

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



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July 14, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the supporting documents into the record, conclude the public hearing, and declare the Ordinance amending the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6) read for the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and

Adopt the resolution submitting the amendment of the Local Coastal Program to the California Coastal Commission for its consideration and approval. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

Lodgeworks L.P. is requesting approval to construct a new five-story, 125-room hotel at 290 Bay Street in the Pike development (Exhibit A – Site Map and Photos). The hotel will have guest rooms located on floors two through five, with a ground floor lobby, restaurant, and bar area. In addition, 14,725 square feet of the ground floor is reserved for retail space. The site owner, Developers Diversified Realty, has stated their intent to fill this retail space with a major anchor tenant. The building is required to meet the (LEED) Certified level of energy-efficient design standards.

On June 4, 2009, Planning Commission approved the Site Plan and Certified the Environmental Impact Report (Exhibit B – Planning Commission Staff Report). Subsequent to Planning Commission approval, a code amendment to Subarea 5 of PD-6 is necessary to allow a second hotel with the proposed height.

Subarea 5 was written for a specific project that was to occur at the Pike, and as a result, includes very specific provisions regarding the height and intensity of different uses, including retail uses, hotels, theaters, and amusement rides. Within the subarea, one hotel is allowed up to a height of 12 stories and 400 rooms. The Avia hotel was built at that location and is seven stories and 140 rooms. The proposed Hotel Sierra is located on the site originally planned for an IMAX theater, which was allowed at a height of 80 feet. While the subarea does allow for the number of hotel rooms proposed, and anticipated a building of 80 feet high, it does not currently allow a second hotel to be developed at a height of 80

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feet. Staff believes that these regulations are overly restrictive, and recommends that they be amended to allow the hotel project to proceed as this would further the goals of PD-6 and improve the Pike project (Exhibit C – PD-6 Redline).

Additionally, since PD-6 is an element of the adopted Local Coastal Program (LCP), an amendment to the LCP must also be approved as part of this code change. No other elements of the LCP would be changed beyond the update to PD-6.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais on June 30, 2009 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on June 29, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Municipal Code requires Council action within 60 days of positive action by the Planning Commission, which took place on June 4, 2009.

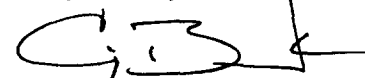
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



CRAIG BECK
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

APPROVED:



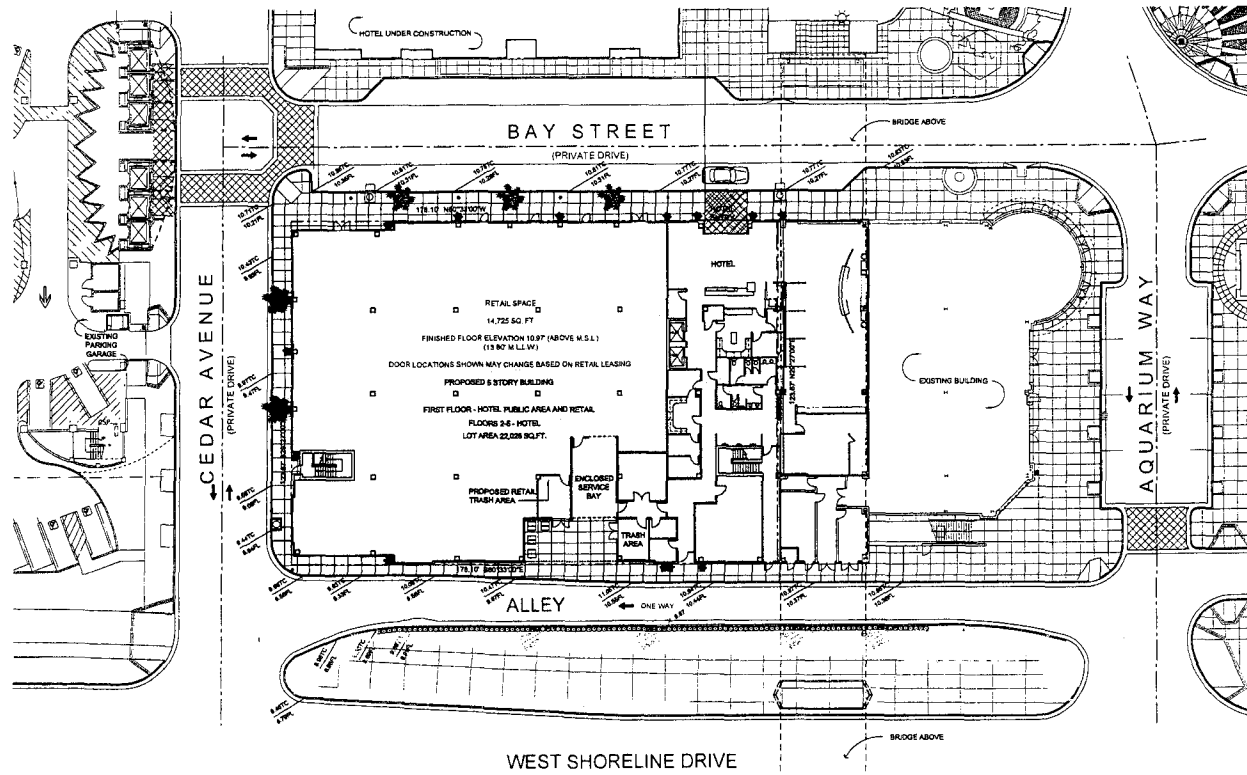
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Attachments: Exhibit A – Site Plan and Photos
Exhibit B – Planning Commission Staff Report (Attachment online at lbs.longbeach.gov)
Exhibit C – PD-6 Redline
City Council Ordinance
City Council Resolution

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A SITE PLAN

BUILDING DATA - HOTEL SIERRA

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SECOND FLOOR	18	..	4	1	23	7,833 SF	
THIRD FLOOR	24	4	5	3	34	19,136 SF	
FOURTH FLOOR	24	4	5	1	34	19,136 SF	
FIFTH FLOOR	24	4	6	..	34	19,060 SF	
TOTAL	90	12	20	5	125	87,136 S.F. (702 SF / UNIT)	
SERVICE AREA						507 SF	
MEGA AND SERVICE DRIVING						522 SF	
RETAIL SPACE						14,725 SF	
TOTAL BUILDING AREA						103,485 SF	

EXHIBIT A

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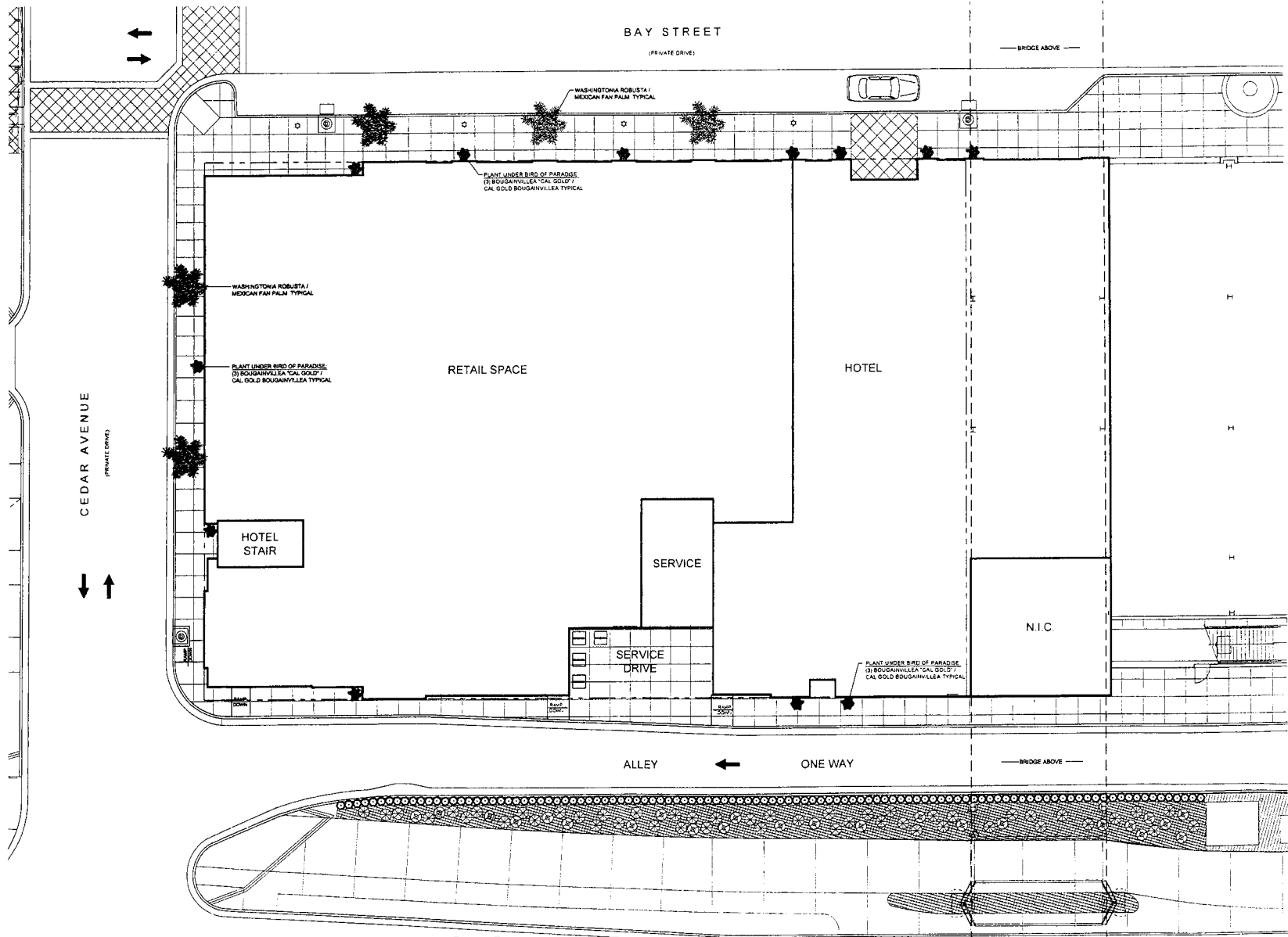


