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**CITY COUNCIL
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JUNE 20, 2023

From: Claudia Snyder <highlandpalmsneighbors@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 8:19 AM
To: Monika Radeva
Cc: thomas.coulter@thedesertsun.com; jeff.stahl@kesq.com
Subject: WRITTEN COMMENTS - Special Residential Events Permits - Claudia Snyder
Attachments: 062023 Analysis - Special Residential Events - Dupont Estate.pdf; Exhibits A - M to Analysis - SREs - Dupont Estate.pdf

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In a December 2016 article titled "*La Quinta tightens events regulations, toughens penalties*", then-Desert Sun reporter, Sherry Barkas (currently a Management Specialist at the City of La Quinta) reported on the changes that the City was making to its Special Events regulations. In short, Ms. Barkas reported that the City was adding more steps to the permit process and penalties, including a 1-year moratorium on properties with repeat violations. I'd like to provide a follow-up to that article.

First, a little context: per a statement by the City Clerk in a recent City Council meeting, there are only 2 Special Residential Events permits applicants in the City. One of these is the so-called "Dupont Estate" located in the middle of the Highland Palms neighborhood, which appears to have been the driving force for the initiative to regulate the program, given City Council discussions starting in April 2016 (see attached Exhibit M).

In her article, Ms. Barkas quoted "Dupont Estate" homeowner, Lynne Daniels, as stating "*We will insure [sic] that proper permits will be in order and that we will oversee events...*" adding that Mrs. Daniels vowed to work closely with the City to ensure that events were in compliance with regulations.

Fast forward to the Fall of 2022, and records prove that this promise was broken - e.g., Mrs. Daniels did not comply with the City's Conditional Approval terms required to lawfully conduct a 10/12/22 Mayoral Fundraiser nor 11/05/22 Celebrity Wedding event. Even more shocking, however, is that the City failed to provide **any** oversight for major steps in the process after the issuance of its Conditional Approval which provides the terms an applicant must comply with to be able to proceed with an event. The "requirement of notification" championed by Mayor Evans in a 12/20/26 City Council meeting (Ex. M) is not only riddled with caveats (e.g., no notification required for events w/ less than 50 attendees), but has, also, never been enforced (despite flimsy "evidence" provided by the City).

This matter is no longer limited to a discussion about event violations at the Dupont Estate, but rather systemic negligence and corruption within the context of the program. [The attached analysis consists of facts and documentation obtained from the City](#). A mindful attempt was made to avoid subjective interpretation in the interest of creating a solid argument that stands up to punctilious scrutiny.

In Ms. Barkas's article, former Mayor and current Councilmember Pena was quoted, "*We're going to try to do what is reasonable for people involved on either side.*" I would argue- how is a Conditional Approval which allows for up to 200 guests for a 1-day wedding and 400 guests for parties up to 3-days in the middle of a small residential neighborhood such as Highland Palms **reasonable**? These types of events might work at the Merv Griffin Estate (*the other* Special Residential Events Permits applicant) which sits on 40 acres of land, but is NOT reasonable in Highland Palms where the "Dupont Estate" sits in the middle of a small neighborhood surrounded by homes located just across the street.

I'll venture to say that there aren't many neighbors who would consider holding such large events on a *private* level, so it makes no sense that these large commercial events would be allowed in a small residential neighborhood for one set of homeowners who have decided to monetize their property to generate a second income (see attached Ex. M, City Council Mtg 09/20/16). Why do the commercial interests of one homeowner supercede the right to quiet enjoyment of the rest of the neighborhood? Let's please not lose sight of the important fact that Highland Palms is a small residential neighborhood.

In a 12/06/16 City Council meeting, former Councilmember Radi stated that it was the City's goal to have as many events as possible because they generate revenue and jobs. What happened- as the Mayor argued in the subsequent 12/12/26 City Council meeting (see attached Exhibit M)- to balancing personal property rights - and, therefore, defining program parameters- to ensure the quiet enjoyment of the other side? In our research, we have seen no further arguments in support of the other side's right to peaceful and quiet enjoyment of our homes (except, of course, from neighbors who have been aggrieved by the "Dupont Estate's" activities). Surely, the Mayor's mission of making La Quinta a "resort destination" does not imply that La Quinta is to become one large commercial zone in which residential neighborhoods are marginalized. We may not contribute to the City's TOT coffers, but we pay taxes, too!

In Ms. Barkas' article, former Councilmember Radi was also quoted as saying that, "*The reality is, when you have sensible regulations in place, people are likely to follow them.*" Okay, but, **what happens when the City itself fails to oversee and apply program rules? ... And flat-out refuses to do so when confronted with evidence of violations?** What we have witnessed is the City's attempt to cover-up for its negligence. With that, a complete erosion of any confidence or trust in the City... and, also fear because, as the saying goes, *Where there is no justice, it is dangerous to be right.*

Ms. Barkas references regulations that require permit applications to be filed 45 days prior to an event. This was not done in the Fall of 2022 by the "Dupont Estate", but also never enforced by the City for either the Mayoral Fundraiser nor Celebrity Wedding events.

In an April 19, 2016 City Council meeting which appears to be contain the first public comments regarding the "Dupont Estate's" events, Councilmember Pena stated: *If they don't comply, it's a public nuisance... We can deny future permits.* The Mayor added that if it was necessary to shut them down, the City would. I would argue **it's time to take action and hold rule-breakers accountable before we start amending rules to the Special Residential Events permits program.**

The damage done to the Highland Palms neighbors who reside closest to the "Dupont Estate" is extensive and ongoing. If a lack of oversight, cover-ups, and continuous harassment by Code Enforcement on behalf of the "Dupont Estate" were not enough, we have also been threatened with permanent bans for making "impertinent" remarks or becoming "boisterous" while addressing the council at City Council meetings. Naturally, I am personally concerned as my tone is, inevitably, one of outrage when addressing the City given the injustice I have witnessed. Can an individual's tone be considered "boisterous"? What is an "impertinent" comment? I know the definition of *impertinent*, but do not know how the City intends to apply this given its broad discretion coupled with the fact that we are at odds. Alas, I have asked the City for clarification and am still awaiting its reply.

Aside from the stress that has resulted in pulmonary embolisms, suicide attempts, restraining orders, and incessant bullying, we have also been publicly undermined for speaking up against the City. We have been publicly undermined and falsely accused of violence by both the owners of the "Dupont Estate" and Mayor Evans:

- "Mrs. Kravitz" - Mrs. Daniels in 05/03/16 City Council Mtg;
- "The one who complains excessively" - Mayor Evans in 04/20/21 City Council Mtg;
- Condescending remark about neighbors not native to California - "... neighbors from Montana + Missouri" - Mrs. Daniels in 4/19/22 City Council Mtg
- Slander: "Mrs. Snyder physically assaulted me days after the [Mayoral] reception." - Mrs. Daniels in 04/04/23 City Council Mtg

Indeed, the aforementioned may seem petty, but my goal in sharing is to give the full scope of the matter regarding our dispute with the City regarding the Special Residential Events activities associated with the "Dupont Estate".

We have no choice but to continue to speak-up until we obtain accountability from the City of La Quinta.

Please help us.

Respectfully,
Claudia Snyder

EXHIBIT A

Special Residential Event Permit 2021-0005
For 'Dupont Estate'



October 7, 2022

CASE NUMBER

Special Event Permit 2021-0005

ACTIVITY/EVENT

Various Events

Weddings or Parties, up to 3 between October 7, 2022 and October 7, 2023
46485 Cameo Palms Dr., La Quinta, CA 92253

APPLICANT

Ms. Lynne Daniels
46485 Cameo Palms Dr.
La Quinta, CA 92253

APPROVAL

The Design and Development Department has reviewed your request for Special Event Permit 2021-0005, which includes up to three (3) weddings or parties between October 7, 2022 and October 7, 2023. Weddings would be one-day events with up to 200 guests. Parties would be up to three-day events, with up to 400 guests. Pursuant to LQMC Section 9.60.170 (Special Events – Residential), your permit is approved based on the following Findings:

- A. The event will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the community in the area of the proposed event.
- B. There is adequate area to conduct the event and to accommodate the anticipated attendance.
- C. Sufficient parking will be provided for the anticipated attendance.
- D. Fire protection plans and facilities have been provided to the satisfaction of the fire marshal.
- E. Security plans, including security staffing levels, and facilities have been provided to the satisfaction of the La Quinta Police Department.
- F. Public roadways providing access to the event are capable of accommodating the



anticipated traffic volumes in a reasonable and safe manner with minimal disruption to local traffic circulation.

This approval authorizes the applicant to conduct the event pursuant to compliance with all conditions of approval of this permit. The applicant must obtain any permits, as may be required below, in order to physically set up the event.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Completion/confirmation prior to start of the event:

1. Up to three (3) indoor/outdoor events are approved between October 7, 2022 and October 7, 2023. The total number of event participants, including staff, security and guests, shall not exceed 400 on-site at any given time. The applicant is required to maintain a count of all event participants on-site at all times during the event. The event count shall be maintained by event staff at the main entrance and made available upon request by the La Quinta Police Department or City Staff.
2. Revised exhibits and specific event information for each event shall be submitted **30 days prior** to each event and will be reviewed by City Departments. If event changes are significant from the approved event exhibits and description, the Director may require a separate Temporary Use Permit for these events and/or additions and modifications to the conditions of approval listed in this letter. **The City of La Quinta has information on file regarding the first approved event: Wedding on November 5, 2022.** *where is this information?*
3. The applicant shall obtain all other applicable permits, if required, from the appropriate agencies (i.e. Fire Department, Building Department, Police Department, Alcohol Beverage Control, etc.).
4. The applicant shall obtain an encroachment permit for any off-site signs. Off-site signs shall not block the line of sight for traffic. Please contact Amy Yu at (760)777-7047 for assistance on obtaining an encroachment permit.
5. All vendors shall obtain a City Business License prior to each event. The serving of food and alcoholic beverages during the event shall be subject to the rules and requirements of the Riverside County Health Department and State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control, respectively. The applicant shall provide the City with proof of ABC approval prior to the event.



6. 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.
7. **Fourteen (14) days prior** to each three-day event, the Applicant shall provide the City with a deposit in the amount of \$12,500 to be used if additional Police, Code Enforcement, or other City resources are required from the event, such as lost police time, equipment, and/or any unforeseen loss that may occur due to the event that requires action(s). The amount due may be modified, subject to the approval of the Design and Development Director. If there are no additional resources needed, the deposit will be returned to the Applicant. If no three-day events are held, no deposit will be due.
8. Access and egress to all neighboring properties shall be maintained at all times. If access and egress is not maintained, due to impacts related to the event, to the satisfaction of the Code Compliance Division or Police, the event permit may be modified, suspended or revoked.
9. The Design and Development Director may modify Conditions of Approval regarding business hours, parking, occupancy and other operational conditions should it be determined that after an event, the proposed uses or conditions under which the events are being operated or maintained is detrimental to the public health, welfare, or materially injurious to property, improvements or other uses in proximity to the subject property, or if the subject property is operated or maintained so as to constitute a public nuisance.
10. The applicant shall coordinate with the City of La Quinta Code Compliance division to have noise monitoring information available to Staff during the event. Please contact Kevin Meredith at (760) 777-7034 to coordinate.

