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March 7, 2010

The Honorable Councilmember Ed Reyes, Chair
The Honorable Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Member
The Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar, Member
Los Angeles City Council PLUM Committee
200 W. Temple Street Room 410
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Imposition of Conditions

City Council File #: 10-0130 DIR 2009-1885

Zoning Administrator File #: 2009-1885(RV)

Business Name: Liquor Bank

Location: 3000-3010 W. Stocker – Los Angeles, CA 90008

Dear Councilmembers Reyes, Huizar and Krekorian:

I am writing on behalf of the Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWANDC) to express our adamant opposition to the appeal filed by the owners and operators of the owners/operators of the Liquor Bank against the finding of public nuisance and the conditions imposed by the zoning administrator. As the file reveals, the Liquor Bank has been a constant nuisance and blight on the surrounding community. The ECWANDC voted unanimously at its July 21, 2009 board meeting to unequivocally support the revocation of this store's conditional use permit. In the absence of this action – we ask that the city council uphold the zoning administrator's ruling and conditions in its entirety.

Despite the apparent use of security personnel, years of complaints and requests by the community, members of the neighborhood council and city officials, this store fails to operate in such a manner as to prevent unlawful activities and nuisance behavior. There is a great deal of loitering throughout the day and evening hours of operation; continuous illegal vending; harassment of passersby; disturbances of the peace; illicit activity, including the consumption of alcohol, sell and use of marijuana, and disruptive behavior that literally spills over into the streets into on-coming traffic as well as the adjacent residential area. The owners of the store and its proximity to the LAPD Traffic Division have had little if any impact on deterring this activity. The continued operation of the Liquor Bank jeopardizes and endangers the public health and safety of persons residing or working on the premises and in the surrounding area, and is a threat to the community's quality of life. We therefore ask you to uphold the conditions established by the zoning administrator and to deny the appeal.

Sincerely,

Lark Galloway-Gilliam

Chair

CC: Councilmember Bernard Parks
Council member Herb Wesson

Date: 3-9-10

Submitted in PLUM Committee

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Submitted by P. Lottimore