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Dear Members of the City of Alameda Planning Board:

I write in support of Big O Tires' application before the Board to amend their Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 1200 Park Street. Big O Tires has provided a much needed service to the Alameda community for over 30 years. Because of their commitment to quality work and customer retention, Big O Tires has developed a loyal customer base. It is precisely the type of local business a community should want and retain.

I understand that in 1989 certain conditions were placed on Big O Tires by the Planning Board through a Conditional Use Permit. While Big O took efforts to comply with the spirit of those conditions through employing creative measures, such as a valet service, or trying to find off-street parking that was affordable and close, the requirement of off-site parking is infeasible for their business. While the availability of parking within a busy business district is important, Big O tries to move cars through so customers can be on their way and cars are not sitting in the parking lot or parked on the street for prolonged periods of time. At times, customers visit local businesses and stores while waiting for their cars. Big O has also asked their employees not to park their own vehicles, company cars or customer cars in the metered spots on San Jose Avenue.

If these restrictions cannot be resolved or removed, Big O Tires may be forced to move its business to Oakland. This would be a disservice to Alameda residents. I ask you to please work with Big O to amend the CUP so it may remain an integral part of the Alameda business community.

Thank you for your time.

*Very important to keep here!*

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Exhibit 6  
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