

PC MEETING

2/26/14

ATTACHMENT I:

COMMENTS IN  
SUPPORT OF 900  
CLUB

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DEVELOPMENT DEPT., PLANNING  
COMMISSION MEETING AND E-MAILED TO  
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS)

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 1:40 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** 900 Club  
**Attachments:** 900 Club; 900 CLUB

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**From:** Mary Reggie <maryreggie1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 12:04 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear Mr. Thompson,

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I hope you will reconsider your position to close down the 900 Club. We will do anything it takes to make it a better place for the community and comply with all City rules and regulations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Reggie

310-351-7651

Mary Reggie  
LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE!

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**From:** Mary Reggie <maryreggie1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 12:03 PM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** 900 CLUB

Dear Ms. Jester,

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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** 900 Club  
**Attachments:** 900 Club; 900 Club Letter of Support; Support of Conditional Use Permit for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club; FW: Letter sent from 900 Club to it's members - FYI

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**From:** Ian Clark <ic@sutraoc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 10:52 PM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** 900 Club

I'm writing this email in regards to the revocation meeting for 900 Club. I've been a member for 7 years and I lived 5 houses away for first five years. As a member, we all realize the importance of the community near the venue, I know that ownership has bent over backwards to limit if not erase any "nuisance" problems fellow neighbors have. The club is a great business and represents the good things Manhattan Beach has to offer. I sincerely hope that the city realizes how valuable, enjoyable and well managed this establishment is. Countless local homeowners, professional athletes and people that contribute to this city highly value this business and appreciate to have the opportunity to be a part of it. Revocation of their license would be shameful. Please don't allow the opinion of a very small minority blind you from a business that a majority of local, tax paying citizens truly enjoy. Thanks for your time.

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Identity Management Group  
(Sutra OC, Bassmnt SD)  
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**From:** Tabula Rasa Essentials <tabularasamb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 10:31 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; robertcourtney@mminternet.com  
**Subject:** 900 Club Letter of Support

Good Evening:

Tonight I was made aware of a scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club and I want to lend my strong support of the 900 Club to retain it's existing conditional use permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

I have owned Tabula Rasa Essentials, a business across the street from the club for 14 years and I have lived in Manhattan Beach since 1998. Over the years, I have been hosted at the club by business associates and friends who were members. In 2013, I joined the 900 Club as I recognized the club to be a great location not only to conduct business meetings but also as a gathering place for friends and family that was local, within walking distance of my home and business, and for it's "family room" ambiance that is relaxed, friendly, and low key. In the past 12 months, I have used my membership at the club to hold team meetings with my staff; celebrations for two of my employees graduating from Mira Costa and moving onto college; hosting friends and family for casual dinners; celebrating Superbowl Sunday and our hometown hero King's Hockey games and winning the Stanley Cup; hosting a holiday party; ordering take out to bring home, interviewing potential employees for my shop and more. The club has been an amazing place to meet new friends, catch up with girlfriends, network with members about business and charitable opportunities - all the while feeling comfortable, taken care of, and respected. The club is a gathering place of Manhattan Beach and South Bay locals, business owners and professionals, athletes, families and friends. It is a wonderful and easy place to meet, and while I do not have any children, many of my friends do, both the menu and the venue accomodate even the youngest of patrons.

The staff at 900 is top notch from management to the team both in front and behind the scenes. They are quick to accomodate any special requests and have always treated myself, my staff, my friends and family with great care, friendliness, and appreciation.

I believe the 900 Club has been a very strong business partner in our downtown community and in our Manhattan Beach community at large. Dave and his team work diligently to address any concerns, such as asking patrons to leave out the Manhattan Avenue door after 10:00pm to help minimize background music, conversation or sporting event noise emerging from inside the venue after hours. I believe the club to be a great neighbor.

Please consider renewing the existing conditional use permit and licensing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Maureen T McBride  
Owner, Tabula Rasa Essentials  
Board Member and past President, Downtown Manhattan Beach Business Association  
Board Member, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Resident, Manhattan Beach



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**From:** Michael Goodhue <michaeldgoodhue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 9:47 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth  
**Cc:** robertcourtney@mmineternet.com  
**Subject:** Support of Conditional Use Permit for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club  
**Attachments:** 900 Club Support M Goodhue.pdf

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January 27, 2014  
Manhattan Beach City Hall  
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90254

RE: Support of Conditional Use Permit for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

City of Manhattan Beach,

As an active member of the community and the 900 club I am aware of the upcoming hearing to consider revocation of our Use Permit for the club. I am writing you in support of the 900 club, the community that uses it, its conscientious members, and this establishment that is an important part of Manhattan Beach.

Our family often walks to The 900 Club for dinner, Sunday afternoon activities, and holiday events. As a Northrop Grumman director, we support the Wounded Warrior Project both at work and as a charity event at the club. I have a daughter that loves the kids menu and the easy going pace during the weekend afternoons with friends and family. Her Montessori class party was held at 900 on a weekend afternoon when she was 4 years old.

In the evening, and on the weekends, we often choose 900 over Circa and other nearby venues because of its calm, relaxed, atmosphere - less crowds, less noise, great food, and familiar faces.

As a member we have worked together to educate both members and visitors going to local restaurants and bars to respect the the surrounding neighborhood and families (many who are also 900 members):

- Ensuring people in the area and near public parking are respectful and quiet- whether they have attended 900 or they are from other bars and restaurants in the area.
- Using front doors to exit 900 after 10pm or with large families or kids on the afternoons - Back door is locked after 10pm to reduce foot traffic in alley by public parking

As a family and part of the business community, I urge you to support our efforts in the neighborhood and the Conditional Use Permit for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Goodhue

CC:

Richard Thompson, Community Development Director  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief  
Amy Howorth, Mayor  
Bob Courtney, Esq.

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**From:** Rosanna Libertucci <househunt@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 7:17 PM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** FW: Letter sent from 900 Club to it's members - FYI

Hi Laurie,

Fyi - you should get inundated with letters as you are listed below.  
Just a heads up.

Best,  
Rosanna

January 27, 2014

TO ALL 900 MEMBERS – 900 NEEDS YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

On behalf of all 900 Members, their families and employees, I am asking for your urgent help.

The City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department recently notified us that there will be a meeting on February 26, 2014 to potentially close down 900 Manhattan. I attached a copy of the notice for your review. Aside from the numerous steps we have taken in the last year to mitigate concerns with noise, restricting people using the back door after hours, etc; we have a couple of neighbors that do not believe 900 has done enough. 900 has operated for 17 years. However, the City/Planning Department does not know much about us. We believe the City/Panning Department does not have accurate, or has incomplete, information regarding the sophistication our patrons, our professional operations and our community service. 900 needs your help to present the positive aspects of 900 to provide the Planning Commission a real understanding that the community desires to have 900 as part of our downtown Manhattan Beach and not a "Community Nuisance" as alleged via the formal complaint.

Our goal is to communicate that 900 is a long established, responsible, and a family friendly local business. An establishment that wants to and has for years, been a local friend, not foe of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Over these many years we have seen neighbors come and go, families raised and sadly, friends pass. I hope I'm not the only one that feels this way.

I am confident of 900's effort to minimize congregating, or smoking at or around the back door after 10pm, especially in the last 18 months or so. And I thank all members for their continued efforts to help us. We need to continue to be respectful of our neighbors.

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I am asking for 2 favors from 900 Members.

First... I would love to see support letters about 900 sent to these people ASAP:

Richard Thompson, Community Development Director – [rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)

Laurie Jester, Planning Manager – [planningcommission@citymb.info](mailto:planningcommission@citymb.info)

Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief - [eirvine@citymb.info](mailto:eirvine@citymb.info)

Amy Howorth, Mayor – [ahoworth@citymb.info](mailto:ahoworth@citymb.info)

Bob Courtney, Esq. – [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)

We would appreciate all letters of support submitted no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Second: Please do everything in your power to attend the Revocation Hearing. We need as many members and friends there supporting us as possible.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2014 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers

#### Points for 900 Club Letters of Support

- \* Shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club
- \* Writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.
- \* 900 Club is great place for families... 128 kids born in 17 years and we have hosted all of them.
- \* Healthy Kids Menu and very kid friendly.
- \* 900 is a great place for celebrations and events of all kinds.
- \* Charitable events all year long i.e., Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project.
- \* Supports and donates to local schools and sports teams including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.
- \* Majority of immediate residents and neighbors support 900.

- \* Calm, adult-friendly environment.
- \* Business meeting venue, for example just hosted the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party
- \* 17 years of operation as a private club.
- \* Limited Operating Hours...why we have to close on midnight on Thursdays?
- \* Many 900 employees have worked there for over 10 years.
- \* 900 Members and Staff very conscience about noise in general.

Most importantly, please list any personal experience that you've seen in changes made to the Club to attempt to mitigate noise and be a better neighbor (i.e. back door code does not work after 10pm, a new smoking area located in the front of the building, a backdoor fence to help with noise, earlier last call, quieter music) or anything that shows that 900 is trying to be neighborly in all regards.

Lastly and the most importantly

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

David Rohrbacher and family... aka Diamond Dave

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 1:53 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Denise Richards [<mailto:denise@drichardsinteriors.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 10:08 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
[robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Cc:** [dave@900manhattan.com](mailto:dave@900manhattan.com)  
**Subject:**

please review and comment on my letter  
Sincerely,  
Denise Richards

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January 28, 2014

RE: Revocation of 900 Club Business License

Dear Sir/Madame,

I have been a member of the 900 Club since it's inception. I have always found it to be a family friendly business with a respect and concern for the Manhattan Beach community.

I am stunned that there is going to be a hearing to see if the 900 Club can continue to operate. It is an important part of the Manhattan Beach fabric. It would be unconscionable to close down the Club.

It is my sincere hope that you will reconsider your position and allow the 900 Club to continue to operate as a responsible community business.

Sincerely,

Denise Richards  
President  
dRichards Interiors  
1601 Sepulveda Bl, #846

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 club

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**From:** Greg Knoll [<mailto:gknoll@wgmortgage.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 2:44 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 club

Dear Mr Thompson,  
The 900 club is a wonderful establishment that has provided community service and entertainment forever—  
It is a shame one person can try to bring down an entire community..  
Please stop the madness..  
Club member,  
Greg Knoll

**Greg Knoll**

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:02 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

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**From:** Blake Piercy [<mailto:bpiercy@interglobalam.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 11:40 AM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear MB Planning,

Please consider the requests to continue to allow the 900 Club to operate as it has for many years. All of us as member appreciate the City of Manhattan Beach and truly believe the 900 club is a great meeting spot, and a benefit to our community.

Regards,

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 1:23 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club  
**Attachments:** Letter to the CoMB on 900 Club.docx

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**From:** Mitch Kralis [<mailto:Mitch@sfrdc.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 12:17 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; 'robertcourtney@mminternet.com'  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Good day

Please see the attached letter as a voice within our city that I believe is not alone.

Please respect my time and please read the attached letter when you are able prior to the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting at the City.

Thank you for your time in advance, and have a nice day.

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February 4, 2014

Honorable Amy Howorth - Mayor  
Police Chief Eve R. Irvine  
Mr. Richard Thomas - Community Development Director  
Ms. Laurie Jester - Planning Manager  
Bob Courtney, Esq.

SENT VIA EMAIL

**RE: Consideration of the revocation of the 900 Clubs Conditional Use Permit**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I was extremely disappointed and amazed to hear that the City of Manhattan Beach is considering the revocation of the 900 club's conditional use permit. I have been a homeowner in Manhattan Beach for 10 years, and a member of the 900 Club for 8 of my 10 years in Manhattan Beach. My wife Rachel Ezra and I live, work, shop, eat and will raise our twin children in this community. As a voter and tax payer in this community I invite you to take the time to read what my family has to say regarding this potential action the City has raised.

- 1) I host clients from all over the world to Manhattan Beach, I take them to all the restaurants in our great City, but the only place they remember and want to return to is the 900 Club. Want to know why? The reason is that the club is a meeting place for the community's top business professionals, entrepreneurs, professional athletes, teachers, developers and leaders of the Southbay. People recognize this and know that the 900 Club is an excellent place to network, share ideas and talk business in an intimate atmosphere.
- 2) One of the reasons many people from all over enjoy The Club is that it has no bias racially, religiously or in any other capacity in who it lets be a member or whom it serves. Something that is rare indeed still in this age of private clubs in any part of the world, and Manhattan Beach has one!

- 3) The 900 Club is **THE ONLY FAMILY FRIENDLY** restaurant in the city. In fact, I would argue is the only one in the Southbay. It offers real food and areas to play for the children inside downtown—this City does not offer that anywhere else.
- 4) The 900 Club is a community participant. 900 openly supports and donates funds to local schools including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa. The Club also hosts a number of charity events throughout the year. Just this past December, The 900 closed the doors to members so they could hold the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party. I don't know of very many other restaurants in town which do the same.

I believe, the Club has gone out of its way to mitigate the noise of the Club generates and appears to be the only establishment in town who really even cares about it. I do not see Circa, Shade Hotel, Shell Back, Hennessey's or Shark's Cove's staff being vigilant to its patrons to respect the surrounding residents. 900 and its staff are tough on the members and the guests to restrict access on the 9<sup>th</sup> street entrance. 900 has been proactive and created a "smokers garden" downstairs so that individuals don't congregate on the street, no other restaurant has gone through this effort.

The Club is an institution in this City and to let one or two individuals portray a in a negative light and bombard the City with baseless complaints in order to satisfy an agenda of their own would be a tragic precedent for this City to make. The City of Manhattan Beach is a great place and has undergone a transformation attracting many new types of entertainment and retail to the downtown core thus attracting more people to the City. The City has better things to do with it's time; for example the redevelopment of Manhattan Mall and not losing the Apple Store to El Segundo, and adding more police and firemen to the respective departments.

**I URGE ALL OF YOU TO NOT CONSIDER ANY FORM OF REVOCATION OF THE CLUB'S USE PERMITS.**

Sincerely,

Mitch Kralis



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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 5:51 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club - Immediate Area Resident in SUPPORT!

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**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth  
**Cc:** [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Subject:** 900 Club - Immediate Area Resident in SUPPORT!

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a 13-year resident of 228 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan Beach. I have come to know the 900 Club employees and their families personally, most of who have worked there in excess 10 years. To learn that the City of Manhattan Beach has calendared a Revocation Hearing for the Planning Commission to consider a complete revocation of the 900 Club CUP, without first considering other available options, seems a bit severe. While a very select few area resident(s) have implemented a surgical campaign to shut down the 900 Club, which oddly appears to be working (similar to their campaign against the Big Red Bus that used to drive down 9<sup>th</sup> Street for visitors access local shops and businesses), my experience is much different...

For those of you unaware of what the 900 Club is like most of the time (certainly less than other area restaurants or bars), it is a kid-friendly by day, close-knit group of local residents and their families, including area home makers, business executives, and professional athletes. During the last 17 years the 900 Club has hosted free of charge, numerous fund raisers, charity events, an annual holiday party for all 500-700 members, etc., including an event for Children's Hospital where \$50,000 was raised in a single evening. It serves the community meeting place, without having to make a reservation and is not some out of control night club as some have portrayed it to be. That said, I have personally witnessed the following changes implemented over the past year:

- 1) Removal of Rear Door Buzzer – NO CODE ENTRY PERIOD!
- 2) Rear Door Closure after 10:00 PM
- 3) Numerous Member Emails to all 500-700 members indicating they are use the Front Door ONLY after 10:00 PM
- 4) Staffing an individual at the rear door to prevent exiting
- 5) Constructing a Smoking Area in the front of the Building
- 6) Placing sound proofing over the Windows when they have music



In closing, I live in the immediate area to the 900 Club and strongly support of their maintaining their existing CUP in place, without modification (not that the City ever proposed that option??). My concern is that if there is a new operator in this location, it will be open to the public and cause much more impact on the areas immediate residents.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.  
Kindly.

**Rick Buckley** | principal



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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rick Buchta [<mailto:RBuchta@rbrcap.com>]  
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**To:** List - Planning Commission; Richard Thompson; Eve R. Irvine; List - City Council; Amy Thomas Howorth; Mb  
**Subject:** 900 club

Joining the private 900 Club in Manhattan Beach is one of the best decisions I've made as a business owner, family man, and longtime resident of our great South Bay city.

For me, the establishment is a place to relax, entertain clients, and enjoy keeping in touch with good friends. I know when I walk into the private club, I am with friends. It's become the first place I think of when family and associates come to visit because no matter who they are, I know they will be comfortable. There isn't the noise and pressures you find in some LA bars and clubs. In fact, it was at the 900 club that my colleagues in the tennis world and I first brainstormed the idea for a Junior Tennis Academy. RAMP Tennis at the StubHub Center and USTA Player Development, West exist because of our 900 club fireside chats about lifelong dreams of producing tennis players and giving new kids in the area opportunities. My team of coaches plan to take our tennis outreach efforts right back to the 900 club with a fundraising event next Fall. The famous faces of tennis we bring along will have complete comfort due to the privacy insured by the owner.

Every town should have this atmosphere available in a club. It's great when an owner makes the effort to host a band or event. Music livens a place and certainly every club in the city has a right to build their business by hiring entertainment. I can't think of one good reason why the city of Manhattan Beach would risk losing a business that over and over proves itself to serve its clients and community. One resident, who knowingly purchased a home in the proximity of a club, must have zero influence over the cities governing body.

The 900 club is of great value to me and our thriving South Bay city, and my recommendation is to keep this place of business in operation.

Regards,  
Rick Buchta

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 2:07 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 club

**Richard Thompson**  
**Director of Community Development**

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**From:** Jack Gard [<mailto:jacksongard@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 2:01 PM

**To:** List - City Council; John Jalili; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); Amy Thomas Howorth; Eve R. Irvine; List - Planning Commission; Richard Thompson

**Subject:** 900 club

dear ladies and gentlemen

i am writng this to you as a long time member of the 900 club

my wife and i and our 2 daughters have been proud members of the 900 club for 10 years.

many years of great dining, sporting events and holiday parties later, im shocked to hear that a disgruntled neighbor is threatening its very existance. the club has taken many steps to curb the so called noise problem and they seem to work. we cant enter the back door after 9 or 10 pm whichs also cuts down on people milling around. who is to say that all noise etc is limited to only the 900 club. other people use that street also. it would be a shame to dismiss a long standing business in manhattan beach, one that supports the community and its causes

thank you and thanks for your concern

jack and lauren gard

449 30th st

manhattan beach, ca



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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:07 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

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**From:** Shannon Vaughan [<mailto:SVaughan@manhattan.k12.ca.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:29 PM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** 900 Club

To Whom It May Concern:

I am shocked and saddened to hear about the recent notification to close down the 900 Club. Of all the local restaurants and bars in the surrounding area, it is the most low-key and family friendly place to congregate. I have been a member for many years and I have never known it to be a community nuisance.

The 900 Club has been open for seventeen years and is a wonderful place to meet friends in a safe and warm environment where children are welcome. It is my favorite restaurant in Manhattan Beach and it is the only place that is geared towards a more mature crowd. Two very special evenings that are near and dear to my heart are the Holiday Fireworks Show and the 900 Club Holiday Celebration. These evenings are always memorable. I'm not aware of any other place in the South Bay where parents can bring their children for a homey, family friendly evening. It's always a delight to see the kids running around and sitting on Santa's lap for Holiday photos. These annual Holiday photos are priceless as are the special evenings at the 900 Club.

Dave Rohrbacher is always reaching out to support our community and he is the quintessential host. He is always striving to be neighborly and he has gone above and beyond to rectify any problems. He has put in saloon doors, additional walls, posted signs everywhere, changed door codes, closed the back door to minimize noise, and he has asked all members to be cautious, quiet, and respectful entering and exiting. Dave has proven himself able to mitigate backdoor issues and The 900 Club deserves to be a part of downtown Manhattan Beach for many years to come. 900 Manhattan has been a reputable establishment for seventeen years and I support to retain the existing conditional use permit and licensing without sanctions and revocation.

Respectfully,

Shannon Vaughan

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:06 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

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**From:** Pam Dzierzanowski [<mailto:pam@patronspirits.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:26 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Hello,

My letter is to address the 900 Club, I understand their will be a city council meeting at the end of February to discuss potentially closing down the club. I am strongly against this and would like to voice my opinion to the council. I have been a member and a resident for over 5 years and it has been my sanctuary for meeting up with friends on a weekly basis. This establishment feels like an extension of my home and where I feel most comfortable and where I eat most of my meals. The club members are mature, fun, upstanding citizens that enjoy a casual safe haven from other clubs and bars in Manhattan Beach. I have meet most of my Manhattan beach neighbors & close friends through the club and feel a great sense of community among the members.

In addition, I would like you to know the members have been sent numerous letters and reminders to be conscientious upon entering and leaving and not to congregate at the back door-in fact, the door code in the back is shut off after 10pm so we cannot even enter through the back. I cannot stress enough of how much this has been emphasized to all the members.

I will see you on February 26<sup>th</sup> to show my support for the club in hopes to save it and continue its legacy in Manhattan Beach for many more years to come!

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,  
Pam

Pam Dzierzanowski  
Proud home owner & resident of Manhattan Beach

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:00 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 club

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**From:** Glen Parrish [<mailto:gipentertainment@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 12:23 PM

**To:** Richard Thompson

**Cc:** List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council; [dave@900manhattan.com](mailto:dave@900manhattan.com)

**Subject:** 900 club

Dear Mayor, Police chief, City council, I have lived in Manhattan Beach for 4 1/2 years to date. I am a father of two teenage kids and love this city. I have been a member of the 900 club for two years. I am writing to you to ask you to please take the time to understand that 900 club, has enabled me to meet some of the best friends and parents I have had the pleasure of knowing in this amazing community. The class of people that I associate with at the 900 club, are some of the finest people I have ever known. I too have been a club/restaurant owner... I understand the challenges of owning a bar and trying to keep the neighbors and city happy. I have witnessed Dave make numerous changes to comply with all asked by the city to be a good neighbor. Dave is a husband, father and friend and has the highest respect for the city and its residents. I am confident if given the chance, that Dave and his staff can turn around any issues that might have been brought to your attention. I can assure you that we the members, are ready to help and do our part to keep this establishment open and part of the community. Thank you.

Best,

**Glen Parrish**

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:00 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club  
**Attachments:** 900.doc

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**From:** John [<mailto:johngeorgio@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 12:33 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
[robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Please see attached Letter - Dr Georgio

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is P. John Georgio, M.D. I am a California native and resident of the south bay for the last five years. I currently reside in the city of Manhattan Beach, and have established medical practices at two locations within the city. Both sites serve the local communities of the south bay and beach cities. Upon completion of my training, I was drawn to the area for its overwhelming feeling of cohesiveness and friendship. I have been welcomed into the community and have established numerous friendships and relationships over the years. I am writing in response to hearing about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. I am both shocked and disappointed that such action would even be considered on an establishment that is a calm, adult-friendly, charitable meeting venue. I have been a member of the 900 club over the past two years, and frequent the club often for both business and social meetings. I have always been extremely happy with the environment, and find it a clean, quiet, kid friendly place for celebrations and events of all kinds. As a member, I have also been informed and impressed with the owners' changes to address the concerns within the neighborhood. I feel changes including, building a backdoor fence to help with noise, earlier last call times, and quieter music have improved the club. The 900 club is both a friendly neighborhood establishment, and an exceptional contributor to the community. I am therefore, writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. Please feel free to contact me further at any time to discuss this matter further in detail.

Sincerely,

P. John Georgio II, M.D.

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:05 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 club

**Richard Thompson**  
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**From:** Kari Doody [<mailto:doodykari@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 9:42 AM  
**To:** Dennis Doody  
**Subject:** 900 club

Dear members of the community:

I am writing in support of keeping the 900 club open in Manhattan beach. We have been members of the club for 14 years and have had many wonderful experiences there. Our three kids love going there for dinner and have enjoyed numerous holiday parties as well. The staff treats our children like family and in many cases we have been invited to their homes as well. It's comforting to have a place where you know at any given night, you can walk in and have dinner with another family that you know. Not many places can say that.

In addition, we even bought a membership for our family members so that they could enjoy the same experiences we did with their kids as well. Please keep this family friendly establishment in the community. We have made many friends there and look forward to many more years there as well.

Sincerely,

The Doody family



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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 3:42 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club  
**Attachments:** 900 Club 1.30.2014.pdf

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**Director of Community Development**

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**From:** [cbeck@cdbgolfproperties.com](mailto:cbeck@cdbgolfproperties.com) [<mailto:cbeck@cdbgolfproperties.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 3:00 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Cc:** Diamond Dave ([diamonddave900club@yahoo.com](mailto:diamonddave900club@yahoo.com))  
**Subject:** 900 Club

To All:

I appreciate your consideration per the attached.

Sincerely,  
Carol Beck

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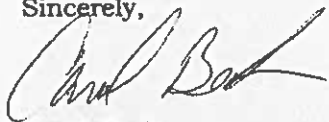
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January 30, 2014

Re: 900 Club

As a resident of Manhattan Beach for almost 30 years and member of the 900 Club for many of those years, I am very surprised and confused by the City's proposed changes to its permits. The 900 Club has been part of the community since its inception and has only grown and solidified its position in that capacity. It is a place many of us can go that offers a truly friendly, family environment. I have celebrated many friends' birthdays, engagements, baby showers, just to name a few. I have also attended many charitable events at the Club which serve the local community. Both members and staff are conscious of maintaining an environment that is professional, but casual and fun. I have my own business and it serves as a perfect spot to entertain customers in a very low-key way. I unfortunately had to leave Manhattan Beach for a period of time for work (but am back full time now) and even on my infrequent visits back, the staff always remembered and treated me as if I had been there the week before. The food has always been consistent and amazing, which is not an easy feat and they should be commended on that. As we all know as residents of this area, Manhattan Beach in the past several years has seen the benefit of many growing industries that have allowed businesses to prosper - particularly restaurants. While this has been a positive and brought us more options for dining, watching sports and general entertainment, it has always remained a huge benefit to be a member of the Club. To have the option to go to a place that is truly local and where there are many friends and just friendly faces in general is something that makes Manhattan Beach even more special. It would be a great loss to hundreds of local residents and friends to not continue to enjoy the Club as it operates now. It is an asset, not a detriment, to our great city! I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carol Beck  
CDB Golf Properties

cc: Richard Thompson, Community Development Director - [rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager - [planningcommission@citymb.info](mailto:planningcommission@citymb.info)  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief - [eirvine@citymb.info](mailto:eirvine@citymb.info)  
Amy Howorth, Mayor - [ahoworth@citymb.info](mailto:ahoworth@citymb.info)  
Bob Courtney, Esq. - [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com)  
John Jalili, City Manager - [jjalili@citymb.info](mailto:jjalili@citymb.info)  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:25 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

**From:** BJ Arnold [<mailto:arnold.bj@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:24 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear Mr.Thomson:

I was very surprised to hear the city has scheduled a "revocation hearing" for the 900 Club. I write to you today to urge you to allow the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

As a 14-Year Manhattan Beach resident and a recent new member to the 900 Club, with my experiences at the 900 Club it doesn't make sense to me. While I am certainly emphatic to residents living near the club, are we sure that any disruptions they may be experiencing aren't from patrons of other establishments that are nearby?

I ask as when I joined the club, owner David Rohrbacher said to me, "One thing I need to emphasize is please be extremely considerate of club neighbors, please do not ever use the back entrance/ exit from 10pm on" (Which I haven't seen anyone use during those hours). In fact, Dave clearly labels that the back way is off limits in night hours and often posts a member of the staff at the door to fully ensure no one does make use of the entrance/exit there.

My 3 Children and I have been enjoying the Club immensely and I would hate to lose this wonderful, family-oriented space based on the actions of others/ outsiders. In my experience, Dave and his staff have taken multiple, very stringent steps to eliminate any disruptions to those families living in the neighborhood surrounding the Club.

Thank you for your consideration.

BJ Arnold

**Richard Thompson**  
**Director of Community Development**

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 1:52 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 CLUB

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**From:** Jeffrey Butscher [<mailto:butscher@earthlink.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 1:49 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; John Jalili; Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Cc:** '900 Manhattan'  
**Subject:** 900 CLUB

I was very disappointed to receive a notice that the city was contemplating rescinding the 900 club's use permit. This is a long standing business that I believe benefits the city, its club members and the community. While there are social activities in the evenings, any nuisance therewith I believe the proprietor has made every effort to mitigate and from my experience some of the complaints are unwarranted.

But more importantly this is a club that also serves wonderful food, provides a much needed social environment, makes a fantastic cozy environment for business meetings, such as confidential real estate meetings with some of the cities power brokers, and serves the families of its members, including their children at special events, like Christmas and Thanksgiving. It would be a terrible mistake in my opinion to do anything that would prevent the ongoing operation of this business.

The club has my 100% support and I would ask you to rule favorably for this establishment.

**JEFFREY BUTSCHER**  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 7:20 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

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**From:** Bridgette Goodman [<mailto:bridgette@bridgettegoodman.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 7:15 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth  
**Cc:** Bob and Dorthy Courtney  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of 900 Club. My husband and I have been members for over 10 years, and as a Manhattan Beach Native, we love the Club because it is a place where we can have a nice dinner, watch a game, play a game of pool and visit with friends. 900 Club is like one big family! We have hosted birthday parties and my husband has hosted his annual Movember fundraisers at 900. I cannot imagine not having our Club anymore. With all the changes in MB, I find this is the one place I know we can get into on a busy weekend afternoon or evening. I cannot believe that the neighbors are so relentless. If you buy downtown, it will be noisy; if you buy across from the fire department, it will be noisy; if you buy next to a school, it will be noisy. We live in small lots, practically on top of one another, and that is the the price we all pay for living near the beach. As a member, I have noticed many, many changes that Dave has made to insure the club is quiet, especially after business hours. There have also been numerous emails to all members on this subject, and I know that it has been a hot topic at the Club amongst the members too. I LOVE our Club and it is sad to see that it has come to this.

Sincerely,  
Bridgette Goodman  
900 Club Member since 2001



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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 1:54 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

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**From:** Paul Smith [<mailto:paul@thermosourcetooling.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
[robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Subject:** 900 Club

I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. I have lived in Manhattan Beach for most of my adult life since moving from Michigan in 1987, and I love our town. Over the years, I have made great friends and my wife and I are currently raising our daughter on Laurel Ave. The 900 Club is a place where when I arrive, I am certain to see a good friend, or someone I have met before in town. The Club is a mostly quiet, adult friendly place in the evening, but earlier in the day you will find people like myself having an early dinner or snack with their kids.

I have been to several charity events at the 900, and I know that Dave and his family have constantly supported local schools and sports teams of its patrons. This is why I am very disappointed to hear about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing on February 26<sup>th</sup>. As city leaders, you should become acquainted with the rank and file members of the 900 Club. People like myself and my friends have enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of the 900 for over 17 years. We are MB residents who will walk down to 9<sup>th</sup> St. for a drink, watch a game and talk about our kids.

Sincerely,

**Paul W. Smith**  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 5:50 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

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**From:** Michael Martin [<mailto:mmartin@fpllaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 5:10 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. I have been a member of the club for over 8 years. I have three children that I bring to the club for meals on weekends. I conduct business meetings at the club and I enjoy dinner and drinks on several evenings per month. I have not seen anything that would deem this establishment a nuisance. The owners and employees have made extraordinary efforts to keep the back door closed late. I have not heard loud music except on designated nights when a band is playing. However, I do not see how this is any different than any other restaurant or bar. In fact, I find it much quieter and enjoyable than most of the bars and restaurants in Manhattan Beach, which is precisely why I enjoy going there.

It is my understanding that the majority, if not ALL the complaints are from one or two persons who recently moved to the building right next door (they should understand noise is any issue when you move in a commercial area where establishments have been operating for decades!!) and another person who may have had an axe to grind because of getting membership revoked for bad behavior. I am not certain that these are accurate, but that is my understanding. In any event, the 900 Club is a staple of down town Manhattan Beach, a family friendly environment and a great place to enjoy dinner and nightlife for real local professionals and homeowners, who live in the Manhattan Beach community. The same cannot be said about the individuals moving into the apartment complex adjacent to the club who I understand are making the unfounded complaints.

I would be shocked and appalled if the City were to shut down this establishment, and I have no doubt that each and every one of the many community voting members of the Club would feel the same way.

I strongly hope you consider these points and the meeting, as I won't be able to attend the meeting due to an out of state business commitment. I have lived in Manhattan Beach since 2001 and maintain residences at the following addresses:

2105 Walnut Avenue, MB

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324 23<sup>rd</sup> Place, MB

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Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you and best regards,

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PLEASE CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY TO PRINT THIS EMAIL.

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 5:50 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

**Richard Thompson**  
**Director of Community Development**

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**From:** Michael Martin [<mailto:mmartin@fpllaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 5:10 PM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear Laurie Jester,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. I have been a member of the club for over 8 years. I have three children that I bring to the club for meals on weekends. I conduct business meetings at the club and I enjoy dinner and drinks on several evenings per month. I have not seen anything that would deem this establishment a nuisance. The owners and employees have made extraordinary efforts to keep the back door closed late. I have not heard loud music except on designated nights when a band is playing. However, I do not see how this is any different than any other restaurant or bar. In fact, I find it much quieter and enjoyable than most of the bars and restaurants in Manhattan Beach, which is precisely why I enjoy going there.

It is my understanding that the majority, if not ALL the complaints are from one or two persons who recently moved to the building right next door (they should understand noise is any issue when you move in a commercial area where establishments have been operating for decades!!) and another person who may have had an axe to grind because of getting membership revoked for bad behavior. I am not certain that these are accurate, but that is my understanding. In any event, the 900 Club is a staple of down town Manhattan Beach, a family friendly environment and a great place to enjoy dinner and nightlife for real local professionals and homeowners, who live in the Manhattan Beach community. The same cannot be said about the individuals moving into the apartment complex adjacent to the club who I understand are making the unfounded complaints.

I would be shocked and appalled if the City were to shut down this establishment, and I have no doubt that each and every one of the many community voting members of the Club would feel the same way.

I strongly hope you consider these points and the meeting, as I won't be able to attend the meeting due to an out of state business commitment. I have lived in Manhattan Beach since 2001 and maintain residences at the following addresses:

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Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you and best regards,

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 2:03 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Closure Hearing

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**From:** John Williams [<mailto:jwilliams@avanath.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 12:19 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Club Closure Hearing

Dear Mr. Thompson-

I want to write you to voice my and my family's disappointment upon hearing about the possible closure of the 900 Club.

My family and I are residents of Manhattan Beach (715 Manhattan Ave) and as a family (my wife and two boys age 15 and 16) we thoroughly enjoy the friendly family atmosphere created at the 900 Club by Dave Rohrbacher, his family and the loyal employees.

We often have visitors from out of town at our home and I could not begin to count the numbers of times our guests have commented, after a visit to the 900 Club, their wish and desire that their neighborhood had a family friendly business that not only welcomed children/teenagers, but encouraged their attendance. Often times on weekends, it is the only Manhattan Beach establishment we visit, due to its welcoming, warm and non-congested atmosphere.

During the time we have been members, we have met many Manhattan Beach residents, who have become close family friends, a situation that would not be possible at a crowded local restaurant, which cater mostly to tourist. It is also one of the few Manhattan Beach establishments my wife is comfortable visiting alone or with one her of girlfriends, because she knows she will be treated with respect and will be in an atmosphere where she can have enjoy a private conversation.

