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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(5) Nay(1) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/04/2018

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 01/25/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 19-0737

Agenda Date: 10/04/2018

Item Number: 10

Summary: For Appeal, against granting liquor license and using a CE On October 4, 2018 the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council reviewed the application for the conditional use permit. The Board considered the matter and voted to object to the issuance of a conditional use at this site. Among the issues raised in opposition to the request were the adjacent sensitive uses including a convent, a park, a homeless shelter, elderly housing, the traffic at the intersection of Adams and Hoover, and the absence of adequate parking. There are also many establishments serving alcohol nearby. The expressed overriding concerns of City Hall regarding alcohol distribution in South-Central, calls for a transparent and public process with restrictive requirements and a limited issuance of conditional-use permits. A categorical exemption is not an adequate environmental review of a granting of a license in this sensitive environment. Andrea Canty, (then) President of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development (NANDC) on behalf of the Council wrote on June 20, 2016 in opposition to the granting, specifying these particular issues: "Nuisance and interference with the enjoyment of life for Ward Villa and the childcare centers: If this building will be used for student housing from the neighboring universities and with alcohol consumption, students will be a nuisance to the adjacent Ward Villa Senior Citizen Complex.... Increased request for Conditional Use Permits for the sale of beer, wine and alcohol within a one mile radius." Categorical exemptions are subject to important exceptions based on factors such as location, cumulative impact, or unusual circumstances. Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, § 15300.2. A CE should not have been granted due to the unusual circumstances of the surrounding sensitive uses.