



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Planning
Prepared by: Sophia Depew, Assistant Planner
Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Approved by: Scott W. Huth, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT:

Notice of Decision – Planning Commission Approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for On-Site Beer and Wine Sales and Live Entertainment at an Existing Restaurant (Sushi N’ Gone) Located at 1539 E 8th Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Recommends Approval of the Request for On-Site Beer and Wine Sales and Live Entertainment, Subject to the Recommended Conditions in the Attached Planning Commission Resolution No. 2025-06, and a Determination that the Project is Exempt from CEQA. The Sale of Alcohol and Live Entertainment are Conditionally-Allowed Uses in the Major Mixed-Use Corridor Zone and Would be Accessory to Food Sales at the Restaurant.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

On July 21, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the CUP by a unanimous vote of those present. The motion recommended approval of the item with modified conditions of approval related to hours of operation:

The sale of alcoholic beverages shall only be permitted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday through Sunday.

Ayes: Armenta, Castle, Miller, Sanchez, Quinones Absent: Valenzuela

EXPLANATION:

The operator of Sushi N’ Gone restaurant has applied for a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 41 license to offer on-site beer and wine sales. The applicant initially proposed alcohol sales from 8:00 a.m. to midnight daily. The applicant also requested live entertainment from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday through Saturday.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on July 21, 2025 and voted to recommend approval of the request, with hours modified as stated above, based on the attached findings and recommended Conditions of Approval. The attached Planning Commission staff report describes the proposal in detail.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

An application fee of \$3,700 was paid with the submittal of the subject CUP. Fees are anticipated to cover the cost of staff review time and processing of the permit.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Balanced Budget and Economic Development

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is a project under CEQA subject to a Categorical Exemption. Existing Facilities. CCR 15301(c).

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Planning Commission Staff Report with attachments

Exhibit B – 7/21/2025 Planning Commission PowerPoint slides