

# Planning Commission Staff Report

DATE:

September 23, 2013

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

SUBJECT:

A MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION BY GERARD & JANET BIEGEL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NINE-UNIT CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX, A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT BY THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS FOR ZONING CONSISTENCY, AND A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) ON A ROUGHLY 35,766 SQUARE FOOT PARCEL AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF NORTH CERRITOS ROAD AND EAST TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY; APN'S 502-075-001 and 502-075-002;

ZONE R-2 (CASE 3.3625 MAJ / 5.1299 GPA

FROM:

Department of Planning Services

# SUMMARY

A Major Architectural Application (MAJ) for development of a currently vacant parcel for a nine-unit condominium complex with off-street parking and landscaping. The project requires a General Plan Amendment changing the land use designation from "O" (Office) to "MDR" (Medium Density Residential) for zoning consistency.

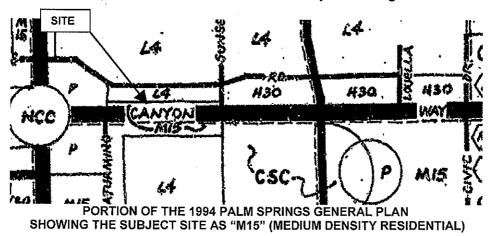
# **RECOMMENDATION:**

# Adopt a Resolution to:

- 1. Adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) pursuant to CEQA for the subject project,
- 2. Approve the Major Architectural Application for development of a nine-unit condominium project, subject to conditions of approval attached as Exhibit "A",
- 3. Recommend that the City Council adopt the ND and approve the General Plan Amendment changing the land use designation for the subject parcel from "O" to "MDR".

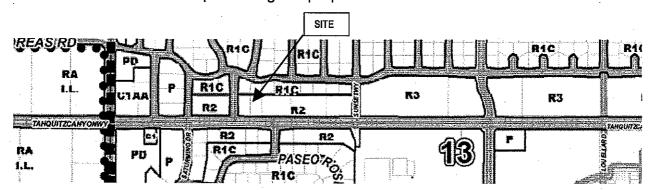
# **ISSUES**

For many years parcels along the north side of Tahquitz Canyon Way between roughly Sunrise Way and Farrell Drive were zoned R-2 (Limited multi-family residential) with the General Plan Land Use designation of "MDR" (Medium Density Residential), as a buffer between the single family zone to the north and this major thoroughfare.



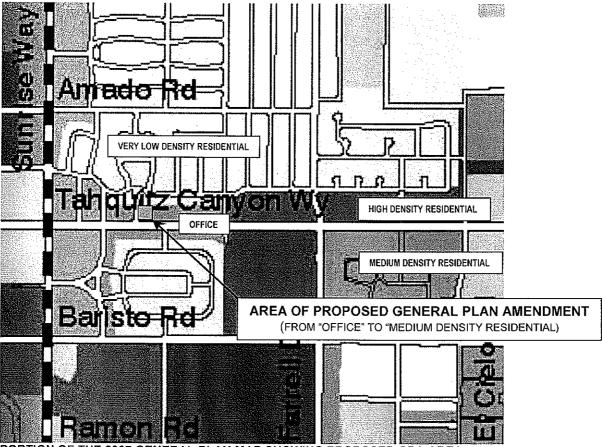
In recognition of an emerging pattern of office development along this major thoroughfare in recent years, the 2007 update of the Palm Springs General Plan changed the land use designation from "MDR" to "O" along Tahquitz Canyon Way<sup>1</sup>.

The City had not yet updated the zoning code to "P" (Professional), (which is the corresponding zoning designation for office uses) when this application for a residential use was received. Residential uses are not permitted in the "O" land use designation, and thus the General Plan must be amended to be consistent with the zoning code for this particular parcel in order to approve the proposed condominium use. The proposed multi-family development is a "right of zone" use in the underlying R-2 zone. Below is a portion of the 2013 Zoning Map and on the following page is a portion of the 2007 General Plan Land Use Map showing the proposed GPA



PORTION OF THE 2013 ZONING MAP SHOWING THE SITE IN THE R-2 ZONE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Offices are a permitted use along major thoroughfares in the R-2 zone with approval of a Conditional Use Permit.



PORTION OF THE 2007 GENERAL PLAN MAP SHOWING PROPOSED GPA AREA

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The project proposes nine condominium units (six, two-bedroom units and three, one-bedroom units) in three buildings<sup>2</sup> arranged around an open landscaped courtyard with a common pool and terraces. Vehicular access is proposed off Tahquitz Canyon Way for a single loaded parking lot of thirteen (13) spaces. Additional bay parking is proposed taking access from North Cerritos Road. The buildings are oriented to maximize views of the mountains to the west.



AERIAL PHOTO OF PROJECT SITE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The three buildings are attached to one another with small roofs spanning between the them and thus, for zoning purposes are evaluated as one building.

# Table 1

Neighborhood	d Meeting
None	(the subject parcel is not in or near a recognized neighborhood organization).

# Table 2

Field Check	
May 2013	The site is a pair of vacant lots in a fully developed area of the city.

# Table 3

Date of Purchase and	current owner:
December 2012	Gerard & Janet Biegel

# **PRIOR CITY ACTIONS**

Date	Event/Action
April 8, 2013	Review and recommendation for approval by the AAC

# **ANALYSIS**

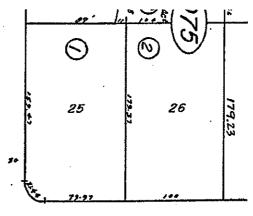
The subject parcel is comprised of two vacant lots (a lot merger is required as a condition of approval) in an area fully developed with residential and office uses. The tables below provide further analysis of the project.

Table 4 – Surrounding Existing Uses, General Plan, and Zoning Designation

Surrounding Property	Existing Land Use	General Plan	Zoning
Subject Property	Vacant	O (Office)	R-2 Limited Multi- Family Residential
North	Single Family Residential	VLDR (Very Low Density Residential)	R-1-C
South	Office	O (Office)	R-2
East	Office .	O (Office)	R-2
West	Office	O (Office)	R-2

Table 5 - Analysis of Off-street Parking Requirements

Off-Street Park	ing Requirement (	PSZC Section 93.06.0	00 (D)	
Use	Details	Required	Provided	Conforms
Residential	6, 2-bdrm units	1.5 sp/unit = 9 sp		
Condominium	3, 1-bdrm units	1.25 sp/unit = 4 sp		
	Guest Parking	1 sp/4 units = 3 sp	4	
	1 hc / 1-25 sp	1 space	1 space	
TOTAL		16 spaces	17 spaces	Yes



TRACT MAP SHOWING PROJECT SITE

Table 6: Analysis of proposed project against the Development Standards of the Zone

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	R-2 Zone (PSZC 92.03.03)	Proposed Project	
	Required		
Lot Area	Minimum 20,000 sf	35,766 square feet (conforms)	
Lot Width	170 feet (siding on a major	179 feet (conforms)	
	street)		
Lot Depth	150 feet	189 feet (conforms)	
Front Yard	25 feet	25 feet (conforms)	
Street Side Yard	Special Setback on Tahquitz	75 feet (conforms)	
	75 feet from Center of		
	Roadway		
Interior Side Yard	10 feet	10 feet (conforms)	
Rear Yard	10 feet	10 feet (conforms)	
Building Height	24 feet and 2 stories	13 feet and 1 story (conforms)	
(max.)		·	
Building	Min 50% of lot must be	54% (conforms)	
Coverage (max.)	usable landscaped area		
Covered off-street	1 covered space per unit	13 spaces covered (conforms)	
Parking			
Dwelling size	Minimum 2,000 net square	35,766 and 9 units 3,974 sf of net	
·	feet of lot area per dwelling	site area/unit (conforms)	
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Distance Bet.	15 feet	12 feet (Deemed one bldg.	
Bldgs		because of roof attachments)	
Perimeter Walls	Max 6 ft, less than 60% of lot	5'-4" masonry at front yards, less	
	length, masonry or dec. metal	than 60% of lot length (conforms)	
į.	6 ft high wall bet. R-1 and R-2	6 ft high wall bet. R-2 and R-2	
Drojections !		(conforms)	
Projections into	Eaves may project 4 inches/ft	Eaves project 2 ft at bldg., and 3	
setbacks	of setback; max 4 ft in front yard	feet at carport covers (conforms)	

Table 7

Is the project located in any specific plan, special planning area, zoning overlays, conservation areas, historic district, specific plan or planned development district?			
Zone or Overlay:	Yes/No:		
Neighborhood Org?	No		
Specific Plan?	No		
Existing Planned Development District?	No		
Planning Area?	No		
Resort Combining Zone?	No		
Airport non-suit Zone?	No		
Airport Land Use Compatibility Zone (AALUC)?	Yes	Zone E	
Downtown Parking Combining Zone?	No		
Historic District Overlay?	No		
Tribal Land?	No		
Hillside or Major Thoroughfare?	Yes	Tahquitz Canyon Way is a Major Thoroughfare	
Conservation Area as defined in the MSHCP?	No		
Wind Energy Overlay?	No		
Watercourse or Floodplain?	No		
Other		,	

# **FINDINGS**

Architectural Review Findings. Pursuant to Zoning Code Section 94.04.00 (Architectural Review) The planning commission "... shall examine the material submitted with the architectural approval application and specific aspects of design shall be examined to determine whether the proposed development will provide desirable environment for its occupants as well as being compatible with the character of adjacent and surrounding developments, and whether aesthetically it is of good composition, materials, textures and colors. Conformance will be evaluated, based on consideration of the following:

1. Site layout, orientation, location of structures and relationship to one another and to open spaces and topography. Definition of pedestrian and vehicular areas; i.e., sidewalks as distinct from parking lot areas;

The project proposes nine condominium units in three buildings arranged around an open landscaped courtyard with a common pool and terraces. Vehicular access it proposed off Tahquitz Canyon Way for a single loaded parking lot of thirteen (13) spaces. Additional bay parking is proposed taking access from Cerritos Drive. Pedestrian sidewalks are distinct and separate from parking areas. The buildings are oriented to maximize views of the mountains to the west. The project conforms to this guideline.

2. Harmonious relationship with existing and proposed adjoining developments and in the context of the immediate neighborhood/community,

avoiding both excessive variety and monotonous repetition, but allowing similarity of style, if warranted;

The project is located in a fully developed area of the city with both professional offices and multi-family and single family uses. The proposed buildings are modern in their appearance, with simple rectilinear forms. The height of the proposed project is consistent with adjacent development. A similar project "Desert Holly", an older apartment complex just east of the subject site is similar in context, scale, massing and architecture. The project conforms to this guideline.

3. Maximum height, area, setbacks and overall mass, as well as parts of any structure (buildings, walls, screens, towers or signs) and effective concealment of all mechanical equipment;

The building conforms to the development standards of the zone. Mechanical equipment is screened. The project conforms to this guideline.

- 4. Building design, materials and colors to be sympathetic with desert surroundings; AND
- 5. Harmony of materials, colors and composition of those elements of a structure, including overhangs, roofs, and substructures which are visible simultaneously; AND
- 6. Consistency of composition and treatment;

The proposed development incorporates stucco, precision concrete block, and glass in anodized aluminum frames. The project incorporates overhangs and roof structures giving the proposed development visual variety and protection of glazed area from the sun. The materials and colors are consistent with similar development in the vicinity and include lively colored accent walls. The project conforms to this guideline.

7. Location and type of planting, with regard for desert climate conditions. Preservation of specimen and landmark trees upon a site, with proper irrigation to insure maintenance of all plant materials;

The project proposes a desert-appropriate plant palette. There are no specimen trees or other plants on the site. The project conforms to this guideline.

8. Signs and graphics, as understood in architectural design including materials and colors;

The architectural design, colors and graphics are simple, straightforward materials and design elements complementary to adjacent existing development from the 50's and 60's. Signage is not included in this application. The graphics and colors are generally neutral tones with accent panels of red. A separate sign permit is required for the monument sign. The project conforms to this guideline.

9. The planning architectural advisory committee may develop specific written guidelines to supplement the design criteria and carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Draft Conditions of approval are attached to this staff report and draft resolution as Exhibit A.

# General Plan Amendment Findings

State of California Governmental Code Sections 65350 – 65362, outline the procedures and requirements for Cities and Counties to create and amend their General Plan. There are, however, no specific findings for a General Plan Amendment. Staff has evaluated the GPA based upon the following:

- Compatibility of the proposed designation with adjacent land uses
- Potential adverse impacts to existing or future development in the vicinity.

Findings of Compatibility of the proposed land use designation with existing adjacent land uses.

