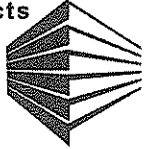


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Planning & Land Use Management Committee

Los Angeles City Hall

200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

The Central City East Association (CCEA) has served as the principal voice and advocate of eastern Downtown Los Angeles for 25 years. We also administer two Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), representing 97 blocks of Downtown Los Angeles, 1,300 businesses, and 12,000 employees.

Ken's Market is located within our Industrial District BID boundaries. In fact, it is located less than a mile from our offices and less than 300 feet from a center we operate where services are provided for 500 homeless persons on a daily basis. We unquestionably know this location and its history as the site of alcohol-related criminal behavior, and its detrimental impact on the surrounding community.

We know this in a most specific way because as a BID, we provide public safety patrols on every street every day and we maintain detailed records of all incidents handled by our BID officers.

Ken's Market has been the site of alcohol-related incidents by the hundreds for years. These include:

- loitering
- persons passed out on the sidewalk
- drinking in public
- narcotics use
- fights
- robberies
- assaults
- prostitution

These incidents occurred within 250 feet of Ken's Market, and were directly connected to Ken's Market by information voluntarily provided by the victim or the perpetrator.

Date: 2-8-11

Submitted in PLUM Committee

Council File No: 10-1953

Item No.: 2

Deputy: Communication From Public

Attached is a graphic showing the 371 public safety incidents to which we responded during the first half of 2010.

This graphic shows the 370 incidents we responded to in the second half of 2010 and through last Tuesday. These icons represent the following incidents:

- 141 blocking the sidewalk
- 134 loitering
- 71 drinking in public
- 9 trespassing
- 4 aggressive panhandling
- 3 narcotics activity
- 3 assaults
- 2 fights
- 2 prostitution
- 1 disturbing the peace

As an operator asking for your support today, one would expect Ken's Market to put forth some effort to address these terrible conditions.

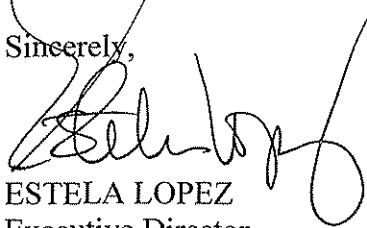
But as you can see, Ken's Market continues its practice of complete disregard and disrespect for the community.

Ken's Market is a proven threat to the public health and safety of Skid Row, with particular impact on the children of Skid Row as you will hear in separate testimony today.

We therefore urge this committee to reject this appeal and uphold the determination of the office of Zoning Administration.

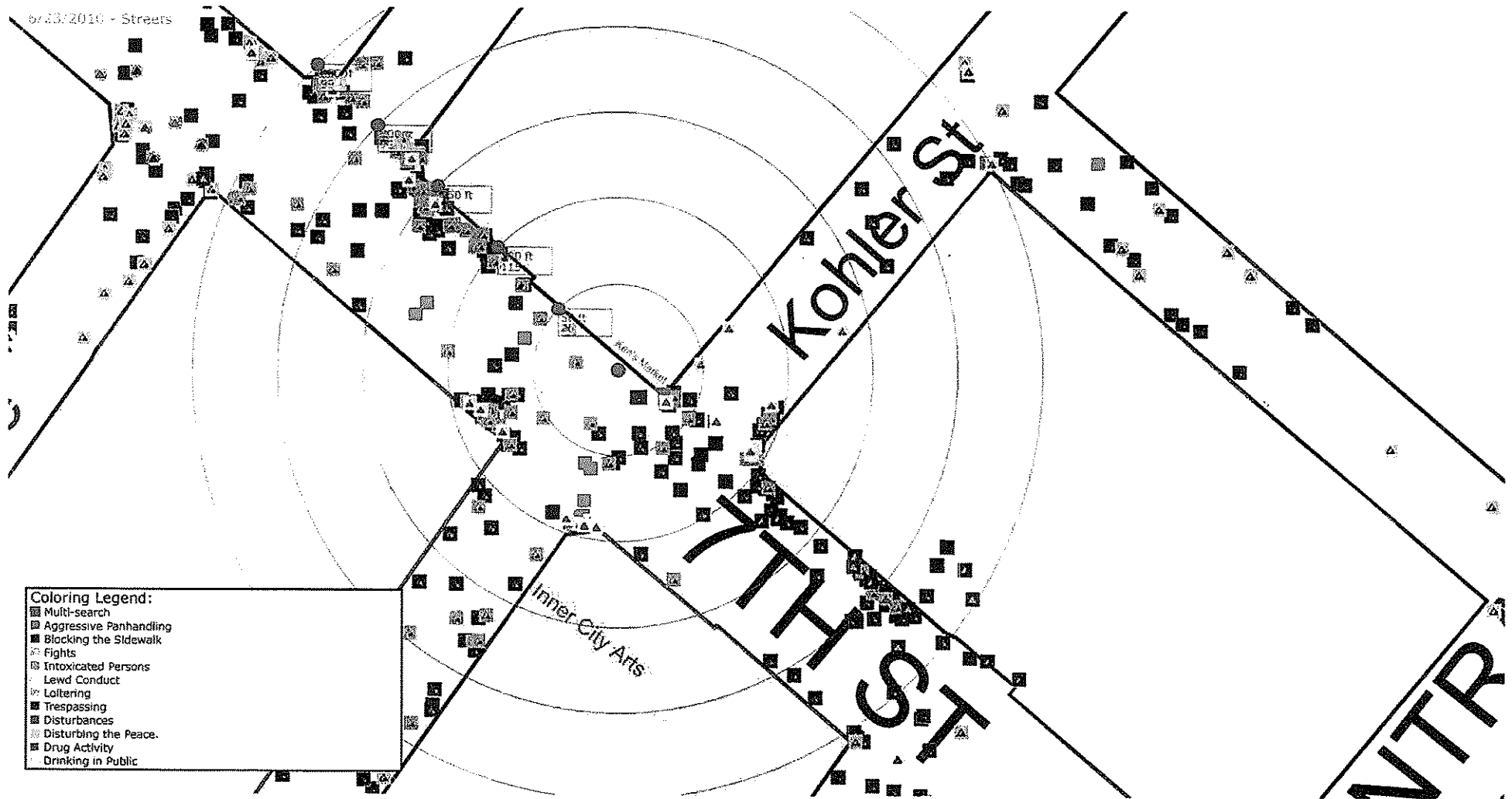
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



ESTELA LOPEZ
Executive Director

Incidents Involving Ken's Market



Incident Details:

Time Frame: January 1, 2010- June 23, 2010

Hours of Occurrence: 6:00 AM- 6:30 PM (during market operating hours)

Total number of Public Safety Incidents within 250 foot radius= 371

Ken's Market:

From 6/21/2010-2/1/2011

370 incidents within 250 ft. of Ken's Market

