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EXHIBIT 1

Additional emails from Neighbors and Community Organizations

David Paris

From: Jennifer Everhart <jenny@everhartstudio.com>
Sent: Friday, December 5, 2025 1:09 PM
To: LUPC@venicenc.org
Cc: David Paris; David Reiss
Subject: the Brig (updated)

Dear Venice neighborhood council,

We have lived across the street from the Brig, (directly across the street 1520 AKB) since 1997, the bar has been there 75 years, a true Venice historical landmark. We are very excited about the proposed improvements and upgrades to the alfresco area.

After the 2020 close down, the then-parking lot became a 24 a toilet with constant drug activity. With the proposed improvements, We feel much safer, as it is a great deterrent for all sorts of crimes, we appreciate the beautiful outdoor lighting, SECURITY guards and all the activity from the bar. The Brig have always been great neighbors to us, We have never had an issue with the noise, We hope you'll consider how much we truly value their contribution to our neighborhood.

They un paved a parking lot and put up a paradise,
Jennifer & Tom Everhart

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Jennifer Everhart
Tom Everhart Studio
310.699.2265

David Paris

From: Nicholaus Goossen <nickygoose@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:00 AM
To: David Paris
Subject: Fwd: The Brig

It says it bounced back

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nicholaus Goossen <nickygoose@mac.com>
Subject: The Brig
Date: December 4, 2025 at 9:54:19 AM PST
To: "LUPC@venicenc.org" <LUPC@VeniceNC.org>

Good morning, LUPC -

My name is Nicholaus Goossen and I live in Venice @ 1611 Abbot Kinney Blvd, on the same side of the street as The Brig, just across Palms.

I've been residing at this address since November 2019, and having experienced the shutdowns of 2020 and 2021 here on Abbot Kinney, I can say wholeheartedly that The Brig being open as many hours as possible is a net positive to the community.

Personally I don't have problems with "noise", especially since there can be outbursts at all hours of the day, with or without The Brig.

In my opinion, The Brig, and all the other surrounding businesses in operation (especially restaurants and bars open till 2am), keep true criminals and vagrants away from the area.

It used to be a nightly occurrence having random vagrants in my driveway, that has all subsided greatly since The Brig has expanded their hours and presence.

Employees are closing up until approximately 3am, and that leaves only an hour or two of "night stalking" time until the Erehon trucks start making their deliveries at about 4:30am / 5am.

I much prefer the sloppy drunks over the roving bands of criminals, and clearly the neighborhood craves a place like this - otherwise it wouldn't be so popular.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

NG
310-990-8460



Luis Lopez
Senior City Planner
Los Angeles City Planning

RE: SUPPORT FOR DIR-2025-2993-CDP - 1515-1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd (The Brig)

December 12, 2025

Dear Mr. Lopez,

I am writing on behalf of the Venice Chamber of Commerce to urge your full and enthusiastic support for the permanent AI Fresco designation for 1515-1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd (The Brig).

The Brig has operated an AI Fresco outdoor patio for over five years under a city-issued AI Fresco Temporary Approval during the COVID-19 emergency (2020). Building Permits for the permanent conversion of the patio were submitted in June 2024 and approved in March 2025. The permanent CDP application was submitted in May 2025 and has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

The Venice Chamber of Commerce is the oldest organization in Venice and we speak on behalf of our nearly 400 members who employ over 10,000 people locally. The Brig is also a Venice landmark business, serving residents and visitors for over half a century.

Their plan both the AI Fresco and adjacent interior components are thoughtful, aesthetic and an impressive benefit to the community. The outdoor patio currently meets and will continue to enforce all of the applicable AI Fresco regulations including seating distances/accessibility, food service, and security; hours of operations are consistent with the established "deemed approved" entitlement; and no forms of live music, entertainment, or TVs will be permitted during normal operations.

The property owner and operator are stalwart, generous and engaged members of the local community. They provide excellent service at reasonable prices, something increasingly rare and have turned The Brig into a "must-visit" for anyone coming to Venice and the Los Angeles coast.

Outdoor dining has become essential to our restaurants' survival, especially in the Coastal Zone. The City of Los Angeles needs to support local businesses as they continue to confront high costs and restrictive regulations that are pushing them toward a breaking point at a time when the hospitality industry is still grappling with the economic aftermath of the pandemic.

We urge to approve this application to improve The Brig and thereby improve the entire community of Venice. This is an overwhelming benefit for the neighborhood, the city of Los Angeles and visitors the world over.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Francisco', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George Francisco
Director of Policy & Planning
Venice Chamber of Commerce

Board Chair
Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce (WC3)

LA County BizFed
Executive Committee Co Chair

LAPD Pacific Division Community Advisory Board
Events Chair

EXHIBIT 2

Brig Manager Reports re: LAPD Noise Visits

David Paris

From: Rich Grady <rich@thebrig.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 6, 2025 11:57 PM
To: David Reiss; Jared Meisler; David Paris; Raul Yrastorza
Subject: Saturday 12/06/2025 LAPD

Hello everyone.