Completion/confirmation during the event:

11. The set-up and operation of the events shall be consistent with the attached exhibits and event information on file.



12. Security personnel shall be easily identifiable to the public by the provision of uniformed personnel. All designated private security personnel must be licensed by the State of California and possess a valid private security license.
13. Certain areas providing access to the event area are public and, as such, general public access may not be denied or restricted in any manner that extends beyond the limits of this event as approved.
14. The applicant shall conform to the City's Noise Ordinance (Municipal Code Section 9.100.210) and specifically the following noise limitations during the event:
 Before 10:00pm: Sixty-five decibels (65 dB(A))
 After 10:00pm: Fifty decibels (50 dB(A))

If the noise consists entirely of impact noise, speech or music, or any combination thereof, each of the noise levels specific above shall be reduced by five dB(A).
15. All noise monitoring devices as shown in noise monitoring plan shall be operational throughout the event times. Information gathered from noise monitors shall be made available to City staff during the event and upon request.
16. Portable generators shall be shielded to prevent accidental contact with guests. Extension cords shall be ground-secured to prevent tripping. Any lighting shall be directed away from surrounding roadways and surrounding residential properties. No spot or searchlights are permitted.
17. Surrounding roadways and intersections shall remain readily accessible for passage of emergency response vehicles and private vehicles. There shall be no queuing of vehicles along all surrounding roads for the purposes of dropping off for, picking up for, or entering the event.
18. If parking at any event exceeds what is approved, the parking options for the next event will need to be modified and submitted to the Planning Division 30 days prior to the next event. Additionally, a copy of the contract with the shuttle company, agreement with the parking lot owner and a description of how guests will be shuttled to the event must be submitted to the Planning Division 30 days prior to each event that utilizes a shuttle company, for approval by the Planning Manager.
19. For the proposed three-day events, credentials will be required to validate invited guests for expeditious entry to the event and avoid the congregation of uninvited



persons seeking entry. Credentials can be in the form of bracelets, passes or something similar and shall be approved by the Planning Manager **ten (10) days prior** to each event.

20. Roadways/traffic aisles to structures and activities in and around the event will be maintained accessible to emergency vehicles at all times. Parking monitors shall wear light-colored clothing and reflective vests as needed. Flashlights shall be used after dusk.
21. The event is subject to spot inspections by the Police Department and/or City staff to ensure compliance with the conditions of this letter.
22. No fireworks, or open flame, or any other device emitting flame or fire or creating a glow capable of igniting combustibles shall be permitted.

Completion/confirmation after the conclusion of the event (if necessary):

23. The event sites used shall be left clean and in its original manner after the event. Temporary trash receptacles shall be provided in and around the event areas. All event areas shall be left free of debris at the end of each day's activities, and after the event concludes.
24. The City of La Quinta Police department reserves the right to bill the event sponsor for any lost police time, equipment, and/or any unforeseen loss that may occur due to the event that requires police action.
25. Any damage to public hardscape caused by this event shall be repaired as directed by the City Engineer. This includes but is not limited to sidewalks, curb and gutter, landscaping, and pavement especially within the surrounding public streets.

FINAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONTACT INFORMATION

By holding this outdoor event, the applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of La Quinta ("the City"), its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of this temporary use permit. The City of La Quinta shall have sole discretion in selecting its defense counsel. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding and shall cooperate fully in the defense.

The City may elect to add Conditions to this application request to mitigate any problems



that arise not previously addressed herein. The City of La Quinta reserves the right to revoke, suspend or void this permit at any time.

This decision may be appealed to the Planning Commission, provided the written appeal and filing fee are submitted to this Department within 15 calendar days. Please contact this office should you wish to file an appeal, and we will assist you in that regard.

From: Lynne Daniels
To: Carlos Flores; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: DUPONT TUP ANSWERS TO OPEN QUESTIONS
Date: Thursday, March 02, 2017 10:36:33 AM

DUPONT ESTATE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT 2016-0003

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

*Our intent is to have no more than 11 events per calendar year. The types of events would include weddings, charity events and music festivals; ie Coachella.

1) Upcoming Coachella--We will know more of the details in the next week or so. At this point in time, we will describe an event that if it does come to fruition...this is how we see it transpiring. We showed Carlos Flores a sizzle video of last year's event,,, which included 200 people in an open house setting which we do not see occurring this year. However, the description below will need approval if the client decides to pursue.

--Sat., April 15 and Sat., April 22--This year the event will be on a more low key scale. We do not anticipate production trucks nor staging. A corporate sponsor of the festival who will be lodging on the property with his CEOs will possibly have a daytime barbeque and DJ between the approximate hours of 11am and 6 pm. The equipment set up and removal will be same day as event. There will be cabanas and some rental furniture, possibly porta potties (that will be placed in our backyard) if necessary, as well as a celebrity chef and a few outside local vendors. If catering chooses to use either one of our kitchens, or the outside barbeque area within the grounds, they will be coming inside from our private driveway as well as their parked vehicles. This pertains to any other vendor. The long gate on the south side of the property, alongside the Sunflower cul de sac will be used for rental drop offs and pick ups. It will be a private guest list with security around the property and at the front door in an open house setting. Guests will arrive throughout the course of the day. **No portion of the activity will occur within a public right of way....for this or any other event.** Tentatively, it looks as though the DJ would be the only form with his own amplified speakers. Trash facilities will be rented and placed on our private driveway on the cul sac side of Cameo Dunes Place.

We will email later today ,the drone photo that was taken of the Dupont Estate property and grounds showing property lines, landscape areas, structures and areas for proposed activities. We will also provide you with the layout and outline specs after today once we have the installation completed for the "Noise Aware" company recommended by the city. Organized parking will be arranged through a shuttle company. The guests will meet at an off site parking area and then be shuttled back and forth to the property.

2) WEDDINGS:

--Our weddings range in size from 40 to 200 guests. The times of the events vary anywhere from 2pm to 10pm. Based on past wedding events, some have DJ's, others not. There are usually local vendors on site to include wedding planners, caterers, photographers, and the like. Sometimes a tent is set up in the back yard for the ceremony and Basically, when there is a higher number of guests, then the same parking scenerio would hold true as above.

3) CHARITY EVENTS:

--We donate our home from time to time to various charitable organizations for their name awareness and recognition. Again, the description would be similar to any above mentioned event.

*As we have previously discussed, we are physically on hand at the property during the event on most occasions. Otherwise, our property manager, Marvin Melgar and his staff will be on hand to monitor. In addition to the "Noise Aware", we have our own decimeter and a staff member continually monitors during any size party.

***NOISE CONTROL PLAN

We will be meeting later today with the "Noise Aware" personnel for installation and will provide when available.



Noise Control & Event Plan

46485 Cameo Palm Drive

PLANNING APPROVAL
ADMINISTRATIVE

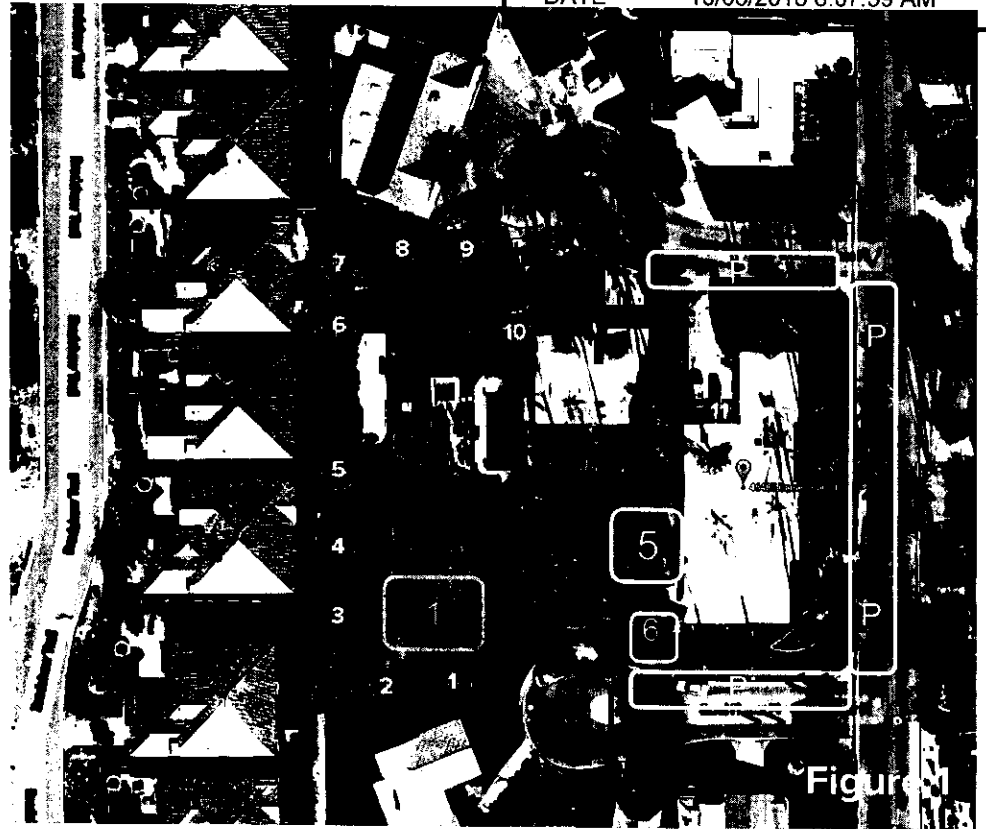
CASE# SPEV2018-0027
EXHIBIT# _____
INITIAL clflores
DATE 10/08/2018 8:07:59 AM

The Dupont Estate is equipped with 11 NoiseAware noise monitoring sensors. See **Figure 1** for location of installed sensors.

