

## Heather Flores

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**From:** CityClerk  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2022 7:38 AM  
**To:** Heather Flores  
**Subject:** FW: Noise levels

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**From:** Randy Schafer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 8:16 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Noise levels

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello,

My name is Randy Schafer. I am a resident of The Pacific – 850 E. Ocean. I have a balcony which faces the beach, the marina and the Elephant Lot. I am out of town for a week, and unfortunately will not be able to join my friends and neighbors at the meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the noise levels in my neighborhood. Instead, I will use this note to share my thoughts for the record: the noise level can be intolerable. As noisy as the Grand Prix is, the music can be intolerable. Loudness is one issue; the key point is the bass guitar which at the volumes it is played, most definitely has “feel”. You can feel it bouncing off the walls, balcony glass doors and your skin. I am not suggesting the elimination of parties; I am asking to regulate the volumes downward thru enforcement of all regulations (and create a “bass / drum” regulation if necessary).

Thank you.

*Randy*

Randy J Schafer  
Cell: [REDACTED]

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**From:** CityClerk  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2022 7:36 AM  
**To:** Heather Flores  
**Subject:** FW: Noise element

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Hester [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 12:16 PM  
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Noise element

-EXTERNAL-

Noise Element Planning Commission:

We live at 850 E. Ocean Blvd. We live down town & realize that location comes with some noise.

I feel it is time that the Planning Commission and the City Council do something about the noise at the Marina Green, Alamitos parking lot Rainbow Lagoon , Elephant Lot & all the areas along the beach.

The speakers are the size of small houses.

One SOLUTION no speakers allowed, everyone attending the concert can certainly hear the music without speakers.

They have been stalling now for years, each time we bring it up nothing is done.

The city makes money from these events, reason they look the other way.

We call & complain, usually cannot get anyone to answer the phone.

We often have to leave town to get away from the noise.

Everyone knows noise is harmful to our health.

Also the loud car mufflers & motorcycles are a big problem on Ocean Blvd & Shoreline. No one addresses that issue either.

I hope you will finally look into this Noise issue.

Thank you,

Sincerely,  
Mary Hester

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**From:** CityClerk  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2022 7:36 AM  
**To:** Heather Flores  
**Subject:** FW: Comments to Planning Commission 10-24-22, Item 3  
**Attachments:** Comments to Planning Commission 10-21-21 Atch.pdf

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**From:** Jim Goodin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 4:31 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Megan Covarrubias <Megan.Covarrubias@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Comments to Planning Commission 10-24-22, Item 3

**-EXTERNAL-**

These are the comments that I sent to the October 21, 2021 Review of Noise Documents--they still apply. They included a review of the EIR, but the EIR does not seem to be under review for the October 20, 2022 Planning Commission Review. I wonder why? I will also send comments of an updated nature.

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Dear Planning Commissioners:

Reference: Agenda Item 5, Thursday, October 21, 2021  
Recommendation to adopt Environment Impact Report, Noise Element, and Amendments to the Noise Ordinance.

Name: James Goodin, DPA.

Address: [REDACTED]

Organizations: President of Ocean Residents Community Association, Board of Directors of Downtown Residential Council. (My comments do not represent all members of either association.)

I am OPPOSED to the documents as written.

First, residents of the City were not given sufficient notice of this meeting to review the approximately 1,800 pages of documents that are up for adoption. The meeting agenda was only published 2 days prior to the meeting. The Staff Report refers to providing community notice on October 7th via an email blast. I did not get an email even though I have been a consistent contributor to Noise Element and EIR versions since 2017. I have contributed to all community meetings as well. If I did not get an email, how many others also did not receive notice?

Second, since I cannot possibly review all 1,800 pages to be adopted in one day (even two weeks would not be sufficient), these comments will concentrate on Sections 1.0 and 2.0 of Attachment A - Proposed Noise Element.

1. Several hundred comments were submitted by Ocean Blvd residents to the EIR and Noise Element drafts in June of 2021--NONE WERE ADOPTED. I will not dwell on my comments that were not accepted, they are in the Response Section I-9 of both the Attachment A and G of Agenda Item 5. However two are worthy of your consideration as they pertain to noise intrusions which may be hazardous to the health and welfare of Long Beach residents.

