



Police Department

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To: Aaron Sage, Senior Planner, City of Berkeley
From: Douglas N. Hambleton, Chief of Police *DNH*
Subject: Proposed Restaurant with Alcohol Service at 1200 Ashby Ave

This memo is in response to a request to review the Use Permit application for a proposed restaurant space, in a five story mixed use building, at 1200 Ashby Ave (southeast corner of San Pablo and Ashby Ave). The business proposal would include a full service restaurant with incidental service of beer, wine, and distilled spirit (Type 47 ABC license). The proposed restaurant would occupy up to 2000 square feet on the ground floor of the building and may also have outdoor seating, but no alcohol would be served outside.

The Police Department's primary concern is whether the addition of a business with an alcohol permit would have a significant impact on crime and/or police resources in and around the surrounding area.

The lack of detail regarding the restaurant (no floor plan or operator at this point) precludes a thorough assessment of the application. However, based on the preliminary available information provided by the Planning Department, it appears the proposed restaurant would not be expected to add crime or significantly impact police resources, provided they operate within the parameters of their use permit and take appropriate security measures.

Based solely on a review of the concentration of alcohol licenses in the immediate area, the Berkeley Police Department would not object to the addition of a restaurant with alcohol service at 1200 Ashby Ave.

Ultimately, the Police Department will need to review an actual use permit application and the ABC use conditions requested prior to providing our final recommendation for any ABC-permitted business for this address.