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LA JOLLA — La Jolla neighbors near MTV's "Real World" party house brought a list of complaints to the city last week, and now the production company is paying two off-duty San Diego police officers to keep an eye on the place at night.

Residents near the 6,800-square foot mansion that the "Real World" TV show has rented in the Bird Rock neighborhood for the summer met with Councilwoman Sherri Lightner on July 5, her spokeswoman, Jennifer Davies, said Tuesday.

Complaints included traffic and noise from young people coming to watch the filming of the popular reality show, and rooftop lights that glared into the night, Davies said.

Lightner's office, the city's film commission, police, code compliance and the show's producers hammered out an agreement that the roof lights will go off at 10 p.m. and officers will discourage nighttime visitors, Davis said.

"Real World" is picking up the tab for the officers' pay, benefits, patrol car and equipment costs starting last Friday and through the end of the filming in September, San Diego Police Department spokesman Gary Hassen said. The two are working on rotation, one on duty each shift.

He said the officers are hired off-duty through the city's special events division, just as they are for sports events, parades, marathons and movie shoots.

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An aerial view of the 6,800-square foot mansion that the "Real World" TV show has rented in the Bird Rock neighborhood. - Photo courtesy of 10News.

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