

**WRITTEN
PUBLIC
COMMENT**

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

APRIL 4, 2023

B. Brown
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Jon McMillan
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April 3, 2023

Hello Mr. McMillan,

I live in the Highland Palms neighborhood within 500 feet of the special events center commonly called the Dupont Estate Resort, which you know so well given recent communications you have had from fellow neighbors.

I have lived in my home for almost 10 years and I like living here until events occur at the Dupont Estate Resort. Loud, amplified music and live mics along with parking congestion wreak havoc on our quiet enjoyment, and isn't that something La Quinta's 2035 General Plan tenets profess to protect—good health of its residents? Special events in residential areas were never a good idea—they belong in commercially-zoned areas. However, the City Council in 2016 decided it was a good idea if some rules were put in place. One such rule was NOTIFICATION of such events, so annoyed residents can leave town or worse, prepare to endure the event with interruption of their quiet enjoyment for up to three days.

So with that, I reviewed the La Quinta Municipal Code and the section on Special Events rules and regulations, which I argue, La Quinta should follow to the letter. In it, I found the section on Mailings. It is quite clear that all affected residents/properties will be notified of a special event in their residential area within 14 days. Please read the first sentence carefully:

Mailings

The applicant shall provide evidence that the applicant mailed or delivered written notification of the special event(s) to all property owners shown on the last equalized county assessment roll and all occupants of each dwelling unit within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed special event property. Such notice shall be issued no later than fourteen (14) days prior, and completed no more than seven (7) days prior to the special event. The notice shall include:

- a. The date, time, hours of operation and complete description of all activities for the event as required to be submitted as part of the application.*
- b. The name and twenty-four (24)-hour contact phone number of the local contact person for the property and the police department*

In a letter you sent to Claudia and Matthew Snyder on December 13, 2022, page 1 reads:

Special Event Permit 2021- 0005 Approval Letter (dated Oct. 7, 2022) with Conditions of Approval (Attachment 1), which includes Condition No. 6 that provides in full:

For events exceeding 50 attendees, the applicant shall provide notification of such event to all properties within 500 feet of event site and/ or surrounding Home Owners Associations (HOA' s) fourteen (14) days prior to each event. Notification shall include date, time, event scope, and the name and twenty-four hour contact phone number of the local contact person for the property and the police department. Proof of notification shall be provided to the City of La Quinta Planning Division seven (7) days prior to each event. In addition, the name and phone number of the local contact person for the property shall be posted at all entrances to the property.

Please notice that the wording in the December 13 letter is deficient as it doesn't state clearly that the 'applicant shall provide evidence that the applicant mailed or delivered written notification' per the municipal code.

Claudia and Matthew Snyder further requested proof of such notification given the municipal code wording, and a city employee produced the flimsy evidence that Special Permit holder, Lynne Daniels, provided as a text exchange between her and a friend/neighbor stating he had a copy of the letter and he appreciated her notification (see attached). That is not proof. It is an 'after the fact' cover-up job.

Please know that I did not receive that letter or any notice. Claudia and Matthew along with other neighbors did not receive a notice.

Thank you,



B. Brown

From: Lynne Daniels <lynne@[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Carlos Flores
Subject: From neighbor Alan [REDACTED]

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Hi...
Sure appreciate your
sending via mail the
notice of weekend
event...your always
so great about letting
us neighbours
know...
And by the way, there

Fellow Neighbor,

There will be a wedding taking place this upcoming weekend Saturday, November 5th at 46485 Cameo Palms Drive.

We are thrilled that the bride and groom will enjoy this milestone in their lives on our property where we were married in 2005. Please know the neighborhood will be respected and we will be nearby. All permits are in place.

We appreciate your support and understanding. Please enjoy the music which will be over at 10pm.

Our Best,
Lynne & Rob Daniels
310.720. [REDACTED]

From: Claudia Snyder <welovebaci@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 11:43 AM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: WRITTEN COMMENTS ahead of April 4, 2023 La Quinta City Council Meeting

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Good morning, Ms. Radeva:

We are submitting this in response to Item No. 3 of the Council's March 21, 2023 Business Session as we find it incredibly hypocritical that the City stated its intent to complain to the Coachella Valley USD Board about the alleged disrespectful treatment of Councilmember Sanchez given Mayor Evans' own disrespectful treatment of a concerned neighbor.

Re Special Events Permits (for Residential Neighborhoods)

Transcript from video ("Get Friends") shot in October 2022 by a concerned neighbor as she interviewed Mayor Evans as the latter arrived at an unannounced Mayoral Fundraiser at the DuPot Estate in the Highland Palms neighborhood of La Quinta.

Neighbor: What are your thoughts on an event in a neighborhood that's not really built for it?

Mayor:
It's a permitted event.

Neighbor:
Huh?

Mayor:
It's a permitted event. She's following the rules.

Neighbor:
So, you think it's okay, though? I mean, would you like this next to you, Mayor?

Mayor:
I have gatherings at my house and my friends enjoy spending time with me.

Neighbor:
... Every weekend?! I can't move, Mayor. I'm trapped next to a Pot Motel because of your policies.

... Okay...

Alright, well, I guess you and [Councilmember] Pena are OK with large events in small neighborhoods, is what you're telling me. Is that correct?

Mayor:
It's a gathering of friends.

Neighbor: OK

Mayor:
You should try getting some!

Neighbor:
I have plenty of friends, Mayor!

From: Matthew Snyder <mcsnyder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 9:19 AM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: WRITTEN COMMENTS - 4/4/23 City Council Meeting - Matters Not on the Agenda
Attachments: 3.pdf

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Dear Ms. Radeva:

Please find the Proof of Notification for the DuPot Estate's Nov 7, 2022 Large Scale Wedding Event which we received from the City on March 23, 2023 in response to our request for evidence that the permit applicant (Lynne Daniels) mailed or delivered notification of the event to all neighbors within 500 feet no later than 14 days prior to said event (as required per LQMC 9.60.170).

As you are aware, the neighborhood disputes that the document is evidence and we wish to have this entered into the public record.

Thank you,

Matthew Snyder on behalf of the Concerned Neighbors of Highland Palms

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We appreciate your support and understanding. Please enjoy the music which will be over at 10pm.

Our Best,
Lynne & Rob Daniels
310.720.8222

From: Lynne Daniels <lynne@dupontestateresort.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Carlos Flores
Subject: From neighbor Alan Pollack

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