



Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 25-027

Distractions Lounge

16612 Beach Blvd #C

April 14, 2026

Request

To permit the onsite sales, service, and consumption of alcohol (ABC Type 48 License – Full Alcohol) within an approximately 1,250 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment.

The business currently has a Type 42 License – On-Sale Beer/Wine.

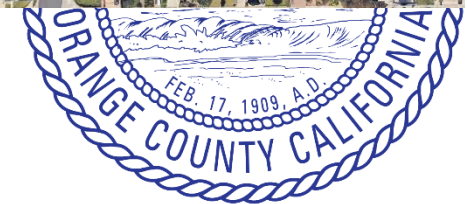
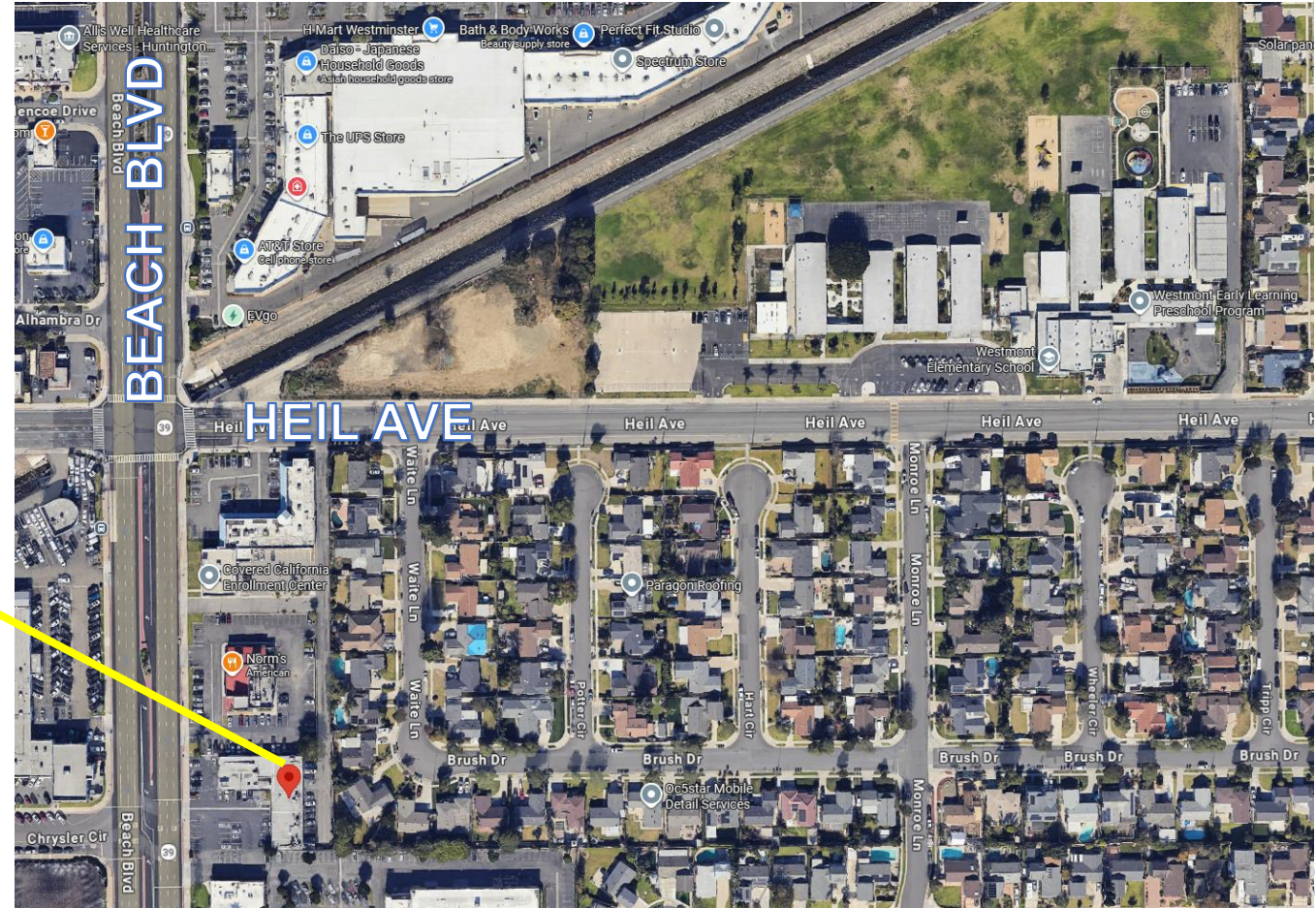


Project Location

- General Plan – M-sp
- Zoning – BECSP (SP14)



Subject Site



ABC Locations

Business/License Type/
Distance from School

Type 21 (Full Alcohol)

1. Chris Liquor/approx. 200 ft.
2. Top Hat Liquor/approx. 600 ft.
3. BevMo/approx. 1250 ft.
4. Grocery Outlet/approx. 1100 ft.

