

# Planning Commission **STAFF REPORT**

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Vincent Gonzalez, Director -Planning and Community Preservation

DATE: September 1, 2016

TO: Planning Commission

INITIATED BY: Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation

PREPARED BY: Jonathan Perez, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit 16-03 (CUP 16-03) – A request to allow a

one-story, 693-square-foot recreation building on the property

located at 156 W. Highland Avenue.

### **Executive Summary**

The applicant, Steve Salisian, is requesting that the Planning Commission consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a one story, 693-square-foot recreation/exercise building on the property located at 156 W. Highland Avenue. Pursuant to SMMC 17.60.030.F, a conditional use permit is required for all developments in the R-3 Zone.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit 16-03 (CUP 16-03) pursuant to Resolution 16-07, subject to conditions of approval.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The subject property measures 14,184 square feet and is located at 156 West Highland Avenue, between Hermosa Avenue on the west and Auburn Avenue on the east. The

property is regularly shaped and is zoned R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) with a General Plan Land Use designation of RH (Residential Medium/High Density). The property is surrounded by one- and two-story properties also zoned R-3 on the east, west and south developed with multi-family and single-family residential uses; the Sierra Madre Elementary School is located across the street (north) from the site.

The property is developed with 3 (three) one-story multi-family units, a one-car carport, a laundry room, a storage space and the subject one-story, 693 square-foot building at the rear, which was originally constructed as a fourth dwelling unit by the applicant, Steve Salesian, without prior building and zoning approvals from the City. Prior to constructing the subject building, the applicant demolished a 203-square-foot accessory building that was located in the same location at the rear of the property.

Upon reviewing the R-3 zoning requirements to determine whether the additional multifamily unit could be permitted on the site, staff informed the applicant that the property does not meet the minimum lot size per dwelling unit required to allow the additional unit. Moreover, the existing parking is non-conforming regarding the total number of required spaces for a 3-unit multi-family development<sup>2</sup>, and the applicant would be required to bring it up to code including providing the additional parking required for the fourth unit. Based on the layout of existing development on the site, it was determined that additional parking cannot be provided to meet the requirements of the R-3 Ordinance.

#### **Proposed Project**

Given the abovementioned zoning limitations with regards to the use of the building as a dwelling unit, the applicant wishes to obtain approval of a conditional use permit to modify the size of the structure and use it as a recreation/exercise accessory building for the multi-family property, in which case minimum lot size and parking requirements are not applicable. According to the applicant, the recreation/exercise building will provide adequate space for the activities and events of the three families that occupy existing Units A, B and C on the site. Pursuant to Code Section 17.28.180, common usable recreational areas are required at a minimum of 400 square feet for each dwelling, and recreational buildings may be included in this area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the R-3 Zone, the minimum lot size for the first two dwelling units is 9,000 square feet, plus 3,000 square feet of lot area for each additional unit. As such, the minimum lot size for a 4-unit property would be 15,000 square feet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Code Section 17.28.170.B, off-street parking for projects with densities greater than 8 units/acre are as follows: units with 2 bedrooms or more require two enclosed or covered spaces, and each unit with 1 bedroom would require one covered space, plus one guest space for every 3 units. Thus, the existing development requires a total of 5 spaces, including 4 enclosed/covered space plus 1 guest space. The fourth unit would require 2 additional enclosed/covered spaces plus 1 additional guest space, for a total of 9 spaces.

The first floor includes 693 square feet of floor area with two exercise rooms, a storage area and a bathroom. In addition, there is an attic space above the first floor accessible by an attic ladder. The use of the attic shall only be used for storage. The applicant is also proposing an uncovered ground floor patio at the rear of the building. The applicant has removed the closet originally located on the first floor of the building adjacent to the bathroom as requested by staff. A site plan including the floor plans and elevations has been attached herein for reference as Exhibit B.

When reviewing the original site plan submitted to the City, staff asked the applicant to remove the shower included in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor bathroom as staff was concerned that full or <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> bathrooms could make the structure more easily converted to a dwelling unit, and are not necessary in an on-site recreation building. The applicant complied and the current layout of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor bathroom includes only a toilet and sink, in addition, the applicant removed the closet adjacent to the first floor bathroom.

Although the applicant is aware that the building cannot be used as a dwelling unit, staff is concerned that the structure could be converted in the future without approval by the City. Consequently, if the Commission wishes to approve the applicant's request, staff recommends that the Resolution include a condition of approval requiring that the bathroom areas be limited to the minimum space required to only accommodate a sink and toilet, without closets or any other spaces that can be used to add a shower or bathtub in the future. Staff also recommends that recordation of a covenant be required restricting its use to recreation/exercise and prohibiting the conversion of the building to a dwelling unit and use of the building as permanent or temporary sleeping or living quarters.

#### Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to SMMC 17.60.030.G, approval of a CUP is required for all developments in the R-3 Zone, including the proposed recreation/exercise building. Since the project requires a CUP, the request is subject to the findings required for approval of a CUP.

#### **Protected Trees**

According to the applicant, no protected trees were removed or otherwise affected by the construction of the subject building. A condition of approval has been included in the Resolution requesting that the applicant provides photographic proof to this effect, in the absence of which mitigation measures shall apply.

## Aerial view of 156 W. Highland



Recreation/Exercise Building

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Category	Existing	Proposed <sup>3</sup>	Code Requirement / Allowed	Meets Code
Lot size	14,184 sq.ft. (192.25' deep X 73.78' wide)	No Change	12,600 sq.ft. (minimum)	Yes
Lot Coverage	20%	25%	Not to exceed aggregate of 55% of lot area, or 60% with use of porous materials.	Yes
Recreation Building Height	20 feet	No change	30 feet or two stories above finish grade, whichever is less.	Yes
Recreation Building Setbacks: Front	121 feet	No change	25 feet	Yes
<u>Sides:</u> West -	36 feet	No change	15 feet for two-story construction; 10 feet for single-story construction	Yes
East -	10 feet	No change	15 feet for two-story construction; 10 feet for single-story construction	Yes
<u>Rear</u>	41 feet 9 inches	No change	10 feet for single-story construction	Yes
Between Structures:	6.5 feet to laundry room	No change	25 feet	Yes
Density	3 units	No Change	3 units (13 units/acre)	Yes
Unit Sizes	Unit A 979 sq.ft. (2 bedrooms) Unit B 520 sq.ft. (1 bedroom)	No change No change	Minimum area: 650 sq.ft for 1 bedroom unit; 1,300 sq.ft. for 4 bedroom unit.	Yes
	Unit C	No change	<b>4.110</b>	No <sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Since the "proposed" project has already been constructed, the information shown on this table is the same for "Proposed" and "Existing", except for the existing and proposed lot coverage, which shows the coverage pre- and post-construction.

