

**Jacob, Melinda**

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: Joe's Car Wash  
**Attachments:** Letter to City of Berkeley - CCRC 03 09 26.pdf

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**From:** Luis Garcia <luis.garcia@sunwiseautogroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2026 8:49 AM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Joe's Car Wash

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Good morning,

Please see attached.

Thank you.

**Luis Garcia**  
President

Sunwise Automotive Group  
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March 9, 2026

RE: Letter of Support for Joe's Car Wash at 600 Gilman St Berkeley, CA 94710

To Whom It May Concern at the City of Berkeley:

As a property/business owner in Berkeley, I am in full support of the zoning variance to open a commercial car wash and EV vehicle recharging station at 600 Gilman St in Berkeley. The business owners are offering not only a car wash open to the public, but also EV charging stations to attract customers to the area, which will benefit the district.

It is important for the City to have some limited flexibility in current zoning to allow the revitalization of this area, which is currently in dire economic conditions. The vacant buildings are covered with graffiti and the neighborhood's blight, needs to be cleaned up immediately. It is a real eyesore for the community.

I would ask that you support their application for a zoning variance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Garcia', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Luis Garcia

President

Weatherford Collision Center North  
1255 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: Carwash @ 2nd and Gilman

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**From:** Morgan Read <mread@readinvestments.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2026 3:02 PM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Carwash @ 2nd and Gilman

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Dear ZAB,

We own property at 901 Gilman and 1031 Gilman as well as throughout West Berkeley. We support this car/truck wash project and would like to see it become operational.

Thank you,

Morgan Read  
Read Investments, LLC

[readinvestments.com](http://readinvestments.com)

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: Joe's Car Wash Support

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**From:** Scott Dunlavey <scott96@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2026 9:53 AM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Joe's Car Wash Support

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Good morning.

We have been on the corner of 4th and Gilman (735 Gilman St) for over 40 years; and over this period of time here have been huge and positive changes in the neighborhood. We became aware of the plans to open Joe's Car Wash at 600 Gilman St a little while ago, and truly felt it would be a great fit for the area. Everyone in the community has been excited to see this come about!

Recently we have heard that getting the approval from the City of Berkeley has become very challenging due to a zoning issue. With the exodus of Pacific Steel and Berkeley Forge, new businesses need to be welcomed to the area. We respectfully encourage the City to reconsider its position! The new car wash/EV charging station would a great asset to the entrance to the Gilman District and the City of Berkeley; and it would not only bring people, it would also bring sales tax revenue into town. If you like to discuss this matter and/or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (925)698-5853.

Best,

Scott Dunlavey

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: 600 Gilman Street

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**From:** Mark Rhoades <mark@rhoadesplanninggroup.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2026 11:42 AM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** 600 Gilman Street

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**RE: Letter of Support for Joe's Car Wash at 600 Gilman St Berkeley, CA 94710**

Dear ZAB,

As a Gilman District resident and shopper, I am in support of the zoning variance to open a commercial car wash and EV vehicle recharging station at 600 Gilman St. in Berkeley. The business owners are offering not only a car wash open to the public, but also EV charging stations to attract customers to the area, which will benefit the district.

It is important for the City to have some limited flexibility in current zoning to allow the revitalization of this area, which is currently in dire economic conditions. The vacant buildings are covered with graffiti, subject to rampant arson, This will help clean up the neighborhood. It is a real eyesore for the community. It's a ghost town down there and we need active businesses for many reasons.

I would ask that you support their application for a zoning variance.

Sincerely,



**MARK RHOADES, AICP**

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
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**From:** jon norman <jrnalfa@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2026 10:47 AM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** 600 Gilman Street Car Wash

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Dear ZAB Board,

We have looked at the property and we like the improvements and support the brushless car wash being installed open to the public.

We have been at our location 40 years.

Jon Norman Owner

Norman Racing Group  
1221 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Berkeley CA 94710