



BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, Third District

February 4, 2022

**Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
6150 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 220
Van Nuys, CA 91401**

Attn.: Lonita Wilson, Via email
lonnita.wilson@ABC.ca.gov

**Re: Application for License Type 41; On-Sale Beer and Wine
Salute Hookah Lounge, Inc.
18348 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, CA 91364**

Dear Ms. Wilson,

I am writing to express my concerns about and opposition to the above-mentioned ABC application. As you may know, Salute Hookah Lounge is located in a commercial building with a parking lot in the adjacent residential zone operating under a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The CUP requires the owner of the property to keep the lot free of trash, to maintain the landscaping buffer that separates the lot from the neighboring houses, to use the lot solely for the tenants and their patrons, to maintain security, provide ample lighting, and other requirements.

For the past few years, my office has received numerous complaints about the violation of the CUP and the very dire conditions that have caused serious nuisance for the neighboring households. The complaints include commercial use of the parking lot as a junk yard and open repair shop, loud advertisement trucks operating for hours during late hours of the night, neglected landscaping, accumulation of trash and construction materials, car racing and doing "donuts," use of drugs and other unsafe activities.

I understand that some of the neighbors have submitted their complaints to you and filed opposition letters to this ABC application. My office has sought remedial measures from the Los Angeles Department of City Planning (LADCP) and is awaiting their response.

It is my understanding that under current conditions, adding alcohol to the mix will intensify the situation at hand. Therefore, I oppose granting this application until the owner of the property implements and

maintains conditions of approval, takes any additional remedial conditions imposed by the LADCP, and acts like a considerate neighbor. Ideally, the owner would fence the lot and control access to it.

Please do not hesitate to contact my planning deputy, Zhila Ross, at zhila.ross@lacity.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BB Blumenfeld". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember
City of Los Angeles

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