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From: Yader Zeledon

Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 12:11 PM

To: cityclerk
Cc: Dwight Larks

Subject: Arbor Alley - Reference item k.4 21-467

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Yader Zeledon and I am the founder and owner of HeadquarterZ Barbershop proudly located on the 500 block of W Main Street in downtown Merced.

This letter is to express my support of removing the easement from the problematic Arbor Walkway alley. I also want to express my support for the The community kitchen and food and beverage job placement concept proproposed by United Way of Merced County. It is an unbelievable opportunity not just for downtown Merced but especially for the problematic alley way. I am in very strong favor of removing the easement so this program can exist at this place. I know the current landlord has done all he can to help the situation there but problems persist and we all fear the building will be burnt down by the homeless, and loitering at night.

I have spoken to many clients of my barber shop and without question they are all in favor of the project as well. Many of them avoid walking through the walkway even if they park in the back because of the smell of urine in the walkway. It has been a nuisance for many years and at night, very dangerous. I hope you will vote to remove the easement so downtown can become safer as a result of this project, and to continue the growth of our town.

Sincerely,

Yader Zeledon

CEO HeadquarterZ

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