Our Family would find it extremely disappointing if the 900 Club was closed, we ask that you consider the high amount of social benefits the club provides to residents of Manhattan Beach.

Kind Regards,

John R Williams

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Consideration of Revocation of Conditional Use Permit

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 4:06 PM  
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**Subject:** 900 Club Consideration of Revocation of Conditional Use Permit



# Jon Robert Simon

January 29, 2014

To:

Honorable Amy Howorth - Mayor  
Police Chief Eve R. Irvine  
Mr. Richard Thomas - Community Development Director  
Ms. Laurie Jester - Planning Manager  
Bob Courtney, Esq.

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Consideration of the revocation of the 900 Clubs Conditional Use Permit

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I was extremely disappointed to hear that the City of Manhattan Beach (the "City") is considering the revocation of the 900 club's (the "Club") conditional use permit. I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach for approximately 15 years. I am a member of the 900 club and have been for almost the same period of time as I have lived here. I am also the father of 4 children, two of whom were raised in the South Bay ages 10 and 19. While I understand that there are one or two individuals whom are behind the constant complaints against the Club, these complaints simply appear to be vindictive and not based on the factual situation which exists and completely ignores the benefits of the Club to the City and its residents. While the Club is a social club and has substantial patronage, it is no louder or more active than virtually any other restaurant in town. In fact, I would argue as a resident whom enjoys a number of restaurants and bars in downtown Manhattan Beach, that is far quieter and family friendlier than establishments such as Circa, Strand House, Sharks Cove, etc. This is not to say that these establishments are "bad", but one can hardly call the Club a "community nuisance" and not enjoin the other bars and restaurants as the same. While one or two neighbors (and it has predominantly been one person) around the Club may complain about noise, it cannot be forgotten that they chose to live in the heart of a lively and vibrant community. The good news is that they live in the center of shops, restaurants and night-life. The bad news is that they live in the center of shops, restaurants and night-life. To single the Club out as a community nuisance is ridiculous in a word. Please let me bring a couple of points to your attention.

- 1) I routinely take my 9 year old daughter to the Club which is one of her favorite places to go. I do this generally before 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. It's a wonderful environment, which is child friendly (with a

children's menu), a game-room for her to play with other children her age and a place where she can walk around. She just loves it!

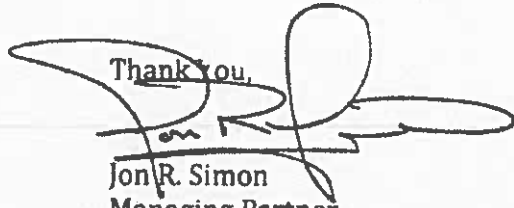
- 2) The 900 Club is a community participant. Not just in beloved events like the 6 man volley ball tournament, but it hosts a number of charity events throughout the year. I don't know of very many other restaurants in town which do the same.
- 3) It supports and donates funds to local schools including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.
- 4) It is a collection point from some of the community's top business professionals representing an excellent place to network and talk business in a calm and relaxing atmosphere. Further, it is patronized by many of our Pro Athlete residents who own the some of the largest houses and pay the largest real estate taxes to the City and County.
- 5) Many immediate neighbors I know are either members or completely support the Club and are patronize it through their friends who are members.
- 6) The Club has no bias racially, religiously or in any other capacity in who it lets be a member or whom it serves. Something that is rare indeed still in this age of private clubs. It is a model in this respect.
- 7) It represents a unique asset to the wonderful and charming town we all love, namely Manhattan Beach.

Most importantly, the Club has gone out of its way to mitigate the noise of the Club (which generally is ONLY a factor on one or two weekend nights a month) and does much more than other restaurants and bars which are on or around Manhattan Avenue and Manhattan Beach Blvd. I have seen a true vigil on the parts of the staff and owners of the Club to keep the 9<sup>th</sup> street entrance as traffic free as possible. It created a "smokers garden" downstairs so that individuals don't congregate on 9<sup>th</sup> street entrance as they do on other clubs or restaurants.

The Club is an institution in this City and to let one or two individuals inundate the City with baseless complaints in order to satisfy an agenda of their own would be a tragic precedent for this City to make. Our entertainment and retail core is what attracts people to the City and has led to a renaissance in new homes, increased property taxes and better Infrastructure for all to enjoy.

**I URGE ALL OF YOU TO NOT CONSIDER ANY FORM OF REVOCATION OF THE CLUB'S USE PERMITS.** Work with the club and it will continue to be a special jewel in the Manhattan Beach City Crown of retail and restaurants.

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Thank you,  


Jon R. Simon  
Managing Partner  
Chasen Capital Advisors and  
Proud member of the 900 Club.

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**Subject:** FW: 900 Club correspondence

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**To:** List - Planning Commission; Amy Thomas Howorth; John Jalili; Richard Thompson  
**Cc:** Richard Thompson; List - City Council  
**Subject:** 900 Club correspondence

I am gravely concerned and disappointed that our newly elected and local governing team, many whom I know personally, are involved in the closure discussions of the 900 Club.

I first met Dave at a charity event six years ago. He asked to get involved with Westcoast Sports Associates a 501(c) organization that I helped get started to help economically disadvantaged kids participate in sports. He immediately offered the 900 club as a venue for our organization to hold socials and meetings. We currently hold regular meetings and events at the 900 Club because Dave is so generous and aware of the community benefits.

How the closure of the 900 Club can even come to the top of your agenda given the fiscal problems the City of Manhattan Beach is facing regarding delivering effective pricing of services to the tax payers in the community and simultaneously heading off the many concerns about the mall development, sewer lines and stranglehold that the unions have on our town is simply dumbfounding.

The 900 Club is a private club for members. It uniquely transcends across the community as a go to spot for all. It is common to see families eating

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kids playing, members and guests dining and drinking. It is the go to spot for sporting events. It is a fun and lively place with superior and friendly service. Many of the employees have served the customers for over 10 years. The majority of the members and guests are well behaved and courteous.

More confusing to me, is that many of you on this email communication I have seen or socialized with at the 900 Club. You know firsthand the benefits of having a high quality private club operator of an establishment that has held up against the test of time in Manhattan Beach.

I am sorry that I have had to write this letter, but will be unavailable to voice my displeasure in the public forum meeting due to business travel. I urge you to do the right thing; long live the 900 club!

Regards,  
Chip

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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Hearing

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**From:** steven long [<mailto:stevelong42@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 11:36 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Club Hearing

Director Thompson,

My family and I were surprised and saddened to hear of the upcoming revocation hearing for the 900 club. We have enjoyed the warm and welcoming environment of the club for the last decade and hope to continue to do so. It has been a place where we can relax, entertain friends, and bring our children for a healthy meal or a holiday gathering. Over the years it has been a close knit community and we have seen the club grow and flourish along with the families of its members and staff, many of whom have been there for over 10 years. We consider David Rohrbacher and his family close friends and we have seen him take diligent steps to assure that the club is a quiet and welcome member of the MB community. I believe that any voice to the contrary must be a bit overzealous and a rare exception. The majority of the local community are friends to and supporters of the club.

David and the club have been active in supporting both local and national charities. They have also been supporters of local schools and youth sports organizations. Whether for a family meal, a business dinner, or just visiting with friends and watching a game, the club has consistently been my family's favorite spot. In a neighborhood where we have seen restaurants and storefronts change names every couple of years the club has been a solid and enduring member of the community for over 17 years. I hope this letter will help you in seeing fit to let the 900 Club continue to be a part of the Manhattan Beach community.

Best Regards,

Steven Long  
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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**Subject:** 900 Club Hearing

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**Cc:** 'dave@900manhattan.com'  
**Subject:** 900 Club Letter of Support

To the Manhattan Beach City Council and The City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department,

The Pinn family is shocked and disappointed to learn that the city is considering revoking the 900 Club Conditional Use Permit and licensing. We have been 900 club members for **EXMB101 (OVERSIZED ATTACHMENT)**  
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literally grown up at the 900 Club. Some of the fondest memories we have had out to dinner or celebrating the holidays with our kids are at the 900 Club. I have attached some pictures that illustrate just that. There is no better place for families in the south bay. Our kids love the healthy menu and playing pool or playing video games with their friends. I have also witnessed first-hand the how the club supports the community thru its charity donations and attended hosted charity functions. Most importantly, the 900 Club is no louder than neighboring restaurants and should not be held to a higher standard. We will be extremely upset and disappointed if the City Council takes the complaints of one neighbor and revokes their license. This is a great place and I hope we are able to continue to have great times with our friends and family at the 900 club for many years to come.

Sincerely,

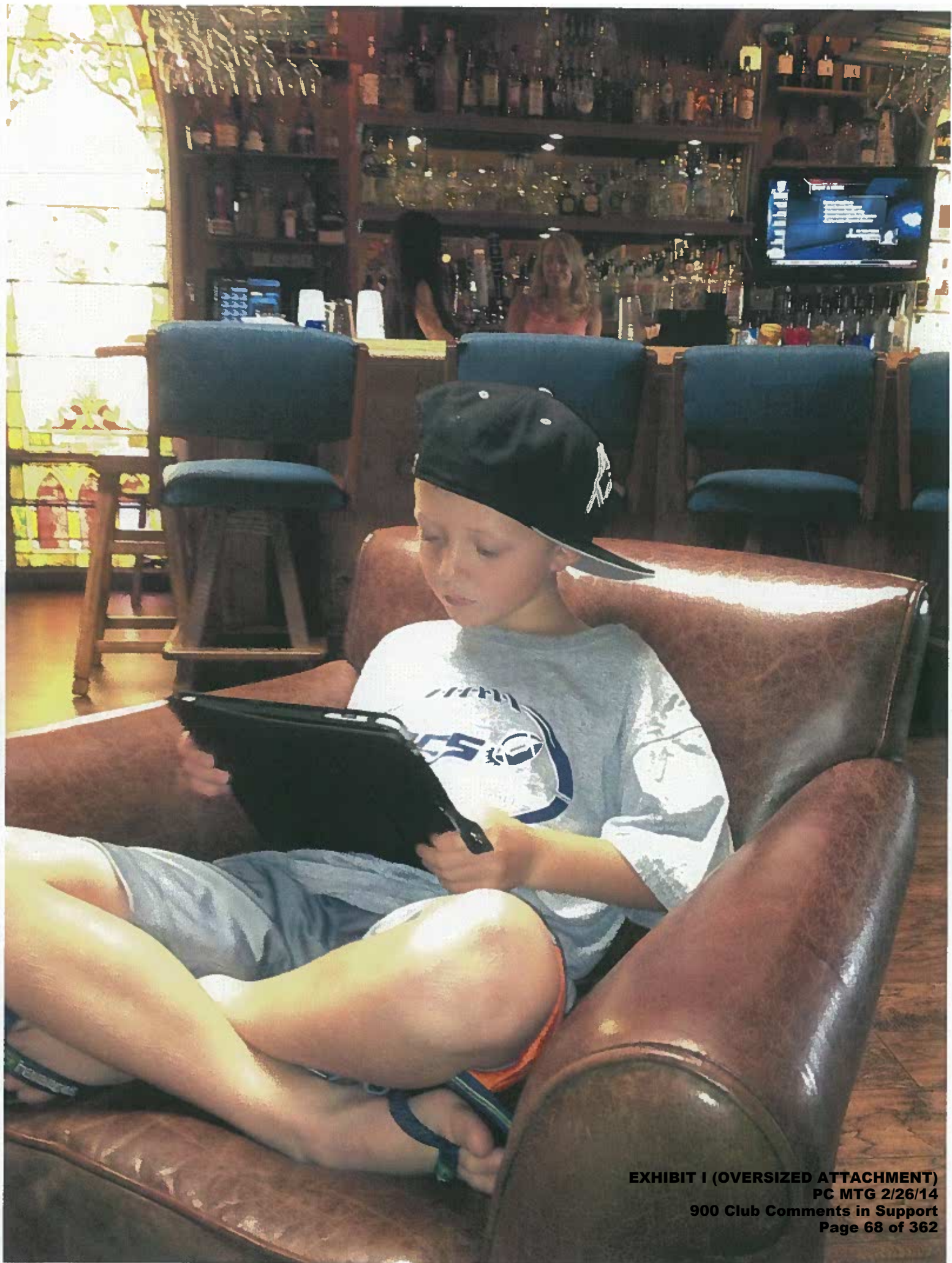
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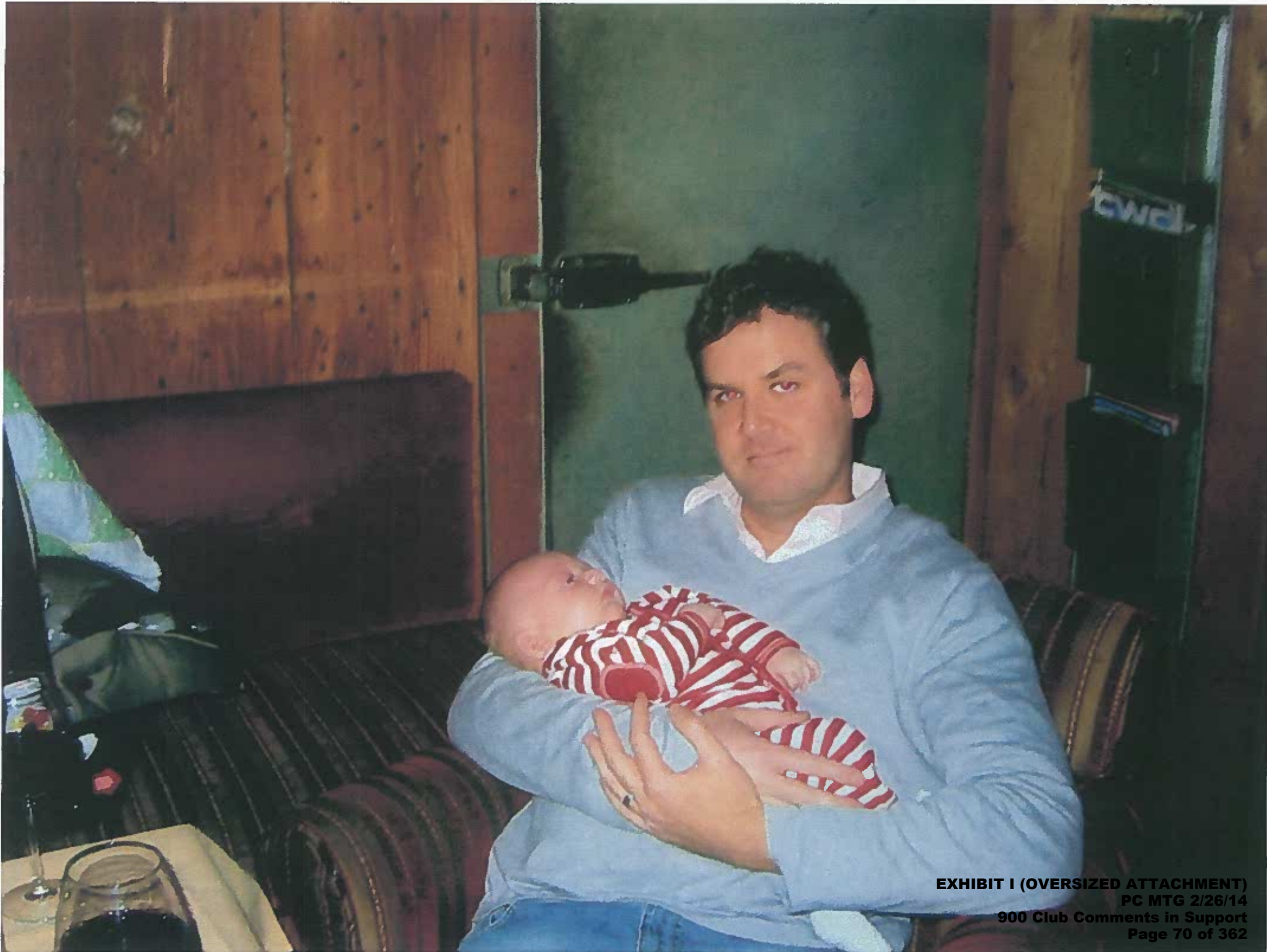


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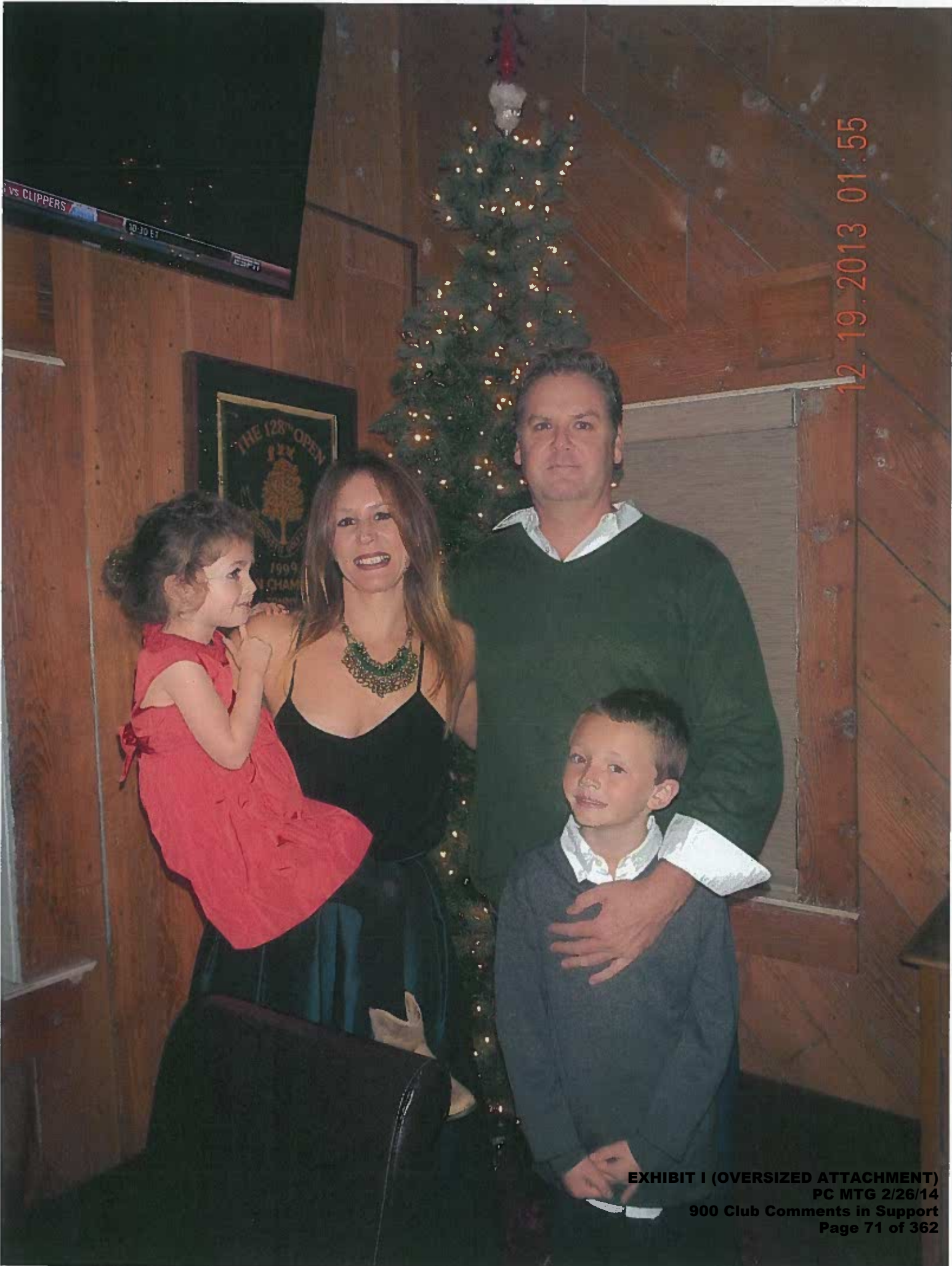




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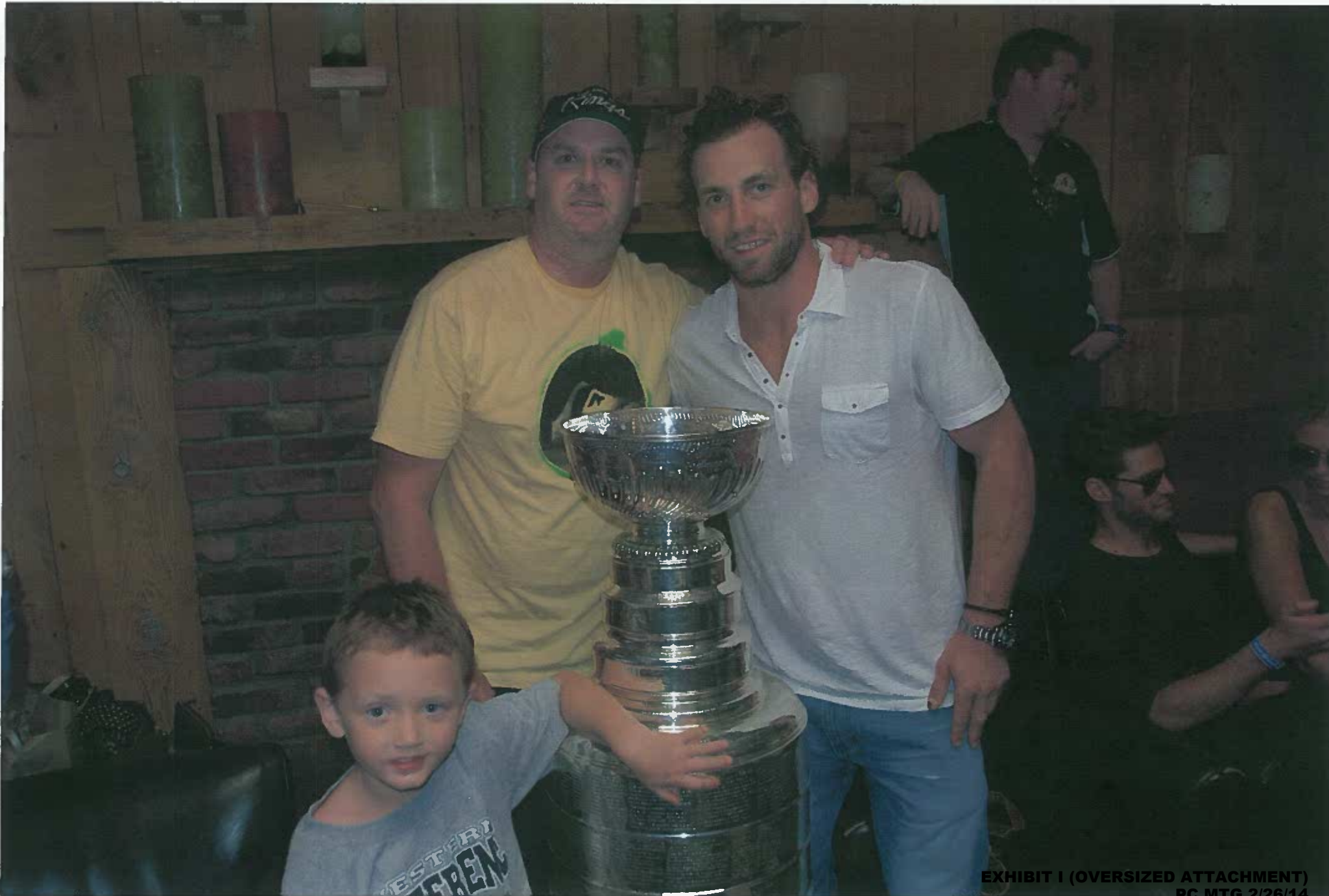


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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Letter of Support

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 4:36 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com)  
**Subject:** 900 Club Letter of Support

Good Afternoon:

I have been made aware of a scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club and I want to lend my strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing conditional use permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

I have lived in Manhattan Beach for 9 years. Over the years, I have been hosted at the club by friends who were members. In 2010, I joined the 900 Club as I recognized the club to be a gathering place for friends and family that is local, within walking distance of my home, and for its relaxed ambiance and low key feel. In the past 12 months I have used the club to celebrate birthdays, engagements and our hometown hero King's Hockey games and winning the Stanley Cup; ordering take out to bring home; a quiet meal and glass of wine during the week and on the weekends by myself or with friends. The club has been an amazing place to meet new friends, catch up with girlfriends, find out about and support local charitable organizations - all the while feeling safe, comfortable, taken care of, and respected.

The club is a gathering place for Manhattan Beach and South Bay locals, business owners and professionals, athletes, families and friends, making it a great networking spot.

While I do not have any children, many of my friends do, both the menu and the venue accommodated children of all ages. The staff often has parties geared to the younger "members" having been a part of their young lives since they were infants.

The 900 Club supports our local schools to include Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa, by donating for sporting events and other school activities.

The staff at the 900 Club is top notch from management to the team both in front and behind the scenes. They have always treated my friends, family and me with respect, great care, friendliness, and appreciation. Many of the staff members, local to Manhattan Beach, have worked at "the Club" for over 10 years – a testament to the respectful environment created by the management team.

I believe the 900 Club has been a very strong business partner in our downtown community at large. Dave and his team work diligently to address any concerns, such as asking patrons to leave on time.

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Manhattan Avenue door after 10:00pm to help minimize background music, conversation or sporting event noise emerging from inside the venue after hours; creating a smoking area at the front of the building where the smoke doesn't impact others. I believe the club to be a great neighbor.

Please consider renewing the existing conditional use permit and licensing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amy Chambers  
Club Member  
Resident, Manhattan Beach

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Manhattan

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**From:** Sam Sheth [<mailto:sam.sheth@veritypoint.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 3:49 PM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission; Richard Thompson; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; Bob Courtney, Esq. --; John Jalli; List - City Council  
**Subject:** 900 Club Manhattan

To the leaders of the great city of Manhattan Beach:

Recently, I became aware of the Planning Commission hearing on February 26<sup>th</sup> dealing with the CUP for 900 Manhattan. There have also been rumors circulating among certain people "in the know" that the decision has already been made to revoke the CUP for 900 Manhattan.

As a 25+ year resident of MB, I would like to express my sincere support for the 900 Club to retain it's existing CUP. I realize that there have been complaints about the noise (mostly driven by a single individual), and that the club has taken many steps to mitigate the noise in the neighborhood, and be a good neighbor (closing the back door, earlier last call, the fence in back, quieter music, etc.). To my knowledge, the management of the club has been working very hard to work with the City, and is willing to continue to work hard to maintain a good relationship with the City. It is a business that has so many Manhattan Beach residents and families as members, and has been a strong community supporter of our schools and local charities.

The 900 is a unique place in Manhattan Beach, and affords it's members a place where you always see local residents and families. It is a comfortable and quiet place to be with friends, to conduct business, and to take friends from out of town. I often have business guests in town, and for many of them, it is their favorite spot because it is a bit less crowded and quieter than many other spots in town, and we can talk.

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I hope that the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> will be a good time to hear from all sides, and, in the end, a locally loved establishment, 900 Manhattan Club, will be preserved with a new sense of cooperation between all parties.

Please feel free to call or email if I may be of any assistance.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Manhattan Beach

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**From:** Denise Westerberg [[mailto:denise\\_loomis@yahoo.com](mailto:denise_loomis@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 9:32 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Subject:** 900 Club Manhattan Beach

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has come to my attention that you are considering revoking the Conditional Use Permit of the 900 Club in Manhattan Beach. I'm both shocked and disappointed to hear this since this is one of my family's favorite gathering spots in town. I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Council in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

I have been a member of the 900 Club for over 9 years and have been visiting as a guest the entire 17 years they have been open.

During the course of my membership, my family has made many happy memories at the Club. Some of those include:

First date with my Husband, the engagement of 2 dear friends, and our daughter's first time seeing Santa. Not to mention countless delicious dinners with friends and family over the years!

The majority of our close friends are members and we gather here with our children regularly. We have all grown close with Dave Rohrbacher, his family and staff over the years. Many members of his staff have been there for over 10 years. We find the Club to be very family-oriented and kid-friendly! In fact, it's almost an extension of our living room - comfortable, calm and cozy. The 900 Club is also a favorite spot for entertaining out-of-town family and business associates.

The owner and staff of 900 Club have made extraordinary efforts to be good neighbors in the community. They host several charity events year-round and support local schools and sports teams in the area. 900 Club is also extremely conscious of their impact to the surrounding neighborhood and have put several measures in place to ensure that they are not disruptive. Some of these measures include: back door is closed in the evenings, quieter music, and an earlier last call.

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I hope that you will consider the positive impact the 900 Club has had on it's members, their families and the community when making your decision on 2/26.

Thank you,  
Denise Westerberg  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 4:32 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 club neighbors

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Terry Brennan [<mailto:terrybrennan2000@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 4:16 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
[robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Subject:** 900 club neighbors

To whom it may concern,

We are homeowners in the 200 block of 9th street in Manhattan Beach. When we decided to purchase our home we spent a considerable amount of time in the area in order to rule out any noise or nuisances that we would be sensitive to as residents in the downtown area. We did this during all hours of the day and night. Other than the usual automobile traffic and occasional pedestrian traffic to and from the beach there were no other noise issues that we were concerned about. We couldn't be happier with the neighborhood and to this day we have no complaints regarding noise coming from the 900 club. We consider Dave Rohrbacher and his staff to be polite, courteous, and conscientious neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Terry and Lorie Brennan

Sent from my iPad



## Planning Intern

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 10:12 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Revocation Hearing  
**Attachments:** USC900itr.pdf; ATT00001.htm; PastedGraphic-2.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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**From:** Jose Eskenazi [<mailto:jeskenaz@usc.edu>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 9:39 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; Eve R. Irvine; List - Planning Commission; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Cc:** Eskenazi Home  
**Subject:** 900 Club Revocation Hearing

Good morning,

Please read the following attachment letter regarding the 900 Club revocation hearing.  
Regards,



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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS – LOS ANGELES, CA 90089-0602 – TELEPHONE (213) 740-3843

February 7, 2014

Re: 900 Club Revocation Hearing

To members of the Manhattan Beach City Council:

As a longtime resident of the South Bay, it is inconceivable that a place like the 900 Club would be penalized for having a family-friendly, community active, meeting place facing a revocation hearing. My wife grew up in Manhattan Beach and has seen first hand the benefit that the 900 Club has brought to our community

My wife and I first joined in 2002 strictly for business reasons, I an Associate Athletic Director at USC, and we thought it would be a great place to entertain clients and colleagues. At the time, we had a 3-year-old daughter and a newborn daughter as well, we weren't sure it would accommodate our young family. We were wrong. We were so happy when we learned what a great family place it could be as well. Since joining, we have had our daughter's 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday at 900, several birthday parties, 4 baby showers, women's book club, business dinners and large family dinners. 900 Club supports the community with charitable events, donates to all the local schools, and has many community driven events as well.

The 900 Club has become our "home away from home." Whether it be relaxing on the big chairs, chatting with friends by the fireplace, it is mellow and the perfect place to have a quiet night. My daughter had cotillion monthly from 2010-2013 at The Neptunian. My wife used to bring all the dressed up little girls for dinner at 900 Club prior to their class. The girls all thought it was such a "treat". All the 900 Club staff at is so accommodating to the kids, they just love it. Annually, we come to celebrate Fireworks, Christmas party with Santa, lighting of the pier, pumpkin races, etc... We now have three children and they invite their friends regularly hang out with us at 900 club. They still think it is such a treat. My younger daughter can't wait to have her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday there.

During the 12 years we have been members, there has been an ebb and flow of members, and many changes have occurred. We are not normally at 900 Club after midnight anymore, but it used to be a regular occurrence. As members, we were aware of the issues with noise for the neighbors. Unfortunately, most of the bars and restaurants in the South Bay are also near some of the nicest houses by the beach. It is impossible to not have noise when all the houses are on top of each other. Mr. Rohrabacher has made countless changes to combat these complaints, and works tirelessly to make sure all of the members are aware of, and respect the clubs neighbors and nearby residents. Members can now only enter and exit through the front door on Manhattan Avenue after 10pm. During the week, it is a regular occurrence to see families having dinner with kids in tow, watching sporting events, etc... I can only imagine these complaints are late on Friday and Saturday nights. 900 Club is definitely more relaxed and calm compared to



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most of the other bars in Manhattan Beach. I do know that many changes have been made to mitigate noise and be a better neighbor. Unfortunately, we cannot control what a person does once they walk out the door. I can't imagine that some of the noise isn't from people walking from other places in Manhattan Beach, not only the 900 Club.

In conclusion, I am in strong support of the 900 Club retaining its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. The 900 Club is an institution; it is where we get to catch up with our friends that have become part of our family. It is our "Cheers" so to speak, where everyone knows your name. The staff has rarely changed; I have known them all for years. They are all respectful, professional and courteous, and are very aware of the complaints and work hard to be neighborly. It would be a shame to punish 900 Club for these supposed infractions when I'm sure every one of the bars and restaurants in Manhattan Beach face similar challenges.

Respectfully,

Jose and Kristi Eskenazi

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 4:34 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Revocation Hearing  
**Attachments:** 900ltr.doc

**From:** Kristi Eskenazi [<mailto:ikeskenazi@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 4:01 PM  
**Subject:** 900 Club Revocation Hearing

Please see my attached letter supporting 900 Club regarding its Conditional Use Permit and Licensing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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February 10, 2014

As a long time member of 900 club and Hermosa Beach resident, I am disappointed that a place like the 900 Club would be facing a revocation hearing. Over the years, my family, friends, and clients have enjoyed having this special place to come "home" too. I not only feel comfortable having my children come here, but all my top clients.

I am a financial advisor and have my office in Manhattan Beach and cater to many of the affluent, highly educated residents. Many of my clients are retirees previously working in the Aerospace Industry. I have brought many of my clients to 900 for dinners, to watch sporting events, or just to have a glass of wine after a long day. One of the things I appreciate most about 900 is the relaxed atmosphere. The ambience of a "lodge" with overstuffed chairs and cozy fireplaces. It is so nice to enjoy an establishment that caters to the relaxed atmosphere of the beach community. It also helps that the club supports the community with charitable events, donates to all the local schools, and has many community driven events as well.

I have two daughters that also enjoy coming to all the fun-filled family events. We come to celebrate Fireworks, Christmas party with Santa, lighting of the pier, Halloween, Pumpkin races, etc... The staff is incredible and has been the same for many years, they not only know me, but are incredibly gracious with my children as well.

As a member and resident of Hermosa Beach, I am aware of some of the noise issues that have been a problem. To live in our paradise by the beach, all our houses and food establishments are very close to each other. I know Dave Rohrbacher has tried to mitigate these problems with several changes. Members can now only enter and exit through the front on Manhattan Avenue after 10pm. Dave is actively enforcing any changes to make the club more neighborly in order to make everyone happy: residents and members.

In conclusion, I am in strong support of the 900 Club retaining its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. The 900 club is a family-friendly, community driven, upwardly mobile establishment that would be sorely missed by the people of this community. There are many restaurants and bars in Manhattan Beach that also have close neighbors, it seems absurd that 900 club would be the one place being faced with these infractions.

Craig Benjamin  
Marquis Financial  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:02 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Support

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City of Manhattan Beach, CA

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Vicki Tyler [<mailto:blackands2003@earthlink.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 11:45 AM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** 900 Club Support

Dear Laurie,

My husband and I both grew up playing pool avidly in our respective hometowns on either sides of the planet! Its one of the things we loved to do socially when we first met!

