

Kuwahara's Greenhouses and Farmers Market

To Whom It May Concern,

Our community is being greatly affected by the closure of Kuwahara's Greenhouses and Farmers Market.

We realize that the Sandy City Planning Board has the best intentions toward serving our community. With this in mind, we reasoned that the Planning Board may not have all the information about Kuwahara's Greenhouse & Farmers Market and the great needs it fulfills.

Last summer, Kuwahara's reached out to support many individuals and groups. To name just a few of the activities and generousities of this family and their family owned small business, I will begin with what I have witnessed firsthand.

Early in the spring before opening, I approached the family to find out if they were going to allow local artists to sell their products with them, through them or lease booth space. Wheeler Farm, Gardner Village and the All City Center all try to work with the local farmers, artists and entrepreneurs. Kuwahara's has always used local growers and artisans. They said they would love to work with the local artists anyway they could but were unable to set up booths. In this they made space for arts and crafts inside their little sales area, exhibiting it on consignment with no charge. Creating these partnerships brought hope to many struggling homes and entrepreneurs.

During this conversation, we discussed their dream of helping "special needs" individuals and groups. Creating a partnership with Changing Faces and Daylilly Arts, we were able to create new ways to get involved. Our face painters were given space, without charge, to learn the methods and skills of this craft. The artists were either handicapped themselves, elderly or had special needs children in their home that they were financially responsible for. Any funding the artists made, they kept. Many are now able to help subsidize their families income.

Daylilly Arts has worked with multi-level, multi-cultural, and multi-populace students and families in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming since 1999. Kuwahara's extended a partnership providing a space for art classes, and other activities, for free, to our Autistic and Downs Syndrome children and adults. This was a very beautiful and inspiring location for socialization for our students. They also provided healthy treats, instruction in gardening and growing flowers, recycling, and conservation. And don't forget, acceptance and love.

With this partnership, we were also able to create and offer Parent/Child classes called "Fairy Gardens". These classes gave families quality time often missed out on in our daily lives. This included talking about plants and their care, creating fun fairy "things" such as chairs,

clotheslines, huts and houses using the principles of recycling and reuse for discarded objects. Teaching simple methods of recycling and creating compost to help keep garbage out of our city dumps was discussed in all classes.

I observed their generosity to the local families. As the fruits ripened, daily they were rotated with only the best kept for sale. Maintaining the highest quality is their imperative. The fruits and vegetables beginning to get ripe were then given to families in the neighborhood. One special needs individual came in several times a week for food. They always sent him home with bags packed full. Other families were given fruits and vegetables for canning. Once a week they also provided "FREE barbecued corn" day.

Many opportunities of giving is/was also done with the actual vegetable plants, and flower plants, too. Teaching and sharing their knowledge are just as important as the sale. Making sure the consumer was getting the right plant for their needs and conditions was part of every conversation and sale. This positive respect for life is evident in all their dealings. Partnering with Clever Octopus, they also provided 3 flowering plants, soil and containers for The Promise Group (South Salt Lake Refugee Center), a total of 63 children, to create "fairy gardens" to take home. This also included information on recycle, reuse, and taking care of our environment.

Over the past 5 years, I have been able to witness the improvements to the property and steady growth. It has been a place of social gathering where the high end and well educated mingle easily with others who live on meager means. Families take their children and friends just to see the flowers and hang out.

Kuwahara's provides fresh vegetables and healthy foods to our neighborhood, that is within walking distance of our individual homes, apartment complexes and other businesses. This is not fast food, or heavily preserved packaged products sold at the convenience stores and restaurants. Removing Kuwahara's creates a "food desert" for our local residents. This business is an agricultural business that brings beauty to our neighborhood through the flowers and plants exhibited and sold, fresh vegetables and plants and real education that pertains to our local growing area enabling their customers to be successful at growing their own fresh food.*

Sandy has changed. Not all of the changes have been for the betterment of the elderly, and those of lower income and homeowners. Our community is losing the wildlife we have grown up with including the squirrels, ducks, quail and geese to name a few. We are having apartment complexes, asphalt and businesses forced down our throats.

The larger stores and big box chains do not provide the opportunities that Kuwahara's does. Draper, Cottonwood Heights, Murray and South Jordan are but a few of the cities that have local farmers markets. Ours is better! Ours is a true AGRICULTURAL jewel!

In speaking with many of our neighbors, we are wondering why you are making this so difficult for Kuwahara's to stay in business? Why are you creating so many obstacles, that will make them fail? Are you forcing them to financially fail on purpose? What is your real goal? What do you gain from this? Daily we have realtors knocking on our doors trying to buy up the older homes to put several new homes in our place.

WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE LOSING. What will our community gain from their loss?

The quality of life we are now experiencing has been changed for the worst with every "improvement" Sandy City thinks we should just take without complaints. Our water is a mess. Trax has brought transients and their problems to our neighborhoods. Theft and vandalism have skyrocketed, reporting it, we get the same results – none. (That is not due to our police force, we love them.) Our little parks that are in our neighborhood are filled with drugs and transients. (Kuwahara's was a safe place for our kids!) The traffic is unbelievable and that's on a good day. Try to go anywhere on a game day or park on your own street. And that's just a start! We need someone to help us!

