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Re:

Application for: Auto Repair

License at: 977 Front Ave.

Licensee: Al's Garage LLC, Alexander X Kisling

The Como Community Council Board voted February 7 to approve the following motion:

Moved, the Como Community Council supports the Class N Business License application sought by Alexander Kisling of Al's Garage LLC at 977 Front Ave. The council would like further clarification on how auto detailing plans may impact property use conditions.

District 10 staff reached out to applicant Alex Kisling upon receipt of the Class "N" License District Council Form. We shared the application notice in our weekly newsletters and the opportunity for community members to attend our February 7 Community Meeting for Alex to introduce himself, plans for his new business, and answer any questions neighbors may have.

Several neighbors did attend our meeting: some expressing skepticism of any auto shop being able to be successful in the space, concern that the former license holder is still the property owner and landlord, and others expressing environmental concerns about car detailing outside the building. Neighbors were informed of how to submit their own comments to DSI and the business owner also shared his business contact info.

It is expected that the previous licensing conditions at the address will apply to the new business. Additionally, any clarification that DSI can provide to the business owner and District 10 related to permitting or licensing car washing/detailing at a business, and prevention of harmful chemicals running into storm drains could help ensure success at this location and make sure we're all on the same page about code requirements.

We appreciate the opportunity to support this locally run new-to-Como business in their license application and are glad to welcome them to the neighborhood. In the February 7 discussion, Alex shared plans for being responsive to neighbors, and focusing on smaller jobs that won't leave vehicles on the property beyond the licensing restrictions.

Sincerely,

Shevek McKee
Executive Director
District 10 Como Community Council