2021
Recommendation to adopt Environment Impact Report, Noise Element, and Amendments to the Noise Ordinance.

Name: James Goodin, DPA.

Address: [REDACTED]

Organizations: President of Ocean Residents Community Association, Board of Directors of Downtown Residential Council. (My comments do not represent all members of either association.)

I am OPPOSED to the documents as written.

First, residents of the City were not given sufficient notice of this meeting to review the approximately 1,800 pages of documents that are up for adoption. The meeting agenda was only published 2 days prior to the meeting. The Staff Report refers to providing community notice on October 7th via an email blast. I did not get an email even though I have been a consistent contributor to Noise Element and EIR versions since 2017. I have contributed to all community meetings as well. If I did not get an email, how many others also did not receive notice?

Second, since I cannot possibly review all 1,800 pages to be adopted in one day (even two weeks would not be sufficient), these comments will concentrate on Sections 1.0 and 2.0 of Attachment A - Proposed Noise Element.

1. Several hundred comments were submitted by Ocean Blvd residents to the EIR and Noise Element drafts in June of 2021--NONE WERE ADOPTED. I will not dwell on my comments that were not accepted, they are in the Response Section I-9 of both the Attachment A and G of Agenda Item 5. However two are worthy of your consideration as they pertain to noise intrusions which may be hazardous to the health and welfare of Long Beach residents.

2. The waterfront residents of downtown Ocean Blvd are subject to noise hazardous to their health and welfare continuously from April to October each year. The City of Long Beach needs to stop permitting excessive amplified noise from outdoor commercial entertainment that make our homes adjacent to Alamitos Beach, the Conventional Center parking lot, Marina Green, Rainbow Lagoon, etc. unlivable up to three days a week, 12 hours a day, almost every weekend six to seven months a year. As measured from our homes, the amplified noise routinely far exceeds the noise level permitted in the city's industrial areas, let alone residences. Noise levels in excess of 70db for hours on end were routinely measured at residences along Ocean Blvd--this level of noise is deemed unacceptable by the EIR but allowed since it comes from a "Special Event."

The Office of Special Events and Filming in the City Manager Department classifies these outdoor entertainment events as "temporary" because each event occurs no more than once a year and the facilities are built and torn down before and after each event. However, to the residents who live adjacent to these venues, the events are continuous and a source of unjust distress. The combined effects of excessive, all-day noise, every weekend is not "temporary" as stated in the City's noise documents but is a "Stationary Noise Source" that requires mitigation pursuant to the State of California General Plan Guidelines, dated 2017. See the attachment to this email for a record of the 2018 Special Events adjacent to Ocean Blvd homes.

3. The draft EIR and Noise Element specify, "**Interior noise standards** will be satisfied with windows in the closed position." The current Noise Ordinance specifies "...windows in seasonal position." Many waterfront buildings were built to be kept cool by ocean breezes--they have no air-conditioning. The high-rise residences at 600, 700, and 800 Ocean

Blvd were all built facing the ocean to be cooled by these ocean breezes. Consequently, during the warm months (corresponding to the Special Event months) windows must be open and interior noise measurements need to be taken with windows open. Do not change this requirement which would have the effect of increasing harmful noise inside waterfront homes.

In conclusion, we all enjoy downtown entertainment and even soft music drifting into our homes in the evening. But entertainment so loud the you cannot hold a normal conversation, talk on the telephone or watch TV is intrusive, forcing residents from their homes. Certainly this should not be the aim of City electeds, management, and planning commissioners. All that it would take to eliminate these hazards is to apply the same noise standards to Ocean Blvd residents that apply throughout the rest of the City. **DO NOT EXEMPT SPECIAL EVENTS FROM THE NOISE ORDINANCE!**

Dionne Bearden

From: Andy & Chris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:38 AM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Excessive Noise Ocean Blvd

-EXTERNAL-

Planning Commission,

We are residents of [REDACTED]. We understand that the urban environment has a certain level of noise and we accept that. What we should not be expected to accept is the noise of modified exhaust systems on autos using the main thoroughfares of Ocean Blvd and Shoreline Dr..