He just turned 50, and as a gift I arranged a membership to the 900 Club, largely because the have a pool table and secondly, because it is family friendly.

Dan has a standing date with our 8 year old son, Michael on Thursdays. He collects him from karate, they have a meal and he teaches him to play pool. It's a REAL treat for both of them.

Dan and I go occasionally and take friends, when we want somewhere quiet, relaxed and fun to have a few quiet drinks. From our experience being new to the 900 Club, Dave has created a welcoming atmosphere, people are super friendly and laid back. It has been a really positive choice for us to join.

We were shocked therefore to learn there is an item on the upcoming agenda to close the 900 Club down.

As a Leadership Manhattan Beach alumni, when fundraising for our respective projects, not all MB businesses are willing or able to step up to the plate. I had not met Dave when I approached him about supporting the Hydration Station project. He did not hesitate to help!

I understand there are noise complaints amongst other issues. Dave has communicated an iron-clad commitment to working with the neighbors and city on all requests.

Thank you for your time in reading this. We respectfully request you give great weight to the commitment of members new and old who will make changes necessary to avoid disruption to neighbors and businesses around the 900 Club.

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Respectfully,  
Vicki Tyler  
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## Planning Intern

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2014 1:58 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Use Permit

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Michael Amiri [<mailto:michaelamiri@me.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2014 1:24 PM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Subject:** 900 Club Use Permit

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> Hello:  
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> I am writing this letter in support of the 900 Club. As a resident of Manhattan Beach and a frequent visitor to the club, I appreciate having a place where I can entertain friends and family, and visit with my neighbors and other residents of the area.  
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> I have seen firsthand Dave's diligent efforts to minimize the impact that the club might have on neighbors and I truly believe he has significantly contained both the noise and congestion.  
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> I urge the City Council to NOT revoke the 900 Club use permit.  
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> Thank you,  
>  
> Michael Amiri  
> 534 14th Street  
> 310/545-2421  
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## Planning Intern

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 5:48 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club Use Permit

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**From:** Boggs, T. Hale [mailto:HBoggs@manatt.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 5:41 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; 'robertcourtney@mminternet.com'  
**Cc:** 'dave@900manhattan.com'  
**Subject:** 900 Club Use Permit

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Hale Boggs. I have been a Manhattan Beach resident since 2001, and have lived the last 11 years at 804 Manhattan Avenue. I am a partner with the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, which is one of the largest and most respected firms in Los Angeles. I also am proud to say that I have been a member of the 900 Club for the past 9 years.

I was extremely surprised and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club, upcoming on February 26th. **Accordingly, I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Council in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. As a neighbor of the 900 Club myself (my house is less than one block away at 804 Manhattan Avenue), I have NEVER had any problem with excess noise or other alleged "issues" that certain other people have claimed to experience.** In fact, there is far more noise from other places, including Circa, and frankly a lot more noise from street traffic, than from the 900 Club. These assertions about noise, etc. are, in my view as a very proximate neighbor, ridiculous.

In addition to the above, here are a few of the other reasons for my strong and unconditional support of the 900 Club:

\* The 900 Club is great place for families. Unlike many of Manhattan Beach's other bars and restaurants, the 900 Club encourages members to bring their kids into the club during daytime hours. The place is kid-friendly and fun. My two boys, Andrew and Connor, have been with me to the Club on many occasions to watch college and pro sports, have a great lunch and a great time. They would be seriously bummed, as would I, to see the Club go.

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- \* The 900 Club is a great place for celebrations and events of all kinds. Bridal showers, couples events, retirement parties, birthday parties, you name it. It is simply an awesome place to have a fun and special event.
- \* The 900 Club hosts charitable events all year long i.e., Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project, to name just a few.
- \* The 900 Club supports and donates to local schools and sports teams including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.
- \* The vast majority of immediate residents and neighbors, including myself, strongly support the 900 Club.
- \* The 900 Club encourages and maintains a calm, adult-friendly environment -- this is frankly refreshing in a town where so many other places cater to a younger, louder and far rowdier crowd.
- \* The 900 Club has been a business meeting venue for members and others. For example, the Club just hosted the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party. I have held many business meetings there with clients and potential clients of my law firm.
- \* The 900 Club has had 17 years of successful operation as a private club. With so many other places coming and going in Manhattan Beach, the stability is a major plus. You know what to expect, and the 900 Club does not disappoint. How many places in town can claim a similar record of longevity?
- \* The 900 Club already has limited operating hours, relative to other bars and restaurants.
- \* The employees of the 900 Club are awesome. Most have been there for at least as long as I have been a member -- 9+ years. Where else do you find this kind of employee loyalty in a Manhattan Beach restaurant? There is a good reason for it -- the 900 Club is a terrific place to work. Do you really want to put these employees out of work?

***I plan to attend the Hearing on February 26th and to express my views in person. In the event that I cannot be there for any reason, however, I felt that it was extremely important for you to receive this letter.***

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any of the foregoing at any time.

Very truly yours,

Hale Boggs  
804 Manhattan Ave

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club-Manhattan Beach  
**Attachments:** 900 Club To Whom It May Concern.docx

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**From:** Ruffino, Jack R [<mailto:jack.r.ruffino@boeing.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:45 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Club-Manhattan Beach

Please see attached.  
Thank you,

**Jack**

Jack R. Ruffino  
Sr. Manager  
Licensed Transportation Services  
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*Site Services, Shared Services Group*  
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To Whom It May Concern:

1/30/2014

My name is Jack Ruffino and I have been a member of the 900 Club in Manhattan Beach for over 12 years. I understand that over the years (mostly in recent years) that there have been some complaints from a few of our neighbors about noise and general nuisance.

Well, I would like to tell you that from my perspective, I have seen (and not that there was much to improve on) numerous improvements in that area. i.e., Cipher locks were installed on all entrance doors (front and back) and the back doors' cipher is inoperable after 10:00 P.M., relegating all egress into and out of the 900 Club, to the front door. A separate "smoking-area", that all members and guest are encouraged to use, was built out downstairs near the front door so that no one would be smoking around the back entrance, alley or street. Windows are kept closed and the volume turned down so as not to interfere with the neighbors and the club has instituted a policy of closing much earlier than in years past.

Over the years I have really enjoyed my membership very much and as someone who moved to the South Bay from the Valley and not knowing anyone here at all, I have had the opportunity to make many friends and contacts on both a personal and professional level since joining the 900 Club. This just doesn't happen anywhere else. These members that I have come to know, come from a very diverse set of circumstances, from those representing the Medical and Dental professions, the Entertainment industry (i.e. TV, News, Movies, Music and Sports) Aerospace, Banking, Management, Executives, local Business Owners, local waitresses and bartenders and Service employees.

During my time as a member, I have seen many members' children grow up into young men and young women and many of these young men and young women reach adulthood and go off to college and some become members themselves. I have seen families started, families grow and sadly to say, seen some of them, pass away. The family events like the annual Christmas party, the Super Bowl and the many charities that we support are just a few examples of how the 900 Club gives back to its members and the community.

Personally for me, The 900 Club feels like "home" and "family". I and my Wife go out to many of the other restaurants in town and we love them all, however, none of them have that same feel as does the 900 Club. They have an outstanding staff, of which many have been working there for over 10 years. Their food, either served for lunch or dinner is outstanding. I have, on occasion, hosted a few business diner meetings there and each time my business associates raved about the food, the service and the overall atmosphere.

Please accept this letter as it is intended from a 900 Club long time member and Manhattan Beach resident with firsthand knowledge, that the 900 Club is an asset to the Manhattan Beach community and its residents.

It's so nice to go somewhere where "everyone knows your name".

Jack Ruffino

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 9:50 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan

**Richard Thompson**  
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**From:** W Greg Bohnert [<mailto:gregbohnert@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 8:52 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com); John Jallli  
**Cc:** Dave Rohrbacher; David Bohnert  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan

Hello,

My brother and I have been members of the 900 Club for quite some time. We have created new friendships, and continued old friendships there. We have experienced many great times there, from live & local music, to charitable events, to the fun annual events. This makes the 900 Club one of our favorite social gathering places. We & our friends and families know that this is a place you can go for dinner, go for drinks, watch your favorite teams, or just hang out. My brother and I have also used the club for business, inviting our co-workers, partners and potential investors for dinner or drinks. We have secured new projects and new talent through this practice.

I understand that there have been some concerns by neighbors, and Dave Rohrbacher has made it clear to all the members that we need to respect those concerns. He has implemented new policies in an effort to appease the neighbors, and all of the members are working to be good neighbors in return.

The club has become our "Cheers"...the place where everybody knows your name.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Bohnert  
310.863.3376

David Bohnert  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 5:41 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan

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**From:** Charlie Cangialosi [<mailto:charlie.cangialosi@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 5:39 PM  
**To:** Charlie Cangialosi  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan

I am contacting you to express my disappointment in the City of Manhattan Beach's consistent assault on long standing businesses and institutions. I was extremely disappointed to hear that the City was moving forward with a planning commission meeting regarding 900 Manhattan, to discuss a possible revocation of the use permit.

900 Manhattan has continually operated, as a respectful business for 17+ years. 900 Manhattan is a place my friends and family enjoy and to see 900 Manhattan targeted, because of 1-2 complaints is tragic.

If a homeowner willingly purchased a property adjacent to retail businesses, they did so with full knowledge of the pros and cons of that property. I find it very disingenuous for residents adjacent to retail or the Strand to lodge complaints about foot traffic, noise, deliveries, etc. when those dynamics were clearly in place when they chose to move into the area. This is analogous to buying a home near LAX and then complaining that planes are flying overhead. Additionally, I see the City's actions, in this case, as another example of the City caving to a vocal minority and the gadflies that continually drive the agenda in the City of Manhattan Beach.

900 Manhattan, its ownership and staff go to extremes to ensure all the patrons treat the surrounding neighborhood with the utmost respect. This respect for the neighborhood is part of the 900 Manhattan culture. Every visitor of 900 Manhattan embraces and lives this culture, because they understand the area. We are not a bunch of folks coming in to enjoy everything downtown Manhattan Beach has to offer. We are a reflection of the City of Manhattan Beach and neighboring cities. We are professional families, paying our taxes, sending our kids to the local schools in the greatest communities in the United States. That is why we all treat the area around 900 Manhattan like it's our own neighborhood.

I have faith that the Planning Commission will do the proper thing; deny this complaint and allow 900 Manhattan to continue to operate as it does today.

Regards

Charlie Cangialosi

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 4:30 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan

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**From:** Joe Arnao [<mailto:arnao@precisionpost.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 4:30 PM  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am writing to you today as a vocal supporter of the 900 Club, located 900 Manhattan Ave.

This private establishment has served as a social gathering place for myself and my family for the 5 years that I have been a member. The 900 is not just a local watering hole with a 17 year history, but I have used it as a place to centralize social activities with like minded professionals, bring family on days and weekends, throw birthday parties, as well to feed and entertain clients when they are in town. I have also been fortunate enough to attend several of the many community oriented fund raisers that the 900 hosts throughout the year.

When I do get the opportunity to frequent downtown Manhattan Beach, the 900 Club is a place that I go to actually find less noise then most of the other downtown establishments. I am sure there are some days where the bar has a bit of traffic, but I would challenge that to be different from any of the other establishments in the downtown area. I know first hand, that Dave Rohrbacher has taken measurable steps to be a good neighbor and minimize any extraneous noise and traffic from the adjacent residential side of the establishment. Recently, the front entrance serves as the main entrance for the establishment at night, and the rear of the building has been voided of foot traffic as a means of egress.

Please allow the 900 to continue to operate without sanctions or revocation.

Sincerely,  
Joe Arnao

Resident - 216 S. Redondo Ave. MB 90266



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**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 3:42 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 3:11 PM  
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[robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com)  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan

Dear City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department,

I recently heard about the city hearing concerning 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. I applaud you for listening to and taking your citizens' complaints seriously. With that said, I hope that you will evaluate the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club fairly - because that will make it relatively simple to conclude that this is exactly the type of establishment the City of Manhattan Beach should embrace. Certain people will always complain - that is just a fact of life - but we should not let that detract from the fact that the 900 Manhattan is responsibly run and managed, caters to local adults, provides much needed jobs and does its part to be a good neighbor and community member.

I have been a guest at 900 Manhattan Avenue Club for more than 10 years and have been a member for 5 years - I love this place and can not for the life of me think about why a city would even consider closing down an establishment like this. As a father of 3 kids (14, 12 and 3), the 900 is our go-to place for dinners or for get a snacks and games after a day at the beach or running errands downtown.

Unlike most of the other restaurants and bars downtown that cater to the tourists and/or the young and noisy crowd, the 900 Manhattan is place for local professional adults and families. I come here with my kids or I will come here to meet up with friends, play pool and have a good meal without being overrun by visitors/tourists or waiting in line forever before being seated. This is a place where I come to relax and have conversations or play games with family and friends.

For the 10+ years I have been coming to the 900 Manhattan I have seen the majority of the other restaurants in the downtown area shot down, go out of business, change ownership or being renamed. Meanwhile, the 900 Manhattan has been a steady employer and a great social gathering spot for those adults who like me prefer to spend time in a place where it is possible to have conversations (manageable noise-level), play games, dance and socialize with a friendly adult crowd as opposed to the twenty-something-year-olds and out-of-towners who come to Manhattan Beach to party. The 900 Manhattan is unique because it takes care of its members, their family and its community.

I am a member because I enjoy that the 900 Manhattan provides a social setting without the elevated noise levels associated with many other clubs and I appreciate spending time with adults who enjoy conversations

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and playing games rather than screaming and shouting at some loud club like many 20-somethings. The very reason I love coming here so much is the reason why I am so confused about this complaint. I do not understand what anyone could be upset about, I would think the 900 Manhattan is a great neighbor but I certainly (as would other members) respect those concerns and take additional measures to be an even better neighbor.

Best Regards,

Tejs Broberg

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan Ave

**From:** Ross Weber [<mailto:ross@clicktripz.com>]  
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**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
[robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); John Jalili  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Ave

Hi All,

I moved from 25th street to 7th street 3 years ago and the first thing I did was join the 900 Club. It has been a great place for me to meet new friends and many of my neighbors in South Manhattan. Most importantly, it is one of the few establishments in Manhattan Beach where it's pleasurable for me to bring my young children. The kitchen at the 900 club is also responsible for feeding my family at least twice a week with healthy take out.

I can't imagine that 900 is a "community nuisance." When I see the young families enjoying the 900 club, I see it much more as a community service.

I thank you for conducting a complete and impartial investigation, so that you can see for yourselves the attributes of this establishment.

Best Regards,

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Ross

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 manhattan ave

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**From:** Steve Kernochan [<mailto:steve@lalicious.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 3:33 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 manhattan ave

Hi Richard,

I wanted to reach out to let you know that my wife and twin 7 year old girls frequent 900 Manhattan Ave and have found it to be a safe family environment that we all have enjoyed over the years. We truly hope that complaints by a few won't affect the good family atmosphere the we and so many other families cherish.

Thank you for your interest in this matter,

Steve Kernochan  
Partner

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan Avenue

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brian K [<mailto:bjk413@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 4:47 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Avenue

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I'm writing to express my disappointment regarding the upcoming meeting to discuss the possible closing of the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. Over the last few years since I joined, I have made new friends in the community, business connections, as well as met other families through the club. Given that my membership with this club has helped me build connections with the Manhattan Beach community it seems odd to me that such an establishment could be considered a "Community Nuisance".

I have been a member of 900 Manhattan since 2010. My original intention of joining was to have a convenient place to meet new business associates as well as host dinners with clients. The 900 Club has always been very attractive for this purpose as they always make an effort to accommodate members even with short notice. However, to my surprise I have found 900 just useful as a oasis for finding a place to enjoy an easy meal with my family. The staff is very accommodating of children and they provide a kid friendly menu. Additionally, Dave, the owner/manager, has always seemed very family oriented with events like the Santa Clause Christmas event every year.

I have also witnessed quite a bit of effort by 900 staff and management to limit the side door access hours as I have even been personally reminded by Dave and the staff not to exit that way after 10pm. Hence, I do believe the 900's management and staff are making serious effort to address any complaints they are made aware of.

In summary, I would be very disappointed if the City of Manhattan Beach ignored positive aspects that 900 Manhattan brings to the community as well and its continuous efforts to make changes to respect its neighbors in the community.

Sincerely,

Brian Kim  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 4:30 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan Avenue  
**Attachments:** Letter to Representatives of the City of Manhattan Beach re 900 Manhattan Avenue.pdf

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**From:** Batie, Denise L. [<mailto:DLbatie@milbank.com>] **On Behalf Of** Bray, Gregory  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 4:29 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; 'robertcourtney@mminternet.com'  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Avenue

Please see the attached regarding 900 Manhattan Avenue.

Should you have any questions, you will find my contact information on the attached letter.

Thank you for your time.

Gregory Bray

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City of Manhattan Beach  
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Re: 900 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA

To the Representatives of the City of Manhattan Beach:

This letter is in support of 900 Club and the retention of its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

It has been my personal experience since becoming a member at the club many years ago that it is a great place for families and family events. The club has hosted several such events for me, including most recently a graduation party for my daughter. My wife and I bring our youngest daughter, who is 4, frequently to the club for dinner. The menu is healthy and appropriate for her. She is very comfortable there; all of the staff and many of the members know her by name.

The staff at 900 Club is excellent. Many of them have worked at the club for years and they have created and maintained a friendly yet professional environment. Most of the members of the club have children and often bring them along. The members value the club and have been conscientious in reducing the noise coming from it.

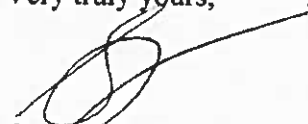
The club also gives back to the community. It hosts and supports numerous charities such as the Next Step Foundation and Wounded Warrior Project. The club also supports local schools like Grand View and Robinson, among others.

The club has been diligent in its efforts to reduce noise and respect its neighbors. The back door code does not work after 10 pm, a fence was erected, the music has been turned down, and other activities, such as smoking, have all been redirected to the front of the building.

Gregory A. Bray

As a resident of Manhattan Ave, I am well aware of the noise that can be generated from the restaurants and bars on the street and surrounding area. It is my personal experience that the noise from the club is far less than the noise generated from many other establishments.

Very truly yours,



Gregory A. Bray

cc: Richard Thompson, Community Development Director ([rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info))  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 11:14 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan Avenue Club  
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**From:** Colleen Lambert [<mailto:clambert621@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 9:21 AM

**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; Amy Thomas Howorth

**Cc:** Jeff Lambert

**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

Please see attached letter.

Thank you,

Colleen C Lambert

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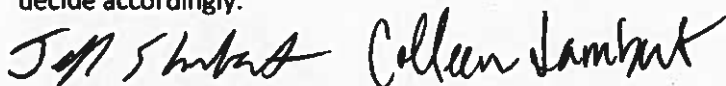
Attn: Richard Thompson, Laurie Jester, Eve R. Irvine, Amy Horworth

We were recently made aware of a hearing scheduled before you to consider the revocation of the Use Permit for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club ("900 Club") based upon the allegation of nuisance. It is quite disturbing that this hearing has been scheduled given the efforts the staff and membership of the 900 Club have made to be a good neighbor in the community.

We have been residents of Manhattan Beach for 25 years and homeowners here for 20 years and have been members of the 900 Club for six years. We love everything the City of Manhattan Beach has to offer: safe community, good schools and the feeling of a small town. We joined the 900 Club because it offered exactly the facilities and atmosphere we felt we needed to entertain our business clients as well as for our family (both adults and children) to enjoy. Our experiences have been nothing but fantastic at the 900 club and that is the opinion of our business clients, as well. The members that we have met and call friends are very similarly situated: professional people living in Manhattan Beach who utilize the facility for both business entertainment and for family. Since our experience is otherwise, it is hard for us believe that the 900 Club could be considered a nuisance to our city.

The staff of the 900 Club has made every member aware of the need to keep noise to a minimum and has taken many steps to insure that ambient noise is restricted including closing club access through the rear entrance door at 10 PM, limiting club operating hours, installing a barrier fence as a noise buffer and most importantly the 900 Club staff have sent out dozens of emails to the members reminding us to respect the neighborhood and minimize noise.

In summary, the 900 Club is a community asset, which is enjoyed by its membership and their guests and which operates professionally and courteously within its neighborhood. We encourage you to decide accordingly.



Jeffrey and Colleen Lambert  
621 Eighth St.  
Manhattan Beach, CA

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
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**From:** Sean O'Loughlin [<mailto:sean@seanoloughlin.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 9:47 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Cc:** Dena O'Loughlin  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

Dear Richard,

My name is Sean O'Loughlin. I am a resident of Manhattan Beach and a member of the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. It has recently come to my attention that there will be a formal hearing to consider revocation of the Use Permit for the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. As a member for several years now, this is a shock and very concerning on a variety of levels. I am writing to you today to express my full support of the 900 Club and what it means to our family.

The 900 Club is a regular part of our life. My wife Dena and I are blessed with two small daughters and we routinely choose to enjoy casual dinners at the 900 club several times a month. When all of the other bars and restaurants in downtown Manhattan Beach are loud and crowded, we enjoy the sanctuary of the 900 Club and the experience it provides. We also enjoy the laid back adult environment in the latter part of the evening. It is a comfortable, family run establishment that has only the best intentions for the community and its amazing residents. Weekday or weekend, it is a gem of a place.

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The 900 Club has been a class act and a fixture in the Downtown Manhattan Beach scene for over 17 years. The 900 Club is a sophisticated establishment and the clientele of this private club reflect that. The staff is second to none and is incredibly loyal. Most of the staff has been there for over 10 years, which creates much stability.

The 900 Club has also made a habit of donating to local charities in addition to supporting the local schools. One example is the multitude of toys that are donated to "Toys for Tots" at the annual holiday party.

To consider revocation of the Use Permit for the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club, would be a great disservice to the members, the staff and the amazing Manhattan Beach Community. The 900 Manhattan Avenue Club is the crown jewel of private clubs in the South Bay.

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Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sean and Dena O'Loughlin

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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

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**From:** Sean O'Loughlin [<mailto:sean@seanoloughlin.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Cc:** Dena O'Loughlin  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

Dear Ms. Jester,

My name is Sean O'Loughlin. I am a resident of Manhattan Beach and a member of the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. It has recently come to my attention that there will be a formal hearing to consider revocation of the Use Permit for the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. As a member for several years now, this is a shock and very concerning on a variety of levels. I am writing to you today to express my full support of the 900 Club and what it means to our family.

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Sincerely,

Sean and Dena O'Loughlin

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:06 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan Club, Hearing to consider revocation

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**From:** [Dale.Rodberg@wellsfargo.com](mailto:Dale.Rodberg@wellsfargo.com) [<mailto:Dale.Rodberg@wellsfargo.com>]  
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**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Club, Hearing to consider revocation

February 6, 2014,

Dear Manhattan Beach City Council Members,

My family and I have lived in Manhattan Beach since 1998, we have enjoyed the beach community and relaxed culture of our city. The City has done a great job balancing the lifestyle demands of laid back surfers with the cities rising affluence and non-surfer demands.

The 900 Club has been an important restaurant and gathering destination for my wife and three daughters over the years. In addition to being a laid back, casual, family friendly club, the 900 Club has allowed our family and other MB tax paying members a "go-to retreat". Club 900 is the perfect "locals" venue for those crazy weekends when our beach community is overwhelmed with less than civil or not –so responsible visitors.

Over the years, I have coached many little league teams, the 900 Club has been the perfect team "bonding" destination for MBYB, AYSO, Softball and Indian Princess banquets.

During our 11 years as club members, Kim and I have never known the Club to operate outside of NORMAL restaurant guidelines. The noise levels have been very AVERAGE, and In line with the majority of MB restaurants we frequent.

If I lived near the Fontana Speedway I would expect to hear cars roaring around a race track, if I purchased a house near an airport I would hear planes on a regular basis. When Kim and I moved to Manhattan Beach, we

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expected to hear mid-town city noises and an occasional taxi horn. Club 900 has operated in downtown MB for 17 years, co-existed with many different neighbors from the same location, and similar format.

As a group we should focus on improving MB, and support businesses that are supported and enjoyed by our community.

Club 900, Dave and his staff have my full support!!

Sincerely,

-Dale Rodberg

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**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Cc:** 900 Manhattan  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Manhattan Club.docx

Please see attached.

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February 6, 2014

Re: **900 Manhattan Club**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a property owner at 329 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach. I am a father of three with a baby on the way.

I love taking my family to 900 Manhattan Club for dinner. It is a great family spot with a safe environment for my children and a great amenity to have in the area.

Dave and his staff do a great job. I go to the club several times a month and support having it here in Manhattan Beach.

Please call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

CBRE, Inc.



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**From:** Paul Franklin [<mailto:Paul.Franklin@fox.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:49 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan- Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Thompson,

As a long standing member of the 900 Manhattan Club, I was recently made aware of the upcoming City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department's intent to conduct a Revocation Hearing on February 26, 2014 to discuss the potential of shutting down the club. I am extremely disappointed to hear this news and shocked that the city would even consider such a decision.

Dave Rohrbacher and 900 Manhattan have been long members of the great city of Manhattan Beach. Besides being a private social club, they have done several outstanding things for the city, their patrons, and various charities. They are far from a "Community Nuisance" as has apparently been suggested. We have for years felt welcomed to bring our friends and kids into the club. Besides a great place to spend time and catch a ballgame, we have had many family dinners on Sunday nights, for example, at 900 Manhattan and the bartenders and other patrons have always made us feel comfortable. They offer a great menu, with kid friendly options that are healthy in fact. It's a great place to have birthday parties as well as it's just a wonderful place to celebrate and feel welcomed.

To hear that there is a complaint that could in effect close down this great establishment is unfortunate. Dave and the people there have taken great steps to minimize the noise and the congregating outside over the past year to comply with the neighbors' concerns. I have seen these changes take place and I can tell you it has made a significant difference, especially the club's decision to shut the back door at 10pm, the building of a backdoor fence to help filter noise, closing earlier on certain night's (ie; 12am on Thursday's), and lowering the music volume inside. Dave does an excellent job communicating this to his members regularly. I believe the members take great caution towards the people who live near around 9<sup>th</sup> and Manhattan Ave.

Not only a calm and friendly environment, 900 is a great spot to hold charitable events, as Dave always makes his place available. Charities such as Next Step Foundation, West Coast Sports Association, and Wounded Warrior Project are just some examples. We have personally seen his generosity having been the beneficiary of his donations to auctions that we have been affiliated with over the year's. He does that because he supports his clients, and their efforts to raise

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money in a positive manner. As a member of this community for 17 years Dave has graciously helped local schools, like Grandview, Robinson and American Martyrs and sports teams like those at Mira Costa High School.

Finally, the staff is extremely personable and friendly, they go out of the way to make you feel "right at home". Many of them have worked their entire lives at 900 Manhattan and are a major part of the fixture of the club and they are ALL very conscious of the noise levels. Their job is important to them and they take it very seriously.

900 Manhattan is a unique, friendly place that is a part of this community. There is absolutely no reason to shut it down. It provides many of us, who work hard in our own jobs a respite from the craziness of the day, gives us a chance to spend time with dear friends and family in a comfortable, loving environment. The cliental consists of the some of the most influential and devoted people and families in Manhattan Beach. To think that anyone would want it gone is just ludicrous to me.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of support and to giving every opportunity to keep 900 Manhattan a major part of Manhattan Beach.

Sincerely,  
Paul Franklin  
A proud 19 year resident of Manhattan Beach, CA

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 6:19 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Hearing to consider Revocation of Use Permit for the 900 Club

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**From:** Molly Hobin [<mailto:molly@thehobincompany.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 6:05 PM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission; Richard Thompson; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; John Jalili  
**Cc:** [Robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:Robertcourtney@mminternet.com)  
**Subject:** Hearing to consider Revocation of Use Permit for the 900 Club

Dear Manhattan Beach Planning Department & Other City Leaders : I recently learned of the scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club and am extremely disappointed to hear that a few of the neighbors have the power to cause such chaos for so many local Manhattan Beach residents. The 900 Club is a favorite local destination for hundreds of Manhattan Beach residents and their friends and families. I have lived in Manhattan Beach for 29 years and actually was the original membership chairman of the 900 Club when they opened their doors 17 years ago. I have been a member ever since. I am a local business owner and have used the 900 Club for countless business meetings and client dinners over the years as well as held numerous charity parties, college reunions, and birthday & wedding celebrations. My husband and I also use it on a regular basis to entertain friends and family or to just go and enjoy dinner and watch a game.

Dave Rohrbacher and his entire staff are extremely cognizant of making sure that all members and guests are respectful and mindful of the neighbors when leaving or arriving at the Club. They have instituted several rules in order to mitigate noise and are definitely making a conscious effort to ensure that the 900 Club is an upscale local dining establishment and not a "Community Nuisance". I strongly urge you to re-consider revoking the use permit and to allow the 900 Club to continue operations as it has for the past 17 years.

Thanks very much !

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:05 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: In support of 900 Manhattan

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**From:** Coberly, Sterling [<mailto:scoberly@btig.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 9:28 AM  
**Subject:** In support of 900 Manhattan

Dear All Interested Parties-

I have been a Manhattan Beach resident for 22 years and homeowner for 15 years. I have been a very satisfied member of 900 Manhattan for 7 years and I have personally known David Rohrbacher for 27 years.

I have had nothing but good experiences with my friends, wife and children at the club. The staff has been very responsible and respectful in creating a neighborhood friendly environment. There have been numerous ,conscious changes that the Club has made over the years to comply with and preserve the unique character the makes our town such a special place . In light of all this, it was truly surprising to hear of the City's scheduled revocation hearing for 900.


I have attended numerous events that support local charities and schools. Manhattan Beach is a very unique balance of tolerance and understanding due to the size and proximity of our homes and businesses. Everyone who knows and appreciates this city gets that very trade –off. The city needs to focus resources and time on more important matters such as schools, crime and safety for our city. I live just blocks from 900 Manhattan and frequently pass by the location at all times of the day and night and have never noticed any major disruptions or disturbances

I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Council in support of the 900 Club to retain it's existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanction or revocation.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: letter in support of 900 Club  
**Attachments:** 900 Club - Letter of Support.pdf

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**From:** Randy Balik [<mailto:randybalik@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:33 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
[robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Subject:** letter in support of 900 Club

All,

Please see the attached letter. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Randy Balik

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From the Desk of:

*Randy Balik*

January 30, 2014

**Attention:**

Richard Thompson, Community Development Director  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief  
Amy Howorth, Mayor  
Bob Courtney, Esq.

***Sent via Email***

Re: Letter in support of 900 Club in Manhattan Beach, CA

To all:

It has come to my attention and the attention of others that the City of Manhattan Beach is considering revoking the use permit for the 900 Club (the "establishment"). As a long-standing member of the establishment, I appreciate this opportunity to voice my disagreement with this potential action and my support for the continuing business life of establishment.

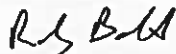
First, some background about me. I have lived in the south bay for nearly 20 years now, and my wife and I own a home in Hermosa Beach near the pier plaza area. With our nearly 3-year-old son already in a local pre-school and another baby on the way, we are indeed a south bay family through and through. Regarding my career, I am a consultant and am also involved in a clean energy start-up, and my wife has worked for the same Fortune 100 company for her entire 18-year career, so we are both full-time professionals as well. I include this information so that you may understand at least a little bit about the clientele that frequent this establishment.

Regarding my history with the establishment, I have been a member for nearly 15 years. I go to the establishment for a variety of reasons – to watch sporting events, to play pool, to entertain clients, to spend time with my family, and to catch up with other families and friends. Over the years, I have seen great changes at the establishment and the way in which all of us respect the surrounding space and neighbors. The establishment has, indeed, made great strides in enacting new rules and tightening existing ones in an effort to be an even better neighbor ourselves.

Believe me, given where I live, in close proximity to the pier plaza in Hermosa Beach, I fully understand the issues that come with living near a bar restaurant (or several). But I also purchased my home knowing full well the proximity that I would be living in relation to such businesses. The 900 Club is very different from most of the businesses that are close to my home – the clientele is generally older, includes more families, and by its own nature this establishment does not have the long lines and throngs of people that empty out from other south bay bars. While it may be impossible to stop all noise, this particular establishment is nowhere near the worst offender and seems to be unfairly singled out quite often by a few of its neighbors, and they are wrong to do so.

I urge you to consider leaving the 900 Club's use permit alone and in place.

Respectfully,



Randy Balik

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:45 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for 900 Club

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**From:** Bowdoin, Alice [<mailto:Alice.Bowdoin@fmr.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:18 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Cc:** [allybowdoin@gmail.com](mailto:allybowdoin@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for 900 Club

Good Afternoon:

I was recently made aware of a scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club, and I'm writing today to give my emphatic support of the 900 Club to retain its existing conditional use permit and licensing, without sanctions or revocation.

I have been a Manhattan Beach resident for 10 years, and the 900 Club has been an integral part of my positive experience here. When I moved here from Boston in 2004, the Club provided me a wonderful venue to meet new people and create lasting friendships I have to this day. It was non-threatening and friendly, and I felt welcomed into the community of Manhattan Beach instantly. Over the years, I have used the Club in a variety of social and business oriented ways.

The Club provides a clean, family friendly atmosphere that feels like a second living room for people. Some nights we take the kids there for dinner and enjoy watching a game with friends and other families. They have a special kids menu, and they even provide an old fashioned video game booth the kids love. Other times, I meet my girlfriends there after work for a relaxing glass of wine and dinner. I have hosted small parties there over the years as well, and my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party was held there a few years ago. I bring my out of town business colleagues and family members to the Club for dinner or drinks and it allows for a quieter, more intimate atmosphere. We enjoy watching sporting events there often too, and it even hosted a pancake breakfast for a morning football game club members wanted to see.

The 900 Club is a valuable asset to the community, providing a venue for charitable events for such organizations as UCLA Athletic Association, Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association, and the Wounded Warrior Project. The Club supports and donates to local schools and sports teams including Grand View Elementary, Robinson School, American Martyrs, and Mira Costa High School.

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Much of the staff at the 900 Club have been there for many years, and are local residents. They are consummate professionals, who understand the need to control noise and be respectful of the neighbors close by. I have noticed many changes put in to place to alleviate the noise surrounding the back side of the club, such as locking the back door at 10pm, and providing a special smoking area in the front of the building away from neighboring homes.

I understand that the Planning Commission and City Counsel have a responsibility to listen to the complaints of residents. Unfortunately, the people who complain tend to have the loudest voices, so this letter is meant to be the loud voice of one resident who strongly supports the 900 Club as a vital and important business in our small community. I would be disappointed in our town leaders if they were to allow a small number of outspoken citizens take away one our town's most treasured and unique businesses.

Sincerely,

**Ally Bowdoin**  
**Manhattan Beach Resident**

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**From:** Andy Weltman [mailto:andyweltman@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 10:53 AM

**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; robertcourtney@mminternet.com; Amy Thomas Howorth; John Jalili; List - City Council

**Subject:** Letter of Support for the 900 Club

Dear Manhattan Beach Planning Department

I am a long time resident of Manhattan Beach and live two blocks from the 900 Club. The 900 Club has been the center of my community for many years now and I was disheartened to hear that the Planning Department is considering revoking its license. That would be a grave error in my eyes, and one that I hope you will strongly reconsider.