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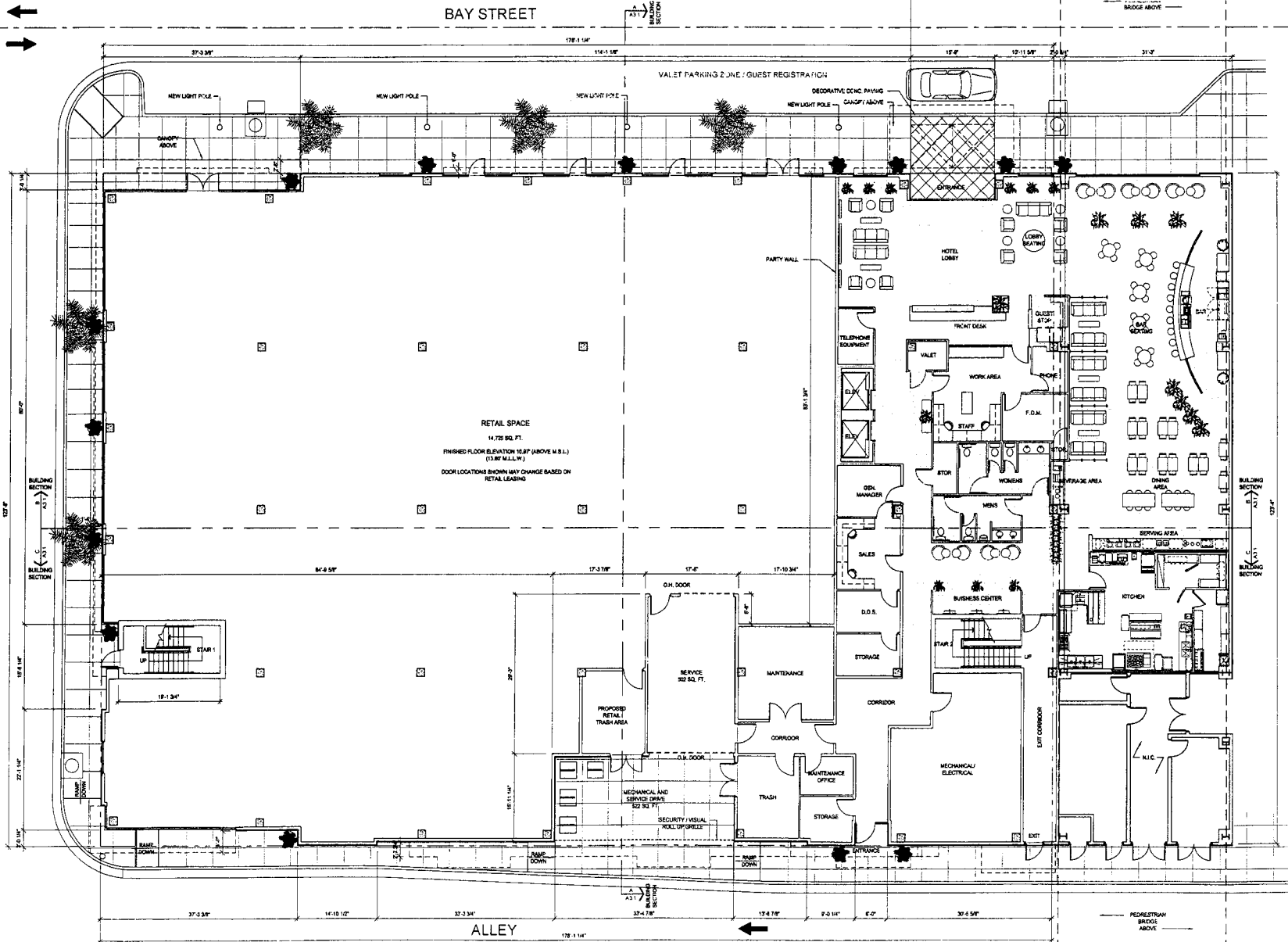
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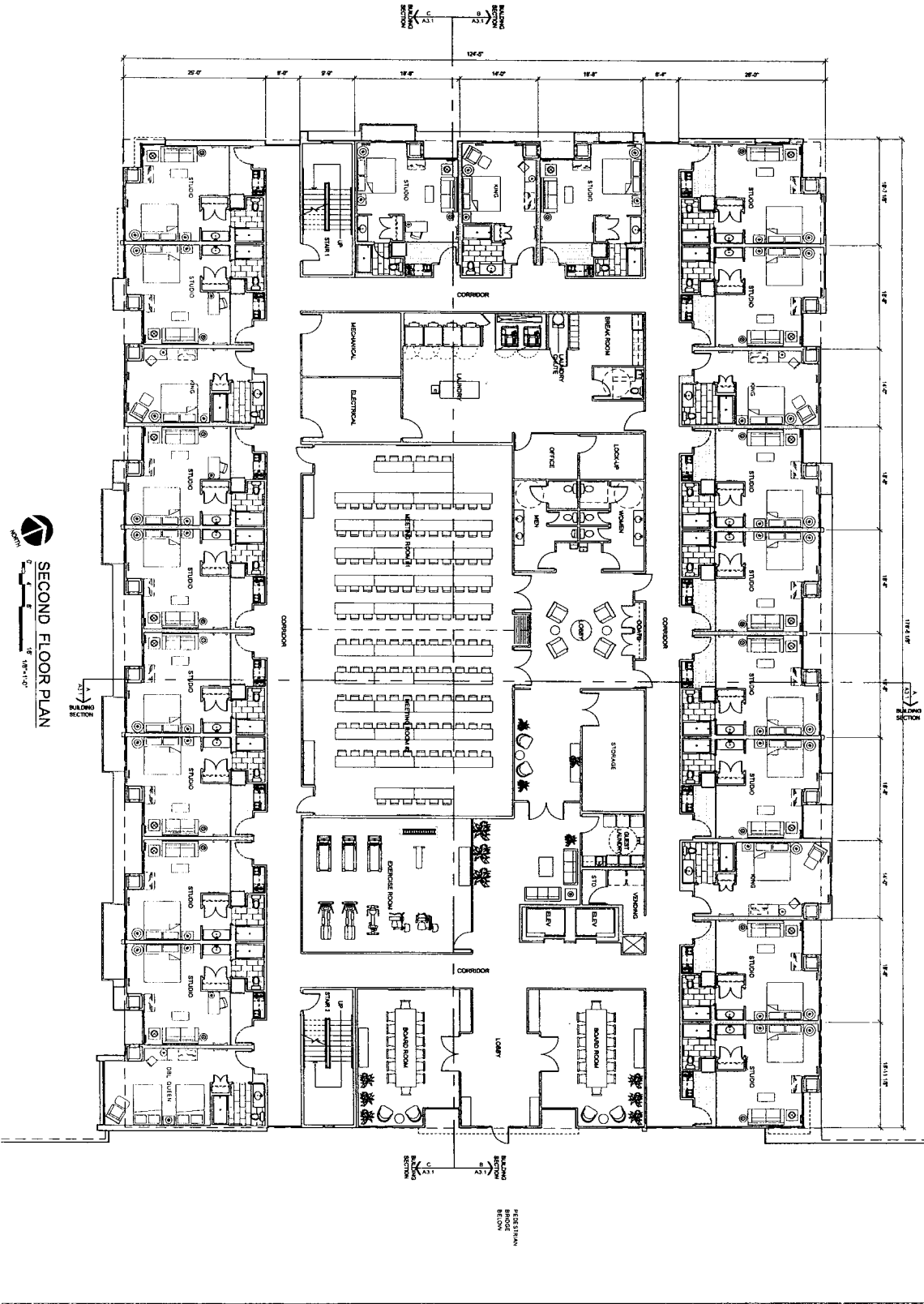
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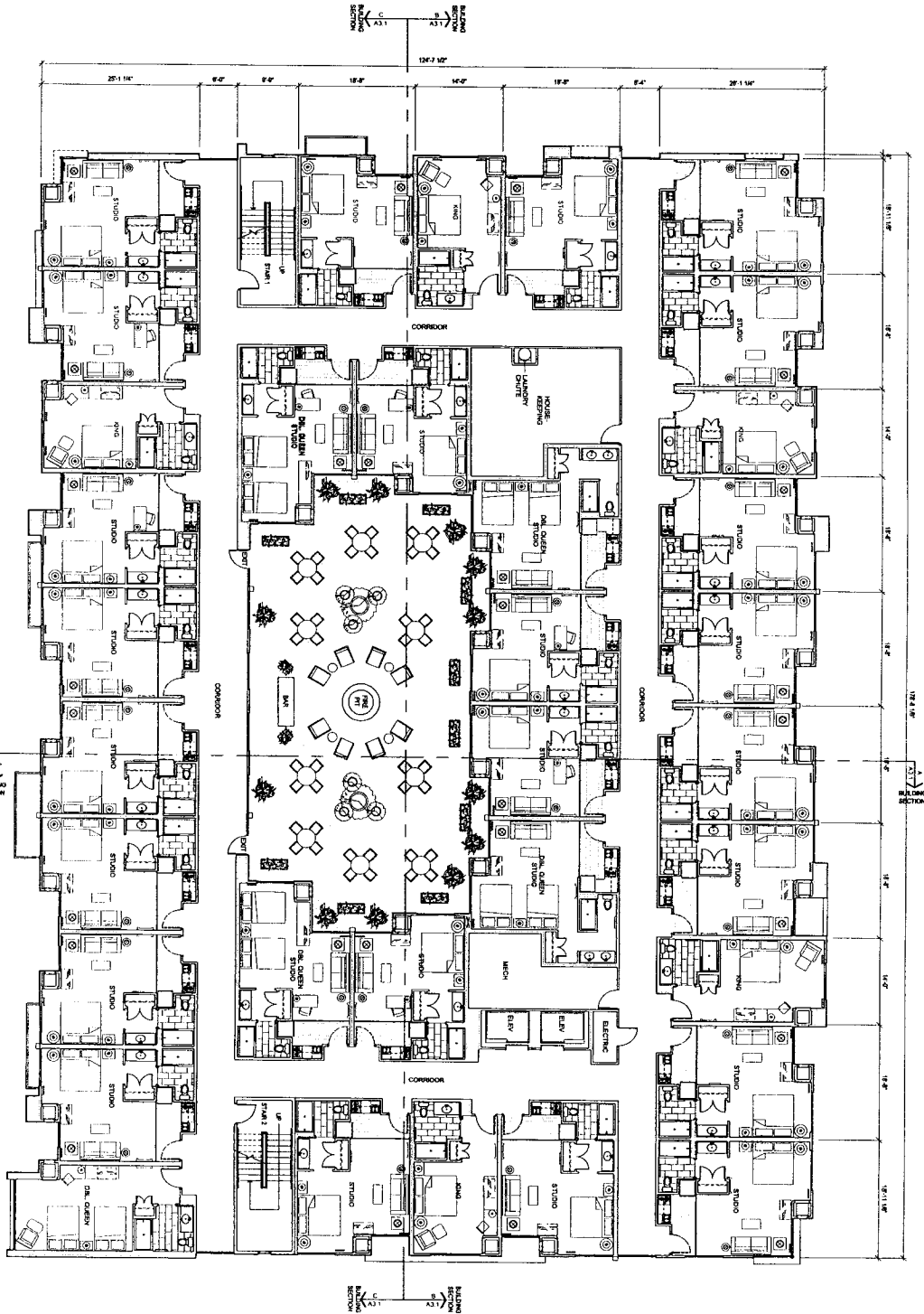
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



