

City Planning Commission  
Sacramento, California

Members in Session:

Subject: Appeal of Planning Director's Denial of a Variance To Waive a Six Foot Solid  
Masonry Wall (P86-227)

SUMMARY: On July 15, 1986, the Planning Director denied a variance to waive the required six foot solid masonry wall separating residential from non-residential zones and uses for property located at 2610 and 2620 Plover Way. Attached is the Planning Director's report and decision (Exhibit A). The applicant does not agree with the action and subsequently filed an appeal (Exhibit B).

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The applicant is requesting a waiver of the required masonry wall between a residence and a recreation vehicle storage use. The applicant has not stated the reason for the request, but feels the wall would be of little benefit to the resident or the applicant. The purpose of a masonry wall between a residence and a non-residential use is to provide a visual and sound buffer between two non compatible land uses. Although a fence and vegetation exists along the property line, they do not provide a sufficient buffer. The resident of the property adjacent to the subject site has indicated that a wall is desired to eliminate some of the noise the residents experience now and after the storage yard is completed. No hardship has been demonstrated which warrants the granting of the variance. Therefore, on July 15, 1986, the Planning Director denied the request to waive the six foot high masonry wall.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Commission deny the appeal based on Findings of Fact which follow:

Findings of Fact:

1. Granting the variance would constitute a special privilege extended an individual applicant, in that there is no hardship nor unusual circumstances involved to support the request.
2. Granting the variance would be injurious to public welfare, in that the existing fence and vegetation do not provide an adequate noise barrier between the residence and the parking area.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Senior Planner

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**PLANNING DIRECTOR'S VARIANCE EXHIBIT A**  
1231 'I' STREET, SUITE 200, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

<b>APPLICANT</b>	Anthony Florentino, 1435 River Park Dr., Sacramento, CA 95815				
<b>OWNER</b>	Gragg Land Development, 1481 River Park Dr., Sacramento, CA 95815				
<b>PLANS BY</b>	Anthony Florentino, 1435 River Park Dr., Sacramento, CA 95815				
<b>FILING DATE</b>	6-5-86	<b>ENVIR. DET.</b>	Ex. 1506(b)(3)	<b>REPORT BY</b>	LP:tc
<b>ASSESSOR'S-PCL. NO.</b>	266-322-08,13				

**APPLICATION:** Planning Director's Variance to waive the required six foot high masonry wall on .62± developed acres (P86-227)

**LOCATION:** 2610 and 2620 Plover Way

**PROPOSAL:** The applicant is requesting the necessary entitlements to waive a six foot masonry wall between a residence and industrial development

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

1974 General Plan Designation:	Industrial
1968 Arden-Arcade Community Plan Designation:	Commercial
Existing Zoning of Site:	M-1
Existing Land Use of Site:	Vacant

**Surrounding Land Use and Zoning:**

North:	Residential; R-2A
South:	I-80; M-1, TC
East:	Mini-storage; M-1
West:	Residential, school; R-2A

Property Dimensions:	Irregular
Property Area:	0.62± acres
Topography:	Flat
Street Improvements/Utilities:	Existing

**BACKGROUND**

On January 9, 1986, the Planning Commission overturned staff's recommendation and recommended approval of an amendment to the Arden-Arcade Community Plan from Multiple Family Residential and Business and Professional Office to Industrial, and of a rezone from R-2A and OB to M-1, and approved a lot line merger for 2610 and 2620 Plover Way. The City Council upheld the Planning Commission's recommendation and approved the amendment and rezoning on February 12, 1986. The conditions of approval are attached in the Exhibit B Ordinance.

**PROJECT EVALUATION:** Staff offers the following comments:

- A. The subject site is a vacant 0.62± acre portion of a mini storage site located at 2610 and 2620 Plover Way in an M-1 zone. Surrounding land uses include residences to the north and west, I-80 to the south and the mini-storage complex to the east. The Ben Ali School is directly west of the site also. As the Arden-Arcade Community Plan was amended to allow the

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mini-storage, the project is now consistent with the 1965 Arden-Arcade Community Plan and the 1974 General Plan, which designate the site commercial and industrial, respectively.

- B. The applicant is requesting a waiver of the required masonry wall between a residence and a recreation vehicle storage use. The applicant has not stated the reason for the request, but feels the wall would be of little benefit to the resident or the applicant. A condition of approval of the original project was "The Zoning Ordinance requires a six foot high solid masonry wall along the north property line adjacent to the residential use. An approved Planning Director's Variance will be required to waive this requirement." This wording does not guarantee that a Planning Director's variance will be approved. The purpose of a masonry wall between a residence and a non-residential use is to provide a visual and sound buffer between two non compatible land uses. Although a fence and vegetation exists along the property line, they do not provide a sufficient buffer. The resident of the property adjacent to the subject site has indicated that a wall is desired to eliminate some of the noise the residents experience now and after the storage yard is completed. No hardship has been demonstrated which warrents the granting of the Variance.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to state EIR Guidelines (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3))

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends denial of the variance, based upon the following Findings of Fact:

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1. Granting the variance would constitute a special privilege extended an individual applicant, in that there is no hardship or unusual circumstance involved to support the request.
2. Granting the variance would be injurious to public welfare, in that the existing fence and vegetation do not provide an adequate noise barrier between the residence and the parking area.

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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

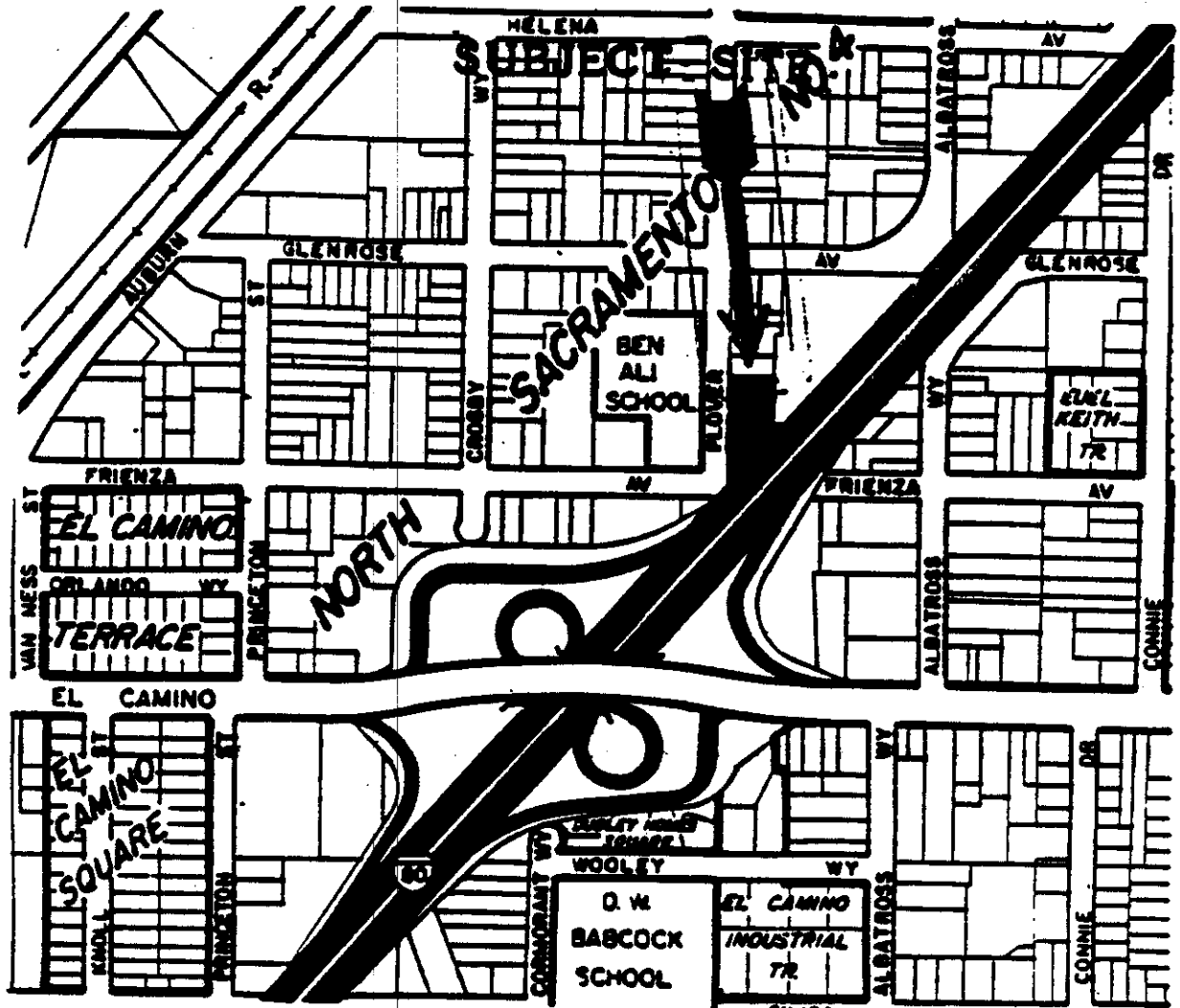
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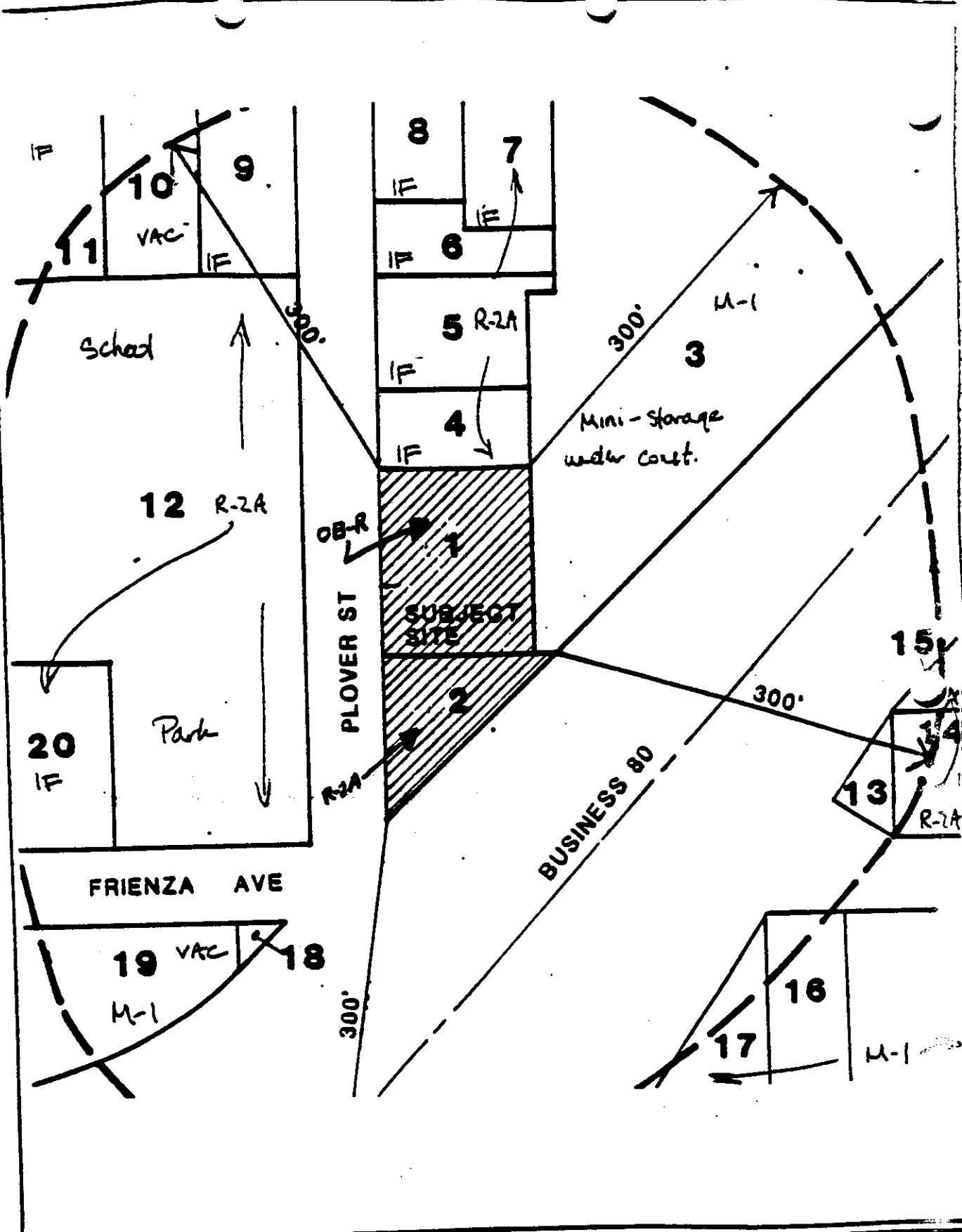
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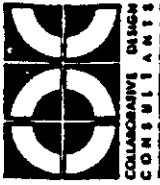


# LAND USE & ZONING MAP

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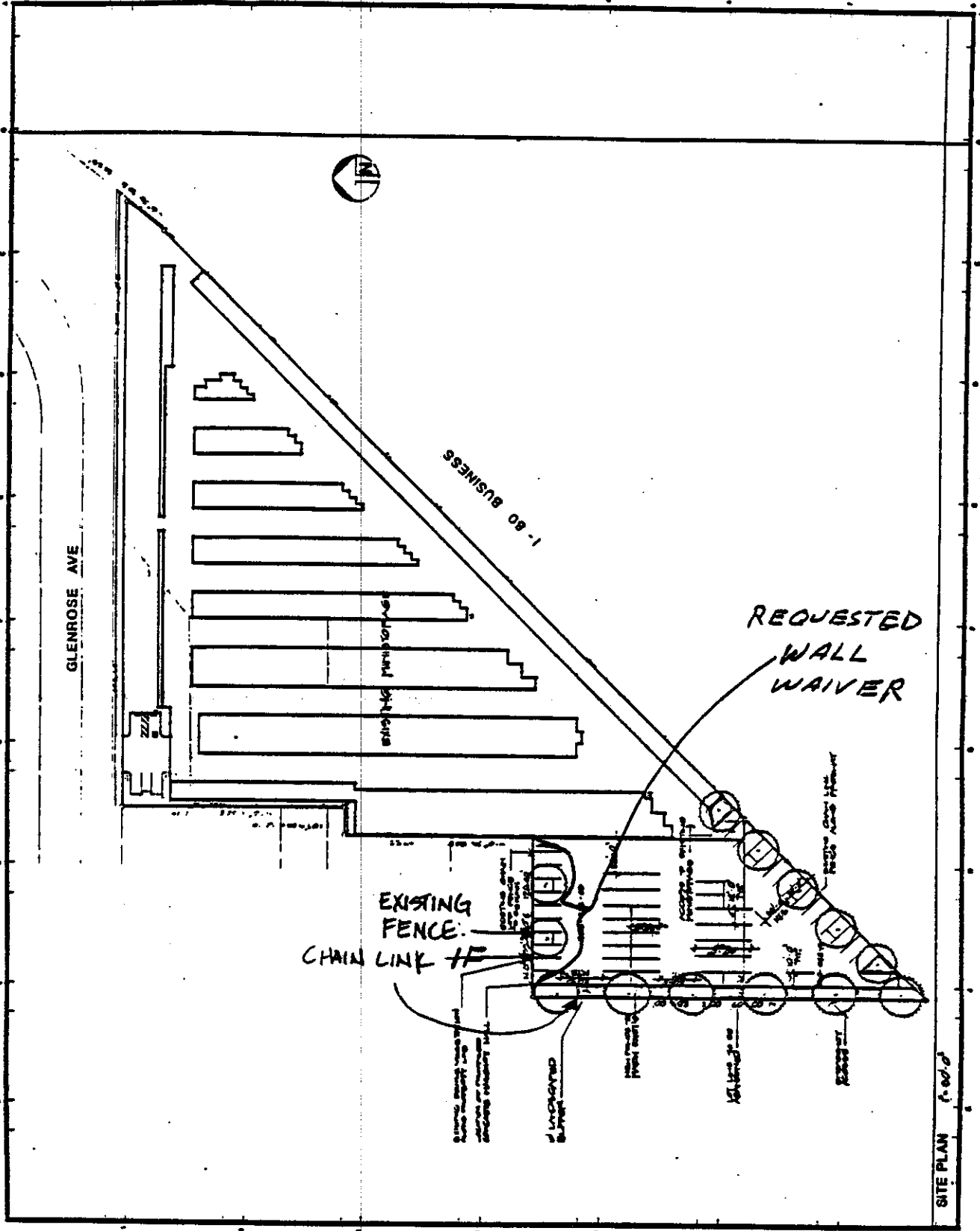


COLLABORATIVE DESIGN  
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2610 & 2620 PLOVER STREET  
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EXHIBIT A  
SITE PLAN



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