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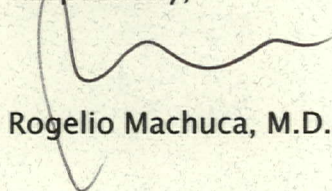
My passion has always been to serve the community I was raised in since I was 6 months old, Las Vegas, Nevada. I have traveled across the country to earn my education. I earned my undergraduate degree from Southern Utah University and my medical degree from the University of Nebraska. When it came to choosing a specialty, I knew I wanted to be a Family Physician where I could do the most good for my community. Naturally, I wanted to return to Las Vegas, NV, specifically University Medical Center for my medical training. I have volunteered at multiple health fairs and have worked with the Spanish speaking community on educating individuals about the adverse outcomes that may arise from going to unlicensed physicians and "botanicas" (herbal store fronts that sell illegally smuggled medications out of the back of the store).

As June 30th, 2011 approaches, the day my three year residency ends, I would continue to work to serve my community and offer affordable access of care for patients that are in need; as this is a proactive approach against the black market medical service that is dangerous and threatens lives in our community. I have purchased a building that I would like to convert to a medical clinic in a community where there is a huge need for a primary care physician. Most of the residents in this community are uninsured or underinsured.

I am asking for a variance to add no additional parking spaces where three additional spaces are required. The current parking spaces are more than sufficient as I will see four to five patients per hour devoting appropriate time for each patients' needs. There will be a constant flux of parking. Also there is a bus stop approximately 100 feet from the building that could accommodate the area's need with mass transportation. Because 20 feet has been designated as right of way on Eastern avenue, approximately 50 percent of my available parking has been designated as such creating a non-self imposed hardship. The medical office will be a hub for community outreach, healthcare, economic development, and community service to state a few positives the medical office will bring to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


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