



To Whom It May Concern,

Vine (4th St Vine) has served the Long Beach music and arts community for over 12 years. This venue provides a safe environment for all walks of life to engage in and share their music and art. Our patrons and staff are extremely community oriented. We all look out for the space as well as 4th street in general. We believe having a place like Vine open in the evening greatly benefits 4th Street and it's future.

In regards to sound Vine has always and will continue to strictly follow the rules outlined in our entertainment license. Music will be over on time and doors will be shut during live performances. We have double paned sound glass in our store front. The ceilings are lined with sound proofing material.

Attached are letters from customers, musicians and artists who feel that Vine is an essential part of 4th Street. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Emily, Dustin and Dylan



November 15, 2021

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Board of Directors from the 4th Street Business Improvement District (4th St. BID) would like to thank you for accepting public comment. We are an all-volunteer Board, which represents the collective voices of those who own businesses located along the Retro Row corridor. Our Board includes Emily Rollins, who is the owner of Vine which is located at 2142 East 4th Street, at the heart of the 4th St. BID.

Emily's fellow Board members would unanimously like to express their support for the issuance of the Entertainment Permit with conditions for Entertainment without Dancing that Third Planet, LLC, dba Vine has applied for.

For well over a decade, Vine has been a staple in the neighborhood, the center point in the music and arts community in our district. It's a safe place for members of our diverse community to gather, mingle and enjoy the unique experience of live music that Vine has to offer. Additionally, over the years Vine has collaborated with many businesses on the street to cross promote events which encourage patrons to visit and support the small businesses on our street. Our hope is for all of these connections to continue so that we may all thrive.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter which strongly supports the entertainment permit for Vine being granted.

Respectfully,

4th Street Business Association Board of Directors

November 16, 2021

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Thank you for accepting public comment at the meeting this evening. I'm a community member who has lived within walking distance of Retro Row for the last twenty years. I'm also the sole Administrative Assistant for the 4th Street Business Association. I treasure my dual roles as an active community member who also has the pleasure of working with all of the individual businesses located within the 4th Street BID.

I'm writing to express my personal and professional support for the issuance of the Entertainment Permit with conditions for Entertainment without Dancing that Third Planet, LLC, dba Vine has applied for. Vine is located at 2142 East 4th Street, which is at the heart of the 4th Street BID.

For well over a decade, Vine has been a staple in our neighborhood. Many of my friends and fellow community members consider Vine to be the center point of the music and arts community in the 2nd District. I've personally attended and sang at countless shows at Vine. I have also made so many connections and friends within those walls. It's been a central gathering spot which has effectively functioned as the heartbeat of a tight knit musical scene. It has always provided a safe space and an intimate experience that I feel very fortunate to be a part of. On a business level, Dustin, Emily and their entire staff have been nothing short of a respectful and pleasure to work with. All of these things are very dear to me, and my hope is for it all to continue.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter which strongly supports the entertainment permit for Vine being granted.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sierra Crabtree". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The word "Sierra" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Crabtree" is written in a smaller, more compact script. A long, horizontal line extends from the end of the signature to the right.

Sierra Crabtree

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Long Beach native and have called Retro Row my neighborhood for 8 years now. While retro row has always been a unique area to shop etc., there have been a lot of positive changes and growth in our little neighborhood in the past 6-7 years with new restaurants and shops opening. But personally, I believe that Vine is one of the most important spots due to its unique ability to bring local artist together as well as cultivate new art in a positive and safe space. Art is essential to our city and it unites our community even further by allowing artist to work together making our city even more vibrant.

Vine is not just a place where we sip on wine and our favorite beers, its a place where on any given evening, we can experience live music created and performed by our very own local Long Beach artist. As a local musician myself, Vine has always been an exceptionally special place for me. I feel safe there and supported and it has always been my favorite place to perform. It truly is a lifeline between artist and if that is taken away, there will be a HUGE hole in our musical community. I can't tell you how many times I have spoken to a young musician who is finally of age to perform at Vine. Their stories are all the same, they can't wait to play their 1st show at Vine. They feel that way because they understand the culture that has been established there and they want to be apart of it. If bands are no longer able to perform at Vine, it will crush the hearts and spirits of so many people and I truly believe, Retro Row will lose a lot of its artistic appeal.

