



a neighborhood alliance

Garfield Organization
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RE: Liquor License Application: Series 09 – Off-Sale All Liquor
Location: Circle K Store #3447, 975 N 7th St, Phoenix, Az.

To Whom It May Concern:

Garfield Organization (GO) respectfully requests that you deny the Series 09 Liquor License for Circle K Store #3447 located on a central gateway into our historic neighborhood. We present this request on the basis that public convenience does not require the license and the best interest of the community will not be substantially served by the issuance of the license (A.R.S. 4-203).

Garfield is an historic residential neighborhood, located within the area bounded by Van Buren and I-10, 7th Street to 16th Street. Public convenience does not mandate that the requested liquor license be approved since three existing Circle K stores and four markets currently sell liquor within our neighborhood.

The best interest of the community will not be served, as increased access to alcohol leads to increased crime. For two decades Garfield Organization has partnered with City of Phoenix Police Department to abate crime. Residents of Garfield attending our monthly Law Enforcement Committee meetings with City of Phoenix Police personnel have expressed concerns that the Circle K Store #3447 will draw more crime into the neighborhood.

ASU's *Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety* reports that Circle K Store's statistically have significantly higher crime rates than any other convenience store company in the metro Phoenix area (<http://cvpcs.asu.edu/products/crime-convenience-stores>).

Residents are also concerned that loitering and alcohol related activities at the existing Circle K at the intersection of 7th St & Roosevelt and surrounding areas will be escalated if the liquor license is approved. GO is unaware of how Circle K #3447 plans to address crime concerns which are associated with its store chain at this location.

Garfield is a diverse, historic front-porch community in the heart of downtown Phoenix, and is concerned that approving the requested liquor license would be detrimental to the health and safety of Garfield neighborhood.

Therefore, GO respectfully requests that the application for a liquor license be denied.

Sincerely,

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