2. The waterfront residents of downtown Ocean Blvd are subject to noise hazardous to their health and welfare continuously from April to October each year. The City of Long Beach needs to stop permitting excessive amplified noise from outdoor commercial entertainment that make our homes adjacent to Alamitos Beach, the Conventional Center parking lot, Marina Green, Rainbow Lagoon, etc. unlivable up to three days a week, 12 hours a day, almost every weekend six to seven months a year. As measured from our homes, the amplified noise routinely far exceeds the noise level permitted in the city's industrial areas, let alone residences. Noise levels in excess of 70db for hours on end were routinely measured at residences along Ocean Blvd--this level of noise is deemed unacceptable by the EIR but allowed since it comes from a "Special Event."

The Office of Special Events and Filming in the City Manager Department classifies these outdoor entertainment events as "temporary" because each event occurs no more than once a year and the facilities are built and torn down before and after each event. However, to the residents who live adjacent to these venues, the events are continuous and a source of unjust distress. The combined effects of excessive, all-day noise, every weekend is not "temporary" as stated in the City's noise documents but is a "Stationary Noise Source" that requires mitigation pursuant to the State of California General Plan Guidelines, dated 2017. See the attachment to this email for a record of the 2018 Special Events adjacent to Ocean Blvd homes.

3. The draft EIR and Noise Element specify, "**Interior noise standards** will be satisfied with windows in the closed position." The current Noise Ordinance specifies "...windows in seasonal position." Many waterfront buildings were built to be kept cool by ocean breezes--they have no air-conditioning. The high-rise residences at 600, 700, and 800 Ocean Blvd were all built facing the ocean to be cooled by these ocean breezes. Consequently, during the warm months (corresponding to the Special Event months) windows must be open and interior noise measurements need to be taken with windows open. Do not change this requirement which would have the effect of increasing harmful noise inside waterfront homes.

In conclusion, we all enjoy downtown entertainment and even soft music drifting into our homes in the evening. But entertainment so loud the you cannot hold a normal conversation, talk on the telephone or watch TV is intrusive, forcing residents from their homes. Certainly this should not be the aim of City electeds, management, and planning commissioners. All that it would take to eliminate these hazards is to apply the same noise standards to Ocean Blvd residents that apply throughout the rest of the City. **DO NOT EXEMPT SPECIAL EVENTS FROM THE NOISE ORDINANCE!**

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**Outdoor Entertainment Events**

**Permitted Near Residences on East Ocean Blvd Downtown**

Events permitted before 7:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m. near East Ocean Blvd or after 11:00 near the Queen Mary are highlighted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> column.

Events with decibel levels 2 or more times the noise limit recorded at the residences are highlighted in the last column.

Day	From	To	Date	Location	Event
Tuesday		10:00 p.m.	Mar 20	Convention Center parking lot	The Cove
Tuesday		10:00 p.m.	Mar 27	Convention Center parking lot	The Cove
Friday			April 13	Shoreline Drive	The Grand Prix
Saturday			April 14	Shoreline Drive	The Grand Prix
Sunday			April 15	Shoreline Drive	The Grand Prix
Saturday	11 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	April 28	Harry Bridges Memorial Park & Queen Mary parking lot	Smokers Club Show
Sunday	11 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	April 29	Harry Bridges Memorial Park & Queen Mary parking lot	Smokers Club Show
Sunday	11 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	April 29	Shoreline Park	Dutch King's Day
Monday		3:00 a.m.	April 30	Convention Center parking lot	Take-down from Dutch King's Day
Saturday	9 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	May 5	Marina Green	Toyota Fest
Saturday	2 p.m.	11:59 p.m.	May 5	Queen Mary Sea Walk, Valet Lots & Area 6	Freestyle Festival
Sunday	8 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	May 6	Shoreline Park	Race with a View
Sunday	9 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	May 6	Alamitos Bay	Sensa
Saturday	6 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	May 12	Marina Green	Tour of Long Beach
Saturday	2 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	May 12	Shoreline Park	Long Beach Music Fest
Sunday	2 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	May 13	Shoreline Park	Long Beach Music Fest
Sunday-Monday	10:00 p.m.	4:00 a.m.	May 13-14	Shoreline Park	Take-down from Long Beach Music Fest
Friday	11 a.m.	10:30 p.m.	May 18	Marina Green/Rainbow Lagoon	Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration & Parade
Saturday	11 a.m.	10:30 p.m.	May 19	Marina Green/ Rainbow Lagoon	Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration & Parade
Sunday	11 a.m.	10:30 p.m.	May 20	Marina Green/ Rainbow Lagoon	Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration & Parade
Sunday-Monday	11:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	May 20-21	Marina Green/Rainbow Lagoon	Take-down from the Pride Festival
Saturday	9 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	June 2	Marina Greens	Toyota Fest
Sunday	6 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	June 3	Shoreline Park	Los Angeles River Ride
Saturday	7 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	June 9	Shoreline Park	Champions Run for Life, Torch Run
Saturday	9 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	June 9	Marina Green	Walk for hearing
Saturday	11 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	June 9	Harry Bridges Memorial Park & Queen Mary parking lot	Smoking Grooves R&B Event
Sunday	10 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	June 10	Rainbow Lagoon	Dia de San Juan Festival
Saturday	7 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	June 23	Shoreline Park	Zero Prostate Cancer Run