	352 sq.ft. (1 bedroom)			
Common Area	Front, sides and rear of property	Existing open areas plus 693 sq.ft. recreation building	Minimum area: 1,200 sq.ft. (400/unit).	Yes
Parking	1-car carport and 520 sq.ft. of uncovered parking area in the front yard	No change	5 covered spaces plus 1 guest parking space uncovered	No <sup>5</sup>

#### **FINDINGS**

The following findings have to be made to grant a Conditional Use Permit:

- 1. The site for the proposed use is adequate in size, shape and topography; in that the site is regularly shaped, and can accommodate the proposed project while meeting all of the requirements set forth in the City's Municipal Code.
- 2. The site has sufficient access to streets which are adequate, in width and pavement type to carry the quantity and quality of traffic generated by the proposed use; in that the 60-foot-wide public street that provides access to the site is in good condition and is of a standard width for streets in residential areas. Since there is no increase in the number of dwelling units, an increase to existing traffic levels that could necessitate the widening of existing streets is not expected.
- 3. The proposed use will not unreasonably interfere with the use, possession and enjoyment of surrounding and adjacent properties; in that the zoning of the proposed site allows for multi-family residential uses that include recreational areas such as that being provided by the applicant. The surrounding neighborhood includes single- and multi-family development, and because the proposed project will not change the existing use or density on the site, it will not unreasonably interfere with the use, possession, and enjoyment of surrounding and adjacent properties. With respect to the attic space along the east elevation, the attic does not have any windows and will only be used for storage, thus avoiding privacy impacts to the adjacent property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Units B and C are existing non-conforming regarding minimum required unit size. The applicant is not proposing any changes to the unit sizes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Parking is existing non-conforming, and can remain as such since the proposed project does not involve construction of a new unit.

- **4.** There is a demonstrated need for the use requested; in that the proposed recreation/exercise building would help meet the R-3 Zone requirement for common usable recreational area, thereby improving the multi-family residential use of the subject property.
- 5. The use will, as to location and operation, be consistent with the objectives of the General Plan; in that the proposed use of the building as a recreation/exercise building is consistent with the site's General Plan designation of RH (Residential Medium/ High Density) as implemented in the R-3 Zoning Ordinance as common usable recreational leisure areas are required by the ordinance.
- 6. The public interest, convenience, and necessity require that the use be permitted at the location requested; in that the proposed project would be used for multi-family residential purposes in the R-3 Multiple Family Residential Zone, and the project meets the intent of the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance's development standards as prescribed by Chapter 17.28. Furthermore, improvements to multi-family residential properties enhance their use while serving the needs of the City when such projects are consistent with the General Plan and development guidelines.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15303(e) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in that it involves construction of an accessory structure on a multi-family residential property developed with three units.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Planning Commission has the following alternatives:

- 1. <u>Approve</u> the application for Conditional Use Permit 16-03, pursuant to Planning Commission Resolution 16-07.
- 2. <u>Deny</u> the application for Conditional Use Permit 16-03, identifying the findings that cannot be made and the basis for rejecting those findings.
- 3. Continue the subject project, and provide the applicant with direction on the project.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

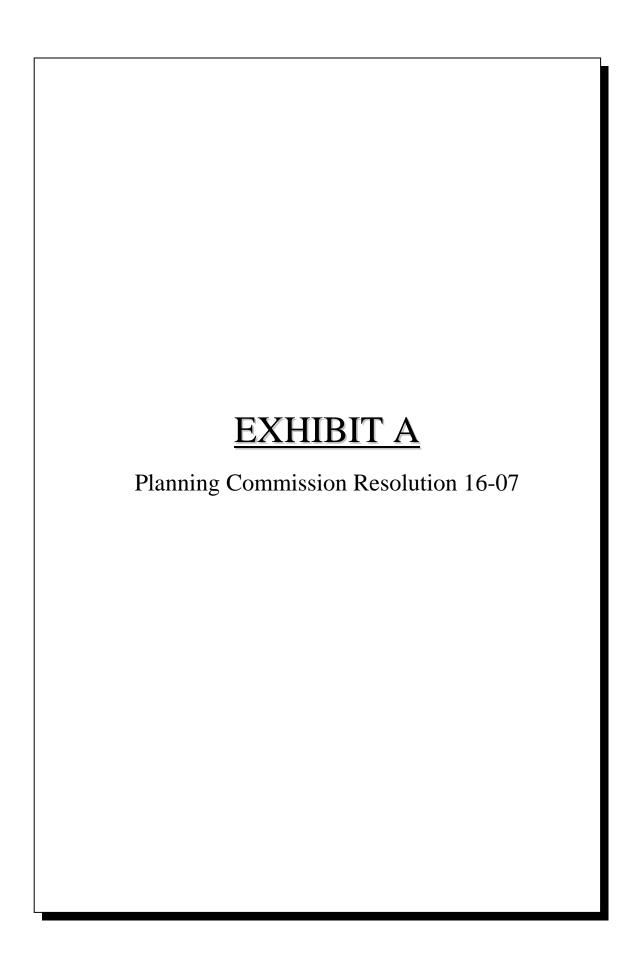
Staff recommends that the Planning Commission <u>approve</u> Conditional Use Permit 16-03 pursuant to Resolution 16-07, subject to conditions of approval.

Prepared By:

Jonathan Perez Assistant Planner

#### Attachments:

- 1. Exhibit A: Planning Commission Resolution 16-07
- 2. Exhibit B: Site Plan
- 3. Exhibit C: Project Application
- 4. Exhibit D: Site Photos
- 5. Exhibit E: Survey
- 6. Exhibit F: Vicinity Map
- 7. Exhibit G: FAR Engineering Services Letter



#### PC RESOLUTION 16-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 16-03 TO ALLOW A ONE-STORY, 693-SQUARE-FOOT RECREATION/EXERCISE BUILDING ON AN R-3 ZONED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 156 W. HIGHLAND AVENUE.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

WHEREAS, an application for a Conditional Use Permit was filed by:

#### Steve Salisian 156 W. Highland Avenue Sierra Madre, CA 91024

WHEREAS, the request for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT can be described as:

A request to allow a one-story, 693-square-foot recreation/exercise building, in an R-3 Zone, on the property located at 156 W. Highland Avenue. Pursuant to SMMC 17.60.030.F, a conditional use permit is required for all developments in the R-3 Zone.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has received the report and recommendations of staff;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Planning Commission on September 1, 2016, with all testimony received being made part of the public record;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the evidence received at the hearing, and for the reasons discussed by the Commissioners at said hearing, the Planning Commission now finds as follows:

- 1. The site for the proposed use is adequate in size, shape and topography; in that the site is regularly shaped, and can accommodate the proposed project while meeting all of the requirements set forth in the City's Municipal Code.
- 2. The site has sufficient access to streets which are adequate, in width and pavement type to carry the quantity and quality of traffic generated by the proposed use; in that the 60-foot-wide public street that provides access to the site is in good condition and is of a standard width for streets in residential areas. Since there is no increase in the number of dwelling units, an increase to existing traffic levels that could necessitate the widening of the existing street is not expected.
- 3. The proposed use will not unreasonable interfere with the use, possession and enjoyment of surrounding and adjacent properties; in that the zoning of the proposed site allows for multi-family residential use that include recreational

areas such as that being provided by the applicant. The surrounding neighborhood includes single- and multi-family development, and because the proposed project will not change the existing use or density of the site, it will not unreasonably interfere with the use, possession, and enjoyment of surrounding and adjacent properties. With respect to the attic space, the attic space along the east elevation does not have any windows and will be used strictly for storage purposes, thus avoiding privacy impacts on the adjacent property.

