



## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Liquor License Authority

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Wednesday, January 9, 2019

1:00 PM

Room 2108

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#### 1. Call To Order

*Hearing Officer Ablao called the meeting to order.*

#### 2. Public Hearings

#### 3. [Pres 19-38](#)

Application for New Fermented Malt Beverage License for U Save Mart Inc dba U Save Mart, located at 6590 Monaco St

*Appearing:*

*Kevin Coates #25995, on behalf of the applicant*

*Nirmala Rani, on behalf of the applicant*

*Mr. Nayyar, on behalf of the applicant*

*Nathan Berger, on behalf of opposer*

*Teferi Berhane, on behalf of opposer, owner of Monaco Plaza Liquors*

*Jose Reta, resident, 5445 Monaco St*

*Eva Garretson, petition circulator*

*Mr. Kumar, on behalf of the applicant*

*Happy Rani, on behalf of the applicant*

*Mark Terry, on behalf of the opposer, neighborhood resident*

*Michelle Gonzalez, on behalf of the opposer*

*Hilda Ochoa, a resident within the boundary, testified to the needs of the neighborhood for the license.*

*Michelle Montour, a resident within the boundary, testified to the neighborhood needs for the license.*

*Attorney Berger questioned Montour about her employment.*

*Cruz Flores, a resident within the boundary, testified to the needs of the neighborhood for the license.*

*Attorney Berger questioned Flores about his purchasing of alcohol.*

*Attorney Coates questioned Flores about his purchasing of alcohol.*

*Joe Jaramillo, a resident within the boudary, testified to the needs of the neighborhood for the license and the character of the applicant*

*Attorney Berger questioned Jaramillo about his purchasing of alcohol.*

*Denika Gonzalez, a resident within the boundary, testified to the needs of the*

*neighborhood for the license.*

*Attorney Berger questioned Gonzalez about her purchasing of alcohol and familiarity with the neighborhood.*

*Garretson shared petition procedure and results reflecting the needs and desires of the neighborhood for the license. She also shared training procedures for this license type.*

*Attorney Berger questioned Garretson about her liquor knowledge and training procedure.*

*Attorney Coates questioned Garretson about the opposers signature on the petition.*

*Attorney Berger asked Garretson about distribution methods*

*Mr Kumar testified to his relationship with the applicant and former ownership of the business.*

*Attorney Berger asked Kumar about his former ownership of and intent with the business.*

*Happy Rani testified to her relationship with the applicant, plan to sell alcohol and the extent to which she helped prepare documents.*

*Nirmala Rani testified to her business plan to sell alcohol and her role.*

*Attorney Berger asked Nirmala about her role in the business operations.*

*Nishan Nayyar testified to his management role in the business, background, and experience, store selection, operation procedure, storage and sale of alcohol, etc.*

*Attorney Berger questioned Nayyar about his management role ad experience*

*Hearing Officer Ablao quesitoned Nayyar about his general liquor code knowledge.*

*Mark Terry testified his position at Monaco Liquors and his opposition to the issuance of the license.*

*Hearing Officer chose to admit the opposing signatures into the record.*

*Michelle Gonzalez testified to her position at Monaco Liquors and her role in recording signatures on the opposition petition.*

*Teferi Berhane testified to his opposition of the issuance of the license.*

*Garretson confirmed the amount of signatures obtained on the opposition petition within the boundary.*

*Attorney Berger questioned Garretson about FMB laws and statute.*

*Attorney Coates made closing statements.*

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*Hearing Officer Ablao chose to take the matter under advisement and issue a written decision within 30 days.*

### **3. Adjourn**

*Hearing Officer Ablao closed the public hearing.*