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TO: Safety and Licensing Committee
Common Council

FROM: Lt. Adam Nagel

DATE: 07/06/2021

RE: Police Department's Recommendation for Denial of Julia Nino Gomez / Mr. Taco Restaurant "Class B" Liquor License and Class "B" Beer License Applications

Committee and Council Members:

The police department is requesting that the Safety and Licensing Committee recommend to the Common Council to deny Julia Nino Gomez's application for both a "Class B" Liquor License and a Class "B" Beer License. The applications are for the business Mr. Taco at 106 S. State St. The owner of this establishment, Sandra Munoz, is currently facing federal drug trafficking charges associated with their business. The owner Sandra Munoz is still listed as the registered agent for this business and appears to have been redacted from the current application. Because Sandra Munoz was recently federally indicted for Conspiracy to Distribute at least 5 kilograms of cocaine the redactions of her information from the application cause significant concern over whether there is good faith in the application and whether and to what extent Julia Nina Gomez is involved in the business.

According to the criminal complaint employees from Mr. Taco in Kimberly were directed to distribute and accept payments for large amounts of cocaine. The Mr. Taco in Appleton has the same owners as the Mr. Taco in Kimberly. The allegations of illegal activities against Sandra Munoz cause concern for public health, safety, and the welfare of the community. Although Mr. Taco has previously been licensed, now that the community is aware of the allegations against the owners and employees of the business, there is a significant concern that there is not going to be a change in the alleged illicit activities and that they would continue at the Appleton location or bring unwanted drug seekers to the Appleton location. Large illegal drug distribution, as alleged in the federal criminal charges, has a negative impact on the peace and quiet of the surrounding downtown neighborhood as well as drain law enforcement services from the surrounding area.

Although it is unknown what the exact relationship is between Sandra Munoz and Julia Nino Gomez, it is important to note that on the application for the liquor license Julia Nino Gomez uses the home address of 823 S. Kernan Ave. This is the same address Sandra Munoz uses for the LLC Los Amigos. The Los Amigos LLC is the corporate name for the Mr. Taco

restaurant at 106 S. State St. As noted above, Sandra Munoz is the registered agent of Los Amigos LLC and is intentionally removed from the application. Luis and Eduardo Morales are identified as co-conspirators with Sandra Munoz in the federal charges coming from the Mr. Taco in Kimberly. Julia Nino Gomez's application indicates an email address of JuliaMorales3900@gmail.com, which creates additional doubt as to the distance between Julia Nino Gomez and the persons involved in significant drug distribution out of another business location.

Based on the foregoing, the police department recommends that the Common Council deny the original applications for "Class B" Liquor and Class "B" Beer for the business Mr. Taco.

Very Respectfully:

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