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Salinas Planning Commission  
Salinas City Council  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901-2639

Re: Opposition to Zoning Change

For more than sixty years I have occupied real property and conducted business in the area affected by the zoning change request for Beverly's Fabric building.

My recollection is that each time the zoning and planning changes have been accomplished there were numerous and lengthy hearings, investigations, reports, and input sought from property owners and business persons in the area. Those of us who own property and those of us who conduct business in this area have done so after very significant investments of time, energy, thought, planning, and money.

We have made these commitments on the representation of the City and the knowledge that area would be utilized for business and commercial purposes and recent "downtown vibrancy planning" has been accomplished for the specific purpose of encouraging downtown commercial and business activity.

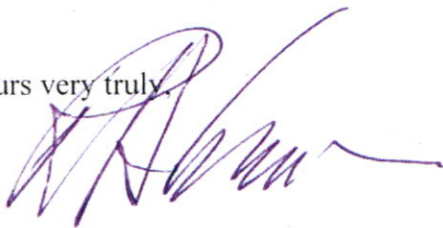
I do not recall any significant planning efforts or inquiry concerning the subject zoning change and I do not believe that the requested change is one which enhance past planning efforts and "vibrant business and commercial efforts".

I attend Church on a fairly regular basis, and I support others who do the same however, I suggest that investigation would lead to the conclusion that in situations such as ours in Salinas, opening an enterprise that is substantially closed in 4 to 6 days of the week will not support the vibrancy efforts and will be contrary to the significant planning and investments made by current business and property owners and certainly will not encourage others to make a similar investment.

Please deny the request for zoning change, and if granted in any way, be certain that it secures a commercial type business at street level with appropriate parking limits.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'R. H. Ames', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert H. Ames

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