- **4.** There is a demonstrated need for the use requested; in that the proposed recreation building would help meet the R-3 Zone requirement for common usable recreational area, thereby improving the multi-family residential use of the subject property.
- 5. The use will, as to location and operation, be consistent with the objectives of the General Plan; in that the proposed use of the building as a recreation/exercise building is consistent with the site's General Plan designation of RH (Residential Medium/High Density) as implemented in the R-3 Zoning Ordinance as common usable recreational leisure areas are required by the ordinance.
- 6. The public interest, convenience, and necessity require that the use be permitted at the location requested; in that the proposed project would be used for multi-family residential purposes in the R-3 Multiple Family Residential Zone, and the project meets the intent of the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance's development standards as prescribed by Chapter 17.28 Furthermore, improvements to multi-family residential properties enhance their use while serving the needs of the City when such projects are consistent with the General Plan and development guidelines.

PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE FINDINGS, IT IS RESOLVED that the Planning Commission APPROVES Conditional Use Permit 16-03, subject to the conditions of approval in the attached Exhibit A.

The approval is final, unless appealed to the City Council in writing within ten (10) days following written notice of the adoption of this Resolution, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.60.120 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

The time in which to seek judicial review of this decision shall be governed by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. The Planning Commission Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this resolution, transmit copies of the same to the applicant and his counsel, if any, together with a proof of mailing in the form required by law and shall enter a certified copy of this resolution in the book of resolution of the City.

APPROVED, the 1st day of September, 2016, by the following vote:

# Planning Commission Resolution 16-07 September 1, 2016

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	
	Gina Frierman-Hunt, Chairperson Sierra Madre Planning Commission
ATTEST:	
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#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL CUP 16-03

#### **General Conditions:**

The applicant and property owner shall:

- Comply with all applicable provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, including but not limited to those Chapters pertaining to Zoning, Building and Construction, Vehicles and Traffic, and Health and Safety, and including all such provisions which may be contained in Uniform Codes which have been incorporated by reference within the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.
- 2. Comply with all applicable provisions of Federal, State and Los Angeles County Law and regulations, including but not limited to the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 3. Execute and deliver to the City's Department of Planning & Community Preservation an Affidavit of Acceptance of Conditions on a form to be provided by such Department within ten business days of the date of this approval. This approval shall not be effective for any purpose until the Applicant complies with this condition.
- 4. To the fullest extent permitted by law, fully protect the City, its employees, agents and officials from any loss, injury, damage, claim, lawsuit, expense, attorney's fees, litigation expenses, court costs or any other costs arising out of or in any way related to the issuance of this approval, or the activities conducted pursuant to this approval. Accordingly, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the applicant and the property owner shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless City, its employees, agent and officials, from and against any liability, claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, regulatory proceedings, loses, expenses or costs of any kind, whether actual, alleged or threatened, including, but not limited to, actual attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and court costs of any kind without restriction or limitation, incurred in relation to, as a consequence of, arising out of or in any way attributable to, actually, allegedly or impliedly, in whole or in part, the issuance or approval, or the activities conducted pursuant to this approval. Applicant and property owner shall pay such obligations as they are incurred by City, its employees, agents and officials, and in the event of any claim or lawsuit, shall submit a deposit in such amount as the City reasonably determines necessary to protect the City from exposure to fees, costs or liability, with respect to such claim or lawsuit.

#### **Planning Conditions:**

The applicant and property owner shall:

- Construct the project in substantial conformance with all applications and supporting materials presented to the Planning Commission on September 1, 2016. Inaccuracies and misrepresentations will be grounds for immediate revocation of the Conditional Use Permit.
- 2. Submit as-built construction plans for 1<sup>st</sup> Plan Check within 3 (three) months of the date of this approval in order to obtain a building permit; failure to do so will constitute an abandonment of the entitlement, and shall render this approval null and void.
- 3. Pay double the building permit fee for the subject building pursuant to Code Section 15.04.110 as it was constructed prior to obtaining a building permit.
- 4. Not modify the bathrooms on the 1<sup>st</sup> story to include bathing or showering facilities such as a shower or bathtub, the bathroom shall only include a sink and toilet at all times. Additionally, the attic space above the first floor shall be used for storage purposes only and shall not be modified in any way or used in any manner other than for storage.
- 5. Record a covenant as provided by the City of Sierra Madre, prohibiting the use of the recreation/exercise building as a dwelling unit, including permanent or temporary sleeping or living quarters. The covenant must be recorded prior to the issuance of the building permit.

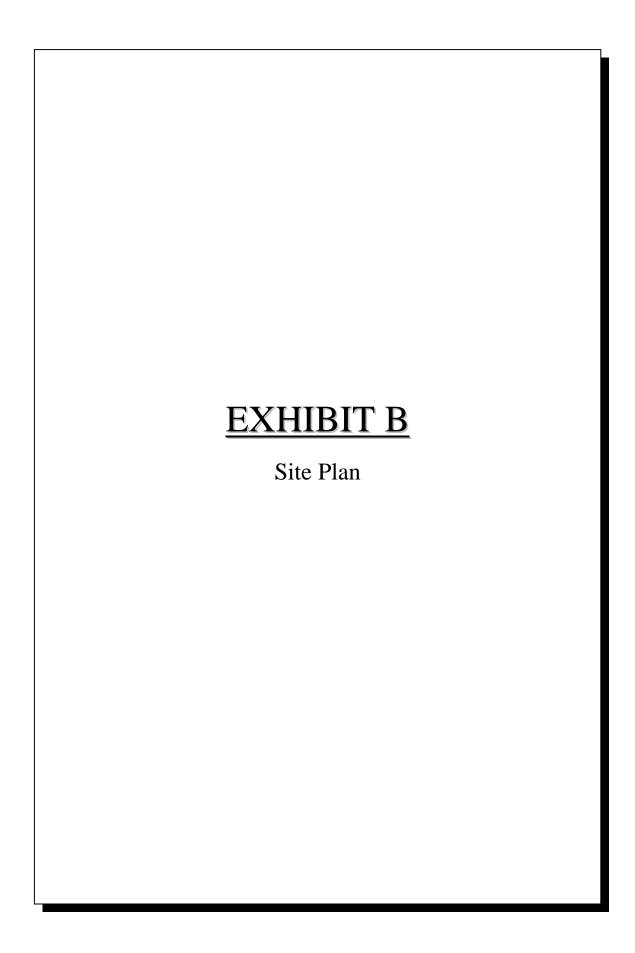
#### **Public Works Conditions:**

The applicant and property owner shall:

- Submit a drainage/Low Impact Development plan for review and approval by the Public Works Department prior to issuance of a building permit since the subject building exceeds 500 square feet.
- 2. Show the project's provision for sanitary sewer to the subject building on the construction plans.
- 3. Schedule a sewer dye test with the Public Works Department at the applicant's cost in order to confirm that the subject building is in fact connected to the public sewer.
- 4. Submit an erosion control plan for the entire southerly portion of the subject property which appears to be disturbed unprotected soil.

