

Communication from Public

Name: Kirsten

Date Submitted: 04/01/2022 12:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the PLUM committee, I spend lots of time on Evans Street taking care of an elderly relative. The noise from the Christmas tree lot is UNBEARABLE. Sawing, banging, yelling. Plus trucks and cars coming and going at all times, blocking traffic and driveways, and causing problems for kids trying to play outside. People that live on the block can't find parking for weeks on end. Please tell the city council to ban tree lots in residential zones like Evans Street. This lot has broken many permit rules, and tree lots should not be allowed on residential streets at all!!! Kirsten

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Name: Brendan B Long

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Comments for Public Posting: The Christmas tree lot that operates on Evans street is a massive disruption to all of the residents that live there every year. It is a wholesale business that operates in a residential zone and the loud noises from the constant chainsaws are a nightmare. Please stop this clear violation of zoning laws.

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Name: Amanda Marks

Date Submitted: 04/01/2022 03:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello PLUM, Think of an Air B&B party house. Now replace dance music with chainsaws. I have several close friends who live near a Christmas tree lot that operates every year, close to the intersection of Evans & St. George, and I've seen and experienced the extreme disruption caused by this loud, intrusive, commercial business year after year. As such, I am writing to strongly encourage the PLUM committee to recommend to the City Council that they ban Christmas tree lots in R2 zones. This business is not remotely quaint or quiet, as the words "Christmas" and "tree" may suggest. Among the constant disruptions that neighbors put up with 7 days a week are: weeks of loud construction (hammering, compressors etc.) to set up the "temporary" structure before sales commence, 18 wheelers trucking in scores of trees regularly on this narrow street, chainsaws chopping off stumps of every single tree sold, the hammering in of bases, plus traffic, parking problems and chatter from a constant stream of well-meaning-but-oblivious customers. These are among the reasons that most tree lots operate in commercial districts. Please restore meaning to zoning regulations and recognize that just because a business is connected with "Christmas" it isn't shrouded in holiday magic. Sincerely, Amanda Marks 323-665-3599 Amandamarks101@mac.com

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Name: ET Bell

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Comments for Public Posting: It's nearly impossible to park on or near Evans St when the Tree Lot is operational and the sound of loud banging is almost non-stop. I don't understand why this business is located in a residential area. The streets are too narrow to support the number of customers coming in and out and it's clearly unsafe for people both visiting and living there.

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Name: Tom

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Feliz resident living on Evans St, directly and negatively impacted I am urging you to stop permitting commercial Christmas Tree Lot enterprises to do business inside residential lots. Set up, deliveries, hammering, and chainsaws 12+ hours a day, as early 7 AM as late as 10 PM, 7 days a week, for weeks, only a few feet from my windows and walls impact my career, sleep, relationships, mental wellness, and happiness. Traffic and parking issues are exacerbated as dozens of cars pull in and out, and eighteen-wheelers deliver hundreds of trees weekly. There is absolutely no way that this sort of nonsense would fly in Los Feliz's wealthiest neighborhoods. I grew up loving Christmas and Christmas trees, but I wouldn't wish this obnoxious continual assault of teeth-rattling noise on anyone at Christmas, during a pandemic, or at any other time. No one should not have to live with closed windows, sound curtains, and wearing protective ear muffs inside their own homes. Noises including chainsaws cutting tree trunks, hammers slamming spikes into the bases of the trees to mount stands, tent poles being dumped, car doors, people yelling over chainsaws and hammering... To make things worse, to increase profits, certain (bad) lot operators break the flimsy pencil-thin agreements inside the permit every single year without fear of repercussions. They know they can beat 30-day compliance tickets, that they are untouchable by the police, and will get a permit the next year because there is no system in place for review. It's no secret the loopholes they have exploited each year. I could personally show you video proof of how they willingly and knowingly violate the permit. I have also seen them flat lie out to council people on a video call. Every year they have far more tented areas than they are permitted. They just laugh the permit, the council, my neighbors, the police, inspectors, and I off. In summary: I put up a small Christmas tree each year. I have nothing against people selling Christmas Trees. I believe in Equality. I believe all people living in all neighborhoods, regardless of income, regardless of the size of the home, deserve equal protection. I believe retail and wholesale commercial businesses open to the public should only operate only on commercial lots properly zoned and regulated for that. I'm not asking for a complete overhaul of the permit, because that could take years, require all sorts of litigation, and might be challenged

by commercial businesses doing sales on commercially zoned lots. I am simply pleading with you, for all residents of Los Feliz, to please cease issuing Christmas Tree operation permits in residential lots. Thank you, Here are just three videos from the past... Laughing at the permit... <https://youtu.be/bi-ZudPcud4> Violating street parking... <https://youtu.be/5hky3JXJxIw> Causing ridiculous amounts of noise... <https://youtu.be/J3i2lbg8JT8>