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ITEM(S)

File ID 20-001363 – (2-O)

Actions pertaining to Text Amendment Application No. P20-02212 and related Environmental Finding for Environmental Assessment No. P20-02212, sections 15-2706, 15-6801 and 15-6802 of the Fresno Municipal Code, to be titled the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act and relating to the use regulations for alcohol sales.

1. ADOPT Environmental Assessment No. P20-02212, dated July 29, 2020, that Text Amendment Application No. P20-02212 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the common sense exemption that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Text Amendment may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
2. ***BILL (Intro. 9/24/2020)(For adoption) - Amending Sections 15-2706, 15- 6801, and 15-6802 to the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to the use regulations for alcohol sales. (Subject to Mayor's veto)
3. RESOLUTION - Of the Council establishing the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act Committee

Contents of Supplement: Community Emails Received

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Bernard Canez

From: Save Our Markets - Vote NO On The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act
<jake@gvteknology.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Esmeralda Soria; Mike Karbassi; Miguel Arias; Paul Caprioglio; Luis Chavez; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; Lee Brand; Tyler Maxwell; Clerk; tjmaxwell22@gmail.com
Subject: The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act

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Name: Mike Golding

Email: mitgold@rocketmail.com

Your Street Address: 4058 E Balch Ave

Message: Fresno needs more neighborhood food markets and healthier eating choices for all of our citizens. Well considered political and economic decisions that allow good businesses to thrive and pressures bad actors to change or close are important for a thriving city and people. The positions and recommendations in the letter sent to the City Council are exactly the well considered, thoughtful ideas that nurtures the types of responsible, successful businesses that are an asset to the Fresno community.

Date: October 19, 2020

Time: 1:24 pm

Bernard Canez

From: Save Our Markets - Vote NO On The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act
<jake@gvteknology.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Esmeralda Soria; Mike Karbassi; Miguel Arias; Paul Caprioglio; Luis Chavez; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; Lee Brand; Tyler Maxwell; Clerk; tjmaxwell22@gmail.com
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Date: October 19, 2020
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From: Save Our Markets - Vote NO On The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act
<jake@gvteknology.com>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 12:08 AM
To: Esmeralda Soria; Mike Karbassi; Miguel Arias; Paul Caprioglio; Luis Chavez; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; Lee Brand; Tyler Maxwell; Clerk; tjmaxwell22@gmail.com
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Name: Rosalinda Gonzalez

Email: arosalinda@aol.com

Your Street Address: 1278 via palmi drive

Message:

Date: October 16, 2020

Time: 12:08 am

Bernard Canez

From: Praveen Buddiga <praveenbuddiga@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Fwd: 10-15-2020 - Speaking Opportunity in favor of Agenda item# 2-O (ID 20-001363)
Attachments: GAS STATIONS AND LIQUOR SELLING CONVENIENCE STORES (1).jpg

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Dear Clerk

Opportunity to speak on Zoom during the meeting in favor of Agenda item# 2-O (ID 20-001363) for the above item for 2 minutes.

Thank you.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Praveen Buddiga
Resident
Copper River Ranch
Thank you.
Sincerely and Respectfully,

Praveen Buddiga



Bernard Canez

From: Ramin Naderi <raminnaderi40@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Market in Copper River area

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Hello,

I am Ramin Naderi, living in Copper river. I am in support of having market in this area, for easier access to daily needs.

Best regards,
Ramin Naderi
650-387-6830

Bernard Canez

From: Praveen Buddiga <praveenbuddiga@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: 10-15-2020 - Speaking Opportunity in favor of Agenda item# 2-O (ID 20-001363)

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Resident
Copper River Ranch

Bernard Canez

From: Pratap Javangula <Pratap_Javangula@gap.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Agenda item# 2-O (ID20-001363)

Importance: High

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Respected Clerk,

I am sending in a sincere request to you to be read in front of the council members.

Being a neighbor living close to cross streets maple and copper in 93730. I am NOT in favor of having a Gas Station in this area.

I have weighed in all of the pros and cons about this and I without a doubt have come to a conclusion that this is not Right move for the neighborhood.

Rgds,
Pratap

Bernard Canez

From: Suki Sahota <sukisahota@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Re: Liquor stores

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Fresno has such a huge problem with violence as it is... and now the city is thinking about allowing more gas stations and liquor stores to be built in a nice neighborhood like copper and maple?

What is wrong with you guys?? Crime is such a HUGE problem in Fresno as it is. We are already a laughing stock for living in such a crime infested city... Our crime rate in the NE part of Fresno isn't as bad as mainstream Fresno... why would you even think about allowing more gas stations to go up... selling liquor ... so that crime can now ease its way to our nice neighborhoods?

We have two schools close to where the proposed sites are. Is it smart for you to have the kids be enticed to nicotine, liquor violence ? Why would you? Fresno is called the "Armpit of California"... because of our violence history... WAKE UP!!

I have 3 boys in these school districts and we already have heard of cases where boys from my school have paid adults to buy them liquor since they are underage. Please stand with the professionals in the nice neighborhoods who chose to raise their families here. We chose this neighborhood because of the crime rate being so low. Why jeopardize this? What good does selling alcohol bring to these neighborhoods? 4 gas stations on one street ? How does this make sense????

Suki Sahota
559-250-2229

Call me ... I have more to say if you want to hear from us.

Sent from my iPhone

Bernard Canez

From: Darius Assemi <DAssemi@gvhomes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Clerk; Miguel Arias; Luis Chavez; Esmeralda Soria; Paul Caprioglio; Tyler Maxwell; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; Lee Brand; Mike Karbassi
Cc: Becky Wharton
Subject: please share with council
Attachments: SOM_Letter to Council 10-14-2020 4PM.pdf

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Thank you,
Darius Assemi
Granville Homes | gvhomes.com
P: 559.445.9000



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October 14, 2020

Dear Council President Arias and esteemed members of the Fresno City Council,

For nearly 40 years I have developed projects in the Central Valley that include homes, apartments, infill and downtown development, higher education campuses, and most recently, commercial developments. All the while I have witnessed the impact legislation has had on our community, both positively and negatively. While I support your efforts to reduce the oversaturation of liquor licenses in Fresno, I am concerned the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act does not achieve the council's goal. As written, it provides no change to current operations of existing stores and places the burden on future businesses to solve a problem that exists today.

Before us we have an opportunity to improve the quality of life in our community by addressing the stores that contribute blight and that are disproportionately present in our underserved communities. Our city's youth in these communities are exposed to this oversaturation at higher rate than in other communities throughout Fresno. South of Shaw you will find 386 operating liquor licenses while just 141 North of Shaw. The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act does not address the aforementioned issues and places the regulative burden on future business while keeping the status quo for existing stores including the continued sale of **single serve alcohol**!

GOAL:
Improve
Neighborhoods
Quality of Life
Citywide While
Supporting Small
Businesses



• Existing Businesses

- No change to current operations including single sale
- No requirement for new CUP
- 1,000ft buffer does not apply
- Participation in City Inspection Program

• New Businesses

- Cap on new licenses
- New licenses require purchase of existing licenses in oversaturated areas
- Window signage reduced to 5%
- 1,000ft buffer zones to sensitive locations in saturated areas
- Participation in City Inspection Program

The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act will have an affect on current and future businesses, however. Liquor stores, some of which are in a state of disrepair and are magnets for criminal activity, stand to benefit from this ordinance as it will eliminate their competition by putting a 1,000-foot buffer around them. It will also add between \$200k to \$600k of licensing costs to operate, for future applicants. While the city will offer a break to new businesses on development fees for underserved areas, this sum pales in comparison to the hundreds of thousands of dollars in up front licensing costs.

Future neighborhood markets that provide options such as fresh produce will be adversely affected since they carry a limited supply of alcohol to be financially viable. They will be subject to stricter design, inventory, and location regulations along with the increased upfront cost of transferring and canceling liquor licenses. For context, the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act would require this neighborhood market example to purchase two liquor licenses, using one and cancelling the other.

Given the potential impact this ordinance may have, it is prudent that we take the appropriate time to work together with all stakeholders to address the concerns expressed in this and other letters to council. Together, we need to address code enforcement for existing stores and identify how this ordinance can help achieve that goal. I am asking for a 30-day delay in your vote so our community can have an open discussion to ensure this ordinance achieves the desired goal of reducing the oversaturation of liquor stores in our community.

We share the goal of a more prosperous and equitable city. The last thing Fresno wants — or needs — is to codify a well-intentioned, but flawed, ordinance that impacts thousands of parcels and could negatively impact our city for years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darius Assemi', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Darius Assemi
President, Granville Homes

Bernard Canez

From: Praveen Buddiga <praveenbuddiga@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 6:08 PM
To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District6; District7; Clerk; Anthony Yu
Cc: Esmeralda Soria; Mike Karbassi; Miguel Arias; Paul Caprioglio; Luis Chavez; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; Lee Brand; Tyler Maxwell
Subject: Seeking Approval for Agenda item# 2-O (ID 20-001363)

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Dear Honorable Esmeralda Soria, Councilmember District 1 District1@fresno.gov,

Honorable Mike Karbassi, Councilmember District 2 District2@fresno.gov,

Honorable Miguel Arias, Councilmember District 3 District3@fresno.gov,

Honorable Paul Caprioglio, Councilmember District 4 District4@fresno.gov,

Honorable Luis Chavez, Councilmember District 5 District5@fresno.gov,

Honorable Garry Bredefeld, Councilmember District 6 District6@fresno.gov,

Honorable Nelson Esparza, Councilmember District 7 District7@fresno.gov,

Honorable Mayor of Fresno Lee Brand Lee.Brand@fresno.gov

Honorable Tyler Maxwell Tyler Maxwell@Fresno.gov ,

Honorable Clerk for minutes at Clerk@Fresno.gov,

I appreciate the Fresno City council entertaining to hear your city residents and the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act voice on how to plan the future of the neighborhood that we reside in (Copper River Ranch).

