



THE COMEDY & MAGIC CLUB  
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I am writing this letter to confirm my request to extend my entitlement for seating and remodel of The Comedy and Magic Club.

I am requesting an extended entitlement for the following reasons:

1. It was my understanding that when before the planning commission four years ago. I was given back the 350 seats that I started with in 1978. I called a couple of months ago and was told the following: if I don't start remodeling the main showroom, my business's 350-seat entitlement would be taken away again. I think these additional seats are critical because the Improv and Laugh Factory have seating capacities of 500-600.
2. I'm still experiencing significant financial hardship, post-COVID closure, and the reopening of my business has not yet returned me to financial stability. With increases in all areas, including payroll, Insurance, and food costs. While trying to maintain a viable business. I am open four nights per week, vs. the previous six nights before closure. This remodel would be very expensive and time-consuming. I believe it would put my employees' jobs and businesses in jeopardy, and doing so would be irresponsible. Therefore, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to save for an indefinite period of time to move forward with this project. I would meet all safety and building codes at the time the remodeling starts.

My intention for remodeling was to stabilize my business financially before I started the main room remodel, and that has not happened to date. I began the remodeling plan by moving the stage to the smaller room. The purpose was to gain better sightlines and use the smaller room during the main room remodel.

I would greatly appreciate the City of Hermosa Beach's assistance in fulfilling my request for an indefinite extension.

Sincerely,

Mike Lacey

Owner & President of The Comedy and Magic Club