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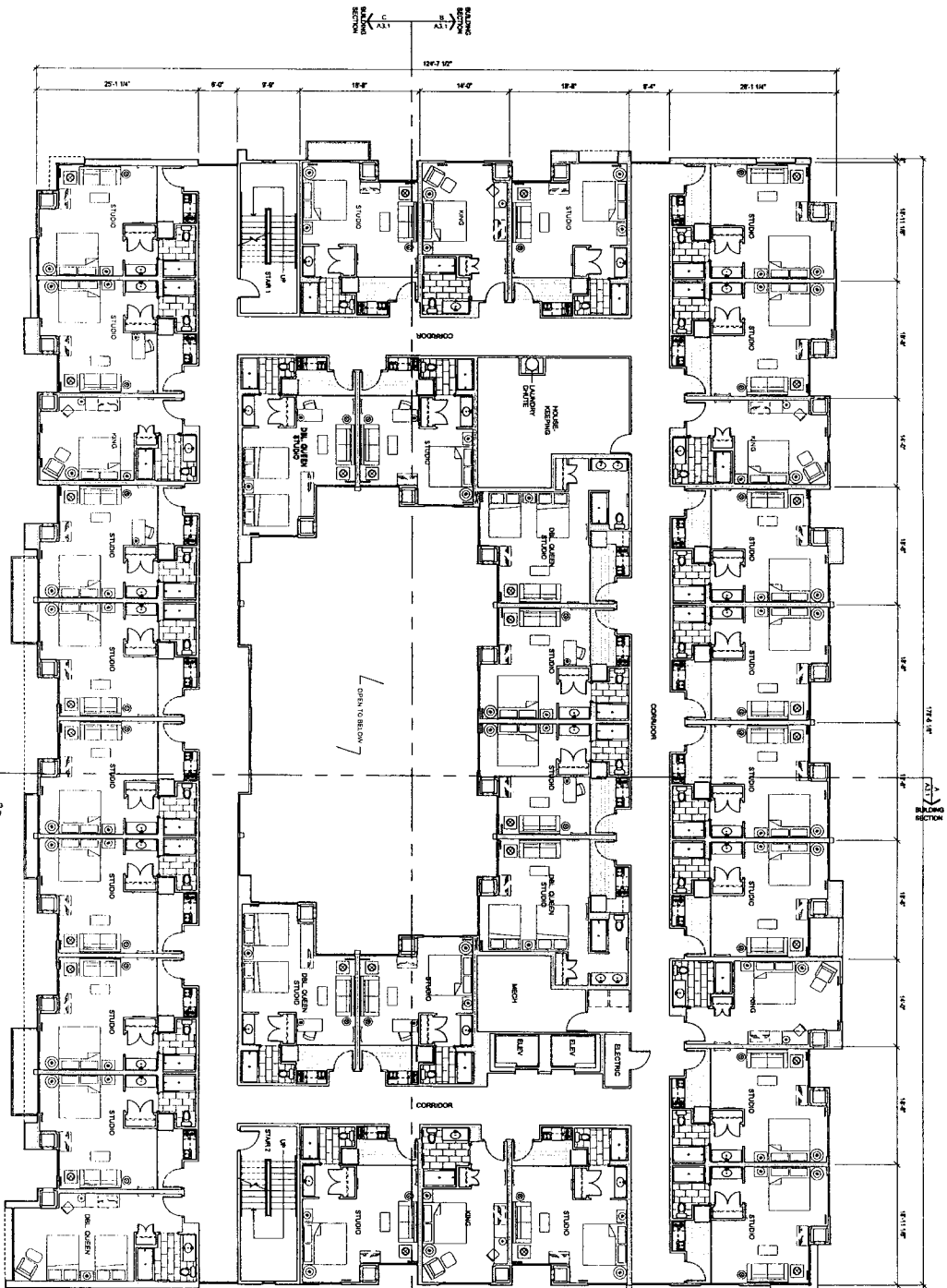
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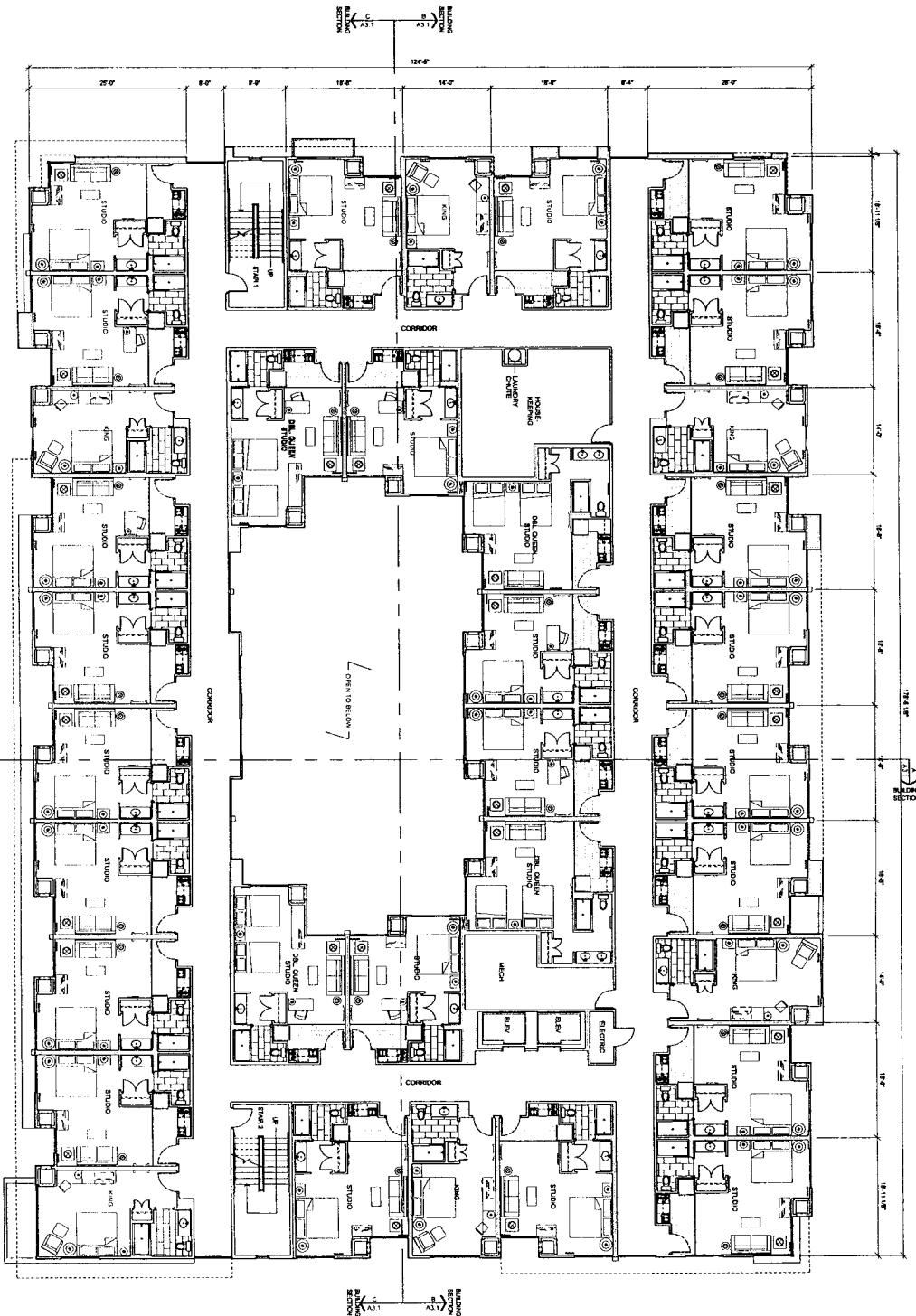
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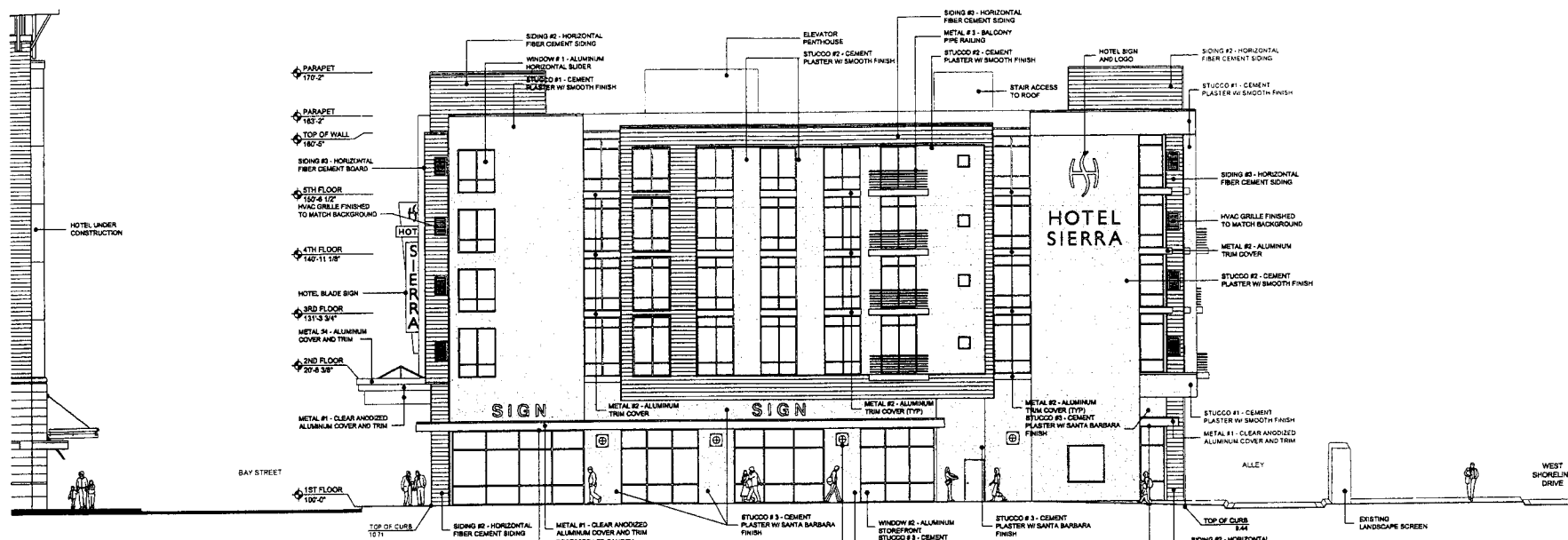
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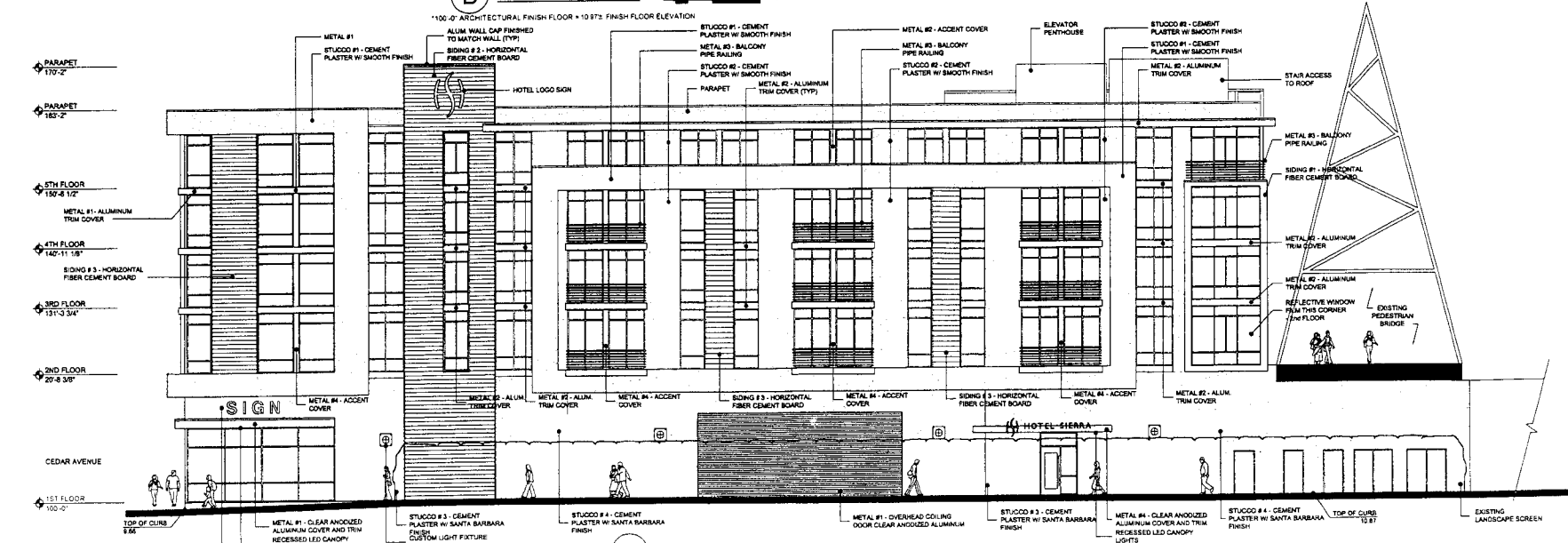