I was born and raised on the East Coast and moved to Los Angeles 25 years ago for work. It took me a long time to find a place where I felt at home in Los Angeles. It wasn't until I moved to Manhattan Beach that I felt a part of a close knit community.

The 900 Club represents all that I love about Manhattan Beach. It is a microcosm of the family-friendly, community-oriented town we all call home. It is a place where parents, children, single and married all feel welcome. It is a place where milestones are celebrated and business dealings are negotiated. It is an establishment that has become an extension of our living room, and – for those of us who work from home - an extension of our office. There are very few places in Manhattan Beach that can offer that kind of diversity of service, and that's what makes it sui generis.

I frequented the 900 Club as a guest for nearly a decade before actually becoming a member. It wasn't until my girlfriend and I decided we wanted to find a place away from the hubbub of Manhattan Beach Blvd that we joined. A place where we could bring her children, and they could have as much fun as we have. In fact, it is the only restaurant in Manhattan Beach that all four of us can agree on! There is everything from gourmet food to comfort food; Shirley Temples to Martini's; Billiards to Video Games.

But more than that, I joined the 900 Club at Dave Rohrbacher's encouragement. His logic was clear, "You are already a member of the 900 Club Family. We want you to make it official." And that's the point.

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entirely: The 900 Club is family. It's the kind of place I can call home, and without it, Manhattan Beach will be missing an important cornerstone of the community.

The 900 Club sponsors numerous community outreach programs, charitable events and donates to local schools and sports teams. Often, it's been the 900 Club's community outreach programs that have opened my eyes to charitable organizations in my own backyard. I have celebrated birthday parties for 1-year olds to 50-year olds there. I've spent holidays including Valentine's Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Fireworks there. We watch sunsets from the window above Manhattan Ave and spend rainy evenings by the fire. Some of my fondest memories of the South Bay are borne from my membership at the 900 Club. And if that were to disappear, it would be a terrible shame.

In many ways, the 900 Club serves as a Community Center for young and old, and forges relationships that last. Initially, I joined the 900 Club for social reasons. But it has become a major building block in my business as well. I have met fellow professionals from the South Bay at events Dave and his team sponsor, and fostered those relationships into meaningful business opportunities. I work for a British Company and travel a great deal. When my colleagues from around the world come to visit, the 900 Club is our first stop. No money exchanges hands so they feel as if they are guests in my own home. The wait staff, many of whom have worked there for years, know me by name, and even know many of my work colleagues. I am a member of a number of private dining clubs in London, NY, Toronto and other international cities. To have a private dining club in my own backyard is essential to my business and a huge draw to this town.

**The 900 Club encourages people to keep their business close to home, which is exactly what the City of Manhattan Beach should expect from a local establishment. Yet we are questioning its contribution to the community? That simply doesn't make sense.**

I understand that the complaints against the 900 Club revolve around late hours and noise level. I live only two blocks away and have never been bothered by noise from the 900 Club. In fact, other nearby restaurants/bars that are on street level and open to the sidewalk create much more noise in the neighborhood than the 900 Club, which is not open to the sidewalk and rises two stories above 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Dave and his staff have always been completely respectful of the neighborhood and treat the neighbors as honorary members. I would question the motives of the few who have complained, and see if there is some compromise that can be reached to appease their lone complaints.

I would be shocked and very disappointed if the town were to allow the grumblings of a very few to sever the ties long established by the 900 Club. I would like to give my unequivocal support to the 900 Club to retain its existing permit and licensing, without sanctions or revocation. I implore you to throw your support behind the 900 Club. It is one of the many things that make this town great.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Andy Weltman

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February 9, 2014

Dear Manhattan Beach Planning Department

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Thank you in advance for your consideration,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:45 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
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**From:** Janne Kouri [<mailto:jannek@nextstepfitness.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:20 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for the 900 Club

Dear Mr. Thompson,

My name is Janne Kouri. As a homeowner in Manhattan Beach (1948 N Ardmore Ave), a non-profit business owner, and someone who cares deeply about our community, I am writing to let you know why I am in full support of the 900 Club. Please find my letter attached and please feel free to reach out to me at anytime to discuss further. It would be an unbelievable shame if the 900 Club was not a part of this community for many reasons. Thanks in advance for taking the time to hear my thoughts on this matter. All the best.

Sincerely,  
Janne

Save the Date: March 15th, NextStep Charity 5K at the Rose Bowl!

Janne P. Kouri  
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Mr. Richard Thompson  
Community Development Director  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

Dear Mr. Thompson,

My name is Janne Kouri. As a homeowner in Manhattan Beach (1948 N Ardmore Ave), a business owner, and someone who cares deeply about our community, I am writing to let you know why I am in full support of the 900 Club. My wife and I have been members of the 900 Club for ten (10) years. To be honest, my wife and I visit 900 Club at least once a week for dinner, it has some of the best food in the South Bay. 900 Club is also where I bring my family when they are in town and it is my preferred restaurant to hold business dinners due to the excellent service, and the quiet and upscale atmosphere

More importantly, Dave and the 900 Club have been extremely supportive of me and my charity, NextStep. I broke my neck in a diving accident in Manhattan Beach in 2006. After I moved back to South Bay after being hospitalized for a year, I was nervous about how people would react and what restaurants would be comfortable for me. In order to support me and others in wheelchairs, the 900 Club built a ramp so that I could have access to my favorite restaurant. Dave and his staff take exceptional care of me each time I visit and have been extremely generous and supportive of my charity. The 900 Club has sponsored and hosted five (5) annual NextStep fundraisers and helped me raise over \$100,000 in support of people living with paralysis and other disabilities in our community. It would be an unbelievable shame if the 900 Club was not a part of this community.

In closing, as detailed above, based on my personal experience, I would like to voice my full support the 900 Club. If you would like further elaboration, feel free to contact me at (310) 546-5666.

Sincerely,  
Janne Kouri



President and Founder  
NextStep

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Letter supporting 900 Club Manhattan Beach  
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**From:** Alex Trejo [<mailto:alex.trejo@lpl.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 4:40 PM  
**To:** Alex Trejo  
**Subject:** Letter supporting 900 Club Manhattan Beach

Please see following attachment supporting 900 Club Manhattan for the Revocation hearing.

Sincerely,

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February 10, 2014

As a 25 year resident of Manhattan Beach and a member and part owner of 900 Club, I saddened that a place like the 900 Club would be facing a revocation hearing. This is one of the places that my wife and I frequent to hang out with friends and family. We frequently bring our children as well as they have their own friends they like to connect with while enjoying the club.

As one of the owners, I have been impressed with Dave Rohrbacher's management style. It seems every member has a compliment to say about Dave. He is a friend and confidant to all. He reaches out and asks about member's friends and family and never forgets a name. He brings a comfortable, stress-free feeling to the club. I know he is doing everything in his power to alleviate any misgivings about 900. Many of our staff has been with us for years. It is great to have this consistency for the members and they really enjoy their job. It is also very important to me that the club supports the community with charitable events, donates to all the local schools, and has many community driven events as well.

I am a financial advisor and have my own business in Manhattan Beach as well. I call many of my clients my friends as well. I manage portfolios for many of the Aerospace top executives and engineers. I entertain many clients at 900 whether we have dinner or just talk "shop". I also bring my kids, nieces and nephews to enjoy all of the family-friendly events too. We come to celebrate Fireworks, Christmas party with Santa, lighting of the pier, Halloween, Pumpkin races, etc...

I am in strong support of the 900 Club retaining its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. The 900 club is a fun and family-friendly place that we gather to. We have had the same members for years and would be deeply dismayed if we didn't retain our permit.

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:47 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Cc:** Laurie B. Jester  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to City Counsel re: 900 Club  
**Attachments:** Letter regarding 900 Club.pdf

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**From:** Robert McDaniel [<mailto:mrrobertmcdaniel@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 12:28 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
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**Subject:** Letter to City Counsel re: 900 Club

Please find a letter attached that is in relation to the January 7th notice regarding the hearing to consider revocation of the 900 Club Use Permit. Thank you!

Robert McDaniel  
Manhattan Beach Resident

City Counsel of Manhattan Beach  
Bob Courtney, Esq.  
Amy Howorth, Mayor  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief  
John Jalili, City Manager  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Richard Thompson, Community Development Director  
c/o City Hall  
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January 28, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to the January 7<sup>th</sup> notice regarding the hearing to consider the revocation of the Use Permit for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. In addition to this letter, I will attend the hearing.

I am a long-time resident and business-owner in Manhattan Beach and I care about our City. My office is directly across the street from the 900 Club (820 Manhattan Avenue) and my window over-looks the Club. My office is likely the Club's closest neighbor. In the spirit of full-disclosure, I am also a 900 Club member.

This seems a case of a very small minority trying to mis-represent what is in the best interest of our community. First, on many occasions I've found myself at the office late into the evening with the windows open. There has not been one instance over the past two years where the comings-and-goings at 900 Club have disturbed my work.

Second, The 900 Club is a family-friendly establishment that supports our community. It hosts multiple charitable events every year including the Wounded Warrior Project and Next Step Foundation. Santa comes every year to bring the kids presents at family Christmas party hosted by the Club. There is a kid-friendly menu and free video games for them to enjoy. It's worth noting that the 900 Club also hosted the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce party this year and it was a great success.

Third, the Club is often used as a venue for local business meetings and dinners. It is a professional and appropriate environment in which to conduct business, and I have done so on multiple occasions.

Finally, I have seen first-hand the changes that have been made to the exterior of the Club in an effort to assuage the concerns of the small handful of local residents. Entry doors have been changed, fences have been installed, and congregating outside has been minimized, if not eliminated. Last call comes earlier and the volume of the live music has been decreased.

Not only is The 900 Club not a nuisance, it is an asset to the community. The Club has been there for more than 17 years and has become a fixture in our great City. It's a prime example of the kind of small-business that promotes the Manhattan Beach feel that we all want to retain. If we drive businesses like this out of existence, we will continue to become a town populated by realty offices and national chain stores instead of charming locally-owned establishments.

I am confident that the Community Development Department will make the right decision and represent the interests of the majority. If you would like to discuss my comments in advance of the hearing, please do not hesitate to contact me at 310-963-2287. Thank you for considering my remarks.

Sincerely,



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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 1:53 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Manhattan Beach Planning Department Meeting 2/26 in regards to potential shutting of "Club 900"

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**From:** Eichstaedt, Carl L. [<mailto:CEichstaedt@WesternAsset.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 9:16 AM  
**To:** 'rthompson@cithmb.info'; List - Planning Commission; 'eivine@citymb.info'; 'ahowrth@cithmb.info'; 'robertcourtney@mminternet.com'  
**Subject:** Manhattan Beach Planning Department Meeting 2/26 in regards to potential shutting of "Club 900"

I am a 20 year resident of this fine community. I believe one of its finest establishments is Club 900. I have been going for over 10 years with my wife and kids for good food, good conversation, and a generally super relaxing beach setting. I have never observed any behavior that would warrant closing. The patrons/staff are extremely well behaved and much more courteous to the neighborhood than most beach restaurant/bars. Particularly in the recent past members and family have become very observant of not using the rear fire door for entry/exit in the evening hours. Dave, and his club, are extremely valuable to this community. He hosts charity events, kids birthdays, and other very important gigs that most other local establishments cant or wont handle. I could go on and on but it would be a tragedy if the commission closed Club 900.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Manhattan Beach Planning Department Meeting 2/26 regarding Club 900

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**From:** Kevin Clare [<mailto:KClare@crtllc.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 11:30 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; John Jalili; Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; 'ahoworth@citymb.onfo'; 'robertcourtney@mminternet.com'  
**Subject:** Manhattan Beach Planning Department Meeting 2/26 regarding Club 900

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am a twenty five year resident of the South Bay and almost all of those years in Manhattan Beach.(current residence 818 Sixth Street) I have recently heard of an issue regarding Club 900 and a potential threat of closure. I think you and a few others are being very short sided in letting this get to the point it currently stands. Dave and his staff are among the MOST professional servers and wait staff we have in Manhattan Beach. Club 900 , the wait staff, and members are akin to a close knit family. The money that has been raised through charitable events and other gifts of kindness in this establishment far outweighs other venues in Manhattan Beach. Please feel free to reach out to me and other members to discuss how we might be able to rectify this situation. If Club 900 were to close it would be a huge loss for our great town.

Sincerely,

Kevin T Clare



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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: MB City Planning Commission - 900 Manhattan Avenue  
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**From:** Terrell Brodnax [<mailto:tbrodnax@earthlink.net>]  
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**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
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**Subject:** MB City Planning Commission - 900 Manhattan Avenue

Please read and thank you for your consideration.

ETB

Edward T. Brodnax  
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Manhattan Beach, CA

Date 2/10/2014

To whom it may concern,

I have been a member of 900 Manhattan for over 15 years and to this day it has always been a professionally run operation, one that is very active in Community Services and has always been a great place to bring my family. I understand that 900 Management has taken numerous measures to mitigate noise over the last 2 years as to comply with some of the concerns of neighbors.

My wife and I lived on 9<sup>th</sup> street within 1 block of the 900 Club for 10+ years and noise was never a concern, even if there was live music on weekends. In my opinion, the City of MB Planning Commission does not have accurate understanding of the professional clientele and has been given misinformation from a disgruntled few. Before 900 Manhattan was established 17+ years ago there have been at least 6 different Restaurant/Bars, all of which lasted less than 1 year.

I was complete shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. The club has been known to contribute too many charitable events over the years; Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and the Wounded Warrior Project.

900 Manhattan is a long established, responsible, and a family friendly local business that should be allowed to stay that way. Please reconsider your actions of closure.

Regards,

Edward T. Brodnax

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 10:21 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Our 900 Club

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**To:** Richard Thompson  
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**Subject:** Our 900 Club

Hello All,

I am compelled to write given the unfortunate news that 900 Club is under scrutiny and potential closure. My family and I also plan to come along to any sort of city meetings or hearings.

I moved to Manhattan Beach 3 and a half years ago as a single, full-time working mother. We moved here from Hawaii where there are many, many comfortable, community oriented places to spend time. Manhattan Beach is not the easiest place to move to--the groups are tight, and the downtown area is not always the best spot for an 8 year old and her mom. My experience was that pretty much everywhere we went felt a bit inappropriate for my daughter--I always felt like it was such an ordeal to "get ready" to go anywhere in town--my daughter, Kenna, was never up for it--and we felt alienated. We ended up at Mama D's (a great place for kids) about 3 times a week...and I gained 10 pounds on pasta and bread!

A long time girlfriend recommended I head to 900 Club and speak with Dave about membership. I'm so glad we did! It really changed our whole experience.

My daughter, now almost 12, and I come in as often as 3 times per week. She does homework, plays Frogger and PacMan, goes downstairs to Pages and buys a book and reads, I can work on my computer (wifi!)...the girls at the bar know us well, know Kenna, ask her about her dance, her day...always know what we want, are kind and big-sisterly. I have brought friends in, family, her little friends, clients and (now) my fiancé--who is English and loves the club as much as we do--for its comfort and coziness--for the service and friendliness--and the lovely, family-feeling "pub" vibe that we don't have in our country the way the English do--and Definitely not in Manhattan Beach!

I can't tell you how many times I have been thankful to have 900 to retreat to. After volleyball, when I am sandy--in flip flops and not in the mood to dress up for the competitive LA **EXHIBIT (OVERSIZED ATTACHMENT)** even LESS in the mood to go into Ercoles or Shellback--the only places we wouldn't feel out of place. Or my **PC MTG 2/26/14**

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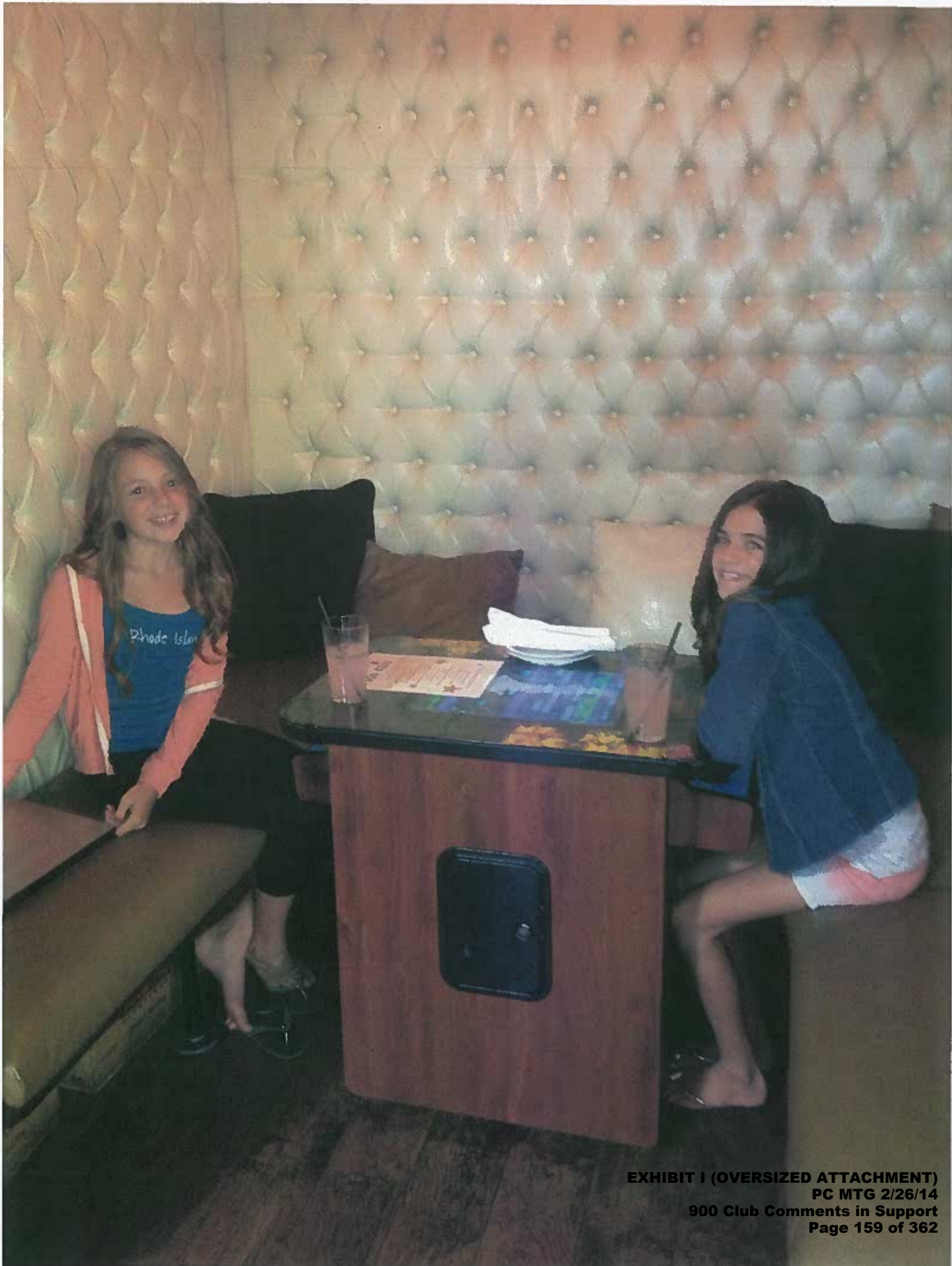
daughter coming in straight from dance classes in her leotard and tights--when we feel like we just want our "living room" (what we call the Club) with its nice fire, sofas, and friendly faces. Other parents, people we know and care about are often there. Watching sports, enjoying my favorite empenadas, Kenna getting her dreamed up concoctions ("I want the scampi shrimp but on noodles and no butter" ...no problem)--not on any menus--just writing this makes me want to go there tonight with my family.

If you close 900--my family and I are going to be forced to deal with the (often) lame, (sometimes) unsavory, (occasionally) unwelcoming and (usually) cheesy bars and restaurants that are FAR worse spots for us to go than our beloved 900. I may have to start going to El Segundo...

We absolutely love 900 Club. And don't know what we will do if its not our main place to put up our feet and relax with each other and others like us---the normal, responsible, relaxed set in a small, affluent town where the options are so polar--Shellback or Strand House--and nothing in between for "us". It's honestly one of my favorite things about our city. Please please leave our living room for us to continue to enjoy for years to come.

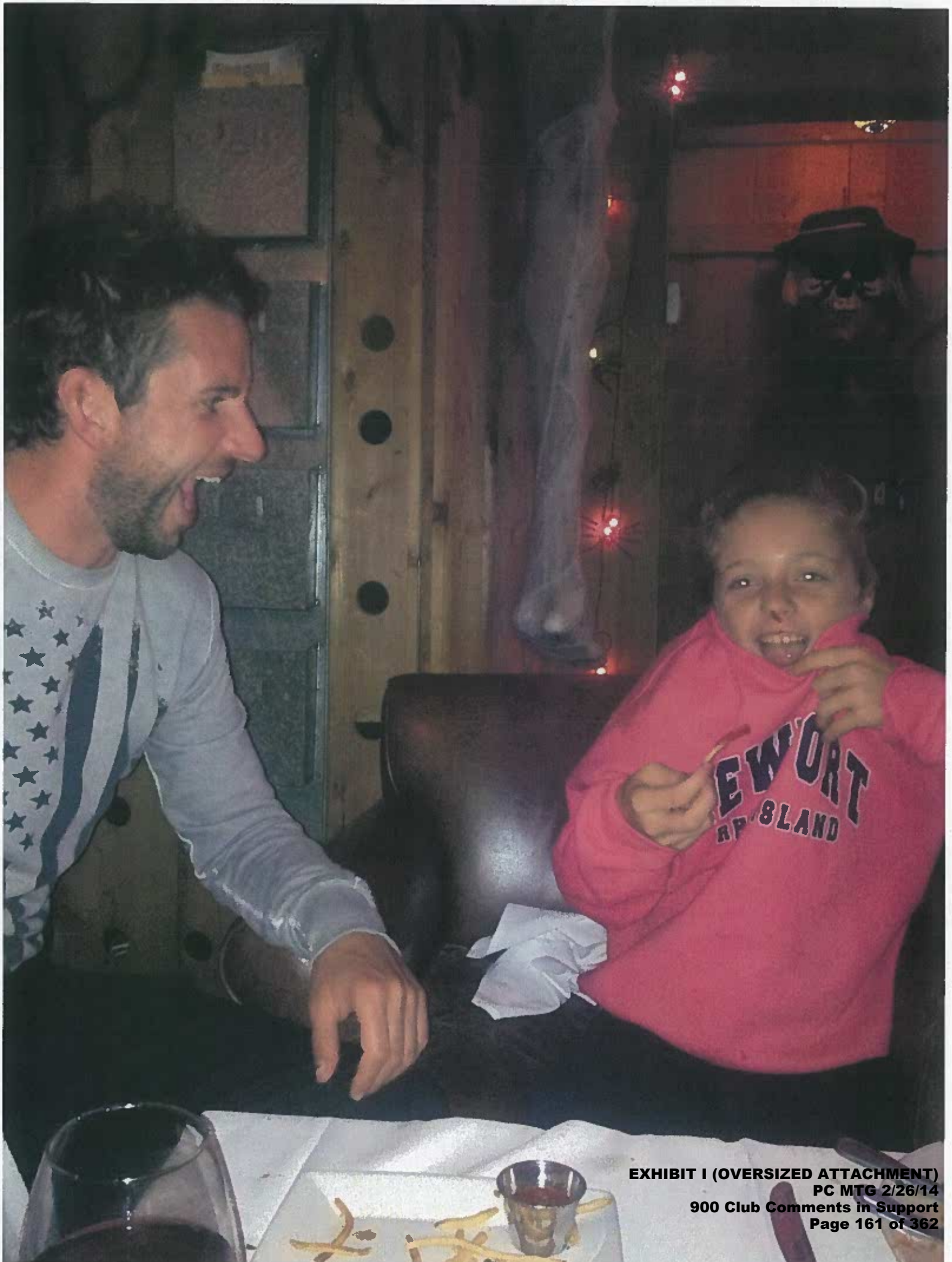
Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 10:50 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Possible revocation of use permit for the 900 Club

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**From:** LaValle, Phillip [mailto:Phillip.Lavalle@morganstanley.com]  
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**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; robertcourtney@mmineternet.com; John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Subject:** Possible revocation of use permit for the 900 Club

Dear Friends

Please consider my families view during your process concerning the possible revocation of use permit.

1. Hundreds of children (including mine) have delivered their Christmas list to Santa Clause in person each year for at least the last six years at the 900 Club. (Andre is six years old. Kiara is four)
2. My Wife and I had many of our first dates over Ten years ago and we still enjoy getting out to see our friends and business associates in the 900 club.
3. My Friend of a lifetime that is no longer with us introduced me to all the club has to offer and I will always be grateful. (The memories are endless)
4. There are at least Ten employees that you will put out of a Job. They are committed hard working individuals that put their smiles on regularly and provide the service of feeding and creating a comfortable environment for family and business activities. They have mouths to feed as well.
5. How about the proprietor that gives back regularly to the community and pushes others to do the same. He consistently looks on the bright side of any discussion and to me is an upstanding community leader. He has helped me with my relationship to my wonderful wife and has helped me close business that specifically trickles down into the community. I have come to consider him a friend. He has a great wife of his own and a wonderful young daughter that is interviewing schools. How would it be appropriate to remove his ability to provide?

My view is that a great segment of the community is represented within the club that not only cares about the local environment but also contributes to the schools and other important aspects of our neighborhood. My Family will be extremely unhappy with any decision that removes our ability to continue with some of the most memorable traditions in our community.

Respectfully  
Phil Lavalle

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PS If I ever rented or purchased a home or apartment next to a bus stop, I wouldn't ask you to stop the local bus service, you probably wouldn't either.

**Phillip Lavallo CFP, CIMA**

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**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; 'robertcourtney@mminternet.com'; John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Cc:** Cyrus Hadidi; 'dave@900manhattan.com'  
**Subject:** PREVIOUS EMAIL SENT IN ERROR: PLEASE DISREGARD SEE CORRECT ATTACHMENT re: 900 Manhattan Club revocation hearing

Dear Community Leaders and Manhattan Beach City Council Members,

PLEASE DISREGARD THE PREVIOUS EMAIL SENT TODAY AT 1:49PM, SUBJECT: FEB 26, 2014 REVOCATION HEARING RE: 900 MANHATTAN CLUB

The previous letter was attached in error by myself, Patricia Shields. The correct letter is attached to this email. I apologize for the mishandled former email and former attached letter. Again, the correct letter is attached above.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Shields

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Mr. Cyrus Hadidi  
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Honorable Mayor and  
Manhattan Beach City Council  
City Hall  
1400 Highland Ave.  
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February 10, 2014

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach for over twelve years, and a member of 900 Club for approximately four years. I am married with two young children, aged four years and seven months.

I recently learned about a scheduled Revocation Hearing for the conditional use permit of 900 Club. While I am sympathetic to the concerns of neighbors of 900, I think a more reasonable solution would be to enhance the sound and exit procedures from the Club as opposed to the drastic step of shutting down the establishment.

The Club has an important role in the community. Celebrations and events of all kinds take place within the club, such as the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce holiday party. Many charities use the venue for fundraising activities; for example, Next Step Foundation, West coast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project. Local schools and sports teams receive donations from its support, including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.

The membership of the club is very diverse and provides a valuable gathering place to a wide range of Manhattan Beach residents. I have made many friendships at the Club, both with my fellow members and the many employees of the Club.

In considering this action, I would recommend you consider the impact on the whole community. I strongly believe a more reasonable solution to the legitimate concerns of the neighbors of 900 Club can be achieved with much less impact on the livelihoods of many hard working employees and a vibrant membership of Manhattan Beach residents.

Sincerely,



Cyrus Hadidi

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 7:20 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club

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**Cc:** List - City Council; John Jalili  
**Subject:** Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club

Dear Manhattan Beach Planning Department,

I am writing to you as a concerned, and nine year local resident of Manhattan Beach. I was both shocked and disappointed to hear about the city's scheduled revocation hearing for The 900 Club (from here on out, the Club) and strongly support the Club's right to retain its existing conditional use permit. I have been a member of the Club since 2006 and have a huge amount of respect and admiration for all the Club has done and continues to do for the City of Manhattan Beach and its kids. The Club has been in operation for more than 17 years and has served as a perfect place for business, pleasure and family oriented occasions. I have conducted many successful business meetings there and have spent wonderful intimate nights there with my wife, such as Valentine's Day. I have taken my kids there on many occasions as well, including Halloween, Christmas and family BBQ's. I have also been involved in many birthday celebrations and special events at the Club that have been wonderful contributions to Manhattan Beach and the surrounding areas. The Club is involved in many charitable events such as Next Step Foundation, WestCoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project, that I know about. It supports and donates to local schools and sports teams including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa. My children directly benefit from these donations as do many other MB families. The Club is a great place for families and friends and really strives to make a positive difference in the community. It's a real shame that all that positivity can be negated by the complaints of a couple unhappy residents, which is certainly the minority. The support of the local community is evident by the many members the Club shares and it is truly one big family. The camaraderie that we experience there is great for the community as it helps mitigate the drunk late-night scuffles and immature behavior often seen and experienced in the public bars (you tend not to scuffle with your friends, neighbors and family).

More important than the members though, are the number of employees that are local residents of MB and who have families themselves. Many of the employees of the Club have been there for 10+ years. At a time when California unemployment is still way above the desired percentage, it would be a real shame to see these hard working local residents, tossed out of a job that has helped support themselves, their children and their community for so long. Over the last 16-18 months I have personally seen a huge push by all the Club staff to limit the noise and the congregating of members at the back door. The Club has designated a new area at the front for those who smoke, put up a fence at the back door to mitigate the noise of members coming and going, imposed an earlier "last call" and has required lower



volume on the music played. I know they are working hard to do everything in their power to try and work with the immediate neighbors.

I strongly urge you to please consider the negative impact that revoking the Club's licenses would do the community as a whole. MB is better off with The 900 Club open and available to the members. Please consider the heart-felt feelings of this concerned, local resident.

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club  
  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Kyle Messman [<mailto:kyle.messman@telogis.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 1:48 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Cc:** [kyle.messman@telogis.com](mailto:kyle.messman@telogis.com)  
**Subject:** Scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club  
**Importance:** High

Hello Richard,

Hope this finds you well. To briefly introduce myself I am a seven year resident of Manhattan Beach and currently live in the tree section. I commute down to South Orange County everyday where I work as Chief Financial Officer for a private software company. I am writing this email as a member of 900 Club who like many was shocked and very disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

**The 900 Club is great place for families** (my sister and brother-in-law are members as well). My wife and I take our daughter there for dinner several times a month. 900 is truly a family establishment and is very kid friendly. Of course, 900 is a great place for celebrations and events of all kinds. I have attended everything from birthday parties to charitable events there.

This revocation hearing was a shock as I have been told many times that a majority of immediate residents and neighbors support the 900 Club. It is quite bizarre as it is a calm, adult-friendly environment where members bring their families during the week and weekends with a great atmosphere.

I know 900 has been open for 17 years of operation as a private club without any problems. Why now? Presumably a rogue resident that has somehow convinced the city that 900 is a "problem" and their voice appears to be louder than all of the silent and very happy neighbors of Manhattan Beach. Lastly, many 900 employees have worked there for over 10 years. These fine folks are very conscience about noise in general as well as current members.

**I really hope you reconsider this proposal.**

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Regards,  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 10:41 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Statement of unconditional support for 900 Club

**From:** Terry Balagia [<mailto:tbalagia@snowball-media.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 10:22 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com)  
**Subject:** Statement of unconditional support for 900 Club

I would like to go on record in my support of the 900 Club.

I have owned a home for over 20 years just five blocks away and in all that time I never even noticed the 900 Club being there until I joined 5 years ago. That is how impressed I have been with the 'good neighbor policy' and conduct of this organization. I know I speak for many of us who actually own family homes in the immediate neighborhood.

I can also ouch for the 900 Club's role as a very important business-networking establishment which has allowed many business folks in MB to find new clients and prosper. I joined 5 years ago when I started my own business and in that time I have been a part of a vibrant and dynamic business community solely through my membership in the 900 Club. Being a member has led to great new revenue streams for my advertising agency and I have witnessed it being a critical component to MB professionals from attorney's and doctors to real estate agents, venture capitalist and many others.

I have hosted many of my company Christmas dinners there. We brought kids and family members, grandmothers and newborns.

I even met my girlfriend at a wedding dinner that was hosted at the 900 Club.

This wonderful club is a huge part of doing business and maintaining business connections in MB. It would be a huge mistake to close or curtail it's hours.

I would also like to personally stand up for my friend David Rohrbacher. He has always impressed me with his integrity and professionalism in the management of the 900 Club. I know him to be respected and held in very high esteem by club members and neighbors alike. And his wife and kids are a beloved part of our community. In my five years as a member I have seen the management bend over backward at any and all request by neighbors.

I know Dave takes his role of being a responsible, conscientious neighbor as paramount. And what he has done to support families with the 900 Club family days, and Kid's Friday's and countless birthday parties and weddings and baby showers has cemented the 900 Club as a permanent 'home' to many Manhattan Beach families.

Please do not take this wonderful establishment away from us.

Warm regards,

Terry Balagia

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 5:20 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Support for 900 Club  
**Attachments:** 900 Club Letter to City of MB.pdf; Photos for 900 Letter.pptx

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**Cc:** Denise Arredondo ([denisearredondo@gmail.com](mailto:denisearredondo@gmail.com))  
**Subject:** Support for 900 Club

Please see attached letter and pictures regarding the 900 Club.

Thank you!

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January 29, 2014

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you as concerned and saddened citizens of the City of Manhattan Beach. My wife, son, daughter and I have been residents of Manhattan Beach for 8 years and live across the street from 900 Manhattan Club. We recently found out about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing of the 900 Club. We are writing to let you know that we do not support the proposed actions to shut down the 900 Club. We moved here in 2006, and what we liked the most was the fact that we were moving to a location close to downtown Manhattan Beach. We knew that living there would provide us with easy access to the great restaurants and shops of the downtown area. We also knew that location would also be accompanied with louder neighborhood noise than your typical area. Otherwise, we would have moved to the tree district or somewhere that was not so close to the hustle and bustle of the heart of the town.

Our son was 8 years old when we moved into our apartment. He attended Robinson Elementary, MBMS, and now is a freshman at Mira Costa High school, where he now plays on their football and baseball teams. He has literally grown up in this area. Dave Rohrbacher and the 900 Club employees have been nothing but supportive of David and his grown over the years. We recently added a new addition to our family, a baby girl, who is now 4 months old. I'm sure Dave and his employees will treat her with the same kindness and support as her brother, and all the other kids that come into the Club.

900 Club a great family establishment and restaurant. It has also been a great place for events and celebrations. My wife had her baby shower at the 900 Club about 6 months ago. Dave and the 900 Club employees were beyond helpful to us. My wife's family and friends were so impressed with not only the club, but the sense of community in the neighborhood. Many said they never knew Manhattan Beach was so wonderful, and look forward to coming back in the near future to try more restaurants and shops. I have included photos of my wife's baby shower for you to see what the 900 club did to make her day as special as it was.

Not only do we love it, but we are proud to live next to the 900 Club. They host many amazing events throughout the year, such as the Next Step Annual Poker tournament that raises money for rehabilitation of paralyzed individuals. That is only one example that the 900 Club has always shown support for the community. Another example would be the support they give to the local schools.