Please do not drive away a business that we love and need, that brings positivity and goodness.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am available for any discussions you would like to have. There is so much more I would like to share.

Sincerely,

Lilly Johnson

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*I personally have been involved in the planning and curriculum development for the Spring classes we were planning to do at the local libraries for apartment residents on how to grow their own flowers and vegetable gardens on their patios. Alex and Sarah had chosen the idea of the libraries to ~~reach out to more people without them feeling obligated to purchase from them.~~

They may not be the best business people but they are the BEST neighborhood business.

Mike Applegarth

From: Hien Cam <hcam99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 11:54 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale City Hall Meeting

To the Sandy City Council,

I am submitting this email with comment and question for the February 18th City Hall meeting at 5:45 pm with Kuwahara Wholesale.

I request for my comment/question to be read at this meeting.

I have been shopping for plants at Kuwahara for a few years now. They are a great business. They are friendly and every employee from the owner to the cashiers have a great attitude, each and every time I've shopped there. I thought that people who work in nature and especially with plants are especially zen. Deep down I know the staff at Kuwahara are all nice because they love what they do. They provide a valuable service to the community.

Recently, I found out that Kuwahara is not allowed to open for the upcoming season. From what I gathered, for a long period, Kuwahara tried their best to work with the city of Sandy to meet your requirements and to stay in business. There seems to be a lot back and forth between them and various staff members of Sandy city. Each person has very different demands, going off of different sets of rules and regulations.

My question for the city council are:

- 1) what is it that you'd like to accomplish in preventing Kuwahara Wholesale from operating?
- 2) how is it possible to have so many changes or demands for a small business to operate? 3) if you set out to help small businesses, as an entity who is supposed to be in charge, shouldn't you have everything you required from them laid out so they know what they need to do?
- 4) what are

I support for Kuwahara to continue to open their door because as their business adds value to the community. They have tried their best to comply to regulations, they've shown they put in the effort both time and money spent. If you take an honest small business who tries to stay on the right of the law and shut them down, what kind of message would that send to the community of Sandy and of the state of Utah?

The Sandy city mission statement states the following:

- COMMUNICATION - Encouraging open communication on all levels
- INTEGRITY - Encouraging loyalty, trust, honesty, and fairness in our lives and our community

In closing, I hope the city council keep their communication lines opened to hear what Kuwahara and the public has to say and make the decision that include fairness and integrity. I wish the city of Sandy and Kuwahara will find a solution that works which will let their business continue to thrive in your city and shows that Sandy is a place that welcomes and nurtures small businesses.

Sincerely,
Hien Cam

Mike Applegarth

From: Don McFall <donrmcfall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:27 AM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: KUWAHARA WHOLESAL PROPERTY DISPUTE

I would like to submit my comments as part of the public record on behalf of Kuwahara Wholesale and the current business license and property issue dispute that has caused Sandy City to issue them what I understand to be a cease business order.

As a centennial property owner in our great city of Sandy, Kuwahara offers something that is increasingly difficult to find in our city; locally grown flowers and vegetables. We continue to lose all of our great garden centers and "mom and pop" stores and forcing Kuwahara to close will slam the door on yet another wonderful business that so many of us have come to treasure. We recently lost both Western Gardens and Wasatch Shadows Nurserys and we simply cannot lose another. As a citizen of Sandy I am feeling angry at what I see as bullying of this small business that I hold dear to my heart and I refer many people to in and outside of Sandy City. I feel a personal obligation to advocate for this business and will hold the mayor and city council accountable if the proceedings are not fair and equitable, which to date, I do not believe they have been. Someone must stand up and advocate for the small business and work to support them and help them succeed. I plead with you to be realistic in your expectations with them, with what you are asking with site plans, with what makes sense fiscally for them, given the type of business that they are, and allow some grandfathered exceptions to some of the new and unrealistic expectations. Do they not qualify for centennial farm provisions? Just a thought.

Thank you.

Don McFall

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From: Nancy Hansen <nannyhanny888@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: kuwaharas

Please do not shut down Kuwahara's! This is such a great business. They offer so much to the community. Following through with your plans to destroy this family owned, local business will be a blight on the city of Sandy!

Please read my comments into the record at tomorrow night's council meeting, as I am unable to attend.

Thank you,
Nancy Perkins
801-386-4668

Sent from my iPhone

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Kuwahara public comment

Please read [REDACTED] comment into the record, without the name identification.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Agenda Item #1 for City Council Meeting 2/18

Sandy City Council,

It seems like I am writing more than I usually do. There has just been a lot going on that apparently I feel the need to weigh in on. I just wanted to write briefly regarding Agenda #1 for the City Council meeting on February 18.

I used to shop at Kuwahara until a couple of years ago when I became aware of how they chose to not only run and operate a business, but in how they chose to respond to customer complaints. Since then, I have decided to take my business elsewhere. I love small local businesses, especially those that sell local produce. Urban Farm & Feed was a family favorite until they went out of business (they were at the old Cy's location). Currently, I drive right past Kuwahara's to support other local farmers and farmer market type stands.

