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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 8:04 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: doug walden [<mailto:yebewarnd@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 5:46 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: city council

I can not make to the Council meetings for a public show of support, but I would like to voice my support of the Albany Bottle Shop and Burger restaurant. I think it would be a great addition to the city. Much better than another shop.

thank you a 30 year resident.
Doug Walden

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 10:05 AM
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Subject: FW: New Businesses in Albany

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From: Neocles Serafimidis [<mailto:neo.serafim@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 10:02 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: New Businesses in Albany

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to let you know that I fully support the approved application of the beer pub and adjoining eatery at 745 San Pablo. I am dismayed to see it appealed.

Moreover, I am increasingly disturbed by the sustained obstructionism deployed against every single proposal to do anything new in Albany. This is not to say that I think projects should be rubber stamped; scrutiny and oversight is certainly necessary. Projects that bring vibrancy, quality of life, and revenues for business and government should be reviewed and approved.

Unfortunately, it is apparent that Albany is suffering from impediments to renewal and forward progress in everything from roads, to services, to business opportunities. Our commercial corridors appear emptier and more dilapidated than those right around us. Nowhere is this trend more apparent than in the latest case, this opposition to a small, upscale beer pub and hamburger restaurant trying to occupy a commercial space that has been empty since the day it was built several years ago. You would think that the city, through a competent community development program would be begging them to locate here. Rather, ridiculous puritanism and fear mongering are threatening to put a stop to it. It's stunning.

We had better turn this around before Albany, in its quest for a mythical Father-knows-best era quaintness, irreversibly establishes itself as a sad example of failures wrought by a tyranny of the PC few.

Cheers,
Neo Serafimidis

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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 8:20 AM
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From: Richard Sintchak [mailto:rich815@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:05 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: To city council

Dear honorable city council members,

I am 100% behind the new pub and hamburger place at 745 San Pablo. I live 1/2 block away on San Pablo Ave and feel the concerns being raised in opposition to this are specious at best and the benefits of such two complimentary establishments would have to that part of San Pablo Ave and Albany in general are terrific. I hope you can rush the final approval through promptly so we can begin to enjoy these places ASAP!

Thank you

Respectfully,

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Richard Sintchak
Albany, CA

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:06 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Skip Moore [<mailto:skip@billmoore.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:04 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: 745 San Pablo Ave.

To my Albany City Councilmembers,

I have learned that City Councilwoman Joanne Wile has appealed the approval of the beer pub and organic beef hamburger restaurant at 745 San Pablo Ave. I've also read of some neighbors complaining about the prospect of a vital business being introduced to the now vacant spaces, letting their preconceived notions affect their concept of reality. This food and beer phenomena has proven successful in many nearby communities. A similar small brew-pub, Elevation 33, opened next to the Cerrito Theater last year and there are no problems associated with its operations.

I identify with those Commissioners that consider vitality on the major commercially zoned arterial through Albany desirable. If the nearby condominium dwellers are concerned about activities associated with a commercial enterprise, why on earth did they decide to live on San Pablo Avenue? I have had an office on San Pablo Ave. in Albany for 36 years and have witnessed a lot of businesses come and go. Lately, it's evident that there are more going than coming. I find the prospect of a beer pub and restaurant to be quite appealing and would be a regular customer, as would most of my 14 employees. That's how business works.

I wish the owners, Mr. Saed Toloui and Mr. Faramarz Pakzad, success in overcoming Albany's senseless trepidation over the opening of this establishment, doing their part to counter the ever increasing void of vital businesses (and jobs) in our community.

Best regards,

Skip Moore, President
Bill Moore & Associates
1057 Solano Ave.
526-0296

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 4:30 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Julia Alice Cantrell [<mailto:juliaalicecantrell@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 4:23 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: city council

Dear city council members,

I live in Albany on Garfield Ave. not far from San Pablo Ave. and I support the idea of both a pub and a burger restaurant on San Pablo Ave. This area desperately needs to be renewed and I cannot think of a more appropriate use for storefronts on San Pablo Ave. It is a busy street already and these businesses will not significantly impact the street, which is already zoned for commercial and mixed use. It is precisely the type of business that I'd like to see more of in the lower Solano/SanPablo Ave. area. PLEASE approve the applications. These businesses would be an asset to Albany and its residents.