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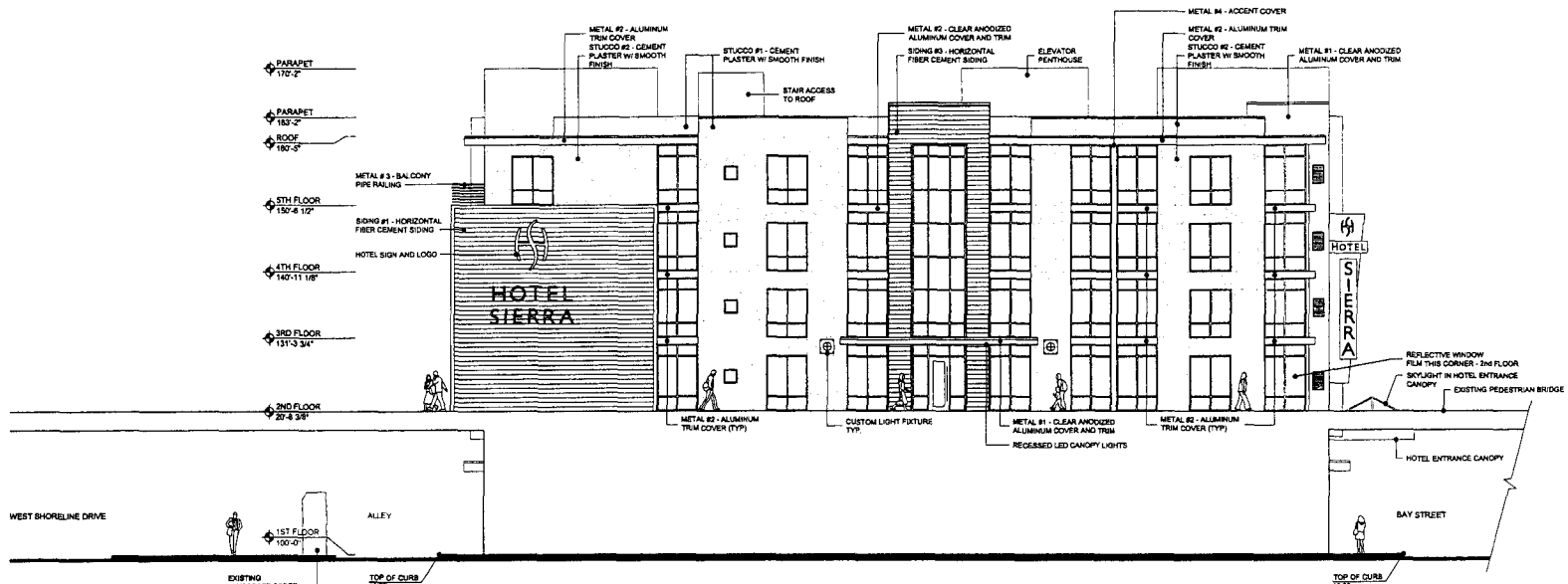
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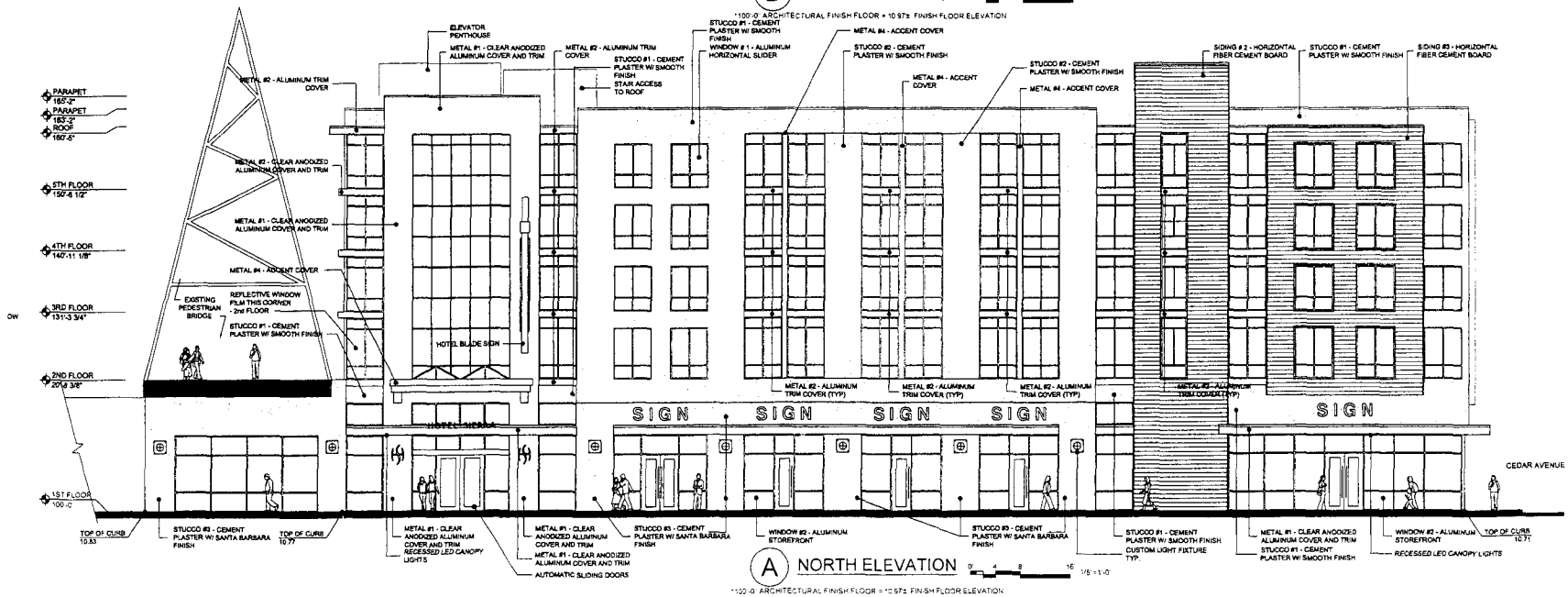
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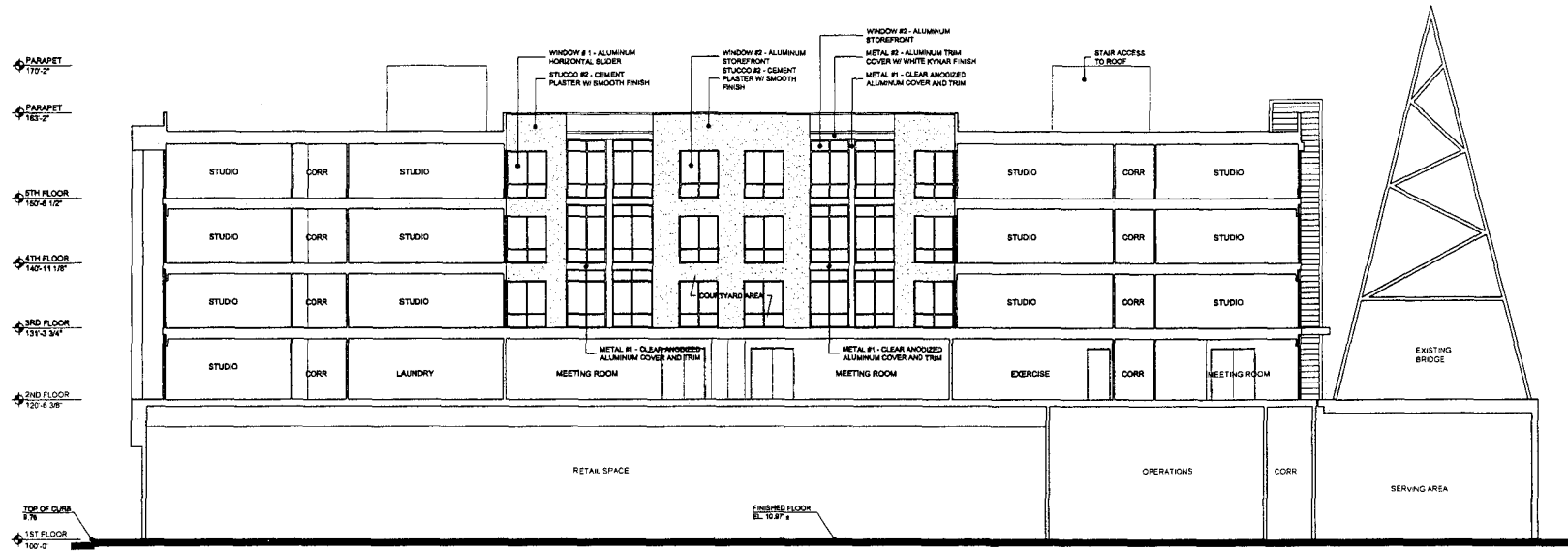


