

Special Session

Agenda Item #	2
Meeting Date	16 June 2008
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution of Support for Alcoholic Beverage License for Tijuana’s Mexican Café
Background	<p>Mr. Mario Escobar, owner of Tijuana’s Mexican Cafe, has requested support from the City for his pending application for a beer, wine, and liquor license. Tijuana’s, located at 949 University Boulevard East, is an independent locally owned business that opened in Takoma Park in 2007. Mr. Escobar owns two additional restaurants, one in Silver Spring and one in Rockville, that have had liquor licenses since 1998 and 2000, respectively, with an insignificant record of infractions.</p> <p>Beer, wine and liquor licenses are issued by the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners. Mr. Escobar’s application is to be considered by the Board at its June 19, 2008 hearing. Notice of the upcoming hearing has been posted at the restaurant. During the hearing, the community will be provided with an opportunity to express their support of – or opposition to – the requested license. Mr. Escobar has met with representatives of the business community. They have expressed support for the application.</p>
Policy	To support locally-owned and operated independent businesses in Takoma Park.
Fiscal Impact	N/A
Attachments	Resolution of Support
Recommendation	To approve proposed resolution
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2008-

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE
TIJUANA'S MEXICAN CAFÉ**

WHEREAS, Mr. Mario Escobar, the owner of Tijuana's Mexican Café at 949 University Boulevard East, has notified the City of Takoma Park that he has applied for a beer, wine, and liquor license from the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the City Council met with Mr. Escobar to consider the pending license application; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mr. Escobar have received positive feedback and support from the community regarding the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has concluded that the granting of the requested license would further its goal of supporting locally-owned and operated businesses in Takoma Park and would not be detrimental to the community at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that the Council does hereby support the granting of a beer, wine, and liquor license for Tijuana's Mexican Café at 949 University Boulevard East, Takoma Park, Maryland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners prior to their scheduled June 19, 2008 hearing.

Adopted this _____ day of June, 2008.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk