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TO: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, 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, 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 March 31, 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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Taxicab Sting Operation, Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park

On January 22, 2007, TTC staff participated in a Sheriff's Century Station coordinated Taxicab sting operation targeting unlicensed taxicabs operating in and around the commercial areas of the Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park communities. The operation took place after a briefing held at the station. Seven unlicensed taxicabs were impounded as a result of this operation.

Residential Placement Protocols Training Conference

On January 31, 2007, the Chief Administrative Officer hosted a training conference to inform and prepare various County departments to respond to situations involving the abuse or neglect of elder/dependent adults at licensed or unlicensed facilities. The County departments involved included all social services, law enforcement and regulatory branches. All staff from the Business Licensing Enforcement Unit were in attendance.

ABC Decoy Operation, East Los Angeles

On February 3, 2007, TTC staff participated in a decoy operation to cite business establishments selling alcohol to minors. This operation was sponsored by the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station. Other County departments participating in this operation included the Regional Planning and Public Works (Building and Safety). The operation used minor Sheriff's Explorer Scouts as decoys. During the operation, 23 business establishments were inspected, with only one establishment (Beverage Center at 4312 Whittier Blvd.) being cited for selling alcohol to a minor. TTC staff also issued a warning to one establishment for operating a coin game without a license.

Bar Abatement Operation, East Los Angeles

On February 23, 2007, TTC staff participated in a code enforcement operation targeting bars in East Los Angeles. This operation was sponsored by the District Attorney's Office and the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station. Other County departments participating in this operation included Regional Planning, Public Health and Public Works (Building and Safety). The inspections resulted in no business license violations.

Nuisance Abatement Operation, East Los Angeles

On March 1, 2007, TTC staff participated in a Nuisance Abatement Operation (NAT) action with the Sheriff's Department, Regional Planning and Public Works in conducting an inspection at "The Paradise" night club at 1124 S. Atlantic Blvd. The owner was issued a written warning notice by TTC for conducting a Billiard Room, Public Eating, and Dancing without a business license. The other County department issued written warnings for other violations. No criminal citations were issued by the Sheriff.

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Unlicensed Medical Marijuana Dispensary, East Los Angeles

On March 1, 2007, in response to a complaint from the Department of Public Works informing us that the above location was operating as a Medical Marijuana Dispensary without a valid business license, TTC staff conducted an inspection at this location. Since the business was not open, TTC posted a written warning at this location. The business has ceased operation.

Nuisance Abatement Operation, East Los Angeles

On March 8, 2007, TTC participated in a Nuisance Abatement Team code enforcement operation in unincorporated ELA. The enforcement operation included two business license code complaints. The first business, located at 4035 E. Olympic Blvd., known as "Leon's Bakery", was issued a misdemeanor citation for operating without a business license. The second business, located at 3968 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., was issued a warning by Regional Planning for conducting business as a salvage dealer without a business license.

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BUSINESS LICENSE INSPECTIONS

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES INSPECTED

TTC	825
SHERIFF	41
HEALTH SERVICES	28
TOTAL	894

	In-Compliance	Not In-Compliance
TTC	616	209
SHERIFF	40	1
HEALTH SERVICES	27	1
TOTAL	683	211

	Violations Corrected	Corrections Pending
TTC	83	126
SHERIFF	1	0
HEALTH SERVICES	1	0
TOTAL	85	126

CALLS FOR SERVICE (TTC ONLY)

	CONSTITUENT INITIATED	REFERRALS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
Businesses Inspected	4	1
In-Compliance	0	0
Not In-Compliance	4	1
License Not Required	0	0
Violations Corrected	4	1
Referred to Business License Commission	0	0