

# City of Costa Mesa Police Department Memorandum



DATE: August 6, 2024  
TO: Scott Drapkin, Asst. Director Development Services  
FROM: Ronald A. Lawrence, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT: Minor CUP-2968 Randolph Ave. Unit 2**

This memo is to communicate concerns the Costa Mesa Police Department (CMPD) has regarding the Minor CUP change for the property at 2968 Randolph Ave. Unit 2, known as Arena OC, which would lead to the issuance of an ABC Type 90 alcohol license and allow for an 18 and over nightclub environment at this location.

It should be noted that the current business averages approximately 12 police calls for service per year, which is not excessive, and the concerns outlined does not imply that the current business is derelict in any way.

Concerns of CMPD are based upon previous problems related to an 18 and over club in the past, in that same area. A previous 18 and over club created an unsafe environment and an undue burden upon the community resulting in increased calls for service from surrounding neighbors for CMPD and CMFR. The types of calls for service associated included:

- Fights and physical altercations
- Intoxicated persons causing disturbances
- Drinking in public, noise disturbances and littering in surrounding business and residential neighborhoods

Specifically, the previous business generated extensive community complaints from residents at the Pentridge Cove Condominium complex. This current applicant's business is actually closer to this residential complex than the previous club.

This business has already established a nightclub environment, which is advertised on social media with photos of DJs, dancing and bottle service, which can be viewed at an Instagram platform called: arenaoc. The changes being requested would allow for a licensing change and the addition of 18-20 year olds into an environment that sells alcohol and is primarily an adult entertainment environment, which creates an inherent concern of underage drinking and ultimately has the potential to become a detriment to the community.

Respectfully submitted for consideration,

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**Ronald A. Lawrence**  
Chief of Police