We would greatly appreciate the enforcement of current city and state codes to restrict this type of noise. The least that could be done is post signs on Shoreline and Ocean stating that vehicles with excessive exhaust noise will be cited.

Thank you for your consideration,
Andrew & Chris Ehlers-Hardie

Sent from my iPhone

Dionne Bearden

From: Ruth Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:11 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: AGENDA ITEM 5, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

-EXTERNAL-

I read James Goodin's comments on this matter and entirely agree with what he stated in his letter, in every aspect. I implore you not to exempt special events from the noise ordinance.

Ruth Smith

[REDACTED]
Long Beach, CA

Chair and Planning Commissioners

City of Long Beach, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach CA 90802

Re: 10/ 21/2021 Planning Commission Agenda Item #21-081 PL "Noise Element"

Dear City of Long Beach Planning Commissioners,

We ask you to oppose advancing the proposed Noise Element. We request that it be returned to staff for changes because of omissions that can cause harm to residents. None of the residents' 200+ comments have been incorporated. Local noise reduction programs must address these problems specific to each community, with the ultimate goals being the reduction of complaint frequency and the provision of a healthful noise environment for all residents. Please send this document back to staff to incorporate the requests from residents.

Examples of issues to be fixed:

1. The City must not be permitted to exempt "special events" events from noise enforcement. Noise above established standards are a harmful nuisance --no matter the source. The City has so far failed to stop outdoor entertainment noise and music from entering into the homes of adjacent residents at levels far above what the city has stated as healthful levels.
 - a. Instead, the City should be guiding staff to ask the core question of "How loud do events need to be for the ticket holders to enjoy the music or other sound?" "How can we manage the noise levels so residents are not affected in their homes?" "How well are our efforts working?" Rather, why does the question seem to be, "How loud can we permit without getting serious residential pushback?"
 - b. Furthermore, did you know that since special events are sanctioned (permitted) by the City of Long Beach, the City must enforce noise regulations them. (*This is according to page 373 of the 2017 California Office of Planning and Research General Plan Guidelines for the Model Noise Ordinance.*)
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4. Continue the current 1975 Noise Element language that describes the older construction needs and requires noise levels to be measured from the residence windows in seasonal positions (usually open in the summer) position.

Thank you for addressing these issues to protect all of us in Long Beach.

Dr. Linda Scholl, ORCA Noise Committee, Downtown Long Beach

Dionne Bearden

From: Melinda Cotton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:12 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: 10/21/2021 Planning Commission Agenda Item #21-081 PL "Noise Element"

-EXTERNAL-

NOISE FROM SPECIAL EVENTS NEEDS TO BE CONTROLLED & ENFORCED

Dear City of Long Beach Planning Commissioners,

"Special Events" have been a longtime noise problem for Belmont Shore residents. For those of us who live at all near the Belmont Pier or Granada Concession Stand, for example, summer weekends with concessionaire sponsored events were incredibly loud and disruptive to our lives. Special Event Staff seemed unable to exact compliance.

We ask you to oppose advancing the proposed Noise Element. We request that it be returned to staff for changes because of omissions that can cause harm to residents. Residents provided 200+ comments and concerns that must be incorporated instead of being dismissed.

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Thank you.

Sincerely, Melinda Cotton
38 year resident of Belmont Shore

Dionne Bearden

From: Ian Patton [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:36 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: comment for 10/ 21/2021 Planning Commission Agenda Item #21-081 PL "Noise Element"

-EXTERNAL-

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Thank you for addressing these issues to protect all of us in Long Beach.

best,

Ian S. Patton



Cal Heights Consultancy

LBReformCoalition.org

Dionne Bearden

From: Oscar Gallo [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:27 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Noise in Long Beach

-EXTERNAL-

Good morning .. from far away

Yes, far away from noisy Long Beach
on a long business trip ..

We're due back on 13 November and
not looking forward to resuming
our life on noisy Ocean Blvd,

I've been reading all the communications
regarding this issue , but it does not
appear anyone in City Hall will ever
listen

When one day there is some improvement
we will be pleased

Thanks for listening ?