Through the years as a local patron of Vine, I have celebrated many musicians and have personally experienced what it is to truly be apart of a supportive community there. Whether it be supporting a local act, performing, or dancing the night away to a local DJ's personal song selection, I look forward to many more years celebrating the Long Beach music scene at Vine.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Galteson

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Entertainment application for the Vine Bar at 2142 East 4th Street in Long Beach's Retro Row. I am a current resident and property owner at 355 Junipero Avenue within a block of the establishment and have been thoroughly impressed with the improvements that have recently taken place by both Emily and Dustin (new owners). At first glance when you walk in, you immediately see the warm and inviting upgrades they have made to the inside space. Once you step outside, the patio area is completely transformed and looks beautiful. It has been built in a way to feel much more spacious, more comfortable and without a doubt more sound proofed to minimize any ambient noise caused by visiting patrons. Being a neighbor to the business, I thought that to be a really thoughtful consideration in thinking about the residents in the near by vicinity.

I have been a supporting patron of both Vine & 4th Street Vine for years and consider it to be a place that is so much more than just a drinking establishment. It is definitely one of the city's most viable hubs for all of the local arts. Everyone has always been welcomed there and the community it has created and still continues to create has always been without any exclusivity.

Musicians, neighbors, photographers, parents, fellow business owners, artists, visitors from out of town, younger people, older people, LGBTQ people, straight people and everyone of all ethnicities are always welcomed. I've had thoughtful conversations and developed close friendships with so many amazing people due to the welcoming environment that everyone can find comfort in this very unique space.

Most of the regulars continue to come back for the openness they find here and to be a part of a community that is willing to talk freely about new ideas and celebrate the arts! The ability to have continued entertainment at a place such as Vine, is not only vital to their continued success, but also vital to the local arts community. There really isn't another place like it in the city that is able to offer what it does with all the creative considerations.

For this and all the reasons above, I want to as a local neighbor and huge supporter of the local Long Beach arts community, give a very confident vote of support in granting the Vine Bar their entertainment license and allow all of the greatness to continue!

Thanks and Kind Regards,

Terry Prine
355 Junipero Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90814
562-822-8563



Vine LB <info@vinelb.com>

Support from a neighbor

4 messages

Morgan Hughes <hughes.morgan.e@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 12:58 PM

To: info@vinelb.com

Hello Vine team -

I live alongside the alleyway that runs from 4th to Florida street where Vine is located and I'm writing to express my support for extending the entertainment permit. Vine is a local staple in the neighborhood and one of our go-to spots for having a great glass of wine and tasty beer. We love supporting the local artists that come through Vine and feel that music adds culture and value to our neighborhood.

We have always experienced respect and care from the Vine team. As patrons, we feel safe and comfortable. As neighbors, we feel respected and supported. Living within ear-shot of the establishment has never been a concern to us, as you follow noise regulations and curfews consistently. We have an open yard alongside the ally and have never had issues with patrons disrespecting our property while leaving Vine.

I love the retro-row neighborhood and Vine with live music is a staple in this community. We hope this continues and look forward to the next show.

Cheers,
Morgan

—
Morgan Hughes
312.404.5797



Vine LB <info@vinelb.com>

Miles Friesen <milesfriesen@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 6:22 PM

To: Dustin Lovelis <dustinlovelis@gmail.com>, info@vinelb.com

To: Miles Friesen <milesfriesen@gmail.com>

Dear City Council, Mayor and City Manager,

I am a professional social worker, I am trans/non-binary, and an exceptionally proud citizen of Long Beach. In all of my years of attending council meetings this will be the first letter I've written to you, and I do hope you'll read it – because I don't take this lightly.

Existing in spaces, especially after dark, in businesses that sell alcohol, has been a very tricky balancing act for the majority of my life here. What I know is this – Vine LB – feels like a safe space for me, and anyone who identifies like me, or who may just find themselves somewhere in the margins of this life.

Vine LB is different, they bring in bands and artists that speak to our lived experiences, which gives us a moment to revel and be at peace in a space that we do not have elsewhere. I cannot say strongly enough how important that is in the life of someone like me, who lacks safe spaces in most walks of my life.

Please look at the individuals that would prefer this space to not exist for "all" of us, and I hope you can see that who they are does not represent the larger community that benefits so much from this magical space that opened mid-pandemic. Vine always closes their patio on time and makes sure the music is over by 10pm on the weekdays, 11pm on weekends. I know they care about the community they live in and they want to see it thrive.

