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The Honorable Kevin De Leon
Councilmember.kevindleon@lacity.org

Re: Request for Noise Compliance Ordinance Enforcement at Al's Auto Spa in El Sereno

Dear Honorable Councilmember Kevin De Leon,

On behalf of the Stakeholders of the LA32 Neighborhood Council (LA32 NC), we are respectfully submitting a request that your office please contact the owner of the Al's Auto Spa self-service car wash located in El Sereno at 4760 Huntington Drive South, in Los Angeles, CA 90032, to enforce the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO) which the is being ineffectively enforced by the owner.

Attached are two photographs taken on February 14, 2021 that show that although there is a sign at Al's Auto Spa that states "No Loud Music," it is a small sign with small letters that is difficult to see because it's placed high above and far away from the car drying area in the back where the car wash customers' car stereo music is loudly right next to adjacent residents' houses and apartment windows. Also, the sign does not state the hours of NCO compliance.

This item was placed as an item of the February 3, 2021 General Board Meeting agenda, having been legally posted in compliance with the Brown Act, where there was opportunity for public comment, debate, discussion, resulting in a unanimous vote of all Board Directors present in a "Yes" vote of 11, 0 "No" votes and 0 abstentions. Below is the agenda item verbatim, with bold emphasis added.

Discussion and possible motion to forward the Stakeholders' Petition to abate the disturbance of the peace from Al's Auto Spa self-service car wash to CD14 Councilmember Kevin De Leon, and to write a letter of resolution to CD14 Councilmember Kevin De Leon asking him to contact the owner of the Al's Auto Spa self-service car wash located in El Sereno at 4760 Huntington Drive South to notify the owner that their car wash customers are disturbing the neighborhood's peace by playing their car radios loudly at late hours and to have the Councilmember request that the owner erect a sign on their business that asks the customers **to keep their radios off from 10pm to 7am to comply with the Noise Control Ordinance.**

I'd like to add that a LA32NC Director personally called the owner of Al's Auto Spa several times and left several voice mail messages and left several notes at the car wash, unfortunately, the owner did not respond and could not accept our invitation to attend our General Board Meetings that had this item on two meetings' agendas. Hence, since we were unsuccessful in creating a community partnership with the Al's Auto Spa owner(s), we are escalating our efforts by asking you contact the owner(s) to enforce the Noise Control Ordinance, *by asking them to post several signs, and/or one sign at each car drying station that state that car wash customers must keep their radios off from 10pm to 7am daily.*

I also want to add that I personally visited Al's Car Wash on Valentine's Day, and observed that the car wash customers were blissfully blasting their car stereo's music, unaware that they were affecting the neighborhood. I personally love music especially when I'm working, however, doing so a few feet away from my neighbors' bedroom windows at all hours of the night is basically inconsiderate, inappropriate and noncompliant. We had several affected neighbors at our General Board Meeting that pleaded for our help and pleaded that we contact your office, because the car stereos' loud music disrupts their sleep every night.

However, one cannot blame the car wash customers, since they are not being effectively notified of the NCO requirements.

Thank you for your time and help with this request. We appreciate everything you do for our neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Sylvia Cruz

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President LA32NC