

## Liquor Bank CF 17-0130

1 message

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To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 2:10 PM

Re: CF 17-0130 Liquor Bank

11/20/2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Baldwin Hills Estates, the residential neighborhood adjoining the location of the Liquor Bank. I have attended various meeting at the HOA level and at the Neighborhood Council level where the Liquor Bank issue was discussed. I travel the area around the Liquor Bank often, and have occasionally patronized them.

It is my belief, and request of those determining the outcome, that their liquor license should be revoked. Problems have been obvious with this business for years. I gave up on going there years ago and am discouraged from patronizing the businesses next door. We have been told that the Liquor Bank would improve their operation so as to not present a blight upon the neighborhood for a long time. It is our understanding that they were required to address specific conditions of their operation and they have not complied. There is no sound reason for them to be granted yet another, repeat, opportunity to clean up their act.

They constantly have people loitering about their storefront, in the alley, and spilling out to the sidewalk abutting the street, transportation, and neighboring business. People openly consume alcohol purchased at Liquor Bank and create a hostile, unsafe surrounding. There are more than the occasional arguments and fights between inebriated people on that corner. There is supposed to be a security guard to control things inside and out, but they either do nothing or are absent. There are always intoxicated people inside the shop, so they clearly are not policing them and they are obviously selling alcohol to intoxicated people. Also, with the way they allow people to loiter, it is a magnet for other criminal activity.

That immediate area is one in which the municipality has invested hundreds of millions of dollars to provide for a transportation hub including a new Metro stop. The Baldwin Hills Mall is proposing a massive economic investment across the street. The hope for most of us in the area is to re-establish that surrounding as vibrant, safe and attractive to patrons and future economic development. That will only succeed if steps are taken to crack down on improper conditions.

We have an ample supply of liquor sellers in the area, and most are not as problematic as the Liquor Bank. Those alternatives provide sufficient options for residents. If the hard liquor were not available at the Liquor Bank, there would not be as many problems at that location and purchasers will patronize establishments that do not permit problems to occur as they conduct business. So I implore you to realize that after multiple opportunities, the Liquor Bank should be granted no more, and the license revocation should occur. What's been tried so far has failed the community.

Thank You,

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Sent from my iPad

## DIR 2009-1885 (RV) (PA2)

1 message

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Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 2:34 PM

To the Honorable Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

I am a resident of Baldwin Hills Estates. I wanted to write you to express my concerns about the operation of the Liquor Bank located at [3600 West Stocker Street](#). The Liquor Bank has been a repeated source of concern for residents in our community, as expressed at various Baldwin Hills Estates Homeowners' Association Meetings and Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Council meetings.

It is my understanding that there have been numerous attempts to ensure compliance with conditions of approval for licensing requirements. However, strict adherence to the City's requirements (which are reflective of neighborhood concerns) have not been met on a regular basis. Violations have been found consistently, with various levels of response from the store operator. Ultimately, the operator's responses have not been adequate to assuage the problems that persist. There are still legitimate concerns related to legal sale/operation, issues associated with loitering, illegal activity, and related crime in the immediate vicinity of this establishment. Lax adherence to the City's requirements for continued operation remain a significant problem, despite numerous efforts to make the Liquor Bank a more positive contributor to our community.

At this juncture, I believe that this establishment is not willing and/or able to resolve the numerous complaints and concerns that our community has. There have been numerous chances offered to the operator to bring the Liquor Bank into compliance, and the response has been insufficient to address the ongoing problems that surround this establishment. There is little evidence to suggest that there will be any change in this pattern.

It does not make sense to continue to invest our City's resources into policing this establishment that does not adequately monitor itself and ultimately creates a nuisance to our community and our City.

Based upon the foregoing, I support revocation.

Thank you,

Matt Jewett

Resident – Baldwin Hills Estates

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