Type 41 (Beer/Wine)

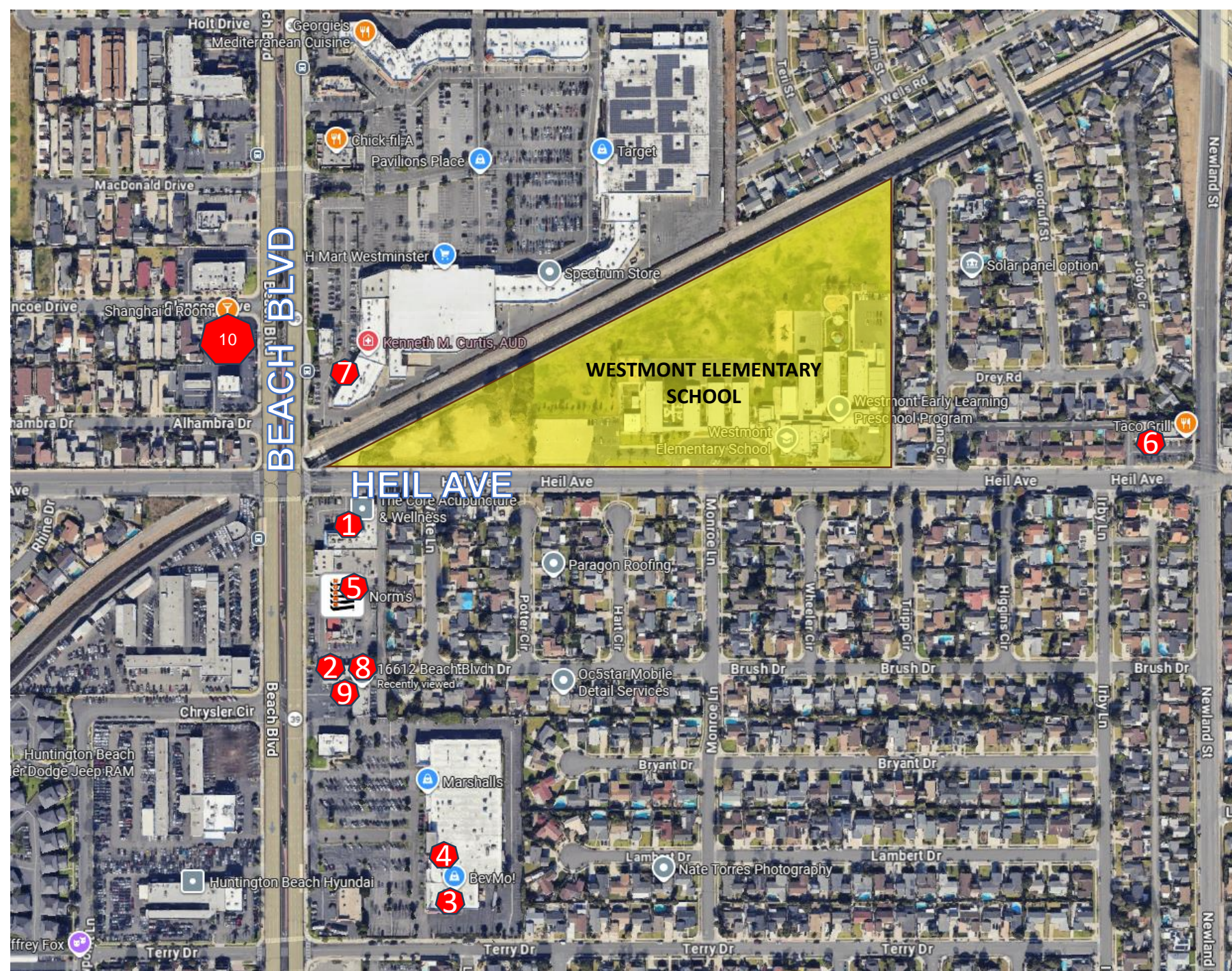
5. Norms/approx. 425 ft.
(Westminster)
6. Taco Grill/approx. 800 ft.
(Westminster)
7. Tsukiyo Sushi/approx. 250 ft.
(Westminster)
8. Phuket Thai/approx. 600 ft.

Type 42 (Beer/Wine)

9. Distractions/approx. 600 ft.

Type 48 (Full Alcohol)

10. Shanghai'd/approx. 450 ft.



Analysis

CUP – ZA Approval

- February 18, 2026 - public hearing; no speakers
- OVSD letter cited concerns in proximity of Westmont Elementary; denial or requested limitations to hours of operation
- Consistent with the General Plan LU designation, goals and policies
- Land Use Compatibility – Police recommended 26 conditions of approval to address public safety concerns including 1-year review

Appeal

- Filed by Council Member Williams on February 28, 2026
- Concerns that use will be detrimental to the welfare of residents within vicinity particularly to the students of Westmont Elementary located within 600 ft. proximity



Analysis

- ABC License upgrade from existing Type 42 to Type 48
- HBPD reviewed request and reported decline in total calls for service and alcohol related DUI arrests with business since 2020
- April 2024- April 2026
 - All calls for service occur between 6 pm and 2 am (except one inspection) – outside of school hours
 - No calls involve juveniles
- HBPD recommends 26 conditions to minimize potential impacts including:
 - Limiting hours of operation:
 - 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM - Sunday-Thursday
 - 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM - Friday and Saturday
 - All beverages shall remain inside (no off-site sales or consumption)
 - No reduced price alcoholic beverage promotions after 7:00 PM
 - Surveillance cameras with recordings
 - All employees to obtain training and certification for serving alcohol



Summary

- The Planning Commission may either uphold the Zoning Administrator decision (with or without modifications) or take an alternative action
- The Planning Commission may approve the proposed project based on the suggested findings and conditions of approval:
 - Complies with the General Plan and zoning ordinance
 - Compatible with existing surrounding uses
 - Conditions of approval have been incorporated to promote safe service of alcohol and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations

