**From:** Sky Stanfield
**To:** Sanchez, Arturo M; Schaaf, Libby
**Subject:** Fwd: Please stop the bullhorns
**Date:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 11:21:40 AM

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Ms. Schaaf and Mr. Sanchez,
Good morning. My name is Sky Stanfield and I work in an office overlooking 14th Street near the corner of Broadway (in the Historic Central Building). Over the past year or so our employees have been struggling to put up with serious distractions caused by the woman who has decided to preach on the corner a couple of times a week. It was helpful to have the bullhorn she was using prohibited, but we still are finding it very hard to focus on our work with her constant noise in the background. She really has a remarkable ability to project her voice!

I am respectful of the free speech rights of individuals, but I also feel that it has risen to the point of being a public nuisance and I am thus reaching out to see if there is anything the City could do to help us?
I was thinking I would be willing to have a meeting with her to discuss whether we could find some common ground on limiting the disturbance she causes nearby workers, while also allowing her the chance to communicate her beliefs. It would be helpful to me if the City would be willing to mediate such a meeting. Alternately, is there anything else the City can do within its powers to help limit her preaching in a manner that would enable us to get our work done? I am completely confident that our business is by no means the only local company being effected by her persistence.

I would appreciate a response.
Thank you,
Sky

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Schaaf, Libby" <LSchaaf@oaklandnet.com>
> **Subject: Fwd: Please stop the bullhorns**
> **Date:** July 24, 2013 12:25:56 AM PDT
> **To:** "Sky Stanfield" <sstanfield@kfwlaw.com>
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> I'm sorry the response was delayed. As you can see from the communications below, the woman did not respond to civilian staff. I'm

sorry she had the nerve to do it again today. It was my impression that it got shut down more quickly, but I was out of my office most of today, so couldn't tell. I'm very sorry this happened.

You might email Arturo Sanchez at asanchez@oaklandnet.com directly if it starts up again. He is a Deputy City Administrator and oversees permits for plaza activities, so could take appropriate steps.

Again, my apologies,
Libby

Subscribe to my informative e-news at libbyschaaf.com !

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Marcus, Nancy" <NMarcus@oaklandnet.com>
> **Date:** July 22, 2013 4:49:14 PM PDT
> **To:** "Schaaf, Libby" <LSchaaf@oaklandnet.com>
> **Subject: FW: Please stop the bullhorns**

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> **From:** Sanchez, Arturo M
> **Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 2:57 PM
> **To:** Marcus, Nancy
> **Subject:** Re: Please stop the bullhorns
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> Respond to that email say same thing. Cc capt Lewis. Thanks.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jul 22, 2013, at 2:51 PM, "Marcus, Nancy" <NMarcus@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
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> > Working on it. She refused to listen to me (along with Security) trying to reach Officer Nguyen – if no success I'll call someone else in OPD.
> >
> > Nancy
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**From:** Sanchez, Arturo M
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 2:33 PM
**To:** Santana, Deanna
**Cc:** Schaaf, Libby; Whent, Sean; Marcus, Nancy
**Subject:** Re: Please stop the bullhorns

I am not aware of any permits having been issued for bullhorns today.

Nancy?

If no permits were issued then OPD can tell them to cease use as a permit from our office is necessary before any electronic amplified device (including bullhorns) can be used.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2013, at 1:42 PM, "Santana, Deanna" <DJSantana@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

> Arturo,
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> Please look into this…thanks. He has been going on for about an hour now….
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> **From:** Schaaf, Libby
> **Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 1:32 PM
> **To:** Santana, Deanna; Sanchez, Arturo M; Whent, Sean
> **Subject:** FW: Please stop the bullhorns
>
> Seriously, he's right. Why is this allowed?
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**From:** Sky Stanfield
[mailto:sstanfield@kfwlaw.com]
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 12:45 PM
**To:** Kalb, Dan; Kernighan, Pat; District 3 Intern; Wald, Zachary; Schaaf, Libby; Gallo, Noel; Brooks, Desley; Reid, Larry; Kaplan, Rebecca
**Subject:** Please stop the bullhorns

Dear Council members,

I am writing to plead you to once again get control over the use of amplified sound during the workday in downtown Oakland. I have written to you a few times before, and the problem seemed to be better for a while, but the last few weeks we have once again seen a return of near-daily preachers using bullhorns on the corner of 14th and Broadway. My law firm is in the Historic Central Building and it is extremely difficult for us to focus during the day with the volume of the speakers. I find myself wearing earplugs constantly. This is not a problem specifically tied to Occupy or to the Zimmerman protests, the loudest offenders generally seem to be individuals with a loud speaker preaching to the public.

I appreciate the City's desire to allow free speech, but the amplification extends beyond what is reasonable for an area trying to encourage business. There are police on that corner constantly, I beg you to please enforce the City's noise regulations and stop the use of un-permitted bullhorns.

Thank you,

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