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RE: Palace Hookah Lounge, 25180 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94542

Mr. Eposito,

I am writing to complain about the Hookah Lounge, your tenant, which has become an egregiously noisy establishment.

Since the Hookah Lounge doesn't serve alcoholic beverages within the premises, your tenant allows the "customers" to drink in the parking lot leaving a horrible stench due to the vomit and trash that is left in the lot, including syringes, condoms, and food containers.

Granted, someone does clean the lot once a week, but uses a blower and blows everything onto our street in front our houses, or into the street drains.

There have been countless calls to the police, police reports and arrests, regarding the weekend activities that take place in the parking lot. Cars are left with doors open, and music at a high volume, shouting, fighting among themselves, and breaking of bottles.

Physical altercations have occurred with the "customers" and some of my neighbors when asked to keep the noise level down.

These activities continue until 3 in the morning or longer.

The parking lot location is in front of our homes and has become a major concern for my neighbors and I. We all have small elementary school age children.

The drinking and partying has led to speeding out of the driveway, burning rubber, and hitting one of our automobile twice, as well as one being totaled. The "customers" have started to do "donuts" in this narrow intersection, (Berry Ave and Belmont Ave), and have lost control and driven up onto my neighbor's lawn hitting a tree.

This past weekend your tenants were shooting illegal fireworks, and one landed right below my bedroom window and one on top of my neighbor's roof.

Our community has reached its capacity to deal with the constant level and frequency of noise. As a community with a common goal of respect and harmony for one another, we are requesting that you please consider the appropriateness of the Hookah Lounge, in this family oriented neighborhood. Clearly they have no respect.

Most hookah lounges promote harmony within their environment, according to their websites. However, Palace Hookah Lounge promotes a disorderly conduct that has created a negative impact in our neighborhood.

These are not allegations. I have enclosed photos to substantiate all that I have stated.

We, the undersigned are in agreement that this establishment is a threat to our homes, and our well being and are asking you to look into this situation. It is out of control, and it is not fair that we have to contact the police weekly for something that can easily be resolved by you the owner.

Enclosures: 20

Cordially the Belmont Ave and Central Ave Neighborhood,

Elva Duval

The Most Despised Man in America

Adherents | 16 July 2001

 Nobody is more hated in this country right now than Gary Condit.

Polls show opinion about him getting more negative every day. Hardly anybody trusts him. The majority of Americans think he had something to do with intern Chandra Levy's disappearance. Few people :think he can ever be reelected to office. Hopefully by the time elections come around, he won't even consider running. He would simply by an embarrassment to the Democratic party in a congressional district which is heavily conservative.

Condit has become a pariah. The only people who consistently defend him are his attorneys -- and they're paid to do so. They don't count. Even Condit's family has been completely silent. When a man's parents or spouse defends him, it hardly counts, either. Even the worst serial killers often have mothers who protest their son's incarceration or execution. But, interestingly enough, Condit doesn't even have that.

Timothy McVeigh was the most hated man in America. But he's dead now. His title has fallen to Gary Condit. McVeigh in no way should be compared to Condit. His actions were many orders of magnitude worse than anything Condit has even been accused of much less

convicted of. Their crimes are very, very different. They are two very different people. Their only link is that, at various times, they have been the most hated man in America.

On the other hand, at least McVeigh had honor. He had a twisted sense of honor that was difficult for many Americans to understand. His sense of honor caused untold harm. But he did have honor. Condit doesn't even have that.

Hatred (or, for people who, on religious grounds, do not hate, "intense dislike or disapproval") of Gary Condit crosses all demographic barriers. When O.J. Simpson was on trial for hacking two people to death, many African-Americans came to his defense because Simpson is black. Some people felt that the case was tinged with racism. Simpson also retained popularity because of his career as a football star and a movie star.

But Condit is not black. He is white, and white Americans do not defend each other simply on the basis of race. (Nor should they.) Condit has never been a professional athlete or movie star. He has been a politician during his entire adult life. That is not exactly a career causes people to rally to one's defense.

