



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-1613)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

Excused: Secretary Vasquez

Call to Order. (12-1542)

The meeting was called to order by President Afriat at 9:05 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of March 28, 2012. (12-1543)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, this item was approved.

Ayes: 3 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell and Commissioner Lee

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Barger

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Afriat called Agenda item 8 before Agenda item 2.

2. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General Business License ID# 138881, to issue a new license to Fangde Gao, owner of Day Day Health Center located at 19745 E. Colima Rd., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District.

At the request of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, this item will be referred back to their office. (12-1534)

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, this item was referred back to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's office.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell,
Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

Excused: 1 - Secretary Vasquez

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3. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General/SC for the City of Santa Clarita Business License ID# 138729, to issue a new license to Jennifer J. Cathcart, owner of My Spa located at 26615 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Fifth District.

At the request of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, this item will be referred back to their office. (12-1239)

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, this item was referred back to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's office.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell,
Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

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4. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Patti Palmer, Cars 4 Causes, located at 4864 Market Street, Suite D, Ventura, CA 93003. (12-1528)

Patti Palmer, President of Cars 4 Causes stated that the organization raises funds through vehicle donations, the proceeds are either used for youth education or the donor may select a charity of their choice to share the proceeds with.

The organization has a corporate office with 20 employees and one location for vehicle sales. Auction houses are also used for the sale of vehicles. The Board of Directors meet four times per year and are responsible for approving the organization's budget.

President Afriat referenced a previous hearing which addressed concerns of charities that advertise the acceptance of vehicle donations and offer tax deductibility to potential donors.

Discussion over the organization's radio advertisements ensued.

Ms. Palmer explained that the organization first started with the intent of fundraising for youth education.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the issuance of an Information Card with the following conditions:

- 1. Two signatures are required on the organizations checking account for checks exceeding \$10,000.00.**
- 2. Advertisements to potential donors should include language with regard to disclosure on tax-deductibility. Commission staff will provide Ms. Palmer with the language approved at a prior hearing on this subject matter.**

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

**Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell,
Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee**

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5. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General Business License ID# 137330, to issue a new license to Robert A. Neuburger, Alan Lee Neuburger Living Trust, owner of The Silver Spur located at 5049 W. Avenue M, Quartz Hill, CA, 93536 in the Fifth District. (12-1531)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and TTC has no objections to issuance of the license. The applicant has been informed of the requirement that a licensed manager must be present while live entertainment is being provided.

President Afriat stated that there was an application name change. Ms. Hernandez clarified that the application was updated to have Martha A. Hatos, Trustee of the Alan Lee Neuburger Living Trust as the license holder. Robert A. Neuburger, who was originally listed on the application, is the beneficiary of the living trust and should not be listed on the license.

President Afriat reminded Ms. Hatos that she would need to be present during entertainment until there is a licensed manager.

Mr. Neuburger explained that the location and has been operating for twenty-four years and was previously owned by his father. It is a small cocktail lounge. There is one pool table and two dart boards at the location. There is signage posted outside indicating that patrons must be 21 years of age or older.

Ms. Hatos explained that Mr. Nueburger is the beneficiary of the business and once he is eligible, the ownership will no longer be with the trust and transferred over to him.

Ms. Hernandez stated that the license would be issued to the Alan Lee Neuburger Living Trust.

On Motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell,
Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

Excused: 1 - Secretary Vasquez

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6. Discussion and possible revision of the conditions imposed by the Commission on October 12, 2011 for Entertainment-General Business License ID #138454 for The Coffee Gallery located at 2029 N. Lake Ave. Altadena, CA 91001 in the Fifth District (Continued from the meeting of February 8, 2012). (11-4148)

Alice Wong, Department of Regional Planning (DRP) stated that the applicant submitted the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application on February 28, 2012 and is currently being processed.

Robert Stane, part owner of the business requested that the Commission reconsider the following conditions of the current license:

1. **Licensed manager must be present during live entertainment.**

Mr. Stane proposed that an experienced employee be allowed to substitute for a license holder.

2. **Parking attendant must be visible and present a ½ hour before the live entertainment begins through ½ hour after ending.**

Mr. Stane explained that the business meets all of the requirements that a parking guard would provide and evidence will be submitted to DRP that indicates that a guard is no longer a necessary requirement. He requested the Commission relax this condition of the license and defer to DRP findings on this matter.

3. **The entertainment license is amended to not limit the hours or days of operation.**

Mr. Stane stated that the hours of operation are also being reviewed by DRP and may change. He explained that he coordinates entertainment acts from all over the world and needs flexibility to accommodate the schedules of the entertainers and requested the Commission defer to DRP findings on this matter.

Kenneth Marshall, part owner of the business stated that a survey submitted with their first CUP application indicated that the businesses in the area are closed after 6:00 p.m. making parking available to patrons. Parking was not an issue in the survey.

Alice Wong stated that the hours of operation and parking attendant requirement are conditions of the current CUP that is due to expire in August 2012. She recommended that the applicant work with DRP on the proposed changes.

Cristina Hernandez stated that it is a County requirement for an entertainment license to have a licensed manager present during live entertainment and is not subject to change. The parking attendant requirement and hours of operation were conditions of approval by the Commission and specified in the license.

Alice Wong informed the owners that they must adhere to the CUP until there are modifications and recommended working with the DRP planner.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission referred this item back to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's office and requested the applicants reappear before the Commission in October 2012 when their license is due for renewal.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

Attachments: [FEBRUARY 8, 2012 MEETING RESULTS](#)
[OCTOBER 12, 2011 MEETING RESULTS](#)

- 7.** Hearing on application for Taxicab Operator and 38 Taxicab Vehicles, Business License ID#138309, to issue a new business license to Victor H. Caballero, Express Transportation Services, for Midvalley Yellow Cab East L.A., at 1137 S. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90022 in the First District. (12-1530)

Neil Evans, attorney for Victor Caballero requested a continuance to allow Commissioner Vasquez to be present.

Victor Caballero expressed concern that his business operates in the First District and was concerned that the Commissioner representing the First District was not present to consider his application.

President Afriat informed the members of the public present at the hearing that they would be able to provide public comment regardless of the item being continued. The members of the public present stated that they would return for public comment on the continued date.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Barger, the Commission continued this item to May 9, 2012.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

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III. REPORT

8. Report by President Afriat on the roundtable discussion held April 4, 2012 to assess the impact of AB619 to the licensing of massage parlors. (12-1388)

President Afriat reported that Massage technicians with State certification do not require a County license. Assembly Bill 619 relieves Los Angeles County of the responsibility or opportunity to regulate massage parlors that employ only State certified technicians. However, if the establishment employs one technician with a County license then the establishment would be subject to the County's licensing process.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), stated that TTC is requesting that agenda items 2 and 3 be taken off calendar due to the changes in State law. TTC is currently reviewing the possibility of partial refunds to applicants that no longer require a County Business License.

9. Commissioners' Comments. (12-1544)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for the remainder of April 2012. The Commission agreed to cancel the meetings of April 18, 2012 and April 25, 2012.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (12-1545)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of April 11, 2012. (12-1546)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.