LEGEND

- 1: Stage Location
- 2: Shuttle Dropoff
- 3: Shuttle Turnaround
- 4: High Top Area

<<: Shuttle Traffic



For questions related to NoiseAware noise monitoring, please contact David Krauss at david@noiseaware.io

Prepared by NoiseAware on behalf of Lynne Daniels

Carlos Flores

From: Lynne Daniels [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Carlos Flores; robdan@earthlink.net; Gabriel Perez
Subject: The Dupont Estate Resort event layout

Carlos--Here is the diagram of the DuPont grounds where our events will take place. --The layout includes the noise aware signals that were placed throughout the property from the recommended company called "Noise Aware"

--the South Gate on the cul de sac of sandflower where furniture such as rental tables and chairs and decorations will be brought in and placed in the center of the lawns,

--The 10x10 stage will also be brought in through that long gate and will be placed in front of the mountain so the sound vibrates off towards our house,

--If porta potties/mobile toilets are in need, then they will come through that delivery gate and placed inside the property next to the gate near the master suite,

--Any tents (chuppahs/or pergolas/and/or dance floors will be close to the patio of the inside of the main house that sits on Cameo palms btw the sandflower and cameo dunes cul de sacs inside on grass.

--Trash bins will be on our driveway, not on the streets. That said, There will be nothing on the streets to block the flow of traffic. With small events, 20-35 cars will be on our side of the street, on driveway and on carport,

--With larger events, a shuttle bus will meet the guests, drop in front of main house on cameo palms drive and then turn around on the sandflower cul de sac to exit,

--The only activity on the street will be the dropping and picking up of guests in an orderly way so as to NOT create any traffic. There will be a security staff at the entrances and someone to be near to ensure the sound is in compliance.

--Most deliveries occur on a thurs or fri afternoon prior to the event and picked up at check out on the following Monday mid morning.



46485 Cameo Palm Drive - Noise Control Plan.pdf 473KB

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EXHIBIT B

Code Enforcement Report - CE-22-1585

Code Enforcement Case: CE-22-1585

Entered on: 10/12/2022 00:00

Printed on: 05/27/2023

Topic: Zoning
 Due Date: 10/27/22
 Initiated by: Neighbor
 Hearing Date:

Status: Closed
 Assigned To: Kevin Meredith
 Area #: 4 NORTH SIDE RES
 Hearing Time:

Permit

Permit #: Business name: License #:

Property Location

Occupant Name: Lic: DOB:
 Address: 46485 CAMEO PALMS DR , 92253
 Phone: Cell #:
 APN : 643-181-010

Owner Information

Owner Name: ROBERT DANIELS
 Address: 260 S BEVERLY DR STE 306
 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212
 Phone: Cell #:

Actions

Action	By	Date	Time	Hours	Note/Observation
Complaint	Kevin Meredith	10/12/2022	6:28 pm	0.25	Hotline Complaint: Cameo Dunes Excessive Occupancy There Is A Party Exceeding 50 People. There Is A 1,000.00 Dollar Fine For Exceeding 50 People. The Central Communications STVR Hotline received the previous complaint. Code Compliance had become aware of the planned event earlier in the day and checked for a Special Event permit. Code observed that this property has a approved blanket permit that covers up to 3 events over the year. It appeared that the property owner has not made the City aware that this event was occurring. A conversation was had with Planning in which it was advised that the event would be covered under the existing permit and prior notice would not be required due to less than 50 planned attendees. No Violation.

Attachment 1
 Permitted Events: SPEV 2021-0005

Other	Kevin Meredith	10/12/2022	7:22 pm	1.00	On 10/17/22, Code Compliance received notification from RSO that they had received a report at 1922 on 10/12/22 of over occupancy for an unpermitted event at this address. The RSO dispatch report indicates that negative music heard and people leaving the location. No Violation.
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Attachment 2; RSO dispatch report

Other	Kevin Meredith	12/14/2022	9:20 am	1.00	The CM's office notified Code Compliance that the residents from 46450 Cameo Palms submitted a complaint that they were not notified by the property owner of an event that took place on October 12, 2022 and November 7, 2022. The Planning Department that issued the permit and approved the conditions for both events notified Code Compliance that the first event did not exceed 50 people and therefore the notification requirement was not triggered. The second event, per the Planning Department, proof of notification was received by the City. The CMs office provided a response to the r/p, see attached. The response indicated that the permit holder failed to include the phone number for the Police in the notification letter. A Notice was sent to the permit holder by the CMs office making the permit holder aware of the oversight and requirement, see attached.
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Attachment 3
 City: 10/7/2023 Warning Letter to Dupont Estate
 City: 10/7/2023 Response Letter to Snyder

Complaint	Kevin Meredith	03/23/2023		0.25	The City Clerk notified Code Compliance that Mrs. Claudia Snyder submitted a complaint that the Security company utilized at the two events that took place on Oct. 12th and November 7th 2022 did not meet the conditions of the event permit SPEV2021-0005. The specific report is "3) As I also stated during the last City council meeting, were unable to obtain verification of a security license for either Marvin Melgar nor Andrew Collins via the Department of Consumer Affairs that these "security officers" who worked the Mayoral Event on Oct 12th and the Wedding Event on Nov 7th are licensed, as required by Item 12 of the City's Conditional Approval to Special Event Permit 2021-0005 which states that "security personnel shall be easily identifiable and private security... must be licensed by the State of CA and possess a valid security license". Would you please explain what the City intends to do about this breach of the Code?" See Attached.
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Attachment 4
 3/23/2023 Security Officers (SO) Complaint to City

Email	Kevin Meredith	04/03/2023	4:50 pm	1.00	An email was sent to Mrs. Daniels inquiring about the Security Company that was utilized for the November 7, 2022 event and if one was used for the October 12, 2022 event. Mrs. Daniels was asked to provide any documents related to the Security company for these two events and whether she confirmed that the company was licensed as required in the Conditions of Approval. See Attached.
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Attachment 5
 City Investigation re: 3/23/23 SO Complaint

Other Kevin 04/04/2023 11:25 am 1.00
 Meredith

I reviewed the November 7, 2023, code case in which several complaints were received regarding an event taking place that exceeded 50 people and security. I reviewed the same case regarding the March 13, 2023, PRA submitted by Mrs. Snyder regarding the concern that the event on October 12, 2023, and the event on November 7, 2023, had security personnel in which she was not able to confirm that the onsite security were licensed with the Department of Consumer Affairs.

- Regarding the October 12, 2023, event, there were no complaints at the time and code compliance does not have a record of responding to that event.

Attachment 5
 Findings, Verbal Warning, &
 Resolution re: 3/23/2023 SO
 Complaint

- Regarding the November 7, 2023, event, there were complaints and code did respond. The Code Officer observed what he identified as Security personnel. In cooperation with the onsite security, several noise readings were taken that showed no violation. The event was permitted so the number of attendees was not an issue. Based on the PRA complaint, I reached out to the permit holder for the November 7, 2023, event and asked about the security that was utilized. Mrs. Daniels stated that she did have security onsite but that it was not her usual security, and she did not confirm whether the personnel were licensed by the State of California. Mrs. Daniels stated that she did not understand that confirming the correct licensing was her responsibility.

At this point, there is no further action for Code Compliance to take on this matter. I discussed with Mrs. Daniels that in the future she should request that her security company provide their credentials and that she maintains those credentials for her records in case the information is requested by City staff or Police.

<i>Violations</i>			
#	Violation Type	Due Date	Status

<i>Inspection Notes</i>

Date: _____ Time: _____

Findings: _____

EXHIBIT C

**Transcript of Mayor's Statement (as captured on video) re Mayoral Fundraiser Being
Both Permitted and "A Gathering of Friends"**



Claudia Snyder <welovebaci@gmail.com>

WRITTEN COMMENTS ahead of April 4, 2023 La Quinta City Council Meeting

1 message

Claudia Snyder <welovebaci@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 11:43 AM

To: City Clerk Mail <CityClerkMail@laquintaca.gov>

Bcc: Matthew Snyder <mcsnyder@gmail.com>, jeff.stahl@kesq.com, thomas.coulter@thedesertsun.com

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!

EXHIBIT D

Same-Day (10/12/22) Email Invitation to Mayoral Fundraiser
from L. Daniels to City Staff

From: Carlos Flores
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 8:48 AM
To: Lynne Daniels; Brianna Rodriguez; Kevin Meredith; Martha Mendez
Subject: RE: Happy wed
Attachments: SPEV2021-0005 APPROVAL LETTER 10-7-22.pdf

Hi Lynne,

Thank you for the notification.

I am providing your event approval letter for your files, which has some corrections. Thanks,

Carlos Flores | Senior Planner
Design and Development
City of La Quinta
78495 Calle Tampico | La Quinta, CA 92253 Ph. 760.777.7069 www.laquintaca.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Lynne Daniels [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Brianna Rodriguez <brodriguez@laquintaca.gov>; Kevin Meredith <Kmeredith@laquintaca.gov>;
Martha Mendez <mmendez@laquintaca.gov>; Carlos Flores <cflores@laquintaca.gov>
Subject: Happy wed

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Hi All! We are hosting a meet & greet this eve from 530-730 for The Mayor, John & Debbie. You may know about it. You all are welcomed to join the gathering.
Our best—Lynne & Rob

EXHIBIT E

Email dated 11/07/22 from Group of Highland Palms Neighbors to City Manager re Lack
of Notification for 11/05/22 Celebrity Wedding at "Dupont Estate"



Claudia Snyder <welovebaci@gmail.com>

46485 Cameo Palms Dr - AKA, The DuPont Estate

Claudia Snyder <welovebaci@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 7, 2022 at 12:11 PM

To: jmcmillen@laquintaca.gov

Bcc: Kelly Baucom <procady@gmail.com>, Brian Brown <sparky_brown@mac.com>, Matthew Snyder <mcsnyder@gmail.com>, Melissa Labayog <melissalabayog@yahoo.com>

VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED FIRST-CLASS USPS MAIL

Dear Mr. Mc Millan:

As City Manager who oversees the Design and Development Department which processes Special Residential Event permits, you are likely aware that Robert and Lynne Daniels, owners of the DuPont Estate, hosted a 3-day wedding event at their 46485 Cameo Palms property this past weekend (from Friday morning to Sunday evening). On Saturday afternoon, several Highland Palms neighbors were forced to contact the STVR Enforcement Hotline to report a variety of disturbances created by said event. Enforcement officer, Michael Salas, responded a while later to inform us that the event was a Permitted one, though he was unable to provide details (i.e., event number and number of guests) given that his ipad battery had apparently drained on the way to the DuPont Estate.

It was incredibly frustrating to discover that several of the neighbors had expended such a considerable amount of energy to contact the STVR Hotline given that the event was permitted. It was undoubtedly also a disruption to Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and, perhaps, their STVR guests, to have to experience such discord, on what should have, otherwise, been a special occasion. This conflict could have been averted had Mr. and Mrs. Daniels provided the required notice of this wedding to neighbors- **and, for that matter, also the recent Mayoral fundraiser** which the Mayor, herself, claimed to be a Permitted event in the "You Should Get Some Friends" video shared with you a few weeks ago.

