

From: [Rich Biss](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: APN 254-0060-039
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:03:27 PM

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Hello;

I received in the mail today a Courtesy Meeting notice regarding the liquor license application for Circle D Food Store. This is the second time they have applied. The first was the transfer of an existing license which was denied. We live across the street from the store and **ADAMANTLY** oppose this action !!! They have enough problems already that the Sheriffs respond to, on a regular basis. There are already multiple places closeby around here that have licenses ! There is a gang presence here (Howe Park Surenos and Bloods) and the large transient population which would only bring more trouble. We ask that you **DECLINE** this application, again.

Sincerely;

Rich and Darlene Biss
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Sacramento, Ca., 95821

Control # PLNP2020-00002 APN: 254-0060-

Project: Circle D Food Store PCN
Applicant / Owner: Circle D Food Store, Inc.,

From: [Don and Jennifer Harris](#)
To: [CPAC-ArdenArcade](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 5-28-2020 meeting item Arden-Arcade CPAC
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:28:44 PM

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Hello,

May I make a public comment for the following agenda item, against approving this item:
Thank you for your consideration.

1. **PLNP2020-00002 – CIRCLE D FOOD STORE PCN**

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Harris

916-216-5039

From: [Michael Seaman](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public comment - Arden Arcade CPAC meeting this evening
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:15:22 PM

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The following comments are submitted per instructions in the Arden Arcade CPAC agenda announcement for tonight's meeting, please provide these comments to the Council.

RE: Arden Arcade Community Planning Advisory Council meeting of 05/28/2020, Agenda Item 1, PLNP2020-00002 Circle D Food Store PCN

I strenuously oppose the subject applicant's PCN request. There are far too many off-sale liquor licenses in Arden Arcade. Data from the California Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) show that Arden Arcade has 1/2 of the off-sale licenses issued by the County for the unincorporated area, yet the community has but 1/6 of the unincorporated area's population. Arden Arcade is awash with off-sale liquor licenses. It is not an off-sale beer, wine or hard liquor desert. It is burdened with a vastly disproportionate share of the off-sale liquor licenses permitted by the County

From my experience with prior PCN applications in recent years, it has been made abundantly clear that:

- the Census Tracts in Arden Arcade have an oversupply of off-sale licenses
- the Sheriff considers every such location to have crime problems
- enforcement of alcohol laws and regulations is inadequate - to the point that the ABC and the Sheriff's office have urged citizen assistance
- conditions placed on sellers are easily and routinely violated without an significant consequence and are often relaxed as time goes by
- the ABC and the ABC Appeals Board consider local PCN decisions final

Having been in business in the same ownership for over two decades, it is not clear that the Circle D Food Store store should now become a beer-and-wine store. Further, this particular license application is problematic for several reasons:

- **TOO MANY ALREADY** - the store's specific Census Tract has 6 off-sale licenses, there are 11 other off-sale sites are literally across the street from the Tract, and the abundance of those sites clearly works against both public convenience and necessity (ABC data)
- **NOT NEEDED** - the Tract has 5070 residents, which translates to a need for less than 3 off-sale licenses per ABC criteria (US Census data)
- **POVERTY** - the Tract has 32% residents below 150% of the poverty level and 5% - primarily in the immediate area near the store - living on public assistance (US Census data)
- **TRANSIENCY** - the Tract's housing units are 62% renter-occupied, 30% non-family and 5% overcrowded, with particular impact in the immediate vicinity of the store (US Census data)
- **UNFAIR/EXPLOITIVE** - The Tract's poverty and low-cost apartments have resulted in a concentration of underprivileged people (12% residents unemployed pre-pandemic vs 4-5% elsewhere, 13% residents 25 y.o. or older lack even a high school diploma) who

are largely people of color (34%) and/or recent immigrants (18% do not speak English well, 27% foreign-born). (US Census data)

- POLICY CONFLICT - The Tract is located within the County-designated West Arden Environmental Justice area, the plans for which speak to the need to prevent crime, reduce pollution exposure, ensure safe and sanitary housing, provide access to public facilities and food, and promote physical activity and civic engagement.

<https://planning.saccounty.net/PlansandProjectsIn-Progress/Pages/Environmental-Justice-Element.aspx>)

The community doesn't need or want another off-sale liquor license. There is already a plethora of convenient, nearby sites for purchase of off-sale beer and wine. The immediate neighborhood - impacted as it is by crime, homeless encampments, and unabated piles of trash and junk - doesn't want or deserve the existing food store to be yet another off-sale liquor license location. The County has already recognized the need to address and solve the myriad problems associated with an area that already suffers from crime, neglect and deterioration.

In the past the CPAC has turned down some PCN applications, standing with the community against worsening the existing overabundance of off-sale liquor licenses. Please do so again.

Respectfully,

Michael Seaman

Arden Arcade resident for 42 years

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Michael Seaman

Arden Arcade CA 95825

Local control was a good idea in 1776 and it still is

Energy efficiency 1st in the loading order.

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From: [Lynne Black](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: cpac meeting liquor license
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:10:17 PM

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I am writing to tell you that I support Michael Seaman's email re: "RE: Arden Arcade Community Planning Advisory Council meeting of 05/28/2020, Agenda Item 1, PLNP2020-00002 Circle D Food Store PCN

From: [John Hoffman](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Arden Arcade CPAC May 28 re Circle-D Food Store Item 1
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:09:18 PM

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Dear members of the Board,

In brief-

This Census Tract is oversaturated per the California ABC Regulations, and I oppose any license transfers into the Arden Arcade Community and Specifically into the 95821 ZIP Code and Census Tract 61.01.

John R. Hoffman
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From: [Don and Jennifer Harris](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: comments for Circle D liquor license issue
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:21:59 PM

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Board members, thank you for hearing my comments, and thank you for serving on this council.

I live 1.4 miles away from Circle D. I respect very much the longevity of the business owner being a part of the community.

Please, no, do not approve additional liquor licenses when there is ample access at the following nearby locations:

0.6 miles AM/PM, Shell Station

1.5 miles Sprouts, Trader Joe's, Walmart Neighborhood market

0.9 Grocery Outlet

Please vote no.

Thank you.
Jennifer Harris