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ITEM(S)

9:10 A.M. #2 (ID 24-1212)

HEARING to consider of an appeal regarding the denial of Conditional Use Permit Application No. P22-03906, requesting authorization to establish a State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 21 (Off-Sale Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits) alcohol license

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Re: Vote No on the Appeal of Conditional Use Denial and Enforce RNMA

Dear Honorable City Council - City of Fresno and Councilmembers:

The League of Women Voters in Fresno is in support of the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act (RNMA), a policy that ensures there is a cap on the number of liquor licenses in the City of Fresno at 478, extends the distance from a liquor outlet to youth spaces from 500 feet to 1000 feet, requires the purchase of two existing liquor licenses for new establishments, reduces storefront advertising to 5%, and directs the city's code enforcement to create an inspection process to ensure retailers are in compliance.

As a community-serving organization we know the adverse impacts that oversaturation of substances can have on a community. Young people and community groups from across Fresno City advocated for the RNMA policy for nearly eight years, doing the necessary research, coalition-building, and advocacy to see it come to fruition.

It is the responsibility of the Council to enact RNMA as it was written and as intended. By granting exceptions such as the pending Conditional Use Permit Application No. P22-03906, we are opening the door to further exemptions and completely shutting out youth and community voices. The ordinance itself states, "Any proposed new establishment or any existing establishment that requests to modify their alcohol or business license type(s), reinstate their alcohol or business license(s) after

an expiration or revocation, extend their operation of alcohol sales, or expand their floor area (for retail sales of alcohol) shall obtain a Conditional Use Permit issued in compliance with the standards of this section.” Although we do realize the unfortunate loss of the CUP for this business owner, we do ask the Council to follow RNMA as written.

The grassroots process in passing RNMA exemplifies the best in health equity in the City Fresno. Fresno City itself has stated that it seeks an inclusive, prosperous, beautiful city where communities take pride in their neighborhoods: *A government that listens, honors its commitment, and is owned by the people*. By holding to the RNMA values, you are committing to all of this.

The League of Women Voters requests a NO vote on the appeal regarding the denial of Conditional Use Permit Application No. P22-03906.

Sincerely,

Kay Bertken and Robin Chiero, Co-Presidents
League of Women Voters of Fresno

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