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THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

GENTLEMEN:

Returned is document 353024, being a petition of the Silver Slipper Ball Room to operate a public dance hall at 1819 Main Street, under the provisions of ordinance 10243. Section 4 (b) reads as follows:

"Upon receipt of said application the Chief of Police shall carefully investigate the matters set out therein, and the place where the said dance is to be conducted, and the names of the persons who are to have charge of said dance and be responsible for the conduct thereof, and if in his judgment said dance will be conducted in a proper manner and be in every way of good character, and will be in every respect for the best interests of the community and those attending, he shall grant the said permit; otherwise he shall refuse said application."

The application was referred to the Chief of Police for his report and recommendation. The Chief's report is hereto attached, together with a report from the Sergeant in charge of the Juvenile Bureau and the Lieutenant in charge of Crime Prevention Detail.

The Chief of Police points out that the traffic hazards, created by the operation of a dance hall at the location specified, would be greatly increased. The building is located on Main Street in the 55 miles-per-hour zone, where the street is poorly lighted. This condition might be the cause of many pedestrian accidents. As the building is located in a commercial zone on Main Street, it was anticipated years ago that there would be a requirement for what is known as a commercial gutter. This arrangement eliminated sidewalks and curbs and carried the pavement clear to the property line so that trucks and heavy carriers might enter the property at any point. This condition would create another traffic hazard for persons who would think themselves safe upon this walk from being struck by vehicular traffic.

One part of the report of the Sergeant in charge of the Juvenile Bureau points out that the applicants for the dance hall license are practically the same as those who operate the Silver Slipper Dine and Dance at Fifth and Island Streets. He states the Juvenile Bureau has received very little cooperation from the operators of the Silver Slipper with respect to admitting under-age youths to the hall. It is his opinion they would not cooperate any better in a new location than they have at the Silver Slipper.