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Council members,

Neighbors were informed that Wizard's Auto was contesting violations and we wanted to add a little context. Our household was the one who complained in early January about continued late night work issues at the mechanic across the way, both outside in the parking lot (and sometimes street) as well as cars coming in and out of the building's bays in the middle of the night around 1:30 am.

We were surprised, frankly, that our email from January about 1:30 am mechanic work was not given its own case number but rather lumped together with these other complaints by other neighbors about completely different violations months earlier in September (and subsequent check ups for those violations in November and December in which the violations had not been resolved and new violations appeared).

By the collective evidence that neighbors have, these warnings and revisits by the city were not taken seriously. Outside work continued throughout December. Other violations continued through at least mid-late January (with a few issues still unresolved like the broken front fence/gate which has been stuck wide open for 3-4 weeks). A tow truck of theirs sat on Chatsworth near Juno (across Randolph) for weeks in early January despite the order to not park their vehicles on the street (although the Chatsworth/Juno side **has** been better in Feb). A little silver Honda CRX(?) under their control (SLV236) sat at their street corner for a full month until a few days ago when they moved it to their side bays. A black Mercedes that was in their lot yesterday is now moved out to the street again tonight. While the middle of the night issues are WAY better, there are still some issues in the 9-11pm range (Jan 15, Jan 25, Feb 21), although so much less frequent than before, and a tolerable hour at least.

While we see them making improvements in the past 3 weeks, and appreciate that effort and hope it sticks, it should not have taken dozens of unmet requests by neighbors asking them to stop middle of the night work, or to move all of their cars from the street. It should not have taken three visits by DSI and the threat of a fine to start to move towards resolving things (especially as they just had an earlier violation in April or May and were reminded of the zoning). As neighbors, we gave them more leniency than we should have for way too long before moving to the city to resolve. But we have exhausted ourselves trying to go through the landlord and tenant.

For the reasons above, we hope the city holds steady with the violation. The city and DSI has already been **MORE** than generous by lumping numerous infractions across many

months, sent in by multiple neighbors across the neighborhood, into a single violation. From what I understand, the inspectors and city lawyers have been provided with evidence of dozens of additional violations, plenty to justify suspending their license (as the code technically should have required). A small fine feels like getting off easy, and hopefully appropriate motivation to finally resolve issues that have plagued this business for two years.

We want a business operating there, just operating within the confines of what the zoning and their lease requires (just as other businesses and mechanics in our residential neighborhood are required to do).

Sincerely,
Randolph/Chatsworth neighbors