In addition, I dealt with the Planning Department quite frequently in 2019, including going through the CUP process. As I tell everyone and anyone (and now you), the Planning Department has been nothing but professional and helpful. James Sorensen and his staff, are excellent ambassadors and representatives of Sandy.

In closing, I am completely indifferent as to the outcome of Kuwahara as I will continue to take my business elsewhere. But I will say, that based on my first hand personal experiences, and those of my friends, I am prone to believe that Sandy City likely has bent over backwards to try and help the owners of Kuwahara. One of those, Sandy City gave an inch and Kuwahara took a mile kind of deals.

Thank you for your time,
[REDACTED]

*Note: I don't really care one way or another if this is attached to the agenda for the night. However, if it is, could you please switch it to anonymous. Just because I know this is a hot button issue and I have such a unique name. Thank you.

Mike Applegarth

From: Jan Litster <jlitster@q.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

To the Sandy City mayor and City Council:

I am distressed to hear that Kuwahara Wholesale on State Street may be closing. I understand that there are conditions that must be met for businesses, but I also understand that our community, state and country was built on enterprising men and women who through their own hard work started with little and built up what we have now. We are losing our sense of community when everywhere we go everything looks the same, all the same businesses exist and everything is being run by the big national and international companies. It has been refreshing for me to see this young man, Alex Kuwahara, work so hard to build a successful business and really add something of value to the community. I see so many people who want the government to provide everything for them and here is Alex and crew working not only to provide for themselves, but contribute to our community and be a wonderful place for local growers and other entrepreneurs to sell their products. I am not a Sandy resident, but come into Sandy to shop at Kuwahara's on at least a weekly basis during the time they are open. Since I am in Sandy City already when I shop at Kuwahara's, I also often shop at other businesses in the area. I hope that Sandy will realize the jewel that is Kuwahara Wholesale and be willing to work with them as a local business that is only open part of the year and does not have a big corporation backing them with unlimited funds. I truly believe that they want to work to meet many of the requirements from Sandy City, but can't do it all at once.

I WOULD SINCERELY ASK SANDY CITY TO FIND A WAY TO LET KUWAHARA WHOLESale
REMAIN IN BUSINESS AND KEEP SUCH A REFRESHING BUSINESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Sincerely,
Jan Litster
Resident of Midvale City

Mike Applegarth

From: Danny Johnson <norse.cougar1969@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Kuwaharas

Hello,

I could not attend tonights meeting regarding the great business that Kuwaharas is, but I wanted to let you know how they have treated me and my family.

My daughter, who has special needs, has been treated very well by the Kuwahara family. She loves the Sandy State Street location and the family has allowed my daughter to volunteer at their store and at the Halloween festivities that they provide.

Kuwaharas is one of the reasons that Sandy is a good city. Please let them stay in business.

Regards,
Danny Johnson

Mike Applegarth

From: Trudy Dagsen <tweetyblueeyes39@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Kuwahara meeting

Hi to whom reads this.

Sandy City Counsel

I am emailing this letter for tonight's meeting because I am not a person who can speak in public. But I want my voice heard. I will be there at the meeting.

I am not a writer so I hope this letter will make since. This is from my heart.

When I was in high school along ago my first job was working in a green house in my neighborhood.

It was so much fun and I learned a lot and it paid for a lot of my high school things I needed.

So since I have been living in Sandy running my own business for 11 years

I have been going to Kuwahara place for fresh and amazing veggies and flowers plants.

I am all for them staying here in Sandy.

It is so nice to go somewhere and be able to ask questions and them knowing my answers.

The very first year I was here I went to Home Depo and oh my gosh I will never go back there

for any plants. When I asked them questions they would say hold on I will find out. So after several people nobody could answer. So at this point nobody came back so I left. So my feeling that is not how

you treat a costumer at all. Everyone is trying to make us all go to all these big places like Walmart, Loews, Home Depo,

ect. Family home business is far more better than the big places. They are so much nicer and pleasant to talk with. Every time I go into Kuwahara they have always have a smile on there faces to help with anything you need. This year is the year that I am buying roses to plant and if you take them away this is just not fair. You can't take them away.

There is nothing wrong about having a green house where people can buy there plants to grow there own food and make Sandy a beautiful place.

Since I have lived here all I see is more apartments go up everywhere. Can't you tear down the old building and build

instead of kicking out a family who is trying to make a living to put food on the table.

Please don't take one thing what Sandy City needs people to learn how to grow there own food and flowers in there

yards. Please don't take this family away from us. I love going in to Kuwahara to the friendly & knowledgeable family.

I will see you all tonight.

Trudy Dagsen

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Please allow Kuwahara to open this season

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From: Paula Christiansen <pwchristiansen@yahoo.com>
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To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Please allow Kuwahara to open this season

From my patronage of Kuwahara Wholesale and reading of recent FB posts, I am writing to encourage the city council to find a workable solution to keep them in business and allow them to open this year without undue cost. It seems as though the city has continued to move the line on what constitutes acceptable business practices for this beloved family business. Please help them out!

Best,
Paula Christiansen
Sandy resident and voter

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara Wholesale

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To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

Message submitted from the <Sandy City, UT> website.

Site Visitor Name: Linda Smith
Site Visitor Email: llarsmth@yahoo.com

I have bought my plants from Kuwahara for many years & can't believe what Sandy City is putting Alex Kuwahara through. It sounds like somebody has an agenda because they keep changing things so he can't meet the city's requirements. Dandy has already lost 2 larger nurseries (Wasatch Shadows and Western Garden Center) & they were year round businesses.

Kuwahara's is a little gem that will be a blot on Sandy's history if it is lost. People come here from all across northern Utah to buy plants & while they are here, especially if they have travelled some distance, they probably get some gas, a bite to eat, & maybe visit some other stores or the mall. Without Kuwahara there, I'm sure they won't be making a trip to Sandy & will probably avoid spending any money in Sandy when they do come to the valley because of the bad taste left by this. Also, Kuwahara's supports other local Utah businesses.

Please reconsider this & allow them to remain in business

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
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From: Anthony Giorgio <PzinaPod@msn.com>
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Subject: Kuwahara

Hello,

We implore you to help anyway you can to keep this little gem open! We have loved coming here the last few years and watching it evolve as it has! Alex is the most sincere, humble young man! When I went the first time, I met his Mom. She informed me of how old he was, I was blown away! In this day and age of big box, having this little gem in my neck of the woods, really to me, is priceless! It is what America was built on! The American dream!! Let's keep it alive!

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Ruth Giorgio and family
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Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwaharas

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Subject: Kuwaharas

Thank you for accepting comments on this issue. I drive to Sandy several times each summer to purchase my plants, produce & other local Utah products from Kuwahara. I live in Cottonwood Heights & make the drive to our neighbors in Sandy to buy local, which I think is critical to support not only small businesses but to keep the tax revenues in our local economies. I know Alex is trying to work with Sandy City leaders, but asking for the kinds of regulations that are appropriate for big box businesses are inconceivable for small businesses & would put more than just Kuwahara out of business if applied equally across all your small businesses. I truly hope you look at the way Kuwahara, as a small family farm, is being regulated & see if there are other classifications that could be applied instead. I will continue to shop local & small business, but if Sandy City can't find a way to support it's small businesses, I'm afraid I will look to our neighbors to the north to support instead or try to follow Kuwahara if they're able to find a new location outside of Sandy. Please look for other alternatives & in the meantime allow Kuwahara to open & operate as they try to comply.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara Warehouse Email

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From: Amber Butler <butlera@live.com>
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To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Warehouse Email

Hi

I am writing in to demonstrate solidarity with the business in question. As a mother with a young family one of the things I value is having the ability to support small businesses such as this one. This is one of my main local places, I love being able to take my son here, and help educate him and to other businesses like it. I feel like businesses like these are valuable and provide a certain appeal in an area like the one we are lucky to live close to. Thank you.

AND Thank you for standing up for those who won't be able to make it!!

Amber Dilley

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Support: Kuwahara Wholesale

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Subject: Support: Kuwahara Wholesale

As a resident of Kaysville city, I wanted to email you to let you know I support Kuwahara Wholesale for my flower needs. I drive almost 50 miles roundtrip 2-3 times a year, just to patron this shop. It would be a shame if it were to close down to the public. I urge you and the city of Sandy to work something out to keep this small business in business. Small businesses are the foundation of America, and we need them and their uniqueness that they add to the community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jessi Stringham

Mike Applegarth

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To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara Wholesale

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Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

Hello Ms. Zoltanski,

First off, I want to thank you for offering to take comments from people who are unable to attend tonight's meeting. I greatly appreciate it.

I first learned about Kuwahara's early last spring and was immediately impressed by their plant selection and their reasonable pricing. They had all sorts of wonderful flowers, vegetables, and herbs to choose from, many of which were brand new varieties that year. It was a refreshing change from the selection I was used to seeing at Home Depot and Walmart. Everything was beautiful, the quality of the products was unmatched and best of all, it was close to home! My husband and I have already started making plans for our garden this year assuming Kuwahara would be open and were crushed and upset when we heard the city had shut them down (well I was anyways).

Innumerable studies over the years have found that the simple act of gardening has profound, positive effects on people's mental and physical health. Kuwahara's central location, competitive pricing, pre-made flower baskets, and approachable staff make gardening accessible to great a many more people and therefore has a positive effect on both the happiness and health of the citizens of Sandy.

I would urge the City of Sandy to use their greatest efforts in order reach an arrangement that would allow Kuwahara Wholesale to open at least this spring and hopefully for many more future springs to come.

Thank you again for your time and assistance.

Kelsey Kemper
District 3
Sandy, Utah

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Please save Kuwahara

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Subject: Please save Kuwahara

Hello Monica,
I have been a long time resident of Sandy/Midvale and Kuwahara has been a business we visit regularly throughout the year for various goods. We've bought plants, produce and beautiful planters for gifts. Alex and his family have been nothing short of helpful and kind. Please come up with a plan that is attainable for them to stay in Sandy and open for the 2020 season and for other agriculture businesses in the area as well. We need farmers! Thank you for your time.

--
Lindsey Welker

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
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Subject: Fwd: Subject Kuwahara

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Subject: Subject Kuwahara

Thank you for being open to comments from the community.
Over the past 40 years I have lived in Utah and watched this community change (as it should) and grow. This small business still offers us the chance to step back and take a minute to enjoy shopping in a non commercial environment. I love walking thru the greenhouses, everyone is so helpful in offering gardening help, there are people helping you park and it just smells fresh & new. Please find a way to keep these guys open!!!

Julie Nygaard
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Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
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To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

I support Kuwahara Wholesale and hope you will too. I've worked with this business for many years and really like their products and service. Sounds like they've tried to work with Sandy City for years jumping through all the hoops.

I ask you work with them and allow them to reopen. Don't make them close their doors.

Thank you,

Cynthia Lyman
1740 Garfield Ave.
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Please save Kuwahara Wholesale

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From: Izumi Hamada <izumi.hamada@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:35:48 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Please save Kuwahara Wholesale

Dear Monica

I am writing this e-mail to you because I truly value the business of Kuwahara Wholesale. My family and I have been looking forward to visiting Kuwahara farm every year, purchasing their local vegetables and produces. They have been extremely helpful and knowledgeable and offer so many fun activities for local people which is difficult to find in big retail corporations. We have enjoyed their service very much.

It seems to me that they have been doing a lot and still willing to comply with Sandy city. Please give them more time to work on their issues. We value small businesses like Kuwahara and it is really sad to see it being forced to shut down.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Izumi Cookson

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
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From: danielle neiswender <dneis_77@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:34:41 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

I am not a resident of Sandy but I live in South Jordan not too far away from Kuwahara greenhouse and I love their business. They are a local company that brings so much to your community. I have come from South Jordan for the last few years to buy my plants at Kuwahara in the spring and before that I would travel from all the way on the west side of the valley before I moved to South Jordan. I love the atmosphere they create by how they treat their customers and I absolutely love supporting a local business. Please allow them to open this spring while they work to fulfill the requirements Sandy has put on them to remain a business. It would be such a shame to lose such a wonderful part of your community.

Thank you,

Danielle Neiswender
1904 W 10740 S
South Jordan, Ut 84095

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: thewendyc@aol.com

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From: noreply@sandy.utah.gov <noreply@sandy.utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:31:58 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: thewendyc@aol.com

Message submitted from the <Sandy City, UT> website.

Site Visitor Name: Wendy Christensen
Site Visitor Email: thewendyc@aol.com

I am a supporter of Kuwahara Wholesale and I sincerely hope Sandy City can come to some arrangement to keep them open. All the local nurseries I loved have gone out of business (Western Garden, Wasatch Shadows, etc) and it has been wonderful to have Kuwahara's nearby. I love their fruit for canning and the fact that they support local farmers by selling produce. And they have a wonderful variety of plants, that I can't find anywhere else. If they close, there will be Marvin's Gardens and big box stores. I like Marvin's Gardens, but their selection is limited. And plants at big box stores...ugh...poorly cared for, poor variety and not grown for our climate.

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara's

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From: Jennifer Galati <j.lati83@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:31:06 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara's

Ms. Monica,

My name is Jennifer Galati & I'm writing because I have moved out of state & therefore cannot attend the meeting. I helped build the little pond there & was there after work every day last season taking care of it & would like to tell you what a special place this is. This is not simply a place of business, this is a place that cares about their customers & community! It's a place you can go even if you are not shopping for plants. Every week people gather for free corn on the cob & just enjoy their time together. They support the locals by giving them a place to sell their items. The environment is different than anywhere else. The staff is filled with amazing, dedicated people, who do anything necessary to help people & make sure every customer is happy. I spent way more time there than necessary every day, because it's a peaceful place to be! I know without a doubt that hundreds if not thousands of people would be extremely sad to see them shut down. Alex & Sara are just the sweetest of people & deserved to be treated better than this for all they do. Please do everything you can to help them, because if it was you that needed help, they would be there for you.

Thank you for your time. Have a great day.

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara supporter

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From: Tristin A <tea13_7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:27:47 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara supporter

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a Sandy City resident and I also am a supporter of Kuwaraha Wholesale. It has come to my attention that Sandy City is trying to close them down and I think it is very wrong. They are a local business and strive to help the community by growing local produce and plants for many people. Agriculture has been here way before commercial business and unfortunately there aren't many left because of greed and pushing farmers out. I frequent Kuwaraha when they are open and they have been around for many years. I think it is a shame that Sandy City has become so greedy that they are trying to run local businesses out of business. This can only be to make more money. Sandy has been doing some things that I do not support and they need to think about the local businesses and stop being greedy. Keep Kuwahara Wholesale!

Thanks,
Tristin Agnew

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd:

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From: MERLE FRENCH <mrlfrench46@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:25:41 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject:

What the Sandy city council is doing to the small business in question on State street is nothing short of bullying. I patronize them because they are a small family business.
Shame on you
Merle French

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara Wholesale

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From: lou928 <lou928@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:11:10 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

Good Afternoon,

I'm writing today in support that Kuwahara Wholesale stay open and remain at their location in Sandy.