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Saturday	11 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	June 23	Harry Bridges Memorial Park	<b>Thirty-Second Annual Bayou Festival</b>
Sunday	11 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	June 24	Harry Bridges Memorial Park	Thirty-Second Annual Bayou Festival
Thursday	11 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	June 28	Convention Center & Rainbow Lagoon	Dew Tour
Friday	11 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	June 29	Convention Center & Rainbow Lagoon	Dew Tour
Saturday	11 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	June 30	Convention Center & Rainbow Lagoon	Dew Tour
Saturday	10 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	June 30	Shoreline Park	Pirate Invasion
Saturday	10 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	June 30	Shoreline Village Marina	Pirate Festival
Sunday	10 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	July 1	Shoreline Park	Pirate Invasion
Sunday	10 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	July 1	Shoreline Village Marina	Pirate Festival
Sunday	11 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	July 1	Convention Center & Rainbow Lagoon	Dew Tour
Sunday	10 p.m.	all night?	July 1-2	Convention Center parking lot	<b>Take-down from the Dew Tour</b>
Wednesday	10 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	July 4	Queen Mary	Queen Mary – All American 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
Saturday	11 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	July 7	Harry Bridges Park, Catalina lot & parking lots A9-A15	<b>Summertime in the LBC</b>
Sunday	10:00	7:00 p.m.	July 8	Marina Green	Long Beach Gospel Fest
Saturday	2 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	July 14	Shoreline Park	Reggie Island Music Festival
Saturday	2 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	July 21	Alamitos Beach	<b>Kaskade Sun Soaked 2018</b>
Saturday	9:45 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	July 21	Alamitos Beach	<b>Fireworks</b>
Friday	5 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	July 27	Rainbow Lagoon	<b>Long Beach Crawfish Festival</b>
Saturday	10 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	July 28	Shoreline Park	<b>Love Long Beach Celebration</b>
Sunday	10 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	July 29	Shoreline Park	<b>Love Long Beach Celebration</b>
Saturday	9 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Aug 4	Alamitos Beach	Copa Cabana Beach Soccer Tournament
Saturday	10 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Aug 4	Rainbow Lagoon	Beach City Brunch
Sunday	9 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Aug 5	Alamitos Beach	Copa Cabana Beach Soccer Tournament
Friday	5 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	Aug 10	Rainbow Lagoon	<b>Long Beach Jazz Festival</b>
Saturday	11 a.m.	10:30 p.m.	Aug 11	Rainbow Lagoon	<b>Long Beach Jazz Festival</b>
Sunday	11 a.m.	10:30 p.m.	Aug 12	Rainbow Lagoon	<b>Long Beach Jazz Festival</b>
Sunday	11 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Aug 12	Harry Bridges Memorial Park & Queen Mary parking lot	Alt Summer Camp
Saturday	11 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Aug 18	Harry Bridges Memorial Park & Queen Mary parking lot	Corridos, Micheladas & Mariscos Festival
Saturday	12 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Aug 18	Rainbow Lagoon	LB BBQ Festival

