

October 25, 2006

City of Las Vegas
Development Services Center
731 S. Fourth Street
Las Vegas, NV 89102

**Reference: Request for Variance of Open Space Requirements
Smoke Ranch / Decatur II
APN # 139-19-101-002**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of our client, Richmond American Homes, we respectfully submit this letter of justification for a Variance of Open Space Requirements for a proposed 77 lot single family project called "Smoke Ranch / Decatur II".

At this time we are requesting a variance of the required open spaces based on our re-designed plan that provides for 33,226 s.f. of open space where 53,370 s.f. is required which is a 38% reduction in open space requirements. The open spaces we are providing serves two purposes: The first is to provide a buffer from the existing C-1 convenience store adjacent to the site while two, providing amenities for the proposed 77 residential units, such as tot lots, play areas and walking paths. The open space amenities within the proposed residential subdivision have changed with the revised plan based on a new product for this site and the community. Although we are now lacking in overall open spaces for the site we are willing to accept the in-lieu of fee and plan to coordinate with the City of Las Vegas and the Councilman's office in determining a current need for additional amenities to be used for parks and/or schools in the surrounding community that may possibly need upgrades to there existing facilities. Richmond American Homes is committed to working with the City of Las Vegas and the community in providing open space for its project as well as providing for the community at large and respectfully request your approval of our open space variance.

Please place the attached request on the Planning Commission agenda. If your have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 254-1480 (office) or 300-2912 (cell).

Sincerely,



Kris Givant
Project Coordinator

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