

Date: September 20, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202302002

Subject: **Liquor License – NEW**

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***FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT***


OBJECTIONS: NONE

This is a report on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for the following:

APPLICATION: 2493925  
PERMIT TYPE: NEW  
CLASS: C1  
NAME: EL MERCADO GIGANTE LLC  
DBA: EL MERCADO GIGANTE  
6717 VINE ST  
CINCINNATI OH 45216

As of today's date, the Department of Buildings & Inspections has declined comment with their investigation.

On August 7, 2023 Carthage Civic League was notified of this application and do not object.

  
Police Department Approval

STEPHEN W. SAUNDERS ABL

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David M. Laing, Assistant City Prosecutor  
Law Department - Recommendation  
Objection                      No Objection

MUST BE RECEIVED BY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BY: September 29, 2023

Date Filed at Vice: 8/7/2023

**CINCINNATI DIVISION OF POLICE  
RENEWAL, TRANSFER OR ISSUANCE  
OF LIQUOR LICENSES**

Renewal  
New  X  
Transfer  
Location  
Ownership  
Stock

District: 4  
Application No: 2493825

APPLICANT DBA EL MERCADO GIGANTE LLC  
EL MERCADO GIGANTE  
6717 VINE ST  
CINCINNATI, OH 45216  
PERMIT LOCATION C1  
PERMIT TYPE C1  
TRANSFER FROM DBA  
PERMIT LOCATION  
PERMIT #

If the Applicant is a corporation or business entity list the individuals involved. If additional space is needed, List and attach on a separate page.

1. Name BRAJEN SOTO  
Office Held  
Social Security No. 288-02-8078  
CTLNO: 14368987  
DOB 04/09/1997  
Address 1064 W SEYMOUR AV  
Telephone No. CINCINNATI, OH 45216  
513-918-6377

2. Name  
Office Held  
Social Security No.  
CTLNO:  
DOB  
Address  
Telephone No.

3. Name  
Office Held  
Social Security No.  
CTLNO:  
DOB  
Address  
Telephone No.

4. Name  
Office Held  
Social Security No.  
CTLNO:  
DOB  
Address  
Telephone No.

Criminal Records Check: Local  BCI & III   
Record  If Record, See Attached  
No Record  Checked by: M. WERNER

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

No Objection  Objection, see attached form 17 for Summary

SIGNATURE [Signature] 9/5/23 SIGNATURE  
District Commander Date

Central Vice Control Sect. Commander Date

SIGNATURE [Signature] 9/7/23  
Police Department Approval Date

**Date:** August 31, 2023  
**To:** Colonel Teresa A. Theetge, Police Chief  
**From:** Police Officer Patrice Brooks, District Four, Neighborhood Liaison Unit  
**Copies to:**  
**Subject:** **RENEWAL, TRANSFER OR ISSUANCE OF LIQUOR LICENSES**

**PATROL BUREAU MEMO #:** 23-443  
**DISTRICT INVESTIGATING LIQUOR PERMIT PREMISE:** District Four  
**PERMIT #:** N/A  
**TYPE OF PERMIT APPLIED FOR:** New  
**PERMIT NAME & ADDRESS:**

<b>Name:</b>	EI MERCADO GIGANTE
<b>Address:</b>	6717 VINE STREET

**APPLICANTS NAME(S):** BRAJEN SOTO

**INSPECTION / INVESTIGATION INFORMATION:**

<b>Officer:</b>	PO BROOKS
<b>Date:</b>	8/23/2023
<b>Findings:</b>	NO OBJECTION

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTIFIED:**

<b>Name 1:</b> JOSEPH NAVA	<b>Date:</b> 8/23/2023	<b>Notified by:</b> email
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b> jnava@navalawllc.com	
<b>Name 2:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Notified by:</b> (select from menu)
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>	

**DISPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL:**

NO OBJECTIONS    
  OBJECTION: Attached Letter with Community Council Letterhead

*9/5/23 mg/cuo*

**DISPOSITION OF THE DISTRICT:**

NO OBJECTIONS     OBJECTION: If objection checked, a narrative is required below

**REASON FOR OBJECTION:**

CARTHAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORIGINALLY OBJECTED, BUT HAS RESCINDED THEIR OBJECTION. EMAIL ATTACHED.

