

**P95-039 ◦ NEW HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**REQUEST:** Entitlements to allow the addition of a 2,400 square foot social hall to an existing church located in the Standard Single Family Executive Airport Overlay 2 (R-1/EA-2) zone:

- A. Special Permit Modification to expand an existing church; and
- B. Discretionary change in a non-conformity to allow a social hall in the Executive Airport Overlay 2 (EA-2) zone.

**LOCATION:** 6612 Woodbine Avenue (APN: 036-0106-037-0000)  
Sacramento Unified School District  
Council District 5

<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Jessie J. Lewis, (916) 381-2019 7570 53rd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828
<b>OWNER:</b>	New Home Missionary Baptist Church 6612 Woodbine Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822
<b>APPLICATION FILED:</b>	May 18, 1995
<b>STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Barbara Wendt, 264-5935

**SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION:** The applicant is proposing a 2,400 sq. ft. multi-purpose room addition to an existing 2,760 sq. ft. church. The existing church and the proposed expansion are located in the Single Family Residential Executive Airport Overlay (R-1/EA-2) zone. The EA-2 zone is an area located under the primary flight path for the Executive Airport (see Attachments E & F). The zone was established by the City Council in 1982 to protect the health and safety of the people in the vicinity of the airport. The provisions of the EA-2 zone prohibit new churches and church expansions.

**Staff recommends denial of the project.** Denial is recommended because the project would increase the number of people exposed to a potential safety hazard.

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

General Plan Designation:	Low Density Residential (4-15 du/na)
Airport Meadowview Community Plan	
Land Use Designation:	Residential (4-8 du/na)
Existing Land Use of Site:	Church
Existing Zoning of Site:	Standard Single Family (R-1/EA-2)

**Surrounding Land Use and Zoning:**

North: Single Family Residential; Standard Single Family (R-1 EA-2)  
 South: Single Family Residential; Standard Single Family (R-1 EA-2)  
 East: Single Family Residential; Standard Single Family (R-1 EA-2)  
 West: Single Family Residential; Standard Single Family (R-1 EA-2)

<b>Setbacks:</b>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Provided</u>
Front	17'	17' ±
Streetside	12.5'	17' ±
Interior Side	5'	94' ±
Rear	15'	168' ±
<b>Property Dimensions:</b>		180' x 300'
<b>Property Area:</b>		1.2± acres
<b>Square Footage of Buildings:</b>		
Existing Church:		2,760 sq. ft.
Proposed Social Hall:		2,400 sq. ft.
<b>Seats within Existing Sanctuary:</b>		200 seats
<b>Parking Required:</b>		50 (1 per 4 seats)
<b>Parking Provided:</b>		52
<b>Exterior Building Materials:</b>		Stucco
<b>Roof Material:</b>		Asphalt Shingle
<b>Topography:</b>		Flat
<b>Street Improvements &amp; Utilities</b>		To be provided

**OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:** In addition to the entitlements requested, the applicant will also need to obtain the following permits or approvals, including, but not limited to:

<u>Permit</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Certificate of Compliance	Public Works, Development Services
Building Permit	Planning Department, Development Services Division

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The existing 2,760 sq. ft. church has been on the project site since 1972. The project applicant is proposing a 2,400 sq. ft. multi-purpose attached addition to the church. The multi-purpose room will provide additional space for a kitchen, bathrooms and a large open area with removable portions and no fixed seating. The additional space will be used for classrooms, meetings, weddings, funerals and social events. The existing church has a seating capacity of 200 people. The multi-purpose room is estimated to have a capacity of 235 people. The two facilities can be used at the same time for different events.

The proposed church expansion has been the subject of two previous planning project applications. On July 26, 1984, the Planning Commission approved a special permit to expand the existing church, a lot line adjustment to merge three parcels and a variance to allow expansion of an existing non-conforming use in the EA-2 zone (P83-410). However, the project was not built within the required two year time period and the special permit expired. However, the lot line merger that was approved does not have

an expiration date. The lot line merger can be finalized by filing a certificate of compliance with the Public Works Department.

In 1986 the project applicant applied for a new special permit for the church expansion (P87-027). A staff report was prepared, but the project was withdrawn prior to the scheduled hearing date.

