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Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 11:36 AM
To: Martin, Al
Cc: Kerr, Julia
Subject: Taqueria Guadalajara

Dear Mr. Martin,

We will be unable to attend the hearing Wednesday, May 19, 2010 on the addition to Taqueria Guadalajara. Our property borders the back of the restaurant and we have serious concerns about an expansion. We have called the Health Department multiple times to complain about the management of their trash and there has been no improvement. Their dumpster lids are never closed and before the end of the pickup week, the dumpster is overflowing with bags and trash falling to the ground. This allows animals to rip open the bags and garbage, including food waste, is strewn on the ground around the dumpster. The refuse is then transported by animals and wind to our property as well as the properties of our other neighbors. Also, prior to the removal of their backyard eating area, there was significant blowing of napkins, plates, and candy wrappers around the area and into our yard. There is also a vent that exhausts from the kitchen that has large globs of grease that drip down onto the ground, leaving a pool of grease in the alley between the Taqueria and the building next to it.

We do not have a problem with the restaurant operating as a business but we do not appreciate the litter that is generated, not to mention the public health issues associated with food garbage collecting in the parking lot and attracting animals. With an expansion of the restaurant we can only expect that this will get worse.

Sincerely,
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