This is a local business that provides jobs and a wonderful resource besides box stores for plants. It is a place where I can get local plants & expert advice.

I don't understand why Sandy City is making it so difficult to stay in business. Please make the situation doable for Kuwahara to stay in business. They are a valued resource in my community.

Respectfully
Marsha Leen-Mitchell
8652 Treasure Mtn Dr
Sandy, UT. 84093
801.209.0181

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara Wholesale

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From: Bob and Joni Leiker <rsleiker1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:08:58 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

In this world of big box stores, Kuwahara is a breath of fresh air. We fully support our local "little guys" in business, and even drive to Sandy from Ogden to shop at Kuwahara Wholesale. It's really sad to see what is going on with this little business. We surely hope Sandy City can see beyond some ordinances that keep changing and let them open. These family businesses are how it all started. Drive by on any day, and you can see the support they have from the community at large. It is a wonderful asset to your community. We support Kuwahara Wholesale and the Kuwahara Family!
Bob and Joni Leiker
Ogden, Utah

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara

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From: Cori Philipoom <cphilipoom@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:07:23 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

I have been a huge supporter and fan of Kuwahara. It was close to my home (we just recently moved to West Jordan from Midvale) but never did it cross my mind to find somewhere else. It is one of our favorite places not only to get plants but produce. Alex and Sarah have always been very welcoming to me and my son and always remember us and are always appreciative of our stopping in. They have an amazing plant selection between vegetable plants and flowers that are affordable and always help to make our house look amazing on our budget. I think that it would be a great loss to Sandy City if you were to shut them down. It would be a very sad day in Sandy if they had to shut down I hope that Sandy City is able to work with these amazing people who are already trying to do everything they possibly can to make it work and do what they need to do. Please don't take Kuwahara away from us!

Thank you-
Cori & Coby Philipoom

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara wholesale

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From: asifa rehman <asifa.rehman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:39:02 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara wholesale

Hello Monica,

I'm writing to ask you to please consider allowing Kuwahara to stay open. I am not a Sandy resident, I live in Cottonwood heights. I really enjoy buying AFFORDABLE plants plants for my garden to feed my family during the summer months. We also enjoy the products they provide from other small farms and businesses like local honey, peaches and jam. My children enjoy the affordable art classes they provide in the summer as well. I love being able to support a local business who is also trying to provide for their family while also doing what they love. This business in my opinion does not need to make the costly improvements your city feels they should to stay open. The owners deserve to make a living doing what they love, in a city they care about.

Thank you,
Asifa Houtz

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: We support to kuwaharas

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From: Ytel López <ytel030985@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:24:19 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: We support to kuwaharas

To whom it may concern :
we are a family that supports Kuwaharas farm since we have had very good family moments there and I think that it is not fair that they want to push them to modify what they have done from generation to generation, possibly for the government it does not suit them but they they help and support the family to have memories in every event they do and we don't want that to end and I am sure that many families want the same thing that we, many families enjoy going to the farm, please touch their hearts and do not allow a bureaucracy to follow just .for the government wants to do more business with lands that do not belong to them.

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara

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From: Meredith Goldsberry <meredithgoldsberry02@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:23:54 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

Hello,
What you guys are doing to Kuwahara Wholesale is wrong and you must reconsider.
Everyone around including me and my family love Kuwahara and it's so nice buying things there rather than big chains.
It is an asset to the city as it is a local shop and small local places are what people love and makes the city unique and special, and Kuwahara offers so much.
Thanks

Meredith

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Wholesale

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From: Kathie Kriek <kathiekriek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:11:01 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Wholesale

I am someone who has a small business and would hate to see this go. I am sorry if it is something clerical I think they just need help getting it right. I think a little time and patience would be very much appreciated.
Thank you for reading my email
Katheryn Kriek

Sent from my iPhone

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara Wholesale

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From: Joni Bingham <jujuni@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:01:05 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

Sandy City, do the right thing and leave Kuwahara alone. This is a small family business that works hard. They provide many Utah residents with a good quality product at a good price.
Sent from my iPhone

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara Wholesale

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From: Shar Clark <Shar.Clark@imail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:59:33 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

Hi,

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight but wanted to send support for this wonderful local business. I live right around the corner from Kuwahara on Pioneer Ave, I frequent this business because I love the people and the great costumer service. It is important to support local businesses and to work with them.

If I have a question they answer it, if I want other local things I know they carry them. I would hate to see another local business die.

Shar Clark

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From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara

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From: Bonnie Mays <bmayz@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:54:30 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

Monica,

I will keep this short because I know you will receive a lot of these emails.

Please, please stand up for Kuwahara! **There are so many people who rely on them for their spring plantings.**

Why not give them a variance where they can open this Spring/Summer so they can earn what they need to have to make the needed improvements? I know they have already been given time, but a little more won't hurt and will sure make customers and citizens of Sandy happier.