I am dismayed that even though I have appeared and testified on behalf of Fresno County to the Environmental Protection Agency as a Health spokesman for the American Lung Association many times during this decade to voice my objection to escalating air pollution and declining air quality in Fresno City Hall that I would one day have to address my own city's council representatives on the dangers of air pollution, liquor related accidents / deaths and, a sudden eruption of permit requests for gas stations and liquor licenses on Copper Ave. home to a lot of educational institutions such as Copper River Academy Preschool, Fugman Elementary and Clovis North Educational Complex . Hundreds of students walk , bike , drive along Copper Ave. to and from these schools on a daily basis.

These gas stations with attached "grocery"/or convenience stores are cloaked as liquor stores regardless of the business hours. We already have one such outlet approved on Copper and Friant as a gas station + convenience store that sells liquor . We have Rite Aid that sells liquor, we have the Cheers store that sells liquor, we have the Shell gas station at Maple and Behymer that sells liquor.

My sincere question is why do we need more liquor stores, gas stations, convenience stores aka "grocery stores selling liquor" and car washes polluting both the air and ground water with volatile organic compounds , benzene, detergent agents in a quiet residential neighborhood with schools along Copper Ave.

One of my friends' father Mr. Bhatia died while crossing this same road hit by a drunk driver about a year ago. There also have been multiple DUI accidents to damage property / bodily injury in the Copper River Ranch complex.

We know the facts that Fresno has been labeled as a very high DUI rate city in the country due to liquor store availability + attributed adverse alcohol behavioral effects leading to DUI fatalities, domestic violence and other crimes. We are also ranked in the top 5 cities as the worst Air Quality due to the topography , inversion layer and vehicular diesel emissions yearly over the past decade by the State of the Air Report by the American Lung Association.

The Fresno City Council now considering a new law that would protect our neighborhood and all others from the proliferation of liquor stores and I appreciate them for realizing this before its too late to fix.

I strongly support Agenda item# 2-O (ID 20-001363) and wish you make a correct choice with your valuable vote in favor of the Copper River Ranch residents by approving The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act (RNMA) and all of the amendments proposed on September 24th

Thank you to anyone that has been supporting our efforts to approve RNMA.

Please approve Agenda item# 2-O (ID 20-001363) on October 15, 2020 for the improvement of Fresno City as a community residential destination and for eventual healthy growth as a city destination to raise families.

Thank you so much for your time and careful review.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
electronically signed

Praveen Buddiga, MD
Resident - Copper River Ranch

Bernard Canez

From: oniel young <onielyoung@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 7:21 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: 10/14 Meeting: SUPPORT letter for Agenda #2-0 (ID 20-001363) Responsible Neighborhood Market Act

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Fresno Council Members,

I am writing in support of the Fresno Responsible Neighborhood Market Act and its impact on my home and family.

My name is Oscar Young and I live in Northwest Fresno.

My family and I have chosen to live in this neighborhood because of its proximity to excellent school districts, the safety within our community, and support for new families starting roots in Fresno. I have 3 children that attend Fugman Elementary and 1 child at Clovis North.

I have seen the growth of the Northwest community and have supported the commercial development near our homes and school. I understand as our community grows; our needs will grow hand in hand.

I am not against growth, but I am against the potential oversaturation with a proposed 3rd liquor store in our community. Alcohol is widely available at stores such as Rite Aid, and as such don't necessitate a specialty store. Soon, it will also be available at Copper and Friant at a future convenience store site.

Our family-oriented community does not need a third outlet for alcohol sales. Other than short term financial gain with developers and operators of the facilities, I fail to see a single benefit of another alcohol selling establishment.

Fresno has been a city that welcomes families by offering great schools, affordable homes, and safe environments. The pure redundancy of alcohol selling establishments within a half mile radius of each other within these communities runs counter any sort of culture to what Fresno stands for and wants to become.

I implore you to support the Fresno Responsible Neighborhood Act.

Bernard Canez

From: Save Our Markets - Vote NO On The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act
<jake@gvteknology.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 7:30 PM
To: Esmeralda Soria; Mike Karbassi; Miguel Arias; Paul Caprioglio; Luis Chavez; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; Lee Brand; Tyler Maxwell; Clerk; tjmaxwell22@gmail.com
Subject: The Responsible Neighborhood Market Act

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Name: Janelle Russell
Email: j-ell2@comcast.net
Your Street Address: 5332 W Holland Ave
Message:

Date: October 14, 2020
Time: 7:29 pm

Bernard Canez

From: parvin malek <parvinmalek2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8:32 PM
To: parvin malek
Subject: Please approve the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act

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Please approve the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act as recommended. As you are aware, according to health reports and data, Fresno has been among the DRUNKEST cities for many years, and the oversaturation of liquor stores has been ignored for too long in this City. The proposed ordinance provides a balanced approach, which will improve all Fresno neighborhoods and protect newly developed areas as well. Health and safety issues caused by the oversaturation of liquor stores on every corner have been negatively affecting our kids, our safety, and our health. We are supportive of the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act and thankful to your Council for consideration and approval.

Parvin Malek

Bernard Canez

From: Savinder Virk <virksatwant@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:49 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Responsible neighborhood market act

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I satwant Virk resident starts
5766 E Belgravia Ave
Fresno
Support this ordinance.
Thanks
Satwant virk

Sent from my iPhone

Yvonne Spence

From: Michael Shirinian <mjshirinian@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Lee Brand; Luis Chavez; Mike Karbassi; Esmeralda Soria; Paul Caprioglio; Tyler Maxwell; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; Yvonne Spence; Miguel Arias
Subject: Responsible Neighborhood Market Ordinance
Attachments: Ordinance.docx

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Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members:

Please see attached.

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Michael Shirinian
Shirinian Hospitality Group
Fresno, CA 93704
(559) 227-1234 Elbow Room
(559) 307-3895 Mobile

- Elbow Room Bar & Grill
- Riley's Brew Pub

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To :Fresno City Council

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From: Mike Shirinian

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear City Council Members:

My name is Mike Shirinian. I have been in the restaurant industry for approximately 40 years. I have been involved in restaurant projects for forty years in Fresno, Clovis and New York.

I am opposed to the responsible Neighborhood Market Ordinance as currently written. Here are my points:

1. Existing operators who are in violation of their CUP, ABC obligations and/or are attracting crime elements and/or have inordinate police calls need to have their licensees sanctioned severely and most likely seized permanently.
 - Have the City (Code Enforcement) enforce the CUP conditions required by code and which should be maintained by existing businesses. They should be required to file for a new CUP to reach the proper standards.
 - In other words....let the City, ABC and Police do their jobs and eradicate the problems as they are currently mandated to do.
2. I proposed (an extemporaneous idea on my part) in a lunch meeting/discussion with three City Council Members (Chavez, Caprioglio and Karbassi; I also put this thought and others into a text to Councilman Chavez) the following ideas:
 - The current proposed ordinance where someone would have to buy two licenses and to retire one of those licenses is a horrible idea. That concept would only benefit and reward the BAD operators...the ones you're trying to eliminate.
 - Eliminate via the Police, ABC and Code Enforcement (CUP) those licensees and licenses operating in violation of the existing codes. Confiscate the licenses and use them for future Fresno projects that meet proper requirements. See my clarification below:

- I did not mean these licenses were to be arbitrarily controlled and issued by the City Council. Licenses belong to the ABC. The ABC has to vet all potential future licensees. The idea was for the ABC/PD/City to work together to help solve the current problems identified locally. If the ABC was able to provide licenses to Fresno for quality projects----at normal market rates---that would be the way business is normally done here and throughout the state.
 - I was told today that my conversation with the City Council members was construed to mean I wanted Council to control the issuance of licenses.
 - I am NOT advocating that. That would open the door for potential abuse in issuing these “City controlled” licenses. I am 100% against that idea.
3. in our lunch i proposed a 30 day waiting period to vet the language and nuance of any new ordinance so as to eliminate any unintended consequences.
- My clarification above is just one example of how an extemporaneous conversation might get turned into a really bad policy. There needs to be a month of discussions to truly clarify the methodology and intent of the various ideas to be possibly considered for the eradication of the violators of ABC, criminal code and CUP mandates. The fact that via #2 above I had to clarify my conversation in a lunch meeting is a prime example of taking the time to properly craft the ordinance’s intent and language.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Shirinian

Bernard Canez

From: Anthony Lee Yu <anthony.lee.yu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Garry Bredefeld; Miguel Arias; Clerk; Esmeralda Soria; Lee Brand; Luis Chavez; Nelson Esparza; Paul Caprioglio
Subject: Copper River in favor of RNMA!
Attachments: Fresno Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance Petition.pdf; Reasons Why Fresno Residents Signed the Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance Petition 10-14-2020.pdf; LOCAL Petition Signer Locations 10-9-2020.pdf

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Dear Mayor Brand and City Councilmembers,

My name is Anthony Yu, and I head the Fresno Healthy Neighborhood Alliance, a collection of Copper River residents in Northeast Fresno who oppose the proliferation of liquor stores and gas stations in both our community and Fresno, and therefore fully support the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act.

Over the past few weeks and months, a narrative has been created by developers who wish to build liquor stores along Copper Avenue that the residents of this community are supportive of these new developments. That is simply untrue.

I have attached the following 3 documents for your review.

- 1) The petition we circulated to our neighbors opposing the proposed liquor stores and gas stations.
- 2) 17 pages of comments collected from those petitions. The comments represent the thoughts of 350 area homeowners.
- 3) An aerial map depicting the locations of our petition signers. As you will see, these are, in fact, people who live here and would be directly impacted by new liquor stores.

Our survey promised anonymity to signers. We do, however, have the names, contact information, and addresses of all who signed. Upon request, we can make those names available to you, but out of respect for our supporters, would have to seek permission from each individual signer first.