LAPD came to the front door at approximately 10:30pm due to a noise complaint they had received. They immediately determined that the noise level was below any necessary action. They did not ask me to turn down the music. I asked them to go over to Electric Ave, behind our building, to experience the absence of noise. They said that they would do so but would not make a note of it unless we called LAPD ourselves to dispatch officers to the site requested. They did say that they were going to make a note in their report that our noise level was not excessive to warrant any action. Please contact me if you need further information.

Rich Grady

David Paris

From: Raul Yrastorza <raul@thebrig.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 11:43 PM
To: Jared Meisler; David Reiss; David Paris
Subject: LAPD call 10:38 pm

Gents

LAPD was called by Amy and Mari regarding a noise complaint. I spoke with the responding officer at length in the office. He stated that he did not think the noise was loud and mentioned that he has been here on both weekends and weekdays during live music, which is significantly louder. He is the same officer who stopped by at 6:30 PM last Saturday.

He acknowledged who made the call and noted that, ultimately, it does not reflect well on her. He also confirmed that when he parked on Electric, he heard no noise coming from the bar. He also suggested that someone buy her home.

This conversation was off the record.

We had less than 30 people in the bar and I was playing the New Chill Rock mix.

She is beyond absurd

raul

--

Raul Yrastorza

General manager of The Brig
1515 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, CA 90291
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EXHIBIT 3

**Five LUPC CPRA emails from Code
Enforcement**

From LUPC Public Records Request Email #17

flame777@aol.com Amy Alkon Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 10:26:17 PM Pacific Daylight Time To: 32993@lapd.online JONATHAN TOM, eric.jakeman@lacity.org Eric Jakeman, claudio.moreno@lacity.org Claudio Moreno, eusebio.guzman@lacity.org eusebio.guzman@lacity.org, john.mattillo@lacity.org john.mattillo@lacity.org, james.h.vorhis@lacity.org james.h.vorhis@lacity.org, sean.silva@lacity.org Sean Silva, jbb23@icloud.com jb berg, 38565@lapd.online RALPH FERGUSON, civiliancomplaints@abc.ca.gov ABC Civilian Complaints, bradley.beach@abc.ca.gov Beach, Bradley@ABC, 34613@lapd.online MICHAEL APPLGATE
Cc: marisunaida@ca.rr.com Mari Sunaida, jbb23@me.com Jb Berg

Thank you -- and on behalf of my neighbors, too, I want to tell you how much I appreciate that the vice squad was there. I did hear music but I can be wrong -- I'm not going out there to check right now because of my transplant. I need to spend a good bit of my time flat on my back to help the bottom of my transplant behave and hold on.

You guys are the good guys and please know that I know that.

And I'm sorry if I got this wrong about last night -- I don't mean to do that, especially because police are needed for actually perilous situations and should not have to engage in this kindergarten aide-style policing of this longtime abuser of our neighborhood.

Mari and James and other neighbors will confirm: there are many nights you just hold on for so long with LAPD dispatch that you just hang up. Sometimes I just can't bear to call. I have that horrible recording playing and it keeps me from working into the night, which I often must do.

You guys are really our only home -- same as a city fire captain was when the Brig was blasting use with smoke from a flaming industrial barbeque in their parking lot. Al Fresco never built in means of enforcement so every city department from the Dept of Public Health and the county DPH said, "Sorry, not us!" It was horrible and I had air purifiers in my house in the red all night and was sick from the smoke, as were other front facing neighbors. Seeing everybody refuse to help us, he came out and said no more -- as is in his purview to do, but that normally isn't his job. We love him forever.

FYI, other than this noise that persists -- that I see you guys alone are trying to do something about -- I have much to say about LAPD Pacific. Oh, and the cool thing is, looking to find my tweets about this, I noticed I'd written down the officers' names (Cruz and Guillory). I hope that helps you recognize them for the truly wise and awesome way they do their job.

Story about what they did follows under tweet with their names.

PS Regarding tweet below that tweet, I know "Jack Dunphy" IRL -- great guy and great police - - and highly recommend reading him at NRO and elsewhere.

Also recommend my other friend, the awesome Heather Mac Donald on policiing, also at City Journal like "Jack."

Terrif book she wrote.

The War on Cops: How the New Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe

Thank you and your officers for all you do to make the city and we in it safer.

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This below is Mona, our elderly trans neighbor on the corner of Electric and Palms. Had there been a break-in, she would have been absolutely defenseless.

On Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 05:43:06 PM PDT, MICHAEL APPLGATE <34613@lapd.online> wrote:

Hi Amy.

As soon as I saw your email last night, I text our Vice unit who was working. They were already to the rear of the Brig near your house when your email and a similar radio call was generated.

There was no live music at the Brig but there were people eating and drinking in the patio area. The noise level our officers observed at the time appeared to be reasonable for that activity. They did not hear the loud booming sounds as you described. In short, they did not observe any violations of the law or the Brig's permits. As we have said before, sometimes noise comes from other sources, such as cars in the area playing loud music. I cannot say if that was the case in this instance, but that also is something that our Vice Unit is aware of and enforces when they observe the violations.

I will reach out to the Department's Commission Investigation Division to see if there are any additional steps we can take to work towards a longer-term solution. We are also available to meet in person if you would like.