The project site is surrounded by a variety of existing land uses including professional offices, single family residential and multi family residential development. For many years, the General Plan land use designation for the subject parcel was "MDR" (Medium Density Residential). The City anticipated multi-family residential uses along Tahquitz Canyon Way and in the fifties and sixties, some was developed. However in that past two decades, professional office uses have been developed along Tahquitz<sup>3</sup>. As a result, the area now contains a fairly even mix of offices and multi-family residential apartments and condominiums that co-exist harmoniously.

The 2007 General Plan update changed the land use designation for this stretch of Tahquitz from "MDR" to "O" (Office). The Office land use designation does not include residential development. Typically zoning and general plan land use designations are consistent, however at the time this application was submitted, the City had not yet processed the zone change from R-2 (residential) to "P" (Professional Office uses).

Office uses and limited multi family residential are generally considered a compatible set of land uses, and certainly the existing development pattern along Tahquitz would prove this out. Thus the proposed GPA reverting back from "O" to "MDR" is compatible with existing development patterns in the vicinity.

Potential adverse impacts to existing or future development in the area.

Both office and multi-family residential uses exist harmoniously along the north side of Tahquitz Canyon Way from roughly Sunrise Way to Civic Drive. The General Plan

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Amendment from "O" to "MDR" for the subject parcel provides consistency with the underlying R-2 zone designation. The proposed GPA was analyzed in the CEQA report and as noted, no significant adverse impacts were identified. The area around the proposed project is fully built out and the proposed project represents infill development of a type, density, massing and scale that is consistent with and complementary to, the existing neighborhood in which it is proposed.

Staff has concluded that the requested General Plan Amendment poses no detrimental impacts to existing or future development in the vicinity.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

The subject application has been evaluated and deemed a project under the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). An initial study has been conducted and the City has concluded that there are no significant impacts caused by the proposed project. A Negative Declaration has been proposed. A 20-day public comment period was given and no comments were received that would require recirculation of the proposed Negative Declaration.

# **NOTIFICATION**

A written public hearing notice was made in accordance with applicable law. To date no comments have been received.

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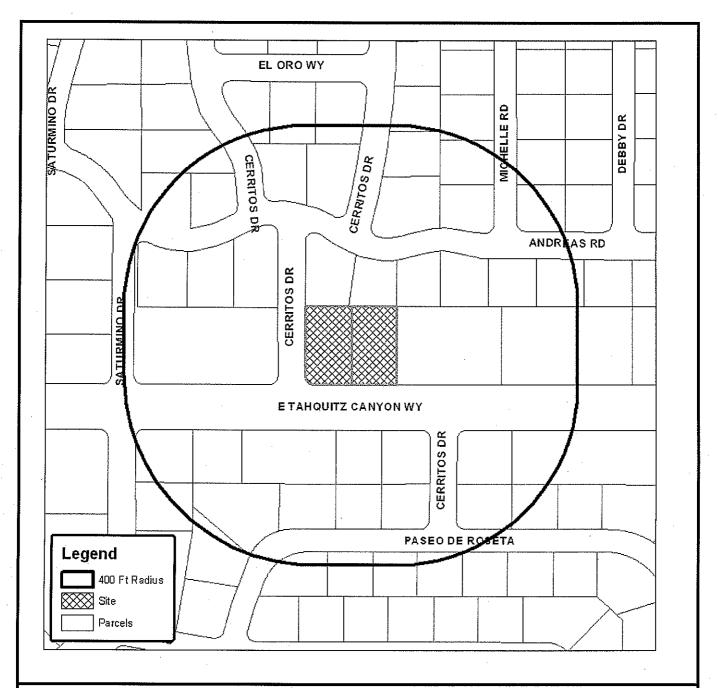
Associate Planner

Margo Wheeler, AICP

**Director of Planning Services** 

#### Attachments:

- Vicinity Map
- Draft Resolution and Conditions of Approval
- Environmental Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration
- Small scale plans, sections, elevations, landscape
- Minutes of the AAC meeting of April 8, 2013
- Letters of public comment



# CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

CASE: 3.3625 MAJ / 5.1299 GPA

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Jim Cioffi for Gerard and Janet Biegel

DESCRIPTION: A major architectural application proposing development of a residential condominium project comprised of nine dwelling units in three buildings, a swimming pool, off-street parking and landscaping. The project includes a General Plan Amendment for zoning consistency to change the land use designation from O (Office) to MDR (Medium Density Residential) on a roughly 0.82-acre (35,766 square foot) parcel at the northeast corner of East Tahquitz Canyon Way and North Cerritos Road, Zone R2, Section 13.

# RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA. APPROVING MAJOR Α ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION AND (MAJ) RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) FOR ZOING CONSISTENCY FOR A NINE-UNIT CONDOMINIUM LOCATED ON A ROUGHLY 35,766 SQUARE FOOT PARCEL AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF NORTH CERRITOS ROAD AND EAST TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY, APN'S 502-075-001 and 502-075-002; ZONE R-2, (CASE 3.3625 MAJ / 5.1299 GPA.)

WHEREAS, Gerard & Janet Biegel, (the "Applicants") have filed an application with the City pursuant to Section 94.04.00 of the Palm Springs Zoning Code (PSZC) for a Major Architectural application to construct a nine-unit condo on a roughly 35,766 square foot parcel at the northeast corner of East Tahquitz Canyon Way and North Cerritos Road, Zone R-2, APN'S 502-075-001 and 502-075-002; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2013, the Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) reviewed the proposed project and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the project to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2013, a public hearing for Case 3.3625 MAJ / 5.1299 GPA was held by the Planning Commission in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has carefully reviewed and considered all of the evidence presented in connection with the hearing on the project, including but not limited to the staff report and all written and oral testimony presented.

#### THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

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The Planning Commission has concluded that the requested General Plan Amendment poses no detrimental impacts to existing or future development in the vicinity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based upon the foregoing, the Planning Commission hereby adopts a Negative Declaration pursuant to the Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the subject project, approves Case 3.3625 MAJ a major architectural application for a nine-unit condominium project comprised of three buildings with three dwelling units in each building, with thirteen (13) covered off-street parking spaces taking access off East Tahquitz Canyon Way, four (4) bay parking spaces taking access off North Cerritos Road, landscaping and a common courtyard, pool and barbeque area, subject to the conditions set forth in attached Exhibit "A", and recommends adoption the Negative Declaration pursuant to the guidelines of CEQA and approval by the City Council of Case 5.1299 GPA; an amendment to the 2007 General Plan of the City of Palm Springs, California, initially adopted by City Council Resolution 22077 proposing to change the land use designation for a roughly 35,766 square foot parcel at the northeast corner of Tahquitz Canyon Way and Cerritos Road from "O" (Office) to "MDR" (Medium Density Residential for zoning consistency

Planning Commission Resolution Case 3.3625 MAJ / 5.1299 GPA; a 9 unit condomin	September 25, 2013 ium and a general plan amendment Page 5 of 5
ADOPTED this twenty fifth (25 <sup>th</sup> ) day of Se	ptember, 2013.
AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
ATTEST:	CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
Margo Wheeler, AICP Director of Planning Services	

RESOLUTION NO.	
NEGOEGIION NO.	

#### **EXHIBIT A**

Case 3.3625 MAJ / 5.1299 GPA

Nine-unit condominium at the Northeast Corner of Tahquitz Canyon Way and North Cerritos Road

September 25, 2013

#### **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

Before final acceptance of the project, all conditions listed below shall be completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, the Director of Planning Services, the Director of Building and Safety, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief or their designee, depending on which department recommended the condition.

Any agreements, easements or covenants required to be entered into shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS**

- ADM 1. <u>Project Description</u>. This approval is for the project described per Case 3.3625 MAJ / 5.1299 GPA; except as modified with the approved Mitigation Monitoring Program and the conditions below;
- ADM 2. Reference Documents. The site shall be developed and maintained in accordance with the approved plans, date stamped February 14, 2013, including site plans, architectural elevations, exterior materials and colors, landscaping, and grading on file in the Planning Division except as modified by the approved Mitigation Measures and conditions below.
- ADM 3. Conform to all Codes and Regulations. The project shall conform to the conditions contained herein, all applicable regulations of the Palm Springs Zoning Ordinance, Municipal Code, and any other City County, State and Federal Codes, ordinances, resolutions and laws that may apply.
- ADM 4. <u>Minor Deviations</u>. The Director of Planning or designee may approve minor deviations to the project description and approved plans in accordance with the provisions of the Palm Springs Zoning Code.
- ADM 5. Indemnification. The owner shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Palm Springs, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Palm Springs or its agents, officers or employees to attach, set aside, void or annul, an approval of the City of Palm Springs, its legislative body, advisory agencies, or administrative

officers concerning Case 3.3625 MAJ / 5.1299 GPA. The City of Palm Springs will promptly notify the applicant of any such claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Palm Springs and the applicant will either undertake defense of the matter and pay the City's associated legal costs or will advance funds to pay for defense of the matter by the City Attorney. If the City of Palm Springs fails to promptly notify the applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding or fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the applicant shall not, thereafter, be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the City of Palm Springs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City retains the right to settle or abandon the matter without the applicant's consent but should it do so, the City shall waive the indemnification herein, except, the City's decision to settle or abandon a matter following an adverse judgment or failure to appeal, shall not cause a waiver of the indemnification rights herein.

- ADM 6. Maintenance and Repair. The property owner(s) and successors and assignees in interest shall maintain and repair the improvements including and without limitation all structures, sidewalks, bikeways, parking areas, landscape, irrigation, lighting, signs, walls, and fences between the curb and property line, including sidewalk or bikeway easement areas that extend onto private property, in a first class condition, free from waste and debris, and in accordance with all applicable law, rules, ordinances and regulations of all federal, state, and local bodies and agencies having jurisdiction at the property owner's sole expense. This condition shall be included in the recorded covenant agreement for the property if required by the City.
- ADM 7. <u>Time Limit on Approval</u>. Approval of the Major Architectural Application (MAJ) shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of the approval. Extensions of time may be granted by the Planning Commission upon demonstration of good cause.
- ADM 8. Right to Appeal. Decisions of an administrative officer or agency of the City of Palm Springs may be appealed in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 2.05.00. Permits will not be issued until the appeal period has concluded.
- ADM 9. Public Art Fees. This project shall be subject to Chapters 2.24 and 3.37 of the Municipal Code regarding public art. The project shall either provide public art or payment of an in lieu fee. In the case of the in-lieu fee, the fee shall be based upon the total building permit valuation as calculated pursuant to the valuation table in the Uniform Building Code, the fee being 1/2% for commercial projects or 1/4% for residential projects with first \$100,000 of total building permit valuation for individual single-family units exempt. Should the public art be located on the project site, said location shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Planning and Zoning and the Public Arts Commission, and the property owner shall enter into a recorded agreement to maintain the art work and protect the public rights of access and viewing.

- ADM 10. Park Development Fees. The developer shall dedicate land or pay a fee in lieu of a dedication, at the option of the City. The in-lieu fee shall be computed pursuant to Ordinance No. 1632, Section IV, by multiplying the area of park to be dedicated by the fair market value of the land being developed plus the cost to acquire and improve the property plus the fair share contribution, less any credit given by the City, as may be reasonably determined by the City based upon the formula contained in Ordinance No. 1632. In accordance with the Ordinance, the following areas or features shall not be eligible for private park credit: golf courses, yards, court areas, setbacks, development edges, slopes in hillside areas (unless the area includes a public trail) landscaped development entries, meandering streams, land held as open space for wildlife habitat, flood retention facilities and circulation improvements such as bicycle, hiking and equestrian trails (unless such systems are directly linked to the City's community-wide system and shown on the City's master plan).
- ADM 11. Comply with City Noise Ordinance. This use shall comply with the provisions of Section 11.74 Noise Ordinance of the Palm Springs Municipal Code. Violations may result in revocation of this Conditional Use Permit.
- ADM 12. <a href="Model">CC&R's</a> The applicant prior to issuance of building permits shall submit a draft declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions ("CC&R's") to the Director of Planning for approval in a format to be approved by the City Attorney. These CC&R's may be enforceable by the City, shall not be amended without City approval, and shall require maintenance of all property in a good condition and in accordance with all ordinances

# ADM 13. CC&R's.

- ADM 22. <a href="Mailto:CC&R's">CC&R's</a>. Prior to recordation of a final Tentative Tract Map or issuance of building permits, the applicant shall submit a draft declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions ("CC&R's") to the Director of Planning for approval in a format to be approved by the City Attorney. The draft CC&R package shall include:
  - a. The document to convey title
  - b. Deed restrictions, easements, of Covenant Conditions and Restrictions to be recorded.
  - c. Provisions for joint access to the proposed parcels, and any open space restrictions.
  - d. A provision, which provides that the CC&R's may not be terminated or substantially amended without the consent of the City and the developer's successor-in-interest.