Thank you for your efforts to make Fresno a better and safer place to live. We support you and the passage of RNMA!

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Anthony Lee Yu, MD
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The Alliance learned during this process that a separate gas station-liquor store was already approved on April 10 by the city at the northeast corner of Copper and Friant (1000 E Copper Ave).

As shown in the aerial above, Copper River is now facing the unfathomable prospect of 3 gas stations and liquor stores along Copper Avenue within one mile of each other. One site (Copper/Friant) has already been approved. Join us to save this community from the other 2!

Further detail, including the science supporting these concerns, is available at the *Fresno Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance* webpage: <https://ceds.org/fhna/>.

We've retained Community & Environmental Defense Services (CEDS) to assist us in assessing the likelihood that these and other impacts may occur. CEDS is helping us form a strategy to preserve our neighborhood. For examples of CEDS successes in defeating poorly planned gas stations visit: <https://ceds.org/success%20examples#gasstation>

1. Please add your name and contact information to urge the City of Fresno to deny the conditional use permit needed to allow the gas station. Your contact information allows us to let you know of our progress in ensuring your home and ours are protected from the health and safety impacts of the proposed gas station.

Name

Address

City/Town

State/Province -- select state --

ZIP/Postal Code

Email Address

Phone Number

2. Please share the reasons why you're concerned about the proposed gas station and alcohol carry-out store, which will allow elected officials and other decision-makers to take your support more seriously.

Reasons Provided By Many Area Residents As To Why They Signed The Saving Our Neighborhood Petition at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/preservinghealth>

" We own and operate a licensed preschool in the shopping center across the street from the proposed gasoline pumps. I have been shown the research of adverse health affects on our children, and community. It concerns me that the gas station would be so close to my learning center as well as biking/walking paths that were intended to promote a healthy family oriented lifestyle, which is (was) Copper River Ranch. I also believe the value of the nearby real estate would diminish greatly, I also think many other business' looking to come into the area, would choose elsewhere to locate as a gas station brings the entire caliber of a healthy/new/energy efficient (most homes here have solar panels, and many drive electric vehicles) neighborhood down. Most importantly, the harmful known causes it can bring to the area in close proximity to homes, and business' not to Convenience stores that sell liquor and gas are a hub for transients and drug dealers. These businesses do not share our community values and must not be allowed in our area.

Its not necessary. We got 2 gas stations with in a mile and it is a residential area.

I am confused as to why this gas station is even a consideration. aside from the noise, pollution, lights, safety issues, aesthetic issues, the golf course setting.... The initial copper river plan I was shown MOST CERTAINLY did not include a random and unnecessary gas station to stare at from my golf course view that I paid a premium for. This is not herndon and marks, and we dont want it to be. A gas station...really? If I was in the position to approve this plan I would never even consider it. Common sense would dictate that this is not an option.

I do not want a gas station close to our residential area. No benefit

There are already gas stations close to the area and I'm concern about the potential crime that would happen

The health risks to our kids and being so close to the school is our biggest concern.

Not healthy. Increases crime. Too many gas stations and liquor stores in that area already. Not fair for residents that have built expensive homes to have it ruined.

Increased crime(already a problem), more trash, lower property values, child safety.

Possible health risks associated with living close to gas station. Also, there is already a convenience/gas store 1 mile away, and another one planned for Copper/Friant.

There is no reason we need another gas station across the street and alcohol sales which will increase drunk driving and other awful situations in our neighborhood.

We do not need any more liquor stores in the area! There is currently Rite Aid which sells enough Alcohol, then we have a gas station/liquor store on Maple/Behymer. Another gas station and Liquor store will just bring additional traffic to the area and more Alcohol which is not needed. The majority of people in this area order Alcohol or purchase from places such as Savemart or Bev Mo. Please save and preserve our beautiful community, our kids love riding their scooters, bikes, and golf carts around the neighborhood and adding a gas

Having a gas station will lead to more crime around the area.

Two gas stations going in soon in the same areas.

Convenient store with liquor is not ideal in residential area with schools around. There's a rite aid already.

The issue of greatest concern is the potential adverse health effects of the gas station. Peer reviewed research has documented that sufficient benzene and other compounds are released during fueling and from gasoline storage tank vents to cause adverse health effects ranging from nausea to low birth weight to cancer.

This business will degrade the neighborhood both in terms of health effects and attracting those who want to

Proximity to elementary school; another station 1 mile away; effect on existing neighborhoods

Not an environmentally safe project with a gas station so close to residential family homes. I reject this proposal also because of the fact alcohol will be sold at this location threatening the safety of residents living near this

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The gas station and alcohol carry out store in this area will be very close to school, attract crowd that could be unsafe for kids, create extra traffic and is definitely going to make parents feel uncomfortable to have their kids walk around this area. There's a good sidewalk which people have been admiring and enjoying, but this gas station with alcohol store is going to take that charm away. For these reasons, we request to not give permission

The gas stations coming into our area are not necessary. The traffic on Copper is already loud, not policed very often, and these gas pumps will bring more traffic. The amount of people that walk/jog/exercise on the beautiful trail that was just recently put in do not need the extra traffic these pumps will bring.

It's a residential community with middle and high school in a walkable distance

There is already a gas station being built on Friant and Cooper. No need for another on on Maple and Cooper. The proposed Maple and Cooper has station has a minmart that will be open 24/7. This only invited homeless and accessibility for potential crime in our area. Additionally, this area has reckless drivers speeding down Copper. There does not need to be another meeting point for this type of activity. I do not oppose the

We don't need so many gas stations and beer stores in our neighborhood. There is an elementary school less than a mile from the proposed gas station. We don't want our kids to be exposed to the tobacco and beer

No to gas station and liquor store near elementary and high school. The planning commission granted too many SFR permits in this area (small lots dense housing), a close by electric transformer and now a GAS Station and Liquor store. This dangerous formula needs to be stop.

Our kids walk/ scooter ride and skate on chestnut to friant trail along copper avenue. Many kids walk to rite aid for ice cream in evening. Having a gas station will seriously compromise the kids safety and increase crime.

The attached letter states the case against the proposed gas station/ Liquor store perfectly. The health risks alone should be a good enough reason for a gas station not to be allowed within 1000 feet of residential neighborhoods. Outside of the health concerns, the fact that another gas station/ liquor store is going to be built less than a mile away is reason enough to not move forward on the copper and maple gas station. There is no need for two fuel station/ liquor stores within a mile of each other In an area that has long been used as a 24-hour store with liquor license will negatively impact the calm peaceful environment of my neighborhood. In my opinion, this type of business is not needed in this area. There are already two businesses with liquor

It allows for too much traffic, loitering, littering and late night loud noise . Ultimately it will bring down the demographics the area was initially trying to achieve.

Air quality from gas fumes affecting kids & adult breathing, crimes, traffic congestion, pedestrian safety adults & kids walking to & from school.

Why would you build a liquor store near a school with kids. It will be really busy. Please don't build it you

I live in One Opus and a gas station so close by will create more traffic, noise, potential crime, and most

It doesn't make sense to have two gas stations in close proximity. There are schools walking distance making access to liquor and cigarettes very These accessible to children. Not to the environmental impact of having

Safety, cleanliness to close to kidsss school.

Other than the harmful effects of emissions and chemical changes in the soil, I am really worried about more accidents and compromise in Public Safety. There are bike and walking trails around the proposed area where people and young kids go all the time. There have been multiple fatal accidents around us due to people driving carelessly. I am totally against anything which brings more crime and unsafe environment for kids and families.

Children , Traffic and Pollution. Moreover, we support renewable energy instead of fossil fuels and will make neighborhoods crowded, dirty, loud and dangerous.

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I am a runner who lives in the area. Bringing a gas station here will also increase traffic exponentially. The gas station will be going up right next to the walking trail. There have been many pedestrian vs auto deaths here and having another gas station will only increase the risk of more deaths.

In a residential area we do not want gas station

I am a surgeon new to Fresno. I am considering buying a home in Copper River Ranch but would be dissuaded to do so if this gas station and liquor store are built. Thank you for your consideration.

Health matters

Benzene and other chemical hazards is a huge danger to our health. I live in Tresana, a Granville subdivision just down the street from this proposed unneeded gas station/grocery. There will be too many & neighbors will not

No need for another gas station

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There is already one approved gas station, why need 2 more within a mile

Good Day, My wife and I are residents living across from the proposed development. I can't even imagine why the City of Fresno would consider building a gas station so close to this residential area! There is no shortage of gas stations around here. More gas stations are already approved on Willow and Copper! There is one on Behymer and Maple! We understand that the land on (APN 579-220-29,30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36) is approved for Zone CC. Many neighbors would welcome development of this area while some don't see the need as we already have Rite AID, Deli Delicious, Field House Resturant, and others providing many basic necessities of the area! However, it is totally shocking and unacceptable to consider including an unnecessary GAS STATION as part of the new development: 1. Negative Health impacts of gas stations so close to this residential area for many years to come. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3222489/> 2. There is an elementary school (Fugman) very close to this proposed gas station. This is a major concern from many aspects such as air and water pollution, odor, and added traffic. 3. The proposed Gas station is too close to the City's managed water basin. This could create major issues in future. 4. Gas station would be next to the PG& E station! This is a significant safety concerns for everyone living in that area. Please DO NOT allow the building of a gas station as

This gas station and mini mart will have a direct impact on the quality of life in this immediate area. This location is surrounded by homes and would affect the large pedestrian and bicycle path on the north side of Copper Avenue. This will increase vehicle traffic coming and going from the location and would put children and adults in danger who utilize the bike/pedestrian path on a daily basis. Mini marts attract DUI drivers who are looking for more/quick alcohol and would increase reckless driving in the area. We already have a business selling alcohol at the corner of Copper and Maple (Rite Aide). It's my understanding there's already a gas station and mini mart plan for the corner of Copper and Friant which is a short distance away. This would be a reasonable location because there are no homes on the entire west side of Friant Road. I reviewed the plans and noticed they are placing the gas station directly next to the PG&E power plant. How can this be safe when large transformers are located a short distance away from individuals pumping fuel. I would like to see how many gas stations are constructed near these type of PG&E power plants, and is it safe to do so? I hope the city of Fresno will

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Edgy emo kids will hang out there and drink, smoke, and cause trouble. They might drive after drinking and put lives in danger. Young people are always unpredictable.