Best wishes

Oscar Gallo
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Long Beach

Dionne Bearden

From: Anna Christensen <a[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:31 AM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Agenda Item 5 LB Planning Com. Mtg 10/2: Noise Ordinance

-EXTERNAL-

The City/City sponsored/co-sponsored events must not be excepted from the noise ordinance. Even popular and profitable events like the annual fireworks shows and the Grand Prix get a pass. The impacts of noise on people, pets, birds and other wildlife are only increasing. Daily noise pollution, like light pollution, is reducing our quality of life and disrupting that of coastal birds. A few hours of "fun" even in celebration of "freedom" cannot be justified when they result in dead birds and animals. Additionally, noise pollution is also accompanied by air and water pollution. Fireworks debris ends up fouling our beaches, bays, and ocean. Race car exhaust poisons our air. In our diverse society, one cannot count on shared customs or behaviors - some people feel comfortable with music so loud it vibrates. Also, industry and workers justify ear shattering sound as part of doing business. We need regulations, and they must be centered on the public good and a sustainable city and planet. Other cities are reducing noise pollution, will the Planning Commission move Long Beach forward, or, put us in reverse?

FYI: When trimming or removing trees or working near active nests in the Coastal Zone in Long Beach, multiple restrictions apply, including forbidding any work within a certain distance from the tree and measuring/limiting the decibels of sound from equipment being used. Loud noise will cause parents to abandon the nest, and young birds to jump and fall. A single tree by the old indoor Belmont Olympic Pool once had 100 active coastal bird nests. Now it has none because its temporary replacement, an outdoor pool, has allowed team competitions that include loudspeakers and bands. Why should these events, multiple fireworks shows, and car racing be allowed during nesting season when they violate the intent of the Coastal Act and the Migratory Bird Act?

Dionne Bearden

From: Glennis Dolce [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:06 AM
To: PlanningCommissioners; CityClerk
Subject: 10/ 21/2021 Planning Commission Agenda Item #21-081 PL "Noise Element"

-EXTERNAL-

Please include these comments in the permanent record for today's Planning Commission meeting. Thank you.

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Although I do not live in the downtown area I have family and friends that do and who have suffered with the noise issues of many publicly sponsored events sanctioned by the city. I know that these events make money for the city but always at the expense of those who must suffer the ill effects of noise events.

Any new Noise Element should NOT be a step back from rules regarding noise but should offer substantive mitigation and curbing of the noise issues.

Therefore, I support the comments of those residents and ask that you NOT support this item without amending it to include the following:

- The City must not be permitted to exempt "special events" events from noise enforcement. Noise above established standards are a harmful nuisance --no matter the source.
- Special events classified as "temporary" must still be subject to noise regulation.
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Respectfully,

Glennis Dolce
D7

Dionne Bearden

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:26 AM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: 10/21/21 Item 5 Noise Element

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Decision Makers:

The purpose of this change in the Noise Element is that it has not been updated since 1977. Yes, Long Beach has grown a lot since then, but that does not mean inhabitants should have to tolerate more noise.

A supposed goal of this Noise Element is to Minimizing Exposures to Excessive Noise. If this is the case, why eliminate noise levels at Special Events and Filming? The reason given is that they happen infrequently! Just one hour of fireworks or a rock band can damage countless eardrums and disrupt birds breeding and roosting. In non-Covid times, Special Events and Filming occur almost weekly somewhere in the city.

LSA's report states: Exposure to high noise levels affects the entire system, with prolonged noise exposure in excess of **75 dBA** increasing body tensions and thereby affecting blood pressure and functions of the heart and the nervous system. Physical damage to human hearing begins at prolonged exposure to noise levels higher than **85 dBA**. Extended periods of noise exposure above **90 dBA would result in permanent cell damage**.

And yet by creating a District 4/industrial, manufacturing around the Los Cerritos Wetlands, decibel levels up to 85 will be accepted.

To me, a livable, healthy community includes having concern for peace and quiet for all the human and animal inhabitants.

Please do not approve this EIR and ask that Special Events and Filming comply to a noise level below 75 dBA, and require a 75 dBA in the Los Cerritos Wetlands area.

