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August 19, 2021

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

CF 21-0690

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Yea (x), Nay (x), Abstain (x) on August 19, 2021

Honorable City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE:COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CF 21-0690. EL RECREO ROOM / 506 WEST AVENUE 28 / ALCOHOL SALES.

Dear Honorable members of Los Angeles City Council and LA City Planning

On August 19, 2021 in a Brown Act compliant meeting, the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council considered the following resolution regarding Motion CF 21-0690 *EL Recreo Room/ the intent to transfer existing alcohol license submitted by Gypsy Sanchez on behalf of Anna Maritza Johnson*. The stakeholders and elected officials have come to the following conclusions listed below:

WHEREAS, On June 11, 2021 applicant submitted application for the Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages for El Recreo Room, located at 506 West Avenue 28. On June 18, 2021, those documents were referred to City Council for a hearing on September 3, 2021.

WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council support a longstanding institution that has served our community and surrounding neighborhoods for decades.

WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council support locally owned historic cultural institutions that serve low income working class POC communities.

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WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council approve of Anna Maritza Johnson's application to transfer an alcohol license to this location. The previous license was lost when the business partner left the partnership due to Covid-19, and took the old license with them. This is the same bar, with same owner, just one partner has abandoned operation.

WHEREAS, The elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council received many requests from the community to preserve El Recreo Room; an historic Latino/ Chicano bar and cultural hub that serves working class POC. The loss of this bar would be further erasure of our community.

WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council approve the transfer of an alcohol permit due to the fact that the owner and his wife were historic business owners in Lincoln Heights who were displaced from their storefront on Daly St where they operated Good Neighbor Antiques shop. That shop has relocated to Figueroa, directly across the street from El Recreo Room.

NOW, THEREFORE, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council request that the City of LA approve Anna Maritza Johnson's application. The applicants are well known to our community and are of good character and morals. They are fit to operate an alcohol establishment based on their history of operating aforementioned business and others in the surrounding area for many years. Any city nuisance complaints are clearly discriminatory, as this bar is no more disruptive than any other on Figueroa or York Blvd. The applicants have stated that they are improving security and currently renovating.

Sincerely,

Sara Clendening, President
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

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