

From: [Larry Burg](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#); [Wu, Elton \(CPC\)](#); [SanFrancisco@abc.ca.gov](#)
Subject: Re: Questions about 1859 Market 21 Off-sale license application - BOS File No. 200490 - Liquor License Transfer - 1859 Market Street - Golden State Food & Liquor
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:47:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you both for your prompt responses.

I do wish to express the following, in opposition to granting of the license to sell alcoholic beverages at 1859 Market St.--file # 200490, ABC license application #617474.

The neighborhood in which this store is located, has experienced a huge increase in encampments since the start of the pandemic. From the alleys off of Duboce Ave. to the McCoppin Stub area to--north of Market--the 1st block of Waller St. and the fairly new Waller Park at 155 Laguna St., congregations of many substance abusers are stressing out our neighbors. Mental health issues, compounded by homelessness and exacerbated by easy access to alcohol by some, often results in disturbing and disruptive behavior. Now is **not the time** to add to the "inventory" of liquor stores in this heavily impacted area--especially when there are several existing locations selling off-sale right nearby.

Item 9 in the PCorN Request form clearly states that the number of off-sale licenses allowed in this census tract is 5; the existing number is 12. And item 11 is checked off as: Yes, the number of existing licenses exceeds the number allowed. Why should this proceed any further if only 5 off-sale licenses is allowed for this census tract? Well, in terms of convenience or public necessity, 2 blocks away are 2 major grocery stores: Safeway and Whole Foods; 2 blocks away is Fred's liquor store--corner of Valencia and Duboce; 3.5 blocks away to the east is another store selling liquor--Nick's Foods at 1659 Market. Two blocks away is Valmar Supermarket at 16 Valencia St./McCoppin.

Please deny a license/transfer for 1859 Market St.

Thank you,

Larry Burg

50 Laguna St. #504

(1 block away from 1859 Market St.)

On 8/10/2020 3:47 PM, Carroll, John (BOS) wrote:

That's correct, thank you for the info, Elton Wu, and thank you for your questions, Larry Burg.

The applicant has come to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the Board consider whether the service premise would serve the public convenience or necessity. The authority which issues liquor licenses is the state of California Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control (CA ABC).

The Board of Supervisors—through its Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee—may hold a public hearing on this issue in the future. I have an open public file for this matter with the Board of Supervisors file number of 200490. If you wish to express your concerns about the proposed service premise, **please write to me; I will forward your message to the members of the PSNS Committee and retain your message in the official file.**

For more info on the public convenience or necessity process, I refer you to the fact sheet linked here:

[Liquor License Public Convenience or Necessity Request](#) (Pdf)

If you have any questions about how the CA ABC office exerts its issuing authority, then I would refer you to their office. Their license lookup number for this proposed service premise is 617474, and they should have a licensing representative who may answer further questions about how licenses are transferred and issued.

Best to you both,

John Carroll

Assistant Clerk

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From: Wu, Elton (CPC) <elton.wu@sfgov.org>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:56 PM

To: Larry Burg <burginfo@sonic.net>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>

Subject: RE: Questions about 1859 Market 21 Off-sale license application

Hello Mr. Burg,

When a business requests an ABC license in an area that has an existing overconcentration of alcohol licenses, that business is required to first obtain a determination of Public Convenience or Necessity from the local agency, in this case the Board of Supervisors. This is what is currently under review at the Board. For more information, please see

https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/PC_or_N_Request_Fact_Sheet.pdf.

This application was noted as a transfer of ownership of an existing business, and the Planning Department determined on July 7, 2020 that no additional land use approvals are required for the activity.

If you object to the issuance of this PCN request by the Board of Supervisors, John Carroll of their staff can register your concerns.

Elton Wu, Assistant Planner

Southeast Team, Current Planning Division San Francisco Planning Department PLEASE NOTE MY NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER AS OF AUGUST 17:

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From: Larry Burg <burginfo@sonic.net>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:05 PM

To: Wu, Elton (CPC) <elton.wu@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS)

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Subject: Questions about 1859 Market 21 Off-sale license application

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Last week (8/6/20) residents of 50 Laguna St. and presumably others within a 500 ft. radius of 1859 Market St., received a Notice of Intention to Engage in the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages.

The notice did not list the name of the applicant, rather listing it as "Golden State Food & Liquor, Inc." in the name section, with no DBA listed.

A Google search, brought up the attached document.

Item 9 in that document clearly states that the number of off-sale licenses allowed in this census tract is 5; the existing number is 12.

And item 11 is checked off as: Yes, the number of existing licenses exceeds the number allowed. Furthermore, in item 20, the appropriate box is not checked off.

How is it that this can proceed any further if only 5 off-sale licenses is allowed for this census tract?

Thank you,

Larry Burg

50 Laguna St.

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