It's noteworthy to share that when a few neighbors asked Enforcement Officer, Michael Salas, to explain why the neighbors had not received notice of the wedding, his response was something to the effect of 'Maybe she didn't tell you because you don't have good communication.' He also suggested that we request of the City that it require such notices in the future. We needn't explain that Enforcement Officer Salas's uninformed communications do not lend credibility to the City's STVR Enforcement program.

Section 9.60.170 (Special Events - Residential), B-11, of the La Quinta Municipal Code, states that:

"The applicant [of a Special Residential Event] 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... [and that] such notice [is to] be issued no later than fourteen (14) days prior, and completed no more than seven (7) days prior to the special event. [It instructs the applicant that] 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."

Section 9.60.170: 14-C, details that violations of this section include issuance of a Notice of Violation (14-C-2), Administrative Citation (14-C-3), and/ or a Misdemeanor Citation. (14-C-4) and Section 14-C-6 further states that:

"It shall be a public nuisance for any person to commit, cause or maintain a violation of this section or other provisions of the municipal code, which shall be subject to the provisions of Section 1.01.250 (Violations public nuisances) of Chapter 1.01..."

Moreover, we call your attention to Page 3, Item No. 6 of Special Event Permit 2021-0005 for applicant, Lynne Daniels, which was conditionally-approved by the Design and Development Department on October 7, 2022 which states that "...

Proof of notification [for events exceeding 50 attendees] shall be provided to the City of La Quinta Planning Division seven (7) days prior to each event... (City states it does not keep such records.)

For the record, there are several families in the neighborhood who did not receive notice regarding either The Daniels' Mayoral Fundraiser nor the recent Wedding event (assuming, of course, any such notices were sent at all as required by the Code) and it is of utmost importance to us that the City of La Quinta (1) Provide an explanation (including evidence of mailing of such notices) as to why Ms. Daniels's 11/04/22 -11/06/22 wedding event application was approved by the City **despite** the missing required notices and (2) that the City expeditiously enforce its Code and issue the corresponding citations against Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, just as it has done on the numerous occasions during which The Daniels have lodged frivolous accusations of code violations against many of us.

On behalf of a growing group of Highland Palms neighbors who have resolved to stand against the decades-long harassment and bullying of Robert and Lynne Daniels and the City's enabling of such abuse, we look forward to your timely reply.

Respectfully,

Claudia Snyder and Matthew Snyder
Kelly and David Baucom
Brian Brown and Anthony DeZego
Melissa and Lawrence Labayog
Robert Morin and James Carpenter

Attachments/ Enclosures: (2)

2 attachments



Wedding at DuPont Estate Nov 2022.jpg
330K

 Dupont_Estate_Special_Event_Permit.pdf
6317K

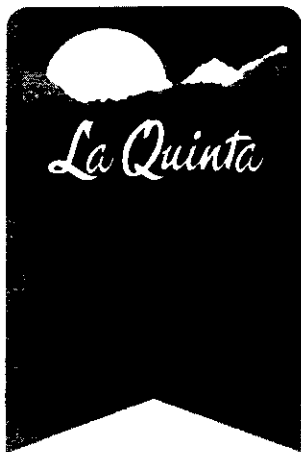
EXHIBIT F

Email reply dated 12/13/22 from City Manager to Group of Highland Palms Neighbors re
Lack of Notification for 11/05/22 Celebrity Wedding at "Dupont Estate"
(no mention of Mayoral Event for which we are currently requesting documentation)

From: Jon McMillen
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Claudia Snyder
Subject: Special Event Permit for 46485 Cameo Palms Drive - Response 121322
Attachments: Response Special Event Matter 121322.pdf

Hello Claudia and Matthew, After research and consulting with our Code Enforcement Office and City Attorney's Office please see attached letter for my response. Please email or call me if you have any questions.

Regards



Jon McMillen | City Manager
City of La Quinta
78495 Calle Tampico • La Quinta, CA 92253
Ph. 760.777.7030
jmcmillen@laquintaca.gov
www.laquintaca.gov



December 13, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Claudia and Matthew Snyder
<welovebaci@gmail.com>

Re: Special Event Permit for 46485 Cameo Palms Drive (The DuPont Estate)

Dear Claudia and Matthew Snyder,

This letter is sent in response to your emails, dated November 7 and November 11, 2022, which, in general, allege that the owner of the above-referenced residential property (Property) did not provide sufficient notice of one or two special events as required by La Quinta Municipal Code (LQMC) Section 9.60.170. I have consulted with the Code Enforcement Office and City Attorney's Office in preparing this letter. I have also reviewed the following applicable special events permit:

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.

The above-referenced property is a licensed short-term vacation rental (STVR), subject to LQMC Chapter 3.25. Among other requirements and provisions, LQMC Section 3.25.070(P) grants the authority for the city manager, or designee, "to impose additional conditions on the use of any given short-term vacation rental unit to ensure that any potential secondary effects unique to the subject short-term vacation rental unit are avoided or adequately mitigated[.]" Relatedly, LQMC Section 3.25.070(B) provides the permissible number of daytime and overnight occupants allowed to occupy any given STVR, with a number and range corresponding to the number of bedrooms in the STVR.



For example, a STVR that has 9 bedrooms may permissibly have 18-24 daytime occupants.

Because the above-referenced Property may have events with the total daytime number of occupants exceeding the permitted number of occupants pursuant to Section 3.25.070(B), the owner of the Property applied for and obtained a special events permit pursuant to LQMC Section 9.60.170(A)(3). Condition No. 6 attached to Special Events Permit 2021-0005 was issued pursuant to LQMC Section 3.25.070(P).

The City did receive from the owner of the Property proof of notification to neighbors of an event that occurred on November 5, 2022. The proof of notification received by the City includes the date, time, event scope, and local contact person information, but the proof of notification does not appear to include the police department contact phone number.

Because it appears the owner of the Property took good faith efforts to substantially comply with the applicable notification requirements of LQMC Sections 3.25.070 and 9.60.170 as implemented *vis-a-vis* Condition No. 6, but appears to have failed to include all of the required information, the City will be sending (by separate official letter) a Warning and Reminder Notice to the owner of the Property to comply with all of the following:

- All properties within 500 feet of Property (and surrounding Home Owners Associations (HOA) if any) must receive notification of a special event exceeding 50 persons;
- Any such notification must be delivered to the properties within 500 feet fourteen (14) days prior to each event;
- Any such notification must 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; and
- Proof of such notification must be provided to the City of La Quinta Planning Division seven (7) days prior to each event.

The Warning and Reminder Notice will also reference that failure to comply with the above-referenced requirements could result in proceedings to potentially suspend or revoke Special Events Permit 2021-0005 in accordance with LQMC Section 9.60.170(C)(1), which is the process to follow for consideration of any suspension or revocation of a special events permit.

Similarly, because it appears the owner of the Property took good faith efforts to substantially comply with the applicable notification requirements of LQMC Sections 3.25.070 and 9.60.170 as implemented *vis-a-vis* Condition No. 6, the City's Code



Enforcement Office and City Attorney's Office do not think there is sufficient evidence, at this time, that would warrant the commencement of abatement of a public nuisance, as there is not evidence of a consistent or recurring public nuisance in violation of Special Events Permit 2022-0005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon McMillen", written over a horizontal line.

Jon McMillen
City Manager, City of La Quinta

CC: City Clerk's Office
City Attorney's Office
Code Enforcement Office

EXHIBIT G

"Evidence of Notification" re 11/04/22 Celebrity Wedding at "Dupont Estate"

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

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Should have been
in city's possession
at least 7 days
prior to event (per
amdtural approval).

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
310.720.8222

EXHIBIT H

Email reply dated 03/23/22 from City Clerk to C. Snyder re Complaint re Unlicensed Private Security Personnel at "Dupont Estate's" Mayoral Fundraiser (12/12/22) and Celebrity Wedding (11/05/22)

From: Monika Radeva
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:20 PM
To: welovebaci@gmail.com
Cc: Records requests
Subject: COMPLETED: Snyder, Claudia 2023-03-15 - 46485 Cameo Palms Dr. Special Residential Events Permits
Attachments: 3.pdf

Good afternoon,

The City received your request for public information, dated 3/15/2023, sent via the email included below.

Your requests in blue and responses in black are listed below:

1) *Per my speech at the last City Council meeting on March 7, 2023, I am following-up regarding our request for the evidence of notification regarding the two special events held by the Dupont Estate in our neighborhood- (1) the Mayoral Fundraiser on Oct 12th and (2) the large wedding event on Nov 7th- which, per your letter dated Dec 12, 2022, the City did, in fact, receive from applicant, Lynne Daniels. Our understanding is that, just like the Special Event Permits application itself, this supporting documentation is part of the public record to which we should have access.*

- October 12, 2023 Mayoral fundraiser event – in response to your request concerning this event, there are no responsive records. This event was permitted under Special Event Permit 2021-0005 issued to the property located at 46485 Cameo Palms Drive because the owners' anticipated that the number of attendees may exceed the number of allowed "daytime occupants" in a permitted short-term vacation rental (STVR) pursuant to La Quinta Municipal Code section 3.25.070(B). However, this event was not anticipated to exceed, and based on information provided to City Staff, did not exceed 50 attendees. Therefore, notification of all properties within 500 feet of the event side 14 days prior to the event did not apply because Condition of Approval No. 6 in Special Event Permit 2021-0005 was not triggered.
- November 7, 2023 wedding event – in response to your request concerning this event, a copy of neighbors notification is attached (PDF 3).

2) *For the record, I reiterate that there are at least a handful of households WHO DID NOT receive notification regarding either event, as required by the Code and we respectfully request evidence of the notifications for all years dating back to 2017. We will follow-up for said evidence within a month and/or the next City Council meeting.*

There are no responsive records; evidence of notifications are not permanent records kept in the ordinary course of City business for approved Special Event Permits.

3) *As I also stated during the last City council meeting, were unable to obtain verification of a security license for either Marvin Melgar nor Andrew Collins via the Department of Consumer Affairs that these "security officers" who worked the Mayoral Event on Oct 12th and the Wedding Event on Nov 7th are licensed, as required by Item 12 of the City's Conditional*

Approval to Special Event Permit 2021-0005 which states that "security personnel shall be easily identifiable and private security... must be licensed by the State of CA and possess a valid security license". Would you please explain what the City intends to do about this breach of the Code?

No request for records is identified with this statement. To the extent this statement alleges that there was a violation of the La Quinta Municipal Code, the item has been referred to the City's Code Compliance Division and will be investigated and processed in the ordinary course.

- 4) Finally, as I asked on March 7th, 2023, would you explain the following: If the code states that a Special Events Permit applicant is to provide notification of an event to all property owners on the last equalized county assessment roll and w/in 500 feet of the proposed Special Event property 14 DAYS PRIOR to the event, how it would have been possible for the owners of the so-called Dupont Estate to provide notification to neighbors regarding the Oct 12th Mayoral Fundraiser given that the City's Conditional Approval was granted only 5 days prior to said Fundraiser (on Oct 7th)?

