



Preparing Career Ready Graduates

April 11, 2019

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

SUBJECT: **APPLICATION NO. P19-01019**
10 E. WHITESBRIDGE 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 existing 'A & M Westside Market' located at 10 East Whitesbridge Avenue is requesting authorization to upgrade the existing State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control License from a Type 20 to a Type 21 (*Package Store - sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for consumption off the premises where sold*). It is located within approximately 1,370 feet from Columbia Elementary 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 upgrade request and continues to have concerns regarding potentially dangerous interaction between our students and the proposed operation. 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) 437-3066.

Sincerely,



Alex Belanger, Assistant Superintendent
Facilities Management and Planning

AB:hl
c: Mike Rivard, Principal, Columbia Elementary School

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City of Fresno – Development and Resource Management (DARM)

Ms. Jennifer Clark – Director

2600 Fresno Street Rm #3065

Fresno, CA 93721

June 25, 2018

Dear Ms. Clark,

The Golden Westside Planning Committee and southwest residents have been opposed to the further issuance of off sale alcohol license type 21 in our area. #019-01019

As you aware, there has been an over saturation of these types of licenses in our area. The applicant, A&M Westside Market located at, 10 E. Whitesbridge / Fresno, CA 93706 presently has a type 20 license. An approval of the sale of spirits would increase and add to the already existing problems by the burdens of off sale distilled spirits in our community. Many which are located less than a mile from each other.

Sincerely,

Debbie Darden – Chairperson

Golden Westside Planning Committee

Cc: Mr. Miguel Arias – City Councilman District 3