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TO: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
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FROM: Mark J. Saladino
Treasurer and Tax Collector

SUBJECT: **BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2008**

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, 2008 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 John McKinney of my staff at (213) 974-0070.

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Attachments

c: Business License Commission

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City of Diamond Bar, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar

On January 18, 2008, the City of Diamond Bar terminated the contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide business license services for the City of Diamond Bar. On November 20, 2007, the Diamond Bar City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2007-09 establishing an in-house business license program, effective January 18, 2008. This change affected 200 business licenses issued to the City of Diamond Bar.

RJ's Liquor, 27 E. Woodbury Road, Altadena (Fifth District)

On February 6, 2008, the Business License Commission held a 90-Day Review/Modification hearing on the Food Establishment Business License, ID # 131110 for RJ's Liquor, located at 27 E. Woodbury Road, Altadena. The Altadena Sheriff's Department had made frequent license compliance visits to the business. The Sheriff's Department reported no new complaints regarding the business. The Commission requested an additional six month review on the business.

Medirex, 10422 Whittier Boulevard, Whittier (First District)

On February 28, 2008, in response to a complaint from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department South/West Task Force, TTC conducted a complaint inspection at the business known as Medirex, located at 10422 Whittier Boulevard, Whittier. The inspection revealed a medical marijuana dispensary operating without a business license. The owner, John Santana was issued a Notice of Violation to cease operation until the business license was obtained. On March 31, 2008, the Department of Regional Planning reported the business closed.

Rowland Feet Soak, 1758 Sierra Leone Avenue, Suite D, Rowland Heights (Fourth District)

On March 6, 2008, in response to a complaint received from Environmental Health, TTC conducted a complaint investigation at the business known as "Rowland Feet Soak", located at 1758 Sierra Leone Avenue, Rowland Heights. The investigation revealed massage services being conducted without a County of Los Angeles Massage Parlor Business License. TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the business to cease operation until the business license is obtained. As a result of a complaint referral from TTC, the Los Angeles County Sheriff issued a misdemeanor citation at the location.

Oriental Natural Treatment Clinic, 18429 E. Colima Road, Rowland Heights (Fourth District)

On March 6, 2008, in response to a complaint received from Environmental Health, TTC conducted a complaint investigation at the business known as "Oriental Natural Treatment Clinic", located at 18429 E. Colima Road, Rowland Heights. The investigation revealed the business was providing massage services under the supervision of a State Licensed Acupuncturist. The Acupuncturist was advised to display his (original) license at the premises. After three additional visits at the location, the TTC investigation confirmed the Acupuncturist was at the business supervising the massage technicians.

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Tranquility Foot Care, 18738 Colima Road, Rowland Heights (Fourth District)

On March 6, 2008, in response to a complaint received from Environmental Health, TTC conducted a complaint investigation at the business known as "Tranquility Foot Care", located at 18738 Colima Road, Rowland Heights. The investigation revealed a massage business operating without a Massage Parlor Business License. TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the business to cease operation until the business license is obtained. As a result of a complaint referral from TTC, the Los Angeles County Sheriff issued a misdemeanor citation at the location.

Wonderful Beauty Spa, 19257 Colima Road, Rowland Heights (Fourth District)

On March 6, 2008, in response to a complaint received from Environmental Health, TTC conducted a complaint investigation at the business known as "Wonderful Beauty Spa", located at 19257 Colima Road, Rowland Heights. The investigation revealed a massage business operating without a Massage Parlor Business License. TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the business to cease operation until the business license is obtained. As a result of a complaint referral from TTC, the Los Angeles County Sheriff issued a misdemeanor citation at the location.

A + Relaxing, 4177 Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia (Fifth District)

On March 6, 2008, in response to a complaint received from Environmental Health, TTC conducted a complaint investigation at the business known as "A + Relaxing", located at 4177 Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia. The investigation revealed a massage business operating without a Massage Parlor Business License. TTC issued a Notice of Violation to the business to cease operation until the business license is obtained. On March 10, 2008, the business was informed by the Department of Regional Planning that a Conditional Use Permit would be required. The owner stated that the business would be closed during the CUP process.

Nuisance Abatement Operation, 8919 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles (Second District)

On March 20, 2008, TTC participated at a nuisance abatement operation at 8919 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. In response to citizens' complaints and code violations, a multi-agency task force conducted a code investigation. The investigation revealed a tenant called "Total Restoration Ministries". The inspection revealed 20 beds in two rooms with one shower to be shared by all. This location is a possible sober living facility or boarding house. It was not determined at the time of inspection if any licenses would be required. On May 7, 2008, a meeting of the Residential Placement Protocols was held at 1000 Corporate Center Drive, Monterey Park. Total Restoration Ministries was discussed and the following results were stated. (1) Total Restoration Ministries relocated all of the people that were living at 8919 S. Vermont to an unknown location in the City of Pomona. That location is being searched for by Community Care Licensing. (2) Although Notices of Violations were issued on March 20th, no further code compliance has been undertaken and none planned at 8919 S. Vermont.

The second location inspected was located at 8929 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. The premises had three sofas, a desk and a coin-operated pool table. The location was a gambling site supervised by a 47-year-old person. Adjacent to this room was another gambling site with a monitor on the horse races with a posted chart indicating a menu of bets available. TTC issued a Notice of Violation for operating the coin-operated pool table without a business license. These locations had been cited many times by the Lennox Sheriff's Department.

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BUSINESS LICENSE INSPECTIONS

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES INSPECTED	
TTC	643
SHERIFF	79
HEALTH SERVICES	69
TOTAL	791

	In-Compliance	Not In-Compliance
TTC	470	173
SHERIFF	73	6
HEALTH SERVICES	68	1
TOTAL	611	180

	Violations Corrected	Corrections Pending
TTC	59	114
SHERIFF	6	0
HEALTH SERVICES	1	0
TOTAL	66	114

CALLS FOR SERVICE (TTC ONLY)

	CONSTITUENT INITIATED	REFERRALS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
Businesses Inspected	3	7
In-Compliance	0	0
Not In-Compliance	3	7
License Not Required	0	0
Violations Corrected	3	7
Referred to Business License Commission	0	0