Please reference response provided to No. 1 above.

This email correspondence completes the City's response to this request in accordance with the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7922.000 *et seq.*). Thank you.

Monika Radeva, CMC | City Clerk
City of La Quinta
78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92253
Tel: (760) 777-7035
MRadeva@laquintaca.gov

From: Claudia Snyder [REDACTED] >

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 11:12 AM

To: Jon McMillen <jmcmillen@laquintaca.gov>

Subject: Reply to La Quinta's Response Dated 12/13/2022 re Special Residential Events Permits

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Dear Mr. McMillan:

Per my speech at the last City Council meeting on March 7, 2023, I am following-up regarding our request for the evidence of notification regarding the two special events held by the Dupont Estate in our neighborhood- (1) the Mayoral Fundraiser on Oct 12th and (2) the large wedding event on Nov 7th- which, per your letter dated Dec 12, 2022, the City did, in fact, receive from applicant, Lynne Daniels. Our understanding is that, just like the Special Event Permits application itself, this supporting documentation is part of the public record to which we should have access.

You stated that "the City did receive proof of notification to neighbors" from the owner of the [so-called Dupont Estate Resort], ... as required by the Code and suggested that the issue was actually that the notifications "did not appear to include the police dept contact phone number".

For the record, I reiterate that there are at least a handful of households WHO DID NOT receive notification regarding either event, as required by the Code and we respectfully request evidence of

the notifications for all years dating back to 2017. We will follow-up for said evidence within a month and/or the next City Council meeting.

As I also stated during the last City council meeting, were unable to obtain verification of a security license for either Marvin Melgar nor Andrew Collins via the Department of Consumer Affairs that these "security officers' who worked the Mayoral Event on Oct 12th and the Wedding Event on Nov 7th are licensed, as required by Item 12 of the City's Conditional Approval to Special Event Permit 2021-0005 which states that "security personnel shall be easily identifiable and private security... must be licensed by the State of CA and possess a valid security license". Would you please explain what the City intends to do about this breach of the Code?

Finally, as I asked on March 7th, 2023, would you explain the following: If the code states that a Special Events Permit applicant is to provide notification of an event to all property owners on the last equalized county assessment roll and w/in 500 feet of the proposed Special Event property 14 DAYS PRIOR to the event, how it would have been possible for the owners of the so-called Dupont Estate to provide notification to neighbors regarding the Oct 12th Mayoral Fundraiser given that the City's Conditional Approval was granted only 5 days prior to said Fundraiser (on Oct 7th)?

We look forward to your reply.

On behalf of a concerned group of Highland Palms neighbors,

Claudia Snyder



COMPLETED: Snyder, Claudia 2023-03-15 - 46485 Cameo Palms Dr. Special Residential Events Permits

1 message

Claudia Snyder <welovebaci@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 11:16 AM

To: Monika Radeva <mradeva@laquintaca.gov>

Cc: Jon McMillen <jmcmillen@laquintaca.gov>

Bcc: Matthew Snyder <mcsnyder@gmail.com>, Kelly Baucom <procady@gmail.com>, Brian Brown <sparky_brown@mac.com>

Dear Mr. McMillen:

The purpose of my email is to request clarification re a discrepancy I discovered relating to Ms. Radeva's 03/23/22 response to my inquiries re the so-called Dupont Estate's October 12th Mayoral Event.

Ms. Radeva stated:

- *October 12, 2023 Mayoral fundraiser event – ... This event was permitted under Special Event Permit 2021-0005 issued to the property located at 46485 Cameo Palms Drive because the owners' [sic] anticipated that the number of attendees may exceed the number of allowed "daytime occupants" in a permitted short-term vacation rental (STVR)... However, this event was not anticipated to exceed, and based on information provided to City Staff, did not exceed 50 attendees...*

Where is the documentation?

There is a discrepancy between Ms. Radeva's statement that event info was provided to City staff based on Code Enforcement's report no. CE-22-1585 which unambiguously states:

- **"Property Owner has not made the City aware that the event was occurring."**
- The PLANNING dept retroactively decided that the event would be covered under permit SEP 2021-0005. The problem w/ that is that:
 - (a) The permit was NOT applied for ≥ 45 days prior to event;
 - (b) Specific Event info for the Mayoral event was NOT provided to City;
- in fact, there is ZERO mention of the Mayoral event in permit SEP 2021-0005, except for a same-day email invitation (10/12/22) from L. Daniels to City Staff; interestingly enough, the 3-day wedding event IS mentioned in the Conditional Approval;
- The Mayor herself claims the event is both Permitted ("She's following the rules") and also a "Gathering of Friends" ("Get Friends" Video).

From our perspective, it appears the City attempted to cover-up for an unpermitted event that resulted in a nuisance to those of us who reside closest to the so-called Dupont Estate. Would you please explain the discrepancies?

We cannot move forward until there is justice.

Respectfully,
Claudia Snyder

[Quoted text hidden]

EXHIBIT I

Email reply dated 04/04/22 from Code Enforcement Supervisor to City Clerk re Findings of Investigation into Complaint re Unlicensed Private Security Personnel at "Dupont Estate's" Mayoral Fundraiser (12/12/22) and Celebrity Wedding (11/05/22)

From: Kevin Meredith
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 11:22 AM
To: Monika Radeva
Cc: Martha Mendez; Carlos Flores
Subject: FW: SPEV2021-0005, Question Regarding Security Personnel

Hi Monika,

I reviewed the November 7, 2023, code case in which several complaints were received regarding an event taking place that exceeded 50 people and security. I reviewed the same case regarding the March 13, 2023, PRA submitted by Mrs. Snyder regarding the concern that the event on October 12, 2023, and the event on November 7, 2023, had security personnel in which she was not able to confirm that the onsite security were licensed with the Department of Consumer Affairs.

- Regarding the October 12, 2023, event, there were no complaints at the time and code compliance does not have a record of responding to that event.
- Regarding the November 7, 2023, event, there were complaints and code did respond. The Code Officer observed what he identified as Security personnel. In cooperation with the onsite security, several noise readings were taken that showed no violation. **The event was permitted so the number of attendees was not an issue. Based on the PRA complaint, I reached out to the permit holder for the November 7, 2023, event and asked about the security that was utilized. Mrs. Daniels stated that she did have security onsite but that it was not her usual security, and she did not confirm whether the personnel were licensed by the State of California. Mrs. Daniels stated that she did not understand that confirming the correct licensing was her responsibility.**

No; terms not

adhered to by either

At this point, there is no further action for Code Compliance to take on this matter. I discussed with Mrs. Daniels that in the future she should request that her security company provide their credentials and that she maintains those credentials for her records in case the information is requested by City staff or Police.

Please let me know if you need any additional on this matter.

Thank you,

VIOLATION

City nur Applicant



Kevin Meredith | Animal Control / Code Compliance Supervisor
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Ph. 760.777.7034
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www.playinlaquinta.com

From: Kevin Meredith

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 4:46 PM

To: Lynne Daniels [REDACTED]

Cc: Carlos Flores <cflores@laquintaca.gov>; Martha Mendez <mmendez@laquintaca.gov>; Monika Radeva <mradeva@laquintaca.gov>

Subject: SPEV2021-0005, Question Regarding Security Personnel

Good afternoon,

The Code Compliance Division has received a complaint that a couple of the "Conditions of Approval" listed under Special Event Permit SPEV2021-0005 were not met during two events that were covered by this permit. The events were reported to have occurred on October 12, 2022, and November 7, 2022.

- October 12, 2022 Event – Did you have Security Personnel at this event? If so, did you confirm that they were properly licensed by the State of California and with the City?
- November 7, 2022 Event – This event the Code Officer notes in his case report that he observed a Security Guard, did you confirm that they were properly licensed by the State of California and with the City?

Please send me any documents you have regarding the Security company including the name of the Security company that you utilized.

Thank you,

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Completion/confirmation prior to start of the event:

5. All vendors shall obtain a City Business License prior to each event. The serving of food and alcoholic beverages during the event shall be subject to the rules and requirements of the Riverside County Health Department and State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control, respectively. The applicant shall provide the City with proof of ABC approval prior to the event.

Completion/confirmation during the event:

12. Security personnel shall be easily identifiable to the public by the provision of uniformed personnel. All designated private security personnel must be licensed by the State of California and possess a valid private security license.

*2 violations
for non-licensed*

*Security
personnel*



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EXHIBIT J

Dept. of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Private Security Guard Licensing Information
for Marvin Melgar and Andrew Collins

https://socr.ca.gov

DCA license
look-up

2
people
M. Melgars -
both
unlicensed
as of
Mayoral +
wedding
events

MELGAR, MARVIN OSWALDO

LICENSE NUMBER: 1784865 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: JULY 31, 2022
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: RICHMOND STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: CONTRA COSTA ZIP: 94801

MELGAR MIGUEL, MARVIN

LICENSE NUMBER: 6307036 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: MARCH 31, 2019
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: SAN BERNARDINO STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO ZIP: 92404

MELGAR, MARCO

LICENSE NUMBER: 1646452 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2013
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: BELL GARDENS STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: LOS ANGELES ZIP: 90201

MELGAR, MARIA J

LICENSE NUMBER: 1702696 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: AUGUST 31, 2021
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: LOS ANGELES STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: LOS ANGELES ZIP: 90018

MELGAR, MARIA J

LICENSE NUMBER: 5159 LICENSE TYPE: PROPRIETARY PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICER
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2010
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: LOS ANGELES STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: LOS ANGELES ZIP: 90018

MELGAR, MARILYN ABIGAIL

LICENSE NUMBER: 6309022 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: MARCH 31, 2019
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: LOS ANGELES STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: LOS ANGELES ZIP: 90062

MELGAR, MARIO ARTURO JR

LICENSE NUMBER: 1369388 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: AUGUST 31, 2005
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: WHITTIER STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: LOS ANGELES ZIP: 90602

MELGAR, MARITZA ARELY

LICENSE NUMBER: 3349 LICENSE TYPE: PROPRIETARY PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICER
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: JANUARY 31, 2010
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: SAN MATEO STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN MATEO ZIP: 94401

COLLINS, ANDREW JAMES

LICENSE NUMBER: 6306912 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: MARCH 31, 2019
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: VICTORVILLE STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO ZIP: 92392

COLLINS, ANDREW L

LICENSE NUMBER: 1437377 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: APRIL 30, 2006
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: BAKERSFIELD STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: KERN ZIP: 93313

COLLINS, ANDREW M. JR

LICENSE NUMBER: 1480713 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2017
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
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COLLINS, ANDREW O'BRYAN