**STAFF EVALUATION:** Staff has the following comments:

**A. Policy Considerations**

The existing church and the proposed expansion are located in the Single Family Residential Executive Airport Overlay (R-1 EA-2) zone. The EA-2 zone is an area located under the primary flight path for the Executive Airport. The Executive Airport Overlay zone was established by the City Council in 1982 to protect the health and safety of the people in the vicinity of the airport. According to the provisions of the Ordinance, a church cannot be constructed in the EA-2 zone. However, the existing church was constructed prior to the establishment of the Executive Airport Overlay zone and is now considered a legal, non-conforming use.

A property owner may request to expand a legal, non-conforming use in the EA-2 zone by submitting an application for a "Special Permit Modification" to expand an existing church and a "Discretionary Change in a Non-Conformity" to allow a social hall in the EA-2 zone.

These two planning entitlements require Planning Commission approval. The Planning Commission must make one of the following findings if they grant the expansion:

1. Under the circumstances of the particular case, the benefit to the public health, safety and welfare outweighs any detriment inherent in the expansion.
2. That the application of the provisions of the ordinance will result in practical difficulties or unusual hardships for the property owner which outweigh the goals of protecting the health, safety and general welfare of the people in the vicinity of the Executive Airport.

The applicant has indicated that many of the activities that will take place in the proposed addition are now held outdoors on the project site. The applicant has also stated that the reason the church has not relocated to a site outside the EA-2 zone is that many of the church members live near-by and walk to church. Some of these church members do not own cars and would be unable to attend if the church relocated outside the neighborhood. (Attachments G and H further describe the position of the applicant).

The staff analysis has concluded that the additional space provided by the multi-purpose room will expand the capacity of the church facilities by 235 people. This added capacity would increase the number of people exposed to a potential safety hazard. Staff therefore recommends denial of the project.

**B. Site Plan Design/Zoning Requirements**

Despite the recommendation to deny the project, Planning staff has identified the following issues that would have to be addressed if the project was approved by the Planning Commission or the City Council:

**Parking** - There are 16 existing parking spaces located on the subject site. The existing sanctuary can accommodate 200 persons which would require a total of 50 parking spaces to meet the existing code requirements. The applicant is proposing to expand the existing 16 space parking area to accommodate a total of 52 parking spaces. The 2,400 square foot social hall addition will increase the overall capacity of the existing church from 200 to 435 persons. Staff recommends that 24 additional parking spaces be provided for the social hall. The additional parking spaces would prevent over flow parking into the neighborhood when the church and the social hall were both in use. (The open assembly parking requirement of one space for every hundred square feet of gross floor area within the 2,400 square foot social hall was used to calculate the additional parking requirements for the social hall). A total of 74 parking spaces would be required.

**Lot Line Merger** - In 1983, the City Planning Commission approved a lot merger to merge the existing three parcels into one parcel (P83-410, See Attachment D). Prior to construction of any additional buildings or parking spaces the applicant is required to file a certificate of compliance with the City's Public Works Department to finalize the lot merger.

**Required Sound Wall** - The existing church is surrounded by existing single family residences. A sound wall will be required to be provided along the western property line prior to obtaining any building permits to construct the proposed social hall or add parking spaces. A Zoning Administrator's variance is required if the applicant does not want to construct the required wall.

**Building Design** - Design review and Planning staff would work with the applicant on the design of the building.

**PROJECT REVIEW PROCESS:****A. Environmental Determination**

On July 12, 1984, the Planning Commission ratified a Negative Declaration for the originally proposed project. Section §15162 of the CEQA Guidelines provides that an additional Negative Declaration need not be prepared unless subsequent changes are proposed in the project, substantial changes occur with respect to the project circumstances, or new information of substantial importance to the project now becomes known or available. None of these conditions exist; therefore, a new Negative Declaration is not required.

**B. Public/Neighborhood/Business Association Comments**

The project site is not located within the boundary of any known neighborhood or business association. Planning staff tried to contact representatives of the adjacent Golf Course Terrace Neighborhood Association. No comments have been received.

**C. Summary of Agency Comments**

The project has been reviewed by several City Departments. If the project is approved by the Planning Commission or the City Council, conditions related to the comments received would need to be applied to the project. The following section summarizes the comments received.

