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To: LBBIZ

Subject: Submitting my opinion: the issuance of a permit for Entertainment without Dancing by Patrons, to Rice & Bean, Inc., DBA 4th Street Vine

Dear Mr. Jason MacDonald,

As advised in the Public Notice by City of Long Beach that I received in mail, I am sending my comments concerning; The issuance of a permit for Entertainment without Dancing by Patrons to Rice & Bean INC DBA 4th Street Vine 2142 E 4th Street Long Beach, CA 90814

I am a resident at the address, 2130 E. 4th Street Apt.7, which is right next to and facing the business premises in question called 4th Street Vine, about 5 feet apart from my apartment building. I strongly oppose any permission granting the business to cause any more harm to our neighborhood. I do respect any other businesses in our neighborhood that respect well-beings of others so that the businesses and residents can co-exist. But 4th Street Vine does not show such respect. The problems that the business already causes that I have already reported to the Long Beach Police in the past are;

- Music is too loud when they have amplified or live music, and it goes on till 11:00 pm or later. My decibel meter read about 110 db in my bedroom at one point.
- The business allows its customers loiter in the back of its building which is less than 10 feet from my apartment building. There, people make loud voices (like drunken people do), and smoke cigarettes and the smoke comes in through my windows, which is very unpleasant and unhealthy. And the crowds stay there well past 11:00 pm.

If the business, 4th Street Vine, is to exercise its rights to conduct business as it requests, I do not believe it is currently equipped to do so responsibly, nor is located in a suitable location for types of business they are pursuing. The premises shows no sign of sound-proofing efforts. The rooftop window has been kept open at all time, and the front and the back doors are made of mere glass. The business also needs a better crowd control. It is simply too close to residential buildings to have live or amplified music.

If the business, 4th Street Vine, is to continue exercising its rights to conduct business and to pursue the permit for Entertainment without Dancing by Patrons, I find the below compromises are reasonable:

- The business to install sound-proofing materials all around its premises including but not limited to the sound-proof front/ back doors, and the roof-top window.
- Any music or any sound should not exceed 70 db right outside of the premises at all direction including the roof-top, at all time.
- No live and amplified music after 10:00 pm everyday.
- No smoking within 20 feet from the neighboring residential buildings at all time.
- No loitering in front and the back of the business building after 10:00 pm everyday. (They converted a part of their parking lot behind the building for its customers to hang out and smoke cigarettes).
- No rehearsal by performers outside the sound-proofed building.
- The business to install some type of roofing over the area in the back of the business building where its customers hand out, in order to lessen the noise from the rowdy customers not staying inside the building and to prevent cigarette smoke from coming into neighboring residential buildings.

In conclusion, I have lived at my current address for about 15 years because I liked the people and the whole neighborhood that respected others' lives, but ever since 4th Street Vine became in operation, the quality of life for me has greatly been degraded. I am no longer able to go to bed until the business ceases its disturbance well past 11:00 pm. Even worse, during the summer I can't even stay in my apartment until the business closes because I have to keep

windows closed so the cigarette smoke won't come in and that makes my apartment too hot to stay. Sometimes the noise from the business is simply too loud to bear in my apartment.

My mental and physical health have been affected by how 4th Street Vine has been conducting its business that causes me the stress and the lack of sleep, and any further disturbance from the business may likely force me to seek medical help.

I hope that you find my comments above reasonable and that you will have a sound decision on this matter. I am unfortunately unable to attend the public hearing on 6/17/2014 at 5:00 pm, but if you'd like more details, I'd be happy to speak with you over the phone or in person at another time. And I'd like to request that I receive the decision in writings when it is made.

And I'd also appreciate if you could reply to this email when you have a moment so I know that my comments have been received.

Best regards,

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