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Banditos Tacos & Tequila

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Dear Mr. Lum,

Thank you for your email. I had assumed that Ms. Escher had filed an appeal, but I am not familiar with the process.

Yes, you may include my email in your administrative records, but I do have some additional comments.

Following my sending of the email on June 18th, there was considerable screaming and yelling outside Banditos after 12-midnight. I went out to see what the issue might be and saw a police cruiser blocking a lane of Martin Luther King with officers speaking to several people. The same disconcerting issues exist disturbing the neighborhood.

Today, Monday, June 22nd, Banditos conducted their characteristic cooking outdoors which as presented at the hearing blows smoke into the neighborhood. In the past, Ms. Escher has ignored AQMD alerts, creating health concerns for the neighborhood. My understanding was that the outdoor kitchen was not permitted, so why is this happening today?

The Finding of Facts had indicated that Ms. Anat Escher was granted *until May 26 to file an appeal with imperfections/incompleteness corrected before the appeal period expires or obtain an updated Certificate of Occupancy.*

As it appears Banditos has not made any corrections noted in the Findings of Fact, does this mean Ms. Escher has obtained or applied for an updated Certificate of Occupancy? Would a new Certificate require notification to immediate neighbors? Is Banditos permitted to operate at this time with the same outstanding issues? This is an operator who chose to open on June 18th prior to the County's reopening effective June 19, 2020.

Sincerely,
Tamiko Nakamoto

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