Respectfully,
MICHAEL APPLGATE, Captain
Commanding Officer

Pacific Area **From:** Amy Alkon <flame777@aol.com> **Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 9:51:34 PM **To:** JONATHAN TOM <32993@lapd.online>; Eric Jakeman <eric.jakeman@lacity.org>; Claudio Moreno <claudio.moreno@lacity.org>; eusebio.guzman@lacity.org <eusebio.guzman@lacity.org>; john.mattillo@lacity.org <john.mattillo@lacity.org>; james.h.vorhis@lacity.org <james.h.vorhis@lacity.org>; Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>; jbb berg <jbb23@icloud.com>; RALPH FERGUSON <38565@lapd.online>; ABC Civilian Complaints <CivilianComplaints@abc.ca.gov>; MICHAEL APPLGATE <34613@lapd.online>; Beach, Bradley@ABC <bradley.beach@abc.ca.gov> **Cc:** Mari Sunaida <marisunaida@ca.rr.com>; Jb Berg <jbb23@me.com> **Subject:** Boom boom boom from the Brig -- why does this continue?!!! Re: Civilian Complaints, ABC - VIDEO ATTACHED - SCROLL DOWN - 2am, blasting music waking neighbors - ABC still abdicating enforcement! Re: MIDNIGHT -- and still the same thumping beat from 8pm ...

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Please - somebody ENFORCE SOMETHING.

I just got a transplant in part of my eye and every thump of that illegal amplified sound that nobody has done a damn thing to stop is making my eye ache.

How awful. How do you all let this continue and feel good about the way you're all doing your jobs? And ABC enforcement, disorderly house and Bradley Beach giving us the same sort of no enforcement at all as we got from the now-in-prison-for-being-on-the-take ABC employee assigned to the Brig is simply unacceptable. Inline image

I have no evidence of corruption on the part of ABC and LADBS but I suspect it with every molecule of me. LAPD, well, beat cops don't know what to do, and I love you guys for the dangerous work you and all the officers do to protect us -- thank you! But seriously, Commander Tom and Captain Applegate, I get you. You're good guys. You have surely a ton on your plate, but come on: This matters. Quality of life issues matter.

We deserve the quiet enjoyment of our homes and enforcement of the noise laws.

What the hell is it with basically person tasked with enforcing and protecting the long-abused neighborhood here basically having all the effect on these noise abusers of a sleeping purse dog?!! -Amy Alkon

From LUPC Public Records Request Email #04

Bradley.Beach@abc.ca.gov Beach, Bradley@ABC Friday, February 28, 2025 at 12:46:46 PM Pacific Standard Time
To: flame777@aol.com Amy Alkon, 32993@lapd.online JONATHAN TOM, eric.jakeman@lacity.org Eric Jakeman, claudio.moreno@lacity.org Claudio Moreno, eusebio.guzman@lacity.org eusebio.guzman@lacity.org, john.mattillo@lacity.org john.mattillo@lacity.org, james.h.vorhis@lacity.org james.h.vorhis@lacity.org, sean.silva@lacity.org Sean Silva, jbb23@icloud.com jbb berg, 38565@lapd.online

RALPH FERGUSON,CivilianComplaints@abc.ca.gov ABC Civilian Complaints, 34613@lapd.online MICHAEL APPLGATE

Cc: marisunaida@ca.rr.com Mari Sunaida, jbb23@me.com Jb Berg

Ms. Alton,

I'm sorry you're still dealing with these noise issues. Was the one last night noise coming from inside the Brig or on their patio after 2:00 am and were they still open? Or was it a vehicle blasting music? It's hard to tell on the video.

ABC has had 11 complaint investigations at the Brig since it has opened and 4 in the past 8 years since I've been in charge of Lakewood District. One is currently active. That's more than I know of at any location in my almost 26years with ABC. We make multiple visits during every investigation over several months and look for violations. There are no noise conditions on the business and that makes it difficult to make a case. Having said that, we have worked closely with LAPD and requested calls for service and a summary of all the vice units visits. We also met with the licensee in an attempt to get voluntary compliance recently.

That is all that I can relay at this time, but we will continue to investigate for violations of the law. And it's my hope and goal that we can all work together to get some type of resolution. Please keep us informed of any issues.

Thank you!

Brad

From: Amy Alkon <flame777@aol.com>**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2025 12:15 PM**To:** JONATHAN TOM <32993@lapd.online>; Eric Jakeman <eric.jakeman@lacity.org>; Claudio Moreno<claudio.moreno@lacity.org>; Beach, Bradley@ABC <Bradley.Beach@abc.ca.gov>; eusebio.guzman@lacity.org<eusebio.guzman@lacity.org>; john.mattillo@lacity.org <john.mattillo@lacity.org>; james.h.vorhis@lacity.org<james.h.vorhis@lacity.org>; Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>; jb berg <jbb23@icloud.com>; RALPH FERGUSON<38565@lapd.online>; ABC Civilian Complaints <CivilianComplaints@abc.ca.gov>; MICHAEL APPLGATE<34613@lapd.online>**Cc:** Mari Sunaida <marisunaida@ca.rr.com>; Jb Berg <jbb23@me.com>**Subject:** Re: Civilian Complaints, ABC - VIDEO ATTACHED - SCROLL DOWN - 2am, blasting music wakingneighbors - ABC still abdicating enforcement! Re: MIDNIGHT -- and still the same thumping beat from 8pm continuesRe: Brig - blasting music tonight - horrible crow...