Sincerely,
Ann Cantrell
Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

Dionne Bearden

From: Moustafa, Margaret <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 12:22 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Agenda Item 5, Oct 21, 2021

Importance: High

-EXTERNAL-

Re: **Agenda Item 5**, October 21, 2021:
Recommendation to adopt the Environmental Impact Report,
the Noise Element, and Amendments to the Noise Ordinance

Dear Long Beach Planning Commissioners:

DO NOT ACCEPT THESE DOCUMENTS UNTIL THE USE OF THE WATERFRONT AREA FOR CITY-PERMITTED OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS IS CLASSIFIED AS STATIONARY USE, NOT TEMPORARY USE.

It doesn't matter if each city-permitted event on the Waterfront happens only once a year, the area is used multiple days a week almost every week from April to October for city-permitted outdoor events. **AS A FREEWAY HOSTS DIFFERENT CARS, THE WATERFRONT AREA REGULARLY HOSTS DIFFERENT CITY-PERMITTED OUTDOOR EVENTS.** Its regular use necessitates it being classified as stationary, not temporary.

Why does the classification matter? Because **NOISE ORDINANCES DO NOT APPLY TO TEMPORARY EVENTS.**

Consequently, the noise from city-permitted outdoor entertainment concerts is allowed to exceed the noise ordinances by the time it reaches the condominium homes facing the Waterfront area in the high-rise buildings on East Ocean Blvd downtown and does so up to 12 hours a day, multiple days in a row, multiple weekends a month, 7 months a year.

Be aware that:

- The frequent, sustained decibel levels from such events routinely exceed OSHA safety standards by the time they reach homes above noise barriers such as trees.
- The noise levels harm most people, but especially children and senior citizens.
- The noise ordinances cannot be enforced for these events because they are city-permitted.
- Residents are often forced to leave their homes to protect themselves from the excessive noise.
- The permitting process does not protect residents from these excessive levels.
- The Special Events "hotline" is not monitored in real time. One can only leave messages on it.
- The city-commissioned Noise Study is flawed. For example, Nashville's Entertainment District does not host live outdoor concerts with excessive noise. These events are held outside the city.
- What the city is allowing violates the California Noise Law 4600.

The most basic function of government is to protect people. Leaving the use of the Waterfront Area classified as temporary rather than stationary use area would be a failure to protect people.

Please do the right thing and require the use of the Waterfront Area in downtown Long Beach be classified as a stationary use area, not a temporary use area.

Margaret Moustafa, Ph.D.

Formerly [REDACTED] Long Beach until forced to move because of city-permitted, frequent, prolonged excessive noise from city-permitted outdoor concerts in the Waterfront area.

Dionne Bearden

From: Quinn Higgins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 12:48 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Comments for meeting of 10-21-2021
Attachments: 400 E Seaside Way.png; 400 E SEaside Way at Hart.png; inside with doors closed.png

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Planning Commision,

I have cleary moved to the wrong community in Southern California.

Between the illegal fireworks, the illegal mufflers and reckless drivers, and frequent construction noise downtwon Long Beach is clearly not a community centered on the residents that anchor this area.

During the drifting weekend of the Car Culture events I measured 85 decibles inside my home with the doors closed (see photo). Additionally, a month after the Grand Prix activities E Seaside Way still bears the scars from this unnecessary activity. Spent rubber residue stains the street markings on E Seaside Way at Hart (see photos). Cement barriers are still in place creating a nuisance for local residents. How long will it be until the street marking are visible again?

Further, while the Grand Prix activiites take place over two weekends the constant noise of construction equipment is not worth the revenue generated by the activity! Every single weekday for two months before the drifting competition I was woken up at no later than 6:30 am by the whining of electric vehicles driven by construction crews setting up barriers and installing fencing. And on one occasion I was woken up at 5:50AM by constructions crews operating a cement-cutting saw at. FIVE FIFTY IN THE MORNING! Ms. Kearby of the City Manager's Office has been most patient and helpful in hearing my concerns and directing me to the proper departments to let the city know about these issues.

