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AK Market 1178 Sunflower Ave Costa Mesa, CA 92626 714-444-4403

November 14, 2022

Planning Commision City of Costa Mesa 77 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Rakesh Dadrah and I am writing on behalf of AK Market located at 1178 Sunflower Avenue with a total square footage of 2,400. I formally write this letter to propose a new conditional use permit to upgrade a current type "20" off sale beer and wine license to a type "21" off-site consumption license that includes a full line of alcoholic beverages. In correspondence with the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control, we are grateful to have been chosen as one of the twenty five winners amongst hundreds of applicants in their annual priority drawing. This gives our business an opportunity to apply and receive issuance of a brand new liquor license that includes alcohol and spirits. AK Market is a family owned convenience shop operated by its current owner who has been a model part of the community providing goods and services that cater to the convenience needs of the neighboring individuals. A majority of the customers are walking distance and the items available within the shop serve the day to day needs of the neighborhood including a variety of household items, food products and beverages. The location of the business was previously approved, in 2002, for an ABC type "20" off-sale license allowing sale of beer and wine alone. Members of the community would agree that it is troublesome that they have to drive miles out or to the next city over to buy spirits while our location has been serving as a preferred neighborhood market for twenty years. The sale of alcohol and spirits would be incidental to the everyday items the market currently provides. Our suggested hours of operation are from 6AM to 10PM Sunday through Thursday and 6AM to 11PM on Friday and Saturday. We are hoping to gain permission from the planning division to allow these privileges at our location. The full line of alcoholic beverages would accommodate the needs of the people of the area and will continue generating traffic to the businesses in Sunflower Center as it has been for the last two decades. The location would then provide a one stop shopping convenience to its patrons.

I am enclosing for review the following:

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- A formal CUP application signed by property owner
- Copies of Type-21 Liquor license receipt and priority letter from Alcohol Beverage Control
- 500' Owner and Occupant list. 500' radius map with Certification of Preparation.
- Copies of 2 sets of gummed labels certification which the originals will be delivered physically to planning.
- Site and Floor plan
- Exterior photos of the premise
- Four letters and five pages of petition signatures from local residents/customers in support of the conditional use permit.

I appreciate this opportunity to apply and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, ler U Rakesh Dadrah

Tel: 714-721-7568 rakeshdadrah@gmail.com

Applicant Supplemental Information

November 4, 2022

Costa Mesa Planning Division 77 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Planning Commission:

I have shopped at AK Market years before the current owners assumed management. When they took over, I immediately saw a cleaner, better organized, and more welcoming neighborhood store. The owner and his son have created a safe space for its diverse and loyal clientele. Everyone is treated equally and professionally. I love AK Market because it is an established, reliable, honest store that I continue to rely on.

I agree AK Market should enlarge its product line. We all should support this entrepreneurial spirit. Our city thrives on it.

Respectfully,

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Sandra Evans 3496 Queens Court Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Mighant Hermandez 1054 Redding Ave Conta Mesa, Ca. 92626

City of Costa Mesa Planning Division

In re: AK Market's Application for Expansion.

To whom it may concern:

My name is Miglant Hernandez, and I have been a resident of Costa Mesa for numerous years. As a longtime customer, I wish to express my support and request the Planning Division grant AK Market their plea for an upgraded liquor license. This father-son-run local family business has contributed to our neighborhood's sense of community and home, from their friendly services to their wide range of goods offered. Our neighborhood advocates for this upgrade to the business, as it would allow for much more accessible and convenient access to our needs.

Yours Truly,

Miglant Hernandez

California's Promise Litigation Form *

Tyler Reed

November 10, 2022

CITY OF COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION 77 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626 3 Hutton Centre Drive • Ninth Floor • Santa Ana, CA 92707 (714) 241-4444 • Fax (714) 241-4445 • treed@callahan-law.com

Re: AK Market – Petition for Liquor License 1178 Sunflower Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear City of Costa Mesa Planning Commission:

Please allow this letter to serve as my official recommendation for the City of Costa Mesa to allow AK Market ("AK"), a family owned convenience store/market located at 1178 Sunflower Avenue, the ability to upgrade their alcoholic privileges. This addition of a full liquor license to their shop is particularly important to the owners of AK and the surrounding community they serve. I am in full support.

My wife and I have lived in the friendly community across the street from AK for the past 4 years, and we have developed a great friendship with the owner and his son, Rakesh, throughout our various acquaintances. It seems that every time I enter AK, the owner and/or his son, Rakesh, is having a conversation with someone in the community. In fact, nobody from the community, or outside the community for that matter, enters AK without receiving a warm greeting welcoming you to their market.

Because of this fact, throughout the past 4 years I have developed a tremendous amount of respect for the owners of AK, and they are the type of people that the City of Cosa Mesa needs to support. AK has established itself as a staple market for the surrounding neighborhood and businesses. Allowing them a fuller line of alcoholic beverages would be instrumental in helping a small business that our community has grown to love so much to flourish.

Ty Reed

Senior Trial Paralegal

2511 W. Sunflower Ave., Unit R3 Santa Ana, CA 92704 Tel: 979-324-2334 Email: <u>tyscottreed@gmail.com</u> To: City of Costa Mesa Planning,

Living in the South Coast Metro area for over 8 years I have become a regular customer at AK Market. Whether it's a quick stop in the morning for coffee, or to grab that lucky lottery ticket, you know you will always be greeted by friendly staff. The safe, well-kept exterior makes AK Market feel inviting and the well-lit, clean interior delivers on that promise. AK Market is the convenience store gem in the area. As someone who does not drink beer but enjoys cocktails, AK Market having an expanded liquor license would add yet another level of convenience and a 1 stop shop. I truly hope they are considered for an expanded liquor license as it would make an already great store all the better.

-Steve Johnson

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