

Police Chief Bejarano
Re: Secondary Impacts of Sexually Oriented Businesses

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By way of background once again I do have over 30 years of law enforcement experience and currently I have and currently serve in a number of leadership positions at the local, state and national level and most importantly with the issue present here tonight I do have vice related experience as an investigator with the City of San Diego, was assigned to vice investigations for I believe about 2 years and part of my responsibilities were the investigation, the inspections of police regulated businesses in the City of San Diego including ABC licensed businesses and as an investigator for 2 years. And then I was also the vice commander at the lieutenant rank overseeing vice investigations throughout the City of San Diego and most of these involved sexually oriented businesses and once again ABC regulated businesses throughout the City of San Diego.

As the Police Chief of the City of San Diego, I was also the final decision maker regarding the issuance of permits for business owners and employees at sexually oriented businesses. One of the issues that I saw as an investigator, as a vice commander, as a chief and my continued discussions with chiefs throughout the state and throughout the nation and most recently I have had two long conversations with current management and investigators with the City of San Diego, the secondary effects mentioned by Mrs. Fox are still in place and a major concern for any community that has these type of adult entertainment businesses. And we see either a direct connection or an indirect connection or sometimes even serve as a magnet for prostitution related activities, direct use, lewd activity in and around the facility, near-by businesses, for example if you have a low budget motel there is a tendency also as far as increased calls for service, narcotics, prostitution, etc. There is normally an increase in calls for service involving traffic and noise complaints and it is also important obviously in reviewing this document here prepared by Mrs. Fox and a lot of input by both law enforcement and City Attorney in being very familiar with the ordinance in San Diego and looking at other ordinances this is probably the most comprehensive ordinance.

I have seen as we try to balance the public safety concerns and also understanding and respecting the constitutional rights of all the parties involved, including the business owner, employees and customers who might frequent that type of business so. It is also important to know what these investigating and inspecting these type of adult entertainment businesses they are very labor intensive, require a lot of police resources, a lot of covert operations, overt investigations and a presence in and around the vicinity and where you have sexually oriented businesses and every department including ours as

you know for the last years we have seen a reduction in staffing so we are limited as far as how many resources we can actually apply to ensure the public safety of all the parties that are seen or using these types of businesses.

And again by focusing on these secondary effects and having a sound ordinance, again respecting the constitutional rights, that really gives law enforcement the tool to hopefully eliminate, reduce, mitigate a lot of these secondary effects that we could see in our City, I saw in San Diego and we see in most cities where you have adult entertainment businesses.

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