If Kuwahara doesn't open this spring, my business will have to go to a nursery in South Jordan. That doesn't help bring any tax money into Sandy City.

Please help make it a win/win situation by allowing them to stay open this year.

Thank you,
Bonnie Mays
bmayz@msn.com

Mike Applegarth

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To: Mike Applegarth
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From: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:18:46 PM
To: Mike Applegarth <mapplegarth@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara

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From: Ken & Eva Bailey <kenandevabailey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:45:25 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

Monica:
I'm texting you concerning the struggles with Kuwahara and the growing and selling of flowers and produce. If they were ok for years why is there such a problem now. For the amount of people that visit them, they must be doing something right. I for one would rather buy from an independent grower with a dirt parking lot, even on a busy street at times, with descent prices, than to buy from a big money make conglomerate. High prices, concrete jungle, no personal interaction, and not that great of products.
At Kuwahara' they are very friendly, helpful with suggestions, products are the best and fair pricing. Why would Sandy City want to make this just another Smiths, or Walmart. We already have plenty of that type of bussinesses.
Please let them do what they know how to do. And also support the little guy not the big box store, unless that what you are looking for. Please!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ken & Eva Bailey <kenandeva Bailey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:45:25 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

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Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:19 PM
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From: Cheri M. Smith <CMSmith@laytonconstruction.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:43:47 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

I hope that you will consider working with Alex Kuwahara to keep his business open.
He is a hard worker and this business helps him provide for his family.

Every year I go to Kuwahara and buy all of my vegetable and flower plants and hanging baskets.
Their plants are by far much healthier and do so much better in my yard than plants that I buy anywhere else.
No one can beat their hanging baskets, they are always so full and beautiful and last the summer.
I love their prices and their customer service as well.
I have bragged about their place so much, that my mom, sister and some neighbors go there as well and we all live in West Valley.
It's worth the drive to get better product.
I really don't want to have to go to a big box store to buy mediocre plants that won't do as well.

Please let Kuwahara stay open and operate as they have for many years.

Thanks so much,

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Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:18 PM
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From: Shalise Veenendaal-Benjamin <shaliseveener@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:38:59 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

Hi Monica,

I grew up in Sandy City for 25 years and currently live in Draper Utah! I have loved that Dandy has kept Historic Sandy with the old homes and small town feel as much as possible. When hearing about Kuwahara I was saddened to think that it's a possibility that it would be taken away from this family - I am so partial to local and family owned businesses I worked with my grandfather and u comes and Aunts for many, many years. It's not an easy process but it's so rewarding and the locals love it- it's a step away from the big franchise and shows a unique culture among cities. I have frequently shopped both the Kuwahara in Sandy City and in Draper I LOVE the inexpensive and unique variety I can get where it's so different from the big box stores. PLEASE do not shut down Kuwahara! This has been such a fun place to shop and get to know others who share the love of vegetables and gardening.

Thank you
Shalise Benjamin

Mike Applegarth

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From: Pangalacticpanda <pangalacticpanda@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:38:20 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

Hi I am simply writing in to demonstrate solidarity with the business in question. As a new father with a young family one of the things I value is having the ability to support small businesses such as this one. Though this is not one I have shopped at before having just become more aware about them, I would love to be able to take my daughter here, and to other businesses like it. I feel like businesses like these are valuable and provide a certain appeal in an area like the one we are lucky to live close to. Thank you.

Mike Applegarth

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From: SANDI ANAYA <sandianaya8@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:34:57 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

I would hope that the Sandy City Council would find a way to fix and help an honest young man succeed at a much needed business here in Sandy. I have very much enjoyed shopping at Kuwahara since they opened and my yard has never looked better. Finally I can talk with someone knowledgeable that can guide and direct me with my choices.

I don't pretend to understand all this that is happening with Kuwahara, but if you took the time to read all the comments on their FB page you will find a plethora of people that have offered manpower to help them in whatever way is needed to get things in order. That in and of itself speaks very loudly how much this business means to our community.

Please find a workable solution. My husband and I support Alex.

Sincerely,
Sandi Anaya

Sent from my iPad

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara Supporters

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From: Ginger Quinn <GingieQ62@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:33:33 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Supporters

Sandy City quit being so GREEDY. I'm sure all you individuals have enjoyed goods from Kuwahara.
Let it go they've been around for years not hurting anyone.

Ginger Quinn

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Kuwahara

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Subject: Kuwahara

Sandy city residents support LOCAL family owned businesses. It's WRONG what you are putting this family through!
Leave them alone and let them open for business! I am so upset with Sandy City! DISAPPOINTING!

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:17 PM
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Subject: Kuwahara

Please allow Kuwahara to stay in business in Sandy.
It has become a family tradition for many Sandy residents. As grandparents we have enjoyed taking our granddaughter there for several years to get her favorite raspberries, fresh flowers and free corn Tuesday's. Our family traditions mean so much to us, please don't take this one away. I request that my comment be read at the hearing this evening.
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Kuwara

Please let Kuwara stay open it's one of my very favorite places and they have the best produce in the state and I'd much rather support a local business than a grocery store. Last summer my mom and I went weekly just to go get some free corn and enjoy time together please don't let that tradition die for us.
-Bobbie Jacobsen.

