

September 16, 2020

TO: City Council

File# & Name: 20-066-196 Taco Bell Drive Thru Appeal

From: Barry Zelickson, Border Foods/Taco Bell

My name is Barry Zelickson and I represent Border Foods the local company that operates the Taco Bell at 565 Snelling Avenue. We have been fortunate to have employed many great people from the neighborhood that have served our Taco Bell food to this community for almost 50 years. This only happens because the community has embraced the services we provide.

We are anxious to be able to reinvest into our facility and the community by upgrading our building to the new Taco Bell brand image. We have worked closely with the city to develop a plan that best addresses the optimal use of our lot and new building before finalizing our plan.

This new design improves our current site as follows:

- 1) including increased car stack,
- 2) increases distance of the speaker box from the neighboring homes within the distance required by the code,
- 3) reduced late night hours
- 4) improved building (design and landscaping)
- 5) new design requires no variances under the current zoning codes.

We continue to explore the best ways to operate our business to keep our customers and employees safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. What we have found is that having the availability of drive through and take-out food is very important to our customers when restaurants are not able to have their dining rooms fully open and we continue to enhance those aspects of our business.

We hope you will confirm the decision of the Zoning Committee's staff report and the Planning Commission and support our plan to reinvest and build a new and improved building to replace our existing Taco Bell building.

Sincerely,



Barry M. Zelickson