LICENSE NUMBER: 6609085 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: DENIED 150 DAY TEMPORARY LICENSE
EXPIRATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: SAN FRANCISCO STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN FRANCISCO ZIP: 94110

COLLINS, ANDREW PAUL

LICENSE NUMBER: 1919813 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: JULY 31, 2019
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: INDIO STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: RIVERSIDE ZIP: 92201

COLLINS, ANDREW PAUL

LICENSE NUMBER: 6681710 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CURRENT - TEMPORARY FAMILY SUPPORT
EXPIRATION DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2023
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: PALM SPRINGS STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: RIVERSIDE ZIP: 92262

COLLINSWORTH, ANDREW PHILIP

LICENSE NUMBER: 1698937 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2012
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: SAN DIEGO STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN DIEGO ZIP: 92124

COLLINSWORTH, ANDREW PHILIP

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LICENSE STATUS: CURRENT EXPIRATION DATE: MARCH 31, 2025
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: SAN DIEGO STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN DIEGO ZIP: 92124

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LICENSING DETAILS FOR: 6681710

NAME: COLLINS, ANDREW PAUL

LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD

PRIMARY STATUS: CURRENT - TEMPORARY FAMILY SUPPORT

ADDRESS OF RECORD

PALM SPRINGS CA 92262-0638

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

ISSUANCE DATE

APRIL 10, 2023

EXPIRATION DATE

OCTOBER 7, 2023

CURRENT DATE / TIME

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8:50 AM

EXHIBIT K

Declaration of Witness, Marvin Melgar,
to First Amendment to Last Will and Testament of J. M. Hendriks' Dated 11/10/2006

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15 **PALM SPRINGS COURTHOUSE**

16 In the Matter of

Case No.: **PRIN2200459**

17 **THE JOHN AND ADELINE HENDRIKS**
18 **LIVING TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 10,**
19 **2006**

VERIFIED PETITION:

1. **FOR FINANCIAL ELDER ABUSE;**
2. **TO INVALIDATE FIRST AMENDMENT FOR LACK OF CAPACITY;**
3. **TO INVALIDATE FIRST AMENDMENT FOR UNDUE INFLUENCE;**
4. **FOR ACCOUNTING AND SURCHARGE;**
5. **FOR SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL;**
6. **FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS**

20 JUDITH SILBERT, an individual, TASHNA
21 M. BENJAMIN, an individual, KEISHA A.
22 BROTONOV, an individual

23 Petitioners,

24 v.

25
26 **ROBERT DANIELS, an individual and as**
27 **trustee; LYNNE DANIELS, an individual and**
as trustee; and **DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,**

28 Respondents

(Prob. Code, §§ 86, 6100, 6100.5, 15642, 16060,
16060.7; Welf & Inst. Code, §§ 15657.5,
15610.70.)

Hearing Date: 7/1/2022

Time: 8:45AM

Dept.: PS3

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EXHIBIT 6

**FIRST AMENDMENT (CODICIL) TO THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT (POUR
OVER WILL) OF JOHN M. HENDRIKS, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2006**

I, JOHN M. HENDRIKS, currently domiciled in Palm Desert, California, executed his Last Will and Testament ("Pour Over Will") hereinafter the "Will", on November 10, 2006.

WHEREAS, I desire to amend the Will;

NOW THEREFORE, the Will is hereby amended as set forth below.

Article III of the Will is deleted in its entirety, and replaced to read as follows:

"Article III. I hereby nominate ADELINE D. HENDRIKS to be the Personal Representative of this Will. In the event that ADELINE D. HENDRIKS is unable or declines to serve, I nominate ROBERT N. DANIELS to be the Alternate Personal Representative. In the event that ROBERT N. DANIELS is unable or declines to serve, I nominate LYNNE DANIELS to be the Second Alternate Personal Representative. The Personal Representative shall have full power and authority to carry out the provisions of this Will. These powers shall include, but are not limited to, the managing and operating of any property and business belonging to my estate during probate."

Except as revised and amended by this First Amendment, Last Will and Testament ("Pour Over Will") dated November 10, 2006 is ratified and republished.

DATED this 14 day of October, 2020 at Palm Desert, California.

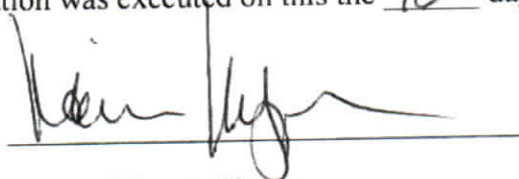
By


JOHN M. HENDRIKS

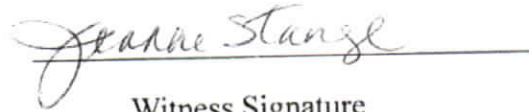
Declaration of Witnesses

On this date written below, JOHN M. HENDRIKS, the undersigned, declared to us that this instrument, including the page signed by us as witnesses is the First Amendment to the Last Will and Testament (Pour Over Will) of JOHN M. HENDRIKS (hereafter, "Settlor/Testator"), who, at the Settlor/Testator's request and in the Settlor/Testator's presence, and in the presence of each other now subscribe our names as witnesses.

We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on this the 16th day of, October, 2020, at Palm Desert, California.



Witness Signature



Witness Signature

MARVIN MULLER

Printed Name

Jeanne Stange

Printed Name

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Palm Desert Ca 92374

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- o Property manager
- o Amendment witness
- o Private unlicensed security guard for Dupont Estate parties

EXHIBIT L

Desert Sun Article dated 12/20/15 "La Quinta Tightens Events Regulations, Toughens Penalties"
by Sherry Barkas

(Currently an employee of the City of La Quinta, who reports to the City Manager)

Desert Sun.

La Quinta tightens events regulations, toughens penalties



Sherry Barkas

Palm Springs Desert Sun

Published 3:05 p.m. PT Dec. 20, 2016 | Updated 12:34 p.m. PT Dec. 21, 2016

La Quinta is making some changes to its special events regulations, adding more steps to the permit process and penalties that include a one-year moratorium on properties with repeat violations.

The City Council unanimously approved amendments to its ordinance Tuesday. A permittee would be banned for up to a year after three citations on one permit. on a permittee who gets cited three times with three cited violations. The permit would be revoked and the holder can appeal, but if the citations stand, the moratorium would be enacted, City Attorney Bill Ihrke said.

Several La Quinta residents spoke during the public hearing, some urging tougher standards.

Lynne Daniels, who with her husband, Rob Daniels, owns and operates the Dupont Estate Resort on Cameo Palms Drive, a vacation rental home the Daniels also rent out for special events such as weddings, says she is fine with the new regulations.

“It all sounds reasonable enough,” Lynne Daniels said.

Sally Weitzel, whose family has a neighboring home on Cameo Dunes Place, says the regulations aren’t tough enough. A weekend of Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival parties of loud music disrupted her family's weekend, she said. She has since moved from the house to an apartment complex in a quieter neighborhood.

Weitzel said she isn't against short-term vacation rentals, just the Dupont Estate Resort, which she said is a business more than a home.

“I don’t think commercial events should be held in a residential area,” she said. “It’s a beautiful place, but the wrong place for (the Daniels) to be doing this.”

TAXES: City teams with Airbnb to collect TOT

Code compliance officers were called to the Dupont estate several times during the Coachella fest weekend for noise complaints, City Manager Frank Spevacek said during an April council meeting.

The Dupont resort is a second home for the Daniels who live in Malibu. They rent the La Quinta house, with its 10 bedrooms and two guest houses on 2.5 acres, as a second income, Lynne Daniels said.

The estate is primarily a high-end vacation rental, costing \$1,850 per night in the off-season and \$2,650 during the high season. Security deposits range \$2,500 to \$5,000, she said.

The home is also available for weddings and other parties, and Daniels insists that they are careful who they rent to and do their best to make sure clients are adhering to the regulations.

“We're not the people they say we are,” Daniels said.

But she also said that they have “made some mistakes.”

This year's Coachella parties, which brought the complaints from Weitzel and her family – and others – also created traffic and parking issues in the neighborhood, which Daniels said are being addressed with a requirement that wedding and events guests now be shuttled in and out.

“We will also insure that the proper permits will be in order and that we will oversee (events), not the client,” she said, vowing also to work closely with the city to make sure events are in compliance with regulations.

PREVIOUSLY: Palm Springs tightens vacation rental rules

Not all neighbors are bothered by the Dupont events.

“I don't get why there is so much concern over something that really doesn't bother me,” David Toms said. “I've lived here 20 years and I'm not complaining.”

Weitzel's daughter, Melissa Labayog, owns and continues to live in the house on Cameo Dunes Place and sharply told the council: “You're being incredibly shortsighted with some of the mandates in this.”

Councilman John Peña said the council is not going to be able to make everyone happy.

“We’re going to try to do what is reasonable for people involved on either side” of the issue, Peña said.

The ordinance revisions are part of an effort to streamline the development review and permitting process through a “Development Code Tune Up” staff has working on since April. The council held two study sessions on the special events regulations before voting on the first reading of the amended ordinance Tuesday.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Radi pushed for the moratorium, saying fines – currently set at \$100 to \$500 – are not incentive enough for some to comply.

“The reality is, when you have sensible regulations in place, people are likely to follow them,” Radi said.

NEW COUNCIL: La Quinta seats two new council members

“At the end of the day, our goal is to have as many (events) as we can because they generate revenue (and) they generate jobs,” he Radi said.

One-third of the city’s revenue comes from transient occupancy – or hotel – taxes which are also applied to short-term and vacation rentals.

Under the new regulations, special events would require one of three types of permits: minor temporary use permit; major use temporary permit; or a conditional use permit, to be determined by a variety of factors, including whether outdoor amplified music, a stage and lighting are needed and how many people would be invited.

Events on commercial properties would require permits when 50 or more people are expected to attend. The vacation rental occupancy rules would dictate when a permit is needed for special events at a short-term rental, Planning Manager Gabriel Perez said.

For example, a seven-bedroom home would be allowed 14 overnight and 20 daytime occupants and events geared to more people would require a permit, he explained.

The new regulations also require permit applications be filed 45 to 90 days before an event, though staff has some flexibility and small events may not require that much time. Annual events, such as the CareerBuilder Challenge and La Quinta Arts Festival, may receive multi-year permits.

“By completely banning these (special events) it completely infringes on people’s property rights,” Mayor Linda Evans said. “Our goal is to define the parameters so that ... we’re at least

putting structure in place so we have something to enforce to ensure the pride and enjoyment of those around.”

The ordinance is expected to come back to the council for a second read and vote on Jan. 3.

