



VETS HELPING VETS SINCE 1974

August 9, 2017

Honorable Aaron Peskin
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Opposition to File # 170848 - Liquor License - 150 Kearny Street - BevMo

Dear Supervisor,

Swords to Plowshares wishes to rescind our opposition to BevMo opening a store at 150 Kearny Street in San Francisco. A letter stating our opposition was sent to Supervisors Peskin and Kim, the State Department of Alcohol Beverage Control and the San Francisco Police Department on December 20, 2016, copy attached.

Since that time we have met with representatives of BevMo to discuss the reasons for our opposition. During that meeting BevMo assured us that they would not sell single-serving spirits at this outlet and that they would take other proactive steps that would be supportive in addressing our concerns regarding access to low cost alcohol at their establishment, including not selling alcohol to intoxicated individuals. Given that there are other liquor stores in the near vicinity that are not proactive in these ways, we have decided that our opposition to a business willing to take these steps is not appropriate.

Therefore, Swords to Plowshares wishes to rescind our letter of opposition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leon Winston", is positioned above the typed name.

Leon Winston
Chief Operating Officer



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December 20, 2016

Dept of Alcoholic Beverage Control
Attn: Justin Gebb, District Director
33 New Montgomery Street, suite 1230
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Beverages & More "Bev Mo" application for off sale license at 150 Kearny Street,
San Francisco

Dear Director Gebb:

Swords to Plowshares operates the Stanford Hotel at 250 Kearny Street, San Francisco. Since 2014, the Stanford has been home to 131 veterans, all of whom are formerly chronically homeless and disabled. Many of these men and women struggle with substance abuse and alcoholism. Placing a low-cost alcohol emporium within a block of the hotel will certainly make it much easier for residents to acquire quantities of alcohol in a neighborhood that already has many liquor licenses, and will make our job of supporting these veterans in making healthy choices in their lives that much more difficult.

We strongly oppose this site for low-cost quantity alcohol sales and ask that you not move forward with an off-sale license for Bev Mo at 150 Kearny Street.

Sincerely,

Leon Winston
Chief Operating Officer

CC: Aaron Peskin, SF Board of Supervisors
Jane Kim, SF Board of Supervisors
Lieutenant Falzon, SF Police Dept.