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October 27, 2015

Legislative Hearing Officer
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RE: 363 Atwater Gacal Auto Body & Repair Inc., DBA Gascal Auto Body & Repair License Application for Auto Body/Repair/Painting Shop, Auto Repair Garage

At the October 26, 2015 District 6 Planning Council's Land Use Task Force meeting members met with the applicant and reviewed the license conditions and site plan. District 6 is aware of neighbor's concerns regarding the paint booth.

The applicant, Jihad Gerado addressed the concerns by having the paint booth inspected by an outside contractor and according to the applicant, the booth has been repaired. District 6 recommends approval of the application and the conditions set forth by the Department of Safety and Inspections

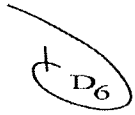
Thank-you for your consideration and if you have questions please contact the office at the numbers above.

Regards,

Jeff Martens

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Land Use Chair
Board of Director's Vice Chair

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August 26, 2015

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District 6 Planning Council's Land Use Task Force met with the new owners of 363 Atwater and neighbors last evening to discuss their plans and the concerns neighbors have voiced regarding a potential faulty paint booth. Neighbors have consistently called attention to the paint booth and the vapors and smell that at times emit from the roof. We understand that the booth has been inspected often but the issue remains. Neighbors also submitted a petition with twenty-five neighbors indicating that the booth continues to be a concern and that it should not be operating.

District 6 contacted an outside source who works in the auto industry and was informed that paint booths are not inspected annually but the emissions requirements falls under the State EPA guidelines. Ramsey County Environmental Health does some regulatory compliance. We do know that a Fire Inspector has diligently worked on this issue, however it is still problematic.

The new owners stated that they are willing to have the booth and roof inspected. District 6 contacted Ramsey County and left a message. We also forwarded this information and contact numbers to the owners as well as neighbors.

District 6 requests that the paint booth is not used until it and the roof is thoroughly inspected and is in compliance. The North End does not want to impede business but this is an ongoing issue and the booth is over forty years old and may be obsolete, District 6 is of the opinion this is a fair and reasonable request. The owner is aware of the recommendation.

Thank-you for your consideration and please contact the office if you have questions.

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