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RE: Justification letter for Tentative Map and Variance Request for Decatur & Dorrell (APN: 125-24-503-004, 008, 009, 011, & 017; 31 lots on 7.4 gross acres)

To Whom It May Concern:

Taney Engineering, on behalf of the applicant, D.R. Horton, respectfully submits this justification letter in support of a Tentative Map and a Variance on the subject site. The subject site is generally located northwest of Decatur Blvd and Dorrell Lane. The Assessor's Parcel Numbers are 125-24-503-004, 008, 009, 011 & 017 and contains approximately 7.4 gross acres.

The purpose of this Tentative Map is to develop the site to a single family residential development. The proposed development consists of 31 single family homes on 7.4 gross acres with a density of 4.19 units per acre. The proposed site is currently zoned R-1 which is consistent with the proposed development. The proposed development will have typical lot sizes of 60X110 with a minimum lot size of 6,600 square feet. The proposed development meets the City of Las Vegas connectivity Ratio of 1.33. The development complies with R-1 lot square footage and front, rear, and side setbacks. The proposed development will require a variance for minimum lot width, corner yard setbacks and front yard setbacks.

Requested waivers and justifications:

1). Required: Minimum lot width of 65 feet

Proposed: Minimum lot width of 60 feet

Justification: the proposed typical lot size is 60 X 110 which with an average lot size of 7,000 square feet. Although the minimum lot width is 60 feet the proposed development minimum lot size exceeds the R-1 zone districts minimum lot square footage of 6,500 square feet.

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2). Required: Corner yard setback of 15 feet

Proposed: Corner yard setback of 10 feet

Justification: the proposed waiver will impact 4 lots (Lot 1, 24, 25, and 31) approx. 12.9% of the 31 lot development. The side corners will be landscaped to provide buffering from the corner wall. Additionally, the corner walls will be constructed of decorative masonry wall to enhance the block and conditions.

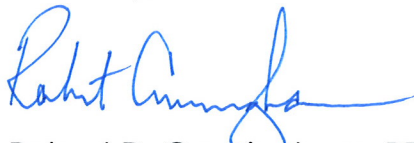
3). Required: Front yard setback of 20 foot

Proposed: Front yard setback of 10 feet

Justification: These variance is requested only on 3 lots (1, 10 & 11) approx. 10% of the total lots in the development. These lots have a slightly irregular shape; they are all side corner lots that don't have parallel side property lines. This results in the lots being narrower at one end. We are requesting the variance to allow a 10-ft front setback, this will allow the side loaded garage portion of the home to be at a 10-ft setback and still provide a 20-ft deep driveway to the non-side loaded garage.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,



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