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On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 8:06 PM, SDX Mgmt <sdxmgmt@gmail.com> wrote:

This is the best and last one:

My name is Tareq Alajrame, and I'm here today to address the concerns raised by Ms. Judi Burk Hart regarding my application for a Tobacco Shop License for the ARCO Gas Station at 1184 Maryland Ave E.

I understand and respect Ms. Hart's concerns about the potential impact of a tobacco shop on the neighborhood. I want to assure you that I share her desire to maintain a safe and healthy community in East St. Paul.

A couple of weeks ago, I purchased an existing Gas Station business, and I'm not making any changes to the type of Tobacco License currently in place. To clarify, I am not applying for a Tobacco Products Shop or "Smoke Shop." I am seeking a standard Tobacco Shop license, which is commonly granted to gas stations and grocery stores. This license does not permit the sale of flavored tobacco or menthol products.

Per City Code, a Tobacco Products Shop is a Smoke Shop. A Tobacco Shop is a standard tobacco license, which is what I'm applying for.

I have owned and worked for many years in gas stations, grocery stores, and smoke shops and maintained a clean record, never receiving any citations or violations related to tobacco compliance.

Additionally, I'm required by the City to commit to adhering to the existing conditions which we are not asking to change. These conditions are related to limiting the Car Wash hours of operation from 8am to 8pm., restricting access to the car wash from the alley, limiting the window signage, and making sure that we have a working 24/7 video surveillance system.

I am committed to operating the ARCO Gas Station responsibly and professionally. I will be on-site daily to ensure compliance with all city ordinances and regulations. I believe that my experience and commitment to responsible business practices will benefit the community.

I hope you will consider my application favorably. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Tareq Alajrame