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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 JUNE 30, 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 June 30, 2009 is attached for your information. Detailed enforcement activity is available upon request.

We have determined that this quarterly report should be eliminated because it is no longer useful. Also, County Code Section 7.04.375 (which required the quarterly reports) expired in 2006. Therefore, unless otherwise instructed by the Board, this will be the final periodic report.

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

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT
ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

The Warehouse (Second District)

On April 22, 2009, in response to a complaint, TTC conducted an investigation at the business known as "The Warehouse" located at 4499 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey. The complainant alleged the business was allowing dancing by patrons without a Business License. The inspection confirmed dancing was being conducted at the location. TTC issued the business a Notice of Violation and advised the owner to cease the dancing until the proper business license was obtained. On April 28, 2009, the business applied for a license.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary (First District)

On April 22, 2009, in response to a complaint from the Department of Regional Planning, TTC conducted a complaint investigation at 5331 E. Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles. The investigation revealed a business known as "Herbs R Us" operating a medical marijuana dispensary without a County of Los Angeles business license. TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the business and advised the business to cease operation until the proper license was obtained. County Sheriff was also notified of the violation.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary (Fifth District)

On May 19, 2009, in response to a citizen's complaint, TTC conducted an investigation at a business known as the "Warehouse Collective" located at 42335 50th Street West, Suite 202 – 203, Quartz Hills. The complainant alleged the business was operating a medical marijuana dispensary at the location. The TTC investigation revealed a medical marijuana dispensary operating without a County of Los Angeles business license. The business was issued a Notice of Violation and advised to cease operation until the proper business license was obtained. County Sheriff was also notified of the violation.

Massage Parlor Code Enforcement Operation (First District)

On May 28, 2009, in response to a request from the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Special Problems Team, TTC participated at a massage parlor code enforcement operation. This operation included County Building & Safety, Regional Planning, State of California Workman's Compensation, the District Attorney Investigators and TTC. This operation made use of a decoy (undercover Sheriff deputy) and a "Wire" (conversations can be heard by backup deputies). Four businesses were targeted:

(1) Dayko Day Spa, 6457 Whittier Boulevard. The results of the investigation were: TTC issued a Notice of Violation for an unlicensed massage parlor. County Building & Safety and Regional Planning also issued Notices of Violation. Four ladies were arrested by the Sheriff for prostitution. (2) Beverly Hills View, 5312 E. Beverly Boulevard. The results of the investigation were: TTC issued a Notice of Violation for an unlicensed massage parlor. County Building & Safety and Regional Planning also issued Notices of Violation. Two women were arrested by the Sheriff for prostitution. (3) Bellas Therapy, 3952 Olympic Boulevard. The results of the investigation were: TTC issued a Notice of Violation for an unlicensed massage parlor. County Building & Safety and Regional Planning also issued Notices of Violation. Three women were

arrested by the Sheriff for prostitution. (4) 4077 Whittier Boulevard, no business name was visible at the location. The results of the investigation were: TTC issued a Notice of Violation for an unlicensed massage parlor. County Building & Safety and Regional Planning also issued Notices of Violation. Two women were arrested by the Sheriff for prostitution.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary (First District)

On June 1, 2009, the Los Angeles County, County Counsel's Office contacted TTC regarding a possible medical marijuana dispensary located at 236 South Atlantic Boulevard, Los Angeles. TTC conducted a complaint investigation at the premises. The investigation revealed a business known as "Atlantic Boulevard Collective" operating a medical marijuana dispensary. TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the business for operating a medical marijuana dispensary without a County of Los Angeles business license and the business was advised to cease operation until the proper business license was obtained.

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BUSINESS LICENSE INSPECTIONS

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES INSPECTED	
TTC	622
SHERIFF	10
HEALTH SERVICES	28
TOTAL	660

	In-Compliance	Not In-Compliance
TTC	459	163
SHERIFF	7	3
HEALTH SERVICES	27	1
TOTAL	493	167

	Violations Corrected	Corrections Pending
TTC	27	136
SHERIFF	3	0
HEALTH SERVICES	1	0
TOTAL	31	136

CALLS FOR SERVICE (TTC ONLY)

	CONSTITUENT INITIATED	REFERRALS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
Businesses Inspected	8	4
In-Compliance	0	0
Not In-Compliance	8	4
License Not Required	0	0
Violations Corrected	8	4
Referred to Business License Commission	0	0