Too many gas stations so close and selling alcohol. When I drive along Friant and willow and copper I see a lot of Alcohol sales. We have young kids walking and riding bikes to nearby schools. We've already had DUI crashes and swaths related to the casino driving through friant / copper. Extremely unsafe! Gas station, fine. Alcohol

Environmental health risk, 2nd carry out liquor store within 1000 feet, gas station within 1.2 miles, common My kids attend school at Fugman ... I don't want added toxins in the air while they are innocently playing on the playground... the selling of alcohol and tobacco near three school sites isn't the smartest idea unless you would like all the kids in this neighborhood to be tempted with Juul etc.

There's too many health concerns—I live with family members who are severely immunocompromised and covid has already proved difficult. Having to worry about a gas station across the street would make everything worse. I won't be able to walk with my father and my dog, and walks are essential to my father's health. Fresno needs to refuse this—stop buying into things for money. They've failed us enough with the way covid is being

Crime, unsafe, health hazard, lower property values

Pollution, traffic, loitering, crime, eye sore, property value depreciation to name a few.

- safety of children walking to/from school - attracts more diverse crowd as we see it 2 blocks away (maple x behymer) - potential increase in crime rate - decrease in the home values - close proximity to high voltage

Our toddler-aged grandchildren live in one of the neighborhoods which will be directly negatively affected by a proposed gas station on the corner of N Maple Ave/E Copper Ave. As a frequent visitor to their home and well aware of the health and environmental effects of a gas station, I am greatly concerned about the health of not only my grandchildren but all the young children in the neighborhood and totally opposed to this proposed project moving forward. Also, as a daily walker along E Copper which is akin to a NASCAR straightaway anytime

If there are not required and unfailing safety measures in place to control emissions, this is a grave concern among other potential and unknown risks that may not be known at this time. We have a 19 month old, 2 puppies and are planning to expand our family this year. We are surrounded by families with young kids and pets. We are outside every single day and often walk past the proposed site. Not to mention how incredibly close this is to a building full of small, vulnerable children (Fugman). This needs to be shutdown or an alternative it's unnesecary and will bring unwanted traffic and congestion into the area.

There are already near by gas stations for easy refueling and absolutely no need for another Liquor store right next to another store (Rite aid) which sells liquor and beer especially when next to an elementary school and high school. I would feel safer for my family and neighbors if you didn't bring added crime and hazardous waste to our doorstep's! I personally moved out this way for a reason and that reason was safety! Please do what's

Live in the area and there's quite a few gas stations, seems unnecessary, and want to protect young people in Safety. Environmental. Increase traffic close to school zone. Aesthetics.

There is no need for these additional gas stations by the community where we are at. It will just increase pollution and traffic with no benefit to the surrounding residents.

Reduction in property value, environmental hazard, and excessive traffic

1. Safety 2. Traffic

Traffic congestion pollution

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we are particularly concerned about the groundwater recharging basin ponds being so close to the proposed gas station. There is also a wastewater treatment plant right next to the proposed gas station

For the above stated reasons. It is not wise to have more liquor stores in this neighborhood. There are a lot of high School students in these neighborhoods who would have increased access to alcohol. I've seen many teen drivers race down Copper River at speeds well over the limit. I expect having more liquor stores in this small area would become a huge problem. I am not opposed to the gas station/convenience store on Copper and Friant,

I oppose the building of the gas station and 24 hour liquor store. I have concerns for the safety of our families, children, and our elderly parents. This project will invite more crime to our neighborhood and decrease the

Gas station unsafe near our neighborhood & children. Environmental & safety concerns for our surrounding

Preserve a community feel and prevent over commercialization Gas stations already present or approved nearby Safety for our neighborhood, especially children. An alcohol carry out store will Adversely affect us.

Safety of my kids

It will destroy a healthy neighborhood with crime and pollution. So NO GAS STATION and LIQUOR STORE.

I worry that the chemicals from the gasoline will seep into the ground and cause our children to get cancer.

Multiple health risks

It's simple it is a Fire hazard to the Communities around it - PGE substation emits EMF - electromagnetic forces that lead to induction and static currents that in the proximity to ignition switches thousands of times a day may lead to combustible events. HIGH RISK to families that reside close by. Gas leakage into ground water , diesel exhaust , petrochemical volatile compounds all lead to birth defects as well as Increased pediatric blood cancer risk . Alcohol sales shall increase DUI accidents in whole north new growth area in Fresno . Increased loitering which is always an attraction for criminal opportunities- break ins - carjacking - increased traffic and potential for illegal drag strip racing causing accidents to innocent people returning from a hard day at work. This is what was not promised when my family built our house here - rather a peaceful quiet green area where friends and families can walk , bike and ride safely . Home values will fall , Insurance rates shall increase and overall health of We do not need a petrol station here!!! Build a grocery shop!!!!

This is a high walking traffic area, there is already street racing adding a gas station will just make it busier and Environmental hazard, excessive traffic, noise, people loitering and decreasing our property value.

Traffic/noise/health/24hrs mini mart and another liquor store

This is a family friendly neighborhood and these types of business would be out of place here. We have built two homes here because of the park, golf course, and close proximity to Fugman. We like that we have to drive a few minutes out of our neighborhood for these businesses.

Will create unhealthy invironment & crime in the neighborhood

all aforementioned reasons

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A business open 24/7 only adds to the possibility of theft and vandalism in our neighborhood in addition to an increase in unnecessary traffic and annoying night lights. I also understand there is a proposal to put a gas station on the corner of Friant & Copper. Why do we need two so close to each other.

1. Already gas station approved for copper & friant. 2. Not a compatible use for the neighborhood. 3. Gas stations specifically excluded from original use plan. 4. Too close to neighborhood schools.

Traffic and noise of traffic is already bad. Alcohol sales nearby.

Having a gas station here will bring down the value of our neighborhood. Also we are concerned about the safety as the gas station will bring homeless people and it's so unsafe.

For community and kids safety.

Health effect from fuel and cars and crime from alcohol being sold.

I do not want unnecessary traffic and access to alcohol in this area. There are plenty of gas stations close by. This area should be quiet and stay residential.

1. Crime From a 24/7 station and alcohol carry out 2. Health and safety risks from Benzene and other compounds 3. Congestion in residential area

We purchased our home for the desirable location. If I wanted to live by a gas station I would have moved further down on maple where a shell station already exists. I don't want to live by a 24/7 liquor store, and have increased motorized traffic where there is plenty of foot traffic which makes it unsafe.

Crime; environmental; proximity to elementary school; proximity to other similar facilities

Kids use the walking trail along copper all the way to Friant for walks/bike/scooter rides and skating. Safety of kids will be seriously compromised with the gas station traffic. Crime will also likely increase

My home is within 500 feet of the proposed site. I am very concerned about the health risks posed by this gas station, which is not only dangerous but not necessary or wanted by this community. I have two young daughters and my wife is a homemaker. This gas station puts us all at risk and is unacceptable. Please put an end to this immediately! I am greatly concerned about the health risks posed by this gas station. My home is within 500 feet of the proposed site and this is unacceptable. I have two young daughters and my wife is a

I am concerned about the adverse health effects from the air pollution, increased light, noise and traffic along with the potential magnet to troublemakers & homeless folks.

Its less than 500 ft from my house, gas stations are unsafe and as a standard not allowed when under 500 ft

I feel these types of stores should be located closer to major intersections and further away from home developments. I have two younger children and would like to keep our neighborhood away from 24 hour

Health concerns. Safety of the neighborhood

Close to elementary school; effect on local neighborhoods; another facility 1 mile away

Will have a lot of travelling crowd from table mountain to stop for gas. This will increase risk of crime and probably kid abduction too as this area has a lot of kids since the fugman school is the best in the area

I live in Kensington Square and I am distraught on how this gas station would affect our surrounding community.

Area with elementary school across the street, kids walk/ bike to school, will add vehicle traffic

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Please do not allow this development to proceed. Firstly, it is unclear to me and my family why there need to be so many gas stations in this area. One should suffice. It may be wise to pick one site for a gas station. Having so many gas stations, and liquor stores will increase the traffic/pollution and noise level in this area. Our house is at Copper/Maple and noise level increase will interfere with our sleep. In the areas near these proposed sites, there are many households with little children. In order to perform homework and get restful sleep, having silence in the neighborhood is imperative. There is absolutely no way that these developments will be 'silent'. Noise pollution is going to be a big issue. Apart from the other issues about crime/alcohol sales, I am worried

1. Health and safety: toxic gases; increased vehicular traffic w congestion; crime associated w 24/7 operation plus alcohol 2. No community need for 2 gas stations within a mile: already approved at corner of copper and Safety concern as the power station is very close the proposed area, high voltage power line will be just above the gas station, we already have existing gas station close by- maple and behymer cross section, and also one is going to be at Friant and Copper and we already hear people doing donut at Maple and Copper junction at night

Adverse health effect of a gas station within 500 feet of my home

Two gas stations in between an elementary school built within the same year is unnecessary.

Although gas/fueling stations are essential to communities, I don't like the idea of one being planted in the middle of our neighborhood. There are areas of town that are more suited for commercial uses, like a gas

Traffic, noise, lights, theft. We certainly do not want a 24 hour business next to all our homes

Neighborhood safety. Alcohol being sold, convenience store. Crime.