In all the years of living at our place, the noise has never been a problem. There have been several instances where we look out of the window or door because it sounds as though someone is right outside, but quickly realize the person is standing at the stop sign of 9<sup>th</sup> street and Manhattan Ave. (near Door to Door Cleaners) or they are standing outside of Rice (sushi restaurant next door) waiting to be seated. When Circa (previously Mucho) has it's windows open, we clearly hear the noise of dishes and conversations, but as we mentioned before, we knew that moving so close to Manhattan Beach downtown would bring some noise, but it's never been a nuisance. The only issue we've ever had was when a group of young guys came out of Penny Lane (now Rice), and were making loud obnoxious noises. When my wife looked outside, she noticed they were all heavily intoxicated, and one of the guys was urinating on our front steps. So we felt that warranted a phone call to the police.

We understand the 900 Club is being blamed for noise and neighborly disturbance. However, we live the closest to 900 Club out of any neighbors and we have never had an issue. I've witnessed Dave Rohrbacher and his employees continually try to please the neighbors by mitigating any potential noise. I watched his handyman put up a sound separation wall between the back door and the parking lot. They changed the hours of entry to the back door, forcing people to enter and exit through the Manhattan Ave entrance. They posted a sign to be quiet and respect the neighbors. They put up curtains on the windows to dampen sound transfer. They have also limited their operating hours on Thursday nights. They are doing whatever they can to help with the issues. Unfortunately, they seem to be targeted as the problem, even when there are other businesses on the street.

For instance, last Saturday night, we looked out of our window, and saw a policeman talking to Dave. Come to find out later, the policeman issued Dave a Noise Citation. My wife and I were shocked since we never heard any excessive noise coming from the Club, and it was before 1 am, which is when they usually shut down for the night.

The reality is that 9<sup>th</sup> Street is a main artery of the south end of downtown, so is going to be several people walking up and down the street at all times of the day and night. It's also the Ocean Express' path of travel. Noise travels. It's just where we live. Anyone that moves into the area should be well aware of the location and its surroundings.

900 Club has been there for over 17 years, and they embody what Manhattan Beach is all about, community! We hope the City realizes that too, and exonerates them of these accusations.

Sincerely,

Chad Epeneter and Denise Epeneter



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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 2:10 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Support for 900 Club

**From:** Elisha Fiore [<mailto:elishafiore@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 12:30 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** Support for 900 Club

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Council in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. I was shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club, which unfortunately I cannot attend in person, as I will be traveling for work. 900 is a long established, responsible, and a family-friendly local business.

I have been a Manhattan Beach resident for over 20 years and consistently support our local community and have voted in every single local and national election. I care about the quality of our city and the kind of activities and events that happen here. I have been a 900 Club member for 10 years. It is a calm, adult-friendly environment. The kind of place I hosted my 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at a few years ago.

I also live in the downtown Sand Section and hear people walking by my home very late at night on the way home from bars, parties, and restaurants and accept that is also part of living here. We all live extremely close together and sound travels on the alley streets, like where I live. I am more inconvenienced by my next door neighbor's screaming kids every day and who wake me up every weekend morning. Obviously that is not something that goes to the Planning Commission to have them removed from their home. I accept it living here. I love where I live, so it is a compromise I am willing to live with. 900 Members and Staff are very conscience about noise in general. We enter and exit only out the front door onto Manhattan Avenue, they have not allowed any congregating in the back, and windows are closed. There are numerous other establishments on Manhattan Avenue where people are leaving from and also most likely contributing to any noise in the area. The clientele of the other establishments are much younger and unfortunately maybe not as respectful to the neighbors. The kind of patrons that are members of 900 Club are the established business people, long time families of the community, and many of the owners of the companies and stores of Manhattan Beach. This is not a loud, boisterous bunch but people who care about the community we all live and work in.

I sincerely hope that you will consider this when evaluating the status of 900 Club, as it is a great place for celebrations and events as well as a place to network with other mature, like-minded members of our community. Please do not revoke their license.

Thank you,

Elisha Fiore

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 5:20 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Support for 900 Club  
**Attachments:** McCorkendale900Support.pdf

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 5:16 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com)  
**Cc:** Vickie McCorkendale  
**Subject:** Support for 900 Club

(Please also see attached signed copy of this message) Dear Planning Commission and City Council:

We are long-time residents of Manhattan Beach and we are writing to express strong support for the 900 Manhattan Club. We are shocked and disappointed that the Planning Commission is considering revocation of the use permit for the 900 Manhattan Club. We strongly support that the 900 Club should retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

For years we have enjoyed Thursday night as date night at the 900 Club. We've enjoyed countless romantic sunsets and wonderful conversations. We have formed long lived friendships with the staff and patrons we met through the 900 Club. Our children have grown up with fond memories of topping off a great day at the beach with going to the 900 Club for a casual meal where they can play with the vintage video games and goof off at the pool table. The 900 Club's menu not only contains healthy kid-friendly dishes, it preserves versions of dishes from long past great Manhattan Beach restaurants (remember Bora Bora's ribs?).

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We hope that you will take the experiences and support of the McCorkendale family to heart. The 900 Club is a very important and positive member of our community and our lives.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Vickie McCorkendale

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Manhattan Beach Planning Commission and City Council  
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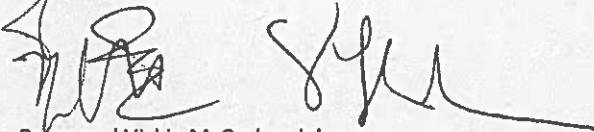
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Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Bruce and Vickie McCorkendale. The signature on the left is more complex and stylized, while the one on the right is simpler and more cursive.

Bruce and Vickie McCorkendale

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 9:49 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Support letter for the 900 Club

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**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Cc:** [michael.kahn@wedbush.com](mailto:michael.kahn@wedbush.com)  
**Subject:** Support letter for the 900 Club

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing a letter in support of the 900 Club. As a homeowner in Manhattan Beach, I understand and empathize with the noise grievances put forth by those within close geographic proximity. I believe, however, the 900 Club has been diligent in regards to implementing changes to its business practices to help mitigate neighbors' concerns. I have witnessed firsthand the change in the back door and smoking policies, and how the employees strictly enforce the new rules. I believe more work should be done to bridge the communication gap between the 900 Club and local residents and find a way to resolve the grievances. The benefits of the 900 Club extend beyond it being a place to grab a drink or dinner or meet with friends. The 900 Club serves as a gathering place for community leaders to meet and discuss local issues, and serves as a great networking tool in an economy that has yet to fully recover. In addition, the 900 Club shows its commitment to the community by its involvement with local charities. The 900 Club is a good citizen of Manhattan Beach and with a little more cooperation and communication with its neighbors, it can be a great one.

Sincerely,

Michael Kahn



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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:30 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Support of the 900 Club

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:10 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** Support of the 900 Club

Hi Richard,

I was shocked and upset to hear that you might be considering revoking the permit of the 900 Club. I have found the 900 Club to be a friendly, family welcoming establishment, and in my opinion, it would be a terrible loss and a big mistake.

I know they have put in policies to keep noise down in the area, and I know they would be willing to work with you if you asked more.

This is not a crazy, noisy club. It is a great place to hang out with friends, relax, and watch a game. I am surprised that a few neighbors are stirring up such a ruckus.

Please don't close the 900 Club !!

Thanks,  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: The 900 Club

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**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Subject:** The 900 Club

Hello to our under-appreciated city leaders:

I am sorry to add to the pile of communications you must get on a myriad of issues. However, I would hate to think there is a possibility of action being taken against The 900 Club without me speaking up.

My family and I enjoy the use of the club every week. It is a great place for kids of all ages (I have kids that are 10, 15 and 19 years old). In addition to having dinner and/or lunch there at least weekly, it is the first place we think of to hold a family birthday party and other family events. They are also one of the first places my kids approach to support one of their charity events or to host a charity function. Especially Wounded Warrior Events or other such charitable functions for veterans. Dave and The Club also are quick to support anything to do with the local schools!

It is doubtful that the person (or persons) that is complaining about the club have EVER hosted a charitable event or even given their time to anything like Dave Rohrbacher and The 900 Club have done? Please keep that in mind.

For me The 900 Club has been a calm and friendly place to retreat to as our city becomes more and more crowded. The people that work there are VERY nice and conscientious about patrons and neighbors. My wife and my kids love retreating there also and they sincerely enjoy Dave and all his staff.

Thank you for listening. I know that this issue will ultimately be resolved in the right way, with The 900 Club continuing to operate, I just hope it can get to this solution quickly as it does not seem fair to have one or two people hold an entire business and its patrons hostage, especially since they are a solid community business that supports all of us who live here.

Thanks again,

Tom Tournat  
582 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
20 year resident of Manhattan Beach

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**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 10:51 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: The 900 Club

**From:** Michele [<mailto:michelelange@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 10:43 AM  
**To:** List - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** The 900 Club

Dear Ms. Jester,

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Thank you for your time.  
Michele Lange

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**To:** Richard Thompson  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:07 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: The 900 Club Closure

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**From:** Shannon Vaughan [<mailto:SVaughan@manhattan.k12.ca.us>]  
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**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Cc:** List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com); John Jalili  
**Subject:** The 900 Club Closure

To Whom It May Concern:

I am shocked and saddened to hear about the recent notification to close down the 900 Club. Of all the local restaurants and bars in the surrounding area, it is the most low-key and family friendly place to congregate. I have been a member for many years and I have never known it to be a community nuisance.

The 900 Club has been open for seventeen years and is a wonderful place to meet friends in a safe and warm environment where children are welcome. It is my favorite restaurant in Manhattan Beach and it is the only place that is geared towards a more mature crowd. Two very special evenings that are near and dear to my heart are the Holiday Fireworks Show and the 900 Club Holiday Celebration. These evenings are always memorable. I'm not aware of any other place in the South Bay where parents can bring their children for a homey, family friendly evening. It's always a delight to see the kids running around and sitting on Santa's lap for Holiday photos. These annual Holiday photos are priceless as are the special evenings at the 900 Club.

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Dave Rohrbacher is always reaching out to support our community and he is the quintessential host. He is always striving to be neighborly and he has gone above and beyond to rectify any problems. He has put in saloon doors, additional walls, posted signs everywhere, changed door codes, closed the back door to minimize noise, and he has asked all members to be cautious, quiet, and respectful entering and exiting. Dave has proven himself able to mitigate backdoor issues and The 900 Club deserves to be a part of downtown Manhattan Beach for many years to come. 900 Manhattan has been a reputable establishment for seventeen years and I support to retain the existing conditional use permit and licensing without sanctions and revocation.

Respectfully,

Shannon Vaughan

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: The 900 Club Support Letter  
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**From:** Bradley Sherman [<mailto:bradsherman@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 11:08 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth;  
[robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com)  
**Subject:** The 900 Club Support Letter

Leaders of Manhattan Beach,

Enclosed you will find a letter in support of The 900 Club. Please take the time to read my concerns for the upcoming hearing to consider revocation of use permit for The 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. This establishments has consciously made efforts to be a better neighbor through various actions by the staff. (i.e. earlier last call, no backdoor access after 10 p.m., staff regulating smoking area to the front, etc.)

I look forward to an amicable end in support of The 900 Club at the scheduled hearing .

Brad Sherman

817 Bayview Drive

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

# **Brad Sherman**

817 Bayview Drive, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

February 6, 2014

City Hall  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

**RE: Hearing to Consider Revocation of Use Permit for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club**

As a supporting patron of The 900 Club for 17 years, I sincerely plea to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. This establishment provides such a special presence to the Manhattan Beach Community. As a member, I find it a shame why they have limited operating hours while other proximate establishments have an extended time and often offer louder crowds. Since I am a next-door neighbor to the club, I find it ludicrous that there have been complaints. Without bias opinion, not at one point have I been disturbed by the presence of The 900 Club.

The 900 Club is not only a bar but also a community that allows families to get together and members to give back to Manhattan Beach through charitable events. In my time spending there, I have donated to local organizations and schools that The 900 Club has supported through events held there.

It disappoints me that there is even a hearing to possibly revoke the use permit for The 900 Club. PLEASE reconsider and allow this fixture of Manhattan Beach, to operate, as it should.

Sincerely,

Brad Sherman

CC: Richard Thompson, Community Development Director  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief  
Amy Howorth, Mayor  
Bob Courtney, Esq.

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**Subject:** Fwd: 100% Support for 900 Club from the MB Pumpkin Race Guy

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**Cc:** <[Ameliarog@msn.com](mailto:Ameliarog@msn.com)>  
**Subject:** 100% Support for 900 Club from the MB Pumpkin Race Guy  
Richard Thompson, Community Development Director  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief  
Amy Howorth, Mayor  
Bob Courtney, Esq.  
John Jalili, City Manager

Hello,

My wife and I are writing to express our support for the 900 Club.

I have enjoyed working with many of the City of MB departments and City Council members in my capacity as creator of the Manhattan Beach Pumpkin Race which is now an event run by the Parks and Recreation Department. 900 Club was the first downtown businesses to come on board as a sponsor of the first city sponsored Pumpkin Race at the pier in 2006.

I've lived most of my life in Manhattan Beach. The 900 Club is viewed as a cherished and respected asset to downtown by many members of the community. Learning of the Revocation Hearing was hard for us to fathom. We didn't believe it at first. It was if we had been told the City wanted The Kettle shut down. We have been members of the 900 Club for over a decade along with 50+ close friends who are also lifelong or longtime residents. Like most members, we love the 900 Club because it is focused on providing a wonderful and unique "hometown" atmosphere for residents and it is family-friendly. We have personally hosted and attended many afternoon birthday parties and charity fundraisers for friends and families at the club. While other downtown restaurants are packed resident members can always find a nice quiet table for dinner and watch the sunset.

We understand there have been challenges with noise control late in the evenings. We have experienced firsthand how the owners and staff have implemented new policies over the past year or so to minimize disturbance to neighbors. If that has not been enough, we are confident they will do whatever it takes to operate within the guidelines of their business permit and city ordinances. As you  
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consider the wide range of actions you may or may not take as a result of the hearing please keep in mind that it is not their obligation, nor your goal, to make sure every single neighbor is 'happy.' Sometimes that is not possible given personalities and expectations of some. Residents must also accept responsibility and compromise for choosing to live directly adjacent to a busy commercial downtown area.

We plan to attend the hearing and will be happy to speak in support of the 900 Club if given the opportunity, and will answer any questions you may have about our experience as members.

Respectfully,

Karl and Amelia Rogers  
310-351-1044

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**Subject:** 900 CLUB  
**Reply-To:** Deborah Grimes <[deborahgrimes125@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahgrimes125@yahoo.com)>

,To the City of Manhattan Beach,

I would like to let you know how shocked and disappointed I am to learn that the city has scheduled a revocation Hearing for the 900 Club.

I originally bought my husband a membership at the club when my first child was born as a surprise anniversary gift and thought it would be nice for him to have somewhere to go to hang out with his best friend (friend since kindergarten and a 900 member) and escape the diapers, bottles, etc. as he was such a hard working dad and husband. We had enjoyed the club with friends even before membership finding it a fun, very mellow, easy, and enjoyable experience. The members were great - the staff was great - it was overall a great experience.

Since then, my son (now 4 years old and diagnosed with autism) we have found that our membership at the club is no longer a place just for my husband to enjoy watching games on the weekends or us to go for a quick dinner without reservations or waitlists - but rather a wonderful place for a family with special needs to go for dinner.

I don't know what all the grievances are against the 900 Club, Although it appears the driving force behind this is one particular neighbor. When we are there - we have been instructed to enter from the front door and there isn't anyone smoking or making any noise outside the club. Rather when we go for our family dinners (with our son and now 3 year old daughter) - it is the one place in Manhattan Beach that we are treated with the utmost respect and compassion from the staff and other club members. My son isn't always happy to sit still or be "quiet" -- he frequently gets upset when he has to sit for a period of time at a restaurant which makes it hard for us to go out. But the staff at 900 Club is amazing!! They are so lovely with my son, they always make sure the food we order is there for him immediately and when he gets agitated, they run over and ask what can they do or what can they get him EXHIBIT (OVERSIZED ATTACHMENT) or try to get us out as soon as possible which is what every other Manhattan Beach restaurant does. PG MTG 2/26/14  
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can't imagine where we would be able to go if the 900 Club ceased to exist. We love going out as a family and continue to work with my son on restaurant etiquette - something 900 allows us to do without shame or embarrassment. The staff at 900 treats us like there is no problem - our son can play with his play doh, watch his ipad, etc, while the staff and other patrons treat us like it's all ok. As a mother with a child with special needs you have NO idea what that feels like.

I really do not know what all the politics are or who is complaining - I only know that my husband told me that the 900 Club was at risk. Please do not take away a place that is so family friendly and so lovely to my own family with a child with special needs. This club has been in the community for years - and has always been respectful and in the last few years has made such a point to ask it's members to enter from the main street - not to be outside in the back - and to be respectful of the Manhattan Beach community. I can only tell you that this group of people is beyond respectful of not just my family and our special needs son but of the Manhattan Beach community as well.

Please take this into consideration and feel free to contact me directly with any other questions or concerns 310-384-3702.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Deborah Grimes Schlichter

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2-10-14

Dear Manhattan Beach Planning Department,

I am a current member of the 900 Club and both live and work in the City of Manhattan Beach. Even though it is a very small town, it is difficult to always find the time to see other friends and families in town when we all live such busy schedules. The 900 Club has given us a place where we can go on a moments notice and always see a friend or familiar face. The 900 Club is more than a restaurant/bar but a staple in the community of Manhattan Beach. There is a sense of camaraderie that you feel with other families and friends when you are there. I have bumped into many friends that I have lost touch with and are able to reconnect just by bumping into them at the 900 Club.

I go to the 900 Club with my son, Sebastian(6) and my daughter, Skyler (3) at least once a month for dinner. My kids absolutely love going there. The menu is one of the best in Manhattan Beach and the prices are reasonable. The kids menu really is well done. We have had nothing but wonderful memories every time we have been there. The Toys-for-Tots event that Dave hosted in December, was not only a great way for us give a toy to families in need, but for my kids to see Santa and take photos and be with friends that they would not always see. It is also a good place to network and meet other neighbors. There is no other kind of establishment like it that provides quality entertainment for both kids and adults in the area. It is a place you find as a second home, not as a disruptive nuisance to the neighborhood.

Please don't take away this place of community that we love and care about.

Very Truly Yours,

Serena Sun Polonis

Stroyke Properties Inc

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**Subject:** 900 Club

To the Manhattan Beach Mayor and City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of my favorite establishment in Manhattan Beach, the 900 Club. I am a bit shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club because I consider this place a family establishment. This is a place where all members consider themselves a part of a big family. I moved to California from Florida not knowing anyone 5 years ago and became a member of 900 4 years ago. At the time I was one of the youngest members and was welcomed to the club with open arms and an open heart from David Rohrbacher. Please take the time to understand that 900 club, has enabled me to meet some of the best people and families I have had the pleasure of knowing in this amazing community. Through the past year or two I have been aware of the issues going on and I have witnessed Dave make numerous ongoing changes to comply with all that has been asked by the city to be a good neighbor. 900 Clubs Members and Staff are always very conscience about noise in general and so I wonder why there have been restrictions placed at 900 (i.e. closing on midnight on Thursdays). Dave is a husband, father and friend and has the highest respect for the city and its residents. I am confident if given the chance, Dave and his staff can turn around any issues that might have been brought to your attention. I can assure you that we the members are ready to help and do our part to keep this establishment open and part of the community. I hope that you can all make the right decision by allowing 900 Club to continue its normal operations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

*Manny Navarro*

*RJ Reynolds*

*TM – LA South*

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Dear Manhattan Beach officials,

I would first like to thank each of you for your service to our city. Manhattan Beach is an excellent place to live and has been so for the 25 years I have lived here. I realize that your hard work and desire to improve our city is largely responsible for this reality. Your efforts are appreciated. I feel lucky to be raising my twin sons in such a wonderful, safe environment.

The 900 Club is a long standing and positive establishment in our community. I enjoy the company of many of our fellow citizens there and have so for more then a decade. We regularly hold my sons birthday parties at the Club and eat there as a family at least once a week. The members and staff are among the finest people in our city, and I know that my sons have benefited from their interactions with these outstanding people.

I realize complaints have been made against the club. Certainly these people have a right to voice their concerns. It has been apparent that Dave R. and his staff have been diligent in acknowledging and making the necessary adjustments and changes to alleviate those concerns. It is obvious to me that both the staff and members of the club respect the neighbors and businesses in the immediate area. We are a mature and respectful group and conduct ourselves accordingly, both professionally and privately.

I would welcome the opportunity for you to join me at the club to experience the staff, members and environment first hand.



I understand that it is your responsibility to investigate complaints against the businesses in the city. After reviewing all the information at your disposal I'm confident that you will determine the 900 Club is a respectful establishment that adds to the quality of life in Manhattan Beach.

Sincerely,

Gregory A Fleming

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**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I feel compelled to write this letter as I am shocked and very disappointed that the 900 Club is being considered for closure due to the idea that it has a negative impact on the community.

I believe that I represent the community that you are trying to protect, in every sense of the word.

- I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach for 21 years.
- I am on the Board for Manhattan Beach Rotary which is all about giving back to the community.
- I have two children that go to Pacific Elementary School and I volunteer to help however I can.
- I have owned a business on Rosecrans for 13 years and I currently employ more than 25 local workers.

Given that, I believe that I've earned the right to speak up for my community if I see a potential mistake being made. I can honestly say that in my 21 years living in this community, this is the first time that I have felt compelled to speak out.

The 900 Club is our family's favorite place to go for both lunch and dinner. For one, the staff is always incredibly friendly and know my kid's names. They always have my kid's dessert ordered as soon as we walk in because they know that they will be excited. The pool table is also open to kids and there is a game area to play arcade games. Most importantly, the kids are allowed to run around the restaurant going to play pool or video games whenever they want without worry that they will be offending someone else in the club. Where else in the South Bay can you order a healthy meal for your children and feel comfortable with them running throughout the restaurant? I can bring them to the 900 Club where I know the staff, the food is actually of high quality without being expensive, and I can be confident that my children will enjoy themselves.

When my 7 year old son heard that the club could be closed, he became very upset and said to me "Dad, you need to do something." I told him that I was going to write a letter and he offered to write one as well. If somehow this club were to be closed, it will be a horrible disservice to this community and I will have lost confidence that my family's best interest are truly being looked out for by the city that I love. I

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have several other families that share my thoughts and I truly hope that an alternative outcome can prevail.

Sincerely,

Jim Lambert

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**Cc:** Pete Stone <PStone@icmpartners.com>  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear Richard, Laurie, Eve, Amy & Bob,

"Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got.  
Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot.  
Wouldn't you like to get away?  
Sometimes you want to go  
Where everybody knows your name,  
and they're always glad you came.  
You wanna be where you can see,  
our troubles are all the same  
You wanna be where everybody knows your name."

I joined the 900 Club in January of 2013. It was a "going away" gift from my then girlfriend. Some people get Dear John letters (if they're lucky!). I, on the other hand, received what I still call "the best gift ever!"

I moved to Manhattan Beach in 2009. It was that very girl who gave me the membership who convinced me to make one of the best decisions of my life to move to the Southbay. I had been living throughout Hollywood since 1989. I had been through a divorce. Work was good but life wasn't terribly inspiring.

That is until I moved to Manhattan Beach.

I grew up in the small, idyllic seaside town known as Mystic, CT. I was a transplant to the west coast. Actually hated the west coast my first nine years out here. It was Hollywood. I never really bought into the glitz and glamor of it all. I felt quite the contrary really. Crime everywhere. Filth. Homeless. Lots of shady characters. No real sense of community. Just

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bunch of transplants like myself who were chasing that tired Hollywood dream.

I made the most of it but I was never happy. People came and went. I had my core group of friends but everyone was heading off to marriage and kids.

Then, I met Melissa. An easy going, free spirit from NorCal. She opened my eyes to the Southbay. I could count the number of times (on both hands) I had been to Manhattan Beach over the previous 15 years. But, here I was after my long voyage out west. I finally found my Paradise. (You all know exactly what I'm referring to.)

I've come to adore this town. I protect it like no one else. Many of my old friends think I found Mystic in Los Angeles. I'm damn proud of the fact that I took over the position of the captain of my neighborhood watch (area 7). The neighborhood nominated me.

I've been told I bring people together. Doesn't seem so difficult when you're surrounded by such good people...all of whom I still see every day taking in the beauty of our lil paradise, Manhattan Beach.

I'm aware when neighbors have their differences. It's natural. I grew up thinking all the neighbors were the enemies. Fighting over land boundaries, garbage, noise, parking, etc. Doesn't make it any easier when we're on top of each other as we are here.

But, the 900 Club is a place where we "locals" can congregate. Some of the most interesting people I've ever met I met at the Club. We appreciate each other's company. We respect one another. After watching sports events, the winners buy the losers a drink! We know each by our first names. We know each other's families. We care about each other. We go there to laugh...to unwind..."to get away."

It's our mini country club. A place for the townies.

And in charge of all operations is the one and only, David Rohrbacher...aka DIAMOND DAVE. Dave is a great guy. He's dedicated to the club. Dedicated to its membership. He keeps it on track. Through his leadership, the club has been a staple of this community for 17 years.

I know you can't get along with everyone in town. But, Dave comes pretty darn close.

Remember, this is a private club. Therefore, membership is limited. As I often kid, NO RIFT RAFT! But, truly...no undesirables are admitted. Additionally, you don't get the problems which come with most bars/clubs/restaurants. You never have lines. You don't have brawls. You don't have the police or firemen or ambulances or riot units parked outside in the middle of the night with lights flashing. We're all respectful to the neighbors because that's asked of us by Dave. And, if you can't follow the rules and you want to be a troublemaker, you're asked to leave...permanently...membership revoked.

I have to give Dave credit for ending my smoking habit. After he closed that back door, I quit. That was the end. And he did that out of respect to the neighbors.

I wish people could look at the big picture. What happens if the Club goes away? Someone else comes in. Someone you'll have to start at square one with. Probably someone worse. Here, they've already worked together to address the complaints of the neighborhood.

By the way, didn't the neighbor know when they moved in that they were sharing the space with various businesses? There are restaurants throughout the area.

And do we really need to chase more businesses away? How many more realtor businesses do we need here. Remember...they're short term. Here today/gone tomorrow.

The 900 Club is a wonderful establishment. A second home to many of us. A membership comprised of people from OUR TOWN. Good people.

This community needs this club. And we will all stand by this club. Just wait for the town meeting on Feb 26th. That room will be filled with many very important people in this community. The very people who help keep the lights on in this community. Successful people. Families. And, we'll all be happy to be there and stand behind David Rohrbacher and this little local club which brought us all together! 900 Club...a place where everyone knows your name!

Thank you for your time and see you on the 26th!

Best,  
Peter Stone

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**Subject:** 900 Club

City Council Members,

My name is Frank Iacovelli and I have been a member of this community for close to 30 years. For many of those years I have been a patron of 900 Club. I did not appreciate what 900 Club had to offer until my wife and I began having kids. The Club is the only place in Manhattan Beach where I feel comfortable taking the family to dinner, there are always other families there with kids and my children love being there. The staff is wonderful, many of them babysit my kids, and I have been to several member and staff weddings and been on Vacation with Dave Rohrbacher and his family. 900 Club provides a valuable service to the community that is like nothing else in the South Bay. I would be exceedingly disappointed if my home away from home were to be shut down by the Manhattan Beach City council.

Regards,

Frank Iacovelli

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**Subject:** 900 Club

Richard, Laurie, Eve, Amy, Bob and John

It is sad to hear that there are discussion about an establishment like the 900 Club being shutdown. The 900 Club has been an active member of the community and a warm and welcoming gathering spot for many residents to mingle. It is a welcome and important part to downtown Manhattan Beach.

I know Dave and the staff have worked hard to be considerate to their neighbors and always tell patrons to use the Manhattan Avenue exit.

Being a resident of downtown Manhattan with a short walk to all our bar and restaurants, I would hate to not see the 900 Club as one of our options to enjoy each others company.

Thank you

Chris

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**Subject:** 900 Club

**To:** [PlanningCommission@citymb.info](mailto:PlanningCommission@citymb.info)  
**Cc:** [info@900manhattan.com](mailto:info@900manhattan.com)  
**Subject:** Planning Commissions

Dear Commissioners,

I have been a member of The 900 Club since its inception in 1996. On average I visit once a week casually to meet with friends and catch up on any local news and happenings. The Club is a extremely family oriented establishment all set in a lounge/restaurant style atmosphere.

I often attend the many special sporting events and charitable fundraisers held throughout the year. The Club is very community oriented and has proven itself neighborhood conscious business.

In my experience I have never seen loud, unruly or disruptive behavior by any members or guests inside or outside the building.

No one wants this unique place to shut its doors and everyone pays particular attention to quiet and courteous at all times whether early or late in the evenings and on weekends.

I urge you to consider all the great positive aspects of The 900 Club prior to making any harsh decisions stemming from a small number of unhappy citizens.

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Sincerely,

Steve Oliveira

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**Cc:** "Rotondo, Sam" <[srotondo@oaktreecapital.com](mailto:srotondo@oaktreecapital.com)>  
**Subject:** 900 Club

To Whom It May Concern-

It shocked me to hear through the grapevine that there is a hearing set in late February to possibly close the 900 Club. I am writing to you today to give my support to the 900 club and its members to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit. My family has been a member for over 8 years and we have used the club on countless occasions for birthday's and celebrations. I also frequently use the club to entertain out of town guests who specifically come back from dinners in Santa Monica to hang out in Manhattan Beach at the club. These same people frequently arrange their travel schedule to stay in local hotels knowing that we go out after dinner and they usually have a 7am flight back to NY via LAX – which brings business into the community.

As a venue, we have used the 900 club to host many Wall Street events over the years which has brought in people from out of state and all parts of Los Angeles into our local community.

As a family, we frequently dine at the 900 club. We have three kids all under 11 years old who have been going to Christmas parties for years and we frequently have dinner at the club as a family. It is one of the few places locally that have a diverse and healthy children's menu in an atmosphere that is tolerant to children. Our family has gotten to know each of the staff members, many of whom have worked at the club for over 10 years.

Dave and the 900 club have supported Robinson Elementary for years. Frequently hosting events and donating dinners/drinks to help support the local community. The 900 club has been a sponsor to numerous school charity events.

I can only hope that the council realizes the positive aspects the 900 club has brought to the community and its members over the years. I would ask that it recognizes the role it plays within the community and has the support of hundreds of its members. Please contact me at 310-508-4704 if you have any further questions.

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**Subject:** 900 Club

Dear Mr. Thompson,

As a long standing member of the 900 Club I was both shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the Club's CUP and I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

The reason I joined the club is that I found it to be exactly the opposite of many of the noisy, bar/restaurants in town in that there is never the type of aggressive, loud and disruptive clientele that one finds in many of the other establishments. The 900 Club is and has always been a safe and welcome location where my daughter has been treated with respect by both members and staff. I can't say there are many establishments in town where I would have felt comfortable and safe with her at 7, 8, 10, 14 or even 17 years of age.

Additionally we have hosted various company events there due to the "family" atmosphere. This is not necessarily the case with many of the bar/restaurants in town.

900 is a great place for celebrations and events of all kinds, they have charitable events all year long such as Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project and they support and donate to local schools and sports teams including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.

EVERY local I've ever spoken to about 900 including immediate residents and neighbors support the club. I would have to say the common thread is that it's a calm, adult & kid friendly environment...which is the exact opposite of what a few busy body neighbors must be alleging. Some folks just feel the need to complain to be heard.

In 15+ years of operation as a private club I've seen changes to limited operating hours, limited access, front door only access after 10pm, smoking bans, parking bans all in the interest of being a great and compliant neighbor. This is much more than I can say for some other establishments in town. I'd say all the 900 Club staff, many which have worked there for over 10 years, are very conscience about noise in general.

Although I love downtown Manhattan Beach and most of the establishments, I found the need to join the 900 Club years ago to avoid the rowdy late night crowds that frequent many of the  
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other spots. If the council sees fit to revoke 900's CUP to appease a couple unfriendly neighbors, then it's high time for the council to revisit all the other CUP's in town. I'm sure I share this opinion with many Locals who either are members of the club or friendly neighbors!

Sincerely,

Thomas Rick Hill

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**Subject:** 900 Club hearing

Fellow Manhattan Beach residents,

I am writing upon learning that the permit for the 900 Club is at jeopardy of being revoked at an upcoming hearing on February 26th.

Given I will be traveling for work on this date, I wanted to send an email in advance to express my wishes that the 900 Club be allowed to continue to operate as a location for developing a stronger network of relationships with other Manhattan Beach locals.

I moved to Manhattan Beach nearly six years ago, but only recently became a member of the 900 Club last year as a result of a good friend and neighbor who introduced me to a number of other members. Before getting to know the numerous members of 900 club in the last year, I had a misconception that the club was an elitist party spot in Manhattan Beach. Nothing could be further from the truth.

During my time as a member, my wife and I have both met numerous great couples and families that rely on 900 Club as a place to gather and develop friendships with other locals. I have seen fathers spending quality time with their sons watching sporting events together on the weekends, and families on Sunday afternoon enjoying a meal together. From a business perspective, I have met other Manhattan Beach businessmen that will continue to be important contacts for me and my company for many years to come, not to mention the positive impact myself and these fellow Manhattan Beach locals have begun to have on our own community largely as a result of the bonds we nurture at the 900 Club.

I trust that you will take these positive contributions of the 900 Club into consideration as you make a ruling on the club's license.

Best Regards,  
Brad Wiginton

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**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club hearing

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**From:** <ptv@aol.com>  
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**Subject:** **900 Club hearing**

Hello Richard, Laurie, et al.

I was extremely disappointed to hear that the 900 Club, of which I have been a member for over 10 years, is the target of a hearing to revoke their lease.

First, let me say that I am a 49 year old, married professional, a homeowner in the area and a responsible member of the community who uses the 900 club regularly for dining, client meetings, and a place to go to watch a football game now and again.

The 900 club offers a unique place for local residents to go, relax, and see people they know and like to socialize with. The same as any private club in the area.

I understand that the reason this hearing has been set is because of noise complaints from one nearby neighbor. Every time I have been to the club, including all recent visits, a considerate, respectful atmosphere has prevailed. Any noise emanating from the club has been much less than any of the nearby restaurants.

In addition, Dave (the manager) and his staff have made preemptive efforts to make sure the club adheres to the highest standards in terms of noise and clientele that exceed any of the other establishments in the area.

I am writing to express my strong support that the club be able to retain its conditional use permit and license without any type of sanctions or closure.

It would be a true crime for a disgruntled neighbor with an agenda to take away a primary socializing spot for a great number of local professionals.

Feel free to contact me if you'd like any further information on the value the 900 Club provides the members of our community.

Best,

Peter Ventrella  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**From:** Kevin McDonald <[bigmac@kevinmcdonald.net](mailto:bigmac@kevinmcdonald.net)>  
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**Subject:** 900 Club Hearing  
**Reply-To:** Kevin McDonald <[bigmac@kevinmcdonald.net](mailto:bigmac@kevinmcdonald.net)>

Hi Bob,

I received word that the 900 Club has a hearing with the city's planning department concerning their business license.

Is this part of an overall review of all businesses in the city or is the city targeting the 900 Club?