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Subject: Kuwahara

We need local businesses to support. We need locally grown plants. The plants for sale at Lowe's and Home Depot are not always suited to our climate, and are not always well cared for. Big box stores don't always have people to appropriately answer garden questions.

Small, locally owned businesses are what make a community unique. They bring a vibrancy and ambiance that no big box store could ever match.

I drive across town approximately 10 miles one-way to go to Kuwahara in Sandy a few times each summer. If I wanted a big box store, there are many between my home in another city and Kuwahara, and yet, I want that small business experience.

I find it strange that temporary, seasonal businesses can rent the corner of 9000 South and State Street for fireworks, pumpkins, and Christmas trees with portable restrooms and a gravel parking lot, and yet just down the street, Kuwahara is being forced out of business after years of being part of the community.

There has to be a different type of license that Kuwahara could qualify for that would allow them to be successful at their current location.

It is insane to think a seasonal, small business could make 1.2 million dollars in improvements to their property when they make in profit probably less than \$50,000 a year. Aren't there tiered business licenses according to the size of business they could apply for?

Please find a way that Kuwahara can continue to do business and provide amazing plants and services to the community.

Thank you,



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Inspiring Lives of Meaning and Purpose

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Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

I don't know if this really makes a difference; I suspect that Sandy has some big developer waiting in the wings to snatch up valuable State Street frontage property. But if it can carry any weight, I'd like to add my opinion to the discussion.

We need businesses like the Kuwaharas in our community. Locally owned businesses who know their customers and provide a quality product. You can tell the difference when you shop there. The plants are well cared for and a much better value than is available at big box or chain stores. Their prices are much better than their corporately run competition, which is deeply appreciated by so many customers, myself included. They know our climate and our growing conditions. Alex has been there to answer our questions and give knowledgeable advice. You won't get that at the garden center at Walmart, whose stock is grown around the country and shipped. Ask a question of one of their minimum wage employees and you get a "deer in the headlights" stare.

I credit the Kuwaharas with helping to beautify our neighborhoods. Word of them spreads quickly when folks see their (Kuwahara's) stock thriving in surrounding yards. I believe it adds to our property values, and to the overall atmosphere of our neighborhoods. Nice, well kept neighborhoods attract good people.

Please don't take away our local treasure. We need them as an alternative to high priced, low quality competitors.

Sincerely,
Elaine Senior

P.S. their location on State Street is a bright shining star in comparison to the car lots and other businesses along that stretch of road. It's beautiful!

Sent from my iPad

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From: Monica Zoltanski
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Subject: Fwd: How do I sign the petition?

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To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara Wholesale

Hi Monica,

I hope you are well. Just wanted to voice my opinion regarding Kuwahara Wholesale. I live in Taylorsville and drive past countless stores to shop there. I feel that they should be able to operate at the same location.

Thanks for your time

Jeff Chan

Mike Applegarth

From: Monica Zoltanski
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: Support for Kuwahara

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Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:55:34 AM
To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Support for Kuwahara

Hello Monica,

I just wanted to take a moment to express my support for Kuwahara. I normally don't do this type of thing, but I feel compelled to because I love that place so much. I spend a good amount of time there in the spring and summer and have come to know and love the wonderful folks that work there. I work in Sandy and I love that there is a LOCAL place that I can stop on my way home from work for some produce and their free corn Tuesdays has become a favorite with me and my co-workers in the summer.

Granted, I know there are always two sides to every story, but surely this seems like something that the city and Kuwahara can come to an agreement on. Not only do I want them to stay for selfish reasons, I can't bare the thought of these extraordinary people losing everything if they can't open this spring.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Natalie

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To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Kuwahara

Hello Monica,
I don't normally write these types of emails or letters but I feel strongly about this so I wanted to make my voice known. I believe small businesses are what make a community a great place to live. It makes it unique and unlike anywhere else. They help stimulate the economy and gives jobs to individuals who have their own American dream. I love this little "mom and pop" nursery. It is my favorite. I love wandering through the tents and looking for unusual varieties of flowers and plants for my garden. Please don't require this nursery to be like the big box stores. They simply can not afford it. It's a small family run business that I love supporting. I know they need to follow the rules-but for the sake of allowing small businesses stay in business-please help them be able to thrive. For the sake of our community. At least this upcoming season.
Thanks for you time,

Natalie Cottle
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From: Kati P <katipenovich@gmail.com>
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To: Monica Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov>
Subject: Please do all you can to let Kuwahara Wholesale open!

Dear Monica:

I'm aware that there is a Sandy City Council meeting tonight to decide whether Kuwahara Wholesale should be allowed to open. Please, do all you can to allow Kuwahara to open! Kuwahara is a small business and we should be doing all we can do help these businesses thrive in our city. I love visiting Kuwahara in the spring/summer for fresh produce and in the fall for autumn activities. It would really be a shame if the city's policies forced this small business to shut down.

Thank you,
Nina (Kati) Penovich
Resident of Sandy City