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May 21, 2024

TO: Carmen Sainz  
Supervising Regional Planner  
Department of Regional Planning

Attention: Evan Sahagun

FROM: Charlene Contreras   
Director, Community Protection Branch  
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) REQUEST**  
**CASE: RPPL2024001544**  
**4736 WHITTIER BLVD. LOS ANGELES CA 90022**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject project for a Conditional Use Permit. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit for the continued operation of tattoo and body piercing parlor located in the C-3 Zone. There will be no changes to the current operation.

According to the most recent Annual Secured Property Tax Bill for fiscal year July 01, 2023, to June 30, 2024, a consolidated sewer fee is included as one of the direct assessments. The proposed project location is serviced by public sewer. Additionally, the applicant provided a copy of a water bill from California Water Service with a billing date of May 07, 2024.

- ☒ Public Health recommends the approval of the aforementioned project with the following conditions to be fulfilled at the permitting stage before the installation of any interactive water features.
- ☐ Public Health requires that the conditions or information requested below are addressed prior to agency approval; therefore, the Department **DOES NOT** recommend clearance of this project until the following conditions are met:

1. Community Protection Branch: Environmental Hygiene

**Please Note:** The following are general requirements for Noise and Air Quality recommendations for the proposed project.

The applicant shall abide by the requirements contained in Title 12, Section 12.08.390, and 12.08.530, Noise Control Ordinance for the County of Los Angeles (reference available at [municode.com](http://municode.com)).

1.1 Exterior Noise

Ordinance:

Exterior Noise Standards (12.08.390)

No person shall operate or cause to be operated, any source of sound at any location within the unincorporated county, or allow the creation of any noise on property owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled by such person which causes the noise level, when measured on any other property either incorporated or unincorporated, to exceed any of the following exterior noise standards (See Table 1):

Exterior Noise Standards, dBA						
Area	Duration	Std # 1 = L50	Std # 2 = L25	Std # 3 = L8.3	Std # 4 = L1.7	Std # 5 = L0
		30min/hr	15min/hr	5 min/hr	1 min/hr	At no time
Commercial	7 am – 10 pm	60	65	70	75	80
	10 pm – 7 am	55	60	65	70	75

Table 1. Std = Standard dB that may not exceed the cumulative period

1.2 Community Noise

Ordinance:

Residential air conditioning or refrigeration equipment (12.08.530)

Operating or permitting the operation of any air conditioning or refrigeration equipment in such a manner as to exceed any of the following sound levels is prohibited (See Table 2).

Measuring Location	Units Installed on or after January 1, 1980, dBA
Any point on neighboring property line, 5 feet above grade level, no closer than 3 feet from any wall.	55
Center of neighboring patio, 5 feet above level, no closer than 3 feet from any wall.	50
Outside the neighboring living area window nearest the equipment location, not more than 3 feet from the window opening, but at least 3 feet from any other surface.	50

Table 2: dBA levels not to be exceeded on the neighboring property.

### 1.3 Findings

#### 1.3.1 Exterior noise

On Monday, May 6, 2024, background noise levels were measured at the center of the subject property parking lot. Such measurements will assist DPH in determining allowable operational noise levels.

The exterior background noise level results did not exceed commercial noise standards in Title 12, Section 12.08.390 (See Table 3).

Adjacent to the subject property are commercial properties.

Based on the existing operation and findings, noise generated from the project (i.e., tattooing, trash pickup, vehicle idling & exhaust, delivery, etc..) would likely not exceed the exterior commercial noise standards due to:

1. operational noise was primary indoor. Noise generated from within the business would be attenuated by the exterior walls, ceiling, and window.
2. the operational noise of a rotary tattoo machine was measured below 45 dBA which is below the interior noise standard.
3. no customer parking on the subject property which would generate noise.
4. there was one parking lot south of the building. Noise generated from vehicle idling would blend with the background noise and be attenuated by the walls and solid metal gate door.
5. per the tenants of the adjacent businesses, minimal noise was generated from the subject property.

