



July 26, 2016

Sharon Dickinson  
Planning and Land Use Mgmt Committee

Council File 16-0728

To the Committee

I write this in reference to the appeal of The Cosmo Bar on Hollywood Blvd.

I am the owner of the iO Theater which is situated right next door. I have been a successful theatre and school at the location for over 20 years. But ever since that club opened, the problems that have come from there have slowly destroyed my business. I have been in touch with VICE and I know they have been doing all they can to shut that place down.

I have 16 bullet holes in my theater walls. There are continuous fights and shootings that spill out into the streets from that club. My very high class clientele, which include famous alumni, will no longer visit the theater, as too often they are pushed upstairs into a little room with no windows because my bar is all windows and the shooting is presenting a danger. We have literally been held hostage in these situations for an hour because it takes that long for police to show up.

My school has dwindled as too often there are shootings right in front of the the door of the classrooms by THEIR PATRONS. People don't feel the need to risk their lives for a comedy class so they are going to my competitors.

The music and the noise is so unbelievable that we are unable to even do shows next door. You can hear the music down the block.

I have had the valet run into my theater and refuse to leave because he witnessed a shooting and thought the shooter would come after him since he can identify him. My customers were angry as they wanted their cars.

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My janitor has witnessed people going into the club thru their backdoor way after hours and when he asked what was going on-he was pummeled by the folks going in.

These are not nice people. I was already in the process of looking for a new space but when VICE assured me they were going to be shut down, I reconsidered and tried to spread the word that all was well.

However, this last Saturday night they were open and the same troubles were back again.

I worked hard to make this a great block. I will leave if they are allowed to stay.

But I beg you to take care of my Business-I am honest and hard working and doing a great thing for the City of Los Angeles. These people next door are thugs and I hope you will do whats best to make this neighborhood great or at least headed in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Charna Halpern

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charna Halpern". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent than the last.

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I've attached a letter that just came in the mail. I imagine this will be the final appeal hearing.

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When making inquiries relative  
to this matter, please refer to  
the Council File No. 16-0728

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**NOTICE TO APPELLANT(S), APPLICANT(S) AND INTERESTED PARTIES WITHIN A 500-FOOT RADIUS**

You are hereby notified that the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the Los Angeles City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 16, 2016**, at approximately **2:30 p.m.**, or soon thereafter in the Board of Public Works Edward R. Roybal Hearing Room 350, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, to consider Categorical Exemption (ENV-2016-0825-CE) and related California Environmental Quality Act findings, report from the Department of City Planning (DCP) and appeals filed by Mehdi Bolour, Palmer Building Associates, LLC and Mehdi and Yassaman Bolour Family Trust (Representative: Lee Rabun, CLR Enterprises, Incorporated) and Hollywood Nightlife Group, Incorporated, dba: Cosmo Nightclub (Representative: Michael D. Kolodzi, Esq., The Kolodzi Law Firm) on the entire decision of the Zoning Administrator's determination, pursuant to the provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.27.1, in requiring the discontinuance of the operation of a cocktail bar/lounge with alcohol sales at the establishment known as The Cosmo, located at 6364 West Hollywood Boulevard.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles, DCP

If you are unable to appear at this meeting, you may submit your comments in writing. Written comments may be addressed to the City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. In addition, you may wish to view the contents of Council file No. 16-0728 by visiting <http://www.lacouncilfile.com>

Please be advised that the PLUM Committee reserves the right to continue this matter to a later date, subject to any time limit constraints.

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**Note:** If you challenge this proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing. Any written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk before the City Council's final action on a matter will become a part of the administrative record. The time in which you may seek judicial review of any final action by the City Council is limited by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6 which provides that an action pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5 challenging the Council's action must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the Council action becomes final.