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Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 10:39 AM
To: Fritzal, Kellee
Subject: Public Comments for the Downtown Task Force's February 27th Meeting
Attachments: HBN 2011 ABC On-Sale DT Survey.pdf

Dear Kellee,

I would appreciate your sending me a brief reply, so I will know that you got this email in good order. As you know, I have owned my home in our Downtown neighborhood, fronting on Sixth Street, for nearly seven years.

Please distribute this email to the Downtown Task Force members before their next meeting, on February 27th. I plan to read a part of it during the public comments for this meeting.

Thank You, Thank You, for Your Parking Recommendations from Your Last Meeting

Thank you so much for two of your excellent parking recommendations to the City Council from your last DTTF meeting, on February 13th. These two recommendations will be very good for our Downtown neighborhoods:

- 1. Amending the Downtown Specific Plan (DTSP) to allow late night (for example, 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM) residential parking permit districts in the Coastal Zone of the DTSP area. These districts are permitted for the rest of the City under Chapter 10.42 of the Municipal Code.**
- 2. Extending the required payment period, to 2:00 AM, for public parking meters on residential streets in the DTSP area, other than Main Street.**

The residential streets in the DTSP area, in the Coastal Zone and with parking meters, are the closest to Main Street. As such, these neighborhood streets have the worst negative impacts from the overflow of late-night bar patrons. These bar patrons park on our residential streets, in front of our homes, return to their cars late at night, and regularly disturb the peace in our neighborhoods.

Continuing the DTTF

I want to repeat some of my public comments to you from the last DTTF meeting, on February 13th. **I urge you to recommend that the City Council add permanent Downtown resident representatives to the long standing Downtown Economic Development Committee (DTEDC),** which meets monthly. To further support this

idea, at the end of this email, I have set out portions of my written comments to you from the DTF's first meeting, on September 12, 2013.

As well, I encourage you to recommend to the City Council that these permanent Downtown resident representatives become a part of a new permanent Parking Subcommittee of the DTEDC. This subcommittee, on a continuing basis, would monitor parking issues in the DTSP area, and make recommendations as needed for City policies to address these parking issues.

For example, I understand that the four public parking garages near Main Street in Downtown, at present, are significantly under-utilized on an average weekend night. From the attached 2011 Huntington Beach Neighbors survey of "on-sale" ABC establishments in Downtown Main Street's census tract, you can see that there are 21 bars with closing hours of midnight or later. These 21 bars have a total capacity for 4,500 late-night bar patrons. In contrast, our census tract has just under 4,000 residents. It would greatly benefit our Downtown neighborhoods' quality of life, these four parking garages, and the public safety of our entire City, if all of the late-night bar patrons parked in these public structures, rather than on the surrounding residential streets.

Thank you again for your very strong parking recommendations from your last meeting. As always, I appreciate your consideration of my views. As you know, I am convinced that residential quality of life should be our City's number one priority. And I am grateful to you for your support of our surrounding, established, affluent, and historic Downtown neighborhoods, and for improving our residential quality of life throughout our City.

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Below are parts of my written public comments to you from the DTF's first meeting, on September 12, 2013:

At the meeting in which the City Council authorized this Task Force, I asked the Council to include seven resident members, so that the number of resident members would equal the number of members representing Downtown's business interests. I made this recommendation, as well, with the view that the Council's resident selections

would represent purely resident interests, and not some mix of business and resident interests.

My recommendation was based on the idea that Downtown's established, surrounding, affluent, and historic residential neighborhoods are equally important as Downtown's businesses. In this way, residents should have an equal voice with the businesses in the future directions of Downtown's commercial district.

