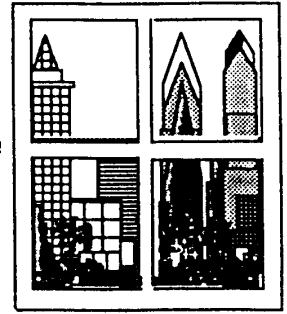


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**S O S N A**

June 8, 2004

The Hon. Anna C. Verna  
President  
City Council of Philadelphia  
Room 494, City Hall  
Philadelphia PA 19107

**Re: CAVA International, Proposed Expansion**

Dear Mrs. Verna:

The South of South Neighborhood Association held a special hearing July 6 to allow representatives of CAVA to make a second presentation on their proposed expansion in the 1900 block of Kimball Street.

The meeting was attended by 44 people, 42 of whom cast ballots following the presentation. The voting tally is reproduced below. We have broken down the tallies to show the reaction of immediate neighbors, which we have defined as: residents of the 1800 through 2000 blocks of Kimball, Carpenter and Montrose Streets; and the 900 and 1000 blocks of the north-south streets from 18th through 21st.

**Opposed - 21**

16 Immediate neighbors  
5 Adjoining communities

**In Favor - 14**

9 Immediate neighbors  
5 Adjoining communities

**No Vote - 5**

Neighborhood residents in attendance presented a number of concerns, about which some of them feel very strongly. These concerns are captured in the attached meeting minutes draft.

Please share these concerns with the appropriate representatives of other city and public agencies. Balancing the need for economic development against the interests of adjacent

neighbors is a complex and sensitive issue at best and doubly so when a project involves a change in zoning from residential to industrial, as this one does. I am taking the liberty of

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sending a copy of this letter to The Hon. John F. Street. I understand that this project has been under discussion with the Department of Commerce for some years prior to it being brought to your attention or that of the community. The Mayor and his staff should be advised that there is vocal opposition to the loss of residentially-zoned land in our neighborhood on the part of neighbors who have lived in that area all their lives.

The SOSNA board of directors has received a formal request that it consider the CAVA issue at its July 28 meeting and take an official position based on the balloting results of this hearing. Since I will not be present at that meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal wish: that a workable solution be reached that will satisfy CAVA's needs, but also that the concerns of these members of our service area be addressed before this project is allowed to move forward. I believe that this is a wish that CAVA International shares as well.

With best wishes,

Laura V. Blanchard  
Interim Chair

cc     The Hon. John F. Street  
        Michael Mazzolo, CAVA International  
        Kathleen Murray