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Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Office of Zoning Administration, 6th Floor
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: **Planning Case #:** ZA-2007-3558-CUX-CUB
Project Address: 833 S. Spring Street

Dear Zoning Administrator:

At its regularly held public meeting on November 13, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to oppose the proposed hostess dance hall at 833 South Spring Street, pursuant to the motion passed on October 24, 2007 by DLANC's Planning & Land Use Committee ("Committee").

The applicant did not present the proposed project to the Committee, despite requests from Committee members. In deciding to not support the hostess bar project, the Committee considered comments from the Los Angeles Police Department, the Fashion District Business Improvement District, and Councilmember Jan Perry's office regarding similar projects. Committee members and other Downtown stakeholders raised concerns regarding security, the concentration of similar establishments in and around Downtown, and the applicant's past experience with operation and management of such establishments. In the Committee's view, the limited information provided by the applicant regarding these issues did not demonstrate that the project will be operated in a manner which would not generate adverse crime and public safety impacts. Moreover, the Committee expressed concerns about the project's compatibility with the emerging development of other nightlife uses in and around this part of Downtown and with the future development of the Downtown Fashion District.

Please provide a copy of the decision letter to DLANC at the address listed above. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. Russell Brown
DLANC President

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Shiraz D. Tangri
DLANC Planning & Land Use Committee Co-Chair

CC: Jessica Wethington-McLean (Planning Director, Council District 14)
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