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In 2009, for the Downtown Image Ad Hoc Committee, I recommended at one of its meetings, to its Chair, former Council Member Don Hansen, that **the permanent Downtown Economic Development Committee should have an equal number of unofficial resident representatives as the number of unofficial business representatives that it has.** With this composition, the Committee should give resident interests equal weight to business interests in its deliberations, recommendations, and policy initiatives. I believe that this Committee now has no unofficial resident representatives, advocating solely for resident interests, and five unofficial business representatives. I understand that these five unofficial business representatives include one each from the Downtown Business Improvement District, the Marketing and Visitors Bureau, the Huntington Beach Restaurant Association, a Downtown special events and activities group, and the Strand.

When this Task Force is disbanded, I urge the Task Force to adopt this recommendation of mine from 2009. I think only this type of permanent solution will help fairly address resident concerns about our Downtown for the long term.

Index of establishments holding liquor licenses in Downtown Huntington Beach with Saturday night closing times, occupancies and Entertainment Permit nightclub related activities

Liquor License class	Name of Establishment	Occupancy of areas servicing alcoholic drinks	Entertainment Permits			Closing Time Saturday	
			Dance Floor	DJ	Live Band		
1	47	25 DEGREES	58	no	yes	no	2:00 AM
2	47	ALOHA GRILL	169	no	yes	yes	1:00 AM
3	47	AVILA EL RANCHITO H B	105	no	yes	yes	11:00 PM
4	47	BEACHFRONT 301	436	no	yes	yes	2:00 AM
5	41	BJS CHICAGO PIZZA	112				12:00 AM
6	41	CHRONIC TACOS	34				9:00 PM
7	47	COACHS	188	yes	yes	yes	11:00 PM
8	47	CRABBYS BOAT HOUSE	110				2:00 AM
9	47	CUCINA ALESSA HB	200				11:00 PM
10	47	DEVILLE	53				11:00 PM
11	47	DUKES SURF CITY	515	no	yes	yes	2:00 AM
12	47	FREDS MEXICAN CAFE	297	yes	yes	no	2:00 AM
13	47	GALLAGHERS PUB & GRILL	130	no	yes	yes	2:00 AM
14	75	HUNTINGTON BEACH BEER COMPANY	229	yes	yes	yes	2:00 AM
15	47	HURRICANES BAR & GRILL	252	yes	yes	yes	2:00 AM
16	47	KILLARNEY	128	yes	yes	yes	2:00 AM
17	47	LONGBOARD RESTAURANT & PUB	75	no	yes	yes	1:30 AM
18	47	LUGGATTIS ITALIAN GRILL	178	no	yes	yes	12:00 AM
19	41	LUIGIS	19				10:00 PM
20	42	MAIN STREET WINE COMPANY	20				11:00 PM
21	47	NO KA OI	96				1:30 AM
22	41	PAPA JOES PIZZA	32				10:00 PM
23	48	PERQS	94	yes	yes	yes	2:00 AM
24	41	PETES MEXICAN FOOD	15				9:00 PM
25	47	BLACK BULLS CHOPHOUSE	427	yes	yes	yes	2:00 AM
26	47	RA SUSHI	200	yes	yes	yes	1:00 AM
27	41	RUBYS SURFSIDE DINER	150				10:00 PM
28	47	SANDY'S BEARFOOT BAR	363	no	no	yes	9:30 PM
29	47	SHARKEEZ INC	188	no	Yes	yes	1:30 AM
30	47	SHOREBREAK HOTEL (ZIMZALA)	471	Yes	Yes	Yes	12:00 AM
31	47	SILVERAS STEAK HOUSE & LOUNGE	133	no	no	yes	2:00 AM
32	41	SMOKIN MOS BBQ	49				9:00 PM
33	47	SPARK WOODFIRE COOKING	189	yes	yes	yes	11:00 PM
34	41	SUSHI ON FIRE	91				11:00 PM
35	41	T K BURGERS	20				9:00 PM
36	41	THAI WAVE RESTAURANT	112				10:30 PM
37	47	TUNA TOWN	199	Yes	yes	yes	1:00 AM
38	41	WAHOOS FISH TACO	88				9:00 PM
39	41	KA	120				11:00 PM

TOTAL 6345

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