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From: Carroll, John (BOS)
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 4:21 PM
To: Salmonson, Joel (POL)
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Subject: RE: Liquor License Transfer - 1336 Grant Avenue - The Nature Stop - File No. 230303
Categories: 230303

Good afternoon,

The Planning Department has completed their review of the subject application, and has forwarded their recommendation for approval. For your convenience, I have the review available from the link below:

[Planning Dept. Response - Received March 27, 2023](#)

The matter is now awaiting review by the Police Department's ALU.

After receiving review from the Police Department, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee may hear and consider public convenience or necessity findings for the application, to be forwarded to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for their consideration in the license matter.

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee will tentatively schedule this hearing for a regular meeting of May 11, 2023.

I invite you to review the entire matter on our [Legislative Research Center](#) by following the link below:

[Board of Supervisors File No. 230303](#)

Thanks for the review.

John Carroll
Assistant Clerk
Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 554-4445

(VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS) To schedule a virtual meeting with me (on Microsoft Teams), please ask and I can answer your questions in real time.

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LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY REFERRAL

TO: Planning Department
Attn: _____
Phone No. _____

DATE: March 15, 2023

AP Block/Lot Nos.: 0132/029
Zoning: North Beach NCD 40-X
Quad: _____
Record No.: _____

TO: Police Department
Joel Salmonson
Phone No. (415) 553-1115

Please submit your response within three weeks. The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee will tentatively schedule the PC or N hearing for the regular meeting of May 11, 2023.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR RESPONSE by March 30, 2023, to:
John Carroll, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Clerk.
john.carroll@sfgov.org ~ (415) 554-4445

Applicant name: Tony's Nature Food, Inc.

Business name: **The Nature Stop**

Application address: 1336 Grant Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94133

Applicant contact info: Tony Arouk, CEO Tony's Nature Food Inc.
415-846-4181
Tonyarouk2005@yahoo.com

PLANNING REVIEW: **Approval** **Denial**

Planning Staff Contact: _____
(Please add comments on a trailing page.)

POLICE REVIEW: **Approval** **Denial**
(Please add comments in a trailing report.)



03/27/2023

Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: BOS referral - Liquor License Transfer - 1336 Grant Avenue - The Nature Stop - File No. 230303
Planning Department Files No. 2023-001357MIS and 2023-002363MIS

To Whom It May Concern:

The Planning Department is recommending approval of the attached ABC Type 21 (Off-Sale General) for an existing General/Specialty Grocery Store use dba The Nature Stop at 1336 Grant Avenue. General/Specialty Grocery is a Retail Sales and Service use principally permitted in the North Beach Neighborhood Commercial District per Planning Code Section 722.40. Please note that Planning Code Section 790.102, Sales and Service, Other Retail no longer applies.

If you have any questions related to Planning's evaluation, please contact me at 628-652-7588.

Sincerely,

Dakota Spycher

Dakota Spycher, Assistant Planner

District 3 | Current Planning Division

San Francisco Planning Department

49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA 94103

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[San Francisco Property Information Map](#)

APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

ABC 211 (6/99)

Tony Aronk

(415) 846-4184

TO: Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
33 NEW MONTGOMERY STREET
STE 1230
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105
(415) 356-6500

File Number: 645981
Receipt Number: 2777193
Geographical Code: 3800
Copies Mailed Date: February 13, 2023
Issued Date:

0132/029
NCD
Dist 3
2023-001357MIS

DISTRICT SERVING LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO
First Owner: TONY'S NATURE FOOD, INC.
Name of Business: NATURE STOP THE
Location of Business: 1336 GRANT AVE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133-3904

County: SAN FRANCISCO

Is Premises inside city limits? Yes Census Tract: 0106.00

Mailing Address:(If different from premises address)

Type of license(s): 21 Dropping Partner: Yes ___ No

Transferor's license/name: 600393 / EA GROCERS INC

License Type	Transaction Type	Master	Secondary LT And Count		
21 - Off-Sale General	PER/PRM	Y			

License Type	Transaction Description	Fee Code	Dup	Date	Fee
Application Fee	STATE FINGERPRINTS	NA	1	02/13/23	\$39.00
Application Fee	DBL TRF: PREMISES AND PERSON	NA	0	02/13/23	\$1,370.00
Application Fee	FEDERAL FINGERPRINTS	NA	1	02/13/23	\$24.00
21 - Off-Sale General	ANNUAL FEE	NA	0	02/13/23	\$884.00
Total					\$2,317.00

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

Have you ever violated any provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, or regulations of the Department pertaining to the Act? No

STATE OF CALIFORNIA County of SAN FRANCISCO

Date: February 13, 2023

Applicant Name(s)

TONY'S NATURE FOOD, INC.