*JJM/S723*

JJM/S723

*9/5/23  
NO VIOLATIONS  
Capt. M. [signature] /crr  
0-4*

*No Objection  
- mg /lsc4  
9/7/23*

## Brooks, Patrice

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**From:** Joseph Nava, ESQ <jnava@navalawllc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 1:47 PM  
**To:** Brooks, Patrice  
**Cc:** Maria Madera; civicleague@carthageohio.com; Ann Ivancic; Craig Whistler; Rosalba Arreaga; Jessica Wolf; Ella Wooten; Mary Broughton; Carol Parsley; Maria Madera; CHERRIE MCENTIRE; Barb Bell  
**Subject:** [External Email] Re: objection?

External Email Communication

Hi Officer Brooks

Carthage Civic League has NO objections to the Liquor license request for El Mercado Gigante

Thanks

J



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7011 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45216  
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On Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 1:20 PM Brooks, Patrice <[Patrice.Brooks@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Patrice.Brooks@cincinnati-oh.gov)> wrote:

Hello just doing quick follow up for the Liquor License request. At 6717 Vine St El Mercado Gignate is asking for a class c1 Liquor License what was your response?

I just need an answer in writing to add to the paperwork thank you.

**NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE  
AUTHORITY**

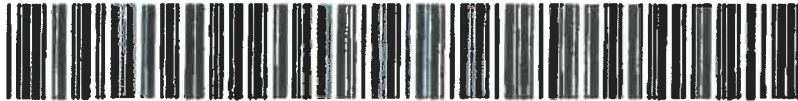
**OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL**  
 8808 TUSSING ROAD, P.O. BOX 4005  
 REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068-8005  
 (614)844-2380 FAX(614)844-3188

TO

2493925		NEW		EL MERCADO GIGANTE LLC DBA EL MERCADO GIGANTE 6717 VINE ST CINCINNATI OH 45216
PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE		
07 14 2023				
ISSUE DATE				
07 14 2023				
FILING DATE				
C1				
PERMIT CLASSES				
31	066	A	D85834	
TAX DISTRICT			RECEIPT NO.	

FROM 07/31/2023

PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE	
ISSUE DATE			
FILING DATE			
PERMIT CLASSES			
TAX DISTRICT			RECEIPT NO.



MAILED 07/31/2023

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 08/31/2023

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL  
 WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES

**A NEW 2493925**

(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

**(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)**

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT  
 THE HEARING BE HELD  IN OUR COUNTY SEAT.  IN COLUMBUS.

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING.

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

(Signature)

(Title) -  Clerk of County Commissioner

(Date)

Clerk of City Council

Township Fiscal Officer

TO: 704-92-0908  
 CINCINNATI CLERK OF COUNCIL  
 CITY HALL  
 801 PLUM ST ROOM 308  
 CINCINNATI OHIO 45202

# City of Cincinnati Council



Melissa Autry, CMC  
Clerk of Council

Office of the Clerk

801 Plum Street, Suite 308  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
Phone (513) 352-3246  
Fax (513) 352-2578

August 3, 2023

OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL  
LICENSING SECTION  
NEW PERMIT SECTION  
6606 TUSSING ROAD  
P O BOX 4005  
REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068-9005

Dear Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

The Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, is requesting a 30 day extension on the below cited liquor permit application:

Application No.: 2493925  
Permit Type: NEW C1  
Name: EL MERCADO GIGANTE LLC  
DBA EL MERCADO GIGANTE  
6717 VINE ST  
CINCINNATI OH 45216

Pursuant to R.C. 4303.26(A), City of Cincinnati City Council, through its Clerk of Council (collectively, hereinafter "the City"), respectfully requests an additional 30 days in which to respond to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding whether the City will request a hearing on the subject liquor permit application. The City makes such time extension request for good cause and not for unnecessary delay. Specifically, the City requires additional time for each of its various departments and the applicable community council to review and investigate the liquor application by performing all necessary inspections and research including, but not limited to, permit applicant interviews, site premises inspections, background investigations, and historical investigations regarding the history of the permit premises and the subject location. Moreover, such extension of time would provide the applicable community council an opportunity to meet, vote, and respond back to the City by the deadline. Therefore, the City requires such time extension in order to perform its due diligence in this matter. The City respectfully requests this time extension in good faith, for good cause, and not for unnecessary delay.

Please fax the confirmation back to us as soon as possible at (513)352-2578.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Melissa Autry, CMC  
Clerk of Council



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For City Bulletin

## Liquor Permit Application

From the Department of Liquor Control advising of permit application for the following:

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CINCINNATI OH 45216

Pursuant to Section 4303.261 of the Ohio Revised Code, Council must notify the Department of Liquor Control within thirty days if there is an objection to the above permit.

Notice of Application was received by the Clerk of Council's Office

08/03/2023

MELISSA AUTRY, CMC Clerk of Council

The last day for the State to receive an objection is

08/31/2023