

Exhibit I

Valarie Richardson

August 17, 2023

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3045 W. Bullard

Fresno, CA 93711

City of Fresno

2600 Fresno Street, Third Floor

Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Response to application No. P23-00244

Interest in subject property: Renter

Dear City of Fresno Representatives:

This letter is in response to the letter and approval sent August 7, 2023, with the subject: Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-00244 For property located at 3045 West Bullard Avenue (APN: 415-373-13).

Development:

1. There will be no known development taking place as a result of this approval of extended hours
2. Miscellaneous requirements: No Miscellaneous requirements apply in this case as the existing premise will remain the same
 - a. All public and private easements, right-of-ways and any actual or potential prospective easements or uses of the subject property will not be affected as the property owner and business owner, being of different beings shall not propose and or effect any change in property zoning,
 - b. No proposed grading will take place or any grade differentials will occur at any time
3. This special permit shall not be null and void as no development will take place and no zoning ordinance, and or public works shall take place
4. The planning department shall have no need to cause any omissions or deletions as there will be no construction or modifications performed on the property pursuant to any special permits...

I would like to make a formal appeal to proposed hours of operation from Monday – Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. as shown in paragraph 2 of the approval notice. However in paragraph 1 of the approval notice it indicates that the approved hours are from Monday –

Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. I would like for the city to stay with the obvious indication in paragraph 1.

I have also been told that my request for the hours listed would be reduced due to possible calls for police protection and or incidences at the above location. After reviewing the public notice with the Fresno Police department, calls to my established business were not as projected to the director of the planning department. The current POP office may have been confused or misrepresented the call and thought the listed calls were adverse incidences and thus proposed not to agree to the full proposed hours. I would like to present and review with the Director the listed calls with the Fresno Police Department as the POP office may have exaggerated the type and amount of calls to my business, which makes my business look like a place of community issues.

Music has been used for entertainment at my place of business since the day we opened and we have not had any issues because the age range of the people attending are from 35 to 75 years old. On various nights we have open mic and many of the local area residence has attended with zero issues.

It has been noted that the Pop Office requested for me to change my Alcoholic Beverage Control Type License from 47 License and that would cause my location to be just a bar and not a restaurant. I have repeatedly said no and that has cause extreme friction between the current POP office (Hodge) and me. I would like to formally request a different POP officer and or deal directly with the director.

I have reviewed other established businesses with the same type of licenses and they have been treated quite differently than I have been treated. I have to wonder if it is because I am a woman, a single mom of 3 children and a foster parent to another child. All the other businesses are all owned by men and have not been harassed or discriminated like this. Here is a list of business that are owned by men that are able to stay open later.

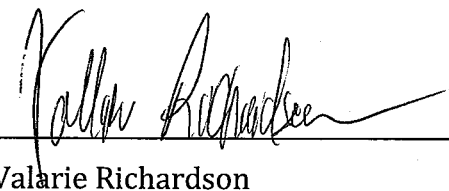
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Ovidios

Elbow Room

Press Box

All of this business has the option to close letter

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