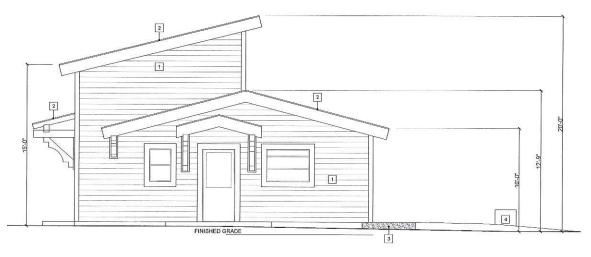
- 5. Provide receipt from Scholl Canyon Landfill verifying that the property owner personally disposed of demolition refuse/debris from the office building previously demolished without a demolition permit.
- 6. Provide photographic proof that the trees that were removed from the site were not protected species. It appears based on 2013 imagery, that as many as 9 trees have been removed without permits. If it cannot be confirmed to the City's satisfaction that they were not protected trees, the City will assume that they were all protected species in good condition and mitigation shall be payment to the City's tree replacement bank of an amount of funds equivalent to the cost of planting 18-24-inch boxed trees.

(end of conditions)

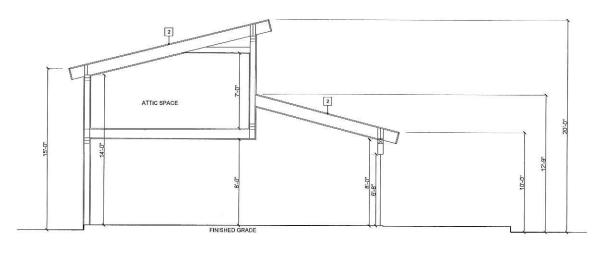


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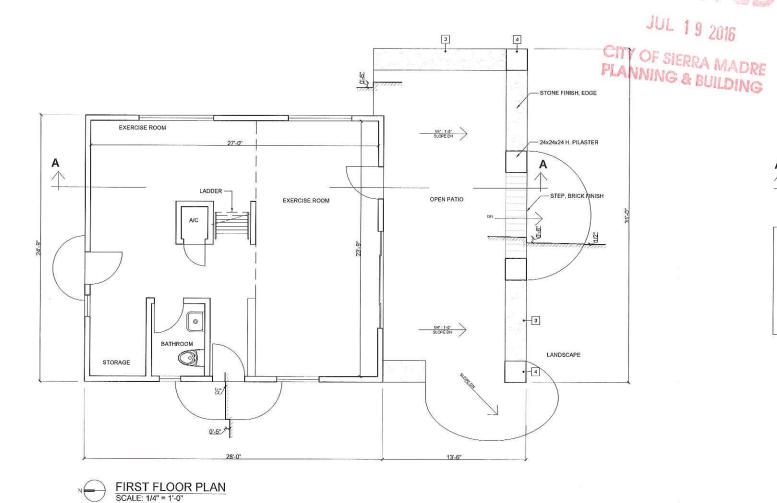
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SECTION A - A SCALE 1/4": 1'-0"



STORAGE

FIRST FLOOR
ROOF

AC DUCT

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

- LEGEND:
- 1 1" x 6" WOOD SIDDING OVER BLACK PAPER
- CLASS "A" COMPOSITION SHINGLE 30 YEARS ER, #5546
- STONE FINISHED EDGE
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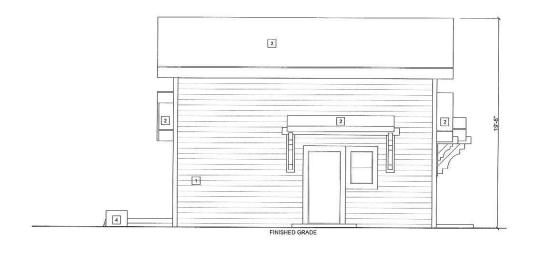
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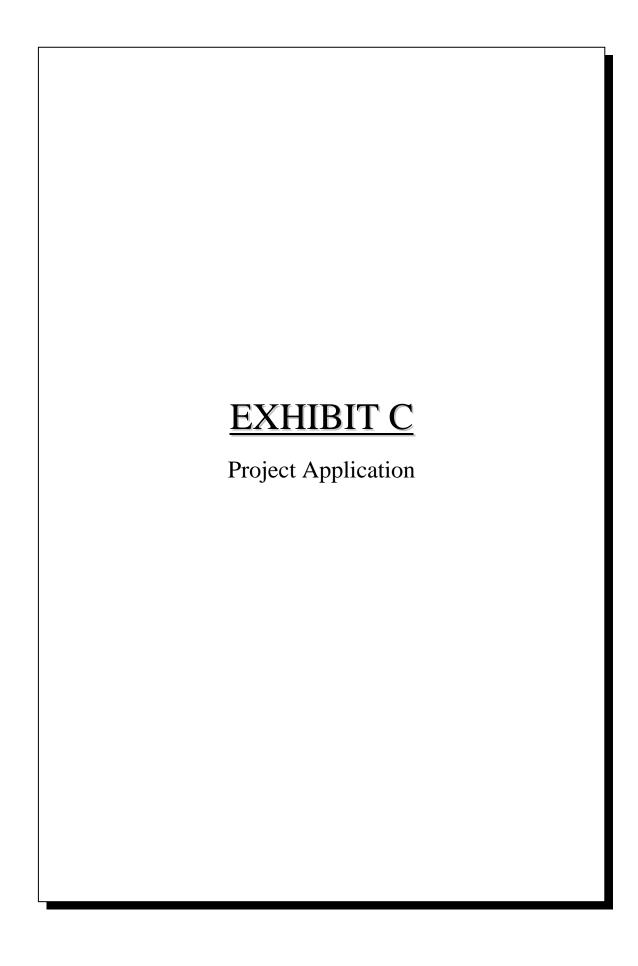
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# City of Sierra Madre Planning Application Form

Date Received

232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 626-355-7135 Fax: 626-355-2251	P.C. Hearing Date
Project Location 156 W. HIGHLAND AVE SIERRA MADRE  APN # 5767-021-029 General Plan & Zoning R-3	Project No.
Applicant Requests: LOT #29  CUP TO ALLOW A NEW 693.0 SQ.FT  BUILDING ATREAR OF PROPERTY FOR USE  AS A RECREATION AND EXERCISE  BUILDING AND STORAGE	Type of Discretionary Review/Fee  Variance \$
Applicant Information  Name: STEVE SALTSIAN  Lessee O	Minor Conditional Use Permit
Address: 156 W. HIGHLAND AUE Other O  SIERRA MADRE CA 91024	Zone Change \$
W: 676-253-0045 @ stevesalis: an 6	General Plan Amendment \$
If required: COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS:	Public Facilities Fee
	Environmental Fee 5
SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE (Sections) (For Office Use Only)	Noticing Fee  Director PC \$ 625 CC \$
	TOTAL \$ 5441



**Application Completeness:** Only applications that include all of the required documents described on the following page will be deemed "complete." The Department of Planning and Community Preservation retains the right to review documents and determine that they are adequate in their ability to convey the applicant's request to the decision-making body. Applicants will be notified if the application is not complete within 30 days of filling the application and paying all required fees.