As a stay at home mother to two small daughters, we spend most of your day outside. The proposed gas station will be less than 500ft from our home and pose significant health risks to our daughters. Also, with A likely increase in traffic, it will make walking the girls and our dog unsafe for us.

There is no need for a gas station in this location; there is the most expensive one in town less than a mile away. The property value will go down, there's a middle and high school near. Too many potential issues.

Our children attend the nearby elementary school. Why would we want our kids exposed to the dangerous fumes when they are playing at the nearby playground at their school. Why would we want added dangerous traffic in a neighborhood where we all take frequent walks, ride our bikes etc? Please please listen to our

We have 2 young kids (Ages 3 & 5) within the 1,000 foot radius. We are VERY concerned for their health! We take walks DAILY to Rite Aid or the park at Copper River, or even just on a trail to get some fresh air. This will very adversely effect our ability to do that. One of our girls has a heart condition, and the other has asthma and already finds it difficult to breathe this valley air. A gas station right across the street from us, is a disaster for us from a health perspective. And from a safety perspective it sounds like an equal nightmare with added traffic, and also the folks passing through on their way to the casino. Twice I've been approached in the Rite Aid Parking lot by people too drunk to walk, or even speak clear, and they asked me for a "ride to Table Mountain". I

I'm concerned about exposure of families and children to dangerous chemicals that may be introduced into the area and water table as a result of the gas station being built.

First of all it sells alcohol and is open 24 hours which makes it accessible to undesirable people which wish to hold it up/Rob it. In the interim innocent people going in and out will be hurt, and it becomes a hangout for undesirable and homeless people who have essentially taken over our city of Fresno. Furthermore there is a large chance that the gasoline petroleum can leach into our water system and create medical issues for us all. Please consider stopping this gas station/convenience store from going in and disrupting or running our

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A gas station next to a water treatment plant with a PG&E substation next door to the west, seems a very bad idea. I live in One Opus, directly to the south of the proposed development. Concerns include toxic fumes (potentially affecting human health), noise, increased traffic and an increase in crime.

For safety and security reasons we oppose this.

A gas station with a shop n go should be built at Copper and Friant on maior cross roads. Not at the proposed site in the middle of residential housing near Copper and Maple. There is one turn lane into our neighborhood in Kensington from westbound Copper. I foresee many accidents with gas customers trying to get in and out of that location. This also seems to be a hazard near so many homes. The city has finished the walkways around this property which are frequently used. This would take away from the peaceful, safe community that has been

Many residents in the surrounding communities have raised concerns about the impact this would have on human safety, including health risks due to fumes and increased danger to pedestrians and cyclists on the pedestrian trail along E Copper. In addition, a 24/7 gas station/convenience store is likely to invite more crime

Gas stations and liquor stores are not needed in our neighborhoods. We already have a neighborhood gas

Crime, noice, environment issues.We already have a gas station .5 Miles away we don't need this.

My home resides in the neighborhood roughly 500 feet away from these proposed gas stations and quick marts. My concern is the increase in criminal activity and DUI's that will occur as a result of building these businesses. I am concerned for my safety, my children's safety, and the safety of the community and neighborhoods around

I am mainly concerned for my health and well-being as well as those around me. I do not think it is appropriate to put a large gas station within a residential area due to the potential health hazards it may impose.

Benzene and other chemical compounds causing health issues.

Do not need the project.Our kids walk to school and bike and for safety.All of us walk in the neighborhood do not need a lliquor store there are already others close by.Need healthy alternatives.m

health effects and safety of our community

I am concerned about proximity to a gas station with fumes and chemicals. I am also concerned about increased traffic near an elementary school. I am also concerned that another market selling alcohol will increase loitering and crime in the area. I believe gas stations should be off major streets (such as Friant) and not in primarily

Gas and benzene are known cause of cancer. There are already two gas stations within less than a mile from this proposed location-shell at maple and behymer and future gas station at copper and friant. Also, it falls right on the walking trail that hundreds of family take every day. We have our kids walking and biking through that intersection. Putting a gas station there will increase the chances of accidents and that is just no excuse. In

An additional gas station is not needed by residents as one has been approved iwhtin 1 mile of the proposed gas station, will contribute to traffic congestion, cause a break and unsafe pathway on the Copper Trail and will lead to unwanted activities relating to a 24 hour liquor store.

As Retired police officer who worked in the area is looking to locate, I can say that there are many reasons this is a bad idea. Close proximity he was school, a residential area with young growing families and not to mention the crimes that go along with such establishments. Although there may not be violent crimes in abundance such as robberies there other residual crimes that go on such as loitering, illegal alcohol sales to minors and the potential for drug dealers to come into the area. I believe the residence of this area have a valid concern for not wanting to have search businesses established in their area. Especially ones that operate 24 hours a day 7 days a It will being non local people purposely into the local community. In particular there is already a bar in this area so no further alcohol sales are needed.

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It's going to introduce crime to our relatively safe area. Robberies, litter, pollution, and it's next to an electric plant. That screams some type of electric/gas explosion. There's enough traffic here due to Clovis North, Clovis Community College, and Fugman Elementary. A gas station will make it worse. Homes need to be built for the growing population, not a gas station. I have two children that live at home, I don't want them to have to be. We don't need anymore stop and rob stores in our area. We have had nothing but problem with unruly people since the Dutch Bros came in. Enough.

Don't want so much alcohol sales near school and residential area , where there are many minors nearby .

Near fugman elementary,middle school and high school.near residential are

Environmental, Traffic congestion and noise pollution

I'm concerned homeless people and high school students will loiter. I am also concerned a water tx plant is so close to chemicals that are stored underground.

City of Fresno... REALLY?? Does this make any sense to you all? 3 gas stations a mile apart in an upscale neighborhood with an elementary school, pre school and high school near by? All the added chemicals in the air around these schools Is hazardous to everyone. Having gas stations near our neighborhoods with alcohol and Health

There are many reasons we feel so compassionate about halting this proposed project. A few reasons are; increased crime, heath risks, environmental pollution, soil contamination from toxins such as benzene. Furthermore, alcohol sales in high a speed traffic area, disruption of the Cooper trail, increased noise and traffic

A gas station in the middle of a residential area next to a PGE Substation is dangerous. They are putting a gas station on the corner of Copper and Friant why do we need two within a mile of each other. To put a liquor store that's open all hours is asking for trouble. We have had multiple property damage accidents on Copper River Drive from drunks. I think what this community could use is a grocery store which is what we were told was

Aside from the provided scientific reasons supporting harmful substances associated with increased risks of cancers and low birth weight among many others, this is a family friendly area. With the nearby elementary school currently practicing distance learning via online instruction, children and parents, grandparents, etc, are staying home. With an additional resource to purchase alcohol and gasoline, this would inevitably increase traffic and could potentially increase motor vehicle versus pedestrian collisions in the area. With close access to the many freeways and vacation destinations, this area would undoubtedly become a hot spot for tourists, bringing

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All of the above, and more. Copper River is already suffering from a crime problem. My home just had an attempted burglary. In addition to the deleterious health effects, the potential for additional crime of any severity here in the community should be paramount. Sadly profits trump safety it seems, when a developer of There will already be one at the corner of Copper and Friant. We do not need another so close to my neighborhood. Rite Aide is already there as our local convenience needs store.

It will bring lot of public nuisance. Homeless people all around.

Traffic is bad, house value going down and safety concerns for children.

We have elementary school kids that are in impressionable age. We don't want to have liquor stores around our It's unsafe

Potential hazardous health conditions.

A 24 gas/food mart at the location of Copper and Maple is very inappropriate because of its location next to the pedestrain trail and an already approved gas station down the street on Friant and Copper. This business will also increase the risk of crime and traffic all night in our safe neighborhood.

A gas station selling alcohol has already been approved for Friant and Copper Ave. This is not needed and it is not environmentally sound for this location.

We can't possibly need another gas station in such a beautiful neighborhood especially somewhere that is now serving alcohol in a family community

I do not want the pollution byproducts of having a gas station.

I'm concerned about the health effects of benzene and other harmful compounds released by the pump and vented from underground storage tanks. Another gas station and liquor store convenience store was approved in April for the corner of Friant & Copper less than 1 mile away. There is no need for our community to have another gas station and liquor store less than a mile away, with an elementary school in-between. Larry Kitahara We are a community of families with kids who attend nearby Fugman Elementary, who walk our dogs, jog, and ride our bikes along Copper, and who chose this neighborhood with the promise of safety. The issue of greatest concern is the potential adverse health effects of the gas station. Peer reviewed research has documented that sufficient benzene and other compounds are released during fueling and from gasoline storage tank vents to

We do not need too many gas stations!

For the past 7 years, my family has been living across from the proposed development. I can't even imagine why the City of Fresno would consider building a gas station so close to this residential area! There is no shortage of gas stations around here. More gas stations are already approved on Willow and Copper! There is one on Behymer and Maple! We understand that the land on (APN 579-220-29,30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36) is approved for Zone CC. Many neighbors would welcome development of this area while some don't see the need as we already have Rite AID, Deli Delicious, Field House Resturant, and others providing many basic necessities of the area! However, it is totally shocking and unacceptable to consider including an unnecessary GAS STATION as part of the new development: 1. Significant Negative Health impacts of having a gas stations so close to this residential area for many years to come are my major concerns

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3222489/> 2. There is an elementary school (Fugman) very close to this proposed gas station. This is a major concern from many aspects such as air and water pollution, odor, and added traffic. 3. Combination of a gas station and a convenient store is perfect spot for homeless people! 4. The proposed Gas station is too close to the City's managed water basin. This could create major

I don't think Copper needs to have so many gas stations/liquor stores within a couple miles of each other. The emissions are dangerous and the sales of alcohol are dangerous as well. Please don't ruin this area of town by

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Undue and unwanted through traffic with associated potential for crime and unwanted persons in our safe and family oriented community. TWO new gas stations within one mile of each other and on one of the inner central avenues to the community is unnecessary and shortsighted.

