From: Amardeep Aakash
To: Planning Division

Subject: UP-22-27 New Liquor Store

Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 12:26:50 PM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

My name is Aakash. I am a resident of Antioch. I would like to submit my public comment request for the Wednesday, February 15 meeting.

I'm concerned about the new Somersville Plaza Liquor Store application UP-22-17. My family and the community is opposed because we have too many liquor stores in this neighborhood. We would like businesses that are more family oriented and make us feel safe. On behalf of my family and neighbors, I'm requesting the honorary city officials to deny this application on the basis that as a community we do not need another liquor store.

Thank you very much for considering my request.

Aakash

From: EMMA CHAUHAN

To: <u>Planning Commission</u>; <u>Planning Division</u>

Subject: Re: Liquor Store Application

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:26:11 AM

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Good morning Dear Planning Commissioners,

I have been a resident of Somerville Community for 16 years. I'm writing to request that you please deny the new liquor store application for Somerville plaza which is pending review and approval.

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We have a surplus of stores selling beer, liquor, and tobacco products. I want to feel good and safe about walking into a store with my grandkids.

Please consider bringing more quality and healthy stores in our community.

Thank you for taking my feedback into consideration.

Sincerely, Emma

On 02/14/2023 11:25 AM EMMA CHAUHAN <emmachauhan116@comcast.net> wrote:

From: <u>Sam kazimi</u>

To: Planning Division; Planning Commission

Subject: Agenda Somersville Plaza Liquor Store

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:42:24 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioner Members,

My name is Sam. I own Mobile 1 Repair Shop which is located 300ft from the proposed Liquor Store Application that is being reviewed for approval.

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I am opposed to this liquor store taking place next to my business because we already have many alcohol outlets in this neighborhood.

Currently we have Super Wine & Liquor up the street from my business, and Vintage Liquor down the street, Smart & Final, 2 Gas Stations that serve beer and snacks, plus a 7/11 around the corner, and 2 smoke shops.

This new premises-to-premises transfer license for the new liquor store does not add any value to our community.

The liquor store impacts us negatively with regards to overall health, safety and mental illness issues.

This area is already deprived of businesses that are good and healthy.

I sincerely request the honorable planning commissioners to deny the application.

Thank you,

Sam

From: selenarobinson0319
To: Planning Division

Subject: FW: Liquor Store Agenda: 7-3. UP-22-17 Somersville Plaza Liquor Store 2651 Somersville Rd, Suite D. Dear City

Planning Commissioners, I am a resident of Antioch. I'm opposed to the applicant seeking Use Permit approval

for the operation of...

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 7:59:37 AM

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S. Robinson

----- Original message -----

From: Selena Robinson < selenarobinson 0319@gmail.com >

Date: 2/14/23 11:11 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: PlanningCommission@AntiochcaCommission.gov

Subject: Liquor Store Agenda: 7-3. UP-22-17 Somersville Plaza Liquor Store 2651 Somersville Rd, Suite D. Dear City Planning Commissioners, I am a resident of Antioch. I'm opposed to the applicant seeking Use Permit approval for the operation of a new liquor store with a Type 21-Off- Sale General license from Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The reason being is because we have many businesses specializing in alcohol or tobacco in the area. The residents of this neighborhood deserve quality based businesses that cater to the overall health and wellness of the community. We need businesses that are safe and boost the image of our city. Therefore, I ask the honorable commissioners to deny this application. Thank you

S. Robinson

From: Bj Khan

To: <u>Planning Division</u>

Subject: RE: proposed liquor store at somersville plaza **Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:02:55 AM

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To whom it may concern:

First, I would like to thank you for your time and allowing me to voice my opinion.

I am writing you to speak on my concerns in regards to: 7-3. UP-22-17 Somersville Plaza Liquor Store 2651 Somersville Rd, Suite D.

I am highly concerned for the city of Antioch and the community surrounding this proposed liquor store. I work video surveillance for a few shopping centers in Antioch and well over 100 shopping centers in California. We live monitor the centers we secure and notice the activity on a daily basis.

Liquor stores are a high risk business for any community. They attract criminal activities such as, theft, burglary, robbery and loitering which attracts a negative energy within the shopping center.

The area in which this liquor store is being proposed is already saturated with access to alcohol and beer.

I feel the planning commission should consider bringing in a less risk business with a more positive vibe to the area.

Let's all help get Antioch back! The homeless population is becoming a nuisance for everyone that patronizes the shopping center, homeless people love liquor stores. Majority of the vagrant population are suffering from mental health issues, the last thing we need is for them to have even more access to alcohol and be subjected to an altercation with a community member and/or police.

I witness everyday the issues that police departments have to deal with in regards to crowds in front of liquor stores, smoke shops and certain convenience stores.

I stand by our nation and the opportunity that our land provides to everyone to do better and grow; however I feel that's exactly what it should be. Business that help our community do better and grow.

Saturate our community with a less risky business. Something more community friendly. A business that will not add to the problem we face daily.

Thank you once again for allowing me to voice my opinion:

Farouk khan. 209-450-7423

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Nisha Toor</u>

To: <u>Planning Division</u>; <u>Planning Commission</u>

Cc: <u>Hersch, Anne</u>

Subject: Opposition - Agenda 7.3 UP-22-17 - Somersville Plaza Liquor Store Application

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:49:29 AM

Attachments: WL - Signature from Petitioners Opposition - Agenda 7.3 UP-22-17.pdf

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Opposition - Agenda 7.3 UP-22-17

Somersville Plaza Liquor Store Application 2651 Somersville Road, Antioch CA 94509

Honorable Members of Antioch Planning Committee and Planning Commission Members,

We are writing to oppose the proposed development of a new Liquor Store at Somerville Plaza. Historically, a surplus of liquor and tobacco stores give way to increased opportunities for criminal activity. In groundbreaking studies published in *Drug and Alcohol Review*, researchers found a correlation between the density of alcohol outlets and violent crime rates among teens and young adults aged 13 to 24. The Bureau of Justice Statistics published a comprehensive analysis of victimization and incident data on alcohol and crime showing that nearly 40 percent of violent victimizations and fatal motor vehicle accidents involve alcohol, and roughly 40 percent of detainees and persons incarcerated report using alcohol at the time they committed their offense.

The density of alcohol outlets influences aggravated assault incidents, calls for service for social "disorder" offenses, and calls for service. For the most part, researchers found that the community impacts associated with alcohol outlet density include increased levels of homicide and other assaults, prostitution, liquor law violations, and traffic fatalities.

We kindly urge the honorable city officials to carefully review and deny application for the pending Liquor Store at Somersville Plaza. The California Proposition 31, upholding state law barring the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored tobacco has significantly impacted surrounding businesses, decreasing sales revenue by 30%. Adding more of the same businesses will not only negatively affect the safety of the community, but will also jeopardize existing small businesses in the Somerville community.

Also please find attached a list of signatures in opposition to the application for submission and review in today's meeting.

Regards,

Nisha

Nisha Toor | Mobile: +1 (925) 437-2552

To the Honorable members of the Antioch City Council

Title: Opposition - New Liquor Store Development at Somersville Plaza

Your petitioners therefore request that your Honorable deny the application for the new liquor store development at Somersville Plaza.

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