Approved CC&R's are to be recorded following approval of the final map. The CC&R's may be enforceable by the City, shall not be amended without

- City approval, and shall require maintenance of all property in a good condition and in accordance with all ordinances,
- ADM 23. <a href="Mailto:CC&R's Deposits & Fees">CC&R's Deposits & Fees</a>. The applicant shall submit to the City of Palm Springs, a deposit in the amount of \$3,500, for the review of the CC&R's by the City Attorney. A \$675 filing fee shall also be paid to the City Planning Department for administrative review purposes
- ADM 24. <a href="CC&R's Noise Disclosure">CC&R's Noise Disclosure</a>. The CC&R's shall have a disclosure statement regarding the location of the project relative to roadway noise, City special events, roadway closures for special events and other activities which may occur in the Central Business District, Desert Museum and Desert Fashion Plaza. Said disclosure shall inform perspective buyers about traffic, noise and other activities which may occur in this area.
- ADM 25. Notice to Tenants. The applicant shall provide all tenants with a copy of the Conditions of Approval for this project.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS**

- ENV 1. Coachella Valley Multiple-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP)

  Local Development Mitigation Fee (LDMF) required. All projects within the
  City of Palm Springs, not within the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
  reservation are subject to payment of the CVMSHCP LDMF prior to the
  issuance of certificate of occupancy.
- ENV 2. California Fish & Game Fees Required. The project is required to pay a fish and game impact fee as defined in Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code. This CFG impact fee plus an administrative fee for filing the action with the County Recorder shall be submitted by the applicant to the City in the form of a money order or a cashier's check payable to the Riverside County Clerk prior to the final City action on the project (either Planning Commission or City Council determination). This fee shall be submitted by the City to the County Clerk with the Notice of Determination. Action on this application shall not be final until such fee is paid. The project may be eligible for exemption or refund of this fee by the California Department of Fish & Game. Applicants may apply for a refund by the CFG at <a href="www.dfg.ca.gov">www.dfg.ca.gov</a> for more information.
- ENV 3. <u>Cultural Resource Survey Required</u>. Prior to any ground disturbing activity, including clearing and grubbing, installation of utilities, and/or any construction related excavation, an Archaeologist qualified according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines, shall be employed to survey the area for the presence of cultural resources identifiable on the ground surface.

- ENV 4. <u>Cultural Resource Site Monitoring</u>. There is a possibility of buried cultural or Native American tribal resources on the site. A Native American Monitor shall be present during all ground-disturbing activities. (check for duplication in engineering conditions)
  - a. A Native American Monitor(s) shall be present during all ground disturbing activities including clearing and grubbing, excavation, burial of utilities, planting of rooted plants, etc. Contact the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indian Cultural Office for additional information on the use and availability of Cultural Resource Monitors. Should buried cultural deposits be encountered, the Monitor shall contact the Director of Planning. After consultation the Director shall have the authority to halt destructive construction and shall notify a Qualified Archaeologist to further investigate the site. If necessary, the Qualified Archaeologist shall prepare a treatment plan for submission to the State Historic Preservation Officer and Agua Caliente Cultural Resource Coordinator for approval.
  - b. Two copies of any cultural resource documentation generated in connection with this project, including reports of investigations, record search results and site records/updates shall be forwarded to the Tribal Planning, Building, and Engineering Department and one copy to the City Planning Department prior to final inspection.

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS

- PLN 1. Outdoor Lighting Conformance. Exterior lighting plans, including a photometric site plan showing the project's conformance with Section 93.21.00 Outdoor Lighting Standards of the Palm Springs Zoning ordinance, shall be submitted for approval by the Department of Planning prior to issuance of a building permit. Manufacturer's cut sheets of all exterior lighting on the building and in the landscaping shall be included. If lights are proposed to be mounted on buildings, down-lights shall be utilized. No lighting of hillsides is permitted.
- PLN 2. Water Efficient Landscaping Conformance. The project is subject to the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Chapter 8.60.00) of the Palm Springs Municipal Code and all other water efficient landscape ordinances. The applicant shall submit a landscape and irrigation plan to the Director of Planning for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit. Landscape plans shall be wet stamped and approved by the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's Office prior to submittal. Prior to submittal to the City, landscape plans shall also be certified by the local water agency that they are in conformance with the water agency's and the State's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinances.

- PLN 3. Palm Tree Requirement. In accordance with Planning Commission Resolution No. 1503, dated November 18, 1970, the developer is required to plant Washingtonia Fillifera (California Fan) palm trees (14 feet from ground to fronds in height) 60 feet apart along the entire frontage of Palm Canyon Drive and/or Tahquitz Canyon Way median. (for projects on Palm Canyon or Tahquitz Canyon Way).
- PLN 4. <u>Sign Applications Required</u>. No signs are approved by this action. Separate approval and permits shall be required for all signs in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Section 93.20.00. The applicant shall submit a sign program to the Department of Planning Services prior to the issuance of building permits.
- PLN 5. Flat Roof Requirements. Roof materials on flat roofs (less than 2:12) must conform to California Title 24 thermal standards for "Cool Roofs". Such roofs must have a minimum initial thermal emittance of 0.75 or a minimum SRI of 64 and a three-year aged solar reflectance of 0.55 or greater. Only matte (non-specular) roofing is allowed in colors such as beige or tan.
- PLN 6. <u>Maintenance of Awnings & Projections</u>. All awnings shall be maintained and periodically cleaned.
- PLN 7. <u>Screen Roof-mounted Equipment</u>. All roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be screened per the requirements of Section 93.03.00 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- PLN 8. <u>Surface Mounted Downspouts Prohibited</u>. No exterior downspouts shall be permitted on any facade on the proposed building(s) that are visible from adjacent streets or residential and commercial areas.
- PLN 9. <u>Pool Enclosure Approval Required</u>. Details of fencing or walls around pools (material and color) and pool equipment areas shall be submitted for approval by the Planning Department prior to issuance of Building Permits.
- PLN 10. <u>Exterior Alarms & Audio Systems</u>. No sirens, outside paging or any type of signalization will be permitted, except approved alarm systems.
- PLN 11. <u>Outside Storage Prohibited</u>. No outside storage of any kind shall be permitted except as approved as a part of the proposed plan.
- PLN 12. No off-site Parking. Vehicles associated with the operation of the proposed development including company vehicles or employees vehicles shall not be permitted to park off the proposed building site unless a parking management plan has been approved.
- PLN 13. <u>Bicycle Parking</u>. The project shall be required to provide secure bicycle parking facilities on site for use by residents and commercial/retail patrons

and owners. Location and design shall be approved by the Director of Planning.

- PLN 14. Prior to recordation of the final subdivision map, the developer shall submit for review and approval the following documents to the Planning Department which shall demonstrate that the project will be developed and maintained in accordance with the intent and purpose of the approved tentative map:
  - a. The document to convey title.
  - Deed restrictions, easements, covenant conditions and restrictions that are to be recorded.
  - c. The approved documents shall be recorded at the same time that the subdivision map is recorded. The documents shall contain provisions for joint access to the proposed parcels and open space restrictions. The approved documents shall contain a provision which provides that they may not be terminated or substantially amended without the consent of the City and the developer's successor-in-interest.
- PLN 15. <u>(add any additional conditions imposed by the Planning Commission or City Council here)</u>

# POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS

POL 1. Developer shall comply with Section II of Chapter 8.04 "Building Security Codes" of the Palm Springs Municipal Code.

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS**

BLD 1. Prior to any construction on-site, all appropriate permits must be secured.

# **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS**

The Engineering Division recommends that if this application is approved, such approval is subject to the following conditions being completed in compliance with City standards and ordinances.

Before final acceptance of the project, all conditions listed below shall be completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

# STREETS

ENG 1. Any improvements within the public right-of-way require a City of Palm Springs Encroachment Permit.

- ENG 2. Submit street improvement plans prepared by a registered California civil engineer to the Engineering Division. The plan(s) shall be approved by the City Engineer prior to issuance of any building permits.
- ENG 3. The applicant shall be required to construct asphalt concrete paving for the onsite travelway in two separate lifts. The final lift of asphalt concrete pavement shall be postponed until such time that on-site construction activities are complete, as may be determined by the City Engineer. Paving of the on-site travelway in one lift prior to completion of on-site construction will not be allowed, unless prior authorization has been obtained from the City Engineer. Completion of asphalt concrete paving for travelways prior to completion of onsite construction activities, if authorized by the City Engineer, will require additional paving requirements prior to acceptance of the street improvements, including, but not limited to: removal and replacement of damaged asphalt concrete pavement, overlay, slurry seal, or other repairs, as required by the City Engineer.

#### E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY

- ENG 4. Remove existing street improvements as necessary to reconstruct the east half of a 6 feet wide cross gutter and spandrel at the northeast corner of the intersection of E. Tahquitz Canyon Way and E. Cerritos Drive with a flow line parallel with and located 41 feet north of the centerline of E. Tahquitz Canyon Way in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 200 and 206.
- ENG 5. Construct a minimum 24 feet wide driveway approach located approximately 25 feet west of the east property line in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 201. The driveway shall have right-turn ingress and right-turn egress access only.
- ENG 6. In accordance with Planning Commission Resolution No. 1503, dated November 18, 1970, Washingtonia Filifera (California fan palm) palm trees with tree wells (14 feet from ground to fronds in height) shall be planted approximately 60 feet apart along the entire frontage of Tahquitz Canyon Way with the exact number to be determined by the City Engineer based upon final site layout. The minimum trunk diameter and tree height shall be consistent with palm trees along E. Tahquitz Canyon Way in the vicinity; palm trees selected by the applicant shall be pre-approved by the City Engineer prior to planting. The applicant shall be responsible for installation of an irrigation and lighting system and for the perpetual maintenance of the new palm trees and other parkway landscaping along the Tahquitz Canyon Way frontage to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. Note that palm tree maintenance includes shearing off of dead palm fronds in compliance with City palm tree trimming policy.

ENG 7. All broken or off grade street improvements along the project frontage shall be repaired or replaced.

# E. CERRITOS DRIVE

- ENG 8. Construct a 6 inch curb and gutter, 20 feet east of centerline along the entire frontage, that matches existing curb return at the northeast corner of the intersection of E. Tahquitz Canyon Way and E. Cerritos Drive in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 200.
- ENG 9. Construct driveway approach to accommodate bay parking stalls along the E. Cerritos Drive frontage in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 201. The proposed driveway approach shall be located approximately 130 feet north of the south property line. Bay parking stalls shall be located completely on-site, behind sidewalk, and not within public right-ofway.
- ENG 10. Construct a 5 feet wide sidewalk behind the curb along the entire frontage in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 210.
- ENG 11. Construct pavement with a minimum pavement section of 2-1/2 inches asphalt concrete pavement over 4 inches crushed miscellaneous base with a minimum subgrade of 24 inches at 95% relative compaction, or equal, from edge of proposed gutter to clean sawcut edge of pavement along the entire E. Cerritos Drive frontage in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 110 and 300. If an alternative pavement section is proposed, the proposed pavement section shall be designed by a California registered Geotechnical Engineer using "R" values from the project site and submitted to the City Engineer for approval.
- ENG 12. All broken or off grade street improvements along the project frontage shall be repaired or replaced.

#### **ON-SITE**

- ENG 13. Dedicate an easement for the right of ingress and egress for service and emergency vehicles and personnel over the proposed private travelway.
- ENG 14. The on-site drive aisle shall be two-way with a minimum 24 feet wide travelway (as measured from face of curb) where no on-street parking is proposed.
- ENG 15. For on-site bay parking in residential and commercial zones, paving material shall be decorative paving, colored and/or patterned to relate to the overall design in accordance with Zoning Code 93.06.00.C.15.e. All bay parking spaces on E. Cerritos Drive shall be constructed on-site.

- ENG 16. An accessible pedestrian path of travel shall be provided throughout the development, as may be required by applicable state and federal laws. An accessible path of travel shall be constructed of Portland cement concrete, unless alternative materials meeting state and federal accessibility standards is approved by the City Engineer.
- ENG 17. The minimum pavement section for all on-site pavement (drive aisles and parking spaces) shall be 2-1/2 inches asphalt concrete pavement over 4 inches crushed miscellaneous base with a minimum subgrade of 24 inches at 95% relative compaction, or equal. If an alternative pavement section is proposed, the proposed pavement section shall be designed by a California registered Geotechnical Engineer using "R" values from the project site and submitted to the City Engineer for approval.

# SANITARY SEWER

- ENG 18. All sanitary facilities shall be connected to the public sewer system via the proposed on-site private sewer system. New laterals shall not be connected at manholes.
- ENG 19. All on-site sewer systems shall be privately maintained by a Home Owners Association (HOA). Provisions for maintenance of the on-site sewer system acceptable to the City Engineer shall be included in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) required for this project.
- ENG 20. Submit sewer improvement plans prepared by a California registered civil engineer to the Engineering Division. The plan(s) shall be approved by the City Engineer prior to issuance of any building permits.
- ENG 21. Applicant shall connect to the existing public sewer mainline located approximately 7.5 feet north of the north right-of-way of E. Tahquitz Canyon Way and extend the 8 inch VCP sewer main to the project site located approximately 100 feet to the west from the existing terminus that is approximately aligned with S. Cerritos Drive. No laterals shall be connected at manholes, but shall be connected in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 405.
- ENG 22. All sewer mains constructed by the developer and to become part of the City sewer system shall be digitally video recorded by the City prior to acceptance of the sewer system for maintenance by the City. Any defects of the sewer main shall be removed, replaced, or repaired to the satisfaction of the City Engineer prior to acceptance.
- ENG 23. Upon completion of the construction of public sewer lines, an as-built drawing in digital format shall be provided to the City as required by the City Engineer, if

the sewer was not constructed in accordance with the original approved sewer plans.

### **GRADING**

- ENG 24. Submit a Precise Grading and Paving Plan prepared by a California registered Civil engineer to the Engineering Division for review and approval. The Precise Grading and Paving Plan shall be approved by the City Engineer prior to issuance of grading permit.
  - a. A Fugitive Dust Control Plan shall be prepared by the applicant and/or its grading contractor and submitted to the Engineering Division for review and approval. The applicant and/or its grading contractor shall be required to comply with Chapter 8.50 of the City of Palm Springs Municipal Code, and shall be required to utilize one or more "Coachella Valley Best Available Control Measures" as identified in the Coachella Valley Fugitive Dust Control Handbook for each fugitive dust source such that the applicable performance standards are met. The applicant's or its contractor's Fugitive Dust Control Plan shall be prepared by staff that has completed the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Coachella Valley Fugitive Dust Control Class. The applicant and/or its grading contractor shall provide the Engineering Division with current and valid Certificate(s) of Completion from AQMD for staff that have completed the required training. information on attending a Fugitive Dust Control Class and information on the Coachella Valley Fugitive Dust Control Handbook and related "PM10" Dust Control issues, please contact AQMD at (909) 396-3752, or at http://www.AQMD.gov. A Fugitive Dust Control Plan, in conformance with the Coachella Valley Fugitive Dust Control Handbook, shall be submitted to and approved by the Engineering Division prior to approval of the Grading plan.
  - b. The first submittal of the Precise Grading and Paving Plan shall include the following information: a copy of final approved conformed copy of Conditions of Approval; a copy of a final approved conformed copy of the Site Plan; a copy of current Title Report; a copy of Soils Report; a copy of the associated Hydrology Study/Report; and a copy of the project-specific Final Water Quality Management Plan.
- ENG 25. Prior to approval of a Grading Plan or issuance of any permit, the applicant shall obtain written approval to proceed with construction from the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer or Tribal Archaeologist. The applicant shall contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer or the Tribal Archaeologist at (760) 699-6800, to determine their requirements, if any, associated with grading or other construction. The applicant is advised to contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer or Tribal Archaeologist as early as possible. If required, it is the responsibility of the

- applicant to coordinate scheduling of Tribal monitors during grading or other construction, and to arrange payment of any required fees associated with Tribal monitoring.
- ENG 26. In accordance with an approved PM-10 Dust Control Plan, temporary dust control perimeter fencing shall be installed as necessary. Fencing shall have screening that is tan in color; green screening will not be allowed. Temporary dust control perimeter fencing shall be installed after issuance of Grading Permit, and immediately prior to commencement of grading operations.
- ENG 27. Temporary dust control perimeter fence screening shall be appropriately maintained, as required by the City Engineer. Cuts (vents) made into the perimeter fence screening shall not be allowed. Perimeter fencing shall be adequately anchored into the ground to resist wind loading.
- ENG 28. Within 10 days of ceasing all construction activity and when construction activities are not scheduled to occur for at least 30 days, the disturbed areas on-site shall be permanently stabilized, in accordance with Palm Springs Municipal Code Section 8.50.022. Following stabilization of all disturbed areas, perimeter fencing shall be removed, as required by the City Engineer.
- ENG 29. Drainage swales shall be provided adjacent to all curbs and sidewalks to keep nuisance water from entering the public streets, roadways, or gutters.
- ENG 30. In accordance with City of Palm Springs Municipal Code, Section 8.50.022 (h), the applicant shall post with the City a cash bond of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per disturbed acre at the time of issuance of grading permit for mitigation measures for erosion/blowsand relating to this property and development.
- ENG 31. A Geotechnical/Soils Report prepared by a California registered Geotechnical Engineer shall be required for and incorporated as an integral part of the grading plan for the proposed development. A copy of the Geotechnical/Soils Report shall be submitted to the Engineering Division with the first submittal of a grading plan.
- ENG 32. The applicant shall provide all necessary geotechnical/soils inspections and testing in accordance with the Geotechnical/Soils Report prepared for the project. All backfill, compaction, and other earthwork shown on the approved grading plan shall be certified by a California registered geotechnical or civil engineer, certifying that all grading was performed in accordance with the Geotechnical/Soils Report prepared for the project. Documentation of all compaction and other soils testing are to be provided. No certificate of occupancy will be issued until the required certification is provided to the City Engineer.

- ENG 33. The applicant shall provide pad elevation certifications for all building pads in conformance with the approved grading plan, to the Engineering Division prior to construction of any building foundation.
- ENG 34. In cooperation with the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner and the California Department of Food and Agriculture Red Imported Fire Ant Project, applicants for grading permits involving a grading plan and involving the export of soil will be required to present a clearance document from a Department of Food and Agriculture representative in the form of an approved "Notification of Intent To Move Soil From or Within Quarantined Areas of Orange, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties" (RIFA Form CA-1) prior to approval of the Grading Plan. The California Department of Food and Agriculture office is located at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert (Phone: 760-776-8208).

# WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

- ENG 35. This project shall be required to install measures in accordance with applicable National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Best Management Practices (BMP's) included as part of the NPDES Permit issued for the Whitewater River Region from the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The applicant is advised that installation of BMP's, including mechanical or other means for pre-treating contaminated stormwater and non-stormwater runoff, shall be required by regulations imposed by the RWQCB. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to design and install appropriate BMP's, in accordance with the NPDES Permit, that effectively intercept and pre-treat contaminated stormwater and non-stormwater runoff from the project site, prior to release to the City's municipal separate storm sewer system ("MS4"), to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and the RWQCB. Such measures shall be designed and installed on-site; and provisions for perpetual maintenance of the measures shall be provided to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, including provisions in Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R's) required for the development (if any).
- ENG 36. A Final Project-Specific Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) shall be submitted to and approved by the City Engineer prior to issuance of a grading or building permit. The WQMP shall address the implementation of operational Best Management Practices (BMP's) necessary to accommodate nuisance water and storm water runoff from the site. Direct release of nuisance water to the adjacent property (or public streets) is prohibited. Construction of operational BMP's shall be incorporated into the Precise Grading and Paving Plan.
- ENG 37. Prior to issuance of any grading or building permits, the property owner shall record a "Covenant and Agreement" with the County-Clerk Recorder or other instrument on a standardized form to inform future property owners of the requirement to implement the approved Final Project-Specific WQMP. Other

alternative instruments for requiring implementation of the approved Final Project-Specific WQMP include: requiring the implementation of the Final Project-Specific WQMP in Home Owners Association or Property Owner Association Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R's); formation of Landscape, Lighting and Maintenance Districts, Assessment Districts or Community Service Areas responsible for implementing the Final Project-Specific WQMP; or equivalent. Alternative instruments must be approved by the City Engineer prior to the issuance of any grading or building permits.

- ENG 38. Prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy or final City approvals, the applicant shall:
  - a. demonstrate that all structural BMP's have been constructed and installed in conformance with approved plans and specifications;
  - b. demonstrate that applicant is prepared to implement all non-structural BMP's included in the approved Final Project-Specific WQMP, conditions of approval, or grading/building permit conditions; and
  - c. demonstrate that an adequate number of copies of the approved Final Project-Specific WQMP are available for the future owners (where applicable).

#### DRAINAGE

- ENG 39. Direct release of on-site nuisance water or stormwater runoff shall not be permitted to E. Tahquitz Canyon Way or N. Cerritos Road. Provisions for the interception of nuisance water from entering adjacent public streets from the project site shall be provided through the use of a minor storm drain system that collects and conveys nuisance water to landscape or parkway areas, and in only a stormwater runoff condition, pass runoff directly to the streets through parkway or under sidewalk drains.
- ENG 40. All stormwater runoff passing through the site shall be accepted and conveyed across the property in a manner acceptable to the City Engineer. For all stormwater runoff falling on the site, on-site retention or other facilities approved by the City Engineer shall be required to contain the increased stormwater runoff generated by the development of the property, as described in the Preliminary Hydrology Study for this project (dated May 6, 2013) by Amir Engineering. The volume of increased stormwater runoff due to development of the site, and the required stormwater runoff mitigation measures for the proposed development shall be determined upon review and approval of the hydrology study by the City Engineer and may require redesign or changes to site configuration or layout consistent with the findings of the final hydrology study.
- ENG 41. Construct storm drain improvements, including but not limited to catch basins, drywells, and storm drain lines, for drainage of the on-site travelway into the on-

site underground percolation field, as described in the Preliminary Hydrology Study (dated May 6, 2013) for this project, prepared by Amir Engineering. The hydrology study for this project shall be amended to include catch basin sizing, drywell sizing, storm drain pipe sizing, and underground percolation field sizing calculations and other specifications for construction of required on-site storm drainage improvements.

- ENG 42. All on-site storm drain systems shall be privately maintained by a Homeowners Association (HOA). Provisions for maintenance of the on-site storm drain systems acceptable to the City Engineer shall be included in Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) required for this project.
- ENG 43. The applicant shall install a series of drywells, within the underground percolation field proposed in the development as necessary to collect and percolate stormwater runoff, including nuisance water, from the tributary area within the development that has drainage directed to the underground percolation field. The drywells shall be appropriately sized to accommodate the expected daily nuisance water, as well as runoff from ordinary storm events (2year storm events), unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer. Provisions shall be included in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) for this development that require the routine maintenance of the drywells by the Home Owners Association (HOA), including the right of the City to inspect and require the HOA to remove and replace the drywells if they fail to function, causing stagnant water to accumulate above ground within the basin. The City shall be given the right, in the interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare, to order the removal and replacement of drywells in the event the HOA is nonresponsive to the City's written notice, with costs to be recovered against the HOA by the City in accordance with state and local laws and regulations.
- ENG 44. The project is subject to flood control and drainage implementation fees. The acreage drainage fee at the present time is \$9,212.00 per acre in accordance with Resolution No. 15189. Fees shall be paid prior to issuance of a building permit.

#### **GENERAL**

ENG 45. Any utility trenches or other excavations within existing asphalt concrete pavement of off-site streets required by the proposed development shall be backfilled and repaired in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 115. The developer shall be responsible for removing, grinding, paving and/or overlaying existing asphalt concrete pavement of off-site streets as required by and at the discretion of the City Engineer, including additional pavement repairs to pavement repairs made by utility companies for utilities installed for the benefit of the proposed development (i.e. Desert Water Agency, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, Time Warner, Verizon, etc.). Multiple excavations, trenches, and other street cuts

within existing asphalt concrete pavement of off-site streets required by the proposed development may require complete grinding and asphalt concrete overlay of the affected off-site streets, at the discretion of the City Engineer. The pavement condition of the existing off-site streets shall be returned to a condition equal to or better than existed prior to construction of the proposed development.

