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Mr. Tim Fargo
Los Angeles Department of City Planning
201 N. Figueroa Street, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Case No. DIR 2016-0824(RV)
6364 W. Hollywood Blvd. LA 90028 (Cosmo Nightclub)**

Dear Mr. Fargo,

Representing Hollywood on the Los Angeles City Council and the 13th Council District, my top priority is ensuring public safety and elevating the quality of life throughout our neighborhoods.

The establishment located at 6364 W. Hollywood Blvd, which houses the Cosmo nightclub, has been cited for multiple and repeated violations of its Conditional Use Permit, including failure of security guards to wear distinctive uniforms, failure to utilize electronic age verification devices, subletting the premises to outside promoters, improper notification to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) of private parties, failure to adhere to mandated closing time, and allowance of amplified music to extend beyond the premises.

This location has also been found on multiple occasions to be a source of criminal activity and other threats to public safety. Some of these incidents include:

- **October 16, 2015:** Eight underage patrons were arrested in the venue, one of whom was in possession of alcohol. The manager was also arrested.
- **December 13, 2015:** A shootout on the street occurred involving multiple people recovering guns from their respective vehicles. This incident involved individuals who were patronizing the club that evening.
- **December 24, 2015:** Another shootout occurred after a confrontation escalated outside of the club; the individuals involved had been patrons at the club shortly before this occurred.

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- **December 31, 2015:** An undercover LAPD operation resulted in the arrest of the manager who was also found to be in possession of cocaine.
- **February 26, 2016:** A brawl involving several members of Cosmo staff took place in front of the club.
- **April 16, 2016:** The manager was once again arrested after having been repeatedly cited by LAPD for violating Condition #17 of the Conditional Use Permit (admissions charges).
- **April 25, 2016:** A sexual assault occurred inside a storage closet at the club. Reportedly, a security guard employed by Cosmo broke up the assault while it was taking place, but did not apprehend the assailant nor did the guard contact the police. Instead, the victim left the club and filed a police report on her own accord. The assailant was allowed to leave the venue without repercussions.

Obtaining a Conditional Use Permit is a privilege and comes via an extensive public process, and a solemn obligation to the terms of the permit and to the surrounding community. The recurring problems at this location violate the public trust and put a strain on City resources, including the Los Angeles Police Department, City Attorney, Department of Building and Safety and Department of City Planning.

Given the lengthy and well-documented history of Conditional Use violations at this establishment, as well as the other tragic and unlawful incidents that have recently taken place, my office recommends **Revocation of the existing Conditional Use Permit** at this location.

Sincerely,



MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District