**Refund:** Applicants will be entitled to refunds of relevant fees only if an application has been submitted and received in error by City Staff. Fees will not be refunded to an applicant who decides not to pursue a project which has been submitted.

The City will work with one individual, or firm, who is the "applicant." It is expected that the applicant will convey all project related information to the individuals involved in the project.



#### Certification

I certify that I am the duly authorized applicant for this project. Further, I certify that all of the above information is true and correct. (If the undersigned is different from the legal property owner, a letter of authorization must accompany this form.)

I have read and agree to comply with the above stated conditions:

STEVE SALISIAN

Signature

Variance and
Conditional Use
Permit applications
must include:

Descriptions and/or analysis to the required attached findings, in order to be deemed complete.

Name of 2nd Applicant

Signature

PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE SIGNATURE(S) MUST BE NOTA-RIZED.

CERTIFICATE ATTACHED

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Re	equired Submittal Materials:	
	Completed Planning Application Form	
	PROJECT DESCRIPTION & ANALYSIS: On page 13, describe the proposal including currer lition (if any), proposed construction, proposed use and any other relevant information to the information listed on the analysis form.	nt use of the property, demo- e applicant request. Submit all
	SITE PLAN: Attach a dimensioned site plan including all property lines indicating existing and current and proposed use of all structures. Indicate the location of any structures within 5 fees site plan must indicate a north direction, the architect's name, the owner's name, existing tree external right-of-ways, yard dimensions, and a scale. To be included in two (2) blue print size (24 time of application submittal.	et of the abutting site(s). The
	DIMENSIONED FLOOR PLANS: Must indicate North direction, architect's name, owner's na ed in the set of plans, due at the time of application submittal.	ame, and a scale. To be includ-
	ELEVATIONS: Dimensioned elevations must be included for each side of the property. Elevation vant property lines, natural & finished grade, and massing of structures on adjacent properties. plans, due at the time of application submittal.	itions must identify the rele- . To be included in the set of
	COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS: Include pictures of all four (4) directions (N, S, E & W) of exist ties looking in and out. One (1) set of photos due at the time of application submittal.	ting site and abutting proper-
	Fourteen (14) copies/sets of the following: 1) 3-hole punched 11"×17" reductions of site plan, 2) Colored photographs (3-hole punched). These items to be submitted a minimum 10 days prior ing date.	, floor plans, and elevations; r to Planning Commission hear-
	ELECTRONIC COPY OF PLANS: PDF format. To be submitted a minimum 10 days prior to Plandate.	inning Commission hearing
	Colored rendering of front elevation	
_	Owner's Affidavit	
	NOTIFICATION:	
	A <b>300</b> -foot-radius map and the names of the property owners within a 300 foot radius is requised Submit a master list and 2 (two) sets of typed labels listing all property owners and their address public hearing notices. *Note: A 150-foot-radius is required for Minor Variances or consent of directly across the street from the project site.	
	Environmental Information Form	
	SITE SURVEY: The survey must be completed by a licensed surveyor and show existing grades, vant information. (If required by the Planning Department)	, structures, and other rele-
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Required Submittal Materials:	
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Conceptual Landscape Plan	
Three-dimensional perspectives of the proposed project in relation to all adjacent properties	<b>s.</b>
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## **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FINDINGS**

Before any conditional use permit is granted, the applicant shall show, to the reasonable satisfaction of the body hearing such matter, the existence of the following facts:

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

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A. That the site for the proposed use is adequate in size, shape, and topography, and location;

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- E. That the proposed use is consistent with the general plan, zoning and any applicable design standards;

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#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FINDINGS**

For projects described in Sections 17.20.025, 17.30.040, or others referencing this section, before any permit is granted, the application shall show, to the reasonable satisfactions of the reviewing authority, the existence of the following facts:

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

A. That the height, bulk, scale, mass and siting of the proposed project be compatible with the existing neighborhood, landforms and surroundings;

- B. That the proposed project reflects the scale of the neighborhood in which it is proposed and that it does not visually overpower or dominate the neighborhood and is not ill-proportioned so as to produce either architecture or design that detracts from the foothill village setting;
- C. That the proposed project neither unreasonably interferes with public views or the views and privacy of neighbors, produces unreasonable noise levels, nor causes material adverse impacts;
- D. The proposed project exhibits a coherent project-wide design, and each structure or portion thereof (especially additions) on the site is compatible with other portions of the project, regardless of whether the same are publically visible.

E. For proposed projects seeking relief from development standards, where allowed, to accommodate characteristics of an identifiable architectural style (such as additional height pursuant to Section 17.20.020(A)), that the proposed project adheres to the norms of such identifiable architectural style and that such style is consistently carried through on all elevations of the building, regardless of whether that same are publically visible.

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# **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FINDINGS**

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•	For proposed projects that require discretionary review due to exceeding size thresholds (pursuant to Sections 17.20.025(C), 17.30.040(B), or similar), that the proposed is a superior project that would enhance its neighborhood and exhibit exceptional design through a combination of most, if not all, of the following:
	I. innovative, thoughtful and/or noteworthy architecture that is responsive to the specific site, rather than standard, generic, or "cookie-cutter" plans;
	2. Where applicable, adaptive reuse or other preservation and restoration of historic structures;
	3. preservation of the natural landscape to the extent possible by such means as minimizing grade changes and retaining protected and specimen trees;
	4. siting of structure in keeping with landforms and so as to maximize open space, public views, and neighbor views and privacy;
	5. high quality architectural details and building materials compatible with the overall project design; and
	6. sustainable building and landscaping practices, especially water-saving features.
	(See information regarding Conditional Use Permit Findings on next page)



#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FINDINGS**

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As used in this section, compatibility is not interpreted to mean simple repetition of existing form, mass, scale and bulk. Nor is compatibility interpreted to mean repetition of building style or detailing. Compatibility is based on consideration of a constellation of associated characteristics including building type, the property site plan, building mass and scale, and architectural material and expression. Compatibility comes from an identification of character-defining features of an area, and an applicant's thoughtful response to them within the design.