Recommend Approval of ABC Type 21 License is permitted with General/Specialty Grocery Use as a continuation of an existing use in the in the North Beach NCD to PC Section 722.40 and 790.102.

Dakota Spycher 03/02/2023 (628) 652 - 7588

Dakota Spycher

TONY'S NATURE FOOD, INC.
1336 Grant Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94133
Tel: (415) 846-4184

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BY _____

February 27, 2023

Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Re: Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity
Upgrade Alcoholic Beverage License to Type 21

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am submitting this letter in support of my request for Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity, to upgrade my Alcoholic Beverage License from seller beer and wine (type 20) to a general license selling all kind of alcoholic beverage (type 21). The following information will shed light on my business:

1. Basic Information: The applicant is "Tony's Nature Food, Inc., a California corporation. Tony Arouk is the Chief Operating Officer, and the person running the daily operation of the business. My daytime phone number is (415) 846-4184. My email address is tonyarouk2005@yahoo.com.
2. Business Name: The business name is "The Nature Stop," located at 1336 Grant Ave., San Francisco, CA 94133. I owned the business since 2019, selling organic food, fresh produce, and beverages, including beer and wine.
3. License Upgrade: Currently my business have type 20 license selling beer and wine only. I am seeking to upgrade the license to type 21, selling liquor, wine and beer. I am purchasing an existing license issued to 660 Powell Street, San Francisco, to transfer it to my existing location at 1336 Grant Ave., San Francisco.
4. Business Hours: My business hours are 8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily, except Friday and Saturday the hours are 8:00 am to 11:00 pm.

5. Application Submission: I opened an escrow to transfer the type 21 license on January 11, 2023, and submitted my application with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to transfer the license on February 1, 2023.

6. Noticing Requirements: Upon opening the escrow to transfer the license to my location, I recorded the Notice of Intended Transfer of Retail Alcoholic Beverage on February 1, 2023 as required by Sections 24073 and 24074 California Business and Professions Code. I also posted the Notice poster on a public view of the store front on or around February 17, 2023. In addition, I mailed notices to all residential units within 500 feet of the premises as required on or around February 20, 2023.

7. Public Convenience or Necessity: I believe that upgrading my license to sell liquor beverages will serve the public convenience or necessity as follows:

(a) I have been at the existing premises in the neighborhood for the past four years, selling among other things, grocery, fresh produce, beer and wine. My customers and neighbors always asking why I am not selling liquor too. After explaining to my customers the different types of alcoholic beverage licenses, they encourage me to apply because it would be convenient for them to do all their shopping at the same store. Indeed they were willing to sign a petition supporting my application to sell liquor. I attached the petition of my customers with their names, addresses, and telephone numbers.

(b) I run a clean and safe business operation at the premises. For the past four years, I did not have any violations selling alcoholic beverages at the premises. The neighborhood is very safe and no major crimes threatening the safety of my employees or customers. In fact, allowing me to sell liquor will add to the safety of my customers by not venturing too far to buy their alcoholic beverages.

(c) I do not think there is high concentration of liquor licenses in the neighborhood. In fact, a month ago, the city and the Alcoholic Beverage Department approved a new license one block away from my premises. It would be unfair for me to run the business competing with another store one block away, who sell the same products I sell except liquor. I am sure that the neighborhood liked the idea of opening more convenient stores where they can shop.

(d) As you are well aware, the past three years has been brutal on small businesses. However, I tried hard to keep my business surviving, and my customers appreciated the hard work. It must be the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors mission to support us to succeed. You are aware how many small businesses shut down in the city as a result of the pandemic. I do not want to be a casualty by shutting down my business by not being able to succeed. I need your support during this period of economic hardship.

Please consider approving my application to upgrade my license to sell liquor. I will be glad to provide you with any information you need during the process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Arouk', written over a horizontal line.

Tony's Nature Food, Inc.

By: Tony Arouk, CEO