Exterior Noise Standards, dBA – Residential											
Area Background Results	Duration	Std # 1 = L50		Std # 2 = L25		Std # 3 = L8.3		Std # 4 = L1.7		Std # 5 = L0	
		30min/hr	Result	15min/hr	Result	5 min/hr	Result	1 min/hr	Result	At no time	Result
Commercial: 4736 Whittier Blvd, East Los Angeles, CA 90022	1:34 pm – 2:35 pm	60	51.8	65	53.5	70	57.4	75	63.7	80	72.4

Table 3. Std = Standard dB that may not exceed the cumulative period

1.3.2 Residential air conditioning or refrigeration equipment

The existing Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit is on the rooftop, 200 feet away from the nearest residential property. Based on the height and distance, noise generated from the HVAC unit will blend into the background noise and not be noticeable.

1.4 Recommendation

Based on the proposed plan and findings, activities from residential properties should comply with requirements contained in Title 12, Section 12.08.390, and 12.08.530, Noise Control Ordinance for the County of Los Angeles. The following activities should be minimized or monitored closely to avoid noise impact to neighbors.

1. Operation of stationary/nonstationary equipment especially motorized.
2. Operating a Public Address System
3. Deliveries

For questions regarding above comments, please contact Makkaphoeum Em of Public Health, Environmental Hygiene Program at (626) 430-5201 or [mem@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:mem@ph.lacounty.gov).

If you have any other questions or require additional information, please contact Veronica Aranda of Public Health, Land Use Program at (626) 430-5201 or [varanda@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:varanda@ph.lacounty.gov).



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



October 1, 2024

Evan Sahagun  
Metro Development Services Section Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: CUP Permit No: RPPL2024001544  
Yoruba House  
4736 Whittier Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90022

Dear Mr. Sahagun:

It is my understanding Yoruba House located 4736 Whittier Boulevard Los Angeles, has requested a Conditional Use Permit for sales of alcohol for their business. While we are not advocating our support or opposition to their request, it is my responsibility to provide the necessary factual information for those who will make that decision.

A review of a five-year history of calls for service at the location was conducted and approximately six calls were generated. A review revealed two (2) of the calls for service were for business disturbances, one (1) was for an assault, one (1) was for a grand theft, the other two (2) were regarding nonviolent report calls.

If the permit is granted, we request law enforcement be called by management and/or employees if problems arise, so they do not become more serious.

It would also be in the best interest for the business, and the employees, to have active and functional surveillance recording equipment with recordings retained for a minimum of thirty days to assist law enforcement. We would also request any graffiti be removed from the premises immediately upon discovery.

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Mr. Sahagun

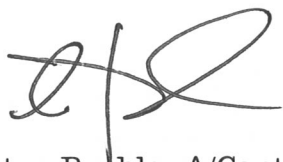
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If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact me, Sergeant Jesus Sandoval at (323) 264-4151.

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Puebla', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Victor Puebla, A/Captain  
East Los Angeles Station

# Incident History Inquiry - RAPS

Incident #	Occurrence Date	Handling Unit	RD	1st Radio Code	Source	Street #	Location
ELA20058-0430	02/27/2020	21/E/02/27/2020	0294	925	O-OBSERVATION	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,
ELA20353-0276	12/18/2020	24B/P/12/18/2020	0294	415B	C-CALL	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,"YORUBA HOUSE TATTOO"
ELA21093-0197	04/03/2021	20H1/P/04/03/2021	0294	909	O-OBSERVATION	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,
ELA21127-0294	05/07/2021	24B/P/05/07/2021	0294	911N	C-CALL	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,"DOLLAR EXPRES"
ELA21206-0165	07/25/2021	28T/P/07/25/2021	0294	242JO	C-CALL	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,"TATOO SHOP"
ELA22190-0184	07/09/2022	23K1/P/07/09/2022	0284	487R	C-CALL	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,
ELA22255-0355	09/12/2022	23A/P/09/12/2022	0294	909	O-OBSERVATION	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,
ELA22335-0228	12/01/2022	24/P/12/01/2022	0293	415B	W-WIRELESS 911	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,"YORUBA TATTOOS"
ELA23018-0251	01/18/2023	24/P/01/18/2023	0294	927C	C-CALL	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,"TATTOO PARLOR"
ELA23021-0007	01/21/2023	22/E/01/21/2023	0294	909	O-OBSERVATION	4736	WHITTIER,BL,,CO,

## Conditions

Station: ELA-EAST LOS ANGELES

Occurrence Start Date: 10/04/2019

End Date: 10/04/2024

Tag:

First Radio Code:

Street #: 4736

Street Direction:

Street Name: whittier

Street Type: bl

Apt No: