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TO: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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FROM: Mark J. Saladino
Treasurer and Tax Collector

SUBJECT: **BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2009**

At the meeting of September 30, 1997, your Board approved amendments to the Los Angeles County Code requiring the Treasurer and Tax Collector, in cooperation with the Sheriff and the Department of Health Services, to implement a reporting format to track business license enforcement activity and to provide a quarterly summary to the Board of all license enforcement activities performed by the appropriate agencies.

A copy of the Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2009 is attached for your information. Detailed enforcement activity is available upon request.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 974-2101 or your staff may contact Kathy Waters of my staff at (213) 893-7968.

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Attachments

c: Business License Commission

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Fairplex Body Art Expo in Pomona (First District)

On January 2 and 3, 2009, in response to a request from the County of Los Angeles Environmental Health Body Art Program, TTC participated at the 2009 Fairplex Body Art Expo in Pomona. TTC inspectors were responsible for the collection of the Public Health Permit fee from the participating body art technicians. TTC collected $6,920.00 from 210 body art technicians at the event.

Bar Check Code Enforcement Operation (First District)

On January 15, 2009, in response to a request from the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Special Problems Team, TTC participated in a bar check code compliance operation with the East Los Angeles Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT). Three businesses that generated numerous complaints were identified. (1) The El Rancho Alegre Bar, located at 5010 E. Whittier Boulevard was inspected. The inspection revealed the business was operating without valid business licenses. TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the owner for operating without business licenses. Also, due to code violations, the business was closed for 48 hours by Environmental Health. (2) The El Boulevard Bar & Billiards, located at 4537 E. Whittier Boulevard was inspected. The result of the inspection found no business license code violations and TTC found no reason to take action against the business. (3) The La Fiesta Bar, located at 5309 E. Whittier Boulevard was inspected. The inspection revealed an ownership change and the present owner operating without business licenses. The owner was issued a Notice of Violation by TTC for operating without business licenses. Environmental Health closed the business for 48 hours due to code violations.

Annual Taxicab Vehicle Inspections for All Yellow Taxicab Company

On February 3, 2009, TTC conducted taxicab vehicle inspections for All Yellow Taxicab Company. These inspections include but are not limited to verification of each vehicle on the insurance list, verification of taxicab driver's business license, meter check, rates posted, brake lights and seat belts. The County of Los Angeles Taxicab Seal is placed on the vehicle when it passes inspection. Twenty five (25) taxicab vehicles passed inspection.

Annual Taxicab Vehicle Inspections for Independent Taxicab Owners Association

On March 4, 2009, TTC conducted taxicab vehicle inspections for Independent Taxicab Owners Association, dba ITOA. This inspection included verification of vehicle on the insurance list, verification of taxicab driver's business license, meter check, rates posted, brake lights and seat belts. The County of Los Angeles Taxicab Seal is placed on the taxicab when the vehicle passes inspection. Twenty one (21) taxicab vehicles passed inspection.

Annual Taxicab Vehicle Inspections for Administrative Services Co-op

On February 17 and 19, 2009, TTC conducted taxicab vehicle inspections for LA Taxi and Fiesta Taxicabs. These inspections include verification of vehicle on the insurance list, verification of taxicab driver's business license, meter check, rates posted, brake lights and seat belts. The County of Los Angeles Taxicab Seal is placed on the taxicab when the vehicle passes inspection. Seventy eight (78) taxicab vehicles passed inspection.

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On March 3, 2009, TTC conducted taxicab vehicle inspections for Administrative Services Co-op, dba LA Taxi and Fiesta Taxicab. This inspection includes verification of vehicle on the insurance list, verification of taxicab driver's business license, meter check, rates posted, brake lights and seat belts. The County of Los Angeles Taxicab Seal is placed on the taxicab when the vehicle passes inspection. Forty nine (49) taxicab vehicles passed inspection.

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (Second and Fifth Districts)

On February 19, 2009, in response to complaints received from County Counsel, regarding two medical marijuana dispensaries in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles, TTC visited the business known as the Southern California Herbal Network, LLC. The investigation revealed a medical marijuana dispensary. The business was issued a Notice of Violation for operating without a business license and was advised to cease operation until the proper business license is obtained.

TTC conducted a second investigation at the business known as Slauson Leaves located at 4435 W. Slauson, Suite B, Los Angeles. The investigation revealed a medical marijuana dispensary at the location. The business was issued a Notice of Violation for operating without a business license and advised to cease operation until the proper business license is obtained.

On March 12, 2009, a code enforcement inspection was conducted at the business known as Cypress Street Collective located at 19523 E. Cypress Avenue, Covina. The code enforcement operation was a joint agency venture including the County District Attorney, The Department of Regional Planning and TTC. The investigation revealed a medical marijuana dispensary operating without a County of Los Angeles Business License. The owner was issued a Notice of Violation for operating without a business license. The business was advised to cease operation until the business license is obtained.

GameWorld, 27263 Camp Plenty Road, Santa Clarita

On March 18, 2009, in response to a request from the Santa Clarita Sheriff, TTC participated in a code enforcement operation in the City of Santa Clarita. The Sheriff alleged illegal activities were being conducted at a business known as GameWorld, located at 27263 Camp Plenty Road. The business was suspected of receiving stolen goods and operating without a business license. The operation revealed that the business was operating a secondhand dealers business without a business license. The Santa Clarita Sheriff cited the business for operating without a business license and arrested two persons for receiving stolen goods.

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BUSINESS LICENSE INSPECTIONS

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES INSPECTED	
TTC	507
SHERIFF	9
HEALTH SERVICES	34
TOTAL	550

	In-Compliance	Not In-Compliance
TTC	358	149
SHERIFF	8	1
HEALTH SERVICES	34	0
TOTAL	400	150

	Violations Corrected	Corrections Pending
TTC	24	125
SHERIFF	1	0
HEALTH SERVICES	0	0
TOTAL	25	125

CALLS FOR SERVICE (TTC ONLY)

	CONSTITUENT INITIATED	REFERRALS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
Businesses Inspected	3	5
In-Compliance	0	0
Not In-Compliance	3	5
License Not Required	0	0
Violations Corrected	3	5
Referred to Business License Commission	0	0