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6:00 P.M. Hearing ID# 14-297 – HEARING to consider Site Plan Review Application No. S-13-047 and related environmental assessment for the property located on the West side of North Hughes Avenue between West Nielson and West Belmont Avenues (District 3)

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Dear Council:

The Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation respectfully writes to express our support for the proposed Brenntag Pacific, Inc. facility, to be located on the west side of North Hughes Avenue between West Nielson and West Belmont Avenues in District 3. It is our understanding that this project will be heard before council on Thursday, August 28, 2014, and we urge you to support it as well.

Currently located in Malaga, Brenntag Pacific, Inc. is a full line commodity and specialty chemical distribution company with a history of providing a variety of, primarily, food ingredients to the western portion of the United States. They are seeking to build a new, larger, facility within the City of Fresno as they have outgrown their current facility outside of the City limits. This new facility will bring jobs and growth to an area that has been severely lacking both for a number of years.

We know there is some concern over potential air quality hazards and hazardous waste emissions that will be potentially produced by this facility, however environmental assessments have determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment. Brenntag Pacific prides itself on going above and beyond in all efforts to protect employees safety and minimize environmental impact. The company will have the appropriate safeguards in place to protect both the employees and the public from exposure to chemical products they distribute. On page 12 of their Business Code Of Conduct document they state that: "Health, safety, environmental protection and the long-term conservation of natural resources are of key importance to Brenntag. If a process cannot be done safely, we do not do it..." In addition, this project is not proposing a use which will produce objectional odors.

Again, please help the community in growing much needed jobs and economic development. We ask that you support this project.

Sincerely,

Dora Westerlund
 President & CEO