Dear Councilmembers:

Thank you for your consideration and support for the Party House Ordinance.

Some of you will recall that this issue was first before the Council years ago. It died from lack of follow up after two years.

Since then this problem has expanded beyond the nuisance level - beyond imagination- to a full fledged illegal business enterprise including many violations of many laws affecting the quality of life issues for both residents and all those traversing our streets late at night or early in the morning hours.

The intent of those community members including the thousands of Stakeholders in HHWNC (CD4 & 13 & previously CD5) has never been to stop families or individuals to have private celebrations within their own homes.

The intent is directed at a growing number of individuals and groups that have expanded commercial use of private homes for paid parties that continue into the early morning hours not only disturbing the peace, but conducting other illegal activities. These dangerous situations create fire risk in the hillside communities, leave trash including drug paraphernalia, have hostile encounters between party goers and their hosts with disturbed neighbors and LAPD personnel. Drunk party patrons litter the streets, fornicate, smoke, use illicit drugs, urinate (etc) in front of homes and frighteningly DRIVE dangerous on the narrow, winding and one-way roads creating multiple risks for others and themselves. Meanwhile the party “host” and also the culpable homeowner is walking away with thousand of dollars of profit over and over again. The news media have frequently highlighted these dangerous situations over and over again.
HHWNC has weighed in on this topic asking for your help over many years with unanimous support from our boards. We recently hosted a huge Town Hall attended by several hundred Stakeholders. The panel of experts taking questions included our City Prosecutor, several LAPD SLOs and Vice officers, Captains, and even a rep from AIRBNB.

We respectfully request your full support for this Ordinance. This problem is now out of control and causing tremendous stress on our valued law enforcement officers as well as citizens. Give them the tools to stop these abuses.

Thank you.

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