This section is not meant to be a perfunctory review of projects which comply with other development standards. Rather it is meant to impose significant, separate, and additional burdens on proposed projects with the understanding that in many cases satisfying such burdens may call for significantly reduced development intensity than is allowed otherwise under this title. By way of illustration and not limitation, (i) so as not to unreasonably interfere with views and privacy, a project proposed on a narrow or irregularly shaped parcel may accommodate significantly less second story floor area than would otherwise be allowed; (ii) so as not to unreasonably interfere with views and privacy, a proposed project with significant second story floor area may need to be set back farther from lot lines than otherwise allowed; (iii) to ensure compatibility with and not to visually overpower or dominate the neighborhood, the floor area of a proposed project in a neighborhood predominated by smaller homes may need to be much lower than allowed by objective criteria; (iv) to ensure compatibility with landforms, a project proposed on a parcel with steep slopes or irregular topography may have much more limited siting options than set back standards would allow and may need reduced height and/or floor area; and (v) to exhibit exceptional design through noteworthy architecture, the floor area of a proposed project may need to be much lower than allowed by objective criteria in order to allow space for articulation, variation in massing, covered porches, and other enhancing architectural features.

Additionally, as standard two-dimensional building elevations and other similar graphic materials typically do a poor job of depicting projects in context, it is recommended that applicants provide materials in addition to those otherwise required in order to demonstrate that their proposed projects satisfy the foregoing burdens. Such materials may include, but are not limited to, three-dimensional perspective renderings from multiple angles; photo simulations showing the sited project in relation to neighboring structures and landforms; comparisons of proposed building size, height, setbacks, etc. to surrounding structures; story poles; material and color boards; information on energy and water saving systems; and colored land-scape plans showing protected and specimen trees and illustrating drought-tolerant landscaping, permeable paving and other water-saving features.

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## MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FINDINGS

consideration of any comments received, the Director of Planning and Community Preservation may approxonally approve, or deny the proposed minor conditional use permit pursuant to the following findings:
That the proposed request will not be detrimental, or otherwise be inconsistent with the residential character of the neighborhood;
That the site of the proposed request is adequate in size, shape and topography to accommodate the request;
That the proposed request will not unreasonably interfere with the use, possession and enjoyment of surrounding and adjacent property owners;
That here is a demonstrated need for the use requested;
That the proposed request will be arranged, designed, constructed, operated and/or maintained so as to be



## **VARIANCE FINDINGS**

Before any zone variance is granted, the applicant shall show, to the reasonable satisfaction of the body hearing su	ıch
matter, the existence of the following facts:	

_	use of the property involved.
	The special circumstances make the granting of the zone variance necessary in order to facilitate a reasonable use of the property involved.
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,	The applicant has shown that there are special circumstances applicable to the property involved, such as size, shape, topography, location or surroundings, which do not generally apply to other adjacent properties include in the same zone as the subject property.
-	regulation governing the parcel of property.
	The variance will not authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the zone

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## **MINOR VARIANCE FINDINGS**

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B.	The design of the home is improved with the granting of the minor variance.							
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Will the site on the Register of Historic Cultural Landmarks?

NO
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Will the site be graded?

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## City of Sierra Madre

# ENTRY ONTO PRIVATE LAND

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#### City of Sierra Madre

#### **OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT**

I am the owner of the property located at 156 W. HIGHLAND ANE SIERRA MADRE.

I have read the foregoing application for the planning permits and know the contents thereof and give the City of Sierra Madre permission to process such permits.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature

Please print: Name

Address

STEVE SALISIAN

156 W. HITHLAND AVE

SIERRA MADRE CA 91024

626-253-0045

PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTARIZED.

CERTIFICATE ATTACHED



# City of Sierra Madre

# **OWNERSHIP LIST**

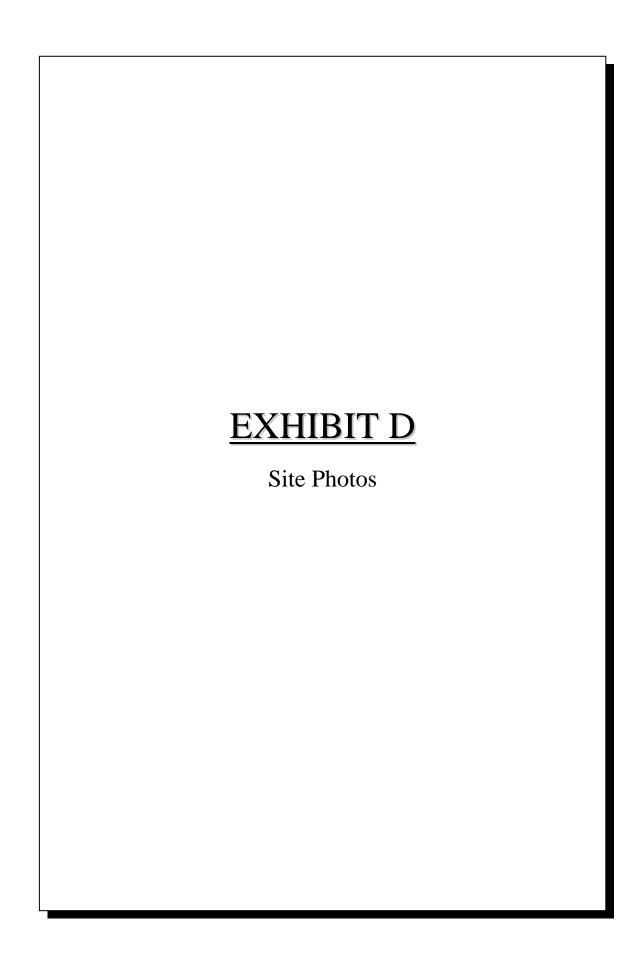
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<sup>\*</sup>Ownership information from other sources is not acceptable. Ownership roles may only be used for six months.

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### Recreation Room – North View