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Thank you -- I hate calling these in. The officers will arrive after the music finally ends (because they left by maybe 2:30).

These are Brig customers that come out when the bar closes. I did not endanger myself as I sometimes do and go out there and ask them to let the neighborhood speak, but when I do, ask whether they were at the Brig and they always say they were (and stuff like "You live neara bar, tough shit").

I lived ABOVE a bar in NYC, and sure, sometimes you get awakened when you do, but the Brig was NEVER a problem noisewise until David Paris bought it and saw that he could fool the police with his "We have a permit" for events (which doesn't give permission to violatenoise laws).

It is an awful and enormous waste of LAPD time and resources that the LADBS and ABC have never met their enforcement responsibilities.

The Brig is a classic "disorderly house," causing awful abuse of the neighborhood, and ABC has done nothing. They are illegally operating a bar in a parking lot under the pretense that this fits Al Fresco dining rules, which it does not begin to do. Those rules mandate that (Al Fresco) businesses in parking lots etc. must CLOSE at 10:30 pm.

The LAPD, LADBS, and ABC have NEVER enforced that. NEVER.

So much wasted police time (because we're told if we don't call, the abuse won't bemeaningfully registered) simply because that rule is not enforced.

Also, the Brig was NEVER eligible for a police commission permit for amplified sound in thebar but yet was given one with ZERO notification of any process going on to the neighbors.This was long ago, and it's disgusting. However, they blast music in violation of the noise lawsand codes -- I can hear it in the back of my house, a block and a city parking lot from The Brig.That makes is a noise violation -- as does "unusual noise" in a neighborhood and all thoseother provisions that get roundly ignored by LAPD and everyone else., BOOMBOOMBOOM -- thumping beat in my house and my neighbors' homes -- just disgusting.

I read hundreds of papers on the stress hormone cortisol for my book and noise inciteselevated stress hormones, poisoning us from within. It is enormously damaging to health.Especially since the noise abuse is constant and chronic.

I appreciate your Vice unit taking notice, but what kind of enforcement keeps the problem goingand going and going. I will be sitting on my couch reading a book and BOOM BOOM BOOMBOOM -- for HOURS!

In violation of noise laws and codes to protect residents from this abuse.

"Attention" is nice. Better than no attention whatsoever. But ENFORCEMENT is what we arestill waiting for.

I'm a libertarian, and it's none of my business what anybody's doing in the Brig -- until itviolates my right to the peaceful, non-toxic, non-noise-polluted enjoyment of my home.

Why do any and all of you continue to let the neighbors here be abused by this business?

Can we beg Sgt. Bragg to come back from retirement to enforce the noise laws? He stoppedabuse. He didn't just give it "attention" (!).

-Amy Alkon

On Friday, February

From LUPC Public Records Request Email #17

james.h.vorhis@lacity.org James Vorhis Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 8:05:24 AM Pacific DaylightTime

To: marisunaida@ca.rr.com Mari Sunaida

Cc: Claudio.Moreno@lacity.org Claudio Moreno, eric.jakeman@lacity.org Eric Jakeman, sean.silva@lacity.org

SeanSilva, Bradley.Beach@abc.ca.gov Bradley Beach, 34613@lapd.online Michael

Applegate,Benjamin.Delarosa@abc.ca.gov, eusebio.guzman@lacity.org Eusebio Guzman

Hello, The Brig has had multiple inspections since I have been with this group. A case was opened last year with hours of research and questions directed to all of our contacts. Along with this case we have responded to multiple service requests to determine if the alleged violations were needing to be corrected. At this time all of the alleged violations have been corrected or found to be in compliance with the zoning, certificate of occupancy and al fresco guidelines. If you believe that a violation remains please submit another customer service request and my group willcontinue to monitor this site for violations.

Thank you for your time.

Inspector James Vorhis (213) 978-4512

SOUTH REGION LEGAL LIAISON

Code Enforcement | Department of Building & Safety | City of Los Angeles

8475 Vermont Ave Ste. 205

Los Angeles, CA 90044

On Mon, Sep 9, 2024 at 11:21 AM Mari Sunaida <marisunaida@ca.rr.com> wrote:

Inspector Vorhis,

To my surprise, No Violation was found by you in response to complaint # 579853. During a previous conversationwith Inspector Moreno, I suggested a location visit on a First Friday evening for the inspector to get

an overview of the nuisance level we residents in the surrounding neighborhood are coping with. Due to the fact you found no violation during your site visit to the 1515/1525 Abbot Kinney location, I would venture to guess your visit was not on a First Friday or a weekend. Please look at the photos taken this Saturday 9/7/2024 at 1:00 AM and Sunday at 1:30 AM. The parking lot was jumping. The business across the street at 1522 Abbot Kinney Boulevard that also serves alcohol outdoors was honoring their Al Fresco curfew and was closed. This business at 1515/1525 Abbot Kinney Boulevard continues to serve alcohol and ONLY alcohol on the outdoor parking lot adjacent to their place of business and ignores the 10:30 PM closing time as required by the Al Fresco DINING permit. The pandemic is over. They don't serve food. They don't even have a kitchen. The Al Fresco guidelines do not state that a Food Truck is an acceptable substitute to serve as a dining establishment. Apparently, their temporary Al Fresco permit which they should never have been issued by LADBS in the first place has been extended to the end of the year. They continue to host live bands playing amplified music on the premises and rent out the outdoor parking lot in various parcel configurations for corporate special events exceeding their yearly 5 allowable temporary events. Weekends in particular are a major nuisance especially First Fridays (ground zero for this establishment) for the residents particularly after the bar closes at 2:00 PM and people congregate in the parking lot and do what alcohol fueled people do after a few drinks. We residents continue to hope for a resolution to this matter that would include us in the solution and your inspection report did nothing to resolve this problem. Regards,
Mari Snyder, Electric Avenue resident
Mari Snyder, Electric Avenue resident

From LUPC Public Records Request Email #04

34613@lapd.online MICHAEL APPLGATE Friday, February 28, 2025 at 8:10:40 AM Pacific Standard Time To: flame777@aol.com Amy Alkon, 32993@lapd.online JONATHAN TOM, eric.jakeman@lacity.org Eric Jakeman, claudio.moreno@lacity.org Claudio Moreno, bradley.beach@abc.ca.gov Bradley Beach, eusebio.guzman@lacity.org eusebio.guzman@lacity.org, john.mattillo@lacity.org john.mattillo@lacity.org, james.h.vorhis@lacity.org james.h.vorhis@lacity.org, sean.silva@lacity.org Sean Silva, jbb23@icloud.com jbb23@icloud.com, 38565@lapd.online RALPH FERGUSON, civiliancomplaints@abc.ca.gov civiliancomplaints@abc.ca.gov Cc: marisunaida@ca.rr.com Mari Sunaida, jbb23@me.com Jb Berg

Good morning Amy,

It is a little hard to tell from the video where the music is coming from. Is that from the Brig, another business or from someone simply playing music in their car too loudly?

I see that you (or someone else) called it in. The incident was created at 2:06am and officers arrived at 2:41am. The officers checked the area but did not see any of the activity that was reported. This seems to fit with what our Vice officers have reported - often the noise is coming from people playing loud music in their cars or talking and yelling as they walk through the area. Our Vice unit is aware of these concerns and frequently conducts enforcement for these types of violations in the area. Because of your emails and concerns they have been even more diligent in their efforts.

Thank you for letting us know about this occurrence. We will continue giving attention to these issues that adversely affect your quality of life.

Respectfully,
MICHAEL APPLGATE, Captain
Commanding Officer

Pacific Area **From:** Amy Alkon <flame777@aol.com> **Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2025 2:17 AM **To:** MICHAEL APPLGATE <34613@lapd.online>; JONATHAN TOM <32993@lapd.online>; Eric Jakeman <eric.jakeman@lacity.org>; Claudio Moreno <claudio.moreno@lacity.org>; Bradley

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from 8pm continues Re: Brig- blasting music tonight - horrible crowd no...

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****Video of the 2 am blasting music from Brig customers waking the neighborhood attached -- scroll down (bottom of email)**

From LUPC Public Records Request Email #16

On Monday, September 16, 2024 at 06:21:24 AM PDT, Beach, Bradley@ABC
<bradley.beach@abc.ca.gov>wrote:

Well, just to explain a few things from our end. We don't enforce Al fresco rules, those are LA City conditions. Secondly, when the location was licensed by ABC, there were no conditions for noise or anything else put on the license. That makes it difficult for us to enforce since there is no Business and Profession Code section in the ABC Act related to noise. The city should be doing something if the business is disturbing the peace after 10 pm. The last few times we investigated the noise was not at a disturbing level and they had food when our agents asked for it. We've opened a new complaint and will make multiple visits to see if there are any violations. Thank you for the information.

From: Amy Alkon <flame777@aol.com>**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 3:54 AM**To:** Beach, Bradley@ABC <Bradley.Beach@abc.ca.gov>; Mari Sunaida <marisunaida@ca.rr.com>; Sean Silva<sean.silva@lacity.org>; Eric Jakeman <eric.jakeman@lacity.org>; Claudio Moreno<claudio.moreno@lacity.org>; Michael Applegate <34613@lapd.online>; Delarosa, Benjamin@ABC<Benjamin.Delarosa@abc.ca.gov>; james.h.vorhis@lacity.org <james.h.vorhis@lacity.org>**Subject:** Re: Corruption? "No violation" -- beyond absurd. Re: No Violation found Complaint # 579853

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"We are investigating"? Really? This has gone on for decades and nothing has ever been done by the ABC to change the abuse we get nightly.