The City likes to commission financial analyses to prop up the economic benefits of osting the Grand Prix. However, I have not seen a single report documenting the environmental impact of increase air pollution generated by the events or the noise impact on residents who live directly above the drifting course. Again, the noise level in my home reached 85 decibles during the drifting competition. I happened to have contracted Covid-19 the week prior so was isolated to my residence. I was basically trapped at home and being assaulting by the loudest vehicles I have ever been exposed to. There is no reason for this activity to take place in the residence sections of downtown. Figure Eights can be completed on Shoreline and the the drag racing portion over by the Aquarium. Or better yet CANCELED ALTOGETHER!

After the race was over there were convoys of every-day drivers racing around Turns 9 and 10, the S-turns in the convention center parking lot. Many of them then chose to drive north bound in the sounthbound lanes of Shorline Dr. at Beach Access Rd. Many of these drivers have modified their vehicles with extrememly loud mufflers. One individueal decided to do at least four laps around the race course, IGNORING THE STOP SIGNS at Seaside & Hart and Seaside & Linden while reaching speeds far beyond the posted 25mph speed limit. When I called 911 to report this dangerous driving behavior I was disconnected!

To continue the noise discussion, Shoreline Dr., East Seaside Wy, and West SEaside Wy are havens for inconsiderate drivers with exessively loud mufflers and and a blatant disregard for any pedestrian who might encounter their dangerous driving behaviors. The ORCA has brought up this concern to the Chief of Police in past meetings but were told the Police Department is incapable of policing the noise ordinances. If this is the case I would ask the city to employ passive traffic control measures, epecially on Seaside Wy. SPEED BUMPS come in a variety of installation options including with the ability to be bolted into the pavement, removed for the Grand Prix, and reinstalled after the event. The race takes place over a couple of weeks. Inconsiderate drivers are out there the other 50 weeks of the year. DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

There was an event in recent days at the Terrace in front of the Long Beach Theater. The live music lasted from 7:00pm until 10:00pm. The volumn of the sound system was such that I could hear the music over my own television with my doors closed. There needs to be a cut-off for outdoor activities on the theater terrace! Residence of the

downtown area have jobs that require receiving a good night's sleep. We don't need to have our rest delayed or interrupted by outdoor events lasting late into the night!

While I am writing, I was hit by a 10-year old riding a motorized, electric scooter on the waterfront by the Aquarium. This 10 year old little boy did not have a learners permit much less a driver's license, and his parents did not see the need to equip him with a helmet. **SCOOTERS NEED TO BE REGULATED AND SEPARATED FROM PEDESTRIANS!!!** While filing a police report to document the event for city statistical keepers I was told Mr. Garcia has informed the poice department not to enforce laws barring scooters from using the pedestrian side of the beach trail. It seems a fair amount of revenue is generated from fees and fines leveyed against scooter manufactures. This is a devastating disappointment on the part of the Mayor's priorities.

The traffic situation has gotten worse in the two years I have been here. Streets are croweded, the Alamitos corridor could benefit from sequenced stop lights rather than whatever set-up they are on now, and you have approved multi-unit housing on LB Blvd. I would caution not to increase the population density without also expanding the capacity of the infrustructure to handle all these newcomers.

I have not read all 1,800 pages of this report and I bet you haven't either. Why would you consider just passing it with a blank check. Please take the time to do your jobs effectively and make educated decisions. Please pay attention to the residents of downtown Long Beach who call this area home, not the commentors from outside the downtown area who do not have a vested interest in making this area safer and a more pleasant place to reside. Downtown is naturally an economic zone. However, you must find a better **BALANCE BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND CAPITALISM**.

