



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



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FROM: Mark J. Saladino  
Treasurer and Tax Collector 

SUBJECT: **BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY REPORT  
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2007**

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 June 30, 2007 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 Edward Eng of my staff at (213) 893-7968.

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ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT  
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**Unlicensed Medical Marijuana Dispensary, La Puente**

On April 19, 2007, Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) staff participated in a joint inspection with Sheriff's Industry Station and License Detail in response to a complaint that the business located at 13050 East Valley Boulevard, Suite 204, La Puente, was an unlicensed Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Since the business was closed, TTC staff issued a written warning notice. The business establishment has ceased operations.

**Del Mar Motel, South San Gabriel**

On April 25, 2007, TTC staff participated in a Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT) operation at the request of the Sheriff's Temple Station. The location inspected was the Del Mar Motel, located at 2259 North Del Mar Avenue, South San Gabriel. The Sheriff's Department had been receiving complaints from the surrounding neighborhood. The inspection identified a number of building and safety violations. The owner is in the process of correcting the violations.

**COPS Team Enforcement Operation**

On April 26, 2007, TTC staff participated in a code enforcement operation sponsored by the Sheriff's COPS along the commercial corridor of Vermont Avenue. The enforcement operation involved the inspections of various business establishments, looking for criminal and code violations. Along with TTC, Public Works (Building and Safety), Regional Planning and Public Health participated.

**Alfredo's Auto Body- Sheriff's Task Force for Regional Auto-Theft Prevention (TRAP) Enforcement Action**

On May 2, 2007, TTC staff participated in a Sheriff's TRAP enforcement action targeting Alfredo's Auto Body, located at 13842 East Valley Boulevard, La Puente. The business was suspected to be involved in "chopping up" stolen cars for profit. Sheriff's TRAP detectives, accompanied by investigators from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Bureau of Automotive Repair and TTC conducted an inspection at the target location. No stolen cars or parts were uncovered during the operation. However, TTC issued a "Notice of Violation" to the owner, Alfredo Ruiz, for operating a Motor Vehicle Body and Fender operation without a County Business License.

**East Los Angeles Bar Sting Operation**

On May 3, 2007, a bar sting operation was conducted in the unincorporated East Los Angeles area. The operation consisted of personnel from the following agencies: Public Health Department, East Los Angeles COPS team, District Attorney Investigators, Building and Safety, ABC, State Board of Equalization, State Workers Compensation and TTC.

The results of the operation were the following:

- **Ericka's Place, 763 S. Kern Avenue.** All business license activities were properly licensed. The State Board of Equalization cited the business for keeping inadequate records. The Public Health Department reduced its rating from A to B. Building and Safety cited the business for Electrical and Plumbing code violations. State Workers Compensation cited the business for no insurance.

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- **El Boulevard Bar & Billares, 4537 Whittier Boulevard.** All business license activities were properly licensed. The State Board of Equalization cited the business for keeping inadequate records. Building and Safety cited the business for numerous code violations. The Public Health Department closed the location for health code violations.
- **Hi-D-Hi, 4952 Whittier Boulevard.** All business license activities were properly licensed. The Public Health Department reduced its rating from A to B. Building and Safety cited the business for a number of code violations.

**Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT), East Los Angeles**

On May 10, 2007, TTC staff assisted the East Los Angeles NAT in conducting the following inspections:

- **439 N. Humphreys Avenue.** Building and Safety code violations for damaged carport and broken windows. No business license required.
- **3307 Malabar Street.** The residence was the site for making churros, corn, and ice cream on the property to sell from push carts. Public Health Department poured bleach into the food making containers. No business license required.
- **755 Fraser Avenue.** TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the owner, George Velasco Gonzalo, for operating a boarding house without a business license. Regional Planning issued a notice of a zoning code violation.
- **505 S. Sadler Avenue.** Two junk cars were towed from the property. Public Works removed debris from the public areas. No business license required.
- **755 Brady Avenue.** TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the owners, Rodolfo & Maria Cabrera, for operating an Apartment House (5-10) without a business license.
- **6021 Whittier Boulevard.** TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the business operator for operating as a Secondhand Dealer without a business license.

**Genesis Manor, 4659 Quartz Hill Road**

TTC staff investigated the above location and determined that the business location was operating without a business license for Dance and Entertainment. TTC staff issued a warning notice to the business. The business owner is now in the process of applying for a license.

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**BUSINESS LICENSE INSPECTIONS**

**NUMBER OF BUSINESSES INSPECTED**

TTC	718
SHERIFF	70
HEALTH SERVICES	<u>26</u>
TOTAL	814

	In-Compliance	Not In-Compliance
TTC	512	206
SHERIFF	46	24
HEALTH SERVICES	<u>26</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	584	230

	Violations Corrected	Corrections Pending
TTC	74	132
SHERIFF	24	0
HEALTH SERVICES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	98	132

**CALLS FOR SERVICE (TTC ONLY)**

	CONSTITUENT INITIATED	REFERRALS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
Businesses Inspected	1	5
In-Compliance	0	0
Not In-Compliance	1	5
License Not Required	0	0
Violations Corrected	1	5
Referred to Business License Commission	0	0