



**AGENDA MEMO**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: JANUARY 10, 2008**  
**DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**ITEM DESCRIPTION: SUP-25779 - APPLICANT: EXCEED PROPERTIES, INC. -**  
**OWNER: EXCEED PROPERTIES, INC., ET AL**

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**\*\* CONDITIONS \*\***

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: DENIAL.** If Approved, subject to:

***Planning and Development***

1. Conformance to all Minimum Requirements under LVMC Title 19.04.050 for a Mixed-Use use.
2. Approval of and conformance to the Conditions of Approval for Rezoning (ZON-25776), Variance (VAR-25778), Special Use Permit (SUP-25775) and Site Development Plan Review (SDR-25773) shall be required.
3. This approval shall be void two years from the date of final approval, unless a building permit has been issued for the principal building on the site. An Extension of Time may be filed for consideration by the City of Las Vegas.
4. Written approval by the Clark County Department of Aviation with no change in flight patterns shall be submitted to the City of Las Vegas prior to the issuance of building permits.
5. All City Code requirements and design standards of all City departments must be satisfied, except as modified herein.

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**\*\* STAFF REPORT \*\***

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This is a request for a Special Use Permit for a Mixed-Use use for a 43-story mixed-use development that includes 179,860 square feet of commercial area and 1,105 residential condominium units on 6.34 acres adjacent to the northeast corner of Sixth Street and Sahara Avenue. This request would allow the residential use in the C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoning district.

The subject proposal meets all Title 19.04 conditions for the Mixed-Use use. However, the scope and scale of the proposed development is not compatible with the surrounding area and is not in keeping with the goals and strategies as outlined in the Beverly/Southridge Neighborhood Plan; therefore, denial of this request is recommended.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&amp;D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
03/04/92	The City Council approved the appeal of the Planning Commission denial of a request for a Rezoning (Z-0107-91) from R-1 (Single Family Residential) and C-1 (Limited Commercial) to R-PD40 (Residential Planned Development 40 Units per Acre) on 3.3 acres located on the east side of 6th Street north of Sahara Avenue. The request included a deviation from the five-acre minimum site area for an R-PD project (this now requires a variance). The City Council placed a condition on the approval restricting the rezoning to R-PD25 (Residential Planned Development 25 Units per Acre) with a maximum of 84 units. A General Plan Amendment was not required. The Rezoning was subject to a 12-month Resolution of Intent. Staff recommended approval of the Rezoning on condition that it be restricted to R-PD36 (Residential Planned Development 36 Units per Acre).
07/15/92	The City Council approved a Plot Plan Review [Z-0107-91(1)] for a proposed two-story, 84-unit condominium development on 3.3 acres on the east side of 6th Street north of Sahara Avenue. Staff recommended approval. (There was no Planning Commission hearing.)
07/23/92	The Planning Commission approved a Tentative Map (TM-0045-92) for an 84-unit condominium subdivision (Sixth Street Condominiums) on 3.3 acres located on the east side of 6th Street north of Sahara Avenue. Staff recommended approval.
10/22/92	The Planning Commission approved a name change [TM-0045-92(1)] of an approved Tentative Map (TM-0045-92) from Sixth Street Condominiums to Sahara Courtyards Condominiums. Staff recommended approval. The Planning Commission subsequently approved the Final Map (FM-0085-92) of Sahara Courtyards Condominiums. This map recorded on 05/21/93.

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04/21/93	The City Council approved a Special Use Permit (U-0031-93) to allow the sale of beer and wine within an existing restaurant at 600 East Sahara Avenue. The Board of Zoning Adjustment and staff recommended approval.
04/14/94	The Planning Commission approved a Plot Plan Review [Z-0107-91(2)] for a proposed two-story, 84-unit condominium development (12 buildings) on 3.3 acres on the east side of 6th Street north of Sahara Avenue. Staff recommended approval.
07/14/94	The Planning Commission approved an Amended Final Map [FM-0085-92(1)] for Sahara Courtyards Condominiums on 3.1 acres on the east side of 6th Street north of Sahara Avenue. The purpose of amending the map was to change the configuration of condominium units. The map was never recorded.
08/06/03	The City Council passed R-108-2003 adopting the Beverly Green/Southridge Neighborhood Plan.
08/04/04	The City Council tabled a request for a General Plan Amendment (GPA-4332) to amend a portion of the Southeast Sector Plan of the General Plan from SC (Service Commercial) to M (Medium Density Residential) on 3.16 acres on the east side of 6th Street, approximately 360 feet north of Sahara Avenue. The Planning Commission and staff recommended approval.
01/13/05	The Planning Commission voted to Withdraw Without Prejudice a request for a General Plan Amendment (GPA-5661) to amend a portion of the Southeast Sector Plan of the General Plan from SC (Service Commercial) to H (High Density Residential) on 3.2 acres on the east side of 6th Street, approximately 360 feet north of Sahara Avenue. Staff recommended denial.
01/10/07	Companion items for a Rezoning (ZON-25776), a Variance (VAR-25778), a Special Use Permit (SUP-25775) and a Site Development Plan Review (SDR-25773) will be heard concurrently with this item.
<b><i>Related Building Permits/Business Licenses</i></b>	
Prior to 01/01/51	A business license, L11-00001, for a Beer Wine Cooler On-Off Sale category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 2 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services and reissued on 01/24/02 due to a reclassification of the license type.
Prior to 01/01/51	A business license, C15-00281, for a Convenience Store category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 2 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services and reissued on 01/29/02 due to a reclassification of the license type.
Prior to 01/01/51	A business license, L16-00042, for a Tavern category license for 620 East Sahara Avenue was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services and reissued on 11/18/02 due to a change of manager. *

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Prior to 01/01/51	A business license, R09-00027, for a Restaurant - Seating 45 or More category license for 620 East Sahara Avenue was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services and reissued on 12/13/02. *
Prior to 01/01/51	A business license, R23-00009, for a Recreational Instruction or Lessons category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 11 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services and reissued on 02/12/03 due to a reclassification of the license type. *
Prior to 01/01/51	A business license, C05-00904, for a Tobacco Dealer - Retail category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 2 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services and reissued on 02/12/03 due to a reclassification of the license type.
Prior to 01/01/51	A business license, R09-00070, for a Restaurant - Seating 45 or More category license for 600 East Sahara Avenue was issued by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was reissued on 10/01/03 due to a misplaced original. *
02/02/89	A building permit application, plan check M-0162-89, was submitted for the site. This was for a plan check review for an interior remodel of an existing restaurant at 600 East Sahara Avenue. This permit (89018670) was reviewed and approved by the Planning and Development Department on 02/02/98 and issued by the Building and Safety Department 03/22/89. This permit received a final inspection on 04/06/89.
05/17/89	A business license, B08-00846, for a Beauty/Cosmetics Sales category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 6 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services and reissued on 12/04/02 due to a reclassification of the license type.
02/01/90	A business license, B04-01032, for a Barber Shop category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 5 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 02/02/90 and reissued on 04/15/98 due to a change of suite numbering.
09/11/91	A business license, C11-04092, for a Masonry Contractor category license for 604 East Sahara Avenue was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 09/13/91 and reissued on 02/27/97. A Cease and Desist notice was issued 03/15/06. *
04/21/93	A business license, L09-00087, for a Beer Wine Cooler On Sale category license for 600 East Sahara Avenue was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 06/01/93 and reissued on 10/02/03 due to a misplaced original. *
07/21/97	A business license, B05-02665, for a Cosmetological Establishment category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 6 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 07/29/97 and reissued on 04/15/98 due to a change of suite numbering.

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01/20/99	A business license, A01-01074, for an Administrative Office category license at 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 1 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 01/29/99. *
10/18/00	A business license, F14-00035, for an Auto Title Loans category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 10 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 10/31/00 and reissued on 11/30/07 due to a change of ownership. *
09/07/01	A business license, R10-00045, for a Food Caterer category license for 600 East Sahara Avenue was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 09/27/01 and reissued on 12/17/02 due to a misplaced original. *
01/12/04	A business license, M09-00080, for a Mail Box Center category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 7 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 01/15/04. *
12/17/04	A business license, M01-08415, for a Maintenance Services - Janitorial category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 7 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was issued by Business Services on 12/23/04 and reissued on 02/09/05. *
12/23/04	A business license, C07-03299, for a Clothing Store category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 13 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was approved by the Planning and Development Department on 05/20/05 and issued by Business Services on 06/21/05.
05/02/05	A business license, A04-00084, for an Advertising Space Leasing or Selling category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 7 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was approved by the Planning and Development Department on 05/09/05 and issued by Business Services on 05/10/05.
06/23/06	A building permit application, plan check L-0889-06, was submitted for the site. This was for a plan check review for a tenant improvement (stone entry/floor plan remodel) for a certificate of occupancy at 620 East Sahara Avenue. This permit (07000608) was reviewed and approved by the Planning and Development Department on 07/10/06 and issued by the Building and Safety Department 02/15/07. A revision of the architectural, plumbing, and electrical drawings were reviewed and approved 03/19/07. This permit received a final inspection on 05/15/07.
10/30/07	A business license, C21-00192, for a Check Cashing Service category license for 610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 10 was processed in by the Department of Finance and Business Services. This license was approved by the Planning and Development Department on 11/16/07 and issued by Business Services on 11/30/07.

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<b><i>Pre-Application Meeting</i></b>	
11/16/07	<p>A pre-application meeting was held, where submittal requirements and elements of this application were discussed. Specifically, staff listed and described several major issues with the project as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of primary concern is the multiple General Plan designations over the site (C, SC and L) and whether the full site would be included in the Downtown Redevelopment Area when it is all reverted to one parcel. The applicant was advised to submit a General Plan Amendment for the SC (Service Commercial) and L (Low Density Residential) parcels while an answer was sought.</li> <li>• A Waiver of residential adjacency standards must be requested as a part of the Site Development Plan Review application.</li> <li>• A Merger and Resubdivision map would need to be recorded prior to issuance of permits.</li> <li>• NDOT approval is required for any driveway on Sahara.</li> <li>• Subterranean parking was an issue, due to the high water table in the area and the expense of digging through hard caliche.</li> <li>• The applicant was informed of the strict time limits on any future Tentative Map approvals project must be completed within two years or a new map must be submitted.</li> <li>• A Development Impact Notice and Assessment and Project of Regional Significance questionnaire must be completed, signed and submitted as part of the submittal package.</li> <li>• A neighborhood meeting is required if a General Plan Amendment application is submitted; however, a meeting was recommended even if no amendment is submitted.</li> <li>• The area on the site plan labeled Central Plant needed to be more detailed for the submittal.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Neighborhood Meeting</i></b>	
<p>A neighborhood meeting is not required for this application, nor was one held. The applicant has indicated that several informal meetings with nearby residents have been conducted.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The applicant has indicated that they are planning to hold an optional meeting for neighborhood residents prior to the 01/10/08 Planning Commission meeting; however, as of 12/26/07, no meeting date has been set.</p>	

\* This business license has been issued with no indication that it was reviewed or approved by the Planning and Development Department.

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<b>Field Check</b>	
12/06/07	The Department of Planning and Development conducted a site visit that found that the south side of the site is developed with a shopping center and two restaurant pads. There is a large mobile storage container in the parking lot area of the shopping center. A low wall with an approximately eight-foot wrought iron fence is located along the north property line of the shopping center. Along 6th Street to the north is a radio station, also with a mobile storage container in the parking area. The rest of the site is undeveloped, except for a private street that is an extension of the road servicing several office buildings to the east of the subject site. This street terminates in a cul-de-sac with an arm jutting out. Cut-through traffic across the site from 6th Street to this private street was observed, although there are no curb cuts on 6th Street except at the radio station.

<b>Details of Application Request</b>	
<b>Site Area</b>	
Net Acres	6.34

<b>Surrounding Property</b>	<b>Existing Land Use</b>	<b>Planned Land Use</b>	<b>Existing Zoning</b>
Subject Property	Shopping Center	C (Commercial)	C-1 (Limited Commercial)
	Undeveloped (w/ full cul-de-sac terminus)	SC (Service Commercial)	R-PD25 (Residential Planned Development 25 Units per Acre)
	Radio Broadcasting	SC (Service Commercial)	R-1 (Single Family Residential)
North	Undeveloped	SC (Service Commercial)	R-1 (Single Family Residential)
	Undeveloped	L (Low Density Residential)	R-1 (Single Family Residential)
	Single Family, Detached	L (Low Density Residential)	R-1 (Single Family Residential)
South	Auto Repair	CT (Commercial Tourist Clark County Designation)	C-2 (General Commercial Clark County Designation)
	Multi-Family Residential	CT (Commercial Tourist Clark County Designation)	H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment Clark County Designation)
East	Restaurant	C (Commercial)	C-1 (Limited Commercial)

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	Office, Other Than Listed	C (Commercial)	C-1 (Limited Commercial)
	Undeveloped (w/ partial cul-de-sac terminus)	C (Commercial)	C-1 (Limited Commercial)
	Single Family, Detached	L (Low Density Residential)	R-1 (Single Family Residential)
West	Auto Parts (New and Rebuilt)	SC (Service Commercial)	C-1 (Limited Commercial)
	Single Family, Detached	L (Low Density Residential)	R-1 (Single Family Residential)

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
<b>Special Area Plan</b>			
Beverly Green/Southridge Neighborhood Plan	X		N *
Redevelopment Plan Area	X		Y **
<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
<b>Special Purpose and Overlay Districts</b>			
A-O Airport Overlay District (175 Feet)	X		N ***
<b>Trails</b>		X	n/a
<b>Rural Preservation Overlay District</b>		X	n/a
<b>Development Impact Notification Assessment</b>	X		Y ****
<b>Project of Regional Significance</b>	X		Y ****

\* The proposed project does not reflect Strategy 1 as outlined under Issue 2 of the Existing Land Uses section of The Beverly/Southridge Neighborhood Plan which requests: any development whose building foundation is within 300 of property zoned for a single-family residential home be required to adhere to Title 19.08.060 Residential Adjacency Standards.

\*\* Only one of the subject sites parcels (162-03-801-099), which contains existing retail and commercial uses, is located within the Downtown Redevelopment Area.

\*\*\* The proposed height of the residential tower, 500 feet, exceeds the height limitation of 175 feet for this area established by the McCarran International Airport Overlay Map portion of A-O (Airport Overlay) District. A companion Special Use Permit (SUP-25775) has been submitted pursuant to Title 19.06.080 and if approved would grant relief from the height limitation.

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\*\*\*\* Pursuant to Ordinance No. 5227, the project under review outlines a project that meets the threshold that defines a Project of Significant Impact as outlined in the ordinance for a development in excess of 500 residential units. Further, pursuant to Ordinance No. 5477, the proposed project is deemed to be a Project of Regional Significance, as there are requests for Special Use Permits within 500 feet of the City's boundary with unincorporated Clark County. Two Special Use Permits are requested in conjunction with this project. The applicant has prepared and submitted, as part of the overall project submittal, an impact report as required by the Ordinances for referral to affected agencies. As of 12/26/07, comments have only been received from the following agencies:

- The Collection Systems Planning section of the city of Las Vegas Department of Public Works comments that in respect to wastewater, the developer of this project shall provide a sewer connection & abandonment plan of any existing sewer lines within this project to the Collection Systems Planning section of The City of Las Vegas per Section 10 of the Development Impact Notice and Assessment (DINA).
- The City of Las Vegas Flood Control Section of the Department of Public Works will require a technical drainage study for the related Site Development Plan Review (SDR-25773) for this mixed use project.
- The Metropolitan Police Department has determined that the proposed project has the potential to increase calls for service and increase response times in the Downtown Area Command.

## **ANALYSIS**

The subject site is located on the Southeast Sector Map of the General Plan. The site is designated as SC (Service Commercial) on the northern portion. This category allows for low to medium intensity retail, office, or other commercial uses that serve primarily local area patrons and do not include more intense general commercial characteristics. Examples include neighborhood shopping centers, theaters, and other places of public assembly and public and semi-public uses. This category also includes offices either singly or grouped as office centers with professional and business services. The SC (Service Commercial) category may also allow mixed-use development with a residential component where appropriate. The southern portion of the project site is designated as C (Commercial) on the Redevelopment Plan Area Map of the General Plan. This category allows for commercial uses that are normally allowed within the O (Office), SC (Service Commercial), and GC (General Commercial) General Plan land use categories. The proposed use is in conformance with these land use designations.

There is a Rezoning (ZON-25776) proposed to change the zoning of the northern portion of the project site from an R-1 (Single Family Residential) and R-PD25 (Residential Planned

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Development 25 Units per Acre) zoning districts to a C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoning district. This would bring the entire project area into a single C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoning district. The existing radio broadcasting and retail uses are permissible in a C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoning district and the proposed mixed-use development is permissible with the approval of this request and would then be consistent with the existing SC (Service Commercial) and C (Commercial) General Plan designations.

The site is within the McCarran International Airport Overlay Map portion of the A-O (Airport Overlay) District. The proposed height of the tower, 500 feet, exceeds the height limitation of 175 feet for this area. A Special Use Permit (SUP-25775) has been submitted pursuant to Title 19.06.080 and if approved would grant relief from the height limitation.

As previously noted, the southern portion of the subject site is within the boundaries of the Las Vegas Redevelopment Area, with a C (Commercial) land use designation. The proposed use is in conformance with the Redevelopment Plan.

Further, the site is within the Beverly/Southridge Neighborhood Plan area at the southern edge of the plan boundaries. The neighborhood plan is intended to serve as a set of guiding principles for the area. The proposed project does not reflect Strategy 1 as outlined under Issue 2 of the Existing Land Uses section of The Beverly/Southridge Neighborhood Plan which requests any development whose building foundation is within 300 of property zoned for a single-family residential home be required to adhere to Title 19.08.060 Residential Adjacency Standards. This strategy is mainly a response to a concern regarding potential negative impacts a high rise structure may cause if built in the area with the goal being to actively oppose any negative aesthetic effects a high rise structure may pose to the neighborhood. There is a request for a waiver of the residential adjacency standards as a part of the Site Development Plan Review (SDR-25773) that exemplifies how the proposed development does not meet the intent of the neighborhood plan with regard to the buildings proposed height in relation to the neighboring single family residential homes.

The site encompasses multiple parcels with a proposed building built across the lot lines. As it is the stated intention of the applicant to create a mixed-use subdivision, there will need to be a tentative map review and final map technical review for a merger and resubdivision prior to any building permits being issued.

Minimum Requirements of Approval for a Mixed-Use Development use in the proposed/existing C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoning district are:

1. Residential uses permitted as of right in the R3 and R4 Zoning Districts may be permitted by means of Special Use Permit within a PR, NS, O, C1, C2, or CPB Zoning District.
2. Nonresidential uses permitted as of right in the PR, NS, O, and C1 Zoning Districts may be permitted by means of Special Use Permit within an R3 or R4 Zoning District.
3. When residential and nonresidential uses are approved for a single parcel:

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- a. The nonresidential use shall be located at ground level fronting the primary public rightofway, and the primary entryway to that use shall be directly from and oriented to a street; and
- b. The overall architecture of the front elevation shall highlight the difference in uses through variations in volume and proportion, and shall be treated as a cohesive whole through finishes and colors.

This special use permit has been submitted in conjunction with a Rezoning (ZON-25776) to change the northern portion of the project site to a C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoning district, a Variance (VAR-25778) to allow a deviation of the 1:1 setback requirement above 35 feet where adjacent to a collector street or larger, a Special Use Permit (SUP-25775) to allow a building height of 500 feet in the A-O (Airport Overlay) District and Site Development Plan Review (SDR-25773) to site a proposed 43-story mixed-use development that includes 179,860 square feet of commercial area and 1,105 residential condominium units.

The proposed Mixed-Use use meets the minimum requirements of approval per Title 19.04. However, due to scope and scale of the proposed development the project is incompatible with the surrounding present and future area development and the buildings height is in conflict with the neighborhood plan for the area; therefore, staff is recommending denial of this special use permit.

## **FINDINGS**

In order to approve a Special Use Permit application, per Title 19.18.060 the Planning Commission and City Council must affirm the following:

- 1. The proposed land use can be conducted in a manner that is harmonious and compatible with existing surrounding land uses, and with future surrounding land uses as projected by the General Plan.**

The design of the development adequately separates the commercial and residential components on-site; however, the scale of the proposed development may have significant impact on the adjacent land uses. The scale and scope of the proposed residential use can not be conducted in a manner that is harmonious and compatible with the existing surrounding land uses, and those future uses as projected by the General Plan.

- 2. The subject site is physically suitable for the type and intensity of land use proposed.**

Provide that the subsurface conditions are able to accommodate the four levels of below ground parking and tower support structure, the subject site is physically suitable for the intensity of use proposed by the applicant.

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- 3. Street or highway facilities providing access to the property are or will be adequate in size to meet the requirements of the proposed use.**

South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, a 60-foot local street, will be the principal vehicular access point for the development with additional access via a service drive off of East Sahara Avenue, a 150-foot primary arterial street. Further, the frontage along East Sahara Avenue will be used by pedestrians patronizing the ground-floor commercial businesses and has access to public transportation, which may assist in reducing the number of vehicle trips generated by the development. The scope of this project and the added traffic on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street will likely result in a negative impact on adjacent roadways and neighborhood traffic. Mitigation measures suggested by the required Traffic Impact Analysis may reduce these negative impacts.

- 4. Approval of the Special Use Permit at the site in question will not be inconsistent with or compromise the public health, safety, and welfare or the overall objectives of the General Plan.**

Approval of this special use permit should not compromise public health, safety, or welfare. However, the scope and scale of the proposed development that necessitates a Variance (VAR-25778) for a deviation of Title 19.08.030 (C) Building Heights Along Streets Classified as Collector or Larger and waiver of Title 19.08.060 Residential Adjacency Standards is not consistent with Goal 2 of the General Plan as it relates to mature neighborhoods being sustained and improved through appropriate and selective high quality redevelopment and preservation.

- 5. The use meets all of the applicable conditions per Title 19.04.**

The proposed mixed-use development meets all minimum conditions of Title 19.04 with approval of this action.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED** 11

**ASSEMBLY DISTRICT** 9

**SENATE DISTRICT** 10

**NOTICES MAILED** 323

**APPROVALS** 0

**PROTESTS** 0