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## RE: Torchy's Tacos Alcohol Beverage Waiver Request (SPC-2014-0277AW)

Dear Mr. Auzenne and City Council Members:

On Monday, October 6th, 2014, South River City Citizens Neighborhood Association (SRCC) met and voted to support AISD's opposition to the alcohol beverage waiver request by Torchy's Tacos for their planned location at 1822 South Congress Avenue. Members of SRCC voted to support AISD's position for the following reasons:

- 1. The Vice President of Finance for the applicant informed us that alcohol sales is not a key part of their business revenue model and only represents 10% of their overall revenue which means the inability to sell alcohol does not present an undue hardship on the applicant.
- 2. We believe alcohol sales near Fulmore Middle School is not in the best interest of the public, because it is not generally conducive to a positive and safe learning environment.
- 3. Existing establishments selling alcohol within the 300 feet minimum distance requirement are exempt from the current ordinance, because they existed before the ordinance was put into place. Since the ordinance was established, SRCC has consistently demonstrated our opposition to alcohol sales within 300 feet of a school.

We urge you to join the SRCC Neighborhood Association's decision to support AISD's position to deny this alcohol beverage waiver request.

Cordially,

Sounthaly Outhavong SRCC President