TWICE yesterday night, we had BLASTING ABUSE with music from the Brig lot and the awful customer they draw. I went out there the first time and was threatened. It's not safe. I'm a 60 year old author. Then I had to hold on for 30-some minutes at LAPD Dispatch (thanks to the defund the police morons and their retirees not getting replaced).

At 12:30 am ish, we had blasting music from the Brig lot. I held on for 50-plus minutes -- this was just when I took the photo. See below. Shameful, "Inspector" Vorhis.

None of this abuse would have happened if the law/code on Al fresco were enforced rather having the obscene act of LADBS inspector telling us that nope, no violations!! copy from below:

These people are operating a bar in violation of al fresco rules. How is that in question? Mari details this and has over and over and so have I? What could possibly lead to a "no violation" here? Other than -- and I hate to say it but what else could it be -- corruption somewhere in the process.

Rule and I'm oversimplifying: Must serve food. They're a bar.

Please tell me how that is not a violation of Al Fresco.

AND

Rule: Al Fresco establishments must close at 10:30.

Brig is open till 1:30 or 2 in the morning, causing awful disruption to our neighborhood.

Please tell me how that is not a violation of Al Fresco?

You can't, can you? So how is the determination of "no violation" coming to us over and over? What possible reasons can you give us for this beyond the widely-held neighborhood perception that some or many in the city are corrupt and paid off. What explanation can there be for letting a bar violate Al Fresco? BAR -- not food establishment.

That's awful enough -- but then the Brig gets **super special treatment** from LADBS, and though Al Fresco establishments must be closed at 10:30, we have a bar!! with an Al Fresco permit it should not have that keeps us awake all hours because the inspector, well, here's how it appears: LOOKS THE OTHER WAY AND DOES NOT CITE OR STOP THIS.

Oh, and the ABC investigating? When will you find something, all you Agatha Christies there? We are all abused here by this bar and you guys do nothing. EVER. -Amy Alkon

PS Just so you know, we all cheered when the ABC's corrupt Will Salao (who also insisted no probski there at the Brig!) went to prison for being on the take.