Desert Sun reporter Sherry Barkas covers the cities of La Quinta, Indian Wells, Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert. She can be reached at sherry.barkas@thedesertsun.com or (760) 778-4694. Follow her on Twitter @TDSsherry

INFO BOX

NONRESIDENTIAL EVENTS

Current standard:

- 1-4 special events per year, require a temporary use permit
- 5 or more are not permitted

Proposed standard for events for 50 or more people:

- 1-4 special events, temporary use permit
- 5 or more per year, minor use permit required; may extend beyond the calendar year
- Fees: \$250
- Conditional use permits, which require a public hearing and Planning Commission approval, could also require notification of neighbors within 500 feet radius
- Deadline to apply: 45 to 90 days

RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

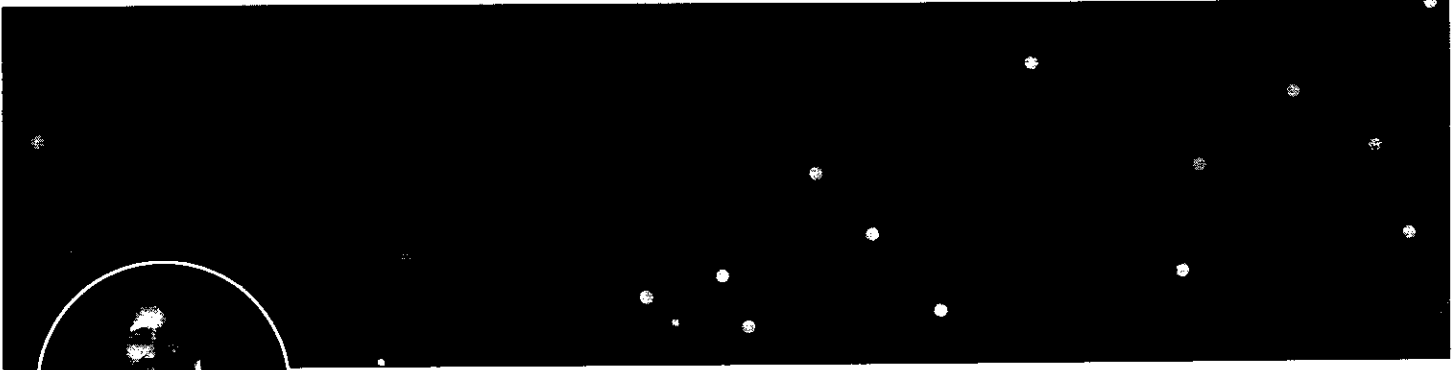
Current standard:

- Minor use permit required for events with 50 or more people
- Maximum 2 events per year
- 10 consecutive days maximum per event

Proposed standard:

- Minor temporary use permit for 1-3 events
- Major TUP for 4-11 events; would require notification of neighbors within 500 feet radius; and public hearing in front of the design and development director

- Conditional use permit for 12 or more events; would require notification of neighbors within 500 feet radius and approval by the Planning Commission
- 3 days maximum per event
- Fees: \$250 to \$5,827, depending on if there will be outdoor amplified music, staging, lighting, tents and additional parking accommodations; and number of people attending
- Deadline to apply: 45 to 90 days



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Oct 2003 - Present · 19 years 3 months

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San Jose State University

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EXHIBIT M

La Quinta City Council Meetings -
Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda -
Special Residential Events Permits Program (Dupont Estate)

City of La Quinta Council Meetings - Public Matters Not on Agenda

04/19/16 – Public Comment 31:35 – 47:20 (Sally Weitzel, Melissa Labayog, Lynne and Rob Daniels)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/36cab483-837f-4523-827b-ef7b522fe3f9>

05/03/16 – Public Comment - 05:00 (Lynne Daniels)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/8a42fa7d-f249-432a-8dd3-5a4525af2263>

9/20/16 – Public Comment - 07:35 (Lynne Daniels)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/b1a1550a-8d6a-453b-af9c-bf0614e356a0>

10/18/16 – Public Comment - 00:28 (Lynne Daniels, Sally Weitzel)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/80c526f1-9115-49f7-b0c7-f58bd6bbc731>

12/06/16 – Study Session 2 - 32:10 (Lynne Daniels, David Thoms, Dale Ordman, Melissa Labayog)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/687186df-abb4-4eb4-a6c8-65392bbd218a>

12/20/16 – Public Hearing 2 – 31:10 (Melissa and Lawrence Labayog, Brian Brown, Sally Weitzel, Lynne and Rob Daniels, David Thoms) Rob Daniels speaks at 1:14 and Melissa speaks again after Rob. Worth watching the entire public hearing.

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/561ff1f0-19e3-4ac0-9258-88a91bda8ed2>

12/05/17 – Consent Calendar 4 - 24:39 (Lynne Daniels)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/04ec8f0d-aeaa-4489-a986-84c173dc32b8>

03/06/18 – Public Comment - 00:30 (Melissa Labayog)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/ce138137-88d0-4cef-ad4a-5956d2f87720>

05/15/18 – Study Session 1 - 27:00, 1:13:03 (Melissa Labayog, Lynne Daniels) Worth watching all the entire study session.

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/f8d5d954-ef92-4d1f-bd9b-e03396b04b04>

09/15/20 – Public Comment - 55:05 (Melissa Labayog)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/0e5d7017-083f-4af4-b97e-5c9364a7b4e3>

04/20/21 – Public Comment - 00:27 () “It’s the individual who excessively complains about short term rentals and the parties that happen at the Dupont Estate,” Mayor Evans.

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/805bc85f-0388-4bf2-8156-519450e2c7c3>

04/19/22 – Public Comment - 07:30 (Lyola Torres, Lynne Daniels) What does Mayor Evans say after Lynne’s comment?

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/2f540e7f-19da-4b3d-98ae-c74e629a3a53>

06/07/22 – Business Session 1 - 41:12 (Lynne Daniels)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/4ac8ebf0-8233-4fb8-8905-9491d561bb39>

11/01/22 – Public Comment - 06:09 (Lynne Daniels) Mayor Evans says hello to Rob Daniels.

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/5772fa5b-3a11-4b62-ae01-0cdf64b3739>

11/15/22 – Public Comment (Matt Snyder)

<https://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/meeting/dd52f1d2-d8ec-4920-ae4c-972c8c798b2a>

12/06/22 - Public Comment -3:09, 7:14 (Matt and Claudia Snyder)

Note: Mayor Evans states Mayoral event on 10/12/22 was permitted (6:53)

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03/07/23 - Public Comment - 00:49, 04:22 (Matt and Claudia Snyder)

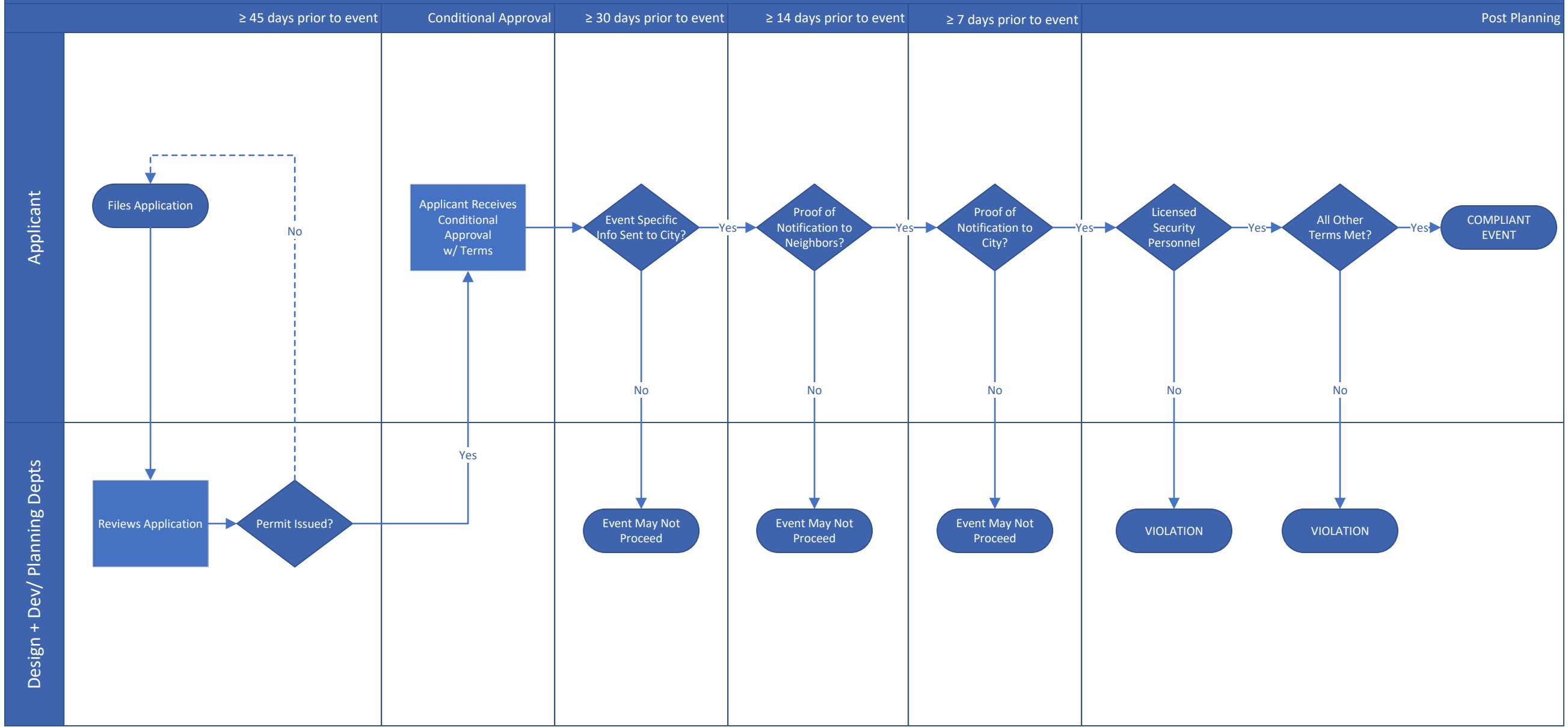
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04/04/23 - Public Comment - 15:42, 17:42, 24:34, 29:09 (Matt and Claudia Snyder, Melissa Labayog, Lynne Daniels)

