Exhibit L Additional Protest Letter Received

From: <u>Kelsey George</u>
To: <u>Thomas Veatch</u>

Subject: FW: [Possible Scam Fraud]9/16/2020, Item Number: ID 20-001143

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:41:32 AM

Hi Thomas,

Please see preceding email that was sent in regard to your project.

Thanks!

Kelsey George, Planner Planning & Development Department

From: Ravinder Bhogal [mailto:cedarfoodmarket.fresno@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:46 PM

To: Kelsey George

Subject: [Possible Scam Fraud]9/16/2020, Item Number: ID 20-001143

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Ravinder K. Bhogal 4193 E Illinois Ave. Fresno CA, 93702

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to speak against the project proposal of a 7-11 convenience store and gas station to be developed on the northwest corner of North Cedar Avenue and East Tulare Street. I have been a small business owner of a convenience store in the vicinity for the past 17 years, and it is my main source of income. I am a widow, and still support my son. I'm afraid of what may happen to us and other small businesses in the area who may not be able to compete with a major corporation like 7-11. Unlike other major chain convenience stores, I am in tune with what is happening within the community. I have seen the children grow up for better and worse. I know customers by name, and they know me. We have built trust over the years and take care of each other. When family members in the community need to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses by car wash, I allow them to use my property and water at no charge. When I

heard a nearby church could not afford to fix their air conditioning, I had it fixed for them. Whenever I need help with repairs and projects I often hire my own customers as another way to give back to the community that gives to me. When my husband was alive he would do similarly. This is not something a major corporation like 7-11 would likely do. I urge you to take into consideration how it would affect local businesses and the community, and uphold your previous decision to deny this project proposal.

Thank you, Ravinder K. Bhogal