- ENG 46. All proposed utility lines shall be installed underground.
- ENG 47. In accordance with Chapter 8.04.401 of the City of Palm Springs Municipal Code, all existing and proposed electrical lines of thirty-five thousand volts or less and overhead service drop conductors, and all gas, telephone, television cable service, and similar service wires or lines, which are on-site, abutting, and/or transecting, shall be installed underground unless specific restrictions are shown in General Orders 95 and 128 of the California Public Utilities Commission, and service requirements published by the utilities. The existing overhead utilities across the north property line meet the requirement to be installed underground. Utility undergrounding shall extend to the nearest off-site power pole; no new power poles shall be installed unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer. A letter from the owners of the affected utilities shall be submitted to the Engineering Division prior to approval of a grading plan, informing the City that they have been notified of the City's utility undergrounding requirement and their intent to commence design of utility undergrounding plans. When available, the utility undergrounding plan shall be submitted to the Engineering Division identifying all above ground facilities in the area of the project to be undergrounded. Undergrounding of existing overhead utility lines shall be completed prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- ENG 48. All existing utilities shall be shown on the improvement plans if required for the project. The existing and proposed service laterals shall be shown from the main line to the property line.
- ENG 49. Upon approval of any improvement plan (if required) by the City Engineer, the improvement plan shall be provided to the City in digital format, consisting of a DWG (AutoCAD 2004 drawing file), DXF (AutoCAD ASCII drawing exchange file), and PDF (Adobe Acrobat 6.0 or greater) formats. Variation of the type and format of the digital data to be submitted to the City may be authorized, upon prior approval by the City Engineer.
- ENG 50. The original improvement plans prepared for the proposed development and approved by the City Engineer shall be documented with record drawing "asbuilt" information and returned to the Engineering Division prior to issuance of a final certificate of occupancy. Any modifications or changes to approved improvement plans shall be submitted to the City Engineer for approval prior to construction.

- ENG 51. Nothing shall be constructed or planted in the corner cut-off area of any intersection or driveway which does or will exceed the height required to maintain an appropriate sight distance per City of Palm Springs Zoning Code Section 93.02.00, D.
- ENG 52. All proposed trees within the public right-of-way and within 10 feet of the public sidewalk and/or curb shall have City approved deep root barriers installed in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 904.
- ENG 53. This property is subject to the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Local Development Mitigation fee (CVMSHCP-LDMF). The LDMF shall be paid prior to issuance of Building Permit.

#### MAP

ENG 54. The existing parcels identified as Lots 25 and 26 of the Luring Sands Park map, Map Book 20, Page 71, shall be merged. An application for a parcel merger shall be submitted to the Engineering Division for review and approval. A copy of a current title report and copies of record documents shall be submitted with the application for the parcel merger. The application shall be submitted to and approved by the City Engineer prior to issuance of building permit.

#### **TRAFFIC**

- ENG 55. A minimum of 48 inches of clearance for handicap accessibility shall be provided on public sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel within the development. Minimum clearance on public sidewalks (or pedestrian paths of travel) shall be provided by either an additional dedication of a sidewalk easement (if necessary) and widening of the sidewalk, or by the relocation of any obstructions within the public sidewalk along the E. Tahquitz Canyon Way and N. Cerritos Drive frontages of the subject property.
- ENG 56. All damaged, destroyed, or modified pavement legends, traffic control devices, signing, striping, and street lights, associated with the proposed development shall be replaced as required by the City Engineer prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- ENG 57. The applicant shall install a Type R6-1 "One Way" sign within the E. Tahquitz Canyon Way median for traffic egressing from the site, opposite the 24 feet wide driveway, as required by the City Engineer.
- ENG 58. Install a stop sign, stop bar, and "STOP" legend for traffic exiting the development at the intersection of E. Tahquitz Canyon Way and entry driveway in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing Nos. 620-625 and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and

- Highways, dated January 13, 2012, or subsequent editions in force at the time of construction, as required by the City Engineer.
- ENG 59. Construction signing, lighting and barricading shall be provided during all phases of construction as required by City Standards or as directed by the City Engineer. As a minimum, all construction signing, lighting and barricading shall be in accordance with Part 6 "Temporary Traffic Control" of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, dated January 13, 2012, or subsequent editions in force at the time of construction.
- ENG 60. This property is subject to the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee which shall be paid prior to issuance of building permit.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS

- FID 1. These conditions are subject to final plan check and review. Initial fire department conditions have been determined on the site plan dated 2/14/13. The submitted plans do not provide enough detail. Additional requirements may be required at that time based on revisions to site plans.
- FID 2. Fire Department Conditions were based on the 2010 California Fire Code. Four complete sets of plans for private fire service mains, fire alarm, or fire sprinkler systems must be submitted at time of the building plan submittal.
- FID 3. **Public Safety CFD**: The Project will bring a significant number of additional residents to the community. The City's existing public safety and recreation services, including police protection, criminal justice, fire protection and suppression, ambulance, paramedic, and other safety services and recreation, library, cultural services are near capacity. Accordingly, the City may determine to form a Community Services District under the authority of Government Code Section 53311 et seq, or other appropriate statutory or municipal authority. Developer agrees to support the formation of such assessment district and shall waive any right to protest, provided that the amount of such assessment shall be established through appropriate study and shall not exceed \$500 annually with a consumer price index escalator. The district shall be formed prior to sale of any lots or a covenant agreement shall be recorded against each parcel, permitting incorporation of the parcel in the district.
- FID 4. Access During Construction (CFC 503): Access for firefighting equipment shall be provided to the immediate job site at the start of construction and maintained until all construction is complete. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13'6". Fire Department access roads shall have an all weather driving surface and support a minimum weight of 73,000 lbs.

FID 5. Fire Department Access: Fire Department Access Roads shall be provided and maintained in accordance with (Sections 503 CFC)

#### **Minimum Access Road Dimensions:**

- 1. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet; a greater width for private streets may be required by the City engineer to address traffic engineering, parking, and other issues. The Palm Springs Fire Department requirements for two-way private streets, is a *minimum width of 24* feet is required for this project, unless otherwise allowed by the City engineer. No parking shall be allowed in either side of the roadway. The private driveway from Simms Road to San Rafael Road is designated at a fire lane.
- FID 6. Fire Lane Marking (CFC 503.3): Approved signs or other approved notices shall be provided for fire apparatus access roads to identify such roads or prohibit the obstruction thereof. Signs or notices shall be maintained in a clean and legible condition at all times and is replaced or repaired when necessary to provide adequate visibility.
- FID 7. Reduced Roadway Width: Areas with reduced roadway width at entry and exit gates, entry and exit approach roads, traffic calming areas that are under 36 feet wide require red painted curb to maintain minimum 24 foot clear width. Red curb shall be stenciled "NO PARKING" and "FIRE LANE" with white paint.
- FID 8. Fire Apparatus Access Gates (8.04.260 PSMC): Entrance gates shall have a clear width of at least 15 feet and be equipped with a frangible chain and padlock <u>during construction</u>.
- FID 9. **Buildings and Facilities (CFC 503.1.1):** Approved fire apparatus access roads shall be provided for every facility, building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction. The fire apparatus access road shall comply with the requirements of this section and shall extend to within 150 feet (45 720 mm) of all portions of the facility and all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility.
- FID 10. **Dimensions (CFC 503.2.1):** Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 24 feet except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6 and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches.
- FID 11. **Surface (CFC 503.2.3):** Fire apparatus access roads shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus (73,000 lbs. GVW) and shall be surfaced so as to provide all-weather driving capabilities.

- FID 12. **Turning radius (CFC 503.2.4):** The required turning radius of a fire apparatus access road shall be determined by the fire code official. Fire access road turns and corners shall be designed with a minimum inner radius of 25 feet and an outer radius of 43 feet. Radius must be concentric.
- FID 13. Premises Identification (CFC 505.1): New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4" high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5".
- FID 14. **Key Box Required to be Installed (CFC 506.1):** Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location.
- FID 15. Location of Knox boxes: A Knox box shall be installed at every locked gate. Boxes shall be mounted at 5 feet above grade. Show location of boxes on plan elevation views. Show requirement in plan notes. All man gates shall be included.
- FID 16. Operational Fire Hydrant(s) (CFC 508.1, 508.5.1 & 1412.1): Operational fire hydrant(s) shall be installed within 250 feet of all combustible construction. They shall be installed and made serviceable prior to and during construction. No landscape planting, walls, or fencing is permitted within 3 feet of fire hydrants, except ground cover plantings.
- FID 17. Fire Flow (CFC 508.3): Fire flow requirements for buildings or portions of buildings and facilities are estimated to be 1,500 GPM with the installation of fire sprinklers based on Appendix B of the 2010 CFC.
- FID 18. **Identification (CFC 510.1):** Fire protection equipment shall be identified in an approved manner. Rooms containing controls for air-conditioning systems, sprinkler risers and valves, or other fire detection, suppression or control elements shall be identified for the use of the fire department. Approved signs required to identify fire protection equipment and equipment location, shall be constructed of durable materials, permanently installed and readily visible.
- FID 19. NFPA 13D Sprinkler System Required (903.2.8): An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area.
- FID 20. Audible Water Flow Alarms (CFC 903.4.2): An approved audible sprinkler flow alarm (Wheelock horn/strobe # MT4-115-WH-VFR with WBB back box or equal) shall be provided on the exterior of the building in an approved location.

An approved audible sprinkler flow alarm (Wheelock horn/strobe # MT4-115-WH-VFR with WBB back box or equal) to alert the occupants shall be provided in the interior of the building in a normally occupied location.

- FID 21. Valve and Water-Flow Monitoring (CFC 903.4): All valves controlling the fire sprinkler system water supply, and all water-flow switches, shall be electrically monitored. All control valves shall be locked in the open position. Valve and water-flow alarm and trouble signals shall be distinctly different and shall be automatically transmitted to an approved central station.
- FID 22. **Fire Alarm System:** Fire alarm system is required and installation shall comply with the requirements of NFPA 72, current edition.
- FID 23. **Portable Fire Extinguisher (CFC 906.1):** Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed. Provide one 2-A:10-B:C portable fire extinguisher for every 75 feet of floor or grade travel distance for normal hazards.
- FID 23 Residential Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms Installation with Fire Sprinklers (CFC 907.2.10.1.2, 907.2.10.2 & 907.2.10.3; CRC R315): Provide and install Residential Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms (Kidde SM120X Relay / Power Supply Module connected to multi-station Kidde smoke and carbon monoxide alarms or equal system and fire sprinkler flow switch). Alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring, and shall be equipped with a battery backup. In new construction, alarms shall be interconnected so that operation of any smoke alarm, carbon monoxide alarm or fire sprinkler flow switch causes all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms within the dwelling to sound and activate the exterior horn/strobe.

The wiring of this system shall be in accordance with Kidde SM120X Relay / Power Supply Module manual and Figure 2 (see attached). The 120 volt device wired to turn on when alarm sounds is the exterior horn / strobe. The pull for fire device is the fire sprinkler flow switch.

FID 24 Additional Residential Smoke Alarm Requirements (NFPA 72: 29.5.1.3): Where the interior floor area for a given level of a dwelling unit, excluding garage areas, is greater than 1,000 Sq. Ft., the additional requirements are that all points on the ceiling shall have:

A smoke alarm within a distance of 30 ft travel distance or

An equivalent of one smoke alarm per 500 Sq. Ft. of floor area.

One smoke alarm per 500 Sq. Ft. is evaluated by dividing the total interior square footage of floor area per level by 500 Sq. Ft.

- FID 25 Carbon Monoxide Alarm or Detector Locations (NFPA 720: 9.4.1.1 & 9.4.1.2; CRC R315.3): Carbon monoxide alarms or detectors shall be installed as follows:
  - (1) Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms
  - (2) On every occupiable level of a dwelling unit, including basements, excluding attics and crawl spaces
  - (3) Other locations where required by applicable laws, codes, or standards

Each alarm or detector shall be located on the wall, ceiling, or other location as specified in the manufacturer's published instructions that accompany the unit.

## **END OF CONDITIONS**

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION "GPA / 9-Unit Condo-3.3625-MAJ"

LEAD AGENCY:

City of Palm Springs ...

3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way

Palm Springs, CA 92262

CONTACT PERSON:

Edward O. Robertson, Principal Planner (760) 323-8245

PROJECT TITLE:

GPA / Nine-Unit Condominium — 3.3625-MAJ

PROJECT LOCATION: Northeast Corner of Tahquitz Canyon Way & Cerritos Road

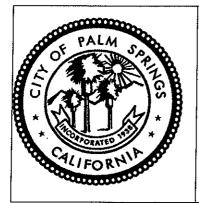
APNs 502-075-001 & 002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is a General Plan Amendment (GPA) for zoning consistency to allow a proposal to develop a nine-unit condominium complex with common outdoor areas, off-street parking and landscaping on approximately 35,756square foot property. The current general plan designation of the property is O (Office): the current zoning designation is R-2 (Limited Multi-Family Residential), an amendment of the general plan designation to MDR (Medium Density Residential) will allow for consistency with the current R-2 (Limited Multi-Family Residential) zoning designation; thereby allowing residential development on the property, subject to environmental review. Medium Density Residential designation allows up to 15 dwelling units per acre: this land use designation will accommodate a range of residential development including single-family attached, single-family detached, duplexes, townhomes and multi-family complex.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that any potentially significant impacts can be mitigated to a level of less than significant. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 20-day public review period for the Draft Negative Declaration will commence at 8:00 a.m. on August 27, 2013 and end on September 16. 2013, at 6:00 p.m. for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received at the above address within the public review period. In addition, you may email comments to the following address: Edward.Robertson@palmspringsca.gov.