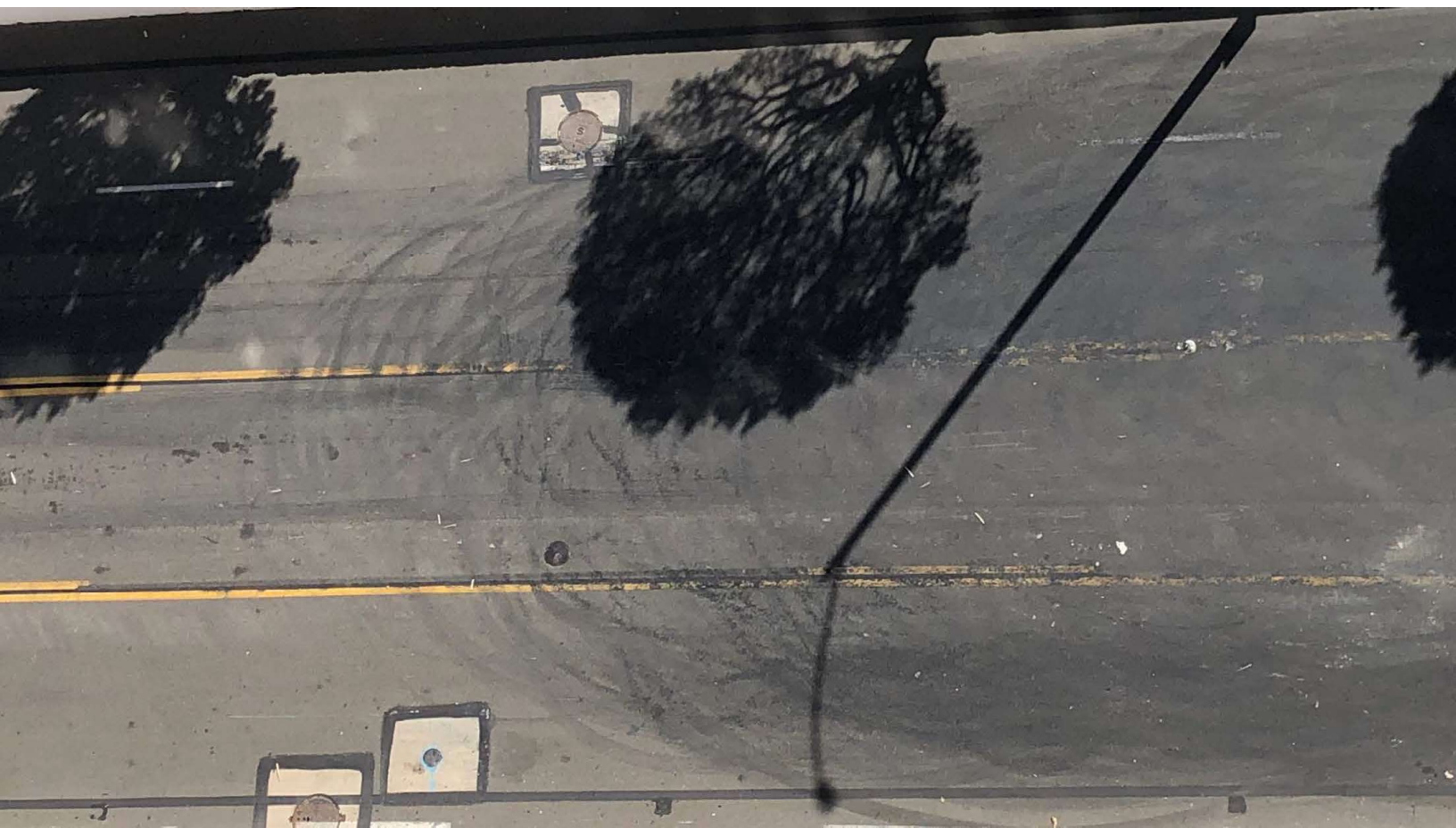
When I moved to SoCal I could have chosen any community in the LA County area. After two years it seems I may have made the wrong choice.