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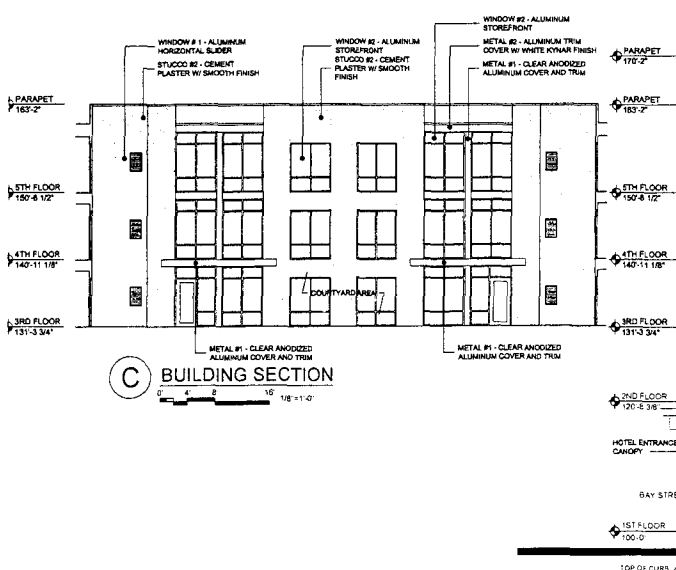
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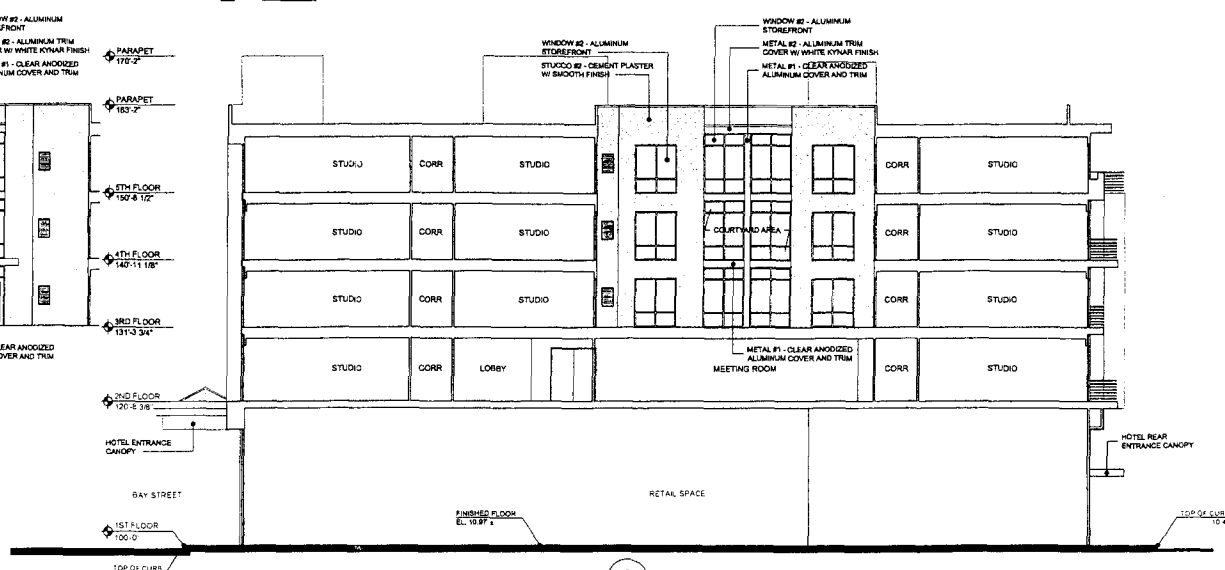
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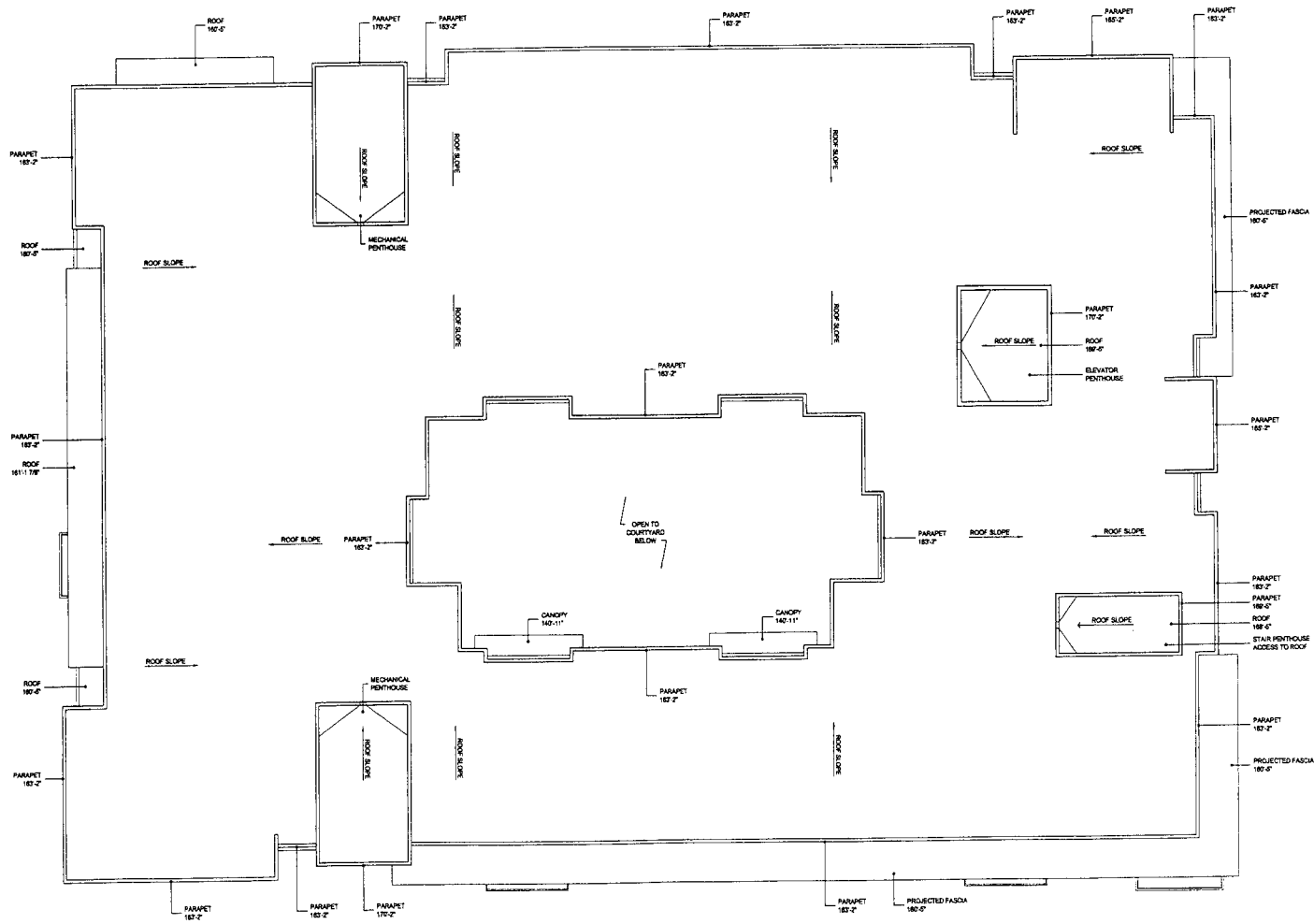
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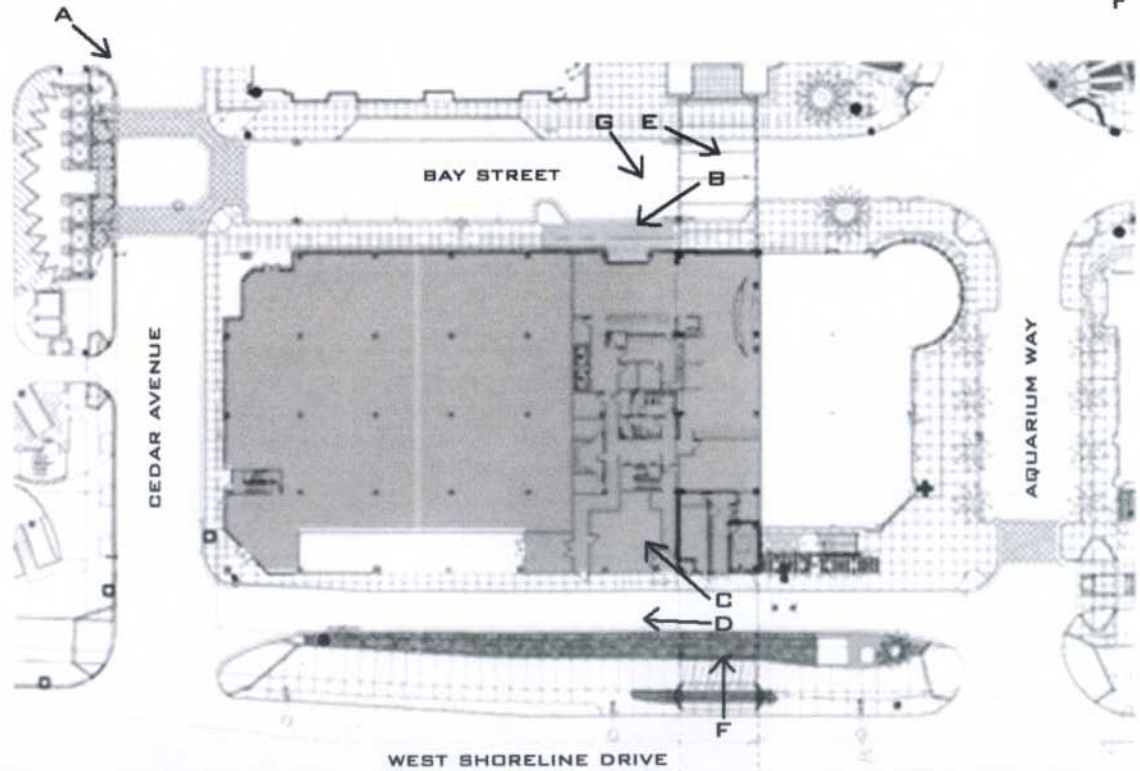
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June 4, 2009

CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Site Plan Review for development at 290 Bay Street; recommend that City Council approve an amendment to the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6); recommend that City Council approve an amendment to the Local Coastal Program incorporating the requested changes to PD-6; and certify Environmental Impact Report Addendum EIR 01-09, for the proposed project at 290 Bay Street. (District 2)

APPLICANT: Chris Gebert for Lodgeworks, L.P.
229 W. Sycamore Ave.
El Segundo, CA 90245
(Application No. 0812-04)

DISCUSSION

Lodgeworks, L.P. proposes to build a new five-story, 103,485-square-foot commercial building, consisting of a hotel and ground floor retail space, on a 22,026-square-foot development pad at 290 Bay Street in the Pike development (Exhibit A – Location Map). The hotel will have 125 guest rooms located on floors two through five, with a ground floor lobby, restaurant, and bar area (Exhibit B – Plans and Photos). The hotel project includes a variety of secondary amenities such as meeting rooms, an exercise room, boardrooms, pedestrian access from the adjacent bridge via a small second-floor lobby, and an outdoor bar, patio, and fire pit area located in an inner courtyard. On the ground floor, 14,725 square feet are reserved for retail space; the site owner, Developers Diversified Realty (DDR), has stated their intent to fill this retail space with a major anchor tenant rather than divide the space into smaller suites. Loading, refuse, and utility access to the project will be located on the private alley on the hotel's south elevation facing Shoreline Drive. This utility area will be screened from Shoreline Drive by a tall hedge in the landscaping median between the alley and Shoreline Drive.

The proposed building is designed in a contemporary architectural style, with a ground floor that is distinct from the upper four floors. A majority of the exterior treatment is cement plaster stucco with a "Santa Barbara" smooth finish. A significant amount of other materials are used for accenting; these include five metal types, both bare and colored, and three colored cement fiberboard siding types. At the time of this report, the colors selected for the exterior are a palette of neutral gray, white, and yellow as base colors, with architectural elements accented in bold

blue, green, and orange. The building is required to meet the LEED Certified level of energy-efficient design standards.

This project requires three entitlements, as follows: (1) A Site Plan Review entitlement; (2) An amendment to the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6) to allow a second hotel, to allow this hotel a maximum height of six stories, and to allow this hotel to exceed the current 65 percent site coverage limitation; and (3) An amendment to the Local Coastal Program (LCP) since PD-6 is an integral part of the LCP. Staff recommends approval of the requested entitlements (Exhibit C – Findings and Conditions of Approval).

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public hearing notices were distributed on May 19, 2009, as required by the Long Beach Municipal Code. Staff has received several inquiries as to the project and environmental review process but no statements in support or opposition.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, an addendum to the latest Environmental Impact Report for the Pike development (EIR 14-04) was prepared for the proposed project (Exhibit D – EIR Addendum 01-09 on CD). Planning Commission certification of this EIR Addendum is required if the Commission wishes to approve the entitlements as staff recommends.

Respectfully submitted,

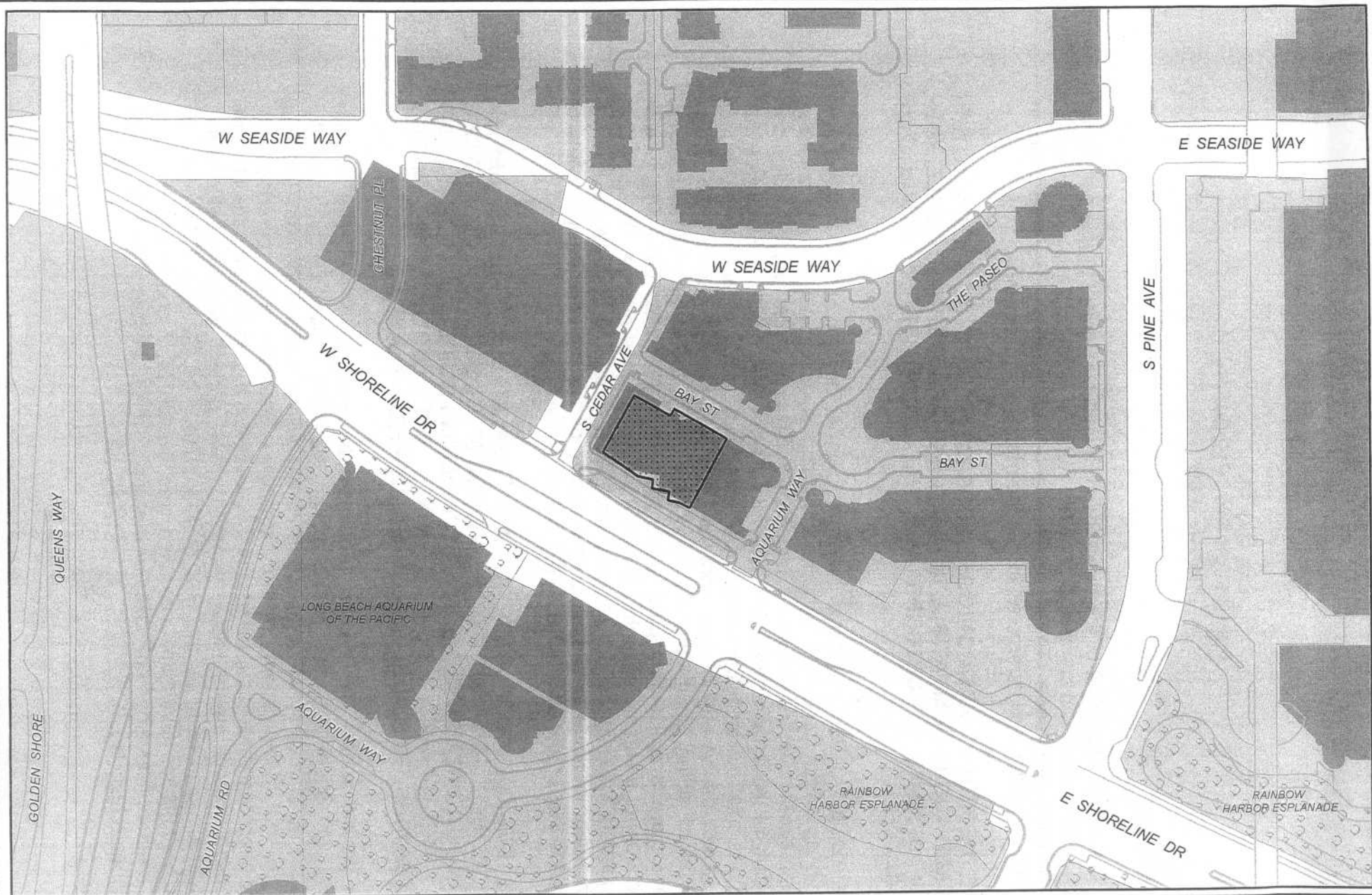
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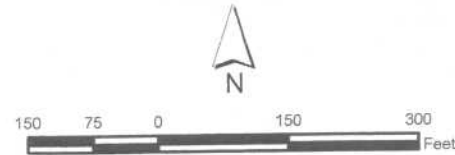
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Attachments	Exhibit A – Location map
	Exhibit B – Plans and photos
	Exhibit C – Findings and Conditions of Approval
	Exhibit D – EIR Addendum 01-09 on CD



Subject Property:
 290 Bay St
 Application No. 0812-04
 Council District 2
 Zoning Code : PD-6 (SubArea5)

Exhibit A



FINDINGS
290 Bay St.
Application No. 0812-04
June 4, 2009

Site Plan Review

Pursuant to Section 21.25.506 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, the site plan review committee or the planning commission shall not approve a site plan review unless the following findings are made. These findings and staff analysis are presented for consideration, adoption and incorporation into the record of proceedings:

- 1. THE DESIGN IS HARMONIOUS, CONSISTENT AND COMPLETE WITHIN ITSELF AND IS COMPATIBLE IN DESIGN, CHARACTER AND SCALE, WITH NEIGHBORING STRUCTURES AND THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED;**

The design of the proposed hotel building is harmonious, consistent and complete within itself. The proposed building is designed in a contemporary architectural style, with a ground floor that is distinct from the upper four floors. A majority of the exterior treatment is cement plaster stucco with a "Santa Barbara" smooth finish. A significant amount of other materials are used for accenting; these include five metal types, both bare and colored, and three colored cement fiberboard siding types. At the time of this report, the colors selected for the exterior are a pallet of neutral gray, white, and yellow as base colors, with architectural elements accented in bold blue, green, and orange. The project is compatible in design, character, and scale with neighboring structures and the community in which it is located—the quality of this project's design meets or exceeds that of any other building in the Pike development.

- 2. THE DESIGN CONFORMS TO ANY APPLICABLE SPECIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR SPECIFIC PLAN REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS THE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR R-3 AND R-4 MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, THE DOWNTOWN DESIGN GUIDELINES, PD GUIDELINES OR THE GENERAL PLAN;**

The project meets the design requirements established by PD-6 for the Downtown Shoreline area. These design standards establish guidelines for building siting to preserve views both between buildings and of the shoreline, and require that development in the Downtown Shoreline area contributes to perception of the site as a comprehensible, cohesive, and integrated entity. The proposed project meets these standards. The project is not located within another specific plan, or the R-3 or R-4 zone. The General Plan offers no specifications for development in Land Use District No. 7 and refers instead to the Planned Development District assumed to be adopted for each area designated LUD No. 7.

3. THE DESIGN WILL NOT REMOVE SIGNIFICANT MATURE TREES OR STREET TREES, UNLESS NO ALTERNATIVE DESIGN IS POSSIBLE;

The development site is a graded dirt lot; no trees are on the site. The site is not adjoined by public right-of-way on any side and no city street trees are present.

4. THERE IS AN ESSENTIAL NEXUS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THIS ORDINANCE AND THE LIKELY IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT; AND

The streets, sidewalks, and alley bounding the subject site are private property and no public improvements are required. Improvements to the surrounding streets were made in conjunction with the master plan for the Pike development.

