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TO: Stephanie Pincett, Chair
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FROM: Michele Bush *MRB*
Zoning Permits East Section

Project No. R2015-00840-(5) – Conditional Use Permit No. 201500034
RPC Meeting: February 10, 2016, Item #8

The above-mentioned item is a request to authorize the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption (Type 21) as a proposed CVS store in an existing commercial structure. The project was approved by the Hearing Officer on December 1, 2015. The applicant has appealed a condition of approval, Condition No. 43 requiring the hiring of a security guard during the house of alcohol sales, and is requesting the condition be removed.

Please find enclosed a letter of support from an area resident. The letter was received subsequent to hearing package submittal to the Regional Planning Commission.

If you need further information, please contact Michele Bush at (213) 974-6435 or mbush@planning.lacounty.gov. Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department is closed on Fridays.

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Enclosure

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Subject: Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 9:00 AM
Project & Permits: R2015-00840-(5), RCUP 201500034
Location: 3033 Huntington Drive, Unit B within the East Pasadena Zoned District.
Use: CVS Pharmacy

Ladies and Gentlemen:

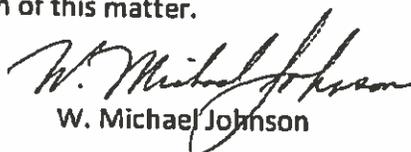
Following up my phone call to Ms. Bush, this letter expresses my support for the removal of the condition requiring a security guard at the above premises to be occupied by a CVS Pharmacy.

I base my support for no security guard on the following:

1. If a security guard becomes necessary, CVS Pharmacy will probably hire one. If they don't there will be a lot of public pressure on them to do so.
2. There are no security guards at the nearby CVS pharmacies on Baldwin Ave., in Arcadia, San Gabriel Blvd., in San Gabriel, and Sierra Madre Blvd., in Pasadena.
3. I have shopped at this location since 1977. It has been a Ralphs Market and a Hows market both with liquor departments and no guard that I ever saw.
4. An unneeded security guard will simply raise costs and make this store less competitive – especially with the Trader Joe's going in next door.

My home is located within about .1 miles of this location. Many years ago I was one of many people opposing a CVS pharmacy at 2998 Huntington Drive in San Marino because the parking was inadequate, traffic too heavy, etc. It was never built. In this case I support CVS.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.


W. Michael Johnson