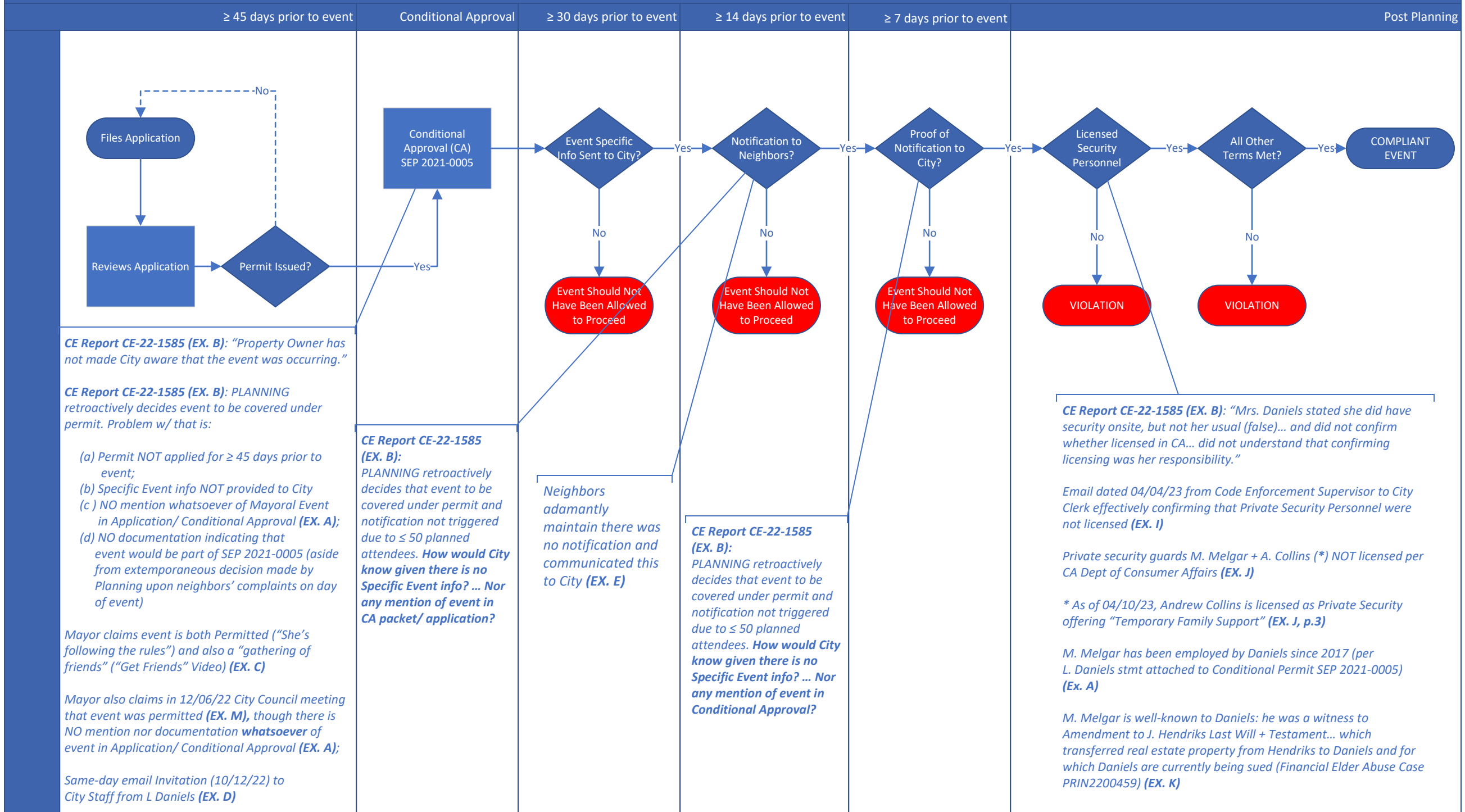
Note: Lynne slanders C. Snyder: “Physically assaulted me days after the [Mayoral] reception”

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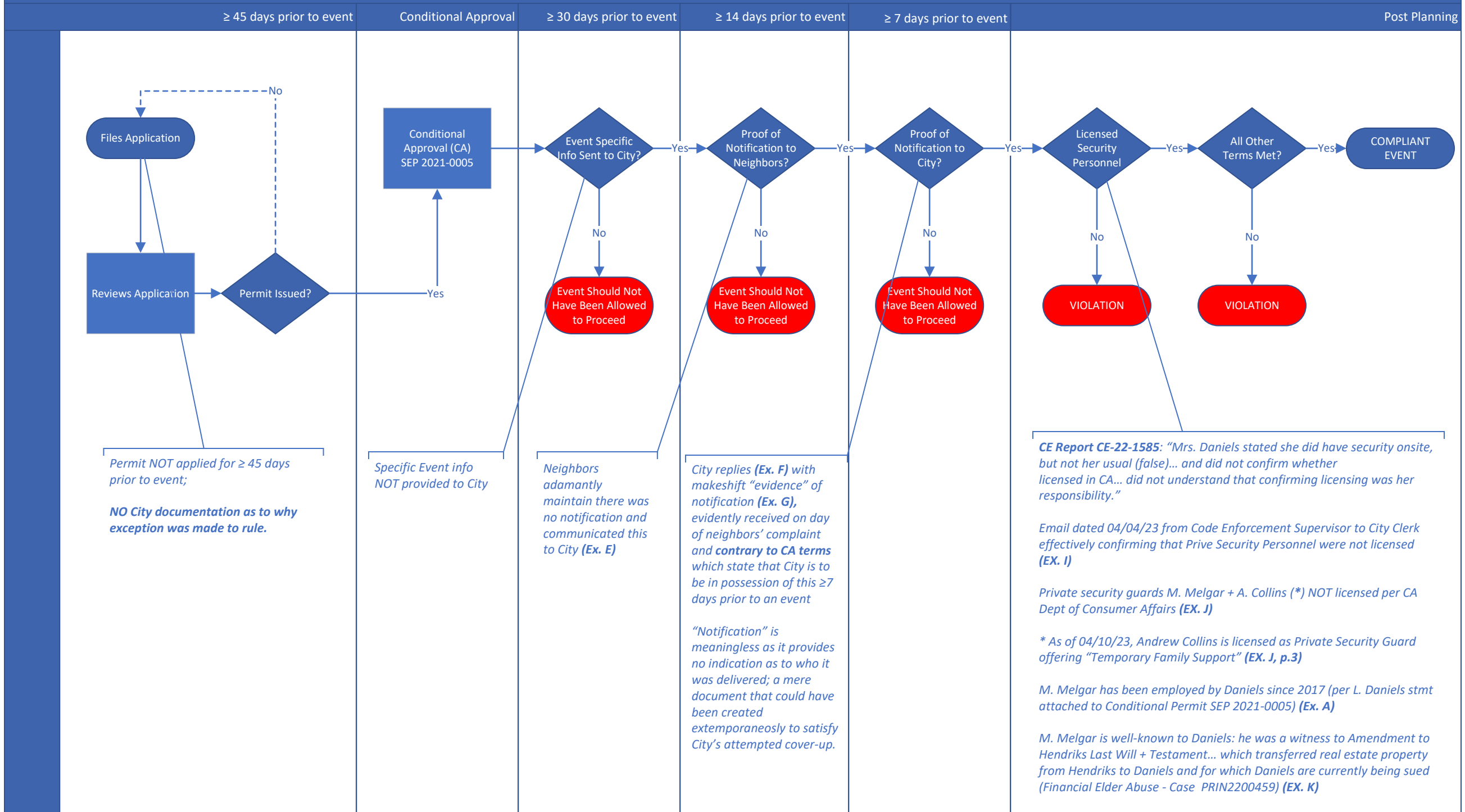
Special Residential Events Permits Program – Overview with Major Steps



Special Residential Event at Dupont Estate – Mayoral Fundraiser 10/12/22



Special Residential Event at Dupont Estate – Celebrity Wedding 11/05/22



Special Residential Events Permits Program – Findings, Conclusions & Suggestions

FINDINGS - *The City has failed neighbors of the “Dupont Estate” in its oversight of the program.*

- *Permits are issued at less than the required 45 days per program rules with no documentation re any exceptions that may have been made by the City.*
- *Once a Conditional Approval is issued to an Applicant, there is no City oversight for the terms of the Conditional Approval:*
 - **NO** *City Request for Specific Event Info from Applicant (≥ 30 days prior to event)*
 - **NO** *Applicant Notification of Event to Neighbors (≥ 14 days prior to event)*
 - **NO** *City Request for Applicant’s Proof of Notification to Neighbors (≥ 7 days prior to event)*
 - **NO** *City Request for Applicable Permits – e.g., licenses for Private Security Personnel*
- *To compound the matter, it appears the City has made a concerted effort to cover-up for its lack of oversight to program rules.*
- *It also appears there is a conflict of interest between the “Dupont Estate” and the City, which is fairly well-documented.*

CONCLUSIONS - *The program does not work; the current Administration has clearly failed to provide ANY oversight of the program beyond issuance of a Conditional Approval.*

SUGGESTIONS - *Given our experience with the “Dupont Estate’s” events this past Fall, and in order to preserve the integrity of the program going forward, we respectfully suggest that our community leaders include the following points in their discussions with the City regarding upcoming Amendments to the program:*

- **An independent body is required to oversee the program given the City’s negligence** and documented cover-up of the numerous violations. Those of us closest to this matter have lost confidence and trust in the City based on our numerous interactions with staff ranging from Code Enforcement officers to the City Manager who are clearly biased in favor of the “Dupont Estate” homeowners (evidence of Code Enforcement’s harassment of some of us has been requested from the City and will be shared upon receipt). To that effect, **it is also imperative to address conflicts of interest** given the Daniels’ Mayoral event invite to City staff, City “heads-ups” to the Daniels re complaints and requests for information (e.g., Notifications to Neighbors and Private Security Guard licensing), and uncorroborated anecdotes about pay-offs to City Staff.
- **The “Dupont Estate” must be held accountable for all violations.** The events unambiguously equate to a PUBLIC NUISANCE per LQMC 9.60.170 and, yet, the City has never issued a violation for any of the numerous infractions. The program’s integrity is at risk until there is accountability.
- **Granted, given its negligence, the City must be held accountable,** as well, as the violations **COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED,** had there been oversight and unbiased enforcement of the rules.
- We feel it is **necessary to revise the number of permitted event attendees** at properties such as the “Dupont Estate” which, unlike The Merv Griffin Estate, are located in the middle of residential neighborhoods. **It is UNREASONABLE to allow for up to 200 guests for a 1-day wedding and 400 guests for 3-day parties in a small residential neighborhood such as Highland Palms (see Ex. A).**
- We feel it is **imperative to discuss the value of anonymous complaints.** We have been aggrieved by the City’s disclosure of our complaints to the “Dupont Estate” in the form of incessant retaliation with the latter’s use of City resources (evidence of Code Enforcement’s harassment is forthcoming) and frivolous legal action. As such, it seems plausible that other members of the community would be reluctant to file complaints given common-knowledge of the real threat of retaliation. To achieve anonymity, however, we would first need have to an independent body as discussed earlier. At this point, the issue raised by neighbors in a Nov 2022 City Council meeting re **“The fox guarding the henhouse”** is real.