There is a greater good here, and what I know is that I've found it in Vine LB, and I hope you can too.



Vine LB <info@vinelb.com>

Entertainment license hearing comment

2 messages

Corey Wolford <seewolfdesign@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 11:46 PM

To: Vine <info@vinelb.com>

Hey friends! Here is my letter to the city to help keep you guys being awesome. I hope it makes some change!

'Vine is vital.

Vine is a vital hub for the artistic and musical community in Long Beach, and the greater Southern California area in general. It is one of the local gems that make Long Beach special, and most of that is due to their commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and accessible space for musicians and their listeners to come together to share unforgettable experiences. They have dedicated themselves to continuing in the original owners footsteps to never charge for a show so that all of Long Beach and its visitors can come and enjoy great local music. It's also home to many types of community building events, like the Annual Holiday Choir, which brings together some of the best musicians that our city has to offer and grows and strengthens our community, and city, as a whole. The importance of these type of establishments to the longevity of the city and it's vibrant culture cannot be understated. Without these type of places we would fall into the backdrop of all the other beach cities, and we'll just become another bland, forgotten Southern California metropolis.

Through the efforts of Vine we can continue to be a cultural force in one of the most culturally influential and diverse places in the world. To take away that which has given so much to this city and its people would be akin to cutting the city's sails and letting the wind pass us by. Especially during these trying times, a place like Vine is vital to maintaining the strong community that has made Long Beach what it is today and to embolden the next generation to care enough to keep it going.

Vine is vital.'



Vine LB <Info@vinelb.com>

Statement for Hearing today

2 messages

To: info@vinelb.com

heyo!

As a local resident of Long Beach, and patron of Vine, it is a cultural cornerstone of Retro Row on 4th street here in Long Beach. It's the only place to have live entertainment on a regular basis and a major draw for people both living in the neighborhood, as well as visiting. They have always been very respectful of the neighborhood and mindful of noise and curfews. I live right down the street and share the alley with Vine and have never had issues with noise levels, quiet hours, or patrons leaving Vine, nor have my immediate neighbors. I hope their Entertainment Permit renewal is granted as it would be a shame to lose something so vital to the identity of our part of Long Beach.

Karl Caleb Estenson
Senior Sales Representative
Beachwood Brewing & The Blendery
C: 541.891.3272



Vine LB <info@vinelb.com>

Support for City Council Meeting

1 message

Gene Wagoner <gene.wagoner@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 2:47 PM

To: "info@vinelb.com" <info@vinelb.com>

Dustin,

I'm not sure if this went through or not via speakup LB, but here's my input on your hearing if you need it:

"Vine has been an excellent local venue for artists and fans alike for live music in Long Beach for as long as I can recall. The previous owners made it very clear that respect for their neighbors was one of their top priorities, as they always had a hard cutoff in place for the closing band that was always much earlier than other similar venues. This awareness and tact has very clearly been transferred over to the new owners, who have proven to be just as sensible - they have continued to uphold these same noise restrictions and common sense curfews for live music.

As a local musician, every show my band has played there has been an absolute blast, and every show I've attended there as a fan has been just as enjoyable. I personally get up for work around 5am, so the early cutoff for closing bands there has always been a huge plus for me every time I've played there. I feel that it would be an enormous loss for the community to see Vine cease to offer such great and consistent live music."

Good luck!

Gene (bass for Hell is a City)

Pablo Rubio

From: Lauralee Motis <srfndoll@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Lori Voss
Subject: 4th street vine hearing

-EXTERNAL-

Good afternoon Lori,

I'm sorry this is so last-minute but I've only found out about the hearing as of last night. With a neighbor brought it to my attention. As you can see from the attached photo the posting of their hearing is not at a normal level. The sidewalk is sloped in front of their business and they put it up even higher so when I walked by it's not even my level of sight. It's above my head. I'm not a small individual.

I've spoken with investigator Gonzalez numerous times on the phone and issued numerous complaints about the noise level smoke etc. emanating from this business. Even last night the night before their hearing, the band was playing until 1007. I have sent decibel level meter readings to investigator Gonzalez on different occasions notifying them of what's going on when no one is watching.

I would like to attend the hearing tonight but as it starts at 5 PM I do not get off work until 530. If you could please call me I would appreciate that my number is 619-847-5101.

