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Subject: Comments on Conditional Use Permit #1273

Hello,

This is a public comment on Conditional Use Permit #1273, the alcoholic beverages permit for a restaurant at Yosemite and McKee. I own and live at 2323 Malaspina, walking distance from the site.

I generally support the development of commercial amenities and services in my neighborhood. The nearest grocery store is nearly two miles away, and the nearest pharmacy is even further. I'm very much looking forward to having some commercial options in walking distance from my house.

While I have no objections to the proposed alcoholic beverages permit, I would prefer to see retail in the project rather than dining. Since I already expect dining out to take 30+ minutes, I don't mind doing a little more travel to get to a restaurant. If the property owner is committed to a restaurant, it would be great to have more vegetarian and independent (non-chain, non-franchise) options.

I would also strongly encourage the developer to include easy bike and pedestrian access from Whitewater Way, so that neighborhood residents wouldn't have to go all the way up to Yosemite and use a driveway to access the businesses on the property.

Sincerely,
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