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Planning Commission Chair Jaime Holt  
Members of Planning Commission  
Fresno City Hall  
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RE: McCall Oil / Brenntag Proposed Project

Dear Ms. Holt,

The Fresno Chamber of Commerce respectfully writes to express support of the proposed Brenntag facility in the City of Fresno. It would be built on 11 acres of blighted property near Hughes and Nielsen, and would be an M-1 business in an M-3 zone.

After engaging in spirited conversation with support and opposition of the project, the Fresno Chamber feels the \$9 million building investment, additional dozen good-paying, full-time jobs, and local construction crews slated to build the facility would be tremendous assets to the community.

Brenntag has a stellar reputation at its current location in Malaga, but has outgrown the existing site. Instead of rebuilding in a less-expensive and regulated state, it wants to invest in Fresno, a city that happens to desperately need jobs that don't require a college-education and offer paid sick and vacation time as well as 401K plans.

As the voice of the business community, the Fresno Chamber urges the Planning Commission to do what's right for the economic development of our city. Not only would Brenntag be a significant financial contribution, but the well-maintained building and nice landscaping would serve to send a positive message to the community that Fresno is business-friendly and committed to revitalizing areas of need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Al Smith".

Al Smith  
President and CEO

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