

EVAPS Law Office Building
Project # 10 016
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Re: Variance Request (Setbacks and Site Coverage) for a Law Office Building
APN: 139-34-710-030, -031, -032, -033

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to request a variance to the provisions of the code regarding setbacks and site coverage ratio for the proposed Law Office Building located at 400 South 7th Street in Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

All four parcels are currently zoned C-1, for which an office building is best suited. The current general plan designation for this site is 'C'.

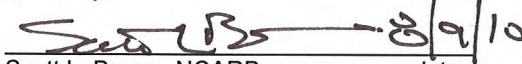
A historic and traditional office building is envisioned by the property owner. The tenants are expected to be predominantly law firms and related office users. The building is designed to have a classical architectural theme consisting of arches, brick veneer, colonnade, and a capitol dome.

The building site is situated just outside of downtown centennial office core district. It is designed to fit in the context of the urban neighborhood. The project consists of 3-story office building situated on top of (2) levels above grade parking and (2) levels subterranean parking. The building's parapet height is 84'-0", the top of the dome is 96'-0", and the top of the flag pole is 126'-0" in height which conforms to the unlimited height limit of the C-1 zone.

We are requesting a variance for the required setbacks and site coverage. Code requirements for general C-1 development are 20' (front) 10' (side yard), 15' (corner yard) and 20' (rear yard). In a downtown area, with small lot sizes and anticipated urban core density, conformance to setback requirements would substantially limit the site's development potential. In addition, this property is situated on a corner lot and thus would be greatly impacted by the required setbacks. The proposed design requires zero lot setbacks on all sides. This meets the spirit and a language of the urban area. Zero setback as an element of urban site development is a requirement in the adjacent downtown centennial office core district. The resulting site coverage of 86% is proposed (where 50% is allowed by code) and meets the spirit of code language for urban areas. In this context, given the relatively small site area, setback and lot coverage code conformance would result in substantially less viable project.

We appreciate your assistance in moving forward with this proposed project.

Sincerely,



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