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The Honorable Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 340
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Honorable City Council:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Southwest Area Vice Unit, received an application for determination of Public Convenience or Necessity (Caldera) to obtain an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license. The request is regarding a 7-Eleven located at 3994 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, 90037 [File No. 21-0769; Los Angeles City Council District 9].

After reviewing all related material and conducting a preliminary investigation into the related permits, the LAPD is opposed to the requested application. Since 2018, 3994 South Figueroa Street has generated 33 calls for service. The calls for service include robbery, indecent exposure, vandalism, theft, and assault with a deadly weapon.

In addition, during the same two-year period, the intersection of Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard and Figueroa Street has generated 600 calls for service. LAPD personnel have arrested 55 people at the intersection, with 28 of these arrests involving driving under the influence of alcohol. The remainder of these arrests involved vandalism, possession of firearms, failure to register as a sex offender, sales of fireworks, and possession of narcotics.

Furthermore, the area around 3994 South Figueroa Street is saturated with encampments of individuals experiencing homelessness. This is a cause for concern, as the sales of alcoholic beverages can exacerbate the crimes and other issues that often arise from those encampments.

We have received numerous citizen complaints of street vendors selling alcoholic beverages prior to, during, and after, various events being held at the Banc of California Stadium and the Coliseum. The addition of an ABC location in such proximity to these venues would create a greater problem of furnishing alcohol to both minors and intoxicated persons.

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Due to the ongoing issues described above, the LAPD is opposed to the issuance of an ABC license at 3994 South Figueroa Street. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Sergeant Roger Perez, Serial No. 30792, Acting Officer-in-Charge, Southwest Area Vice Unit, at (323) 290-4060.

Respectfully,

MICHEL R. MOORE
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Espinosa", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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