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## City Council Votes to Update Conflicting Noise Ordinances, Asks Neighbors to Work Together

Beverly Hills, CA –The Beverly Hills City Council voted Tuesday to update and clarify its existing noise regulations concerning amplified sound. The vote, at the Sept. 20 formal meeting, makes clear that amplified sound must be controlled so that it is not distinctly audible to neighbors between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. seven days a week.

In addition, councilmembers encouraged residents to consider their neighbors' concerns at all times and try to work out differences that might arise from nighttime parties and amplified music.

"This has been a very difficult and emotional issue for the community," said Mayor Barry Brucker. "I want to thank every citizen who came forward to voice their concerns and the Human Relations Commission, who did a fabulous job of engaging the public on this issue.

"After hearing hours of comments from the public, and from police officers about enforcement, we did what we could to clarify and update the ordinances," Brucker continued. "But, at the same time, real harmony can only be achieved by a positive dialogue and better understanding between neighbors."

Previously, the City's noise regulations contained inconsistent provisions governing amplified sound and required police to use decibel readers in order to enforce certain provisions of the regulations, which the police department indicated was impractical in many instances. The City Council chose not to increase the penalties associated with noise violations.

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