EXHIBIT 4

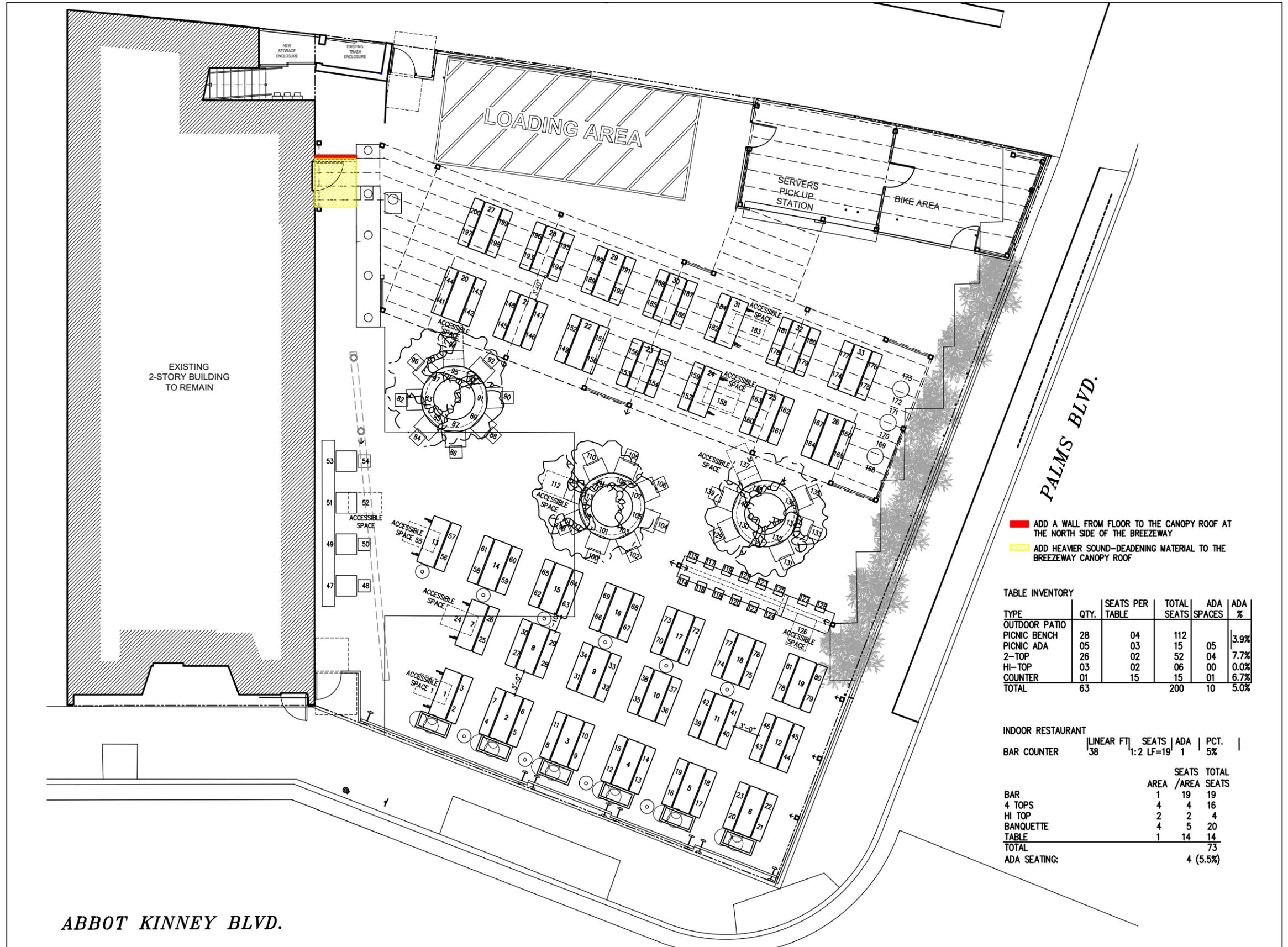
Photo of New Trees

Three 17' tall trees installed at The Brig outdoor patio 12/23/25. Circular concrete 'bench' planters around each tree now under construction. Tree Specimen: *Metrosideros Excelsus* (New Zealand Christmas Tree).



EXHIBIT 5

Revised Seating Plan also Rear Door



- ADD A WALL FROM FLOOR TO THE CANOPY ROOF AT THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BREEZEWAY
- ADD HEAVIER SOUND-DEADENING MATERIAL TO THE BREEZEWAY CANOPY ROOF

TABLE INVENTORY

TYPE	QTY.	SEATS PER TABLE	TOTAL SEATS	ADA SPACES	ADA %
OUTDOOR PATIO	28	04	112		
PICNIC BENCH	05	03	15	05	3.9%
2-TOP	26	02	52	04	7.7%
HI-TOP	03	02	06	00	0.0%
COUNTER	01	15	15	01	6.7%
TOTAL	63		200	10	5.0%

INDOOR RESTAURANT

	LINEAR FT	SEATS	ADA	PCT.
BAR COUNTER	38	1:2 LF=19	1	5%

	SEATS	TOTAL
BAR	1	19
4 TOPS	4	4
HI TOP	2	2
BANQUETTE	4	5
TABLE	1	14
TOTAL		73
ADA SEATING:		4 (5.5%)

ABBOT KINNEY BLVD.

4 SEATING

EXHIBIT 6

Short History of Food at The Brig

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Back in 2008 the Kogi BBQ truck started serving on what was then The Brig parking lot, a moment considered the birth of the gourmet food truck movement. Kogi's origin story was the inspiration for the movie Chef (Jon Favreau and Scarlett Johansson) that was filmed at The Brig. The food truck momentum continued when The Brig parked 8 trucks on the lot in the early days of First Fridays on AKB; The Brig continues to be a focal point of First Friday. Early in the temporary Al Fresco era Heavy Handed Burger, then operating out of a truck, exploded in popularity at The Brig. We continue to feature food trucks now in the loading zone of our outdoor patio area as well as on the street in front of The Brig. There is no lack of food, especially during The Brig's peak hours.

It is ironic that our neighbors complain that we don't have food when those same neighbors campaigned to end our food service. Our first attempt at temporary Al Fresco operation in 2020 was a fine dining restaurant under a canopy structure on the lot called Sincerely Yours, operated by Chef Vartan whose indoor restaurant Yours Truly across the street at 1600 AKBlvd did not have enough outdoor space to take advantage of the then-new Al Fresco rules. Sincerely Yours featured an elevated BBQ menu grilled on the lot over mesquite wood coals. We invited some of our Electric Ave neighbors to enjoy a free meal and a good time was had by all. A few weeks later one of those neighbors decided they didn't like the smoke and smell of the BBQ and got AQMD to conduct an investigation. We moved the grill to the front of the lot, and then moved it into a truck, but complaints continued. Starting a fine dining restaurant is very difficult, and when we finally had a busy Saturday night that neighbor paraded outside with a bullhorn shouting obscenities and insults to staff and shaming customers. The crowd vanished. The neighbor threatened that this would continue every weekend. AQMD ultimately found no violation and allowed us to continue, but Chef Vartan decided to pull the plug in the face of neighbor intimidation.

Later in 2021 when The Brig began operating under the Temporary Al Fresco rules we tried several food vendors to enhance the dining component. One such vendor was Uncle Paulies that did sell sandwiches out of the front window and inside for about a month. Another vendor generated a very successful business on the patio selling oysters and lobster rolls and obtained health dept permits for same. Our neighbors on Electric Ave got the health department to investigate this vendor and an obscure rule about delivery of shellfish forced that vendor to cease operating. This action by the neighbor had nothing to do with any negative impacts the neighbor might have experienced; there was no noise or smoke or smell generated by our shellfish vendor. This was motivated only by a hatred of The Brig and desire to inflict damage in any way possible. This is the second time the same Electric Ave neighbor shut down a quality dining option at The Brig. Now that neighbor complains to LUPC about the lack of food service at The Brig. BTW, a similarly venal attitude from that Electric Ave neighbor was displayed when they got DWP to investigate our power-washing vendor, who services The Brig and all of Abbot Kinney every month after First Friday. Of course, only The Brig was the target of the DWP complaint. The vendor was found to be in full compliance and continues operation to this day. Again, the power washing of the AKBlvd sidewalks 200 feet away would not seem to have any impact on the Electric Ave neighbor yet complaints were made, investigated and dismissed by the relevant City agency.

