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Illegal After-Hours Club Shut Down as City Attorney Zach Klein's Property Action Team Delivers Win for West Side

Illegal club located at the Great Western plaza had seen more than 170 incidents in two years, including for violent crime, theft and repeat liquor violations

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced that the Property Action Team secured a court order to shut down Sabor Latino, an illegal after-hours club on the west side of Columbus following numerous calls for service for violence and criminal activity. Columbus Police (CPD) noted 171 incidents over the past two years and executed a court order to board up the premises located at 3415 South Boulevard in the Great Western shopping center.

“The operators of this club have shown a total disregard for the law and for the safety of patrons and the surrounding neighborhood, so we took action to ask the court to shut them down permanently as soon as we had the evidence,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“We will not hesitate to take further legal action against these operators if they set up shop in another location.”**

According to court documents, the club often hosted hundreds of patrons after hours, overcrowding to the point that it was forcibly closed by the Columbus Division of Fire in November. In addition, there have been numerous calls for service to the premises, with CPD responding to multiple reports of assault, rape, drug use, breaking and entering, theft, fights and shots fired over the past two years.

The Property Action Team also noted that the club does not have a liquor permit, but had installed a full, permanent bar for illegal sales. In July 2024, Ohio Investigative Unit agents entered the premises at 2:25 a.m. and made purchases of beer and liquor, and in December, Columbus police again found hundreds of cars in the parking lot, lines to get inside, and patrons who informed officers that they had paid for drinks inside the club.

In addition to continued threats to public safety, the club has a history of code violations for dilapidated, decayed and unsafe conditions, which have repeatedly gone unresolved and threatened the health and safety of patrons to the establishment.

“Operators gave no consideration for safety or the law when they opened, and now, their doors have been shut permanently,” said Property Action Team Attorney Rob Doersam. **“We will continue to work with the Division of Police to monitor this property and remain committed to using every tool we have to improve public safety on the west side.”**