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City of Las Vegas
Planning and Development Department
731 S. Fourth Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

RE: **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**
PROJECT NO: 06-180
JUSTIFICATION LETTER
APN #125-27-410-004

To Whom It May Concern:

We are requesting a Special Use Permit, Site Development Review, Waiver of Development Standards and Variance to allow a Hotel use in a SC-TC (Service Commercial – Town Center) Zone.

The current zoning of this property, Service Commercial, allows a hotel with a Special Use Permit therefore the current zoning is appropriate. The project is bounded on the North, East and West by same zone designation properties. These are developed with a Convenience Store with gas pumps on the North across Sky Point, a Convenience Store w/ gas pumps and a Retail Building on the East, and a Tavern on the West. The South is bounded by the Ann Road/ US-95 Interchange. The Northeast corner of Sky Point Drive and Tenaya Way is the back of a Residential Development, the Grand Entries Subdivision.

We are requesting a Waiver of Development Standard to reduce the required 330' separation from a residential development. This project is a non-gaming, non-dining, non-entertaining hotel. The only food service for this hotel will be to provide a continental style breakfast meal for its guests. The intent of this hotel is to serve the local residential community, and the family and friends who visit who wish to stay closer to the family than to the entertaining portion of the city.

The front parking encroaches into the 15' landscape setback by less than twelve inches for a width of approximately three feet. This encroachment is allowed by the Town Center Development Standards Manual in Section D.2.B.8.c. so no waiver is required for this minor encroachment.

We are also requesting a Variance for the quantity of required "on-site" parking spaces. The hotel requires 87 parking spaces. Due to the slender nature of this site we are able to provide a total of 74 spaces. These spaces are a combination of standard, compact and accessible space as permitted by the Development Standards. We are requesting a reduction of 13 spaces which is 14.9%. We feel that by the nature of the non-gaming, non-entertaining hotel and the cross access of the properties to the East and West the reduction shall not have an adverse affect on the roadways or local community.

We feel that the proposed 87 room Hotel is well suited for the neighborhood. The design features a combination of cement plaster finish and stone veneer with a hip roof. The building has a residential feel and will blend nicely with the adjacent Tavern.

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We respectfully request the City of Las Vegas grant approval for this project as shown on the accompanying plans. We ask that this submittal be used for approval of the Site Development Review.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any further questions or require additional information please call our office.

Sincerely,

Ray Finkel
Project Manager

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