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RE: Barriques CUP for coffee roasting at 961 S. Park St.

Mr. Parks.

I am writing concerning the CUP application from Barriques and feel that it does not meet the criteria for a CUP for coffee roasting based on the following reasons;

- 1) The off-site impacts from Barriques coffee roasting are **not minimal** as demonstrated by survey results from surrounding neighbors, and are **not** compatible with the adjacent residential neighborhood.
- 2) The exhaust from Barriques is **ongoing and is not inconsequential**, emissions at fifteen times a day for five days a week are experienced by neighbors, the majority of which indicated they are bothered.
- 3) The roasting operation is detrimental to the wellbeing (welfare) of the neighbors. Numerous neighbors have testified that the fumes bother their breathing, asthmatics have to increase the use of their inhalers, one neighbor's pulmonary condition is aggravated by the fumes, and another neighbor on oxygen has to keep the house closed up and cannot go outside to avoid the fumes.
- 4) The use, value and enjoyment of numerous neighbors and their property has been impaired or diminished as demonstrated by numerous neighbors indicating they "must go inside when they smell the odor; cannot go out on their porch, pier, yard or garden; must keep their windows and doors closed; find the odor offensive, acrid, noxious, nauseating; worry about the impact on their children." Others question whether "this will affect the value of their property" and one neighbor had their assessment reduced due to their proximity to Barriques and had to disclose this at the sale of their house (see survey results from Bay Creek NA for more details and additional comments)
- 5) Roasting does NOT have to occur at this location. All but one of the coffee roasters in town that used to roast in neighborhoods have moved their roasting operations to industrial parks or commercial areas without surrounding neighbors. (The remaining small roasting operation has not had complaints)
- 6) **The roasting operation at this location for 6 other stores as well as other sales has demonstrated *continual* offsite impacts to the surrounding neighborhood , and since recent changes in equipment have not resulted in noticeable changes in the fumes (and it is unknown what changes could meet the criteria required for a CUP), the Conditional Use Permit for roasting at this location should be denied.**

I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter,

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