Sincerely,
Julia Alice Cantrell

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 9:08 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Tracy Arrowsmith [mailto:tracy_arrowsmith@devstu.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 8:16 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: City Council

I currently live in Oakland and I grew up in El Cerrito. I frequent Beer Revolution in Oakland and I would frequent this new pub in Albany as well, via BART, just as I currently do for Elevation 66. In my many, many trips to Beer Revolution, City Beer Store, and OL in Walnut Creek (all similar business models) I personally have never seen any smokers outside. It depends on the community frequenting the establishment, I suppose but that has been my experience. Parking is equally challenging in all of the above named places and I personally take BART because of it!

My 2 cents.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 1:51 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
Subject: FW: To Farid Javandel

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From: mike hayden [mailto:ziroks@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 1:50 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: To Farid Javandel

Dear Mayor Javandel,

I am writing in support of the proposed Beer Pub project to be located at 745 San Pablo Avenue.

My wife and I are Albany home owners and regularly visit bars that are similar to this proposed project. Beer Revolution in Oakland, City Beer Store in San Francisco, and ØI in Walnut Creek are examples of this type of bar/store concept. As has been suggested, all of these establishments are very similar to a 'Solano Cellars for beer' and attract a different clientele than your usual bar. I agree that Albany does not need another bar like the Mallard in town, but from experience I doubt this would be that sort of place. If anything it would be more like cross between 'the Pub' on Solano and Solano Cellars.

Pubs like this often get us out to explore cities and areas where we would not normally go, and when we go we usually dine at a local restaurant and often shop in the local stores. I think that overall the Beer Pub would be an asset to the city of Albany.

I urge you to support the conditional use permit for this proposed establishment.

Thank you,
Mike Hayden
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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 4:43 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Elizabeth Devlin [<mailto:bookkeeperbeth@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 4:32 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Attn Council Members and Mayor Javandel

Dear Council Members and Mayor Javandel,

I am writing in support of the proposed Beer Pub project to be located at 745 San Pablo Avenue.

My husband and I are Albany home owners and regularly visit bars that are similar to this proposed project such as Beer Revolution in Oakland, City Beer Store in San Francisco, and Øl in Walnut Creek. I would say that these establishments are more like a wine bar and attract a different clientele than your usual bar. I agree that Albany does not need another bar like the Mallard in town, but from my experience I doubt this would be that sort of place. I would imagine it would be more like a cross between 'the Pub' on Solano and the Solano Cellars wine bar.

Pubs like this often get my husband and me out to explore new cities and areas, and when we go we usually dine at a local restaurant and often shop in the local stores. I think that overall the Beer Pub would be an asset to the city of Albany.

I urge you to support the conditional use permit for this proposed establishment.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Devlin
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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 8:16 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
Subject: FW: I'm in support of the brew pub application

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From: Michael Barnes [<mailto:michael7barnes@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 9:31 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: I'm in support of the brew pub application

Dear City Council members,

I happened to be the P&Z meeting when the brew pub was discussed. While I've often grumbled about P&Z and the cell tower issue, I think P&Z was right on in their review of this business. I remember thinking to myself, "Oh, this is how this is all supposed to work." I thought P&Z raised good issues, understood the context of the situation, listened to a lot of comments, and came to the right conclusion. I don't know what the point would be of reviewing the decision--what is left to say? There is nothing anyone can do in this town that will make everybody happy. If that is one of the criteria, then nothing will ever get done.

As an Albany citizen, I urge you to support the application for the brew pub at 745 San Pablo.

Michael Barnes

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 2:11 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: zack.mensinger@gmail.com [<mailto:zack.mensinger@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Zachary Mensinger
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 1:49 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: City Council

Hello Council Members,

As your next meeting approaches, I wanted to again send my support for the proposed taproom on San Pablo Avenue. I will not rehash my arguments from my previous email, I will simply say that I think such a business would be a wonderful and welcome addition to the city of Albany, particularly in an area that could use an economic boost instead of empty storefronts. While I recognize the concerns of those living immediately adjacent to the proposed business, I think the concerns are overstated. A taproom is not a bar, and doesn't draw the same customers.

I greatly hope this business is allowed to open as planned, as I sincerely look forward to patronizing it and keeping my money local, instead of going to Berkeley or Oakland to find a similar type of establishment.

Zachary Mensinger
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