



15 August 2021

Tim MacEachen, Chairman
Environmental Planning Commission
City of Albuquerque
600 Second Street NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

RE: BUENO FOODS - Request for Approval of a Site Plan-EPC + Light Reflectivity Variance

Dear Chairman MacEachen,

The Barelas Neighborhood Association submits this letter of support for Bueno Foods' application:

- The Barelas Neighborhood Association met with Bueno Foods and their agent, Consensus Planning, to discuss the proposed Site Plan and Variance for building color and reflectivity on July 13, 2021.
- Based on the discussion, answers to community questions, and follow-up revisions to the proposed plan to include additional screening along the western side of the property near the Bosque, BNA is in support of the request.
- Bueno Foods has been in the Barelas neighborhood for 37 years, and approval of this request will allow them to continue to operate out of their existing location and be a part of the community.
- The project is a significant economic development opportunity for Albuquerque and the Barelas neighborhood. Expansion of the freezer space to accommodate increased production represents a \$10 Million investment by Bueno Foods and will provide an additional 49 full-time jobs at a variety of skill and salary levels.
- Based on discussion at our July 13th meeting, Bueno Foods will work with the neighborhood to hire local and from the community when possible.
- Based on concerns presented by the neighborhood about the building reflectivity variance, Bueno Foods has updated the landscaping plan to incorporate a landscape buffer on the west side of the site that includes numerous trees to screen the proposed freezer building from the Bosque and adjacent multi-use trail. We are pleased with this compromise and solution.

Thanks for your work and consideration. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns. I can be reached at (505) 453-7154.

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