

Marla Camerino

From: Patricia Duran Ruiz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2023 10:10 PM
To: Marla Camerino
Subject: Entertainment permit-UBUNTU

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Marla,

Long Beach City Council
Bob Foster Civic Chambers
411 West Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90802

PLEASE DO NOT GRANT THIS PERMIT!!

I am opposed to the request for an entertainment permit by Ubuntu Cafe.

This permit will degrade and change a quiet residential neighborhood. A small local breakfast and lunch café will turn into a BAR with live music. Noise, safety issues, traffic congestion, proximity to residences on both sides of Apian Way.

About twenty condos at the Colorado Regency, which houses families and children, including infants, are within 100 feet!! The acoustics of the Colorado Regency is such that any noise and conversations from the street below and the playground across the street are intensified and the noise can be clearly heard inside the residences! How can a permit for musical performances, instrumental or vocal and a disc jockey or karaoke even be considered in a residential neighborhood?? Over 50 residences will be directly affected by noise by this permit. This permit, if granted detracts from the peace and quiet of a residential neighborhood. **Please DO NOT grant it.**

The park has to be taken into consideration as well as the school. How can a bar be located right across a playground on one side and in close proximity to a school on the opposite side?

Traffic and parking is already a huge problem during the summer months. Has a traffic study been completed?

Also, the City of Long Beach does not have the resources necessary to assure safety at what sounds like a night club in the making. **PLEASE DO NOT GRANT THIS PERMIT.**

Thank you,

LB resident and voter

Marla Camerino

From: Patrick Duran [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:50 AM
To: Marla Camerino
Cc: Council District 3
Subject: City Council Meeting 1/17/2023 Agenda Item 15

-EXTERNAL-

Good evening.

In regards to the entertainment permit at Ubuntu Cafe:

This restaurant started as a nifty addition to the neighborhood. But it seems as though the conditional use of the premises is ever expanding. Our neighborhood is not 2nd Street. We didn't move next to an airport, then start complaining about the noise. We've been here. We're entitled to the quiet enjoyment of the neighborhood, and we've all made reasonable accommodation to allow a local business to thrive, but enough is enough. The restaurant now prominently displays the illuminated word "BAR" in large lettering, suggesting a desired transition from a cafe to an entirely different type of venue.

LBPd offered fantastic conditions, and I wholly support them. But LBPd condition 22 in their approval memo (and city condition #5 in attachment A) will be impossible for the restaurant to comply with, based on the fact they want live music at what their application describes as an open air cafe. Code enforcement will not be working from 5pm-9pm to enforce violations. Despite LBPd's great conditions set in their memo, their patrol officers are not likely to document code enforcement issues. Are we to believe that Ubuntu, a self described open air cafe, is going to close their doors when performers are present? Who is going to make sure they adhere to those conditions?

In addition, while I appreciate the due diligence LBPd detectives exhibited in going to the restaurant in an undercover capacity, the application for entertainment is for Thursday and Friday nights. For some reason, they chose to attend the restaurant on Tuesday on two consecutive weeks with no mention of what time they went. Shouldn't they have gone on days and times representative of when the permit is being sought? And per their report, the restaurant already had live performers playing and singing without the permit being approved. This serves to further illustrate my concerns that Ubuntu will ignore the rules set forth, and do so without repercussion. Permit not approved. Restaurant does it anyway in violation of 5.72.100 LBMC. Law enforcement present when it happens. Law enforcement documents it in an APPROVAL recommendation. Zero consequences.

Don't allow the allure of increased city revenue from this restaurant trump the rights of the residents in the area.

Marla Camerino

From: Georgiana Lotfy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 8:35 AM
To: Marla Camerino
Subject: Public hearing: Ubuntu Cafe , 335 Nieto Ave

-EXTERNAL-

Regarding notice of public hearing on entertainment permit for property at 335 Nieto called restaurant UBuntu.

My opinion is this is a degrading of a residential neighborhood from a small local breakfast and lunch establishment to a BAR with live music business. The restaurant recently installed a very large lit sing stating BAR.

Noise, safety issues, traffic congestion and proximity to a children's park, a fragile lagoon area and two schools should need to be important considerations as to what goes on at the restaurant.

Several hundred children pass the outdoor bar which now has a huge sign saying BAR and a prominent display of alcohol in this outdoor ground level bar area that has been constructed at the restaurant. Who is protecting these children and adolescents from this outdoor bar that will grow noisy with music and people outside at this bar area?

Does Long Beach care about its residential areas and the voters of this area?

A big No to this permit in Order that we protect our neighborhood , prevent a public nuisance activity of live music performance along with the alcohol that is served there. Live music will surely be advertised and they restaurant clientele increased.

Traffic is already a huge problem in this area during the summer months. Has a traffic study been completed?

This permit, if granted detracts from the peace and quiet of a residential neighborhood. For the welfare of our neighborhood please do not grant this permit.

Also the City of Long Beach does not have the resources necessary to assure safety and rules at this restaurant. Please vote no.

Please vote no.
Georgiana Lotfy
LB resident and voter

Marla Camerino

From: Steve Schullo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6:01 PM
To: Marla Camerino
Subject: Live Music Permit request by Ubuntu

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-EXTERNAL-

January 10, 2023

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Bob Foster Civic Chambers
411 West Ocean Blvd., LB, 90802

I am opposed to this request for an entertainment permit by Ubuntu Café.

This permit degrades a quiet residential neighborhood from a small local breakfast and lunch cafe. A *good neighbor* is now a **bad neighbor** by ruining its reputation as an *open liquor BAR and nighttime club scene with live music! Are we serious here?* LAST I HEARD, this community is still residential!

Noise, safety issues, traffic congestion, proximity to residences on both sides of Apian Way. Approximately 30 residences will be directly affected by noise by this terrible permit.

Has anybody looked at the surrounding homes directly affected by the music? About twenty-one condos at the Colorado Regency HOA are within 100 feet! More homes will be affected on the south side of Apian Way, directly across the street.

A children's park and two large Long Beach USD schools are also important considerations for what goes on at this establishment. Hundreds of children will pass the outdoor bar from Roger's Middle and Lowell Elementary Schools, which now has a huge sign saying **BAR** and a prominent display of alcohol in this outdoor street-level area. Who protects these children and adolescents as they walk home from school and hear music and inebriated patrons a few feet from the sidewalk?

Also, the City of Long Beach does not have the resources necessary to assure safety at what sounds like the beginning of a bonafide nightclub. Traffic is a huge problem in this area during the summer months. Has a traffic study been completed? If this hideous permit is allowed, who will stop the owner(s) from turning their establishment into a sports bar with TV screens and screaming fans watching the Super Bowl?

A big **No** to this permit is to protect our neighborhood and keep it residential. If this permit is granted, the noise will detract from the peace and quiet of a residential neighborhood. For the welfare of our neighborhood, please do not grant this permit.

Thank you,

Stephen Schullo
LB resident and voter