

A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE AND
REMOVE PORTIONS OF PINE AVENUE FROM PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, the Downtown area of Long Beach is under going revitalization that has brought new vibrancy to the area in the form of new residences, restaurants, entertainment venues, and other businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach established the Downtown Dining and Entertainment District (the "Downtown District") as a pilot program in November 2005; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Downtown District, a community forum has been conducted monthly, providing an opportunity for downtown stakeholders to discuss issues of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, these issues include noise, traffic gridlock, and cruising on Pine Avenue; and

WHEREAS, City staff has developed various mitigation programs, including a proposal to temporarily close Pine Avenue to vehicular traffic on certain days and hours on a test basis, in order to assess the impact of a closure on the identified issues and stakeholder interests;

WHEREAS, during this pilot program, entertainment may be provided on public property, including the public right-of-way;

The City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach finds and determines that the closure of portions of Pine Avenue on Friday and Saturday nights in September and October is necessary to safely allow pedestrians to enjoy the entertainment provided, while permitting staff to evaluate the effect of the street closure on the identified issues and stakeholder interests.

Sec. 2. As a pilot program, in order to evaluate the effects of closing a portion

1 of Pine Avenue to vehicular traffic, Pine Avenue between Broadway and Third Street are
2 hereby temporarily closed and removed from public use from 5 o'clock p.m until midnight,
3 on Friday and Saturday nights beginning September 1, 2006 and continuing through
4 October 28, 2006. The City Council recognizes that the Chief of Police under his separate
5 authority may direct that such closure be extended after midnight into the following day, or
6 that the hours of closure be decreased, according to conditions on any single affected night,
7 as he deems is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare.

8 Sec. 3. The City Council recognizes that between September 1, 2006 and
9 October 28, 2006, the Chief of Police or the City Traffic Engineer may periodically close to
10 vehicular traffic that portion of Pine Avenue between Third Street and Sixth Street under
11 their own respective grants of authority, in order to test the impact of the closure on
12 vehicular noise, cruising and congestion.

13 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the
14 City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

15 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City of the
16 City of Long Beach at its meeting of August 22, 2006, by the following vote:

17 Ayes: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, DeLong,
18 O'Donnell, Schipske, Richardson,
19 Reyes Uranga, Lerch.

21. Noes: Councilmembers: None.

23 Absent: Councilmembers: Gabelich.

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City Clerk