



Art Thoms
Washboard Laundromat
1198 Park Street
Alameda, CA 94501

January 29, 2014

RE: Big-O Conditional Use Permit

Dear Mr. Thoms:

Thank you for your continued correspondence regarding the activities of Big-O Tires at 1200 Park Street. As you know, we have been monitoring this situation since the first letter we received from Mr. Michael Notaro on January 22, 2013. At that time, we reviewed the Conditional Use Permit, talked with Mr. Notaro, talked with Mr. Gary Voss and then continued conversations with Big-O's counsel, Wendel Rosen. We felt that much progress had been accomplished with the various actions that Big-O had taken to address your concerns.

Since December 5, 2013, we have received your e-mails and faxes about the parking activities of Big-O Tires' employees and clients. As of today, we understand that Big-O Tires, with the permission of the property owner, intends to make a formal application for a Conditional Use Permit Amendment. They intend to submit this application no later than February 18, 2014. We will review the application for completeness and subsequently schedule the matter for a Planning Board hearing.

In the meantime; the applicant has communicated to us that they will continue to address the concerns that you have about on-street parking and left turns from the Big-O parking lot. I want to reiterate that we have been monitoring the e-mails and letters between Mr. Notaro and Big-O throughout 2013. At this point, a hearing before the Planning Board is the most appropriate way to address the issues at hand.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and your desire for mutual respect and cooperation of merchants on Park Street.

Sincerely,

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