Copies of the Initial Study are available for review at the above address and at the City library. This project is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on September 11, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.



# INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION **GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT** August 12, 2013

Project Title:	General Plan Amendment	General Plan Amendment / 9-Unit Condo Development				
Case No.	GPA/9-Unit Condominium	Development – 3.3625				
Assessor's Parcel Nos.	502-075-001 & 502-075-002					
Lead Agency Name and Address:	City of Palm Springs 3200 E. Tahquitz Way Palm Springs, California 92:					
Project Location:	Northeast Corner of Tahquitz Canyon Way & Cerritos Road					
Project Sponsor's Name and Address:	City of Palm Springs	3200 E. Tahquitz Way Palm Springs, California 92262				
General Plan Designation(s):	O (Office)	1				
Zoning Designations:	R-2 (Limited Multi-Family Re	esidential				
Contact Person:	Edward O. Robertson, Princ	Edward O. Robertson, Principal Planner				
Phone Number:	(760) 323-8245					
Date Prepared	August 12, 2013					

## **Description of the Project**

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## **Environmental Setting and Surrounding Land Uses**

The GPA will apply to the two parcels identified; the project is located in an area of mixed uses, including professional offices and apartment buildings.

Other public agencies whose approval is required

None

# **Environmental Factors Potentially Affected:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, as ndicated by the checklist and corresponding discussion on the following pages.							
☐ Aesthetics	☐ Agricultural Resources	☐ Air Quality					
☐ Biological Resources	☐ Cultural Resources	☐ Geology/Soils					
Hazards & Hazardous Materials	☐ Hydrology/Water Quality	☐ Land Use/Planning					
☐ Mineral Resources	☐ Noise	Population/Housing					
☐ Public Services	Recreation	Transportation/					
Utilities/Service Systems	☐ Mandatory Findinas of Signifi	cance					

DETERA	MINATION: The City of Palm Springs Planning Department
On the	e basis of this initial evaluation:
$\boxtimes$	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
□	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" of "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlie analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR of NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.
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## **PURPOSE OF THIS INITIAL STUDY**

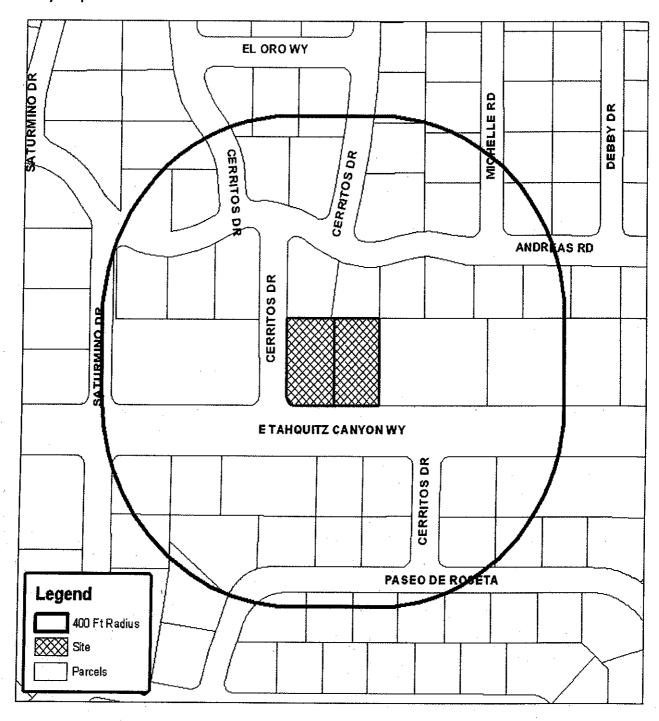
This Initial Study has been prepared consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, to determine if a proposed General Plan Amendment may have a significant effect upon the environment. Based upon the findings contained within this report, the Initial Study will be used in support of a Negative Declaration.

#### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on project-specific screening analysis).
- All answers must take into account the whole action involved, including offsite as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impacts to less than significance.

## **Vicinity Map**



T. Wor	AESTHETICS  Jld the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				×
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				

The City of Palm Springs is located in the valley floor in the southwest corner of the Coachella Valley where Palm Canyon enters the valley from the south. The city is framed by views of the San Jacinto Mountains to the south, west, and partially to the east; by open desert and the City of Cathedral City to the east; and the Little San Bernardino Mountains to the north.

#### Discussion of Impacts

- a) & c) No Impact. The project will not have a substantially adverse effect on any scenic vista or substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. The project is located within a fully developed area; the General Plan designation of the two parcels is not consistent with the current zoning of the parcels hence a General Plan Amendment is required. Proposed architectural plans for the development will be reviewed by the City's Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC), to ensure that the project is consistent with the existing development in the area. Therefore, the project will have no impact on scenic vistas and the existing visual character of the project site.
- b) **No Impact.** The proposed project is not located adjacent to or within a state scenic highway and consequently, will have no impact on scenic resources within a state scenic highway.
- d) **No Impact**. Construction of the project would have some lighting impacts, characteristic of a residential development. It is not anticipated that the project will create substantial light and glare that could affect night-time views. The type of lighting proposed would be required to comply with City's "dark sky" ordinance pursuant to standards outlined in Section 93.21.00 of the zoning ordinance. In part, the City's exterior lighting ordinance requires that exterior light shall be (a) architecturally integrated with the character of the associated structures, site design and landscape;

(b) Directed downward and shielded, or specifically directed to walls, landscape elements or other similar features, so that light is confined within the boundaries of the subject parcel; (c) Installed so that lights do not blink, flash or be of unusually high intensity or brightness; (d) Appropriate in height, intensity and scale to the uses and the site they are serving; (e) Installed in conformance with the provisions of this section, the building code, the electrical code, and under appropriate permit and site inspection. Therefore, there will be a less than significant impact to day or nighttime views in the area due to light and glare.

## II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland.

Wo	uld the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				$\boxtimes$
c)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				⊠

## Setting

The City is an urban environment, and does not contain agricultural lands, or agricultural land uses. Agriculture occurs in the eastern Coachella Valley which is at least 15 miles to the east of Palm Springs.

a)-c) **No Impact.** There are no designated farmlands in the City. As a result, no agricultural land uses occur in the City, and zoning standards are not relevant. There are no known Williamson Act contracts in the City. The proposed General Plan Amendment will not change the existing environment due to this location and therefore, will have no impact on agricultural resources.

#### III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations.

Wo	ould the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				
b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				$\boxtimes$
c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?			· 🗆 .	
d)	Result in significant construction-related air quality impacts?				$\boxtimes$
e)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				$\boxtimes$
f)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				

#### Setting

The City of Palm Springs is located in the Coachella Valley. Palm Springs climate is characterized by low annual rainfall (2 to 6 inches per year) and low humidity with temperatures ranging from 80° F to 108° F in July and 40° F to 57° F in January. The City is under the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) as relates to air quality management. The SCAQMD maintains air quality monitoring stations in Palm Springs and Indio. The stations monitor criteria pollutants ozone, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulate matter under 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>) and fine particulate matter 2.5 microns in size (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). The Coachella Valley is currently a non-attainment area for particulate matter of 10 microns or less, and ozone.

a)-f) **No Impact**. The General Plan amendment will have no impact on air quality; applicable conditions of approval will be imposed on the associated development to ensure that the project complies with required regulations. Therefore, no impacts on air quality.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES	Potentially	Potentially Significant	Less Than	No
Would the project:	Significant Impact	Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				×
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				

The City is located in the Coachella, which is located in the Sonoran Desert. The most common habitat in the City is creosote bush scrub. The City has participated in the preparation and adoption of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP), which establishes reserves for species of concern, requires the payment of a mitigation fee for lands not designated for conservation, and requires the preparation of biological resource studies for certain species. All projects proposed in the City are subject to the requirements of the CVMSHCP.

## Discussion of Impacts

a)-f) No Impact. The proposed General Plan Amendment and proposed associated development will have no impact on biological resources. The amendment will make no changes to existing General Plan policies and programs geared toward the preservation of species. The property involved is surrounded by existing development; the land has been previously disturbed and no evidence of any existing habitat or any species identified as a candidate on the subject site.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES  Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in 15064.5?				
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to 15064.5?				$\boxtimes$
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				$\boxtimes$
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				$\boxtimes$

The City occurs in the traditional territory of the Desert Cahuilla, with a history dating back to 1,000 BC. Evidence of Cahuilla occupation in the Coachella Valley dates to over 500 years ago, when the Tribe settled around ancient Lake Cahuilla, in the area of present day La Quinta and Indio. The canyons surrounding Palm Springs also have yielded evidence of use by the Tribe, which took advantage of water sources, food sources from plants and animals, and rock for tool-making.

The City occurs well outside the boundary of ancient Lake Cahuilla, an area where paleontological resources have occurred. Further, soils in the City are generally post-Pleistocene age alluvium from the surrounding mountains, too new in the context of paleontology to yield fossilized remains.

## Discussion of Impacts

a)-d) No Impact. The proposed General Plan Amendment will have no impact on cultural resources. The amendment will not alter existing General Plan policies and programs intended for the preservation of cultural resources. The City will continue to confer with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians on individual projects, to assure that potential impacts are addressed and mitigated as construction occurs.

	'l. Iouk	GEOLOGY AND SOILS	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a	SU	pose people or structures to potential bstantial adverse effects, including the risk of ss, injury, or death involving:			ż	
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?				$\boxtimes$
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				$\boxtimes$
	iv)	Landslides?				$\boxtimes$
. b)		sult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of osoil?				
c)	uns resu on-	located on a geologic unit or soil that is stable, or that would become unstable as a sult of the project, and potentially result in or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, sidence, liquefaction or collapse?				
d)	Tab (199	located on expansive soil, as defined in let 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (24), creating substantial risks to life or perty?				$\boxtimes$
e)	the was	re soils incapable of adequately supporting use of septic tanks or alternative tewater disposal systems where sewers are available for the disposal of wastewater?				

The San Andreas Fault zone is the major fault in the Coachella Valley. Breaks associated with the Fault cover a generally northwest-southeast trending zone approximately 10 miles wide, north and east of the City. There are no Alquist Priolo Fault Zones in the City.

Soils in the City consist of alluvial deposits which originated in the surrounding mountains, and consist primarily of sands, silts and cobbles.

## Discussion of Impacts

a)-e) No Impact. The proposed General Plan Amendment will have no impact on geology or soils. The subject site is surrounded by various developments; there are existing City streets and sidewalks on both sides of the property as well. The site is not located on a geologic soil that is unstable; the City's Building regulations would ensure that proposed structures on the land do not become unstable as a result of the development. The proposed construction of a nine-unit condo project will not expose people to potential substantial effects.

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?		· 🗆		
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				

The City's Fire Department and the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health implement regulation of hazardous material storage, use and transport. There are a number of small generators of hazardous materials in the City. Housing development in the future will result in small quantities of household cleaners, chemicals and similar substances.

#### **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-h) **No Impact**. The proposed General Plan Amendment will have no impact on hazards and hazardous materials. The proposed development of nine-unit condominium will not result in the transport, use or storage of significant quantities of hazardous materials. The development of housing is not expected to affect emergency response plans. This area of the City is not subject to hazards from wildland fires.

VI	II. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY	Potentially Significant	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
W	ould the project:	Impact	Incorporated	impaci	
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?		·		$\boxtimes$
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				$\boxtimes$
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				$\boxtimes$
e) ,	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?			A Company	$\boxtimes$
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? (Source:				$\boxtimes$
	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				
	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a				$\boxtimes$

Wo	i. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY  uld the project: levee or dam?	Potentially Significant Impaci	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				

The Desert Water Agency (DWA) supplies domestic water to the City. The DWA pumps water from a number of wells throughout the area for domestic use. Groundwater has historically been the principal source of domestic water in the City. DWA also recharges groundwater through recharge basins located in the northwestern portion of the City. Sanitary sewer services to the site will be provided at the City's treatment plant.