Recreation Room – West Facing Side



### Recreation Room – East Side



### Recreation Room – South View



## Property Frontage



## Landscape Area for Patio



Old Area of Backyard



Sample Drought Tolerant Plant Beds



Raised Bedding Example



Sample Finished Patio Look from Recreation Room



Sample Gravel and Planter Beds Leading to Recreation Room

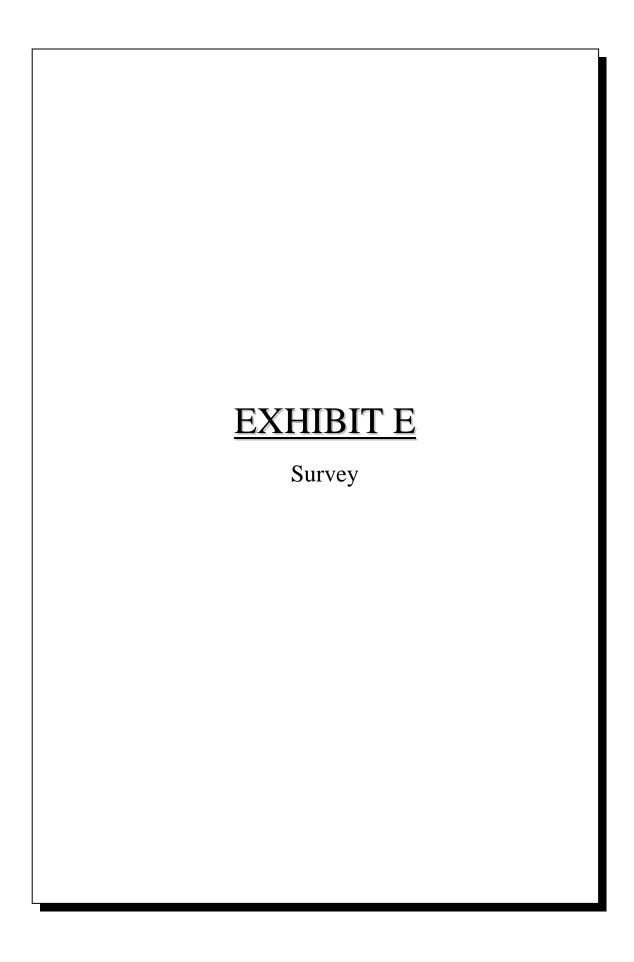


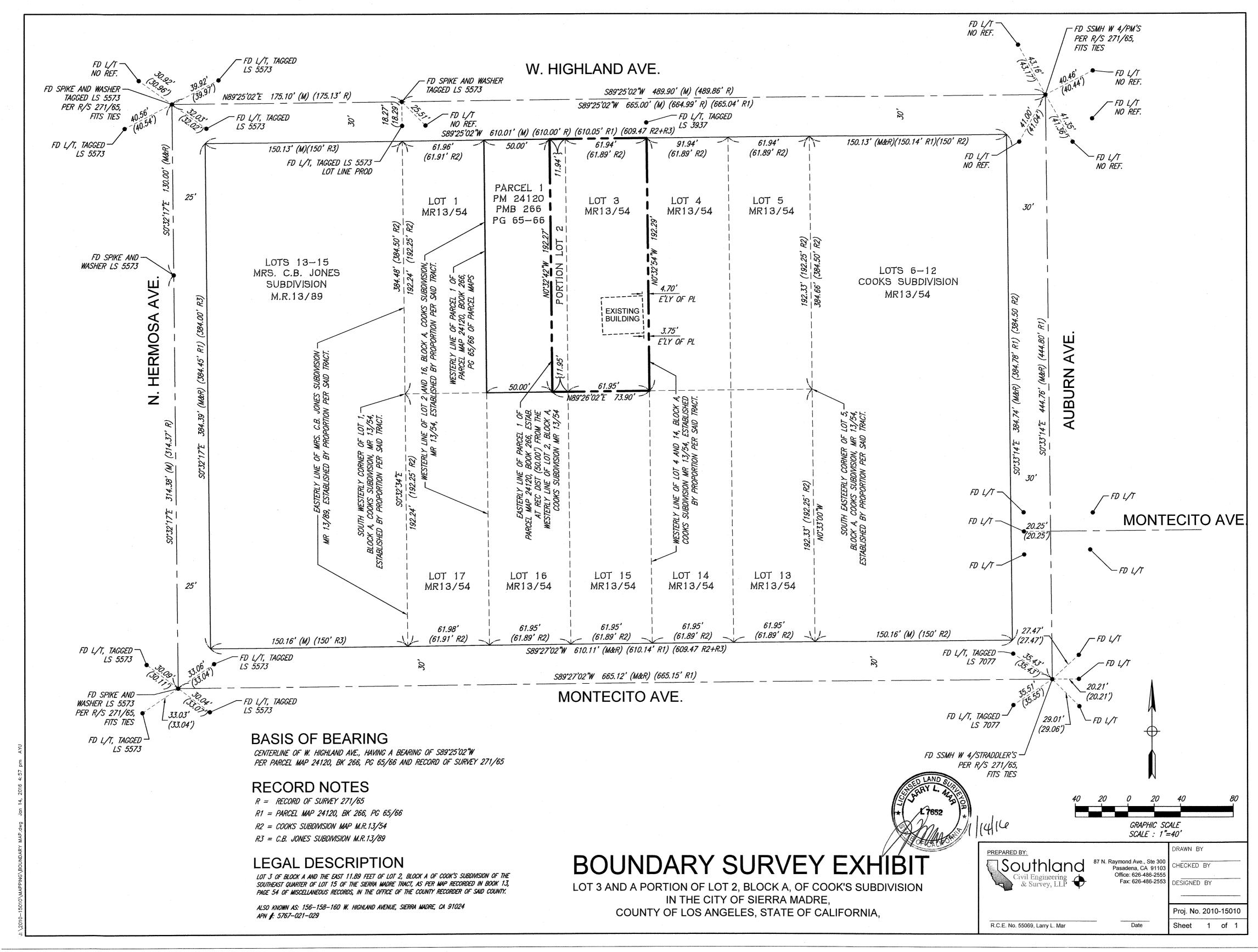
Sample Gravel and Wooden Boarders for Drought Tolerant Landscaping

