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August 4th Council Meeting - California Wine Exchange CUP Support

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'Michael Robleto' via Clerk PCN applications <clerk.pcn@lacity.org>

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Reply-To: Michael Robleto <michael.robleto@compass.com>

To: clerk.pcn@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Jurado,

I am writing to provide my written support for the slated Conditional Use Permit review for a business called the California Wine Exchange.

California Wine Exchange intends to operate a wine store and wine bar in the long-vacant space at the northwest corner of Hope and 11th St which is the ground floor of the Met Lofts building.

I am a resident of the Met Lofts building and live in the stack directly above this proposed business and wholeheartedly support its approval.

For years, I have seen this darkened, empty commercial space be a magnet for crime and lawlessness. The porch and patio of this commercial space are often the site of drug use and violent behavior by the drug-addicted and mentally ill population that is often present in DTLA.

Having an operating business is the best deterrent for this type of behavior.

I am confident that operator Mark Prior will be a beneficial addition to the limited landscape of businesses in the neighborhood, as he has been consistently engaged with all businesses and many residents in the area.

Downtown has always been a welcoming landscape for small businesses, and this operator is just the kind of business that makes DTLA a unique place to live, work and play.

I am formally in support of his CUP approval as many neighboring residents and businesses are.

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