



# Hermosa Beach Police Department



540 Pier Avenue  
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

## Memorandum

Date: April 3, 2023  
To: Carrie Tai, Director, Community Development Department  
From: Paul LeBaron, Chief, Police Department *WLO*  
Subject: Review of AKA Ramen and Sushi  
1121 Aviation Boulevard, Hermosa Beach

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### Background

AKA Ramen and Sushi is a restaurant located at 1121 Aviation Boulevard, Hermosa Beach in the shopping center complex of Aviation Boulevard and Prospect Avenue. The business received a transferred ABC license Type 41 (On-Sale Beer and Wine – Eating Place) in October of 2018.

### Police and Crime Analysis

The restaurant has 9 generated police calls for service and 1 business violation reported to the City's online portal system since October 2018.

Police calls for service:

- May 12, 2019 – Business burglary report
- December 26, 2019, and December 27, 2019 – Keep the peace with a former employee.
- January 3, 2020 – Subject sleeping at the entrance of the business.
- January 9, 2020 – Keep the peace with former employee.
- September 17, 2020 – Security check by officer.

- November 20, 2021 – Request by employees of the restaurant for police assistance in gaining access to the neighboring business to re-set the electric breaker they share located in the other business.
- September 26, 2022 – Code Enforcement received a complaint that the establishment was routinely serving beer to several underage kids. Police Department provided this information to ABC.
- January 13, 2023 – Reporting party claimed at least 15 high school aged subjects inside drinking alcohol. Reporting party claimed that she sees underage drinking at location nightly. Officers arrived and approximately 20-25 juveniles all fled the location. Business employee identified, advised regarding underage service and ABC was notified.
- March 24, 2023 – Alcohol Beverage Control at location requesting police assistance. ABC issued citations to 9 juveniles for underage drinking.

### **Recommendations**

Community safety in Hermosa Beach is a top priority. The proper and legal service of alcoholic beverages, and adherence to operational conditions of businesses are in place to maintain a safe city. Based upon the listed facts, the Hermosa Beach Police Department has determined the safety and welfare of the City has been impaired by the service of alcohol to minors by employees at AKA Ramen and Sushi. The Hermosa Beach Police Department recommends that the Conditional Use Permit be presented to the Planning Commission and reviewed for violations of conditions.