



February 12, 2013

To whom it may concern,

We currently operate a private Preschool and Elementary school that serves children ages 2 ½ years to 6th grade at 5550 E. Atherton Street. Our operating hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We have been made aware that the neighboring restaurant, Great Mex Grill, has applied for a license to sell beer and wine. That raises some safety concerns for us. The intersection of Atherton Street and Bellflower Blvd. sees a very steady flow of traffic especially when the University (CSULB) is in session. As it is right now, Great Mex's parking lot is very small. During the height of their lunch hour, there are cars that are constantly coming in and out of this parking lot. The parking stalls are perpendicular to our playground, which means the cars are backing out of the stalls towards the playground. There have been patrons that will also park their cars against our playground fence. Adding alcohol to that mix concerns us.

Having been in business for the past 45 years in Long Beach, we do understand and respect their desire to be successful in doing business and to grow economically.

If this license does go forward, we ask that at the very least, a restriction be put on the time of sale of beer and wine. We request that any alcohol, including beer and wine is not sold any earlier than 5:00 p.m. on any given day.

Sincerely,
Montessori Children's House



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Rev. Dr. Paul A. Lance, Pastor

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*This copy is for
Councilman Patrick O'Donnell
so he knows of our desire
that the weekday sales hours
are restricted -*

*Thank you
Paul A. Lance
PASTOR*

Alonzo and Betsey Densmore
Great Mex Grill LLC
5530 E Atherton Street
Long Beach, CA 90815

October 29, 2012

Dear Mr & Mrs. Densmore,

We understand that you spoke with our tenant, Malki Moonesinghe, owner of the Montessori Children's House, and received her school's permission to sell beer & wine at the Great Mex Grill (with food) after 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, and on weekends. Since her school playground is adjacent to your alley-way property line, receiving Mrs. Moonesinghe's permission for you to apply for the license is of primary concern to us.

Our Leadership Council voted on October 16, 2012, to support your request for a beer & wine alcohol sales license with the following stipulation: **beer and wine sales will not begin before 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.** On Saturdays and Sundays, we intend no such restriction on your selling hours. We hope this addition to your menu will enhance your business opportunities and not cause any deterioration of the good relations you have with our neighborhood. ←

We wish you the best of luck and continued business success.

For the Leadership Council of the Los Altos United Church of Christ,

I am sincerely yours,

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Lance, Pastor



Opposed to Great Mex Grill license to sell alcohol

John Njoroge

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02/17/2013 07:56 AM

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From: John Njoroge <maarifa@gmail.com>

To: "bridget.sramek@longbeach.gov" <bridget.sramek@longbeach.gov>

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Dear councilman Patrick O'Donnell

My daughter attends Pre-School at Montessori children's house.
I believe that it is not in the best interest for the school or the neighboring
community to grant Great Mex Grill license to sell alcohol at this time.

Thanks

John Njoroge, Long Beach resident and parent.



Fw: NO to Great Mex Grill Liquor License Application

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02/19/2013 08:54 AM

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Thank you,

Webmaster

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02/15/2013 09:01 PM

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cc

Subject NO to Great Mex Grill Liquor License Application

Councilman O'Donnell,

We were just informed by our son's Pre-school that Great Mex Grill located on Atherton has applied for a license to sell alcohol. As parents of a child that attends Montessori Children's House which is located next door from Great Mex we feel that this is NOT in the best interest of the children that frequent near the location of the restaurant.

Great Mex is very close to Cal State Long Beach, directly next door to two separate primary schools and two parks. The possibilities of an alcohol-related accident occurring would greatly increase if this restaurant was able to serve alcohol. Just recently two accidents including a fatality occurred at/near the intersection of Atherton and Belleflower which proves how dangerous and busy this intersection is already!

I urge you to re-consider allowing Great Mex to hold a license for alcohol. That is NOT the environment our children should have to be threatened by and be in the presence of. Please deny the