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### Mayor vows to vote against liquor store

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KINGMAN - At the Arizona Youth Partnership meeting, Mayor John Salem said he would vote against a proposed zoning change to allow a convenience/liquor store.

On Tuesday, Salem said he would vote against the rezone in a residential neighborhood at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday.

"It's my opinion that the alcohol, tobacco problem won't weigh as heavily as traffic," Salem said.

"I'm voting 'no' for it. I see it as an accident waiting to happen on Harrod Way."

On Aug. 12, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 6-1 in favor of recommending the rezone to the mayor and City Council.

The property, owned by FAE Holdings, is approximately 44,000 square feet and is located at 810 Eastern St.

The rezone was brought up by Lola Chavez, a nearby resident and concerned citizen, at the meeting for the Coalition for Successful Youth Development. The coalition voted to have a representative speak at the City Council meeting with several members in attendance to showcase support against the rezone.

The coalition was addressed by Kingman Police Officer Dan Spivey concerning a recent covert underage buys detail. In the weeks leading up to the detail, Spivey had contacted businesses in the area reminding them to train employees not to sell alcohol to underage individuals.

Utilizing an 18-year-old volunteer, the detail had the volunteer attempt to purchase alcohol from 13 Kingman businesses.

Three employees at different businesses were cited by the KPD for selling alcohol to the volunteer, Spivey said.

"We are planning on doing more of these in the next couple of weekends," Spivey said.

On their own, the Arizona Youth Partnership surveyed 83 businesses to see if they had drug/alcohol policies.

The purpose of the survey was to determine what businesses were supporting a drug- and alcohol-free environment, and to help businesses that don't have a policy to create one.

The coalition plans to expand the survey with the help of the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce to get responses from its more than 280 members.

The Arizona Youth Partnership also plans to address the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, which will hold an Arizona Title IV forum in Kingman. The forum will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sept. 15 at the Kingman Police, 2730 E. Andy Devine Ave.

While open to the public, the DLLC asks in advance for brief, bullet-point-style lists of speakers top three suggestions to improve liquor licensing and law enforcement practices, procedures, and outcomes. For more information, call (602) 542-5141 or go to [www.azliquor.gov](http://www.azliquor.gov).

The Arizona Youth Partnership will vote on their chair and co-chair positions at their next meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the Mohave County Library District, Kingman branch, 3269 N. Burbank St.

For more information about the Arizona Youth Partnership, call (928) 692-5889 or go to [www.azyp.org](http://www.azyp.org).