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Feuer and Tract No. 7260 Say No to Beer And Wine Permit

While crime remains low in Tract No. 7260, crime in Century City is another matter. That fact was the main reason Councilman Mike Feuer gave for opposing a beer and wine permit for a proposed convenience store in one of the Twin Towers. He pointed out that within Century City's Crime Reporting District, 839 crimes were reported although the city average is 398.

He also pointed to the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control's licensing criteria, which allocates five on-site and four off site licenses for the tract. However, in a letter to the Zoning Administration, the Councilman wrote that, "The census tract currently holds twenty-one on-site and eight off-site licenses, a number well-above the ABC criteria."

At the hearing, a spokesman for Tract No. 7260 added that the convenience store would be located close to a high school. He also cited the large number of automobile accidents on Olympic Boulevard. He said that it is reasonable to assume that at least half of those accidents would have been alcohol related since at least half of all auto accidents nationally and in the state are alcohol related.

Bill Chen, Feuer's representative at the hearing said Feuer would have withdrawn his objection to the issuance of the permit if the convenience store operator had been willing to agree not to sell beer or wine that had been chilled, but the operator was unwilling to make the concession.

After taking testimony, the hearing officer denied the permit.