As you know I

have lived in Manhattan Beach for over fifty years and have seen many different businesses come and go, including several

at the 900 Club's current location. I remember having dinner with my family at the Silo back in the day, and later at

Bobby D's. After college Rock Bottom was a fun place to hang out until late in the night.

I have been enjoying the 900 Club since they opened, first as a guest and later as a member. I took my wife there on

one of our first dates because of the friendly ambiance, and with five children we still stop by for dinner due to the

atmosphere. Over the years we have hosted many events at the 900 Club including Little League team parties, parents

night out, birthday parties and a several company Christmas parties, to name a few. You know as a local boy I still

enjoy popping into Ercole's and Shellback for an after dinner drink, but the 900 Club is our "Cheers", a friendly place

where everybody knows your name. Before I had an opportunity to get to know David, the owner, he had a pan of his

renowned meatballs sent over to our house when my wife Kristy was pregnant with our first child, because another member

told him how much she liked them. Last November when we stopped by after dinner at Fonz's, Dave found out we were

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celebrating our ten year wedding anniversary and he immediately sent over a bottle of champagne and sat down to catch up on our families.

When we eat dinner at the 900 Club my kids enjoy watching the games on the T.V.'s, the size of the "kid portions" on the kids menu and occupying the game room, while my wife and I enjoy watching the games on the T.V.'s, the price of the "kid portions" and the game room occupying our kids. We run into other families and that always makes the experience that much better. I have held numerous business meetings at the 900 Club, some of which turn into dinner and more, and my guests never fail to comment on the courteous and attractive staff, warm atmosphere or running into an old friend.

Although now most of my visits to the 900 Club are for weekend lunch or early dinner and I do not know entirely what the city hearing is all about, I do know that Dave and his family have made many changes to the restaurant and outside area. I have a friend who lives three houses from the club and have asked him several times about the club's presence in his neighborhood. He has responded that the activity from the club has been greatly reduced and he understands there is a certain amount of activity associated with his location in the downtown area. I know this area because I lived on Manhattan Avenue for over twenty years and have heard many a reveler walking back from the downtown area, never truly knowing which establishments they were at, but sometimes wishing I had been there. I receive the 900 Club's weekly informational emails for current events and know that the Club is continuously hosting events for charity and worthwhile causes. Again I do not know why the city has chosen the 900 Club for this hearing, but in all my years I have never seen a situation at the club that warranted a call to the Police or emergency services. I have witnessed incidents at all of my favorites places in the downtown area, which is why they all have doormen outside and bouncers inside. And Hermosa, forget about it, that downtown area is sketchy after nine o'clock, or maybe I'm just too old now. I hope, with your help, the city council will understand that the 900 Club is one of the "good places" for local families to gather in an environment where the kids can wander around inside safely and a larger family can enjoy dinner around a circular table surrounded by friends.

I am going to forward this letter to some of the local leaders so they can get an idea of what the club means to me. I understand the hearing is scheduled for February 26, can you tell me where the meeting is held?

Thanks Bob, I hope all is well with your family and I look forward to seeing you,

Kevin McDonald

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 5:16 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club Manhattan Beach

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**From:** Jarret Stoll <jstoll2010@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** January 29, 2014 at 7:54:21 PM PST  
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**Subject:** 900 Club Manhattan Beach

Hello to all.. I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel of Manhattan Beach in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

My name is Jarret Stoll. I have been a resident of the South Bay for 7 years now and am a very strong supporter of the 900 Club..

I'm not only writing this letter personally for myself in support, but for my 9 teammates and there families who are also members. We play for the Los Angeles Kings and are very active in the Manhattan Beach community, in many ways thru the 900 Club with the fellow members and there families. Networking lunches and dinners, brainstorming ideas to not only make Manhattan Beach a better place to live (if that's possible) but to keep the beautiful sense and feel that the town already has! We all know it, once you move here or live here you never leave!

Dave and his staff greet everyone with warmth and respect, from the second you walk up those stairs to get a comfy seat, watch the game and enjoy a great meal. Let alone watch our picturesque sunset night after night..

Myself seeing kids basically grow up the last 7 years, playing PAC man, playing pool, enjoying some chicken fingers and french fries or watching there favorite sport on TV...or by chance meeting there favorite Los Angeles Kings player, Los Angeles Dodger, Laker, or LA Galaxy player, who are also members and role models within this great community...for an example of that to go away would be a shame!

My fondest personal memory of 900 Manhattan Ave was June 2012 when I brought the Stanley Cup for all the families to enjoy, to see the kids and how fascinated they were to just see it, touch it and get a photo with it! The lineup

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stretched down the stairs, outside and down the sidewalk towards the pier...Very cool for a beach town that has no hockey rinks.

The local schools and sports teams also benefit from donations of the 900 Club. I know of 2 local schools in Robinson and Mira Costa High...to also add charitable events all year long in Westcoast

Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project.

I appreciate your time in reading this and hope for the best in this situation.

Thanks

Jarret Stoll

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 10:20 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club revocation hearing - Please read from a very local resident on 9th st

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**From:** Mark Alonso <[malonso@lawcenter.com](mailto:malonso@lawcenter.com)>  
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**Subject:** **900 Club revocation hearing - Please read from a very local resident on 9th st**

February 5, 2014

Mark Alonso

124 9<sup>th</sup> st

Manhattan Beach CA 90266

Re: 900 Club revocation hearing

Dear City of Manhattan Beach and all copied recipients,

I recently heard information that a business neighbor, 900 Club, who is just a few hundred feet from my front door has a revocation hearing pending with the City of Manhattan Beach. Initially I was in shock because my family and I have been attending events at 900 Club for 8 years and are living just a few houses away from their front door and have never experienced any kind of issue with the 900 Club. We have never once had issues with noise

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our home or had problems with patrons from any of the local establishments on the walk street directly in front of all of the restaurants.

However, as I thought about this issue I recalled an experience I had with a local neighbor who said she lived up the street from my home at 124 9<sup>th</sup> st. About 18 months ago a woman came to my door and asked for our help in closing down 900 Club. We spoke only for a few moments and when we told her we have no problems with the 900 establishment and thought the space below caused more noise because of their windows being open all the time. I further explained that she was wrong in her assumptions and exaggerations about 900 since I we have been there on many occasions and she became agitated and short. Not knowing who this person was, I was curious to find out. I later learned that she was the on again, off again girlfriend of a person I had known for about 12 years and who often frequented 900 Club. My first impression of that experience was that this woman must be upset that her boyfriend goes to 900 Club when she is not in town or when they are not dating. When I next ran into the boyfriend who lives near the club a few weeks later, at 900, he confirmed my assumptions as being true.

As background on myself and family, I am 42 years old and am a 15<sup>th</sup> year practicing attorney and have my own law practice based in Costa Mesa. My hours are long and my sleep is precious to me. I am married with a 9 and 3 year old. My 80 year old parents also live on my property with us. I chose to buy in downtown Manhattan Beach because I wanted the experience of living in the heart of the city, where my family and I could walk out our front door and have the experience of living in the heart of the city where restaurants and businesses thrived. For these local establishments to thrive people must come and go and with that, you expect traffic and noise but that is part of the tradeoff when you choose to live in a specific area of a city and in all reality, the charm. Everyone in my family, from my kids, my elderly parents and dozens of clients have been to 900 Club and all the other local establishments in downtown. None have ever had a negative opinion of any of the establishments around our house and all feel that these places are a benefit to the community and what makes living in the downtown area so desirable.

Most of these downtown restaurant establishments have been in business for 15 plus years and were here before most of us residents moved into the area. They are part of the community and for most of us they are the reason why we spent extra money to move into the downtown south sand section, which commands some of the highest prices in the city. For one person to buy a house in the heart of the city and then want to change the city to conform to what she feels it should be is insulting and selfish. This individual knowingly purchased a home at the edge of downtown and next to restaurants and bars. If she didn't want the traffic or lifestyle from living in downtown she should have chosen to purchase a home in a different location.

My kids have played at the 900 pool table and Pac Man machine for hours, countless times, while my wife and I have had dinner there. The staff knows my kids by name and the owner Dave has hosted work events for me. 900 Club is a key community contributor for so many of us with kids and businesses, whether it is hosting local school events, pumpkin carvings, Christmas parties,.... For the City of Manhattan Beach to even consider closing down this

establishment because of one persons jealous and selfish campaign shows that the city is not in touch or aware of what is happening in the community. To residents like myself, who live just as close, if not closer, to the downtown as this one individual, it is very disappointing to see this kind of reaction by the city.

I strongly urge the City to reconsider this revocation and to look deeper into the true issue that seems apparent to many of us who live in the immediate area. A single resident has started a witch hunt because of her boyfriends previous attendance at the 900 Club. This woman likely choose to purchase a home downtown because of the lifestyle and once it became a nuisance to her personal life she turned her jealous attention toward the local establishments. This woman is not a victim of the 900 Club, we the local residents and the City of Manhattan Beach are being victimized and taken advantage of by the woman who is trying to change the character and heritage of this beach community. If the city chooses to close 900 then every other restaurant, from Circa to Red Room on down the street should be closed for the exact same reasons and if this is done you will find many residents like me furious that the culture of Manhattan Beach is being changed by one persons opinion. I hope the city and local representatives do not make the grave mistake in closing a community asset that means so much to many of us in the downtown community.

If you have further questions I am more than happy to meet with any of you on this email and provide further details about what it is like living next door to 900 club.

Regards,

Mark Alonso, Esq.

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2014 7:26 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club Status

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**From:** Laurie Eddleston <laurieeddeleston@me.com>  
**Date:** January 31, 2014 at 8:18:34 AM PST  
**To:** "rthompson@citymb.info" <rthompson@citymb.info>  
**Subject:** 900 Club Status

Mr. Thompson,

I was surprised and disappointed to learn about the City's review of the 900 Club's permit status. I write this with the intent to urge the Planning Commission and City Counsel to retain its existing licensing and permits without changes.

Our family (kids 5 and 7) have been members for approximately five years and have enjoyed it in many capacities. We regularly have family dinners at 900. It is a wonderful place to bring young children and not have to worry about watching all their movements, as it has a safe and community feel. The menu is healthy and accessible to adults and kids alike. My husband hosted my 40th birthday party at 900 and has also hosted cocktail parties there for work colleagues. It is our favorite place to grab a quick cocktail in a relaxed environment before we head out to the many nearby restaurants or to quickly and spontaneously meet up with friends.

The 900 club is also a supporter of many local charities and Dave is always willing to assist when asked to host or support the charities in the community or with which 900's members are involved. The employees are also very friendly and remember the names of you and your family.

My observations are that 900 has made tremendous efforts to minimize its impact on surrounding neighbors. This has been done primarily by driving member traffic through the door on Manhattan Avenue beginning at a reasonable evening hour. Dave continually emphasizes this via weekly update emails to members as well as in conversation while at 900. Staff members also exhibit conscientiousness in this area. I believe this emphasis has greatly reduced the noise and activity at the back door and in the alley.

While many local restaurants have come and gone, the 900 Club has remained because of its community feel and success in connecting personally with its members. Many of the surrounding neighbors are members and feel similarly. It would be a shame to lose that long-standing community feel while those neighbors with complaints come and go to the area.



Please reconsider any changes to 900's permits and let this community pillar continue to maintain its place.

Laurie Eddleston  
421 7th Street

310-739-3844

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club Urgent Plea

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**From:** Tom Sheridan <tomsheridan@fvi.net>  
**Date:** February 1, 2014 at 11:47:19 AM PST  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;  
**Subject:** 900 Club Urgent Plea

Dear Sir or Madam;

I am writing this letter after hearing the shocking news that the 900 Club in Manhattan Beach may be closed down because some neighbors are complaining. This is not just a bar in Manhattan Beach it is a social club and I am so happy to be included in that membership. I live outside Chicago and travel to So. Cal. as many as 6 times a year. For the past 10 years I have always stayed in Manhattan Beach because of the 900 Club and the friends I have made there. If it is closed I doubt I will feel the same or care if I stay in MB as my business is in the Van Nuys area.

Every time I walk into the club I am greeted as an old friend even though I am there only about 15 days a year. Last month while out in Chicago I ran into a fellow member at Gibson's on Rush, we weren't friends but the fact that we were members of the 900 Club gave us an immediate bond.

As far as the noise issue the place is usually pretty quiet most nights of the week.

I usually arrive on a Tuesday the club is very quiet, Wednesday the same and Thursdays are a little more crowded but nothing loud and annoying in fact the employees make sure that volumes are lowered at a certain time to respect the neighbors. I have been there on weekends and of course Fridays and Saturdays are crowded but so is all of MB. After all it is located on Manhattan Ave. across the street from one establishment and there are plenty more down the street. Thirty years ago you couldn't get a cab in MB now they are everywhere all night long. I understand that people can be inconvenienced by a ruckus outside their homes but the Club has been there for 17 years and MB nightlife on weekends has been going on forever. These people knew moving in there that there would be huge crowds when they moved near the beach day and night on weekends.

The members of the club also use it for a lot more than dinner and drinks, it is the place for kid's birthdays, Halloween parties, Santa Claus, Christenings etc.

The members also host fund raisers for various charities such as Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project.

I have eaten at every good restaurant in MB and the Club serves up some pretty darn good food too. Plus it is the only place that I have ever seen a celebrity in MB I believe they feel safe because the place is members only. Movie stars, sports legends, TV personalities and the CEO's of some big corporations, or just regular folks, they are all members and

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pool or just have a conversation with the member from Chicago. It's a nice feeling. Since it is a private club the obnoxious are not welcome or allowed to become members. I have never seen a fight or an argument ever at the 900 club, Dave the owner makes a special effort to try and introduce everyone to each other. He goes out of his way for new members to get to know everyone. He re-introduces me to everyone when I arrive. Every nationality, race, male or female is welcome to join and are members it's a wonderful place to make friends. My wife asks me every January when I have to pay my membership renewal fee why I pay to belong to a place that I get to so rarely? My answer that "Club" is my home away from home, without it I'm just alone in another big city. This place is unique and it makes the little club in Manhattan Beach something special, I constantly tell my friends about our private little spot with the warm fireplace and good friends that can only be found at 900 Manhattan Ave. I have flown over a million miles in the past 15 years mostly in the US have eaten dinner in every major city west of the Mississippi. I have my routine and favorites in all of these cities, but I can't wait to make the left turn at the ocean from the airport and head into the town where I feel I have a spot, a place where I am not a stranger from Chicago.

Please don't take away my favorite place in the country the 900 Club. I'm sure that something can be worked out plus a lot of nice people and families make their living from this spot.

Tom Sheridan  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club Use Permit

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**Date:** January 31, 2014 at 12:26:19 PM PST  
**To:** <[rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)>  
**Subject:** 900 Club Use Permit

Mr. Thompson:

I am writing this letter in support of the 900 Club. As a resident of Manhattan Beach and a frequent visitor to the club, I appreciate having a place where I can entertain friends and family, and visit with my neighbors and other residents of the area.

I have seen firsthand Dave's diligent efforts to minimize the impact that the club might have on neighbors and I truly believe he has significantly contained both the noise and congestion.

I urge the City Council to NOT revoke the 900 Club use permit.

Thank you,

Michael Amiri  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2014 4:52 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
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**Date:** February 2, 2014 at 2:55:52 PM PST  
**To:** <[rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)>  
**Subject:** 900 Club-Letter of Support

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February 2, 2014

Richard Thompson  
Community Development Director  
City of Manhattan Beach

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Hello, my name is Steve Belcher. My wife, Cara, and I and our two sons have been residents of Manhattan Beach for almost 19 years. When we moved to here from out of state, we did an arduous search of many cities and communities in the greater Los Angeles area before we decided to make Manhattan Beach our home. We have never looked back and are glad we made that decision for a number of reasons, most particularly because we love the people and sense of community in this city.

Approximately two years ago, Cara and I were introduced to the 900 Club by a friend after attending an event held there by Westcoast Sports Associates, a charitable organization dedicated to the promotion of youth sports activities in some less fortunate areas in Los Angeles, to which I donate some of my time and resources. After the WSA meeting, we decided to consider membership in the 900 Club. We met with the Club's owner, Dave Rohrbacher, to discuss the club, its membership and operating philosophy. We liked what we heard and saw and decided to join.

Since that time, we have been very pleased with our decision. The Belcher family as a group, as well as Cara and I as a couple, have enjoyed numerous dinners at the 900 Club and have been very pleased with the ownership, the service personnel, and the other members.

I write because we have become aware that there is an upcoming City Council Meeting in which there will be Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club's Conditional Use Permit and licensing. I am writing to respectfully request that you continue to allow the 900 Club, our club, to continue with its CUP and licensing going forward. It has become a place that my family has frequented and enjoyed regularly over the last two years. We have never seen any behavior that is not in keeping with the standards that I have come to expect in Manhattan Beach.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Belcher  
218 North Dianthus Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Steve Belcher  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 5:23 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Manhattan

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**From:** Tom Monks <[monkstom@yahoo.com](mailto:monkstom@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** February 10, 2014 at 10:39:45 PM PST  
**To:** "[rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)" <[rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)>  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan  
**Reply-To:** Tom Monks <[monkstom@yahoo.com](mailto:monkstom@yahoo.com)>

Richard,

Hello & thank you in advance for taking the time to read this. I wanted to reach out to you to give my full support to 900 Manhattan. I am originally from New York & was transferred to Southern CA for work in 2005. I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach since. When I first moved to MB in '05 I knew one work colleague & I had one friend from college that I barley had kept in touch with over the years. At the time I moved here because it was close to the airport & I travel for work. 9 years later here I am & there's no place I would rather live. A major reason for that is 900. It is very disappointing to me to think for a moment that a place that I look at as a second home is now facing a Revocation Hearing. It's shocking. I became a member of the 900 club in 2006. From then till now I have made life long friends, numerous business contacts, participated in charity events, attended weddings, birthdays, holiday events, & so much more. 900 has connected me to the community of Manhattan Beach through all of the contacts I have made & events that I have taken part in through 900.

Over the years I have had dozens of friends & family come visit me from all over the country. Almost all of them have gone to 900 & when they come back in town that's the first place they want to go back to. I have hosted multiple client & charity events at 900. In April I am having my engagement party there. I do not see 900 as a "community nuisance" as stated in the complaint. To all of us, it is a place where families and friends could go to enjoy themselves. To me, it is a staple of this community. I truly hope that you could understand what 900 means to over 400 families that are members & even more that are friends. Please do not take that away from us!!

Thank you again for your time,

Tom

Tom Monks

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 6:20 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Manhattan, LLC - Letter in Support Related to Hearing to Consider Revocation of Use Permit  
**Attachments:** BRG Ltr to MB City Final 02-06-14.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please note of the attached letter from Mr. Gore regarding the above-referenced matter.

Thank you,

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**Re: Letter in Support of 900 Manhattan, LLC Related to  
Hearing to Consider Revocation of Use Permit**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in support of 900 Manhattan LLC (the “900 Club”) for consideration by the Planning Commission during the above-referenced hearing scheduled for February 26, 2014.

By way of background, I have resided in the South Bay for over 30 years, and in Manhattan Beach for the 25 years. I have been a practicing attorney since 1989, and my office has been located in Torrance since 1994. I am the immediate past President of the South Bay Bar Association, and I also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Honorable Benjamin Aranda III Inn of Court. I have served as Judge Pro Tempore for the Los Angeles Superior Court (Southwest District) and as a member of the Los Angeles Superior Court Mediation Panel.

I first began frequenting the 900 Club over 15 years ago, and I have been a member for several years. I consider the 900 Club as a family friendly business and an excellent location for casual business meetings. The club hosts numerous events for its members’ families, including a visit from Santa before Christmas. Every year the club’s members, at the request of David Rohrbacher, donate many boxes of toys to Toys for Tots. I suspect that the majority of the club’s members and patrons are sophisticated businesspeople, with families, who are residents of Manhattan or Hermosa Beach and are over the age of 40.

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Over this time, I have come to know Mr. Rohrbacher well and have observed his management of the club. Mr. Rohrbacher goes out of his way to ensure that the club is a responsible member of the Manhattan Beach business community and a good neighbor. I have heard that, over the past year or so, one neighbor in particular has been complaining about the club. I have personally seen Mr. Rohrbacher respond these complaints in a prompt and responsible manner. Among other things, Mr. Rohrbacher and his staff go out of his way to instruct members and their guests (via e-mail and directly) to use the front door during the night time business hours, and he otherwise takes any complaints quite seriously.

In short, I consider the 900 Club to be a well manager and responsible business that is a valuable asset to the City of Manhattan Beach. Based on the foregoing, I urge the Planning Commission to take no adverse action with regard to the 900 Club's use permit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Barry R. Gore  
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**Subject:** 900 Manhattan

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of 900 Club Manhattan. I am a former employee of 900 Club and a Manhattan Beach resident for several years. My sister is a current employee of 900 Club and has worked there for over 10 years. She recently called me incredibly upset about 900 Club, a revocation hearing and possible sanctions against our conditional use permit. This disturbed me deeply to see her so frightened for her job and family and to hear these unjust allegations against 900 Club. There are a few points I would like to cover about the legitimacy and importance of 900 Club to Manhattan Beach business. First, I can personally attest to the "kid friendly" atmosphere of 900 Club. As an Aunt, I bring my nephew in all the time to play with other member's kids and see his Mom at work. My sister has formed close relationships with many families at the 900 Club due to the fact they come in on a very regular basis with their children. Second, although my employment with 900 Club ended in July, I most definitely can attest to efforts and changes made by Dave Rohrbacher and staff to control noise, smoking outside and other concerns. A big part of my job was looking out for these concerns and keeping them in check at all times. Many of our neighbors have noticed our efforts to better things, love 900 Club dearly and have no issues/concerns with our proximity to their homes. Third, 900 Club is an important business to the downtown Manhattan Beach community. We are a very selfless establishment that has sponsored/hosted/supported/donated to many causes/charities/fundraisers/schools, you name it... over the years. We are loved by our members and even non-members alike. Manhattan Beach residents of all kinds ask to have their events/celebrations in our most accommodating and generous establishment. Finally and most important, I write this letter on behalf of my sister. Please think about how this will affect the dedicated and hard working employees of 900 Club and Manhattan Beach residents themselves, many who have worked and lived in the area for years. They have given their years, sweat and tears to your beloved downtown Manhattan Beach commerce and to possibly cut back their hours/wages or even worse leave them unemployed in this economy would be truly tragic. Please think of them!

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

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**Subject:** **900 Manhattan Avenue Club - Hearing on February 26th - Letter of Support of the Club**

Laurie:

I am reaching out to you today in support of the 900 Club in Manhattan Beach.

I am a native California Resident born and raised in Culver City.

I went to Culver City High School and graduated college from the University of Denver and then moved back here to Southern California to become a partner at Menemsha Construction Solutions, an Architectural and Construction Company based in Torrance where we employ over 70 people in our corporate office.

We have designed and built several retail and restaurants here in the South Bay including Starbucks, Skechers, Jamba Juice, Verizon, T-Mobile, Chase, JustFab, Rock n Brews, Walgreens, and Others. So not only do I work and live in the South Bay.....I am heavily involved with it's evolution and growth.

I have been a member of the 900 Club for the past 9 years.

I was shocked to hear the news of the upcoming Revocation Hearing.....stunned actually.

The 900 Club has been a staple in both my professional and personal life over the past 9 years. It is a place where I have networked several business opportunities and relationships with other local business people.

It is a place where I have gathered with my family and friends for birthdays, holidays, and special events.

It is a place of safety. A place of solace. A place of respectful, caring and intelligent business people and families who share many commonalities of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The flavorful food and comfortable ambience coupled with a friendly, responsible, and respectful staff make for a great dining and gathering experience.

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I often see couples and families with children gathered for an early weekday dinner or Sunday Brunch.....makes me smile to see a family gather in a comfortable and welcoming environment.....and then as the days become nights, there is a smooth easy transition into an adult-friendly environment.

There is NO Ego at the 900 Club.

There is NO Attitude at the 900 Club.

It is the South Bay version of 'Cheers' and I feel very fortunate and honored to be an active member who supports many of the amazing, fun and charitable local events that the 900 Club supports with time, money, personnel with a great location to host various events.

It makes no sense to me why there is an inquiry and hearing to Revoke the 'Use Permit' for the 900 Club.

Whatever the 'concerns and/or issues' may be, there is no possible way that they outweigh the amazingness and contributions that the Club provides it members and to the community at large.

I will be in attendance on the 26th of this month in support of the 900 Club, its staff, its members and the contributions we all make to the community on behalf of the 900 Club and its members.

Whatever your personal or city responsibilities are that are driving the necessity to conduct and participate in this hearing, I hope and trust that you will keep an open mind and really listen and absorb what the community and our members and staff have to say in support of the Club before making any significant changes to the current 'Use Permit' granted to the Club.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration and all that you do on behalf of the City of Manhattan Beach.

Regards,

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**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Avenue Club Letter of Support  
**Reply-To:** <[dr.streiber@elsegundoanimalhospital.com](mailto:dr.streiber@elsegundoanimalhospital.com)>

Dear Richard,

Attached, please find my 900 Manhattan Avenue Club Letter of Support.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

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**Subject:** **900 Manhattan Club**

Hi Richard,

I am a British expatriate resident in the South Bay since 1999 and have also been a patron of 900 Manhattan Club for the past 6 years.

I was astonished to learn that The City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department has scheduled a hearing to consider revocation of the use permit at the above premises. In my extensive experience of patronizing 900 Manhattan, Dave Rohrbacher and his team have created a family friendly establishment with a community of members who not only socialize and network together, but who also regularly support philanthropic and community endeavors. Under no circumstances should the Planning Commission impose any sanctions or restrictions on the use permit at 900 Manhattan Club.

As you might be aware, the cornerstone of many communities the length and breadth of Great Britain is the local pub. 900 Manhattan is the only equivalent establishment I have encountered since my time living in the United States that comes close to the feel, ethos and experience of the traditional English pub.

Dave and team have created a family friendly experience for all members, as is clearly evidenced by the number of families dining and socializing at 900 Manhattan on any given evening or weekend, particularly during the summer months when members bring their families from the beach for lunch, to watch a game, to play board games or to generally enjoy family time together. Their healthy kid menu is particularly noteworthy and reflective of their family and kid friendly commitment.

Dave and the members of 900 Manhattan are committed to community and philanthropic causes, and host charitable events throughout the year, including Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Associates and Wounded Warrior Project. We also support and donate to local schools including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa. As a club and community, we are committed to supporting our local causes and take these efforts extremely seriously.

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As an international media executive at the world's largest news organization, I frequently host business meetings and entertain clients and colleagues at 900 Manhattan, with consistently positive feedback on the experience. I am highly selective in my choice of venue for such occasions and 900 has consistently exceeded my expectations in this regard.

Over the past 18 months, Dave and the team at 900 Manhattan have gone above and beyond to be extra considerate to their neighbors by actively discouraging members and their guests from loitering or congregating around the exits, particularly at the rear and after 10pm. Through his weekly e-mail newsletter, Dave has always been fastidious in his message that 900 members and their guests should set a higher standard than the general public and be extra considerate of noise when entering and exiting the premises, particularly late at night. I am not aware of any other venue in Manhattan Beach that has the same commitment to community relations and their immediate neighbors than Dave Rohrbacher and the 900 Manhattan team.

Given the above, I fail to see how there is any merit to the allegations made against 900 Manhattan, especially when the venue is unique in that the management have a direct and ongoing line of communication with all their patrons and could easily identify and revoke the membership of any offenders who threaten or jeopardize the well being and reputation of the establishment. It therefore makes no sense that 900 Manhattan Club is the source of any legitimate violation allegations.

In my experience, 900 Manhattan members value the club and their membership and are committed to upholding the highest standards as a result. I encourage you and the Planning Commission to take the above into consideration and terminate any proceedings to revoke or place any further conditions of the use permit at 900 Manhattan Club.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Weaver

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**Subject:** 900 Manhattan- Letter of Support

Hello Ms. Jester,

I'm now aware that the City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department recently notified 900 Manhattan that there will be a meeting on February 26, 2014 to potentially close it down. I'm shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club.

Aside from the numerous steps they have taken in the last year to mitigate concerns with noise, restricting people using the back door after hours, etc; they have a couple of neighbors that do not believe that 900 Club has done enough. The 900 Club has operated for 17 years as a private club. However, the City/Planning Department has yet to know more about them. I believe the City Planning Department does not have accurate, or has incomplete, information regarding the sophistication of their patrons, their professional operations along with Community Service. There are many positive aspects of 900 Club that the community desires to have 900 as a part of their downtown Manhattan Beach and not a "Community Nuisance" as alleged via the former complaint.

900 Club is a long established, responsible and a family friendly local business. For years they have been a local friend, not foe, of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Over these many years they have seen neighbors come and go, families raised and sadly, friends pass.

900, along with their members, have been consistent with their efforts to minimize congregating, or smoking at or around the back door after 10pm, especially within the last eighteen months. They continue to be respectful of their neighbors. I've seen several changes made to the Cub to attempt reduction of noise and to be a better neighbor. This includes having the back door code not working after 10pm, a new smoking area located in the front of the building, a backdoor fence to filter noise, earlier last calls and quieter music. Periodic emails regarding these concerns are sent to all members.

- 900 Club is a great place for families. There have been 128 children born in 17 years and they have hosted them all. This includes a Healthy Kids Menu and is very child friendly.
- 900 is a great place for celebrations and events of all kinds.
- Charitable events take place all year long: Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project.

- Supports and donates to local schools and sports teams including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.
- Majority of immediate residents and neighbors support 900.
- Calm, adult friendly environment.
- Business meeting venue, for example they just hosted the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party
- Limited operating hours
- Many 900 Club employees have worked there for over ten years

I'm in strong support of the 900 Club to retain their existing Conditional Use Permit and Licensing without sanctions or revocation.

Thank you kindly for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

***Samantha Jenkins***

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**Cc:** Matt Matern <[redondobeachlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:redondobeachlaw@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Appeal to our better natures

Good Evening All:

It's Friday evening and there are about 15 families sitting inside 900 Manhattan Ave enjoying dinner and the friendly confines as the Winter Olympics are about to open. I've been here for all kinds of events from Super Bowls to important Union Meetings, from fundraisers for Next Step to dinners with my family and friends.

So I'm adding my voice to those you've already heard. I'm asking you to please consider allowing this place to continue to operate as the multipurpose, family friendly venue I've enjoyed for the past 17 plus years. I'm not just asking for all our friends. I'm asking in the spirit of fairness & diversity this club has come to embody for my family.

Thank you for listening.

Peter

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**Subject:** February 26, 2014 Revocation Hearing

Dear Ms. Jester:

My name is David A. Herrera and I'm President of CAM Services (a recent, one-time janitorial contractor for the City of Manhattan Beach for about five years), a member of 900 Club of Manhattan Beach, a member of YPO (Young Presidents' Organization), a resident of Redondo Beach and a proud friend of the club's owner, Mr. David Rohrbacher, since he and I were UCLA classmates nearly 30 years ago. I was dismayed to learn about the City's upcoming Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club and herein I'd like to point out a few things that I hope will be taken into account in the hearing process:

- My family and I have enjoyed the club's adult- and kid-friendly environment throughout the years. Where else can a kid get a corn dog and Shirley Temple in town?
- The club has served my business well. My company recently celebrated its 25-year anniversary celebration at the club and we've held our annual Holiday party there on numerous occasions. I've also entertained many clients at 900 Club and have been commended by them for its excellent location, atmosphere and uniqueness, which has served me well, professionally.
- I've met many excellent members who are 'movers and shakers' in the community, as well as developed strong friendships with club members and the club's great staff.
- 900 Club has been a great supporter of the community and charitable events, like the Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project, as well as a supporter of underprivileged kids during the holiday season.

On a personal note, I know that owning and operating the 900 Club has been Mr. Rohrbacher's dream and the club's members and their families are better for it. For the sake of his own family, Katherine, his wife, and daughter, Emma, I hope Mr. Rohrbacher and the 900 Club receive due process and are provided the opportunity to rectify any issues brought forth in the Revocation Hearing because he's a smart businessman and will work with the City and his neighbors to devise reasonable and feasible solutions to keep the club – and his dream – alive.

Thank you for your consideration of the above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 390-3552 x231.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Fwd: Letter in Support of 900 Club

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**Subject:** Letter in Support of 900 Club

February 5, 2014

Bob Courtney, Esq.  
Amy Howorth, Mayor  
Eve Irvine, Police Chief  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Richard Thompson, Community Development Director

Dear Mses.Howorth, Irvine & Jester and Messrs. Courtney & Thompson:

I was very surprised and disappointed to recently learn that the City of Manhattan Beach has scheduled a Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club at the end of this month. I have been a member of the Manhattan Beach community for almost 25 years and a member of the Club for 15. I want to issue my strong support for the Club and respectfully request that it retain its existing Conditional Use Permit without sanctions against the Club or revocation of such Permit. I believe when you hear more about what the Club means to its members (and their families) here in the South Bay and the many purposes it serves for its members (and the community in general) you will understand why its Permit should not be altered.

As a senior executive at a major, locally-based company, I have used the Club numerous times for business meetings and gatherings as well as for fundraising efforts. In fact, there is not another place where I have a business meal or meeting here in the South Bay. I'm keenly aware of the Club's support (as well as Dave, the owner's, support) for many fundraising efforts around the South Bay. I have been a part of, or been aware of, many such events every year and over many years. I fear that members of the Planning Commission, as well other members of the City of Manhattan Beach departments (e.g, City Hall, Police Department, Mayor's Office) are not aware of the many positive services the Club has provided to the community over the years, and have only focused on a few complaints from those living in the immediate vicinity.

As a member of the Club for 15 years I have seen it transition from an establishment that

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probably did cater to a late night crowd to a very family friendly, much more subdued environment. On the vast majority of times I visit, I see families with kids having a meal and enjoying the very kid - friendly environment & food. It is truly one of the very few places (or maybe the only one) I'm aware of that parents can bring their kids and stay for any length of time. Families can mingle with each other and know their kids are safely playing together.

I do not want to minimize concerns the Committee may have and know I speak on behalf of the Club members (and Dave) that we are aware of certain restrictions that have been placed on members (e.g., no congregating outside of the side door, keeping noise on 9th St to a minimum). The 900 Club is a very close, family-like environment and I have known Dave & many of his staff for many of the years I've belonged there. Thus, I can speak to the vigilance with which Dave and his staff have monitored Club members' adhering to these conditions. I rarely see people congregating outside of the back door and know that "last call" has become earlier over the years and, again, is strictly adhered to.

I would also like to add that in my 15 years of membership, I have never once heard a negative word spoken about the Club, not even in passing, among the locals. Thus, I have to assume that it is a very small, very vocal few who are complaining. That being said, I know all members are keen to keep a good relationship with everyone in the community, including the Club's immediate neighbors and will continue to make an even more concerted effort if need be.

The 900 Club truly reflects the South Bay in that its members are professional, respectful, family folks that do understand the need for balance with the community. As a longtime member of the South Bay community I can speak for many members of the Club (who are also members of the community) that I would be extremely disappointed to see the Conditional Use Permit for the 900 Club revoked or curtailed.

