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ITEM(S)

9:20 A.M. (ID 24-998)

HEARING to consider Conditional Use Permit Application No. P21-06064, (Council District 1) - Planning & Development.

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Contents of Supplement: Public comment email

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Re: Opposition to Proposed Liquor Store at Ashlan & Blythe Ave (4390)

Dear City Council Member,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed liquor store at the corner of Ashlan and Blythe. Our community already faces an over-saturation of gas stations and liquor stores, with five ABC licenses approved in the census tract. This concentration has led to increased crime, public disturbances, and a decline in our neighborhood's quality of life.

The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act was enacted to address precisely this type of situation. The act limits the number of ABC licenses per census tract to prevent the over-concentration of alcohol outlets and promote healthier, more balanced communities. The limit is 4 licenses per census tract and 5 are already approved in tract 38.09. Approving this license would contravene the spirit and intent of this legislation, undermining efforts to create a safer and more livable environment for all residents.

Additionally, our community is in dire need of healthy food options, not more liquor stores. There is a noticeable lack of grocery stores and markets that offer fresh produce and nutritious food. This contributes to poor dietary habits and adverse health outcomes among residents. Encouraging the establishment of businesses that provide healthy food options would significantly benefit our community, promoting better health and well-being. Statistics show that an overabundance of liquor availability, smoke shops and check cashing locations are primary indicators of poverty and increases in violent crime. (John Hopkins & NIH).

I urge the City Council to deny this application, prioritizing the well-being of our community over the interests of a single business. Supporting the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act's goals will help create a safer and healthier environment for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

April Henry, Executive Director/CEO