Environmental and preservation of our neighborhood. Health concerns. Traffic concerns and crime.

We don't need to stations within a mile of each other.

there is no need for 24/7 in this community ,

Health issue and traffic issue for the surrounding residential community.

Concern for the environmental pollution excessive traffic and noise and devaluing in my property

Open 24 hours. Noise, air and light pollution. Lower home value. Traffic and homeless issues.security of area.

No to 24hrs liquor store next to our homes and to close to the Fugman elementary school

Fear of more crime. No need for a 24/7 station on this corner. Bright unattractive lights. There is already a gas station on Maple/Beheymmer. Please no!!

Dear City of Fresno, Please keep our neighborhood safe for our kids and not allow a gas station to be built on Maple and Copper. In addition to the health risk that comes along with living near a gas station, I'm concern with the increased amount of traffic that it will bring to our neighborhood. We chose this neighborhood with safety, quiet and peace in mind. Never in a million years we thought a gas station will be built so close to our home.

We have too many people speeding down CopperAve as it is. This will create more Possibilities of accident

- Health concerns - Disruption of the bike trail - Increased crime

We do not need more gas stations and alcohol in our community it is unhealthy.

It's for the safety of kids

This area has two near by schools and the residents around use the walk path for their daily walking. Gas station will endanger the safety of all the residents around and most importantly the kids from these two schools.

I used to live by a gas station and alcohol store and there was a lot of crime and homeless people that would hang out there. I would not like this in my neighborhood.

My husband and I recently purchased a property within Villa Alicante neighborhood. It has been brought to our attention that within a short distance of our property, a gas station may possibly be built at the corner of Copper and Maple. We heavily object to a gas station going into that location for the following reasons: 1. Exposure to toxic chemicals and pollution 2. Increased traffic, bright lights 24/7 and noise 3. A new gas station could potentially invite crime into what is currently deemed a safe area. 4. A gas station nestled amongst a residential area will ultimately hurt our home value. 5. We already have a gas station nearby; it is not necessary to put one so close the one going in at Copper and Friant area. 6. This will increase traffic to the area which will cause hesitation to utilizing bike paths, trails, outdoor activities in that area. 7. Gas station aesthetics are inconsiderate to those who purchased homes in that area based on the current aesthetic appeal to the

Noise caused by late hours, alcohol and younger crowds, disturbing of sign boards and increased amount of litter

Many elementary and high school kids walk to school, a gas station and alcoholic beverage store is a prescription for disaster. This has to stop for the health and wellbeing of our kids. The Rite Aid store should not have alcoholic beverage license, this is already an access point for hard liquor for kids. Many high school kids work at Rite Aid, how well do they card their friends...you guessed it ! NO Gas Station near a electric transformer, NO more liquor

The health and safety of my family.

Increase in traffic. Environmental impact on health and safety of our children and families! School so close by.

Another proposed gas station close by. And there are 2 within a couple of miles.

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There are already 2 approved gas stations and various avenues to buy liquor in a very close proximity. It is also concerning that so much of this product will be near Elementary/Middle/High School, not to mention the

Ruins the area... not a good long term solution

I'm very concerned about the safety of our children.

Needs to be on Copper/Friant because that is more central. A gas station at the proposed location will bring down the value of the houses close to it.

Our kids ride their bikes, Walk to school, Take our walks and it will be dangerous for traffic and invitation to crime for 24 hours purchases and a hang out for maybe undesirables.

Potential health risk and crime.

Adverse health effect. There is also one being built at the corner of copper and friant.

It causes serious health and safety issues for our families. This project has to be stopped. How many gas stations do we need? We have enough in our vicinity.

A gas station will be a blight in our neighborhood and a toxin potential located near the water treatment plant. It is not needed and will cause more traffic issues in an intersection area with Too much residential traffic already

No reason. Gas stations literally 1.5 miles away in all 3 directions. That lazy

There is an elementary school and preschool less than 1 mile (in one instance only several hundred feet!) from these proposed gas stations that will sell alcohol. There is absolutely no reason that we need three gas stations within one to two miles of each other. Just south of Copper, there is already another gas station and a new proposed gas station on Behymer and Maple. These would also be only a couple of miles away. Why do we

The proposed gas station will cause heavier traffic on E Copper River Drive where already dangerous enough due to roundabout and disconnected sidewalk from Sageberry.

First concern is the health risk of having a gas station right across the street and also the fire risk being under the power poles. The proximity to Fugman elementary school with kids walking to school etc. is also a big concern

We live in close proximity to proposed gas station which is likely be very hazardous to all of us who live, work and play here. It will emit toxic chemicals including benzene and hydrocarbons, pollute land, air and water constantly and for long time. We strongly oppose toxic and hazardous business in such close proximity. Gas station is in close proximity of our home, we will very likely have constant exposure to toxic chemicals including benzene and other petrochemicals. It's also likely to pollute land within several hundred feet, will not be safe for

Compromised safety of the children and residents living and commuting in this area due to increased traffic and

Safety & commercialization

pollution, crime, and i'd like a grocery store instead

My children go to FUGMAN & CN and I do not want the traffic down Copper. This is a terrible idea for many reasons, paramount being the safety of our children.

The safety of my family.

Environmental gas station, alcohol-crime-too many stores in area with alcohol. Elementary School too close to the

Do not think a gas station will enhance the quality of life or surrounding in the proposed area!!!

Our neighborhood does not need a mini-mart gas station. Just look at these types of businesses around our city.

They attract a criminal element that we do not need in our area. We need to protect our children and keep our

We don't need 2 gas stations 1 mile away from each other. There is safety concerns with elementary school children biking to school and constant flow of traffic to and from Gas station.

I strongly oppose to having a gas station nearby as it is a threat to our health. Take into account my son who suffers from Asthma. Studies have shown that living near gas station affects our drinking water and air.

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Original map clearly indicated no gas stations/mini marts.

Operating a 24 hour liquor store, Johnny Quick will reduce our property values, not increase them. It will also attract patrons that are co-depend on alcohol up to and including homeless ones. This is a danger to our quiet community and also to the Copper Academy Preschool and Fugman Elementary.

My kids go to Fugman school n we want safe neighborhood and drugfree zone.

Negative impact to human and personal safety, as well as home values!

Health

As an educator, I can fully attest to the harmful affects a gas station/liquor store can have on young children in a neighborhood - especially one built so close to an elementary school. They will constantly be tempted to try alcohol at an early age, and such a business will attract crime and other problems that we simply cannot handle and avoid. These reasons and many more raise concerns to my fiancé and I as we hope to start a family of our

Keep my kids away from influence

There are health risks to having multiple gas stations in close proximity, it will increase traffic and congestion and pollution, and there are several gas stations in close proximity so it is not necessary to the community.

I don't want a gas station in such close proximity to our neighborhood. I have health and neighborhood safety concerns regarding a gas station in our neighborhood. I also don't see a need for another gas station when one has been approved for the corner of Friant and Cooper less than a mile away.

The potential adverse health effects to our children and community related to the emissions from the gas

We already have a gas station (Shell) 1.2 Miles south of the proposed location. I don't see why we need another one along with the additional proposed gas station on Copper/Friant.

My main concern is the safety of the children around the gas station and mainly the liquor store. As the studies

We don't need repeat problems that they often have at Maple and Behymer, especially at night. We have enough gas stations as it is in our area. I'm concerned for the children in our area. I don't want to cheapen our

There is no need to add a 24/7 convenience store at this proposed location. We are not near a highway for such traffic. Where individuals traveling would need a necessary store. The only traffic it would pull in would be late night Table mountain casino patrons or individuals looking to cause mischief. There are too many families in this area. We don't need to add more drunks on the roads making a stop to fulfill their needs at such a late hour.

Keep in mind once the hotel is built for table mountain, table mountain will begin to serve alcohol. You won't be able to control who stays there, but this 24/7 stop could be someone's last stop before something bad happens

Having young children, I am concerned about the potential toxic effects of having a gas station so close by. In addition, another gas station being added on Copper/Friant less than a mile away makes this addition unnecessary. The local elementary school will be subject to more traffic which increases the chances of someone

Not appropriate next to preschool academy. Liquor store means drunk people and drunk people drive carelessly. NOT safe for the neighborhood. NO TO LIQUOR STORE AND GAS STATION.

Health concerns Attracts vagabonds and will increase crime in the vicinity

Nuisance

Please do not allow this project to go ahead as it is currently designed. In our neighborhood, there is unanimous opposition to this. This project was announced as a fait accompli without any forewarning to us. The presence of a gas station is the portion of the project that we feel is unacceptable. There seems to be no need for a gas station with others being so close by (Maple/Behymer) and another being planned on Friant & Copper. There will be noise, light and air pollution from this facility that will have a negative impact on us. The traffic increase will be a problem with 2 schools nearby, and with kids walking to these schools. Please cancel the project, or have

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Crime concerns right next to an elementary school

We do not need more alcohol carry-out just a short distance from Fugman School.

We are concerned about the health risks due to fumes and gas leaching into the soil. This is an established family neighborhood and the increased traffic, potential crime, and negative elements that a gas station/convenience store that sells alcohol and cigarettes attracts would harm our community.

Safety reasons

pollution, crime, traffic. and we would like a grocery store like Whole Foods.

We purchased our home in this location to ensure our children are raised in the most wholesome environment available to us. Adding a liquor store and gas station not only threatens our health, but also our safety. The risk is not appropriate Or necessary when there is already gas station 1.2 miles away.

Gas contamination is a serious issue for the environment. We don't need this in our area. We need a grocery store in our area!!! Not a petrol station!