I would be happy to speak with anyone on this matter.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely yours,

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**Subject:** Letter of Support for 900 Club

Dear Committee Members:

Richard Thompson, Community Development Director – [rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)

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We have enjoyed celebrating so many special events at 900 because it is the perfect place. It is so inviting and accommodating because Dave and his staff always make the event amazing with their excellent service and personal care. The 900 Club is a place where people want to make their memories: birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, etc. For example, this year's Christmas party was such a joy! Dave and his staff created a festive celebration for the holiday season. The kids and adults had an awesome buffet. Santa came to deliver toys and take photos. Our kids participated in the Toys for Tots drive that Dave organized, which taught our kids more about giving during the holidays.

Dave's generosity goes year-round with donating to our local schools and also hosting our school group functions. My oldest son attends Robinson Elementary and Dave is always happy to support our donation requests. We truly appreciate that he gives back to the community. We hope that you receive lots of similar feedback from our community so that you know how extraordinary Dave is with his charitable actions.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope you understand that there are so many reasons why so many people love this local establishment and we request that you continue to work with The 900 Club and Dave. Please feel free to contact us if we can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

James and Lily Phillips

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**Subject:** Letter of Support for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

Dear City of Manhattan Beach Planning Commission and City Council,

Please find attached a letter of support for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club in relation to the proposed Revocation Hearing scheduled for February 26, 2014. I am currently traveling overseas and do not have access to services to print and scan the letter, so I apologize that this letter has not been personally signed. But in the interest of time I wanted to submit it now.

Regards,

Dennis A. Hands

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February 9, 2014

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Bob Courtney, Esq.  
John Jalili, City Manager

**Re: 900 Manhattan Avenue Club**

Dear City of Manhattan Beach Planning Commission and City Council:

I am writing this letter to voice my strong support for the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club in relation to the proposed Revocation Hearing scheduled for February 26, 2014. I was shocked and very disappointed to learn of this upcoming matter. As a resident of Manhattan Beach and a member of the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club, I feel very strongly that the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club should retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

I have lived in Manhattan Beach for nearly eight years and consider the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club to be a unique and valuable contributor to the community. It is a long-standing (17 years) and responsible local business that actively supports and donates to local schools and sports teams, including Grand View Elementary School, Robinson Elementary School, American Martyrs Catholic School, and Mira Costa High School. Additionally, it also hosts numerous charitable events throughout the year to support important causes, including Wounded Warrior Project, Next Step Foundation and Westcoast Sports Associates. The 900 Manhattan Avenue Club also serves as a convenient and beneficial venue for the local business community, hosting such events as the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party.

I have always been very comfortable taking clients, family and friends to the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. It is a calm, friendly environment suitable for professional and personal meetings and interactions. The employees, many of whom have worked there for over 10 years, are always polite and considerate, thus

contributing to the success of this local business. The facility is also a great place for celebrations and events of all kinds. Additionally, it is an environment that is very suitable for families and features a healthy kids menu. I personally do not yet have kids, but would feel entirely comfortable bringing them to the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club and have witnessed numerous members doing so.

I have also found the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club to be a very valuable professional networking opportunity and have the benefit of developing a number of relationships with members that have proven to be very fruitful towards my professional development. Without their support and advice, I would not have enjoyed a number of successes in my life. I feel there is no other venue in Manhattan Beach where I would have been able to make those professional connections.

Since moving to Manhattan Beach in 2006, I have met individuals who live in proximity to the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club and have never heard them voice any concerns about the facility, noise or otherwise. If anything, any complaints they may have raised related to noise from and issues with other facilities that are in proximity to the downtown area of Manhattan Beach, not in relation to the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. While I respect the opinions and viewpoints of all residents of Manhattan Beach, I truly feel that any concerns that are being raised are being done so by a very small minority and the vast majority of immediate residents and neighbors support the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club.

Under the leadership of David Rohrbacher, I have observed a number of initiatives that have been taken by the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club in order to reduce any potential negative impact on the local neighborhood. These initiatives have included (i) reducing the operating hours of the facility and closing it earlier at night, (ii) disabling the access code for the entrance at the rear of the facility at 10pm each evening to eliminate pedestrian traffic in that area, and (iii) installing fencing around the front Manhattan Avenue entrance to add separation from the sidewalk and the facility entrance. In addition, the staff at the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club is very conscientious regarding noise levels and quickly takes appropriate measures to remedy any potential noise issues.

In conclusion, the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club is always one of the key landmarks I utilize to describe Manhattan Beach to visitors and potential new residents, highlighting the positive impact it has on the local community. It is my opinion that institutions like the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club are what make Manhattan Beach an attractive and unique place to live and work. I would be extremely disappointed if this local business were to be sanctioned in any way.

Regards,

Dennis A. Hands

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 09, 2014 4:04 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: My family and I support the 900 Club

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**Subject:** My family and I support the 900 Club  
**Reply-To:** James Dunn <james\_h\_dunn@yahoo.com>

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I'm writing on behalf of my family and myself to strongly urge the Planning Commission and City Council to allow the the 900 Club to keep its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without any sanctions or revocation.

We were shocked and saddened to hear about the revocation hearing for the 900 Club. We have been a members for many years and have had many great days and nights there.

Like many of the other members we like going there because it is more sedate and less rowdy than other businesses in the area. It's so quiet, in fact, I often go there in the evenings to get some work done. That is why we think this revocation hearing is completely unwarranted.

The 900 Club is a very family- and kid-friendly establishment. They often host kids' birthday parties and have Santa Claus come by for their annual Christmas dinner.

In addition to being great for kids and families, the 900 Club is also great for business. Many of the members host business dinners and events there. A lot of companies and organizations use the space for parties and events. The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce just had it's holiday party at the club.

The 900 Club also hosts many charitable events during the year for organizations such as



the Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and the Wounded Warrior Project. The club also supports many local schools and sports teams like Grand View Elementary, Robinson Elementary, American Martyrs and Mira Costa High School.

I understand the majority of the club's immediate neighbors also support the it. The 900 Club has been in business for 17 years and has always been a great presence in the community. My family and I believe it should remain so for many years to come.

Sincerely,

James Dunn and family

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please Support the 900 Club

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**Cc:** GMail account <[andyweltman@gmail.com](mailto:andyweltman@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** **Please Support the 900 Club**

Dear Manhattan Beach Planning Commission,

I am a long time resident of Manhattan Beach and live two blocks from the 900 Club. The 900 Club has been the center of my community for many years now and I was disheartened to hear that the Planning Department is considering revoking its license. That would be a grave error in my eyes, and one that I hope you will strongly reconsider.

I was born and raised on the East Coast and moved to Los Angeles 25 years ago for work. It took me a long time to find a place where I felt at home in Los Angeles. It wasn't until I moved to Manhattan Beach that I felt a part of a close knit community.

The 900 Club represents all that I love about Manhattan Beach. It is a microcosm of the family-friendly, community-oriented town we all call home. It is a place where parents, children, single and married all feel welcome. It is a place where milestones are celebrated and business dealings are negotiated. It is an establishment that has become an extension of our living room, and – for those of us who work from home - an extension of our office. There are very few places in Manhattan Beach that can offer that kind of diversity of service, and that's what makes it sui generis.

I frequented the 900 Club as a guest for nearly a decade before actually becoming a member. It wasn't until my girlfriend and I decided we wanted to find a place away from the hubbub of Manhattan Beach Blvd that we joined. A place where we could bring her children, and they could have as much fun as we have. In fact, it is the only restaurant in Manhattan Beach that all four of us can agree on! There is everything from gourmet food to comfort food; Shirley Temples to Martini's; Billiards to Video Games.

But more than that, I joined the 900 Club at DaveRohrbacher's encouragement. His logic was clear: "Andy, you are already a member of the 900 Club Family. We want you to make it official." And that's the point entirely: The 900 Club is family. It's the kind of place I can call home, and without it, Manhattan Beach will be missing an important cornerstone of the community.

The 900 Club sponsors numerous community outreach programs, charitable events and donates to local schools and sports teams. Often, it's been the 900 Club's community outreach programs that have opened my eyes to charitable organizations in my own backyard. I have celebrated birthday parties for 1-year olds to 50-year olds there. I've spent holidays including Valentine's Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Fireworks there. We watch sunsets from the window above Manhattan Ave and spend rainy evenings by the fire. Some of my fondest memories of the South Bay are borne from my membership at the 900 Club. And if that were to disappear, it would be a terrible shame.

In many ways, the 900 Club serves as a Community Center for young and old, and forges relationships that last. Initially, I joined the 900 Club for social reasons. But it has become a major building block in my business as well. I have met fellow professionals from the South Bay at events Dave and his team sponsor, and fostered those relationships into meaningful business opportunities. I work for a British Company and travel a great deal. When my colleagues from around the world come to visit, the 900 Club is our first stop. No money exchanges hands so they feel as if they are guests in my own home. The wait staff, many of whom have worked there for years, know me by name, and even know many of my work colleagues. I am a member of a number of private dining clubs in London, NY, Toronto and other international cities. To have a private dining club in my own backyard is essential to my business and a huge draw to this town.

**The 900 Club encourages people to keep their business close to home, which is exactly what the City of Manhattan Beach should expect from a local establishment. Yet we are questioning its contribution to the community? That simply doesn't make sense.**

I understand that the complaints against the 900 Club revolve around late hours and noise level. I live only two blocks away and have never been bothered by noise from the 900 Club. In fact, other nearby restaurants/bars that are on street level and open to the sidewalk create much more noise in the neighborhood than the 900 Club, which is not open to the sidewalk and rises two stories above 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Dave and his staff have always been completely respectful of the neighborhood and treat the neighbors as honorary members. I would question the motives of the few who have complained, and see if there is some compromise that can be reached to appease their lone complaints.

I would be shocked and very disappointed if the town were to allow the grumblings of a very few to sever the ties long established by the 900 Club. I would like to give my unequivocal support to the 900 Club to retain its existing permit and licensing, without sanctions or revocation. I implore you to throw your support behind the 900 Club. It is one of the many things that make this town great.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Andy Weltman

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:47 PM  
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**Subject:** re 900 hearing

Dear Ms. Jester,  
Dear Mr. Thompson,

My name is John Finn. Myself, my wife and 6 year old son are members of the 900 Club. We joined about 7 years ago and are saddened to hear of the current situation. We have been bringing our son into the club since he was only a few months old. The club has served as a family-friendly place to relax and enjoy time with our friends. As a matter of fact, the 900 Club was one of the only places in the hermosa beach manhattan beach neighborhoods we felt comfortable taking our son initially, because rather than being looked upon as a nuisance, we were welcomed by staff and other members with our child. Frequently, other members or staff would hold or entertain our son so us new parents could eat a meal and catch up. over the years we have spent holiday celebrations at the club and MB open house night and fireworks night would not be the same without meeting other families at the club before the night's events. we have made several friends over the years with out interactions as has our son, which usually starts over video games at the gaming console. We joined the 900 club because we do not enjoy the crowds and unpredictability of the other downtown MB establishments. It distresses me that a person can buy a house in MB across the alley from an **existing** bar/restaurant, that has been in operation for 17 years, and decide that they do not like the noise level, goings on etc and get that establishment shut down affecting a 17 year business owner and several hundred paying members. Real estate agents need to stop showing homes on tuesday afternoons when establishments are closed. It gives a false impression of the downtown area/nightlife. How has a business that has been operating for 17 years and made community contributions for years suddenly become disruptive? furthermore, what will become of the existing space if 900 club vacates? surely it cannot be another bar or restaurant to take over...who says this neighbor that dislikes the 900 club won't object to the new incoming business? I would be happy to speak at the hearing, as would my 6 year old son. Thank You

Regards,

John Finn

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**To:** <[rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)>  
**Subject:** **Revocation Hearing for 900 Club**

Dear Mr Thompson,

I was quite upset to hear of the Revocation Hearing regarding the 900 Club. I have been a beach area resident since 1969 and a Manhattan Beach resident since 1977. I have found a wonderful meeting place for family and friends at the 900 Club. My children and grand children find the family friendly environment and atmosphere at the 900 Club to be very conducive to our life styles. From the family Christmas and Halloween parties to the special events, support of local schools, sports and charitable events, this business is an asset to Manhattan Beach.

Since I have been a member the 900 management has taken many steps to mitigate concerns with noise and outdoor smoking. Some include denying rear door entry and exit after 10:00 pm, designating Manhattan Ave as a smoking area, a sound wall at the back door, earlier last call times, and quieter music. I know the members are very concerned with keeping our neighbors happy.

Our membership consists of Manhattan Beach and beach area residents, so we are all well aware of concerns with residents living close to night venues. Our goals are to be good neighbors and business partners with our City.

I request that the City Council and Planning Commission retain the 900 Club existing CUP and Licensing without sanctions or revocation.

Raymond Gorospe  
1713 23rd Street  
Manhattan Beach





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**Cc:** <[markraia@gmail.com](mailto:markraia@gmail.com)>  
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To all concerned on the matter of The 900 Club. My letter is attached.

Thank you,  
Autumn Maher Raia

**Richard Thompson**  
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February 8, 2014

To All Concerned on the Matter of 900 Club and its future:

I am stunned and saddened to hear the news that The MB City Council and Planning Commission are taking steps to close the 900 Club. I was one of the first female members of the 900 Club and have been for 15 years. As I write this letter I am flooded with an almost un-countable amount of magical and important memories in my life that have taken place at The Club.

It has been the host to my 29th and 35th birthday parties, several of my closest friend's baby showers and bridal showers, my god daughter's 13th birthday party, and just recently my sister-in-law's 50th birthday. These are only a few of the many special occasions that this remarkable place has been a home to.

As a long-time member I can say that I love the 900 Club because it is a place where friends and family of all ages can gather in a safe and serene environment. I love that kids are welcome and enjoy playing there. I love that Santa Claus comes every year at our Member Holiday Party to hear the kids Christmas wishes upon his lap. It's a environment that is free of the riff raff that can sometimes be found at other local establishments. When my Father comes to town, it's the first place he likes to go because it's a spot where adults can gather after the children go home- and actually hear themselves speak.

As I mentioned before, I threw my sister-in-law's 50th birthday there last week and it was amazing!! The beautiful building, that was once a church, was decorated for the occasion and as it turned out- many of the guests had never been inside before. Many of those guests inquired about membership that night because the 900 Club has a cozy and comfortable vibe, and those of us who are members have always known this.

The 900 Club is an important contributor and host to many charities in this community. It is a venue that has raised large amounts of money for South Bay schools and sports teams. In addition, it supports the Next Step Foundation, West Coast Sports Association, and Wounded Warrior Project.

I realize that it is imperative for 900 Club to respect it's neighborhood and it's neighbors. I believe we have. I have taken note of the changes that have taken place over the last few years. The back door code is not operable after 10pm- all entry must take place through the Manhattan Avenue entrance. I have also noticed that all smoking takes place near the Manhattan Avenue entrance and is fenced in to keep it private and away from the neighboring homes. Most importantly, I have noticed that the live music is not as loud and is cut off much earlier than other nightclub spots around town.

I want to close my letter by saying that I am opposed to the closure of 900 Club and think it's a mistake. It is an important place to many people. Many of us members started when we were in our late 20's or early 30's- we have grown up together in many ways. We have gotten married and have had children and we have become a family at

February 8, 2014

900. This 900 Club family loves our South Bay community and our beautiful establishment, and we will do whatever it takes to ensure it's future.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 6:59 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: Revocation of 900 Club CUP?

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**From:** Paul Repetti <paulrepetti@repetti.com>  
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**Subject: Revocation of 900 Club CUP?**

To whom it may concern;

The other day, I was talking with my good friend, David Rohrbacher. I have known Dave since 1999. I first met him when I joined the 900 Club. While we were talking, he informed me that there was a revocation Hearing scheduled for the Club.

I am shocked, disappointed, disillusioned, baffled, (and a few other adjectives that I won't use here) as to the reason the city would go to the extent as to try and shut an establishment that has done so much for the city.

First and foremost, the 900 Club is a great place for families. When I joined, I was single. I am married now, have 2 children and I still get the same satisfaction being a member as I did 15 years ago. We have celebrated birthdays at the Club, Christmas, Anniversaries, etc. My children have had their picture taken with Santa Claus at the 900 Club.

I would hope that the Planning Commission on City Council leave the existing CUP alone and leave the Club "as is", without sanctions or revocation. The vast majority of neighbors and residents support the 900 Club. The establishment as a calm, adult friendly environment. Both the 900 Members and Staff very conscience about noise in general.

The 900 Club hosts charitable events all year long i.e., Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project. It supports and donates to local schools and sports teams including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.

Furthermore, the 900 Club serves business meeting venue, for example just hosted the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party. Most of the staff has worked for over 10 years at the Club. Unnecessarily causing more people to lose their jobs in this economy is not something the city should be actively doing.

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Please, see this situation with an open and clear mind and understand that the 900 Club is a very well respected, community based establishment that serves a purpose in town.

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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support of 900 Club

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**Cc:** <[planningcommission@citymb.info](mailto:planningcommission@citymb.info)>, <[eirvine@citymb.info](mailto:eirvine@citymb.info)>, <[robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com)>, <[jjalili@citymb.info](mailto:jjalili@citymb.info)>, <[citycouncil@citymb.info](mailto:citycouncil@citymb.info)>, <[rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)>  
**Subject:** Support of 900 Club

Dear City Councils Member,

We were a bit surprised and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. They have operated as a private club for 17 years and have been a big part of our community. They have supported and donated to local schools and sports teams (we have co-sponsored teams with them). Our business, Bacchus Wine Made Simple, is only a block from 900 Club and as far as we knew the majority of immediate residents and neighbors support them. Like 900, our business borders residents and it is hard to keep everyone satisfied all the time. But we believe 900 has taken steps to minimize the noise and keep its neighbors happy. Especially over the last year and a half. Their staff and their members are also very aware of the noise and try to minimize it. Members are no longer allowed to enter or exit the back door after 10pm. 900 Club also put up a fence/wall to help deter the noise when there is access to the back door. Members are no longer allowed to smoke out the back door either. But to accomadate those members, a smoking area was set up on Manhattan Avenue, away from the residential side.

My sister and I have been members for several years and love the calm, adult-friendly environment. Other bars in town get so crowded, loud and obnoxious. It is nice to have a place to go and have a drink where it is low-key and welcoming. Many members are mature professionals and use it for a business meeting place. The setting is more personal than a bar or restaurant. We have done that many times. It is also a great place for birthday parties and special events. They just hosted the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party. But it is also kid friendly and many families go there for dinner. The staff and service is better than most restaurants. The people that work there are super nice, courteous and efficient and have been there for many years.

So we are writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. Please do not close 900 Club down.

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Thank you for your time.

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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: Supporting Local Businesses: 900 Club

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**Subject:** **Supporting Local Businesses: 900 Club**

Dear City Leaders:

I always find it unfortunate when a small number of people can turn the tide and ruin things for the majority. It is my hope that common sense will prevail and that the 900 Club will continue to be a go-to favorite for locals.

As a business owner in Manhattan Beach, I am always proud to take my out of town clients to a place in the neighborhood that feels so warm and welcoming. Dave and his staff are extremely conscientious and committed to being good neighbors and running a quality establishment.

I also live in the heart of downtown Manhattan Beach. It's sometimes noisy when the restaurants are full and people are out and about enjoying themselves. That's what you get when you choose to live in high density area. On balance, it's very minor and certainly not anything that I would take a business to task on.

Calling out the 900 Club on this issue seems unfair and unfounded. I've witnessed time and time again how much care they take to be a good neighbor, even at the expense of ruffling their patron's feathers. Not every businesses walks their talk like they do. It would be a serious loss if the 900 Club were to go away.

Thank you for your consideration and for your work on behalf of all of us who work and live in Manhattan Beach.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: The 900 Club

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**Subject:** The 900 Club

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Dear Richard Thompson, Laurie Jester, Police Chief Eve R. Irvine, Mayor Amy Howorth, Bob Courtney, City Manager John Jalili and the Manhattan Beach City Council,

My wife and I have been members of the Manhattan Beach Community for seven years. My wife, Bea Zimbalist, is the Vice President of the Hometown Fair Board and an MBEF representative to Grandview Elementary. I have volunteered at the Manhattan Beach Wine Auction the past four years and my wife was Chairperson for the live auction for two years. We have a five year old son and a six year old daughter. We care deeply for this community. We work hard at improving it, and plan to be here for many years to come.

The 900 Club is a nice part of our lives. Our children are welcome there. There is a good kids menu that they enjoy eating from and they love playing a video game or two while they are there. They have seen the Stanley Cup up close at the 900 Club and they always ask us to bring them there.

My wife enjoys the 900 Club. She isn't a bar person and she drinks about 1.25 glasses of wine on average when she goes out. But she can take her girlfriends to the 900 Club feel comfortable, be served by familiar and friendly bartenders and enjoy her girlfriends company in an uncrowded environment. I am always happy to hear she went out to the 900 Club and she always enjoys the occasions that she takes her friends.

I love to watch sports at the 900 Club. I enjoy how passionate my fellow club mates are about the games and it makes the experience that much more enjoyable.

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I also enjoy the wealth of professional experience that the members of the 900 Club contain. Some of the brightest and most profitable business ideas that I have discussed have come during nights at the 900 Club.

The 900 Club enriches my life. My kids are happy, my wife is happy and I personally receive a lot of enjoyment and knowledge from being a member. I enjoy my fellow 900 Club members company. They are some of my best friends in this town.

Lastly, the staff at the 900 Club are all good people. They work hard to remember names and make members feel comfortable. There is no place that I feel so welcomed.

Please do not shut down the 900 Club. Please provide them every opportunity to be in compliance with our communities laws and mandates. They have done so for 17 years. It is hard to imagine our community without the 900 Club.

Thank you,

Lawrence A Zimbalist

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**Subject:** Fwd: The 900 Club

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**Subject:** **The 900 Club**

February 14, 2014

Manhattan Beach City Counsel

& Planning Commission

1400 Highland Avenue

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Re: Revocation Hearing for The 900 Club

Dear City Counsel & Planning Commission Members:

In regard to the upcoming meeting on February 26 for The 900 Club I would ask that you consider the following three questions.

### **What is fair?**

Everyone understands that noise levels within close proximity to a business district are generally higher than in residential areas further away. The community and commerce thrives when people are able to enjoy the restaurants and bars in the downtown area into the evening hours. As long as a business owner in the district is doing what they reasonably can to mitigate noise, I do not understand how a resident's complaints can negatively impact any downtown business when the resident made their own choice to live within close proximity to that business district. There are thousands of homes they could have chosen from, but instead they made the choice to buy or rent in that area. Why should one person, or even a family, be able to move into a downtown adjacent home then effectuate change that effects such a large part of the community? In the name of fairness, please temper your actions with this in mind. The scale, in this case, should clearly tip toward the business owner.

## **What is reasonable?**

Obviously if noise problems are egregious, continuous and unaddressed then it would not be reasonable to expect any resident to live with those problems even if they are in a downtown adjacent home. So what constitutes a reasonable effort on the part of a business owner to mitigate noise problems? I have personally witnessed all of the actions that Dave Rohrbacher, manager of The 900 Club, has taken to alleviate noise during all hours of the evening. Smoking outside the back door has been eliminated, the codes do not even work on the back door after 10pm so members now use the front door instead, and music volume levels inside the establishment are inaudible outside of the building except on the rare occasion that a band might play (maybe 4 to 5 times a year). None of the club members loiter outside the back of the building anymore. Dave has done such a good job of making members aware of the problem that if it happens now I can guarantee it is some random group walking up the street from Circa or another bar, not Club 900 Members. Granted it took some time to educate the members regarding the back door, people are creatures of habit. So it is quite possible that the neighbors hold a grudge and are prone to blame 900 every time they hear noise.

I am a family man with a wife and two children, 8 and 10 years old. We live one street up from Sharkeez in north Manhattan. People park in our neighborhood and walk to their cars after closing time. Of course they talk and get boisterous on occasion. Sometimes they get so loud that it wakes us up. If we were unreasonable we could file complaints against that business but we don't because it would be unfair. I can assure you as a man that lives one street above Sharkeez, the noise level on 9<sup>th</sup> street is no worse than what we experience here, and what we experience here is extremely tolerable. If something wakes us up it isn't long until the noise dissipates and we are able to roll over and go back to sleep. This may happen a few times a month, but to some people that would be an intolerable inconvenience.

We all have the right to complain and protest. There's a group who call themselves the Westboro Baptist Church who feel so strongly about what they believe that they're willing to offend the entire country by protesting outside of military funerals. I realize that this is an extreme example but my point is, just because someone is willing to shout their opinion over and over again it does not make it valid. Our collective opinion on what acceptable noise levels should be near a downtown area may be much different than a light sleeper prone to complaint.

## **What is welcome?**

What type of business is welcome in the City of Manhattan Beach? What would an ideal list of attributes look like?

1. 1. A business that caters to families.
2. 2. Clientele comprised mostly of affluent citizens in their 40's, 50's and beyond.
3. 3. A business that gives back to the community and to charity.

I've just described The 900 Club. It's a place that you would be just as comfortable walking into with a suit and tie on after work, or with swim trunks after a day on the beach. It's a place you can take your kids to go see Santa at Christmas time, or watch an NCAA basketball game with your little ones by your side in March. I'm 52 years old and this is the only place I can go where I'm not surrounded by over served 20 something's. Please don't take that away from my family and every other 900 member. Please don't let a few people who made their own decision

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to move in right next to this downtown business, this gem in our community, influence you to make a rash and unfair decision that would effect so many.

Thank you,

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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: The 900 Club

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**To:** <[rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)>  
**Subject:** The 900 Club

Dear Richard,

I hope that this letter finds you contemplating the fate of the 900 Club with a good understanding of the way the members feel about their affiliation with such a fine establishment as Dave Rohrbacher and his employees have provided to us through the years. Of course in Manhattan Beach, we are all extremely fortunate to live in a community that has many benefits that other communities do not; we have fantastic fire and police departments, we have low crime, excellent schools, involved and concerned parents, high property values, civic-minded professionals, great community services and a vibrant, involved citizenship. Beyond that, though, we have a handful of social establishments that are what might be considered "benefits" of our community. I'm not talking about generic-high traffic establishments that cater to a revolving-door clientele. I'm talking about establishments that generate the same sense of pride that being a Manhattan Beach resident gives to us.

The 900 Club is one of only a few social establishments that promotes that sense of community. Make no mistake; the members go to the 900 Club to eat, drink, socialize, listen to music, blow off some steam, forget the troubles of the day, and to fulfill a sense of belonging. But also make no mistake that we belong to the 900 Club because the values and affiliations that we are provided with provide a deeper sense of fulfillment than just those found in any restaurant or bar.

There are multiple charity events supported by the 900 Club. There are constant calls of support for causes such as the Wounded Warrior Project, the Next Step Foundation, Toys for Tots, and so many more. Personally, the 900 Club has provided immense support and exposure to my efforts in raising money for the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA. I have attended remembrance services at the 900 Club for lost friends, landmark birthday parties for people of all ages, business succession celebrations, birth celebrations, and other such events. My children and their friends have enjoyed a host of family-themed events put on by the 900 Club.

In short, the 900 Club provides its members a safe, uplifting, fun, balanced place to enjoy our social times out with friends, family and colleagues,

No establishment is perfect, and I know that the 900 has offered to comply with several requests to shorten hours, limit loitering, put in restrictions for access that make the noise more neighbor-friendly, etc.

Please take real care to understand the great deal of good that the 900 Club does for the community, for charities, for its members. If you revoke their Conditional Use Permit, in my opinion, you will be dispersing a group that collectively does a lot of good out of the Club. Other local establishments will benefit, the collective good that is done at the 900 Club will be diluted as a result - people will still want to eat, drink and socialize - but we will lose a place to do it where eating, drinking and socializing leads to so much more for ourselves, the community and the causes that we support.

Thank you.

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:44 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: Troubled by the complaint on the 900 Club

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**Date:** February 6, 2014 at 9:25:59 PM PST  
**To:** <[rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)>  
**Subject:** Troubled by the complaint on the 900 Club

Richard:

This is a letter in support of 900 clubs management and staff. Our thoughts are relevant to the last two years.

My wife and I moved from Seattle two years ago and live at 120 6<sup>th</sup> ST. With many great establishments downtown Manhattan Beach, we have eaten at every restaurant in the downtown area. We were fortunate to attend the 900 club with friends and then became members. At times during the year, there is much activity downtown, mostly due to people that do not live in Manhattan Beach. Given this level of activity that seems to be the norm at times, a family like ours that lives close would expect there to be some noise. That being said, for last two years, we have noticed that the management and staff of the 900 Club have been very concerned about the surrounding neighborhood with noise and activity, and has managed to the required regulations. Furthermore, the 900 club has been a haven during busy times where other parts of town have been not as safe for us to eat dinner with our kids or have a drink after dinner.

Simply stated, we love the Municipality and how it is managed, but the pursuit of this complaint further is misguided and a mistake that does not consider the relativity of what I have described above.

Please feel free to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

Michael and Neena Kennedy

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 5:23 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: We need the 900 Club!  
**Attachments:** 900 letter to the MB Planning Dpt.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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**Subject:** We need the 900 Club!  
**Reply-To:** Caroline Moreaux <[cmoreaux@yahoo.com](mailto:cmoreaux@yahoo.com)>

To the Manhattan Beach Planning Department:

I am writing to express my strong support of the 900 Club. I have been a member for the last 13 years. In fact my late husband and I hosted our wedding dinner at the 900, which was a great success and will always remind me of such a happy time.

Dave hosts several charitable events; one of them is for Next Step Foundation. My late husband, who was in a wheel chair after two major spinal surgeries and was later diagnosed with ALS disease, went to this one-of-a kind gym to help persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities. Besides the Next Step gym, the 900 Club was the only place where he still liked to go to, because he felt normal and welcomed there.

I have two daughters who love to go to the Club for dinner. The Toy-for-Tots event, which Dave hosted in December, was an absolute hit with my daughters: not only were they happy to give a toy for a child in need, but they were also able to talk to Santa and take pictures! When I asked my 7 years old daughter, Bella, what she likes about the 900, she instantly replied "I love the games for kids, and they have really good food, and nice people who work there".

The 900 Club is a staple in the community: this is a haven where we, Manhattan Beach residents, love to stop by, relax, dine with our families, meet with friends. The 900 Club staff knows every member and there is a sense of family belonging that no other restaurant or bar in Manhattan Beach can ever offer, which is the reason why I am up here

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you to keep this place of community that we love running for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Caroline Moreaux

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I am writing to express my strong support of the 900 Club. I have been a member for the last 13 years. In fact my late husband and I hosted our wedding dinner at the 900, which was a great success and will always remind me of such a happy time.

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I have two daughters who love to go to the Club for dinner. The Toy-for-Tots event, which Dave hosted in December, was an absolute hit with my daughters: not only were they happy to give a toy for a child in need, but they were also able to talk to Santa and take pictures! When I asked my 7 years old daughter, Bella, what she likes about the 900, she instantly replied "I love the games for kids, and they have really good food, and nice people who work there".

The 900 Club is a staple in the community: this is a haven where we, Manhattan Beach residents, love to stop by, relax, dine with our families, meet with friends. The 900 Club staff knows every member and there is a sense of family belonging that no other restaurant or bar in Manhattan Beach can ever offer, which is the reason why I am urging you to keep this place of community that we love running for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Caroline Moreaux





## Planning Intern

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 10:39 AM  
**To:** John Jalili  
**Cc:** List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; List - City Council; Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** RE: 900 Club Revocation Hearing

I just want to let everyone know that staff has been receiving these emails too, which we collect; place in the file and forward to the Planning Commission along with the staff report.

**From:** Dean Hallett [<mailto:dean.c.hallett@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 10:30 AM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Cc:** [kelli.hallett@gmail.com](mailto:kelli.hallett@gmail.com); [dave@900manhattan.com](mailto:dave@900manhattan.com)  
**Subject:** 900 Club Revocation Hearing

My wife Kelli and I are writing to the Planning Commission and City Council in strong support of the 900 Club at 900 Manhattan to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

Kelli and I only recently joined as members of the 900 Club, though we have been patrons for years as guests of our dear friends Karl and Amelia Rogers, who are stellar members of the Manhattan Beach community. Recently, we were shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the establishment. We find it very ironic that the City is holding a Revocation Hearing on the very establishment that just hosted the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party.

During our time spent at the 900 Club, we have found it to be a great place to relax and unwind in what we believe is a very calm, adult-friendly environment. 900 employees have demonstrated their commitment to the facility, where many have worked for over 10 years. We have learned that the Club is a great place for families too, with 128 kids born in 17 years, and the Club has hosted all of them. In addition, the Club sports a healthy Kids Menu and is very kid friendly.

900 is a great place for celebrations and events of all kinds, including charitable events all year long, e.g. Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project. The 900 Club also supports and donates to local schools and sports teams including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.

900 has operated for 17 years. The City/Planning Department may not have accurate or complete information regarding the sophistication of the 900 patrons, its professional operations and its community service. The City/Planning Commission should obtain a real understanding of the situation, rather than the perspective of only one or two neighbors, which will show that the community desires to have 900 as part of our downtown Manhattan Beach and that it is not a "Community Nuisance" as alleged via the formal

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complaint. 900 is highly respectful of its neighbors, and the vast majority of immediate residents and neighbors support the Club.

Over the years, the Club has modified its business practices to minimize concerns over the operation of the business, including modifying operating hours on certain days. Further, 900 has taken numerous steps in the last year to mitigate concerns with noise, restricting people using the back door after hours, etc. 900 Members and Staff are very conscious about noise in general. We are confident of 900's efforts to minimize congregating and smoking at or around the back door after 10pm.

900 is a long-established, responsible, and family- friendly local business. The establishment wants to be, and has been for years, a local friend, not foe of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Over these many years, neighbors come and go, families are raised and sadly, friends pass. The Club is family to so many of us.

I am a high-level executive in a Fortune 500 company, and I enjoy the family-friendly, relaxed environment of the 900 Club. My wife and I have no interest in frequenting an establishment that is loud, obnoxious, or in any way a nuisance to the community – and the 900 Club is anything but that. We view the 900 Club as an extension of our home, and we would be so disheartened to see it taken away.

Please let me know if there is anything further we can do to inform you of what the 900 Club means to us.

Best regards,

Dean & Kelli Hallett

**Richard Thompson**  
**Director of Community Development**

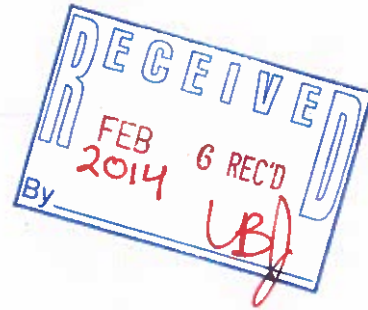
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February 5, 2013

Joan S. Jenkins  
City Prosecutor  
City of Manhattan Beach  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266



Dear Ms. Jenkins:

I am shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. As a result, I am writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. 900 Club is great place for families 128 kids born in 17 years and we have hosted all of them. The club also has a Healthy Kids Menu and very kid friendly.

900 is a great place for celebrations and events of all kinds. They have charitable events all year long i.e., Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association and Wounded Warrior Project. 900 also support and donate to local schools and sports teams including Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.


A majority of the immediate residents and neighbors support 900. I always experience Calm, adult-friendly environment. It's also great for Business meeting venue. I am currently exploring the possibility having Professional networking meetings at the 900 club to promote business lending in the South Bay.

The 900 Club has been in operation for 17 years of operation as a private club is an Institution in The City of Manhattan Beach. I feel it would be criminal to revoke 900's Conditional Use Permit.

