

Memorandum City of Long Beach

Office of Councilmember Steven Neal Councilmember, 9th District

Date:

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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From:

Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District Councilmember Al Ausin, Eighth District

Subject:

Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (ANAO) report request

Recommended Action:

Request to receive and file a report on the status of the Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (ANAO).

Background:

In 2012, Councilmembers Steven Neal and Al Austin created the Liquor Store Modernization Initiative to address neighborhood concerns related to the impacts of alcohol outlets in the community. The initiative consisted of a series of surveys and focus groups of local families as well as a comprehensive assessment of the conditions and density of liquor outlets in North Long Beach.

When liquor stores are systemically and disparately concentrated, they become symptoms and accelerators of social and economic decline in communities.

In August 2013, to address the community concerns regarding public safety, nuisance activity, and poor site maintenance and appearance, the Long Beach City Council created the Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (ANAO), regulating legal nonconforming businesses selling beer, wine, and distilled spirits for off-site consumption (liquor stores).

On January 10th, 2014, the ANAO reached its first milestone in the regulation of these businesses and has made significant progress in meeting nuisance related outcome goals set forth in the ordinance.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.