Don't need that many gas station and liquor store close to each other. Don't want my kids have more residential feel and too many liquor stores close to our home is not safe. It will bring more alcoholics to the neighborhood.

We chose this neighborhood for its residential feels and safety. The gas station and liquor store will add

Safety for my kids and family

We have a homeless problem constantly digging through trash with the homeless comes theft and violence I deal with it on a day-to-day basis and all 13 of my offices they break chains cut fences dig the trash create a horrible mess they expose themselves to my wife the residence of Copper River chose this lifestyle we chose to move out of the areas of high crime bringing that to our area will cast a shadow of this neighborhood so if that's

Aesthetically unappealing, increased traffic, health hazards.

Health concerns and close proximity to children and schools.

BLIGHT

There is too much noise there. This gas station will be perfect for all the NASCAR drivers on Copper River. It will draw SHADY CHARACTERS in the area.

I don't want my family to be exposed to the hazards of a gas station. They live within 500 ft of the proposed site. My sister is a stay at home mom with two small children under the age of 4. They are often playing outside near the site and I do not want the exposure to the hazards of the gas station.

My reasons for opposing a gas station in this area is because of the affect its bringing in our community's air. I also am posing the liquor store because of the wrong people it will bring to our clean safe neighborhood. This will harm our safetiness in our area. We have children ages from 1- up, we do not want them to be affected by this gas station and the liquor store. Some kids and adults have heart issues and bringing in a gas station with harmful chemicals in our air will harm their health conditions. The city should reconsider the agreement to build Late congregation of people where alcohol is sold. No need for the services there are other resources close. This is a neighborhood of people. Retail does not fit the nature and scope of the community,

Traffic in the neighborhood

Health hazard Safety

The already permitted gas station at Copper and FriNt is enough to meet the local needs. The additional station ar Maple and Copper is not needed, and out of character with the neighborhood and nearby land uses. The Maple station will also add significant traffic entering/ exiting near an intersection, and require traffic to cross an Danger to children and adults on the bike/pedestrian path, attract illegal activity, DUI drivers, and reckless driving. Attract late night crowds And other criminal activity. Not needed since Rite Aide is across the street.

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I am concerned about the toxic fumes from the gas station and crime that may occur from sales of alcohol to the children in the nearby neighborhoods

Gas stations are breeding grounds for predatory men, it's very rare that as a young woman you can pump your gas or go inside a liquor store without being harassed. This is the last thing we need near a high school, an elementary school, and a daycare. It's inviting problems and putting people and children at risk. This is another case of companies putting money before people. I don't want to live in an even heavier polluted city. We're in a

That location is too residential and not suitable for a gas station. It would be better to put it at Copper and Friant. When we purchased our home we were told that a grocery store would be going in at Copper and Maple

No liquor store near the community

There already is a gas station nearby. Gas stations create pollution, affecting the health of residents. Use this Eyesore in an otherwise beautiful community.

The negative environmental effects of having a gas station near residential area and school are already well known. Our community is not in need for another gas station. We probably have the one of the most number of Crime; environmental; proximity to elementary school; proximity to other similar facilities

More pollution easy access to alcohol & cigarettes to youngster. Which will eventually effect the parks & Friant area towards crime & littering

I really feel it would open the doors to more congestion and future accidents. Copper avenue and maple are used as drag racing roads very often. I know this to be factual because I live there. There already so many accidents and kids hanging out unnecessarily at all hours of the night that adding a gas station would not be

I am very concerned about the safety of the people in my community especially children who love to walk their dogs and ride their bikes. Increased traffic will change the dynamics of this community. The lights at night will be shining into our bedroom windows along with increased noise and pollution from the smell of gasoline. Also the idea of having a liquor store in my backyard is very upsetting knowing the type of problems it will bring.

It will contribute pollution, crime, unhealthy environment in community.

security and safety

I think the fewer gas stations the better. I understand the financial incentive involved, but there is not enough benefit for the community for this to happen. This proposed area should have stores and shops for the local community- not to encourage drive-byers just to fill on gas.

Illegal activity and air pollution

My primary concern about the locations of recently proposed gas stations is proximity to Fugman Elementary. I work in education and previously worked in a school that was nearby a gas station and liquor store. It brings unsafe conditions to students on their way to and from school. Beyond the fact that alcohol is sold in these establishments, there are also people loitering and possibility for criminal activities. It will greatly affect the

There would be too many gas station/liquor sales in a small space. It is not needed and not wanted.

Crime is a byproduct of these types of businesses. There's already the experience of homelessness and loitering in the area and these types of business's are a watering hole for such an element. Property values will be driven downward, nearby schools will be impacted by this as well. There's plenty of gas stations and liquor stores

It will attract criminal elements. Too close to schools and our vulnerable children. Transients, drug dealers, users,

We do not need 4 liquor licenses and gas stations in a mile stretch along Copper Ave. This is a quiet residential neighborhood which really doesn't want them.

Crime and close vicinity to residential neighborhood.

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Three gas stations along Copper in close proximity or nestled within existing communities is overkill. One is more than enough. This will cause me great hesitation to use bike and walking paths along Copper and within the Copper River Community which is one of the reasons I moved here from my Del Webb community in Manteca. It is too close to my Grandchild's school of Fugman and his former preschool of Copper Academy. I moved here to the Copper River area a few months ago for the enjoyment of beautiful landscaping and being able to not worry

This new establishment should not qualify on 2 counts: • It is within 160 feet of Copper Academy Preschool (current minimum setback distance is 500 feet, will increase to 1000 feet with RNMO) • It is within 360 feet of Rite Aid, an existing establishment that sells alcohol for off-site consumption (current minimum setback distance is 500 feet, will increase to 1000 feet with RNMO) A separate gas station-liquor store was already approved on April 10 by the city at the northeast corner of Copper and Friant (1000 E Copper Ave). Oppose a second gas

This gas station and list store is not needed for this area. It will bring additional noise, air and water pollution, safety issues for kids walking to school.

There are already plenty of gas stations in the area and the State is moving toward 100% electric vehicles

Liquor store should not be so close to a development with families and a preschool. There's already one approved. There should not be more!

Too many gas stations in one contested area will bring additional and unnecessary traffic and public into our neighborhood, convenience stores and alcohol sales will bring increased transient populations. There are three elementary schools and one high school complex in the area. Need to ensure the safety of our children and

I live in Granville homes in Tuscan gated community with my family. We are opposing both proposed gas stations and liquor stores on Maple and Copper. The gas station and liquor does not fit this neighborhood. It will also put all children and residents walking, biking in this area at higher risks. The 24/7 operation is an absolute nonsense which brings light, noise, air pollution for all of us living here. It's really disappointing that Granville is not being honest to it's clients who invested in this area. Granville claims they want to build a neighborhood market but they are really building a 24/7 liquor store which will increase crime and loitering in this area. We also support Children, traffic, riff raft, property values, safety, aesthetics. Also this town has more than enough gas stations.

We don't need high dangerous traffic in this quiet family friendly neighborhood !

This is place we Call our home. There is already a gas station as well store selling alcohol, tobacco within a mile on maple road. We do not need another 3-4 locations (as proposed) selling gas, alcohol and tobacco in our neighborhood, it is very bad idea and we strongly oppose this.

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Three take out alcohol places on top of the already permitted Rite Aide within 1.2 miles of each other is grossly unnecessary and not what I want to be within the neighborhood of Copper River where I live, am building a home, my child attended pre-school and will be walking through to get to Fugman Elementary.

Children safety

I believe it is unnecessary as there are other businesses where similar items can be purchased already in the Safety of our kids. Calmer traffic in the neighborhood

Too many liquor stores are detrimental to the communities

We need to protect our families, especially our youth, and our community. Fresno has more than enough of its share of liquor stores. It would bring down the quality of our community and provides an unsafe environment

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We already have three places of business that sell alcohol our census tract. Any more would create a negative attractor relative to crime and the safety of the children of the nearby elementary school. These alcohol permit requests don't serve the residential population, they will primarily serve a transient population.

As a pediatric pharmacist and future mother I have seen the damage alcohol can do on a family. I do not think it is appropriate to sell alcohol in such close proximity to an elementary school and in a primary residential area.

Fresno is already poorly planned in many areas of town, and we really don't need 3 gas stations/liquor stores on

We have had too many incidents of drunks on Copper and Copper River Drive already. I guess it's going to take someone getting killed or injured before this city might care about the people instead of money. If that day comes then the family involved needs to sue everyone of these greedy people that put money before lived! We moved to north Fresno to be away from bad environments and now they are coming to us I guess it's time to

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Mr. John P. Kinsey would like permission to speak regarding the above item.

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To whom it may concern

I am a resident of The Copper River housing development and I support item#2. ID 20-001363 the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act.

We do not need a saturation of liquor stores in a residential neighborhood. I strongly support this measure for any residential neighborhood.

Thank you

David S. Sasaki

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I support the responsible neighborhood market act. We live near Copper River. As a mom to two daughters, I cannot allow them to grow up near an intersection that could possibly have three liquor sales locations. Our neighbor, Ram Bhatia, was killed by a drunk driver at an intersection of Copper River just over a year and a half ago. We do not need more access to alcohol in Fresno.

Please vote YES tomorrow.

Thank you.

Carly Yu
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Dear Council President Arias and Members of the Fresno County Council and Mayor Lee Brand,

You will find attached to this email, 21 pages with 159 signatures of residents in the District 2 and surrounding areas who could potentially be impacted by the passing of this act. These are some of the very same residents as well as new residents who 3 months ago opposed the 7-11 from coming in on the North East corner of Herndon and Brawley. Some signatures are the same as the 526 signatures given to Kelsey George, Planner II with some being new ones. They were just notified about this citywide act a few days ago and jumped into action and did what they could given the time constraints and going door to door/holding meetings due to COVID-19.

