



U.S. Grant Hotel

PRIVATE OFFICE

San Diego, Cal.

Oct. 5, 1910.

To the Honorable Mayor and the Council
of the City of San Diego, Cal.

Gentlemen:—

I understand that an application for Permit to establish a saloon will be filed with your Honorable Body this morning and I wish to enter my protest against the issuance of same.

It would be a great detriment to the U. S. Grant Hotel to have a saloon on the west side of the hotel. As you well know, it would face the center of the building and guests sitting in their rooms on the Third street side could see from 8 to 10 feet of the bar and hear more or less of the conversation

In rooming parties with children this winter I had planned to put them in rooms on the Third street side as there are already five saloons on the Fourth street side, but if this Permit is granted you can readily see it would damage us seriously. I anticipate a hard struggle to maintain this big hotel for the first year even under favorable conditions, but ~~time~~ handicapped by saloons on all sides, I fear it will be a failure.

If this was only to be a Commercial Hotel it would make no difference how many saloons there were in this vicinity, but I am trying to make this a high class family hotel and hotels of this class cannot succeed if surrounded by saloons.

I trust your Honorable Body will appreciate my position.

Respectfully,

U. S. Grant Hotel,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. Holmes". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name of the Managing Director.

Managing Director.