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Ms. Kanoa Kelley
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Subject: Use Permit No. P17-0695; Upgrade from Beer and Wine License for
1255 Buena Vista.

Dear Ms. Kelley,

It has come to the attention of Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) that the owner of the convenience market at 1255 Buena Vista Avenue have requested to upgrade their current Beer and Wine License to the sale of General Liquor.

According to the District's research, the existing convenience store falls within 300 feet of the Victory K-8 Elementary School located at 776 S. Broadway. Although there is an existing Beer and Wine permit (which is already a violation of City Municipal Code), the District is opposed to permitting this to be upgraded to a General Liquor permit.

Although it would seem that upgrading the store's existing beer and wine license would be of little consequence, studies would lead one to conclude otherwise. Please review the study on the impacts of alcohol beverage type that can be found at the NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information) at the following link:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3721330/>.

Following is an excerpt from the article:

"Results from this study provide evidence of the effects of alcohol beverage selection during early adolescence as risk factor for drinking behaviors over time. The majority of 7th grade drinkers consumed wine and beer, followed by hard liquor. Consumption of hard liquor in 7th grade was associated with increased risk for drunkenness, and past month and past week alcohol use in

8th grade. Because these specific beverages shared a similar source (e.g., parents), these findings have important implications for prevention research and the development of alcohol-control policies to reduce underage drinking; and to increase understanding of beverage consumption patterns and consequences among young adolescents from diverse contexts.”

As Victory is a K-8 elementary school, an additional source from which to purchase hard liquor could have a negative impact upon the 7th and 8th grade population at that school.

Additionally, another concern is the element that exists with/near many convenience stores, which is loitering, public intoxication and other nuisances. As a school district, we are continuously battling the negative impact of drugs and alcohol on our students. Limiting access to these dangers is challenging enough without having them this close to a school site. Victory School students frequent this location before and after school as well as in the evenings and on weekends. We believe that upgrading the liquor license for this location will further endanger our student population.

Accordingly, SUSD would like to convey our strong opposition to the approval of the requested upgrade. Stockton Unified is supportive of our local vendors, however, from our standpoint, this is not the appropriate location for the sale of general liquor.

Therefore, the District recommends the Planning Commission deny this Use Permit upgrade. Any questions, comments or concerns should be directed to Michelle S. Spragg, Facilities Planner, Stockton Unified School District.

Sincerely,



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Director, Facilities and Planning



Michelle S. Spragg
Facilities Planner



Ms. Nancy Lane
Victory E.S. Principal