If you have any questions or would like the physical copies of all of the signatures, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Christian Safian, M.D.

We the undersigned wish to express our support of the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act. We applaud the City Council for the vision to make Fresno a safer community with this new law and we fully support it and would like to see it passed.

Due to the Covid-19 issues it is not feasible for us all to call into the conference. Therefore we are submitting our position in support of the Act to you now.

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Bernard Canez

From: Kathleen Da Cunha <KathleenD@ruizfoods.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Esmeralda Soria; Mike Karbassi; Miguel Arias; Paul Caprioglio; Lee Brand; Tyler Maxwell; Clerk; Luis Chavez; garry.fredefeld@fresno.gov; Nelson Esparza; Tyler Maxwell; Clerk
Cc: FresnoHealthyNeighborhood@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Passing the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act

Importance: High

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Dear Councilmen and Mayor Brand,

I am writing to you to express my full support for the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act and all of the amendments proposed on September 24th. I understand that the City Council will be voting on this act tomorrow at 10AM. I would very much like to attend this City Council meeting to express my support for the act, but unfortunately I will be on an airplane at that time. Please accept this email as documentation of my full support.

I have been a resident of Fresno for the past 8 years and live in the Copper River community. When relocating to the Central Valley for work (I work for Ruiz Foods), I was struck by the overwhelming abundance of stores selling liquor in the city of Fresno. Nowhere is this more apparent than on the drive from Fresno International Airport to Copper River. It raised questions in my mind...is this where I want to raise my children? ...will I be concerned about our safety? We chose to live at Copper River in the very north of Fresno because it is an area that has not yet been overrun with outlets selling alcohol. Enacting the RNMA is an important step to improving the health and safety of all Fresno residents and the quality of life in our community. I would be happy to speak with any of you this afternoon or tomorrow morning before I board my flight at 8AM (I can be reached at the number below). After that, I can only trust that the City Council will do the right thing for the entire Fresno community and pass the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act.

Best Regards,

Kathleen Da Cunha

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Yvonne Spence

From: Sam Bogdanovich <sbogdanovich@retailassociates.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 10:08 PM
To: Miguel Arias; Esmeralda Soria; Mike Karbassi; Paul Caprioglio; Luis Chavez; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; Wilma Quan; Yvonne Spence; Lee Brand
Subject: Responsible Neighborhood Market Act

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Honorable Council Members,

By way of introduction, my name is Sam Bogdanovich. I have been a commercial real estate broker in Fresno for close to 25 years. I have done work in almost every neighborhood between Stockton and Bakersfield while representing clients ranging from Starbucks and In N Out Burger, to Les Schwab Tires and WinCo Foods. I have been involved in many revitalization projects that have greatly benefited the neighborhoods they serve. Most of these projects involved newer, more modern gas station/convenience markets as well as full line grocery stores and drug stores. When held to a higher standard, they created well lit, safe environments that prompted other companies to also make substantial investments into many often overlooked areas.

I urge you to delay the vote on the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act until these types of projects can be reviewed and, if deemed appropriate, incorporated into the ordinance. I believe the older, run-down liquor stores that offer no healthy food options are what the city is trying to get away from. Unfortunately most of these stores are located at, or in close proximity to major intersections. While it sounds ideal to say that the newer concepts will go down the street, off the intersection, they will not. Many companies require minimum traffic count numbers and co-tenancy requirements to set themselves up for the highest probability for success. The off corner locations and inflated liquor license prices really just add insult to injury. This is the reason that you see many businesses surrounding major intersections and we see grocery stores, drug stores, coffee shops, etc all together. Park once, grab your prescription, get your gas, do all of your grocery shopping in one place. This can all be done on a small or large scale, in many areas of Fresno. Forcing newer, safer, healthier options of convenience markets to go to the outskirts of town, where they are not excluded, does nothing to solve the issues with the existing liquor stores. People will be forced to get into their car and drive further to do any other shopping that isn't alcohol. Not good for the residents and definitely not good for the environment.

The ordinance language should also be reconsidered as it relates to full line, major grocery stores. If a Save Mart closes, stays vacant for any amount of time and happens to have a CVS in the center, what happens? Will the shopping center become a ghost town and magnet for crime and homeless because a replacement tenant is either precluded, or unable to afford the soon-to-be exorbitant price for 4 liquor licenses? I am certain this was never the intent of the ordinance that is aimed at small liquor stores. But they aren't addressed. I was recently told that the city is introducing a new program to entice grocery stores to our food desserts. I don't think it sends the right message by enticing them to come and then forcing them buy several very expensive licenses. It was recently said that they are wealthy companies and can afford it. Many cities give land to Wal Mart, who can also afford it, to entice them to come to town for what they have to offer, including great jobs.

And lastly, mixed use developments. It's recently been in the news that major companies are paying their employees to work from home permanently after Covid. This will be a very good thing for Fresno and the rest of the Central Valley, as our cost of living is so much less than almost every other area in California. I am certain the ordinance was not written to preclude new housing developments that include a village center with a drug store, neighborhood market and others that may offer alcohol. Competing towns for these potential residents have these types of developments, we should too. Mixed use developments were not addressed either.

I realize my perspective is very different than most of the others who have requested a delay in the vote. I believe that if a neighborhood gas and convenience market wants to invest in Fresno let's set them, and our neighborhoods, up for success. Let's hold them to a higher standard to create fresh, healthy offerings in a well lit, safe environment, regardless of where these old tired liquor stores are. Better things will follow and there are many examples all over the valley. I believe we should roll out the red carpet for grocery stores in our food deserts, not send them to other towns because our barriers to entry have become so expensive it's no longer profitable, regardless of where these old tired liquor stores are. And lastly, let's bring new residents with high paying jobs to Fresno and give them the village type environments they are offered in other areas of CA. Not every option works for every neighborhood in Fresno, but one of them will, even if we have to start small. Let's fix this ordinance and then make it permanent.

Sincerely,

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Dear Council President Arias and members of the Fresno City Council,

I have recently learned about the great work being done to eradicate one of the City's biggest issues – the over saturation of liquor licenses in many parts of town. While we applaud the intent of this work and agree with its ultimate goals, we feel the proposed ordinance should be further analyzed and discussed before it is put up to vote by the City Council.

There are stores in this community that do not observe recommended practices in our industry. Any market not abiding by current health standards, sign ordinances, or legal business practices should be cited and eventually removed by laws that are currently in place – some of which I had helped created decades ago.

Our concern lies primarily in the proposed restrictions placed on the issuance of new licenses, and their costly effects on small convenience markets – which should be allowed to have a place in future growth areas. These markets are an essential component of every community in well planned cities around the world.

I do not believe we should draft this ordinance solely with the rule breakers in mind. Many new, clean, innovative food markets sell alcohol as part of a business model that requires many profit centers to survive. We are in the middle of a pandemic that is already challenging the small business model, and to impose further burdens on good operators planning a store remodel or expansion will do severe damage.

The small market operators can be a huge asset to this community, with the evolving retail designs integrating walkable neighborhoods instead of big box retailers. These markets should abide by the many excellent policies in the proposed ordinance. I, along with other community members, would like the opportunity to discuss the few items in the ordinance that can be improved. **We care about this city and would like Fresno be able to compete with neighboring cities like Clovis and Madera for potential large and small grocery retailers.**

I applaud the vision of Council President Arias and the City Council for highlighting the need to change the current state of affairs in this overlooked problem in our town. Please allow for a 90-day period so that myself and other concerned residents and business owners in Fresno can have an opportunity to add input and possibly improve this great work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Shehadey'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John Shehadey

Bernard Canez

From: sugnayp <sugnayp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Supporting RNMA

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To Fresno City council,

I am writing to you to indicate our strong Support for above-mentioned RNMA which hopefully will limit rampant proliferation of alcohol selling premises in our city.

We are aware that there are several developments planned for Friant Road and Copper Ave area with intent to increase alcohol sale , one already exists at maple and copper and we feel there is no need for more and more such development so close to our, and other nearby neighborhoods.

We feel that such proliferation will increase in traffic and crime as well as potential drunk drivers,accidents and potential fatalities(we already have noticed such impact in other parts of city and city should stop race to bottom.

This proposed New developments are in close proximity to Fugman Elementary School and would be a large health and safety concern with the children and families there.

We believe increasing alcohol sale would adversely affect quality of our life, safety as well as our property values and image of our city very negatively.

I trust the City Council will consider these issues carefully before making any decision about RNMA and I urge you to support it for all of us and for our city.

We hope city will put people over profit and business interests in this matter

Sincerely,
Sugnay and Dina Patel
[10969 N. John Albert Ave.](#)
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[559-412-4262](#)

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From: Lisa Kniss <lisamlester@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Clerk; Mike Karbassi; esmerelda.soria@fresno.gov; Miguel Arias; Paul Caprioglio; Luis Chavez; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza
Subject: Approval of Responsible Neighborhood Act

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As a resident of the Copper River neighborhood, I'm asking for approval of the Neighborhood Market Act.

Thank you,
Lisa Kniss
(805)217-3780

Sent from my iPhone

Bernard Canez

From: Saeed Attar <sattar@mail.fresnostate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Support for Agenda Item #2-O (ID 20-001363)

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Dear Fresno City Council Clerk,

I am writing in strong support of **Agenda Item #2-O (ID 20-001363), the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act (RNMA)**, that the Fresno City Council will vote on in their upcoming meeting on 10/15/20. As a concerned parent, and an educator for over 20 years serving Fresno State students, I have seen firsthand the devastating effects of easily-accessible alcohol on our youth and their families. I believe that there are enough liquor stores in Fresno already! Therefore, I do strongly support the proposed changes to the ordinance (as proposed in the Fresno City Council meeting on 09/24/20) that would cap new licenses for liquor stores and would require new businesses to purchase existing licenses in saturated areas, among others.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Saeed Attar

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