

EXHIBIT I
Larry Taylor Appeal Letter

Re: CUP No. P22-02534 – Starbucks

February 2, 2023

To: Fresno City Planning Commission

This Conditional Use Permit should be denied.

The site is just a block north of where we live in a condominium complex, where there are eighty-eight (88) 2-story units. Other condos north and across the street from us would be more immediately impacted by the ozone and Particulate Matter idling cars would create while in the drive through lanes, enough for seventeen (17) cars to idle in two lanes simultaneously.

Fresno's air is known to be one of the worst in the state and nation, contributing to asthma, heart and lung disease, even brain diseases. The site is surrounded by Highways 99, 180 and, very closely, by highway 41. An additional 2 tons of NOx and PM10 per year is unacceptable for the residents living in the path of prevailing northwesterly winds. According to the Fresno Bee, there are at least six (6) Starbucks in the planning or construction phase in Fresno:

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The AB617 State Assembly bill should be protecting the South and Central Fresno from additional toxic air, not making it worse. If the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District allowed this, as it "will not result in and significant effects to air quality", they are wrong. Cumulative effects will result in harm to humans living in this environment.

This location should serve the local residential community, not highway 41 commuters for an easy cup of coffee with several access offramps in the area. There are already several existing Starbucks serving the immediate area.

More should be done to encourage a taller building to fit in the style of surrounding buildings, and more to serve local interests than a cup of coffee.

If this site is approved for a Starbucks, it should be contingent upon there be no drive through lanes, where cars idle for 5-15 minutes while waiting in line for their orders. Customers should be required to park their cars, turn off their engines and walk to a "pickup window" for their order. Many restaurants have this system of order will-call.

Sincerely,
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