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To: Deputy City Clerk: John A. White Office of the City Clerk City Hall 200 North Spring Street, Room 395 Los Angeles, California 90012 Mail Stop: 160

RE: Public Convenience or Necessity (Caldera) Application

Council File No.13-1271; CD 6

Dear Mr. White:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Foothill Division has been made aware of the application for a Conditional Use Permit for an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license at the Outrigger Bar and Grill, located at 8420 Lankershim Boulevard in Sun Valley, CA. The Foothill Area Vice unit has become familiar with the establishment over the past several months as a result of a variety of citizen complaints. Specifically, that the employees of the establishment have been "over serving" many of the patrons at the bar and that the owner of the establishment, identified also as the applicant in this case, has been allegedly selling "liquor shots" at the location, while she herself is intoxicated. This is in violation of the current ABC license the establishment holds, which solely allows for the sale of beer and wine.

The Outrigger Bar and Grill was previously located at 9007 Laurel Canyon Boulevard Sun Valley, CA and owned by the current applicant. The establishment was then too at the center of a formal ABC Investigation and was cited on two separate occasions for 25658(a) B&P-Sales of alcohol to a minor and 24200(a) B&P- Licensee/Bartender working on premises while intoxicated. The licensee was fined by ABC, their license was suspended, and the licensee ultimately surrendered their license. The Outrigger Bar and Grill has since relocated to the address on Lankershim Boulevard.

On June 20, 2013 the applicant was arrested and booked for 23152 (a) VC-Driving under the Influence-DUI by the Los Angeles Police Department-Valley Traffic Division. The applicant was convicted of 23103 VC- Reckless Driving, and is currently on Summary Probation for the offense. During this arrest, the applicant was so intoxicated that she stepped out of her vehicle at a local 7 Eleven and urinated on the sidewalk, in public, thereby grabbing the attention of officers patrolling the area. According to the officer's arrest report, the applicant was belligerent, uncooperative, and refused

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to answer any questions. This information, coupled with the citizen complaints and the applicant's previous history, raised our concerns.

On October 4, 2013, the Foothill Are Vice Unit conducted an undercover ABC Investigation at the Outrigger Bar and Grill, in an effort to verify the citizen complaints we had received. The applicant was present during this investigation. Officers observed a "drunk service" by one of the bartenders who was subsequently cited for 25602(a) B&P-Service to an intoxicated person. The intoxicated patron was arrested and booked for 647(f) PC- Drunk in public. Additionally, the applicant was cited for 103.102 LAMC- No café entertainment permit, after having a live band and DJ on the premise without a permit.

Based on this information, it is our concern that approving the applicant's permit for a full ABC license would only serve to further contribute to the endangerment of the public. Service to knowingly intoxicated patrons creates an unnecessary risk to the public, specifically to unsuspecting motorists on the road. It is our opinion that an establishment which serves alcohol to obviously intoxicated patrons has the potential to cause an unnecessary influx in crime and that police resources would be further tasked with addressing problems in the area.

Additionally, since the applicant has demonstrated her unwillingness to comply with the basic principles of the law, such as drinking and driving, there is a likelihood that she would choose not to comply with those conditions imposed by the permit she is requesting.

Based on the information mentioned above, it is the opinion of Foothill Area Vice Unit that granting the applicant's request would be inappropriate at this time and we are therefore **opposed** to the application.

Should you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sergeant Scott Murray, Officer-in-Charge, Foothill Area Vice Unit, at (818) 834-3170.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK

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