Every time I gone to 900 club the 900 Members and Staff are very conscience about noise in general. I have also noticed the following changes to reduce the noise level:

1. Back door code does not work after 10pm,
2. A new smoking area located in the front of the building,
3. Earlier last call and quieter music.

Lastly, I am in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

  
Peter Lupo  
124 28<sup>th</sup> Court  
Hermosa Beach, Ca 90254



28 January 2014

City of Manhattan Beach  
City Hall  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

CC: Richard Thompson, Laurie Jester, Eve Irvine, Amy Howorth, Bob Courtney

Re: 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1997 and have been a member of the "900 Club" since 1998. It was very, very surprising to learn that the City was considering revoking the Club's Use Permit!!

Over the years the Club has continued to evolve and is definitely one of the most family-friendly restaurants in the city. I have ten grandchildren and have taken them to the club numerous times and continue to do so. They have a great menu and the food is always good.

Dave has made the club a real part of the community - always supporting and donating to local activities as well as having charitable events for many foundations. There are several events during the year which are specifically planned for families - particularly during the holidays.

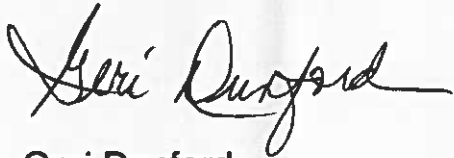
The Staff is great - always friendly and conscientious. I have known several of them for years.

I live in the 700 block of Bayview - just a couple blocks from the Club - and

have NEVER seen any boisterous  
or loud behavior in or out of the Club.

I sincerely believe that Dave and the Club are definite assets to the  
community and hope you reconsider  
the possibility of revoking their Use Permit.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geri Dunford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Geri Dunford  
701 Bayview Drive  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

1000 Highland Avenue  
Unit 11A  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Richard Thompson  
City Hall – Development Director  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

January 28, 2014

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing you regarding the hearing to consider the revocation of use permit of 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. I am in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing conditional use permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. Over the past 6 years, I have enjoyed many family celebrations, charity events and the opportunity to connect with local citizens. I have always appreciated my time at the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club as it has a great dinner menu for families, relaxing friendly atmosphere and a safe environment. Please help us in keeping the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club open to continue to bring the community together. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely



Jeff Taylor





# David R. Rubenstein

644 35<sup>th</sup> Street

Manhattan Beach, CA. 90266

(310) 545-2951

January 28, 2014

Ms. Laurie Jester  
City of Manhattan Beach  
1400 Highland Ave  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Re: 900 Club Revocation Hearing

Dear Ms. Jester,

I am writing to express both my shock and disappointment that the city has scheduled a Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club on February 26, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

I am a member of the 900 and have never once experienced a situation that would make me think that the club was a "rowdy" neighbor or that the club would cause a disturbance or harm to the homes and businesses that surround it.

Since joining the club I have found it to be a terrific place to bring my wife, kids and friends for a terrific meal, drinks or to watch a sporting event. In fact, it's a perfect place to hold celebrations like my recent 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party that was attended by a number of Manhattan Beach residents.

I have also been able to conduct personal business at the club and have met both current and future investors at the club to discuss their investment in my renewable energy business. Some of the investors I have met with are local and many have come in from other state to learn more about our project. The environment of the club is perfect to talk with investors as it is comfortable, quiet and offers a wide variety of menu and drink options.

David Rohrbacher, the owner, is a hard working businessman who, along with his staff, constantly tells patron's to abide by the rules set by the city (using the door to the front street, no smoking in the back, early closing hours, etc.). Dave is also a credit to the community as he has held numerous charity events at the club and has a long history of giving back to the many charitable organizations that ask for his donations and support.

I respectfully ask for your support to keep 900 open just as it has been for the 17 years it has been operating.

Sincerely,

David R. Rubenstein



28 January 2014



City of Manhattan Beach  
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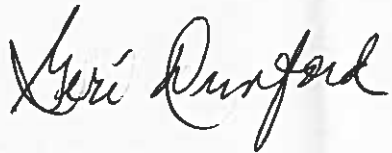
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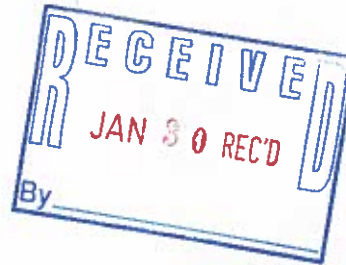
Thank you,

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Geri Dunford  
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

1000 Highland Avenue  
Unit 11A  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Laurie Jester  
City Hall – Planning Manager  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



January 28, 2014

Dear Ms. Jester,

I am writing you regarding the hearing to consider the revocation of use permit of 900 Manhattan Avenue Club. I have been part of this establishment for the past six years and have had nothing but great experiences that include charitable events, family outings and community outreach. The 900 Manhattan Avenue Club is a staple in our community as it has one of the best dinner menus for families, a relaxing atmosphere and a safe friendly environment. Please help keep the 900 Manhattan Avenue Club the place to bring family and friends when they visit our wonderful beachside community. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Taylor', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeff Taylor



Gregory A. Bray  
1312 Manhattan Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

City of Manhattan Beach  
City Hall  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Re: 900 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA

To the Representatives of the City of Manhattan Beach:

This letter is in support of 900 Club and the retention of its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation.

It has been my personal experience since becoming a member at the club many years ago that it is a great place for families and family events. The club has hosted several such events for me, including most recently a graduation party for my daughter. My wife and I bring our youngest daughter, who is 4, frequently to the club for dinner. The menu is healthy and appropriate for her. She is very comfortable there; all of the staff and many of the members know her by name.

The staff at 900 Club is excellent. Many of them have worked at the club for years and they have created and maintained a friendly yet professional environment. Most of the members of the club have children and often bring them along. The members value the club and have been conscientious in reducing the noise coming from it.

The club also gives back to the community. It hosts and supports numerous charities such as the Next Step Foundation and Wounded Warrior Project. The club also supports local schools like Grand View and Robinson, among others.

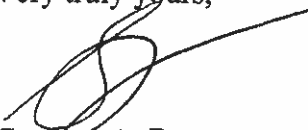
The club has been diligent in its efforts to reduce noise and respect its neighbors. The back door code does not work after 10 pm, a fence was erected, the music has been turned down, and other activities, such as smoking, have all been redirected to the front of the building.



Gregory A. Bray

As a resident of Manhattan Ave, I am well aware of the noise that can be generated from the restaurants and bars on the street and surrounding area. It is my personal experience that the noise from the club is far less than the noise generated from many other establishments.

Very truly yours,



Gregory A. Bray

cc: Richard Thompson, Community Development Director ([rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info))  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager ([planningcommission@citymb.info](mailto:planningcommission@citymb.info))  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief ([eirvine@citymb.info](mailto:eirvine@citymb.info))  
Amy Howorth, Mayor ([ahoworth@citymb.info](mailto:ahoworth@citymb.info))  
Bob Courtney, Esq. ([robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com))

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 3:24 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club  
**Attachments:** 900 Cub Letter.pdf

**Richard Thompson**  
**Director of Community Development**

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**From:** Mitch Rabin [<mailto:mrrabin@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 3:12 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Subject:** 900 Club

Hi Richard,

Please see the attached letter in support of the 900 Club.

Sincerely,

Mitch Rabin

From: Mitch Rabin (Homeowner)  
1117 Pacific Ave #2  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

To: City of Manhattan Beach

Re: 900 Club

To Whom It May Concern:

I have received the news that the City of Manhattan Beach scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. I am very disappointed that there is a possibility that the establishment, with members and staff that I consider family, is even being considered to have its Permit and License revoked or sanctioned.

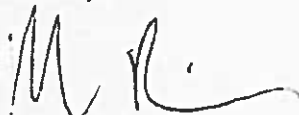
I have been a member of the 900 Club for over 8 years, during that time I have seen 900 Clubs members children grow up, cultivated great friendships and business contacts, seen members get married, and seen members lose loved ones.

In fact I recently lost my daughter and along with my family and friends the 900 Family has helped me through this tough time.

I go to the 900 Club to get away from the noise and craziness of the rest of the Manhattan Beach night spots. The ownership has done quite a bit of work to mitigate any noise coming from the back part of the building (in fact unless its daytime no one I know even uses the back door). I'm not sure why the place that is the most family friendly and quite is getting singled out. I have been a homeowner in Manhattan Beach for over 18 years and can say that the 900 Club is the one place I can go that is not loud which means I can share a drink and actually have a discussion with someone.

Thank you for your consideration in regards to my point of view.

Sincerely,



Mitch Rabin

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 1:40 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

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**From:** Amy Prahser [<mailto:amyprahser@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 1:24 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson; List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mmineternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mmineternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council  
**Cc:** Greggers  
**Subject:** 900 Club

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to you in support of 900 Club. We were surprised and extremely disappointed to hear about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. 900 Club makes a big effort to be conscience and courteous to our neighbors especially over the past two years with added restrictions including, closing the back door access at 10pm and keeping music noise levels low.

900 Club is an integral part of the Manhattan Beach community and has been for more than 17 years. The members include countless families from the South Bay and it is a wonderful place for our families. The kids menu is healthy and the club is very kid friendly. We celebrated our engagement at the 900 Club with our families including our 2 week old nephew. It is a great place to host events and celebrations of any kind!

The club is also very involved with the community, hosting and participating in charitable events throughout the year including, Next Step Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project and Westcoast Sport. The club is also supports and donates to the local schools and sports teams which include Grand View, Robinson, American Martyrs and Mira Costa.

One of our favorite things about 900 Club is that it is a calm environment for a relaxing evening with friends.

Thank you for reconsidering the revocation. You will not regret it. 900 Club will continue to be an involved member of the Manhattan Beach Community on many levels. We appreciate your time and efforts.

Thank you!

Amy and Greg Prahser  
900 Club Member since 2006

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**From:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 11:41 AM  
**To:** Planning Intern  
**Subject:** FW: 900 Club

**Angelica Ochoa**  
**Assistant Planner**

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 6:58 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Debbie Lazar <[debbie@lazardesignbuild.com](mailto:debbie@lazardesignbuild.com)>  
**Date:** February 13, 2014 at 5:36:40 PM PST  
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**Subject:** 900 Club

We are writing this email to you as long-time, devoted members of the 900 Club. After hearing about possibly closing down this beloved establishment – we needed to help you see how much this place means to our family.

First off, I was part of the original team that restored this space to resemble/embrace the original footprint with Hilary Condren. The goal was to keep it warm and original – like the feeling of “home”. When it first opened more than 15 years ago – I was the father of 2 very young boys (ages 1 and newborn). Since then I have had 2 more boys and all 4 of my boys have beautiful memories of our time at 900. Other than being regular patrons there as a family (they are AMAZING with kids!) – we have had many memorable events here. My 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, my wife’s 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, many of my son’s birthday dinners, my wife’s best friend’s baby shower, and one of my son’s Jr. King end of year hockey party...all of which we will always hold dear in our heart! It has also been a place where I regularly take clients and investors to meet and discuss projects without feeling like we were in a “restaurant” or a boardroom.

The 900 Club is also extremely involved in charitable organizations, such as the Wounded Warrior Project, Next Step Foundation, and Westcoast Sports Association. Then bringing it back locally, they

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support and donate to local schools and their teams (as he's done with ours!), such as Robinson, Grandview, Martyrs, and Mira Costa. You can't say that about many establishments – but Dave Rohrbacher is that kind of man. With a family of his own – he knows to think outside of himself and give back. I can truly say Dave is an outstanding example of someone we NEED in this community – loyal, committed, generous, flexible, kind and respectful. I know firsthand that he has made many adjustments to the 900 Club to satisfy any complaints or grievances. Be it items on the menu or satisfying neighbors requests...Dave makes that a priority and always follows through.

I'm not sure what has brought this animosity about – but I can assure you that, as a longtime resident of Manhattan Beach and a builder in this community, that the 900 Club is nothing but a reputable establishment. It has been a constant in our lives and has become synonymous with Manhattan Beach and "home" to us. To think that there is the possibility that the 900 Club is "no longer there" – is unimaginable and would be a huge loss.

Please consider how much this place means to my family and I – as you review any formal complaint against it.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Steve and Debbie Lazar  
Logan, Slater, Nolan, and Zander Lazar

**Richard Thompson**  
**Director of Community Development**

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## Planning Intern

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 4:57 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club Hearing

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Andy Nickerson <[andynickerson@gmail.com](mailto:andynickerson@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** February 14, 2014 at 2:17:47 PM PST  
**To:** Andy Nickerson <[andynickerson@gmail.com](mailto:andynickerson@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** **900 Club Hearing**

Dear Manhattan Beach Leadership,

I was extremely disappointed to hear that our city's leadership is considering revoking the 900 Club's license. Having been open for over 17 years, this is one of the older locations in our city and one that has been a central part of many residents lives. I am a new member and having two little kids our family decided the 900 club is a great place for our family and other residents to share the city we love as well as a having a place to go to avoid the crowds and chaos of the other downtown establishments. The 900 Club members are respectful of its neighbors and also to the larger community. I really hope you see that the 900 Club is a great business for Manhattan Beach and allow it to continue its operations.

Kind Regards,

Andy Nickerson  
24 Fairway Dr.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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**Director of Community Development**  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 6:21 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 club

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**From:** Risa Feldman <[risa@newleafevents.com](mailto:risa@newleafevents.com)>  
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**Subject:** 900 club

Dear Gentleman and Ladies,

I am writing to share my thoughts about the 900 Club of Manhattan Beach. I am a 46 year old business owner and have called Manhattan Beach my home for 17 years. I am so in love with our beach community and have such pride when i speak about it. The people, the views, the events, the restaurants, shops - all it has to offer. One of the reasons i love it so much is that sense of community and warmth it has. Particularly when i walk in the doors of the 900 club. I have been a member for about 7 years now. For me it represents a place to go that i can be myself and see friendly faces. After a long business trip or long work day when i just want to go somewhere and have a nice meal amongst people i know i dont have to go far. I can walk in the doors and find other like minded professionals with a welcoming hello. It has added to my living situation in MB. I enjoy the restaurants of our town for what they each offer but as a 46 years old businesswoman there are not many places to go. I am not a "club" person. I like a comfortable classy setting to have a glass of wine. Dave of the 900 club has always been the most gracious host and owner. He looks after all the members and we view one another as a big family in many ways.

I dont know all the details to what is causing there to be an issue with the club, but when i heard there was some problems and there may be a chance of it closing i felt such a major pang in my heart for what would be a tremendous loss to so many of us. Whatever the issues are, I am sure they can be easily rectified. Dave is an upstanding business owner, loyal to his member and respectful to the 900 neighbors. He has always made sure of that. Please dont allow some outside issues to weigh in and cause the shutting down of an establishment that so many of your community love and call home. I want to continue to feel proud of where i choose to call home and know that they were able to communicate to resolve whatever issue is at hand.

Thank you so much.

Risa Feldman  
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**Richard Thompson**  
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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2014 10:40 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Manhattan Club

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**Cc:** Greg Burelli <southwestdisposal@yahoo.com>, Nicole Burelli <nkading@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** 900 Manhattan Club  
**Reply-To:** Greg Burelli <gpbmb@yahoo.com>

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I have been a business and property owner in Manhattan Beach for over 20 years. My reason for joining the 900 Club over 10 years ago was purely for business purposes. The club provided(s) a great environment for treating clients to fantastic meals, surrounded by an upscale tranquil setting. As my personal status evolved into that of a married father, my wife and daughter have been able to enjoy the fruits of what the club has to offer. My family are regulars at Sunday night 'Kids Night', and actively participate in club sponsored kids functions.

In my tenure as a club member I have never witnessed ANY abuse or disregard for the clubs conditional use permit orders, by members or staff. Dave Rohrbacher and his staff are consistently monitoring any potential noise, crowd, or conduct issues in or around the club. For that reason 900 Club remains a safe, quiet, and dignified establishment.

I respectfully request Manhattan Beach governing officials reconsider the actions being taken against 900 Manhattan Club. 900 Club is a cornerstone of the Manhattan Beach community, now and for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gregory P. Burelli  
President  
Southwest Hauling, Disposal & Demolition Inc.

**Richard Thompson**  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for 900 Club

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**From:** The U Family <theugroup@gmail.com>  
**Date:** February 14, 2014 at 8:52:37 AM PST  
**To:** <rthompson@citymb.info>  
**Subject:** Support for 900 Club

Dear Richard

My name is John Uriostegui, I am a Southbay resident and member of the 900 Club in Manhattan Beach. I am addressing this counsel in support of the 900 Club and its continued business. It has come to my attention that the 900 Club has taken some heat from a local resident for noise complaints and now is asking the city to re evaluate its existence. Contrary to the beliefs of this particular resident I believe the 900 Club has played an integral role in the lives of not just it's members but the entire Southbay community.

It is no secret that several members of the 900 Club are affluent and well regarded individuals here in town. I myself work 70-80 hours a week as a managing director at a financial institution, father 3 children enrolled in the school district and coach a variety of sports and teams locally.

I was the MSMB PTO president for two 4year terms. I am and have been an AYSO divisional commissioner and a soccer coach for region 18 (Manhattan and Hermosa Beach) for 8 years, I am and have been a divisional commissioner and basketball coach for MYBY (Manhattan Beach Youth Basketball for the 2 years, I am and have been a field coordinator and coach for BCS flag football here in Manhattan Beach for 3 years. In addition, we are members at American Martyrs, and actively attend Tuesday SRE classes. In addition to my children's enrollment in the local school district, they also attend classes at the Manhattan Beach Kumon, Manhattan School of Dance and Music, Aylce Art Studio and participate in many sports programs.

My point is, like many of the 900 Club members, the Uriostegui family is deeply embedded into the veins of this community and the 900 Club has supported me, my family and many community objectives along the way. The 900 Club has allowed me to host dozens of meetings for the community at there facility. Among the many were BCS and AYSO coaches meetings to discuss the safety, rules, placement, rankings and MYBY drafts. All of these meetings took place at the 900 cCub to benefit the community and help shape our kids after school activities. I do not believe that we would have had such a high attendance or level of productivity if these meetings were held in any other venue. The club offers a centralized location, quality food and beverage

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speedy service and home like ambiance that makes it welcoming for any individual or family who may be limited by time restraints and hectic family schedules.

Over the holidays, the 900 club set up a Santa exhibit for local kids to have there kids pictures taken with Santa. I volunteered as Santa while a line 2.5 hours deep of local children waited their turn to tell me what they wanted for xmas. In addition they managed to execute a wonderful charity toy/food drive where members brought gifts for the less fortunate.

On several occasions local charity events and fundraisers have wrapped up at the 900 Club such as "The Walk with Sally White", Robinson Elementary School Annual Poker party and Rolling Hills Country Day 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent party. After having contributed a great deal of time and cutting some pretty substantial checks, we headed to the 900 club to enjoy some live music, relax and feel good about our contributions. In each case upon arrival at the Club we questioned if the club was even open as we couldn't see any lights or hear any music. Thank goodness this was not the case once we entered the building.

As for the allegations of noise complaints, the 900 club produces no more noise than that of Circa (located just 200 feet away) or any other neighboring venue. In fact, given the statements from other surrounding neighbors I would have to argue that the noise level is not an issue among the majority. In addition, I find it difficult to believe that one level of one building surrounded by several other establishments and a public parking lot would solely be responsible for noise production. In fact I would say that given the location there is a certain level of noise to be expected from the center of the town on weekend evenings. Let's be honest, the existence of the Club, the building and the nightlife activities of Manhattan Beach residents pre dates most of the surrounding residential dwellings and/or tenants in this particular case.

As you can see, the 900 Club, Dave Rohrbcker and the members of the 900 Club, work hard and show an overwhelming amount of support for the community! We should be supporting the 900 Club and providing positive reinforcement to members to encourage future support and contributions to our community.

I strongly encourage you to support the 900 Club and our community.

Thank you for your consideration, hope to see you Feb. 26th

John Uriostegui

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**Subject:** Fwd: 900 club

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**Subject:** 900 club

Hi,

I just wanted to express my concern regarding the close of 900 Club. I am a member & have many friends & clients that also belong. I moved here a year ago & it's been a great place to meet people.

Megan Doherty

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
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**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club  
**Attachments:** 900 Club.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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**Date:** February 17, 2014 at 2:39:46 PM PST  
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**Subject:** 900 Club

Please see attached.

Thank you,

Tasha Gates

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## Tasha and Brian Gates

960 9<sup>th</sup> Street • Hermosa Beach, CA 90254  
Phone: 310-738-9999 • E-Mail: tashagates@me.com

Date: February 17, 2014

Dear:

Richard Thompson, Community Development Director  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief  
Amy Howorth, Mayor  
Bob Courtney, Esq.

We are writing in regard to the Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club. We were truly surprised to hear about the noise complaints. We have been members of the 900 Club for close to 10 years. On average, we go to the club five times a month. During this time, we have never experienced any issues with members making noise outside the Club.

We are both professional adults, who are greatly involved with our community. The 900 Club is a social club, where we like to go to enjoy a peaceful dinner or drinks with people like ourselves. Friendship, community, piece of mind and networking are pillars of the 900 Club. Dave Rohrbacher has created a family like atmosphere at the 900 Club. On any given Saturday or Sunday afternoon, you will find several families with their kids enjoying a meal at the 900 Club. And when a Club Member is ever faced with a difficulty, it is heartwarming to see all the Club Members rally together for support. Dave has made the club this way. He consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty for his members. When our good friend and member of the club, Marie Guanzon, passed away over a year ago, Dave called us immediately to offer financial support for the funeral. And he let us know that we can use the club for the gathering after her service. We ended up having the service at our home, but he sent us his staff to help out at no charge. There are not a lot of business owners that would do this type of thing. This shows what an exemplary person he is and what an asset he is to our community. Furthermore anytime we have asked him for donations for certain causes we are a part of such as the Sandpipers, he has always said yes and without hesitation.

Our story is similar to many South Bay residents. We moved to the South Bay over 20 years ago. During this time, we lived in Manhattan Beach for over 15 years. The city is our home and holds a special place in our hearts. We appreciate how small, quiet and peaceful Manhattan Beach is and we would like to see it stay that way. We would never support a business, which would harm our beautiful city.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tasha and Brian Gates

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 12:21 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for 900 Manhattan...

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**Cc:** "dave@900manhattan.com" <dave@900manhattan.com>  
**Subject:** Support for 900 Manhattan...

Dear City of Manhattan Beach Council Members,

Attached / Below is a letter in support for the 900 Manhattan Club which has a Council meeting on February 26th 2014 at 6:30pm. Please consider this letter when reviewing the 900 Manhattan Club at this hearing.

Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Jen and K.C. Hoos

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February 16<sup>th</sup> 2014

City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department

Attn: City Council Chamber Members

1400 Highland Avenue

Manhattan Beach, CA

Dear City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department,

This letter is in support for the 900 Manhattan Club to remain in business. My wife (Jen) and I have been a member of the 900 Club since shortly moving to the area over two years ago. I was transferred for work from Chicago and we did not know anyone. We joined the 900 Club and have been able to meet great people, now known as friends. Owner; Dave Rohrbacher, even before we joined expressed to us how the 900 Club is a casual, calm, friendly, family oriented place to gather. In the past 2+ years, Jen and I have seen this to be true and much more.

Besides a gathering place for friendships to develop, we have been amazed with outside activities, involvement and charity work the 900 Club contributes toward on a regular basis. For instance, working with the Next Step Foundation, Westcoast Sports Association, and the Wounded Warrior Project. The 900 Club is kid friendly. There are always events for the whole family and the 900 Club habitually donates to the local school programs. We have noticed the adjustments the 900 Club has put in place to respect the neighborhood since we joined, and the members willingness to these adjustments to be respectful, positive members of the community.

Overall, we are shocked and disappointed to learn about the City's scheduled Revocation Hearing for the 900 Club and we are writing to the Planning Commission and City Counsel in strong support of the 900 Club to retain its existing Conditional Use Permit and licensing without sanctions or revocation. As we are expecting our first child in June, we are looking forward to being able to bring our kids to the 900 Club and grow up with the other families we have come to know and consider an extended part of our family now.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully

Jen and K.C. Hoos

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Cc:

Richard Thompson, Community Development Director

Laurie Jester, Planning Manager

Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief

Amy Howorth, Mayor

Bob Courtney,

John Jalili, City Manager



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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2014 10:23 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Manhattan Revocation Hearing  
**Attachments:** 900 Manhattan Letter.docx; ATT00001.htm

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**Subject:** **900 Manhattan Revocation Hearing**

Please see attached letter.

With Kind Regards,

Matthew & Sharla Wilson  
412 8th Street

**Richard Thompson**  
**Director of Community Development**  
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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Steven Ortmann  
Chairman, Planning Commission  
City of Manhattan Beach Planning Department  
1400 Highland Ave,  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

February 16, 2014

To the Esteemed Members of the Planning Commission:

I am witness to the letter dated 7 January 2014 to the 900 Manhattan LLC with respect to a possible Revocation of Use Permit for the 900 Manhattan Club and wish to offer my opinion as to the merits of this hearing. With great respect to the committee formed to adjudicate this matter, I ask that this letter be considered as testimony in consideration to the facts at hand. Further as a citizen, tax payer, and neighbor of the 900 Club, I wish to exercise my democratically appointed right to voice my support for Mr. David Rohrbacher and the 900 Manhattan LLC.

To begin, I want to voice my unequivocal support for the members of 900 Manhattan LLC and the business that has helped make Manhattan Beach a unique and thriving community for the last 17 years. Our neighborhood and community is an outlier in Los Angeles in the most positive way and one that I cherish every day that I have lived here. What makes Manhattan Beach great is the sense of community, trust and fellowship that is rarely found today anywhere in the United States. There is no way to deny that we live in one of the greatest places in the world. I take great pride and comfort in the fact that I know my neighbors (who are my true friends) in a way that most communities only wish could exist. To say our community and collegial way of life is anything but extraordinary is a farce. We are all lucky to have self-selected this enclave in the South Bay as our collective home. Thus, I regard this hearing as an existential threat to the fabric of a place I proudly and defensively call home.

While I understand and am sympathetic to the concerns of my neighbors and believe that as responsible adults we must address and rectify these issues, I think the idea of Revocation is anathema to every core value we hold as a community. 900 Manhattan is a special place. Aside from the fact that it has created jobs in our communities and been a part of the evolution of Manhattan Beach over the last two decades, it is something that differentiates our neighborhood from the rest of Los Angeles and the country more broadly. I have enjoyed many great times in this establishment with my entire family, including my children who frequently dine with us there on weekend afternoons. While I cannot attest to the information that has been presented to the Committee heretofore, I can offer my strongest opinion that the ownership and employees of 900 Manhattan have strived to be good citizens of the community.

As a resident of Manhattan Beach and living in very close proximity, I can afford the opinion that the leadership of 900 Manhattan has taken great measures to address the concerns of its immediate neighbors. While it is easy to find exceptions to any situation, I do believe that Mr. Rohrbacher and his staff are cognizant of their responsibilities and take them very seriously. To the extent those closest feel their rights have been encroached upon, I would ask that the Committee foster a constructive dialogue and permit the members of 900 Manhattan to remedy the issues. Revocation should only be used as a final

step reserved for those who willfully and irresponsibly ignore the broader public concern.

As in any matter, there are always two sides to any story. However, in support of Mr. Rohrbacher, I will attest to the fact that meaningful and definitive actions have been taken to alleviate the concerns of those p today. Furthermore, I am certain that with further constructive and honest discourse, there is a mutually acceptable outcome that can occur in this matter. As a vote, tax payer and voice of this community, I am declaring my support for 900 Manhattan and offering my assistance in any way possible to help find a solution. Put simply, we are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful place and I believe it is incumbent upon all of us to find a mutually agreeable path forward. To this end, I will be in attendance on February 26<sup>th</sup> and intend to voice my support and willful assistance to help find an outcome acceptable to everyone involved.

Simply revoking the use permit of 900 Manhattan without full input of the community, due process and significant study is wholly unacceptable and will not stand in the eyes of the citizens of Manhattan Beach. It's time for everyone to come together and find a path forward. I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday night.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature via email }

Matt & Sharla Wilson  
412 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Cc: Richard Thompson, Community Development Director – [rthompson@citymb.info](mailto:rthompson@citymb.info)  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager – [planningcommission@citymb.info](mailto:planningcommission@citymb.info)  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief - [eirvine@citymb.info](mailto:eirvine@citymb.info)  
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**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2014 1:12 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** Fwd: 900 Club Manhattan Beach

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**Cc:** "[citycouncil@citymb.info](mailto:citycouncil@citymb.info)" <[citycouncil@citymb.info](mailto:citycouncil@citymb.info)>, 900 Manhattan <[info@900manhattan.com](mailto:info@900manhattan.com)>  
**Subject:** 900 Club Manhattan Beach  
**Reply-To:** Torrey Sullivan <torrey22@yahoo.com>

Dear Mayor Howorth, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Jester, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Jalili, and Chief Irvine:

I am a 7+ year resident of Manhattan Beach and have been a member of the 900 Club for approximately 5 years. In that time, I met my wife, married her, and we started a family together. The 900 Club has been there as a destination for dinner, a cocktail, and a sense of community throughout that time. I'm disappointed and appalled that the City of Manhattan Beach is considering closing The 900 Club because of the complaints of a few disgruntled neighbors.

I'm sure that you have received numerous letters in support of the 900 Club. I'm also certain that these letters have pointed out the many positives that The 900 Club provides to the Manhattan Beach community such as hosting charitable events, supporting local schools, providing a venue for meetings and events, and providing a place for members of the Manhattan Beach community to congregate. I agree with all of those things but would like to focus my letter on two other items to consider.

1. The 900 Club is great for families. My son is now 18 months old. He has been going to the 900 Club since he was about 1 week old. Why is that important when there are lots of other dining establishments in Manhattan Beach? First of all, there's a great kids menu that's both healthy and inexpensive. Second, the employees of the 900 Club establish a family friendly environment. Third, if you show up on the early side there are lots of other families - with their kids - enjoying an early evening out. I don't think that we could find the same environment anywhere else in Manhattan Beach or the South Bay. Did I mention that Santa makes an appearance every December? That's pretty cool too.

2. I don't think that a vocal minority should be able to influence city policy. Should a person (or a few persons) be able to knowingly move into an area of Manhattan Beach that is literally BETWEEN the two main commercially zoned streets in the City (and have been commercial streets for many, many years) and then have a problem with a reasonable amount of noise coming from a business on one of those streets? I say no. It offends me that my tax dollars are being spent helping an unreasonable "neighbor" harass a responsible business owner who has bent over backwards appease that neighbor (back door code does not work after 10pm, a new smoking area located in the front of the building, a backdoor fence to help with noise, earlier last call, quieter music).

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I respectfully submit that the Planning Commission should find in favor of the 900 Club in the upcoming Revocation Hearing. Taking this a step further, I feel you should cancel the Revocation Hearing now and not waste our tax dollars on this witch hunt.

Sincerely,  
Torrey Sullivan  
329 20th St.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

cc  
Manhattan Beach City Council  
David Rohrbacher

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**Director of Community Development**

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**From:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 4:41 PM  
**To:** Planning Intern  
**Subject:** 900 Club Notice

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**From:** Richard Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 1:06 PM  
**To:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Subject:** FW: Notice in support of David Rohrbacher and 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

**Richard Thompson**  
**Director of Community Development**  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 12:58 PM  
**To:** Richard Thompson  
**Cc:** List - Planning Commission; Eve R. Irvine; Amy Thomas Howorth; [robertcourtney@mminternet.com](mailto:robertcourtney@mminternet.com); John Jalili; List - City Council; 900 Manhattan  
**Subject:** Notice in support of David Rohrbacher and 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

February 7, 2014

Richard Thompson  
Community Development Director  
City of Manhattan Beach

Re: Hearing to Consider Revocation of Use Permit for 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

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Subject: Notice in support of David Rohrbacher and 900 Manhattan Avenue Club

Dear Richard,

I have been disappointed to learn recently of the upcoming hearing regarding the 900 Club and would like to express my unwavering support for David Rohrbacher and the 900, and my opposition to any sanctions against and/or revocation of the club's Use Permit. As a graphic artist, I have been proud to work closely for over a decade with the 900, an establishment I believe to be an extraordinary member of the Manhattan Beach community. Over the years I have known the 900 to be a charitable and family friendly institution, that both benefits and is supported by the local community. In my experience, the 900 has always gone to great lengths to be a good neighbor, and has consistently made improvements to that end.

Sincerely,

Doug Magnuson, Artist  
[centralcontrol@mac.com](mailto:centralcontrol@mac.com)  
323.823.7247

cc:  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Eve R. Irvine, Police Chief  
Amy Howorth, Mayor  
Bob Courtney, Esq.  
John Jalili, City Manager  
David Rohrbacher

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**From:** Angelica Ochoa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 4:43 PM  
**To:** Planning Intern  
**Subject:** 900 Club Notice  
**Attachments:** manhattanbeach.pdf

**Angelica Ochoa**  
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**Richard Thompson**  
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**Cc:** Jason Schlossberg  
**Subject:** 900 Club

To whom it may concern:

Attached, please find correspondence to you.

Thank you!

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**Re: 900 Manhattan/900 Club**

Dear City of Manhattan Beach:

I moved to Manhattan Beach and became a resident of this great and prestigious city in 2001. My wife and I have raised our three children in this city.

I have been a member of the "900 Club" or "900 Manhattan" for over a decade. Throughout this time I have made everlasting friendships and unforgettable family memories.

The patrons who frequent this establishment are the kindest and most generous that the city of Manhattan Beach has to offer.

The employees at the "900 Club" provide unparalleled service with graciousness and smiles.

My family and I love the "900 Club" as a gathering place for a frequent weekend dinner. At these dinners, my family and I reminisce of the great times we have spent at the "900 Club," and share our thoughts and laughter during each dinner. My children, one may argue, have been raised on the food and camaraderie of the "900 Club."

I had my 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> birthday parties at the "900 Club" because it is the place where I want to be during such special occasions.

Such events, gatherings, and lifetime memories cannot be found in any other eatery/bar in all of Manhattan Beach, or Los Angeles County, or even California for that matter.

As a lawyer, business owner, resident of Manhattan Beach, and member of the "900 Club," I understand "the good and the bad," the "ups and downs," or simply put "life."

I may not be privy to the intricate details of this upcoming "city/town meeting" on February 26, 2014, so I will not pretend to take an absolute side either for or against "my" city or my "favorite place the 900 Club."

However, I am confident and unequivocal when I say "my" city without the "900 Club" would be an extreme disappointment for me, and a wrong against every right to make the city of Manhattan Beach a better place.

My life in Manhattan Beach is better due to the friendships I have made at the "900 Club." Some of you who are receiving this letter know me, or my wife, and/or my children, which I believe will help to make this letter more credible than any other you may have received so far, or henceforth, in this matter.

I trust with all my heart that "my" city will do the right thing when dealing with the "900 Club." If for any reason, and if you have any doubt that the "900 Club" is not an intricate part of Manhattan Beach, feel free to contact me at any time.

I consider this a serious issue and expect a proper, judicious, and expeditious resolution of the same.

Your attention to the above-mentioned information is greatly appreciated.

I have confidence that the City of Manhattan Beach will make sure the "900 Club" continues and thrives while working together to make Manhattan Beach one of the premier cities in our country.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesy and cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,



Jason Schlossberg, Esq.