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Sunday	12 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Aug 19	Rainbow Lagoon	LB BBQ Festival
Wednesday	9 p.m.	9:15 p.m.	Aug 29		Fireworks from Taste of Downtown Long Beach
Friday	5 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Sept 7	Rainbow Lagoon	LB Lobster Festival
Saturday	12 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Sept 8	Rainbow Lagoon	LB Lobster Festival
Sunday	12 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Sept 9	Rainbow Lagoon	LB Lobster Festival
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	Sept 15	Shoreline Park	The Butterfly Walk/Run & Flutter
Sunday	7 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Sept 16	Shoreline Park	Aloha Run
Saturday	9 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Sept 22	Marina Green	Japanese Classic Car Show Set-up at 5:30 a.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Sept 22	Rainbow Lagoon	Los Angeles Heart Walk
Monday	9:45 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Sept 24	Queen Mary?	Unannounced fireworks
Friday		late afternoon	Sept 28	Marina Green	Set-up for Music Tastes Good
Saturday	?	10:00 p.m.	Sept 29	Marina Green	Music Tastes Good
Sunday	?	10:00 p.m.	Sept 30	Marina Green	Music Tastes Good
Saturday	6 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Oct 6	Marina Green, Shoreline Village & city streets	Jetblue Long Beach Marathon
Sunday	6 a.m.-5:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Oct 7	Marina Green, Shoreline Village & city streets	Jetblue Long Beach Marathon
Sunday	10 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Oct 14	Rainbow Lagoon	Pagan Pride Day LA/OC
Saturday	7 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Oct 20	Shoreline Park	Strides for Disability
Saturday	8 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Oct 27	Shoreline Park	The Children's Clinic Beach Walk
Saturday	3 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Oct 27	Shoreline Village & Shoreline Park	Zombie Walk
Saturday	?	?	Nov 3	Harry Bridges Park, Catalina lot & parking lots A9-A15	Tropicalia Music and Taco Festival
Sunday	?	?	Nov 4	Harry Bridges Park, Catalina lot & parking lots A9-A15	Tropicalia Music and Taco Festival
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Dec 1	Marina Green Parking	Be the Match Walk/Run
Monday	7 p.m.	1:00 a.m.	Dec 31	Queen Mary	Past and Present New Year's Eve

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**From:** CityClerk  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2022 7:36 AM  
**To:** Heather Flores  
**Subject:** FW: Attention Planning Commissioners, Agenda Item 3, 10-24-22  
**Attachments:** Office window Music too loud.jpg; Bedroom Noise.jpg

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**From:** Jim Goodin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 4:32 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Megan Covarrubias <Megan.Covarrubias@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Attention Planning Commissioners, Agenda Item 3, 10-24-22

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Planning Commissioners:

Reference: Agenda Item 3, October 24, 2022  
Noise Element Study Session

Name: James Goodin, DPA.

Address: [REDACTED]

Organizations: President of Ocean Residents Community Association, Board of Directors of Downtown Residential Council. (My comments do not represent all members of either association.)

I am OPPOSED to the documents as written.

One year ago we reviewed the Noise Element, Noise Ordinance, and EIR. My comments still stand. This time the EIR does not seem to be up for review.

Before COVID, on the Waterfront we had years of concerts almost every weekend from April to October so loud the Ocean Blvd residents were subject to noise hazardous to their health and welfare. The planning commission conducted a review of the noise documents in October 2021, where the Commission and the City heard residents' concerns about outdoor entertainment in their backyard. Only 3 months later in February 2022, the City held the Cali Vibe Concert--the loudest and most hazardous to ever to Ocean Blvd residents. Four days, 12 hours a day of 80+ decibels outside, 70+ decibels inside--so loud normal conversations, speaking on the telephone, or watching TV were greatly inhibited. These noise levels are quadruple the noise levels allowed in the rest of the City. Per the Noise Ordinance under review, the noise limits are: 60 db exterior, and 50 db interior. I have attached db meter readings taken during the concert. The first reading of 80 db was taken from my home with window open (seasonal configuration on a warm day). This is 8 times the interior allowable noise level specified in the Noise Ordinance and equivalent to having a vacuum cleaner constantly running in the room. The second reading of 70 db was taken from my bedroom with double pane glass windows closed. It is quadruple the allowable noise limit specified in the Noise Ordinance and is equivalent to being subject to freeway auto traffic in the room with you.