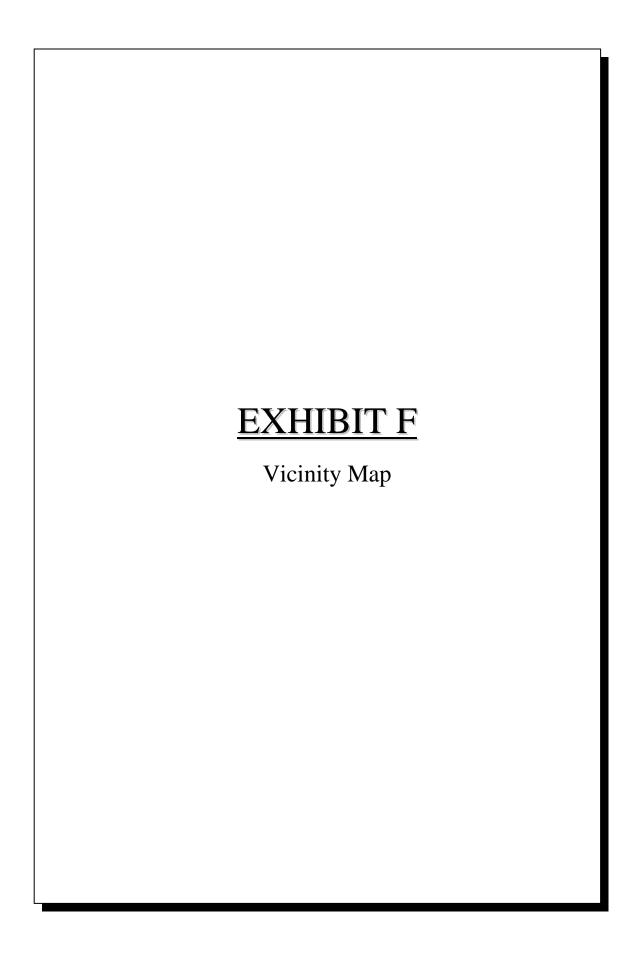


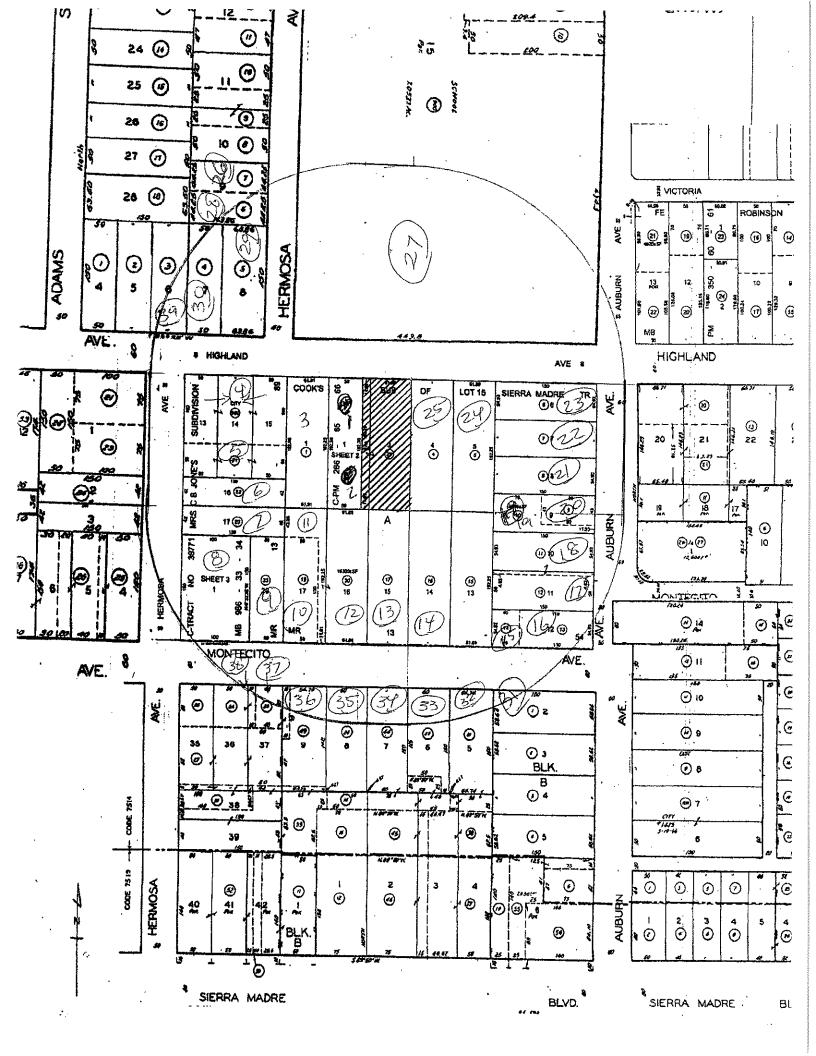
Sample Raised Vegetable and Flower Garden

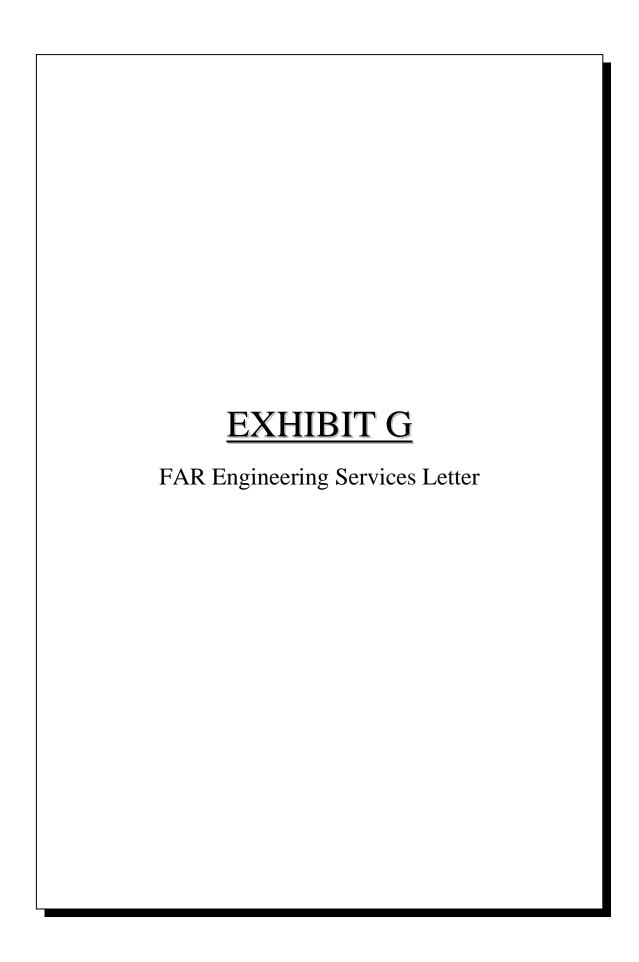












# FAR Engineering Services, Inc.

20833 Kingscrest Dr., Saugus, CA 91350 Tel: 818.793.2980 – Fax: 509.756-9443 e-mail: <u>a.farag@arengineeringservices.com</u>

#### Letter of Clarification

February 02, 2016

Project: Recreation Building.

Address: 156 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to clarify the following:

This office "Far Engineering Services, Inc." was hired on January 25 2016 to perform inspection and structural design of the unpermitted building located at back side of the property mentioned above, the building is a two story building on slab on grade foundation and is to be used for recreation purposes.

A site visit and inspection was performed on 1/29/2016 to obtain the as built information, structural design and plans have been prepared based on the current California Building Code in order to obtain a building permit for the structural work.

After design was completed, we found the following deficiencies at the existing building:

1- Missing shear transfer straps for drag struts at all shear walls.

**Recommendations:** Install straps as indicated on 1<sup>st</sup> floor and roof framing plans on sheet S-1 and per detail 1/S-3.

2- Missing hold downs for all shear walls at first floor.

**Recommendations:** Install hold downs as indicated on foundation plan on sheet S-1 and per detail 15/S-2.

3- Missing hold downs for all shear walls at second floor.

**Recommendations:** Install vertical straps as indicated on 1<sup>st</sup> floor framing plan on sheet S-1 and per detail 8c and 8d /S-3.

4- Shear wall at grid line no 2 is overstressed.

**Recommendations:** Shear wall shall be upgraded to no. 4 as per plans and schedule on sheet 8/S-3. Install all hold downs and straps as indicated.

5- Engineered wood beam at middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is overstressed.

**Recommendations:** Shorten the beam span by installing two 4x6 posts with two pad footings as per the foundation plan on sheet S-1 and per detail 16/S-2.

It is our understanding that the above listed recommendations are necessary for the structural integrity of the building and shall be sufficient to keep the building safe and make it comply with the current building codes for the structural design.

Please note that these recommendations are for the structural deficiencies only and don't address any planning or zoning issues that the building may have. Please consult other architect or consultants to address these issues.

Trim the building in a direction parallel to the property line could be an option to resolve any set back issues the building may have. A redesign for the earthquake resistance elements along grid line "B" will be required as well as modification to other structural members.

This letter was given to the owner of the property based on his request.

Shall you have any question please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Amgad Farag, PE

Exp. 06-30-2017

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