Condit doesn't really belong to any minority that will gain

him any sympathy. He isn't gay. He isn't handicapped. Perhaps worst of all, for him. he is a Baptist. It is often unfairly the case, but Baptists are one of the most hated religious minorities in the country. Americans are expected to tolerate, and admire religious every minority from Anglicans to Zoroastrians, but Baptists seem to be fair game for ridicule, particularly by America's intellectual elite. Worse, Condit is the son of a fundamentalist Baptist. He isn't some middle-of-the-road liberal to moderate Baptist like Jimmy Carter, He's a Fundamentalist.

Which would be fine, really, if he were being criticized for doing something Baptist-like. At least Baptists would like him, and there are a lot of Baptists in the country -between 10 and 15 percent of the U.S. population. If Condit were accused of protecting the freedom of religion, or quoting the Bible, or praying in public, or even boycotting Disneyland, at least other Baptists would defend him. But no serious Baptist is going to defend him now. Whatever their actual behavior, neither liberal nor conservative Baptists defend serial adultery, and certainly they don't defend kidnapping and murder. (Condit has NOT been indicted for any such crimes, let's remember, except in the public consciousness.)

(Let's also remember that

many fine Americans have been Baptists: vice-president Al Gore, Jimmy Carter, singer Glenn Campbell, actor Chuck Norris, President Harry S. Truman and golfer Payne Stewart, for example. Most Baptists are NOT adulterers like Jesse Jackson, Newt Gingrich and Bill Clinton. One of the nation's most famous Baptists certainly had flaws, but he still managed to accomplish immeasurable good for the country: Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Certainly Condit will receive no sympathy from Jews. Chandra Levy, by all accounts, came from a nice Jewish family. Many Jews are Democrats, as is Condit, but that doesn't mean a thing when one of your own is used like a cheap piece of meat and then (possibly) violently discarded. As for people who actually take seriously their religious commandments against extra-marital sex. whether they be Muslims or Orthodox Jews or Latter-day Saints or practicing Catholics or Baha'is or Seventh-day Adventists or whoever--they don't think that Condit's sexual escapades are "no big deal." They are offended, and they won't be jumping to Condit's defense.

Religious people won't defend Condit. Nor will anti-religious people. Atheists already disliked Condit because he so frequently invoked God in his speeches, so publicly professed to being a believer. Given what he has done, it is difficult to believe he had any belief whatsoever in God. Condit's actions show he felt no responsibility to God or to society. He answered to nobody but himself. But if he was a closet atheist it just means he was a hypocrite. Atheists will argue that Condit isn't one of them, but theists won't claim him either. Neither will agnostics.

Most women recognize Condit for what he is — a womanizer who used women for his own twisted power kicks and sexual fulfillment. Nobody honestly believes Condit actually cared about any of the women he bedded. He didn't truly care or respect the intern, the stewardess, or the teenage daughter of a Pentecostal minister. His wife? I don't know. If Condit truly cared about his wife, he had an odd way of showing it.

Republicans have no reason to defend Condit: he is a Democrat. Democrats have no reason to defend him: he is a conservative, and an embarrassment to the party, particularly after he so loudly protested when President Clinton was accused of exactly the same things that he has done.

Womanizers? Maybe womanizers can sympathize with Condit. But this won't do him any good. There isn't any kind of womanizing lobby to issue press releases and protests and send

representatives to the talk shows. They're a silent constituency. Left-handed Chinese firefighters have more voice in Washington. And the truth is, despite what some salacious commentators have said, there just aren't that many of them, compared to other demographic groups. Condit is a very attractive, debonaire man with a desirable position of power. Most of us don't have any of those things going for us. There are only a few hundred U.S. Representatives, and probably less than 5% of American men Condit's age are as attractive as he is. Even the most morally bankrupt of men don't like Condit, if for no other reason than they're envious of his good looks and charm.

But most importantly, even adulterers such as Newt Gingrich and Bill Clinton have one important distinction that sets them apart from Gary Condit: They didn't impede an investigation into the disappearance of a missing woman. And they certainly didn't kill anybody.

If Gary Condit has done nothing other than the things he has already admitted to (his adultery and lying, and obstruction of justice), he deserves to be permanently rejected from U.S. political life. And if he (as many suspect) killed Chandra Levy and hid her body where no one will ever find it, he deserves much, much worse.

http://www.adherents.com/people/pc/Gary_Condit.html



