

7/10/18 AGENDA, ITEM 5b - NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY AT 725 CYPRESS
SUPPLEMENTAL EMAIL SUBMITTED BY JACQUELINE COHOL TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON 7/9/18 AT 12:46 P.M.

From: Jacqueline Cohol <jcohol_18@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 12:46 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabch.org>
Subject: Crossfit Horsepower

Dear Councilmember,

I'm writing as your constituent and as a member of CrossFit Horsepower to express my strong support for CrossFit Horsepower in advance of your July 10 hearing.

Despite its location in a light manufacturing (M-1) zone, where one would expect extraneous noise, CrossFit Horsepower has been the target of complaints citing it as a "public nuisance." One nearby resident is the source of most of the complaints, and he has recruited his friends and neighbors in lobbying to declare CrossFit Horsepower a "public nuisance."

As a resident of Hermosa Beach, I worry what kind of **precedent** this sets for small businesses. Small, local businesses are the heartbeat of this local community. What happens when we start punishing these businesses for operating within their rights? How do we regulate what is a public nuisance and what is not? This becomes a slippery slope. These complaining residents knew they were moving in next to an industrially zoned area. This is like moving next to a highway and then complaining about traffic noise. It is utterly ridiculous.

Like any good neighbor, CrossFit Horsepower and its members tried to accommodate the few residents who voiced their complaints: we don't drop weights, we increased our use of pads & mats, we've changed our programming, we changed our class times, we decreased the sound levels of our music/bass, we keep the doors closed and we ceased running outside. We heard their concerns and earnestly addressed them. We did all of this in good faith, **despite our zoning status**, in the interest of maintaining harmony.

CrossFit Horsepower is not a "public nuisance." CrossFit Horsepower provides a valuable service to me and to Hermosa Beach, encouraging people to maintain a healthy lifestyle and doing so in a supportive, community-based setting. Declaring CrossFit Horsepower a "public nuisance" would not only disrupt its activities, it would disband a passionate community dedicated to self-improvement.

CrossFit Horsepower has worked to address the concerns of its neighbors and has implemented rules to do so. I strongly urge you to vote against declaring CrossFit Horsepower a "public nuisance."

Sincerely,
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