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Re: Case # ZA-2016-3374-CUB; CEQA # ENV 2016-3375-CE
6063-6065 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles CA

Attention: Lisette Covarrubias, Staff Contact

January 31, 2017

Dear Ms. Covarrubias:

I am the Vice-President and Chair of the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Hancock Park Homeowners Association, est. 1948, and a Board member of the Hancock Park HPOZ. I am writing to express our Association's concerns about the proposal by East of June, LLC for a restaurant at 6063-6065 Melrose which includes obtaining a liquor license permitting service until 2AM in the morning.

Our Association and residents are asking for four modifications to the proposed application:

- 1) Change operating hours so that the restaurant closes at 11PM;
- 2) Add language to the permit that there cannot be amplified live music and any amplified recorded music be kept at a reasonably low decibel level;
- 3) That noise of any kind from the restaurant and its customers be no higher than 70 decibels as measured from across Melrose at the Hancock Park Terrace condominiums;
- 4) Have a plan for immediately addressing parking, traffic and noise issues that is agreed to by our Association.

There are three restaurants within two blocks of this location which have much more limited operating hours: Providence – closes at 10PM; Xiomara – closes at 11PM and Marino's – closes at 11PM. None of these restaurants have live or recorded music on the outside of their buildings and they all manage their parking so that residential street parking is not impacted. In addition, three of the four Mozza restaurants, which are approximately five blocks from this location, and which open onto Melrose Avenue have closing hours no later than 11PM every night of the week.



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This is a very quiet, primarily residential area of Los Angeles. While Melrose Avenue is busy during daytime hours, after about 7:30 PM it is very quiet. Our neighborhood is still suffering from the lack of responsible behavior on the part of the operators of the Mozza restaurants, where staff and customers continue to park late at night on our quiet neighborhood streets, making noise and leaving trash.

East of June's other businesses are Laurel Hardware and Ysabel which, while very successful, also attract large and noisy crowds and require security services. This type of operation is completely inappropriate for our quiet, residential community. Limiting the operating hours will ensure that this business will operate as a restaurant not as a late night bar, and blend well with the existing commercial establishments along Melrose.

Thank you,

Susan Grossman
Vice President, HPHOA, est. 1948 and Board Member Hancock Park HPOZ Board