I have several complaints from my neighbors who wish to remain anonymous in fear of retaliation of from the business as we are directly next door.

Thank you,
Lauralee



Sent from my iPhone

Pablo Rubio

From: Eduardo Haro <chilebravo@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Lori Voss
Subject: 2142 E 4th st, permit of entertainment

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Lori,

I just wanted to voice my concerns over issuing a permit to performers here on 4th st. I am a residence on this street and I could tell you that I (along with others) do not appreciate the noise that these performers bring. The music is incredibly loud and goes well into the night and it disrupts many people's sleep. Despite not having a permit, these performers already make enough noise so I could only imagine that the problem would worsen when issued a permit. So I ask that a permit not be issued as I would like to keep this street partly residential. Thank you!

Pablo Rubio

From: Clementina Haro <clemenharo2@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Lori Voss
Subject: 2142 East 4th, entertainment permit

-EXTERNAL-

Hi Lori!

I am a resident here on 4th st and regarding a letter I have received on issuing a permit, I would like to ask that it not be issued. I see that this street is slowly becoming more and more business oriented but I would like to keep as residential as I can. I have been living here for 26 years and I do not appreciate the loudness of the music when these performers come to play and neither does my family or my neighbors.

I work early in the morning and the loudness of the music does not let me sleep at night, it is unacceptable.

Pablo Rubio

From: Daisuke Kinouchi <dkinouchi1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:39 PM
To: Lori Voss
Subject: Concerns for Entertainment permit for Third Planed LLC

-EXTERNAL-

To: City of Long Beach Department of Financial Management

Dear Ms Voss,

I am writing as a reply to Notice of Public Hearing Entertainment Permit that came in mail concerning the issuance of a permit for Entertainment with Dancing by Patrons and Performers to Third Planet LLC, 2142 East 4th Street, Long Beach, CA 90814.

I live right next to this establishment and am gravely affected by its business conduct and am concerned about what this permit entails. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the hearing on November 16, 2021, and since the notice letter included your email, I am writing you instead.

First of all, the notice letter does not include any details on what this permit entails and what this business entity plans to do with it. What's more sensible to me is to include the business plan with the permit by the business operator so the neighboring residents can properly assess what impact it will have on the quality of their lives. I would still like to see the plan in writing before any decision is made, and hopefully you'd resend the notice with such crucial details to all the neighboring residents.

Secondly, before any further permits are acquired by Third Planet LLC, (Business name: Vine), it needs to address the current noise emittance problem. I observe that the business operators are making efforts to keep the front and the back door closed, but the level of the music they play, either live performances or amplified music, is utterly too loud to be contained by the establishment's current noise insulation efforts. The glass doors at the front and the back need to be replaced with more noise insulating material.

The noise I measured with doors closed read above 90 db by the front door (with door closed)

According to [Long Beach Municipal Code Title 8 - HEALTH AND SAFETY CHAPTER 8.80 - NOISE](#), the guideline show the noise limit for District Two are:

Night: 10:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. 55db

Day: 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. 60db

Currently the noise level far exceeds this guidance and they need to mitigate as soon as possible. Until the establishment completes installation of the noise insulation to subdue the noise to the level in the guideline, they simply need to turn the volumes down, regardless of whether live performance or the amplified music, with all doors closed while music is playing.

In more personal language, the noise from the establishment is quite audible in our apartment, with our windows closed, and I feel very intrusive and affecting our mental and physical health.

Also, a simple comparison to the similar businesses on 4th street shows how lacking Third Planet LLC, (Vine)'s noise insulation effort is.

Also, the patrons in the patio (back of the establishment) are increasingly getting louder and louder. The business operator needs to control those who scream and yell. Posting a sign like "Be mindful of neighbors" may help but they need to make efforts like speaking to those who make such obnoxious noises.

Therefore, until these current issues are mitigated, I do not find issuance of any further business permits to this business entity is sensible or licit.

Also, I hope Third Planet LLC, (Vine) continues their efforts to prevent the formation of overflowing crowds on the side street and in the back patio and prohibit smoking near the adjacent residential buildings for its future operations.

