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Vice-Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal
1st District, City Council
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Vice-Mayor Lowenthal:

An application has been submitted by Wilfredo Ramos to the Planning Department to obtain an Entertainment Permit for the La Hacienda bar, located at 1551 Santa Fe Ave. Mr. Ramos is the owner of La Hacienda. At the WPAC's March 12 General Meeting a motion was made to oppose such a permit and that motion carried.

Over the last two years, twenty-four service calls have been made by West Division police officers to this particular bar to break up fights and loitering, and mitigate the destructive element attracted to it. We believe that an entertainment permit would only further this trend and impact the neighborhood negatively. To that end, we ask that you support our position and reject this application.

Thank you, as always, for your consideration and conscientious actions toward the betterment of the community.

Sincerely,

Tony Rivera
Chair

Westside Project Area Committee

cc: Planning Commission Chairwoman Leslie Gentile, Planning Commissioners Phillip Saumur, Charles Durnin, Charles Greenberg, and Melani Smith