5. THE PROJECT CONFORMS WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 21.64 (TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT), WHICH REQUIREMENTS ARE SUMMARIZED IN TABLE 25 1 AS FOLLOWS:

**Table 25-1
 Transportation Demand Management Ordinance Requirements**

TDM Requirements	New Nonresidential Development		
	25,000+ Square Feet	50,000+ Square Feet	100,000+ Square Feet
Transportation information area	*	*	*
Preferential carpool/vanpool parking		*	*
Parking designed to admit vanpools		*	*
Bicycle parking		*	*
Carpool/vanpool loading zones			*
Efficient pedestrian access			*
Bus stop improvements			*
Safe bike access from street to bike parking			*
Transit review	For all residential and nonresidential projects subject to EIR		

The proposed project is over 100,000 square feet and will conform to all requirements set forth in Chapter 21.64. Each item has either been designed into the project or will be implemented as a condition of approval.

Zoning Amendment

Pursuant to Section 21.25.106 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, in all cases, the Planning Commission and the City Council shall be required to make the following findings of fact before rezoning a parcel. These findings and staff analysis are presented for consideration, adoption and incorporation into the record of proceedings:

1. THE PROPOSED CHANGE WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHARACTER, LIVABILITY OR APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SURROUNDING AREA; AND

The parcel that makes up the project site currently is located in the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6), Subarea 5. This zoning amendment is not technically a rezoning but a modification to the development standards for Subarea 5. The zoning amendment would modify the development standards to allow a second hotel in Subarea 5, and set a maximum height limit of six stories for this hotel. The amendment also would allow the Site Plan Review Committee or Planning Commission to waive the 65% site coverage limit if the finding was made that such a waiver would further the stated goals of PD-6. Given that one 12-story hotel, a 70-foot tall parking garage, and an 80-foot tall large-format cinema all are allowed by right in this subarea, it logically follows that amending this subarea's restrictions to allow a hotel with a maximum height of six stories (in addition to the allowed 12-story hotel) would not generate any impacts beyond the scope of those originally considered acceptable by the authors of PD-6.

2. THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL PLAN.

The subject site currently has a General Plan Land Use District designation of No. 7, Mixed Uses. This LUD has the relatively wide objective of enabling a large, vital activity center, and it encompasses the entire downtown area. The zoning amendment to PD-6 will not alter the conformity of PD-6 to the stated goals and objectives of LUD No. 7.

3. IF THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS A REZONING OF AN EXISTING MOBILE HOME PARK, THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 21.25.109 HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE FULLY MET.

The proposed change is not a rezoning of an existing mobile home park.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

290 Bay St.

Application No. 0812-04

June 4, 2009

1. This Site Plan Review approval is for the construction of a new 5-story, 125-room hotel, with approximately 15,000 square feet of ground floor retail area, on a 22,028-square foot development pad located at 290 Bay Street in the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6), Subarea 5.
2. This permit and all development rights hereunder shall terminate one year from the effective date of this permit unless construction is commenced or a time extension is granted, based on a written request submitted to and approved by the Zoning Administrator prior to the expiration of the one year period as provided in Section 21.21.406 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.
3. This permit shall be invalid if the owner(s) and/or applicant(s) have failed to return written acknowledgment of their acceptance of the conditions of approval on the *Conditions of Approval Acknowledgment Form* supplied by the Planning Bureau. This acknowledgment must be submitted within 30 days from the effective date of approval (final action date or, if in the appealable area of the Coastal Zone, 21 days after the local final action date).

Special Conditions:

4. Upon approval by the City of Long Beach of all necessary municipal entitlements for this project, the developer shall obtain all necessary permits and entitlements from the California Coastal Commission and the California State Lands Commission, as appropriate, prior to submittal of a Building Permit Application with the City of Long Beach.
5. The project shall attain "LEED Certified" status through registration with the U.S. Green Building Council, or attain an equivalency to be verified by an independent third party.
6. No publicly accessible telephones shall be maintained on the exterior of the premises. Any existing publicly accessible telephones shall be removed.
7. The developer shall provide landscaping screening in the median between Shoreline Drive and the service alley immediately south of the project site, to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services, with the purpose of screening the service area from Shoreline Drive.

8. The developer shall comply with all safety and security suggestions, to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services, as specified in the project-specific memorandum issued by the Long Beach Police Department on March 4, 2009.

Standard Conditions:

9. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit a revised set of plans reflecting all of the design changes set forth in the conditions of approval to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator.
10. If, for any reason, there is a violation of any of the conditions of this permit or if the use/operation is found to be detrimental to the surrounding community, including public health, safety or general welfare, environmental quality or quality of life, such shall cause the City to initiate revocation and termination procedures of all rights granted herewith.
11. In the event of transfer of ownership of the property involved in this application, the new owner shall be fully informed of the permitted use and development of said property as set forth by this permit together with all conditions that are a part thereof. These specific requirements must be recorded with all title conveyance documents at time of closing escrow.
12. This approval is required to comply with these conditions of approval as long as the use is on the subject site. As such, the site shall allow periodic re-inspections, at the discretion of city officials, to verify compliance. The property owner shall reimburse the City for the inspection cost as per the special building inspection specifications established by City Council (Sec. 21.25.412, 21.25.212).
13. All conditions of approval must be printed verbatim on all plans submitted for plan review to the Department of Development Services. These conditions must be printed on the site plan or a subsequent reference page.
14. The plans submitted for plan review must explicitly call out and describe all materials, textures, accents, colors, window, door, planter, and paving details that were approved by the Site Plan Review Committee and/or the Planning Commission. No substantial changes shall be made without prior written approval of the Zoning Administrator and/or the Planning Commission.
15. The Director of Development Services is authorized to make minor modifications to the approved design plans or to any of the conditions of approval if such modifications shall not significantly change/alter the approved design/project. Any major modifications shall be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission, respectively.

16. All landscaped areas must be maintained in a neat and healthy condition. Any dying or dead plants materials must be replaced with the minimum size and height plant(s) required by Chapter 21.42 (Landscaping) of the Zoning Regulations. At the discretion of City officials, a yearly inspection shall be conducted to verify that all irrigation systems are working properly and that the landscaping is in good healthy condition. The property owner shall reimburse the City for the inspection cost as per the special building inspection specifications established by the City Council.
17. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant must submit complete landscape and irrigation plans for the approval of the Director of Development Services. The landscaping plan shall include drought tolerant street trees to be installed consistent with the specifications of the Street Tree Division of the Department of Public Works. Approved root guards shall be provided for all street trees.
18. Where feasible, all landscaped areas shall be planted with drought tolerant plant materials. All landscaped areas shall be provided with water conserving automatic irrigation systems designed to provide complete and adequate coverage to sustain and promote healthy plant life. The irrigation system shall not cause water to spray or flow across a public sidewalk.
19. Low-flow fixtures shall be used for all lavatory faucets, kitchen faucets, showerheads, toilets, and urinals. Toilets may be either low-flow or dual flush. Maximum flow rates for each fixture type shall be as follows: lavatory faucet – 2.75 GPM, kitchen faucet – 2.20 GPM, showerhead – 2.00 GPM, toilet – 1.3 GPF, dual flush toilet – 0.8/1.6 GPF, urinal – 1.0 GPF. Plans submitted for review shall specifically identify such fixtures and flow rates.
20. For commercial food service facilities, low-flow pre-rinse sprayers with average flow rates of no more than 2.0 GPM shall be used. Flow rates shall be specified on plans.
21. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the developer shall submit a landscaping plan to the Planning Bureau for review. Turf shall be limited to less than 50% of the total landscaped area. The turf shall not be composed of bluegrass, fescue, rye, or other grasses with high water needs. 50% or more of the planted area (as measured in square feet of landscape) shall be comprised of drought-tolerant plants, to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator.
22. All landscaping irrigation systems shall use high efficiency sprinkler nozzles. The models used and flow rates shall be specified on the landscaping plan. For residential-type or small-scale sprinkler systems, sprinkler head flow rates shall not exceed 1.00 GPM and shall be of the rotating type. Where feasible, drip irrigation shall be used instead. If an in-ground irrigation system is to be installed, such system shall be controlled by an automatic self-adjusting weather-based irrigation controller.

23. Permeable pavement shall be utilized where feasible, to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services. Public right-of-way improvements shall be exempt from this requirement. If the feasibility of using permeable pavement is uncertain, it shall be the developer's responsibility to demonstrate that a given application of permeable pavement is not feasible, to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services.
24. All outdoor fountains or water features shall utilize water recycling or re-circulation systems. The plans submitted for review shall specifically identify such systems.
25. Site development, including landscaping, shall conform to the approved plans on file with the Department of Development Services. At least one set of approved plans containing Planning, Building, Fire, and, if applicable, Redevelopment and Health Department stamps shall be maintained at the job site, at all times for reference purposes during construction and final inspection.
26. The property shall be developed and maintained in a neat, quiet, and orderly condition and operated in a manner so as not to be detrimental to adjacent properties and occupants. This shall encompass the maintenance of exterior facades of the building, designated parking areas serving the use, fences and the perimeter of the site (including all public parkways).
27. Exterior security bars and roll-up doors applied to windows and pedestrian building entrances shall be prohibited.
28. Any graffiti found on site must be removed within 24 hours of its appearance.
29. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant must depict all utility apparatus, such as, but not limited to, backflow devices and Edison transformers, on both the site plan and the landscape plan. These devices shall not be located in any front, side, or rear yard area that is adjacent to a public street. Furthermore, this equipment shall be properly screened by landscaping or any other screening method approved by the Director of Development Services.
30. All rooftop mechanical equipment shall be fully screened from public view. Said screening must be architecturally compatible with the building in terms of theme, materials, colors and textures. If the screening is not specifically designed into the building, a rooftop mechanical equipment plan must be submitted showing screening and must be approved by the Director of Development Services prior to the issuance of a building permit.

