

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Residents Applaud Supervisors' Actions**

**MARTINEZ**, **Calif.**, Nearly two dozen residents from North Richmond stood up and applauded the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors this morning after policy-makers ordered the demolition of a problem neighborhood liquor store.

Supervisors voted unanimously to give the property owner, Floyd Nicks, 30 days to tear down Golden 7 Food Store or the County would do it for him.

For years, residents have complained that Golden 7 has been a backdrop for drug dealers, loitering, and street violence. They say parents and children are afraid to walk by the liquor store, which is only two blocks away from Verde Elementary School.

Supervisor John Gioia, whose district includes North Richmond, led the multi-agency effort to shutter Golden 7.

"In North Richmond, it's easier to find a bottle of whiskey than it is to find a fresh apple," said Supervisor Gioia.

Nicks, who attended this morning's hearing in Martinez, agreed with the residents.

"I too want the building demolished," he said.

The County is expected to help the one residential tenant in the building find another place to live, but is not expected to be lenient on the 30 day demolition order.

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