

The Depot Antique Mall and Pub
515 Bell Street
Los Alamos, CA 93440

December 7, 2018

The County Board of Supervisors
c/o County of Santa Barbara
Department of Planning and Development
624 West Foster Road
Santa Maria, CA 93455

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To the County Board of Supervisors:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 23958.4 of the Business & Professions Code, I would like to submit the following for your consideration. I request an approval in that the public convenience and necessity will be served and that this request is consistent with other applicants that have been approved throughout the county.

Location: This location has held a beer & wine license for over 15 years within The Depot Antique Mall located at 515 Bell Street, Los Alamos. There have been no problems or violations at this location.

Business Purpose and Convenience: The concept is to provide a full bar in a convenient location that is walkable for the residents of Los Alamos & provides ample parking for tourists coming to town for lunch/dinner or passing through to shop. The environment at the antique mall is low key & perfect for meetings & gatherings; irresponsible alcohol consumption is not be allowed. This casual & comfortable atmosphere for patrons will provide a location unique to Los Alamos (see Site History below). Hours would generally be the same as the Depot from 10 am to 5 pm, with longer summer, seasonal, holidays, & weekends as late as 2:00 am. This location is not immediately adjacent to residential properties. An approval of this license application will provide both locals and tourists in Los Alamos an option that does not currently exist.

Positive Impact to the Community: Currently there are two other full liquor licenses in town, one across Highway 101 which is not convenient by foot; the Sky View primarily caters to hotel travelers & highway traffic off Highway 101. The other license is held by the 1880 Union Hotel which primarily caters to events and has limited hours. Having a location in downtown Los Alamos that does not have the aforementioned constraints would allow residents & travelers alike the opportunity to relax in a safe, comfortable, and historic environment.

Site History: The Depot was the end of the line for the narrow-gauge Pacific Coast Railway that originated at Port Harford near San Luis Obispo and carried lumber to build Central Coast Communities. Between 1882 and 1887, tracks were laid south to Los Olivos, Los Alamos prospered as the end of the line. The Depot Antique Mall is the site of the only surviving PCRR depot. Port Harford-Bound locomotives first chugged west, then turned north, parallel to the current highway from 1882 to the late 1930s.

Los Alamos is still end of the line for Highway 135. Going north from the picturesque Western town of Los Alamos, the first part of Highway 135 follows the Purisima Hills.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dan Thompson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Thompson, Owner