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City of Las Vegas
Development Services Center
Planning & Development Department
731 South Fourth Street
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RE: Variance for El Cortez Pedestrian Walkway - Permit 97729

To Whom It May Concern:

The Pedestrian Walkway at the El Cortez Hotel is being constructed in conjunction with the expansion of the Fremont Street Experience, (Fremont Street Experience East), linking the El Cortez Hotel & Casino into the project.

The north & south walls of this walkway were permitted for 8'-0" high walls. However, due to a grade variation between the north & south sides of the walkway, the south wall ended up one course higher, a total of 8 inches, bringing the wall to 8'-8" high. Southwest Masonry did not notice this height variation until the wall was completely up and grouted.

In order to maintain the esthetic look of the walls, thereby upholding the integrity of the design that the owner requested, we are requesting a Variance for the south wall, from the 8' height that our plans were approved for to the 8'-8" height that the finished wall currently stands at. This 8'-8" wall height falls within the boundaries of the 10% variation from the approved plan allowed by the City of Las Vegas.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request for a Variance.

Sincerely,

Southwest Masonry, LLC


Patrice Samson
Project Administrator

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