The City is implementing a master plan of drainage to address flood control issues. In addition, the City requires that all projects contain the 100 year storm on-site, and implement stormwater management plans to assure that the provisions of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) are adhered to.

## **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-h) No Impact. The proposed General Plan Amendment and associated development will have no impact on hydrology or water quality. As described above, the City implements standard conditions of approval for all projects to assure that water quality is preserved, and stormwater is retained and does not affect other properties. The General Plan amendment and the development of proposed nine units will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements; the development will be in compliance with all applicable water quality standards and wastewater discharge requirement consistent with City Standards.

Wastewater from the development will be discharged through the existing municipal sewer system. The project would be required to meet all City, regional and State applicable water quality standards or waste discharge requirements thereby avoiding violation of such standards or requirements. Therefore, compliance with all standards would ensure that there are no impacts to the environment. The project proposes to use water supplied by the Desert Water Agency (DWA). Based upon the minimal number of new homes proposed (nine), and the use of drought-tolerant landscape materials, the project is not anticipated to substantially deplete groundwater supplies, interfere substantially with groundwater recharge, or substantially increase demand for water. Therefore, there will be no impact.

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Physically divide an established community?				$\boxtimes$
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				

The City's General Plan includes a mix of residential, commercial, open space and institutional uses. The Housing Element is a component of the General Plan, and identifies goals, policies and programs to facilitate the development of housing throughout the community. The City's Zoning Ordinance is the implementation tool for the General Plan. It includes zoning districts which correspond to the General Plan's land use designations for each type of land use in the City, and establishes development standards and guidelines for all types of uses. In this case, a General Plan amendment is necessary because the current General Plan and zoning designation of the site do not correspond.

## **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-c) No Impact. The proposed General Plan Amendment will have no impact on land use and planning. The proposed amendment is consistent with State law to allow for the proposed development of the affected property. The General Plan Amendment will not affect development standards or guidelines already in place. The GPA will not divide the established community nor will it conflict with the existing land use designation of the subject property. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated as a result of the amendment.

X. MINERAL RESOURCES  Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Miligation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				$\boxtimes$
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				

The California Division of Mines and Geology identifies portions of Palm Springs as a resource zone for aggregate/industrial minerals. The majority of the City is located in Mineral Resource Zone 3 MRZ-3 (an area containing mineral deposits the significance of which cannot be evaluated from available data). MRZ-2 areas are located in the northern portion of the City. MRZ-2 represents an area where adequate information has been established to indicate that significant mineral deposits are present, or where it has been judged that a high likelihood for such deposits exists. Minerals in the Palm Springs area are limited to sand and gravel for aggregate and/or decorative stone purposes and limestone.

## **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-b) **No Impact.** The proposed General Plan Amendment will have no impact on mineral resources. Lands designated for residential development in the City do not occur on significant mineral resources. The subject site is not designated as a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on the City's general plan.

XI. NOISE	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project result in:		Incorporated		
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				$\boxtimes$
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				$\boxtimes$
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?		. 🗆		
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				

The City of Palm Springs requires that the community noise equivalent level (CNEL) does not exceed 65 dB at the exterior living areas (rear yards) or 45 dB at the habitable interior living area for residential land uses.

#### **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-f) No Impact. The proposed General Plan Amendment will have no impact on noise. The associated residential project will be required to implement the City's noise attenuation standards. However, impacts related to noise would be associated with short-term construction activities. Although periodic noise levels have a potential to be higher during periods of construction, this will be temporary in nature; all vehicles will be required to have adequate muffling devices to ensure compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance. The proposed project site would not result in exposure of persons to or generation of groundborne vibration or noise levels.

Construction hours are limited by the City's Noise Ordinance. With the implementations of City's standard conditions during construction activities, there will be no impacts. No substantive increase in noise levels would be associated with this completed project. This project is located within two miles of the Palm Springs International Airport, however, it is not along the Airport Land Use Compatibility Pan Area; therefore residents would not be subjected to air traffic noise at any level of significance.

XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING  Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?		. 🗆		
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				

The City's population in 2010 Census is estimated to be 47,601. This population is housed in a total of 33,558 housing units. Single family attached and detached developments represent approximately 56% of the current housing stock.

## **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-c) **No Impact.** The General Plan Amendment is required for consistency with the current zoning designation of the subject property. Although the associated nine-unit condo could add approximately 18 new residents to the City, this does not represent a significant increase to the City's current population. Furthermore, the project site is currently vacant, there are no existing housing on the property; therefore, substantial numbers of people will not be displaced.

XIII.	PUBLIC SERVICES  d the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
with gove altered of white impactions	antial adverse physical impacts associated the provision of new or physically altered rnmental facilities, need for new or physically ed governmental facilities, the construction nich could cause significant environmental cts, in order to maintain acceptable service, response times or other performance ctives for any of the public services:				
a)	Fire protection?				$\boxtimes_{\cdot}$
b)	Police protection?				$\boxtimes$
c)	Schools?				$\boxtimes$
d)	Parks?				$\boxtimes$
e)	Other public facilities?				$\boxtimes$

<u>Fire Protection.</u> The Palm Springs Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency medical service to the City. The Department currently operates five fire stations located throughout the city. The City has established maximum fire response time at five minutes.

<u>Police Protection</u>. The City of Palm Springs Police Department provides law enforcement services within the City limits. The Department has a Services Division and an Operations Division. The Department does not have a standard ratio of officers to population, but does have a desired response time of 6 minutes for emergency calls and 20 minutes for non-emergency calls.

<u>Schools</u>. The Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD) provides educational services for grades K-12 in the City of Palm Springs. Currently, there are 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 1 high school in the City. PSUSD is authorized to collect school facilities fees as provided for in Government Code Section 53080 et. seq. and 65995 et seq.

<u>Parks.</u> The City of Palm Springs has seven parks located on approximately 140-acres within its boundaries. The City has a standard park ratio of 5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 population as required by City Ordinance 1632.

## **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-e) No Impact. The proposed General Plan Amendment will have no impact on public services. The developers of the nine-unit condo will be required to contribute to the City's emergency services CFD, to offset the costs of providing emergency services to new development. Similarly, the project will be assessed State-mandated school fees, and will be assessed Quimby fees, or will provide parkland within their boundaries, to address the need for additional parks.

XIV. RECREATION  Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<ul> <li>a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?</li> </ul>				
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				

In addition to the 140-acres of developed parkland and several public and private golf courses, the City also includes a system of hiking/equestrian trails as well as bikeways. Other recreational offerings in the area include the Whitewater Wilderness Study Area and the Murray, Andreas and Palm Canyon recreation areas which are operated by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

## **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-b) **No Impact.** As described above, the proposed housing project will be assessed Quimby fees, or will provide parkland within its boundaries, to address the need for additional parks. Because of the inclusion of recreational facility in the project, the development will not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks. As designed and proposed, the condo project includes recreational facilities for future occupants, the park area will not have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC  Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?		c ·		$\boxtimes$
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?				
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				$\boxtimes$
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				$\boxtimes$

The City's General Plan Circulation Element was developed to address the impacts of the land uses proposed in the Land Use Element. It establishes a system of arterial, collector and local roadways which are designed to carry the anticipated build out traffic generated throughout the City, as well as in the region. Housing projects in the future are expected to occur throughout the new residential zones, and will integrate into the existing roadway system.

## Discussion of Impacts

a)-g) No Impact. The proposed General Plan amendment and current zoning designations are to allow consistency in land use which will facilitate residential development in the affected property, the proposed development could affect the volume or location of trips which are projected to occur in the future. As stated earlier, the immediate surroundings of the project area is fully developed with a mix of residential, professional and small scale commercial development; absent of the GPA, the project would be an infill development. Therefore, it will not cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system.

X	VI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS	Potentially Significant	Potentially Significant Unless	Less Than Significant	No Impact
_ <u>W</u>	ould the project:	Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Impact	
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				$\boxtimes$
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				⊠
.d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				
•	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				×
•	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				$\boxtimes$
	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				

Water service is provided by the Desert Water Agency (DWA). DWA obtains most of its water supply from groundwater. The City is located within two subbasins of the Coachella Valley Ground Water Basin: The Mission Creek subbasin; and the Garnet Hill and Palm Springs subareas of the Whitewater Subbasin.

Solid waste service is provided by Palm Springs Disposal Service. Solid waste generated in the City is sent to the Edom Hill transfer station, located in the City of Cathedral City. Permitted throughput of the facility is 2,600 tons per day. Solid waste from the transfer station is disposed of at one of three landfills: Lambs Canyon (remaining capacity 25,967,000 cubic yards); Badlands Landfill (remaining capacity 15,036,809 cubic yards); or El Sobrante Landfill (remaining capacity 184,930,000 cubic yards) (City of Palm Springs, 2005).

## **Discussion of Impacts**

a)-g). No Impact. The proposed residential project will be required to implement sanitary sewer, domestic water and drainage plans which meet the City's standards. The project will also be required to provide solid waste collection and recycling. The development proposal would not exceed the waste water treatment facility capacity, would not require the construction of a new storm drain system, will be served by a waste transfer and recycle site that can accommodate the project's needs and will comply with federal, state and local statutes and regulations relating to solid waste. Therefore there will be no impact to those systems. The Desert Water Agency (DWA) currently owns, operates, and maintains water distribution and pumping facilities that serves the project area. The project developer will be required to connect to existing DWA water infrastructure to provide water to the site for construction and domestic water service. The developer will be required to comply with all rules, regulations, and other requirements of the DWA in order to provide water service to the site. Water service requirements may include, but are not limited to, upgrades, modifications, replacement, and abandonment of existing DWA facilities on the site. These improvements may require construction within and adjacent to public rights-of-way and exiting and/or proposed easements. Construction will occur in accordance with DWA and City requirements and will not cause any adverse effects upon the environment.

## XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

NOTE: If there are significant environmental impacts which cannot be mitigated and no feasible project alternatives are available, then complete the mandatory findings of significance and attach to this initial study as an appendix. This is the first step for starting the environmental impact report (EIR) process.

Does the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Miligation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				$\boxtimes$
b) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				
c) Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				$\boxtimes$
a) <b>No Impact.</b> The subject parcel has bee existing urban development. The proposed				-

- a) No Impact. The subject parcel has been previously disturbed and is surrounded by existing urban development. The proposed project would not degrade the quality of the environment; result in an adverse impact on fish, wildlife, or plant species including special status species, or prehistoric or historic cultural resources because the proposed project site contains no evidence of any critical habitat or endangered species. No officially listed plants or animal species were detected during field surveys, therefore there would be no impact on biological resources, including fish or wildlife species, or rare or endangered plant or animals.
- b) **No Impact.** Upon approval of the GPA, the project would be consistent with the City's General Plan and would not create any potentially significant impacts. The proposed project is for a total of nine residential units on an infill lot. There are no other new projects currently under construction in the immediate vicinity of the project. Furthermore, the proposed project will be located on a previously disturbed parcel that has long been designated for residential land uses.
- c) No Impact. Based on the preceding discussions and analysis, the proposed project would not have any direct or indirect adverse impacts on human beings.

#### REFERENCES

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- 7) Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission. Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. October 14, 2004.

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## Other:

- \ All parking lines and arrows to be repainted rather than only some.
- 3. Case SP 12-001 Restudy La Plaza Sign Program Best Signs, Inc. to establish a sign program for the commercial complex known as La Plaza located at 115 South Indian Canyon Drive, Zone CBD, Section 15. The complex is designated as a Class 1 Historic Site. (DN)

ACTION: (Harlan/Fauber, 5-1-1, opposed Thompson, absent Kleindienst) Approve, with conditions.

## Proposed conditions:

- Arcade signs text not be within 4" of roof tiles with exception of 5% text (4/1/13 Master Sign Plan p. 11)
- Tiles to match those on stairs (p. 22) and be placed all around base of lamp posts and monument sign base (p. 4).
- Omit existing cantilevered I.D. sign.
- Omit wall sign near stairs (p. 6).
- Light fixture bracket material to match that of hanging signs.
- New tenant signs shall be harmonious with font, color and size on main monument sign (p. 4).

Comment: Existing lampposts without banners to be removed in future.

**4.** Case 3.3625 MAJ - An application by Gerard and Janet Biegel proposing development of a nine-unit condominium project on an approximately 36,766 square foot lot at the northeast corner of Cerritos Road and East Tahquitz Canyon Way (Zone R-2) (KL)

ACTION: (Fauber/Secoy-Jensen, 6-0-1 absent Kleindienst) Approve.

Comments and questions were made regarding the trash location, carports use of solar and landscaping material.