The Noise Ordinance extract for your review only shows what the City plans to change. It does not show what should be changed. Paragraph 8.80.280 specifies that the Noise Ordinance does not apply to "occasional" gatherings if conducted under a permit issued by the City. The City uses this paragraph to conduct 3-day concerts almost every weekend from April to October, by saying that each particular event is "occasional" because that event only happens once a year. But having a once-a-year occasional event every weekend is not occasional to the residents enduring hazardous noise. It is continuous.

Ocean Blvd residents have sent well over 1000 comments to the various City noise regulations in recent years, with little impact. There are three parts of the Noise Ordinance, as a minimum, that require change.



- That outdoor entertainment that is permitted by the City's Office of Special Events should not be exempt from the Noise Ordinance. Unhealthy noise limits that are applied to the entire rest of the City should also apply to events in our back yard.
- That the noise generated on City property can protrude onto our property, which has maximum noise limits, without restriction. The noise at the venue can be as loud as participants can tolerate, but when that noise crosses the line into District 1 or District 2 land use, it needs to conform to the specified noise levels for that district.
- That the Waterfront is one venue. The City plays games by having the Elephant Lot, Marina Green, Rainbow Lagoon and Alamitos Beach as different venues allowing for more total events than if the Waterfront was one venue. The noise is the same to Ocean Blvd residents.

In conclusion, we all enjoy downtown entertainment and even soft music drifting into our homes in the evening. But entertainment so loud the you cannot hold a normal conversation, talk on the telephone or watch TV is intrusive, forcing residents from their homes. Certainly this should not be the aim of City electeds, management, and planning commissioners. All that it would take to eliminate these hazards is to apply the same noise standards to Ocean Blvd residents that apply throughout the rest of the City. **DO NOT EXEMPT SPECIAL EVENTS FROM THE NOISE ORDINANCE!**

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MAX: 90.7  
PEAK: 99.3

DURATION: 3M:46S



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

74.9 DBC

DURATION: 9M:1S

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MIN: 53.8  
MAX: 94.6  
PEAK: 99.3



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

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**From:** Robert Cash [REDACTED]  
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**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
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**Subject:** Noise

**-EXTERNAL-**

Attn Planning Session  
Agenda Item 3, Noise  
Element Study

STOP THE UNHEALTHY NOISE

Robert W. Cash

Resident Facing Special Events

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Bob

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**From:** rich field [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 5:20 PM  
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**Subject:** Attn: Planning Commission, Agenda Item 3, Noise Element Study Session

**-EXTERNAL-**

Attn: Planning Commission, Agenda Item 3, Noise Element Study Session,

As a condo owner at 400 West Ocean, please do something to eliminate the noise caused by musical events in the downtown and marina areas. The noise from concerts and the Pike parking garage makes the downtown residences unlivable.

Why should downtown residents not be afforded the same amount of peace and quiet that other Long Beach residents expect and enjoy? Why is there zero noise enforcement against noisy exhausts by LB police? RPV has a zero noise tolerance as do other surrounding suburbs and they are much quieter as a result.

Concert music booming against my windows forces me out of my home to other suburbs. Not to mention the rowdy pedestrians and traffic flowing to the events.

In addition, the top two floors of the Pike parking garage have been closed for a couple months for repair. This prevents the regular gatherings of groups of loud vehicles that routinely park on the top outside floors of the garage. Since the garage has closed the top, the reduction of noisy exhausts, cars driving in loops, doing donuts, and revving their engines to trip car alarms has almost ceased. Can something be done to permanently close those floors in the evenings? With those floors closed, it would dramatically change the quality of life and bring some peace and quiet to the downtown area. Just ask the police - I am certain that noise complaints about groups of car enthusiasts has dropped since the closure.

Fred Owen  
Citizen of Long Beach. Downtown resident