Thank you,

Mr. Quinn Higgins

LB, CA 90802





Noise

⚡ 2:33

83 dB



⚠ Loud

Repeated, long-term exposure to sounds at this

Dionne Bearden

From: Kathy Kelton [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:24 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: 10/21/2021 Planning Commission Agenda Item #21-081 PI "Noise Element"

-EXTERNAL-

Chair and Planning Commissioners
City of Long Beach, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach CA 90802
Re: 10/ 21/2021 Planning Commission Agenda Item #21-081 PL "Noise Element"

Dear City of Long Beach Planning Commissioners,

We ask you to oppose advancing the proposed Noise Element. We request that it be returned to staff for changes because of omissions that can cause harm to residents. Residents provided 200+ comments and concerns that must be incorporated instead of being dismissed. I personally have submitted comments for every draft and the original. None of my concerns or those of my neighbors have been appropriately addressed. The President of our neighborhood association ORCA, the Sierra Club, SAFE a non profit organization supporting resident health safety, and individual citizens have commented. None of the resident health safety concerns have been taken care of. I am submitting the following comments and stand by all prior comments submitted.

1. The City must not be permitted to exempt "special events" events from noise enforcement. Noise above established standards are a harmful nuisance --no matter the source.
2. Special events classified as "temporary" must still be subject to noise regulation.
3. Noise limits must be added. Without stated noise limits, enforcement and protection of residents is not possible.
4. Residents must be provided with ways to resolve excessive noise complaints. Currently the Police do not enforce noise levels for events. The Health Dept. refers events noise complaints back to the host department, such as sending complaints about events noise back to the events department. This must be fixed. Accountability is required.

Regards,

Kathy Kelton
Long Beach, Ca
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Dionne Bearden

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Dionne Bearden
Cc: Cindy Allen; Tom Modica
Subject: Note to Planning Commission

-EXTERNAL-

Hi Dionne, I request that you forward this email to the Planning Commissioners--it concerns last night's Planning Commission meeting.

Thank you,
Jim Goodin

Bcc: SAFE Members

October 22, 2021

Dear Planning Commissioners:

re: Agenda Item 5, October 21, 2021

I spoke at the Planning Commission meeting last night. I wish to compliment you on listening to the residents' concerns about excessive outdoor amplified commercial entertainment that makes our homes on downtown Ocean Blvd unlivable for long periods, all under the guise of "Special Events." You asked all the right questions, questions the residents have been asking for 5 years. The residents questions and concerns have been summarily dismissed over and over. I was encouraged that the Commission held the matter over to a time uncertain and requested a study session to get more information. I asked a staff member following the meeting to invite the public to this study session; I implore the Commission to ensure this happens.

Some thoughts upon reflection of the meeting:

- As you discerned the Waterfront is one venue, not four or five or six as the City pretends. It does not matter if the entertainment location is the Elephant Lot, Marina Green, Rainbow Lagoon, or Alamitos Beach it is all intrusive noise when it reaches the homes on Ocean Blvd. And if this entertainment occurs over and over, it is not "temporary" but a "Stationary Noise Source" requiring mitigation by the State of California General Plan Guidelines.
- Your idea of having a noise accumulation metric is excellent. It would result in spreading out the intrusive entertainment.
- The property line noise limit, as you suggested, should also be enforced. Music can be 100db in the Elephant Lot if desired, but when it hits the Convention Center property line (Seaside Way), it should conform to noise ordinance Noise District 2 db limits--60 db daytime. The 70db+ often recorded is 10 times louder than 60db.
- During the meeting, City Staff dismissed decibel readings that residents take on their cell phones; however, the residents have invited city noise managers into our homes so they can take their own readings--ignored. Even the "independent" noise study did not take any noise measurements from inside residences, though invited to do so. Also, many of us have calibrated our i-phone db measurements with a commercial db meter.
- City Staff reported that community complaints have gone down. The reason: They seem to have no effect. There is no feedback and no discernible change in noise reaching our homes following a call. You only call a Voice Mail number so many times with no response. Stimulus-Response from Psych 101.
- City staff also referred to an after event action report. No member of the community has ever been asked to make input to this report. Which leads to, the "Special Events" department should not police themselves. Whenever residents call the Police or Health departments we are told that since the event has been permitted by the City (Special Events) our department does not enforce excessive noise.

Thank you for listening to the community concerns of the Noise Element, EIR, and Noise Ordinance. Also, given more time than the original day and a half, we might actually be able to read the 1,800 pages under consideration.

Best regards,
James Goodin, DPA
Ocean Blvd Resident