EXHIBIT 7

Email from Planning Department

David Paris

From: Bonnie Kim <bonnie.kim@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:07 PM
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Cc: Mary Richardson (mary.richardson@lacity.org); alfresco.planning@lacity.org; Claudio Moreno (claudio.moreno@lacity.org); Jared Meisler; David Reiss; James Vorhis
Subject: Re: FW: What does "adjacent" mean re: temporary alfresco ordinance curfew

Hello David,

Thank you for your patience as we are currently short-staffed. I can confirm that the temporary Al Fresco authorization condition stating "All temporary outdoor dining areas shall operate no later than 10:30pm if adjacent to residentially zoned properties or residential uses" includes properties abutting or sharing a property line, or across an alley but does not include property that is across a City street (i.e. not an alley).



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On Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 5:39 PM David Paris <david@1525akblvd.com> wrote:

Hi Bonnie, Mary Richardson's out-of-town bounce back message suggested I contact you . Perhaps you can help us with the below issue?

If so, please copy all of us: Claudio Moreno (claudio.moreno@lacity.org) <claudio.moreno@lacity.org>; James Vorhis (james.h.vorhis@lacity.org) <james.h.vorhis@lacity.org>; Jared Meisler <jared@thebrig.com>; David Reiss (dave@reisscompany.com) <dave@reisscompany.com>

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Subject: What does "adjacent" mean re: temporary alfresco ordinance curfew

Hello Mary and the Alfresco Planning Team at LA Planning Dept.

Please e-meet Inspector Moreno from LADBS Code Enforcement. Inspector Moreno is investigating a code enforcement complaint regarding the use of our outdoor patio on private property under the temporary alfresco permit. That permit states that there is a 10:30 curfew for outdoor areas "if adjacent to residentially zoned properties or uses." My understanding from talking with planning is that "adjacent" means abutting or sharing a property line, or across an alley; and that property across a city street is not "adjacent." Could you please confirm that to Inspector Moreno?

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EXHIBIT 8

Volunteered Conditions

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1. Maintain the following physical improvements completed or now under construction:
 - a. Interior speakers shall have sound-isolating brackets and platforms
 - b. Install a 10 ft tall steel fence along the entire rear property line to act as a noise mitigating barrier protecting the residential area to the north.
 - c. Maintain sound mitigation measures along the rear (north) property line including: an enclosed structure along a 35' section at the eastern end; and a bamboo hedge rising 7'-10' above the new fence along a 25' section at the western end.
 - d. Maintain the trellis structure with covered canopy area including three 17' tall mature specimen trees with a dense leafy canopy. The new trellis canopy and trees, plus the existing trees and the dense 25' tall bamboo hedge along the entire eastern (Palms Blvd) boundary of the lot will all mitigate sound.
(Note: Only the front third of the lot will be uncovered. Along the fence at the front edge of the lot there are six 4' long Corten planters with plantings.)
 - e. Maintain the planters at the front edge of the lot as Corten steel planters (or similar material) to hold Russellia or a comparable dense plant species, that can grow to a height of 3'-5' above the planter height.
2. Complete the proposed modifications to current plans:
 - a. Add a wall from floor to the canopy roof at the north side of the breezeway to minimize sound escaping from the rear door to the outdoor area. Add heavier sound-deadening material to that new wall and to the breezeway canopy roof.
 - b. Revise seating count to reflect four (4) seats per picnic table and 15 seats at the counter.
3. Operational Conditions
 - a. Security guard or staff member will be stationed at the rear door to the patio to control the patron access so that the door is promptly closed after customers transit to reduce noise leakage onto the patio from the interior during evening hours on Friday and Saturday nights from 9 PM. The front window and front door of the interior space shall be closed at 10 PM every night (if propped open prior to 10 PM)
 - b. A uniformed security Guard shall be on duty, Friday, Saturday from 10 PM – 2:30 AM to patrol the entire perimeter including the City lot. From 2:00 – 2:30 AM the guard shall be stationed at the City lot only, asking noisy people to be respectful of the neighborhood, manage any nuisances and/or call LAPD for assistance.
 - c. No Temporary Special Events with live music or DJ are permitted in the outdoor patio area without approval from the City.
 - d. If the City allows, we will pay DOT to send parking enforcement to the City lot at 2 AM on weekend nights
 - e. Provide all parking mitigation strategies outlined in the PDM study, including transit, rideshare and bike subsidies for staff and a dedicated rideshare parking space directly in front of The Brig.
4. Terms from the Permanent Alfresco Ordinance to be added as a permanent condition of the CDP (which conditions shall be modified to match any subsequent changes to the Alfresco Ordinance, if any)
 - a. Any permanent or portable bar will NOT be a point of sale, and all alcohol shall be delivered to and served at tables by employees.
 - b. The following are prohibited within the Outdoor Dining Area: Background music and speakers, television monitors and other similar audiovisual devices, live music, live entertainment including but not limited to disc jockeys, karaoke, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment use.