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Re: Special Use Permit with separation waivers for Opa Tavern Liquor Establishment within Tivoli Village at Queensridge Parcel 138-32-601-003

Dear Sir/Madam;

Please consider this request to allow a Liquor Establishment (tavern) within a previously approved mixed use development (SUP-5853). The site is located within a 29 acre commercial and residential development located at the northeast corner of Alta Drive and Rampart Boulevard.

Opa Taverna uses a unique two-story design. The first story has indoor and outdoor table seating. There is also a bar on the first level that is surrounded by stools placed both indoor and outdoor. The second story also offers an outdoor terraced seating area and additional indoor seating area. Patrons may also be seated at a small bar within the interior of the second story.

This establishment expects to have more alcohol sales than food sales and therefore should be considered a Liquor Establishment (tavern). The parking allocation for this restaurant is grandfathered into the project-wide parking agreement. Please reference VAR-10773 that approved 3,955 spaces where 4,961 would otherwise be required.

Please also refer to ordinance 6013 that permits a waiver of the 1500 foot separation requirement between taverns and protected uses when the proposed tavern is located in a mixed use district. This Use Permit request requires the application of ordinance 6013 in order to Opa Taverna operate amongst previously approved taverns within Tivoli village as well as exist within 1500 feet of a City Park. Therefore, separation waivers are needed between taverns and from a tavern to a City Park.

The Tivoli Village mixed use development is situated on a parcel on which the north easternmost corner measures 160 feet from a playground within Angel Park (138-32-501-003). It is important to note that the commercial portion of this 30 acre parcel is on the westernmost side of the mixed use area. Consequently approximately 560 feet of mid-rise residential development is situated between the commercial portion of Tivoli Villages and the subject playground. Further, the subject suite is at the opposite end of the mixed-use parcel thereby providing more than 1000 feet from the front door of the supper-club to the property line of the playground. It is also notable that there are two barriers between this park and Tivoli Village. The first is an approximate 600 foot fence along the northern boundary of the property. The second is a drainage channel that is more than 20 feet deep. As a result, a pedestrian must walk more than 2600 feet to the park while there is no direct vehicular access. For this reason, the park is suitably protected from this liquor establishment.

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If you have additional concerns please phone me at 598-1408.

Very truly yours,


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