

**DEMERS FINANCE COMPANY**

**FINANCE & INDIVIDUAL LOANS
GENERAL INSURANCE**

**PICKWICK BLDG., 1010 FIRST AVENUE
AT BROADWAY
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

August 19, 1935.

Mr. Robert W. Flack, City Manager,
and
Mr. George Sears, Chief of Police,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sirs:--

A petition dated August 5, 1935 has been filed to be presented to the Council next Tuesday, relative to Tavern Hacienda located at 4691 University Avenue, our City, and of which I am the owner of said property.

I will attempt to familiarize you with facts pertaining thereto, and be as brief as possible, that you might have the picture as it truly stands.

In October 1933, Whiting Mead and Company, our City, drew plans for me for the building of the Tavern, when the plans were completed, I called upon the neighbors adjoining my property, showed them the plans and not a single one protested.

I then called upon each member of the Council, and the City Manager, Mr. Lockwood, and submitted the plans, and all data pertaining thereto. They all agreed it was o. k., and complimented me in having faith enough in the business world to spend ten thousand dollars at the bottom of the depression.

The building was started and when half completed, Mr. Grisetti, 3869 - 47th Street, living across the street from the Tavern, came to me, saying he understood I had a lot of money and wanted to sell me a store building half a block from the Tavern. I thanked him for the compliment, but advised him I was not interested in buying any more real estate. I was told later that a local bank had already started foreclosure, and a few months later took it over. The property has been vacant ever since.

When the Tavern was nearly completed, Mr. Grisetti again approached me to buy his house, I again replied I was not interested, and in March 1934, Mr. Grisetti circulated a petition to close the Tavern, making most damaging accusations - from immoral relations on the lawn to stabbing affairs, - Said petition

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Mr. Flack and Mr. Sears.

is a matter of record in your files. Close watching and investigation of his statements proved false, and no stabbing affrays were ever reported to the police department.

Living next door to Mr. Grisetti, in a \$15.00 per month rented house, is a relative to Mr. Grisetti, one Mrs. Agnes Perry, a woman weighing over two hundred pounds and seventy-five years or more of age, and especially hard of hearing. Her favorite indoor sport, perhaps from outside influences, was to call the police department nightly, reporting brawls and what have you occurring in the Tavern. One police officer, who responded to her call and found everything normal at the Tavern, told the writer that he then went across the street to her house and asked what her complaint was, after repeating to her his question, she replied, "you'll have to talk louder as I am very hard of hearing". She continued her phone calling until a few months ago, when she was arrested by one Mrs. Harris for disturbing the peace.

Frank L. Lewis and Lucy M. Lewis are owners of the house directly in the rear of the Tavern Hacienda. One of the employes of the Tavern Hacienda has lived in this house ever since the Tavern has been built, paying rent to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis monthly when due. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis live three and a half miles from the Tavern, and they signed said petition. I ask, what more could the Tavern do for the Lewis', other than buy their property at a fancy price.

Mr. F. F. Yett, proposer and circulator of this petition dated August 5, 1935, until very recently was not disturbed by the Tavern, as a few months ago he bought a house and moved it in the rear of his lot and rented it to his daughter and son-in-law. The Tavern was there then but it did not seem to bother them for additional investment.

During recent construction of the Tavern, which required excavating, Mr. Yett called upon the writer to deposit several loads of dirt on his lot, gratis, he had no complaint then and the Tavern had been operating a year and a half.

Mr. Yett signed a petition in 1934, which I circulated, a counter petition to one circulated by Mr. Grisetti,

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Communication from L. J.
Geness re conditions
at Tavern Hacienda

To Attorney

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