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Special Meeting Agenda
May 22, 2023 at 7:30pm
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In Person:

6501 Fountain Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90028

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I. **CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL**

II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Motion to write a letter of support for [the Hollywood Vinyl District's appeal to Planning Case No. ZA-2022-5252-CUB regarding 1612-1616 N. Cahuenga Blvd.](#) which did not receive a letter of recommendation from CHNC.

[On April 28th the project received approval for a CUB for the service of alcoholic beverages, amplified music in the form of a disc jockey \("DJ"\), and up to 15 special events annually](#) despite both Detective Benjamin Thompson and Officer Brian White of LAPD describing their investigative findings that the Applicants represent a serious public safety risk to the community because of Mr. Basquiat's, as the original applicant, criminal record that included consumer fraud (re-coded credit cards, credit card manufacturing devices). Further, the current applicant, Ms. Arden, is Mr. Basquiat's domestic partner and were both arrested in 2018 in Downtown Los Angeles, with Ms. Arden in possession of a recoded credit card, to which the arresting officer indicated that Ms. Arden would have had knowledge of criminal undertakings or activities. Based on this background from LAPD, serious concerns about the Applicants' access to sensitive and personal information of patrons who provide identification and credit card information was raised, as well as LAPD identified relationships between Mr. Basquiat and known gang and organized crime figures from New York, Ricky Pomie, who has been convicted of felony fraud in New York and New Jersey, as well as a criminal record in Los Angeles, raising the risk that the proposed restaurant will become a gathering space for criminal enterprises, and a risk to the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

IV. **COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

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