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Subject: tattoo parlor at 365 Old Newport Blvd
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Dear Newport Beach Planning Commission,

I am writing you regarding the proposed Agape tattoo parlor at [365 Old Newport Blvd](#). I would gladly attend this week's commission / council meeting, at which time this proposal is up for discussion, however, a business commitment in another state will prevent me from attending.

From my front yard on Holmwood Drive, I can see directly down Beacon Street to the proposed site of yet another tattoo parlor here in this section of Newport Beach. Within a one to two mile distance, you can find three other such tattoo businesses. From a planning perspective, it seems illogical that another such business should be permitted in such close proximity to other identical businesses, and even worse, on a street adjacent to single family residential housing. Just as it would make little sense to put every public park or green-space in just one section of our city, it seems to make little sense to only put tattoo parlors in one narrow area / neighborhood of Newport Beach. I would also suggest there are simply some businesses which are not conducive to the environment of a residential neighborhood. Massage parlors, liquor stores, strip clubs and tattoo parlors being some examples. The proposed location is just three blocks from Newport Heights elementary school. Having businesses such as tattoo parlors three blocks from where children ages 5 through 11 spend most of their day is simply not good city planning (in my opinion). The hours of such businesses are also concerning. The other businesses located in this center at least keep hours which are conducive to the neighboring family dwellings. Finally, the issue of parking is alarming at this center and near the intersection of Old Newport Boulevard and Hospital Road in general. When I do frequent the businesses at this location, such as Subway, I must walk from my home to them. This is not because I am looking for extra steps, but it is due to there being NO parking available within this center.

I would encourage all members of the planning commission and council to personally visit this location during various hours, to drive/walk the streets in the area, and to hopefully appreciate putting a business of this nature adjacent to single family housing is not conducive with the general plan of the great city of Newport Beach.

Millions of welcomed guests come each year to visit our world-famous beach. Nearly all of them drive down Newport Boulevard to reach their destination. The very idea of them seeing a tattoo parlor as one of the first businesses after they pass into our city limits is embarrassing. We are better than this.

Please carefully consider the impact of this business, in this location, and recommend the intended proprietor identify another more conducive location where children are not in near proximity, where other businesses also keep late

hours, where sufficient parking exists, and where single family resident dwellings are many blocks away. I would encourage the commission to oppose this business in the proposed location of [365 Old Newport Boulevard](#).

Eric Sanders