Finally, before this request by the establishment is determined permissible, I would love for the written business plans along with the assurance that the failure to comply with the local ordinance and neglecting the environmental concerns stated above is a ground for business permit revocation, sent out to neighboring residents including myself.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Daisuke Kinouchi

2130 E.4th Street #7
Long Beach, CA 90814

Pablo Rubio

From: Harald Grabowsky <haraldgrabowsky@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Lori Voss
Subject: Dancing by Patrons and Performers permit application hearing on Nov 16 at 2142 E. 4th LB

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Mrs. Voss:

As trustees of the Grabowsky Family Trust, which owns the mixed use property at 2106-2108 E. 4th street, we are responding to the notice of public hearing which we received by mail.

It pertains to the issuance of a permit for Entertainment with Dancing by Patrons and Performers to Third Party Planet LLC, 2142 E. 4th street, Long Beach, CA 90814.

We are concerned about two issues:

The first issue is noise. Entertainment with dancing by patrons and performers also implies music at unspecified times. Many residents live in close proximity to the proposed location. Adding a dance venue with music would create a nuisance that would adversely affect the quality of life of those nearby residents.

The second issue is parking. There is no dedicated on-site parking available at 2142 E. 4th St. and patrons will be compelled to use street parking which now is shared by residents and short term business visitors. When large groups of patrons and performers will visit the venue, they will disproportionally use the scarce street parking as they will come at the same time. When parking spots are taken, other businesses will lose sales. This area of E. 4th St is very impacted and parking is hard to find. Allowing an entertainment and dance venue will make things worse.

Considering the above we feel that establishing an entertainment and dance venue at 2142 E. 4th St. would be inappropriate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Harald and Gisele Grabowsky

Trustees of the Grabowsky Family Trust

Pablo Rubio

From: Maghan Beaudrault <mbeaudrault.1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:15 PM
To: Lori Voss
Subject: Entertainment Permit

-EXTERNAL-

Hi Lori,

My name is Maghan, I live on 4th street at 2135 East 4th street. I am writing in response to the Notice of Public Hearing posted in regards to a permit for Entertainment with Dancing at Vine Bar. I previously wrote to the city in response to the bar's request for live music pretty much everyday of the week. Although I do value small businesses especially those that support Retro Row, this bar brings an immense amount of constant noise with its music already. Music is played late throughout the week and unfortunately brings ruckus with it. Whether it's puke in the bushes from people who drank too much, fights outside, broken bottles, etc. It is so loud as people go in and out of the bar opening the door or hanging out outside the bar. I am all for Vine Bar being a staple on 4th street and am sincerely rooting for its success, however, there needs to be a compromise regarding the noise the bar produces in a residential area. With that said, I do not wish the permit for Entertainment with Dancing to be granted on top of the music already constantly played.

Thank you for your time,

Maghan Beaudrault Seta

Pablo Rubio

From: Saul Haro <saulharo505@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 6:16 PM
To: Lori Voss
Subject: Permit for Entertainment at 2142 East 4th

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Lori,

I just wanted to voice my concerns over the issuance of a permit for entertainment on this street. I personally feel that if this permit were to be issued it would cause further disturbance to the residents on this street. There are those of us who need to sleep early and the noise from performers would prevent us from doing so.

On top of this, I would not like to have this street become any busier than it already is as there are times I must leave throughout the night and I've had moments where my driveway was blocked here on 4th street.

I oppose this issuance and would like to keep my street "resident friendly".

Thank you.

Pablo Rubio

From: DARLENA MALLORY <flamecat1111@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Lori Voss
Subject: 4th St permit

-EXTERNAL-

Good afternoon Ms Voss,

I'm writing to voice my dismay over wanting to expand a buissnes license to incorporate entertainment and dancing on 4th Street in Long Beach.

My concern is that 4th and Vine wine bar already has live bands that does not adhere to the noise ordinance of Long Beach:

"No person shall cause or permit loud music or other noises caused by a party, gathering or assemblage of persons on private property to disrupt the public peace. Noise that is audible from a distance of fifty feet (50') or more from the property shall be deemed to disrupt the public peace."

My apartment is more than 50 feet, yet through my closed windows and door, I hear their bands and patrons loud noises constant noise, well past 10pm. In additionally after closing hour's, this type of buissness has added to drunk and disorderly patrons yelling in the streets late unto the night.

Opening the permit to additional loud noise does not respect the neighborhood or the people already LIVE here. I am against this permit for do to the lack of respect of the buissnes, their patrons on neighborhoods current residents.

Darlana Downey

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)