

Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation

Application Information

Business Name	El Rancho Bar	District	7
Business Location	1605 West Broadway Road		
Applicant Name	Nancy Vazquez	Series Type	7

The Police Department recommends disapproval of this liquor license application for the following reasons:

The applicant, Nancy Vazquez is not capable, qualified or reliable as required by A.R.S. 4-203 for the following reasons: She claims no experience in the restaurant or bar industry. Several violations of liquor regulations and laws were observed during the on-site visit at the proposed liquor establishment. Ms. Vazquez provided false information on her liquor application and failed to report her husband Adalberto as a manager of the El Rancho Bar. Additionally, Ms. Vazquez was unable to explain dozens of large cash deposits being made into her savings account from undisclosed sources, those deposits total approximately \$45,000. There are also concerns with possible hidden ownership.

Officer Chad Williamsen #7748, conducted an investigation and he learned the following:

- **Concerns with applicant's qualifications:**

An on-site visit and interview was conducted at the business location (1605 West Broadway Road) on 2/1/17. Upon arrival, a person introduced himself as Adalberto, the husband of Ms. Vazquez. He informed us he manages the bar when Ms. Vazquez is not present. Ms. Vazquez was also present during the visit and interview. Ms. Vazquez confirmed that Adalberto manages the bar when she is not present. Adalberto was not listed as either a manager or owner in the application and has also not attended liquor law training class.

Ms. Vazquez had two pay-to-play pool tables inside the bar without proper licensing or documentation. Ms. Vazquez was unable to provide invoices for all of the beer stored on the premises, as required. Officer Williamsen asked Ms. Vazquez for Liquor Law training certificates and she stated she hadn't taken the class, however, she had previously informed him on the phone she had taken the class and provided information on her application that she had attended a class. Ms. Vazquez and her husband were both asked if they knew the valid forms of identification to buy alcohol in Arizona. They both said they did not know the acceptable forms of identification. Also, a log book was located at the register behind the bar. The log appeared to be a ledger for selling beer on credit; which is not allowed. Ms. Vazquez said the log was for the bartenders to keep track of what they sell. However, when she was asked to provide a list of employees/employee log to compare to the ledger, she did not know what an employee log was and was unable to provide one. Officer Williamsen also asked Ms. Vazquez to provide six months of bank statements in order to show she was financially stable and qualified to run a licensed liquor establishment. She provided her Bank of America statements. She was asked about the volume of large cash deposits being made into her account totaling \$45,000 in the past 6 months. She stated she sells stuff on Ebay and a company makes deposits into her account. When asked what stuff she selling on Ebay, she could not answer the question, she replied just stuff. Officer Williamsen also asked Ms. Vazquez about the discrepancies in the two liquor applications about the total amount paid for the business. On the City Questionnaire, Question #9, she indicated she paid \$15,000 out of her personal savings. In the State questionnaire, Question #10 she answered \$25,000. When asked what she actually paid for the license, she stated \$15,000. It should be noted the fair market value

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listed on the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control website for a Series 7 license for \$7,500.

Also, in 2016 there were 16 calls for service for 1605 West Broadway Road. Two of the calls in November were from neighbors complaining about music coming from the bar. The noise complaints recently started occurring during the time Ms. Vazquez claims to have been the manager/owner the bar.

• **The application questionnaire was falsified in the following manner:**

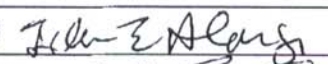
Question #12 of the State questionnaire states "List your employment or type of business during the past five (5) years." The applicant answered that from 03/2015 to current, she has been a house wife. However, during the interview, she stated she has been managing the La Camelia Antro Bar/ El Rancho Bar for the past 6 months. Additionally, on a Facebook page that appears to be for Ms. Vazquez, she lists her employment as a promotor at "La Cantina Antro bar from August 2016 to present and also as a promotor at the "Bukkanas Bar located in Glendale from 7/18/08 – present. Additionally, Question #14A of the State questionnaire states "Have you attended a DLLC-approved Liquor Law Training Course within the past 3 years?" During Officer Williamsen phone conversation with Ms. Vazquez, he asked if she had obtained her liquor training, which was marked as "Yes" in the application. She said yes. However, during the February 1st meeting, when asked for the copy of the training certificates, she stated she had not taken the class.

• **Possible hidden ownership concerns:**

A Commercial Burglary in December 2016, 201602334692, was reported by the owner of the bar, Marcos Garcia, a possible hidden owner. In the police report Mr. Garcia told the reporting officer he had owned the bar for the past four months. It should be noted, Mr. Garcia has plead guilty in 2012 for Dangerous Drugs for Sale. During an interview with Ms. Vazquez on 2/1/17, she stated she had been running the bar for the past six months, which conflicts with what Mr. Garcia told the reporting officer on 12/20/16 during the burglary investigation. Additionally, investigations found multiple Facebook pages for the bar and persons claiming to be involved with the bar. One such page is for Marco Garcia believed to be the person claiming ownership of the bar in December 2016. The page pictures of him at the El Rancho Bar and also has posts advertising the activities of the bar including free entry and bar prices as recently as 1/29/17.

For the above stated reasons the applicant has failed to demonstrate the reliability, capability and qualification required of a liquor license in the State of Arizona.

This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Officer Williamsen #7748

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