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June 19, 2019

Michael Lewis
Development and Resource Management
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street, Third Floor
Fresno, CA 93721-3604

SUBJECT: **APPLICATION NO. P19-02593**
3315 N. CEDAR AVE.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

In response to the City's request for comments on the pending application referenced above, Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) has the following comments and concerns.

The proposed 'Chido Bar' to be located within existing tenant space at 3315 North Cedar Avenue is requesting to establish a State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 48 (*Bar, Night Club – sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for consumption on the premises where sold*) alcohol license. It is located within approximately 810 feet from Duncan Polytechnical High School.

As per the State of California's Alcohol Beverage Control Act, an alcohol license can be refused by the State if the location is "within at least 600 feet from schools." Per California Business and Professions Code Section 23789(b), "The department is specifically authorized to refuse the issuance, other than renewal or ownership transfer, of any retail license for premises located within at least 600 feet of schools and public playgrounds or nonprofit youth facilities, including, but not limited to, facilities serving Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Campfire Girls. This distance shall be measured pursuant to rules of the department." The District **does not support** the license request or the proposed operation and continues to have concerns regarding potentially dangerous interaction between alcohol establishments and our students. FUSD's response on this project is subject to the Alcohol Beverage Control Act and the Fresno Police Department's review and support of the project with regard to the concentration and use of alcohol-related business in close proximity to school sites.

The Fresno Unified School District levies a commercial/industrial development fee and the current fee rate is \$0.61 per square foot. However, if no new square footage is constructed no development fee would be charged

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding our comments and concerns, please contact our office at (559) 457-3066.

Sincerely,

Alex Belanger, Assistant Superintendent
Facilities Management and Planning

ABC

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c: Eric Martinez, Principal, Duncan Polytechnical High School



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Northeast Policing District
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June 20, 2019

RE: LAURELS UNIQUE IMPORTS, INC.
DBA: “**Chido Bar**”
3315 N. Cedar Ave
Fresno, Ca. 93726

Dear Ms. McCallister,

This letter is to inform the City of Fresno Planning and Development that the Fresno Police Department has received your notification regarding a request by the above licensee (**Chido Bar**, 3315 N. Cedar Ave.) to establish a State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 48 alcohol license (*Bar / Night Club – sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for consumption on the premise where sold*).

We have completed our review and have public safety concerns regarding issuance of the license based upon the following historical information:

- Between 2010 and 2014, when the last bar/nightclub was in operation, there were over 150 police calls for violent patrons, fights and disturbances involving intoxicated subjects at the location.
- The previous bar/nightclub drew numerous complaints from community members regarding nuisance activities such as: loitering, litter, loud music from vehicles/patrons, vandalism, and open containers of alcoholic beverages.
- Violence at the previous bar/nightclub included a shooting that resulted in a homicide (FPD Case # 14-21254) inside the bar and a stabbing involving several patrons (FPD Case #14-39502).

If the establishment is approved for opening with a Type 48 alcohol license, we look forward to discussing conditions necessary to help ensure the public's safety.

Sincerely,

Captain Mindy Casto
Northeast Policing District Commander

Support of Denial

From: Cl Montgomery Jr (cljmontgomery@yahoo.com)

To: cljmontgomery@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 04:55 PM PDT

To: Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, Director

City of Fresno Planning and Development Department

Re: Conditional use permit application NO.P19-02593 Chido Bar- 3315 North Cedar Ave (APN 437-31-318

From: Cl Montgomery Jr and Sheila A Montgomery
4137 E Fountain Way Fresno Ca, 93726

Ms Clark:

We wholeheartedly support your decision to DENY the conditional use permit for the stated and documented reasons listed in your earlier decision AND for the reasons stated during the neighborhood meeting on Oct 21, 2019.

While it seemed the applicants were genuine in their intentions, it also became very clear to us that there was no real concern for the additional negative impact their bar and patrons would no doubt have on life and property in the immediate area of their business.

We feel our neighborhood and their plans for a "trendy" type bar is a major mismatch. They seemed to be under the impression that they can pick and chose their customers, excluding the dominant social influences in this central fresno area. There are gang and cultural factions in and around the Cedar-Shields area that will be attracted to our neighborhood.

The clientele these applicants hope to serve do not and will not frequent this area for much more than curiosity and will smartly head for safer venues leaving behind the usual problems magnified for us, the homeowners to deal with.

We implore the city to deny this application/appeal and to continue making improvements that could have a positive effect on property values and ownership desirability.

In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to be included in this process and the serious considerations weighed by the City of Fresno.

Sincerely,
CL and Sheila Montgomery

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