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Department of Regional Planning

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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

April 10, 2013

TO: Pat Hachiya, Hearing Officer

FROM: Gretchen Siemers, Zoning Permits North 

SUBJECT: Additional Materials for Hearing
Project No. R2012-00926-(5)
Conditional Use Permit No. 201200063
Meeting: April 16, 2013
Agenda Item: 9

Please find attached letter of opposition, for the above referenced project, that was received subsequent to hearing package submittal to the Hearing Officer.

3727 Smith Ave.
Acton, CA 93510

April 1, 2013

Re: Permit R2012-00926, RCUP 201200063

Gretchen Siemers
Dept. of Regional Planning
320 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Dear Ms. Siemers,

I am vehemently opposed to a liquor license for the new market located at 32003 Crown Valley and the corner of Smith Ave. My concerns deal with the quantity of alcohol that would be at the location, the strong possibility of alcohol being consumed near the premises, and the local bar patrons coming across the street in the evening to take alcohol home with them.

The store is significantly larger than the current Acton market or any other establishment. Even with 10% of the shelf space dedicated to the sale of alcoholic beverages, there will be a significant amount of alcohol. The shelf space afforded would be approximately the equivalent of ALL the alcohol currently sold in the Acton area. This includes all of the bars, liquor stores etc. This is way too much alcohol to be put in an area that has residential homes directly next to it and directly across the street. Please consider that studies have shown the connection between the number of alcohol outlets in a community and the rates of violence, particularly among youth. For reference please see Scribner, R., Cohen, D., Kaplan, S., and Allen, S. (1999) in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*

My home is located directly next door to the new market. Already the construction trucks park right in front of my property. During the gymkanas and parades again, people park in front of my property. With the limited parking at the new market the likelihood of people parking in front of the property is high. These people may want to have one of those alcoholic drinks before they head home. Additionally, foot traffic at night coming from the neighboring areas would add to the possibility of alcohol being consumed near my home. Even with the market down the street I sometimes get large beer bottles on my front hill. The market next door will add to that exponentially. We do not have a police force and are monitored by the sheriff department 20 minutes away. They do not have a large enough force to monitor for this on my property.

My last concern deals with store hours and alcohol consumption. There is a bar/restaurant diagonally from the new market. My concern is that the market will be open late in the evening and will have people who have consumed alcohol coming directly from the bar to the market to get more alcohol. As you are aware people that

consume too much alcohol make bad choices. I am a single parent of a twelve year old son. I do not want people making those bad choices right next door or on my property.

Thank you for considering this information. I would have attended but I was unable to take the day off of work for financial reasons. If you have any questions I can be reached at klrbears@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kari Owens".

Kari Owens