**5.** Case **5.1297** PD **364/TTM36548** - Wessman Development Company for the construction of a 43-unit detached single-family residential development on approximately 6.37 acres of vacant land located on the west side of Belardo Road, south of Morongo Road, Zone R-3 and I.L. Section 22. (DN)

ACTION: (Secoy-Jensen/Thompson, 6-0-1 absent Kleindienst) Approve.

#### Questions:

- Screen walls, location and materials.
- Landscape material and placement.

## Ken Lyon

From:

TWL <teddytune@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 25, 2013 3:28 AM

To:

Ken Lyon; James Cioffi (Architect)

Subject:

3.362 Maj (Parking)

Jim, Ken, and David:

The plans today for the 9 unit single story condos on Tahquitz and Cerritos on the old Anderson lot were impressive and while I applaud you on the genius of lo-rise single story construction which addresses energy efficiency concerns — I must ask why the parking structure does not run against the back wall using Cerritos as your main exit point?

- 1) Exiting short on Tahquitz past the radio station impedes traffic flow and is dangerous! Speeds on Tahquitz including emergency vehicles exceed the speed limit daily not to mention the entrance to this complex will be where the exit from the radio station is now?
- 2) To allow residents to pass the entire front of the complex and then make a full right turn down Cerritos is only natural since this is an intersection and can be marked amply for traffic signage and safety reasons -- the street is virtually unused.
- 3) All major construction projects along the Tahquitz corridor from Farrel to Sunrise on this side of the project utilize this parking structure strategy employing the side streets; not including Desert Holly which was built way before traffic density was an issue down Tahquitz.
- 4 ) From an architectural standpoint why limit viewing to only one mountain range when views for units could double to now include Mount San Jacinto and the Tram if the project were angled from the perspective from the radio station looking West. Note: All houses down Mesquite try to capture the magnificent Western views by utilizing an "L" shaped configuration. (Double the views double the value).

While my previous letter acknowledged my meeting with Cioffi and his explanation of the project on Wednesday 4/24 I ask that Planning include this consideration at 3:17 AM Thursday April 25th.

I further encourage that there be a TRAFFIC STUDY for this project including the consideration of <u>putting a light at Tahquitz and Cerritos</u> to assist the parking off of Tahquitz onto Cerritos based on my current consideration (for safety and traffic flow precautions). And that planning present this opportunity to the radio station powers that be as well for their understanding.

In closing it's a win situation for all residents and businesses that share this thoroughfare.

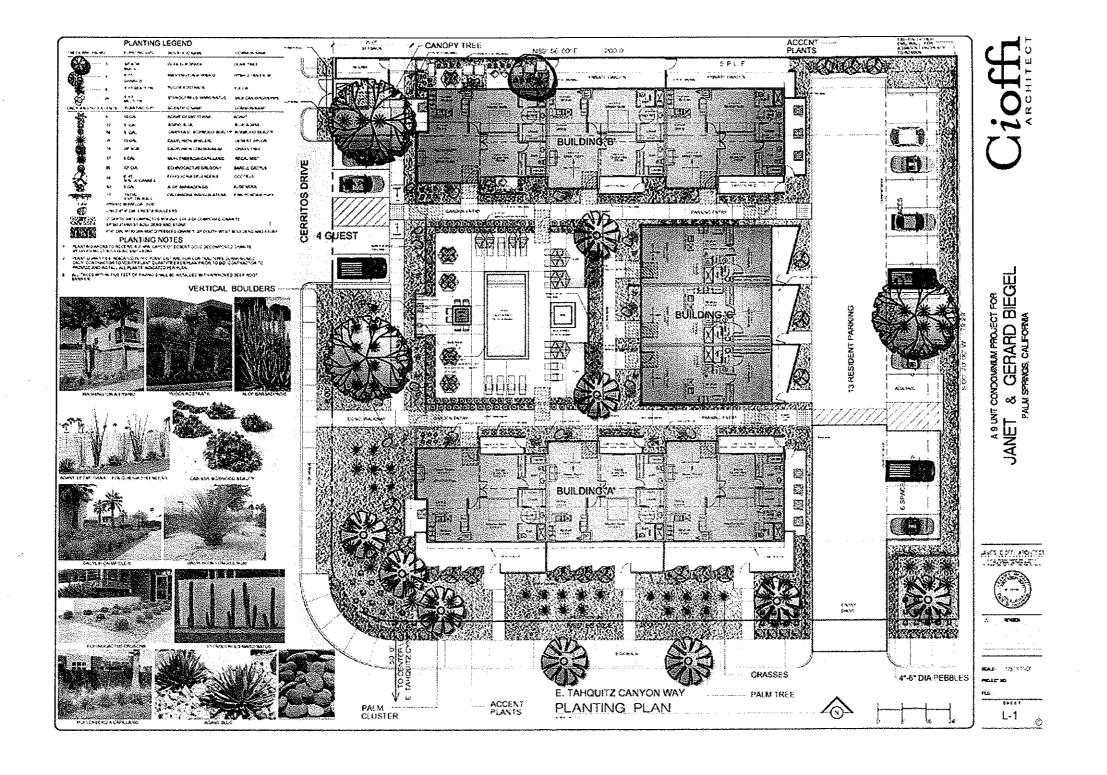
Not only will this transverse design allow a natural flow for traffic down an already heavily traveled corridor;

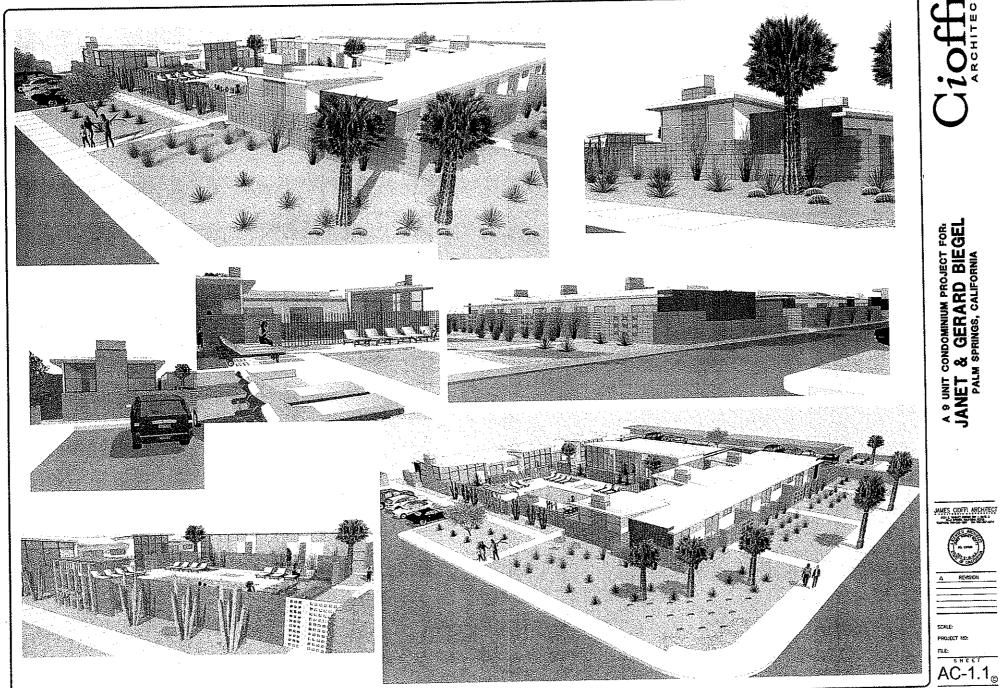
but new owners of "Tahquitz view" can exit safely down Cerritos to park to enter homes that face twice

the mountain views.

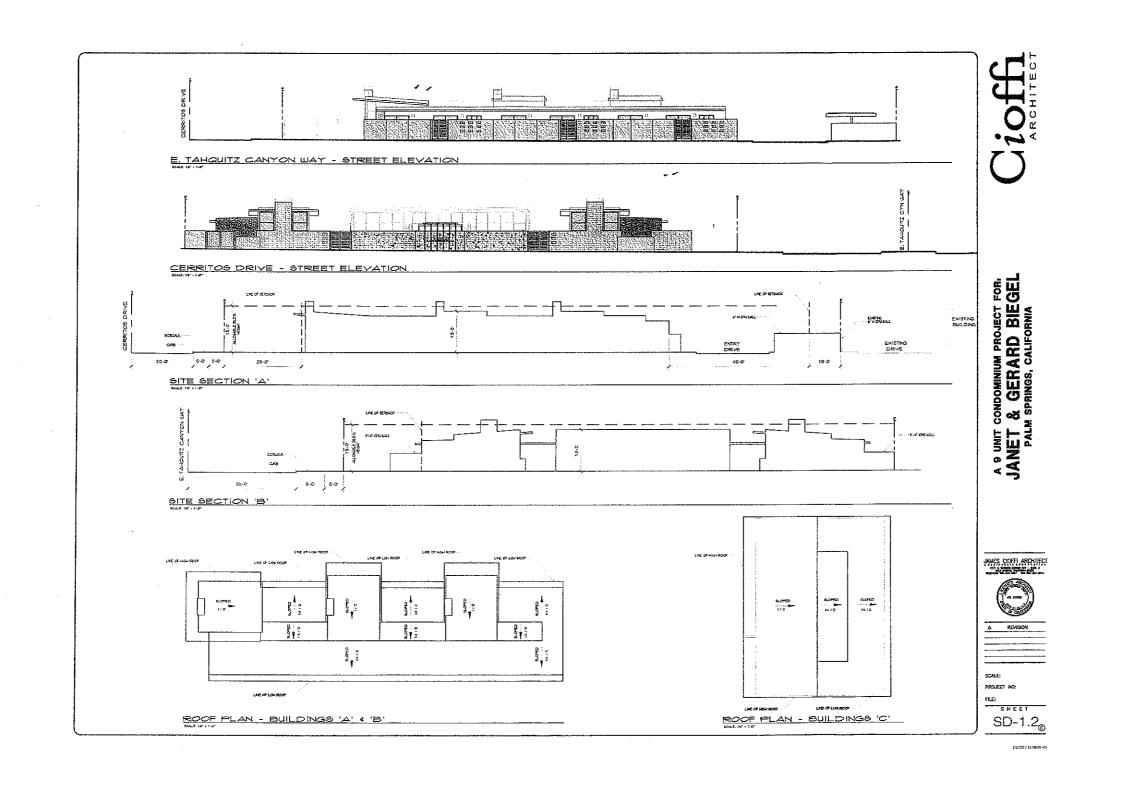
Thanks for your consideration.

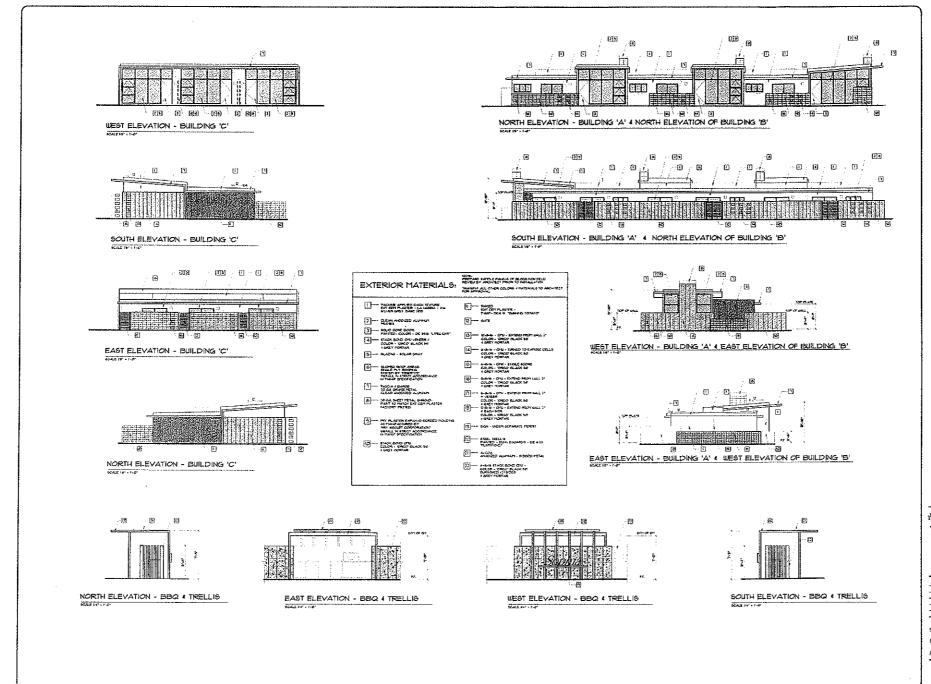
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