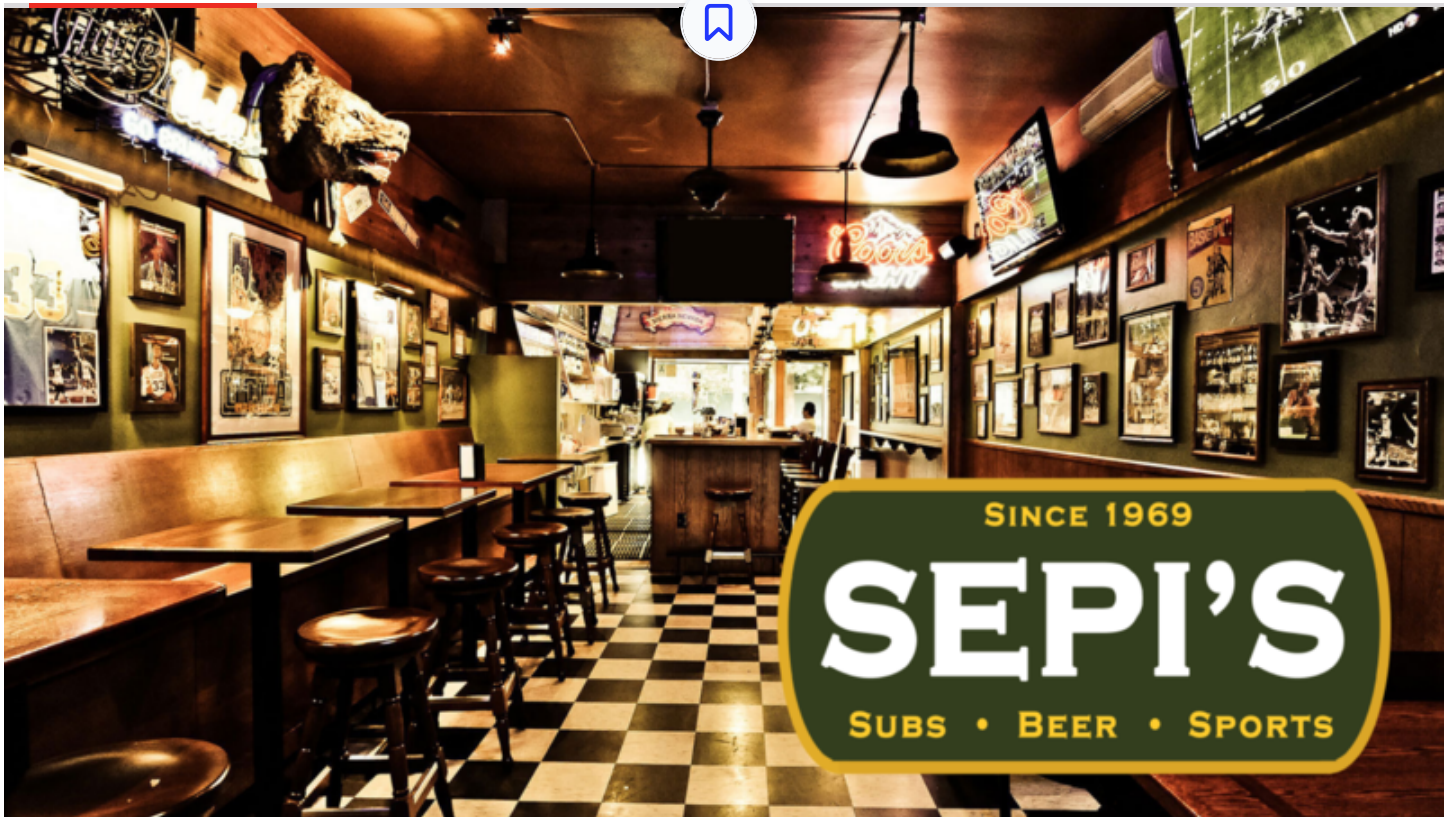


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2 RESPONSES

Save SEPI's Westwood

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[Zahra Hajee](#) started this petition to Westwood Community Council and [3 others](#)

After 50 years of serving Westwood, SEPI's, a restaurant cherished by the UCLA community since 1969, has announced that it will close its doors on April 30th as a result of continued obstruction by Westwood Community Council Chairman Steven Sann.

The Westwood Community Council is an unofficial and undemocratic body that has repeatedly marginalized student voices. Recently, UCLA's undergraduate and graduate student governments withdrew representation from the Council as it continued to neglect and oppose the interests of students, businesses, and other Westwood stakeholders.

Forced out of its current location, SEPI's has sought for months to move to a new area of Westwood Village. As Steven Sann hindered the relocation by appealing their alcohol license application, he has made the move nearly impossible due to the time and funding necessary to navigate the process. Mr. Sann has used similar tactics against Broxton Brewery, Rocco's, and other popular bars and restaurants in the Village.

WE REJECT the use of threats, extortion, and legal harassment in the Westwood business community and DEMAND that Steven Sann of the Westwood Community Council cease all baseless appeals against SEPI's application for an alcohol license at its new location given that SEPI's has been a licensed vendor of alcoholic beverages in Westwood for 50 years.

WHAT WE CAN DO TO SAVE SEPI's:

1. Sign this petition to #SaveSEPIs
2. Email the following individuals and organizations in support of SEPI's:
 - Steven Sann: stevesann2001@yahoo.com
 - Westwood Community Council: westwoodcc3@gmail.com

- North Westwood Neighborhood Council: northwestwoodcouncil@gmail.com
- Westwood Neighborhood Council: lchapman@wwnc.org
- L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz: paul.koretz@lacity.org

3. Call the office of L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz at (213) 473-7005 and ask him to support SEPI's against this frivolous appeal to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

The action against SEPI's is a direct example of how community members exploit regulations to abuse and bully businesses into submission, or in this case, out of business. We cannot continue to lose our cherished businesses to these harmful tactics. Please join us in our fight to #SaveSEPIs and protect the businesses that make Westwood home!



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