31. All parking areas serving the site shall provide appropriate security lighting pursuant to Section 21.41.259. All exterior lighting shall be operated by a photocell that activates the lighting when it senses darkness. Such lighting shall be adequately shielded to prevent intrusion of light and glare upon neighboring properties. The Chief of Police may require other security measures to be provided.
32. Energy conserving equipment, lighting, and construction features shall be utilized on the building.
33. The applicant shall file a separate plan check submittal to the Long Beach Fire Department for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.
34. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit architectural, landscaping and lighting drawings for the review and approval of the Police Department for their determination of compliance with Police Department security recommendations. For more information, contact Scott Minikus at (562) 570-7282.
35. All structures shall conform to the Long Beach Building Code requirements. Notwithstanding this subject permit, all other required permits from the Building Bureau must be secured.
36. Separate building permits are required for fences, retaining walls, flagpoles, and pole mounted yard lighting foundations.
37. Approval of this development project is expressly conditioned upon payment (prior to building permit issuance or prior to Certificate of Occupancy, as specified in the applicable Ordinance or Resolution for the specific fee) of impact fees, connection fees and other similar fees based upon additional facilities needed to accommodate new development at established City service level standards, including, but not limited to, sewer capacity charges, Park Fees and Transportation Impact Fees.
38. Demolition, site preparation, and construction activities are limited to the following (except for the pouring of concrete which may occur as needed):
 - a. Weekdays and federal holidays: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
 - b. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and
 - c. Sundays: not allowed

39. Grading and construction activities shall conform to Rule 403 of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and shall include the following:
 - a. Use water trucks and hoses to wet exposed and graded areas at least twice daily with complete coverage on all active areas and periodic wash-downs of public streets in the vicinity of all entrances and exits to the project site. Increase frequency of watering to three or more times per day whenever winds exceed 15 miles per hour, and cease grading activities during period of winds greater than 30 miles per hour.
 - b. Water all material being excavated and stockpiled.
 - c. Water all grading and cover materials being transported.
 - d. Properly maintain all grading and construction equipment propulsion systems to avoid excess emissions.
 - e. Schedule truck trips to avoid peak hours (7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m., weekdays).
 - f. Discontinue construction during Stage 2 smog alerts (ozone greater than or equal to 0.35 ppm.)
40. All trash and refuse containers shall be fully screened from public view to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services.
41. All required utility easements shall be provided to the satisfaction of the concerned department, agency, or utility company.
42. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Long Beach, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Long Beach or its agents, officers, or employees brought to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the City of Long Beach, its advisory agencies, commissions, or legislative body concerning this project. The City of Long Beach will promptly notify the applicant of any such claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Long Beach and will cooperate fully in the defense. If the City of Long Beach 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 Long Beach.

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The Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6) shall be amended to read as follows:

SUBAREA 5

(c) Building and Site Design

2. Height. Three (3) stories not to exceed forty feet (40'), except for the following permitted heights:
 - D. Twelve (12) stories for one (1) hotel located between the extended rights-of-way of Cedar Avenue and Pacific Avenue north of Bay Street, and six (6) stories for one (1) hotel located between the extended rights-of-way of Cedar Avenue and Pacific Avenue south of Bay Street.
3. Site Coverage. Not more than 65 percent (65%). Parking structures that do not exceed a height of elevation sixteen (16) Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) shall not be counted as site coverage provided that such structure does not penetrate a plane sloping upward at a slope of five percent (5%) from the top of the curb of all streets surrounding the site. The 65% site coverage limit may be waived through the Site Plan Review process if the Site Plan Review Committee or the Planning Commission (as appropriate) finds that the an increase in site coverage would allow for a project that would further the goals of this Plan beyond what would be achieved without the waiver, and that such a waiver would be consistent with the goals and intent of this Plan.

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES TO SUBMIT AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG
BEACH ZONING REGULATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA
COASTAL COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL

WHEREAS, on _____, 2009, the City Council of the City of
Long Beach amended certain provisions of the Long Beach Zoning Regulations of the
City of Long Beach related to amendments to Subarea 5 of the Downtown Planned
Development District (PD-6); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to submit the above
referenced zoning regulation amendments to the California Coastal Commission for its
review as implementing ordinances of the Long Beach Local Coastal Program (LCP); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council gave full
consideration to all facts and the proposals respecting the amendments to the zoning
regulations at a properly noticed and advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the proposed changes to the LCP by
adopting the amendments to the zoning regulations. The proposed zoning regulation
amendments are to be carried out in a manner fully consistent with the Coastal Act and
become effective in the Coastal Zone immediately upon Coastal Commission
certification; and

WHEREAS, environmental documentation has been prepared, certified,
received and considered as required by law, and the City Council hereby finds that the
proposed amendments will not adversely affect the character, livability or appropriate
development of the surrounding properties and that the amendments are consistent with
the goals, objectives and provisions of the General Plan;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
2 follows:

3 Section 1. The amendment to the Long Beach Zoning Regulations of the
4 City of Long Beach adopted on _____, 2009, by Ordinance No.
5 _____, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in this
6 resolution as Exhibit "A", is hereby submitted to the California Coastal Commission for its
7 earliest review as to that part of the ordinance that directly affects land use matters in that
8 portion of the California Coastal Zone within the City of Long Beach.

9 Section. 2. The Director of Development Services of the City of Long
10 Beach is hereby authorized to and shall submit a certified copy of this resolution, together
11 with appropriate supporting materials, to the California Coastal Commission with a
12 request for its earliest action, as an amendment to the Local Coastal program that will
13 take effect automatically upon Commission approval pursuant to the Public Resources
14 Code or as an amendment that will require formal City Council adoption after Coastal
15 Commission approval.

16 Section. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
17 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

18 I certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of
19 Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

20 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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22 _____

23 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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25 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R- 1145

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING AND
CERTIFYING AN ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE HOTEL SIERRA IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
AND STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES AND MAKING
CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS RELATIVE
THERETO

The Planning Commission of the City of Long Beach does hereby find,
determine and resolve:

A. Lodgeworks, L.P. has submitted a development application for
the construction of a 5-story, 125-room hotel with accessory ground floor
retail uses. The approximately 22,000 square foot development is located
at the southeast corner of Bay Street and Cedar Avenue (the northwestern
portion of the Pike complex).

B. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR 13-94) for the original
Queensway Bay Master Plan commercial entertainment project was
certified by the Long Beach Planning Commission on December 19, 1994
and is incorporated herein by reference.

C. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND 5-98) was prepared for
a reduced Queensway Bay project that decreased the lodging component
from three hotels totaling 950 rooms to one 275 room hotel. The Mitigated
Negative Declaration was certified by the Long Beach Planning

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1 Commission on April 2, 1998, and is incorporated herein by reference.

2 D. A Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR 14-04,
3 State Clearinghouse No. 2004111127) was prepared for a 140 room hotel
4 (then known as the Sierra Suites Hotel) for the commercial entertainment
5 project now known as the Pike at Rainbow Harbor (Pike). This
6 Supplemental EIR was certified by the Long Beach City Council on
7 December 13, 2005, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

8 E. The above referenced hotel is currently under construction
9 and expected to begin operations in Summer 2009. At present, this is the
10 only existing hotel land use in the entire Pike project site.

11 F. An Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR 13-
12 94) was completed on May 19, 2009.

13 G. Pursuant to Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines, and
14 based on the evidence and oral and written testimony presented at all
15 previous public hearings, and based on all the information contained in the
16 Planning Department's files (incorporated herein by reference) on the
17 Project, including the EIR for the Project (EIR 13-94), the Supplemental EIR
18 (EIR 14-04) and the Addendum to the EIR for the Project and including, but
19 not limited to, the June 4, 2009 Planning Commission staff report, the
20 Planning Commission finds that:

- 21 1. The EIR Addendum has been completed in compliance
22 with CEQA;
- 23 2. The EIR Addendum reflects the lead agency's
24 independent judgment and analysis;
- 25 3. None of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines
26 Section 15162, which call for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have
27 occurred;
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4. The EIR Addendum is appropriate since only minor changes to the project description are necessary, the total number of hotel rooms in the Pike area will not exceed 265, which is less than the total number of rooms studied and approved in Mitigated Negative Declaration ND 5-98, and none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred. The Planning Commission finds that the project revisions described in the EIR Addendum do not involve any new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects, and the mitigation measures previously adopted remain in effect.

Section 2. Decision.

The Planning Commission hereby adopts the attached EIR Addendum for the Project, which Addendum is incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

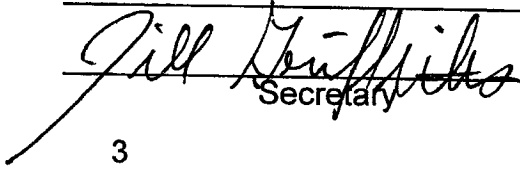
by the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission Secretary shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 5, 2009, by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Phillip Saumur, Melani Smith, Becky Blair,
Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik, Alan Fox

Noes: Commissioners: _____

Absent: Commissioners: Leslie Gentile


Secretary

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cc <ajk@dcbf.com>, <craig_chalfant@longbeach.gov>
Subject Hotel Sierra EIR Comments EIR 01-09

Honorable Mayor Bob Foster-

Attached is a comment letter on the EIR Addendum (EIR 01-09). Please consider this information when you review the project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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July 13, 2009

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Subject: EIR Addendum (EIR-01-09) Comments, Hotel Sierra Project

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Orosz Engineering Group, Inc. (OEG) has been asked by Davis, Cowell & Bowe, LLP (Andrew Kahn) to review the subject document from a traffic and transportation engineering viewpoint. The following letter summarizes our findings.

The traffic and land use information presented in the EIR Addendum is generally complete. However, there are three areas that are not complete and do not present a true and complete picture of the potential environmental impacts that may occur with the implementation of the proposed project. These three areas include:

Parking

Parking in the Pike Garage. The data for the October - March time frame is good information, but in a beach/summer oriented tourist area the parking garage data should be provided for a full year. It appears to be available but not shown in the EIR addendum. Right now it appears that approximately 285 spaces would be available during the peak month. Right now, the parking garage is about 90% full during peak times (an industry design maximum). Relying on the surrounding parking areas for additional parking is unrealistic and unknown. There is no occupancy data for those other parking areas provided in the document. They could be operating at 100% full leaving no room for error in the parking garage for this project. To provide a clear and complete environmental setting, the year round parking occupancy values for the Pike Garage and surrounding parking areas should be provided. With the project parking demand, the proposed project parking demands on the surrounding areas can be evaluated completely.

Project Parking Demands. There is no exact information regarding the actual parking demand for the Hotel Sierra. The available parking in the garage may or may not be adequate. (See previous comment.) Hotels of this type could generate a peak parking demand of 1-1.5 spaces per room or 125-200 parking spaces. The retail space proposed for the project may add additional demands for parking. With only a maximum of 285 parking spaces potentially available (based on the data provided, this number may be

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significantly less when summer data is provided), the parking garage may be completely full and fail to operate efficiently.

Land Use

Total Available Square Footage. Within the Pike area, the City Council has approved a total square footage is 525,000. The existing approved uses totals 418,221 SF. There is no total with the Hotel Sierra. There is a discussion of the total number of hotel rooms available within the Pike Area (275 rooms) and that with the proposed project, that number is within the approved values. However, the total square footage is not presented completely.

Summary

Based on this review, there are three issues where clear complete information has not been clearly documented and presented to the decision makers to provide them with the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. These issues are necessary items to be addressed prior to the project moving forward.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact us. OEG, Inc. thanks you for the opportunity to meet your needs on this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Orosz

Stephen A. Orosz, P.E.
Orosz Engineering Group, Inc.

cc. Andrew Kahn, Davis Cowell & Bowe, LLP
Craig Chalfant, Planner, City of Long Beach