1. **Utilities Department** - Comments received from the Utilities Department relate to requirements and limitations on future water service and on-site surface drainage.
2. **Police Department** - Comments from the Police Department relate to limiting hours of operation, appropriate lighting and parking requirements.
3. **Public Works/Traffic Division** - Comments from the Traffic Division relate to providing handicap parking spaces


**PROJECT APPROVAL PROCESS:** The Planning Commission has the authority to approve or deny the project entitlements. The Planning Commission action may be appealed to the City Council. The appeal must occur within 10 days of the Planning Commission action.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Planning Commission take the following action:

- A. Adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment C), Denying the Special Permit Modification to expand an existing church.
- B. Adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment C), Denying the Discretionary Change in a Non-Conformity to allow a social hall in the EA-2 zone.

Report Prepared By:

Report Reviewed By:

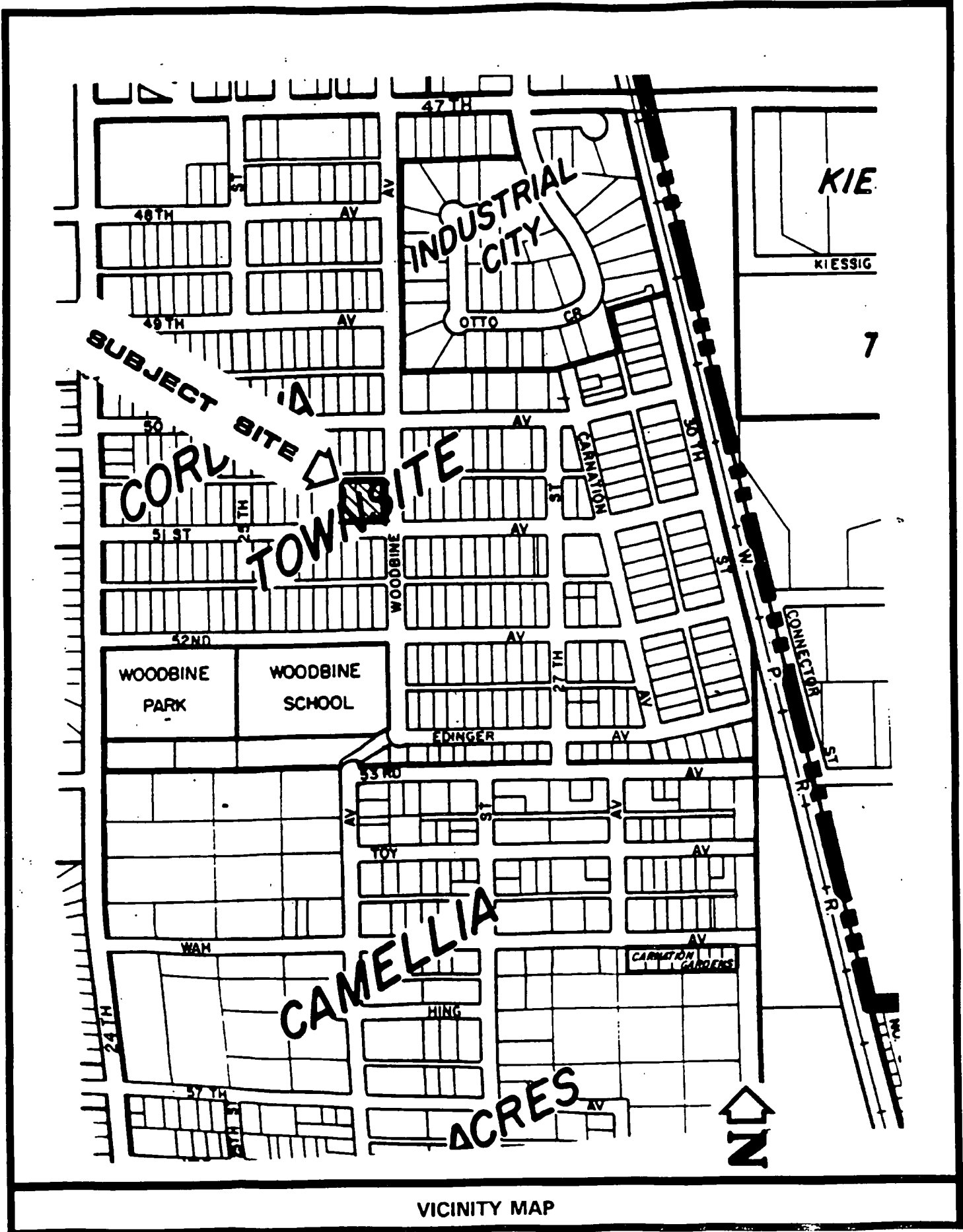
  
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**Attachments**

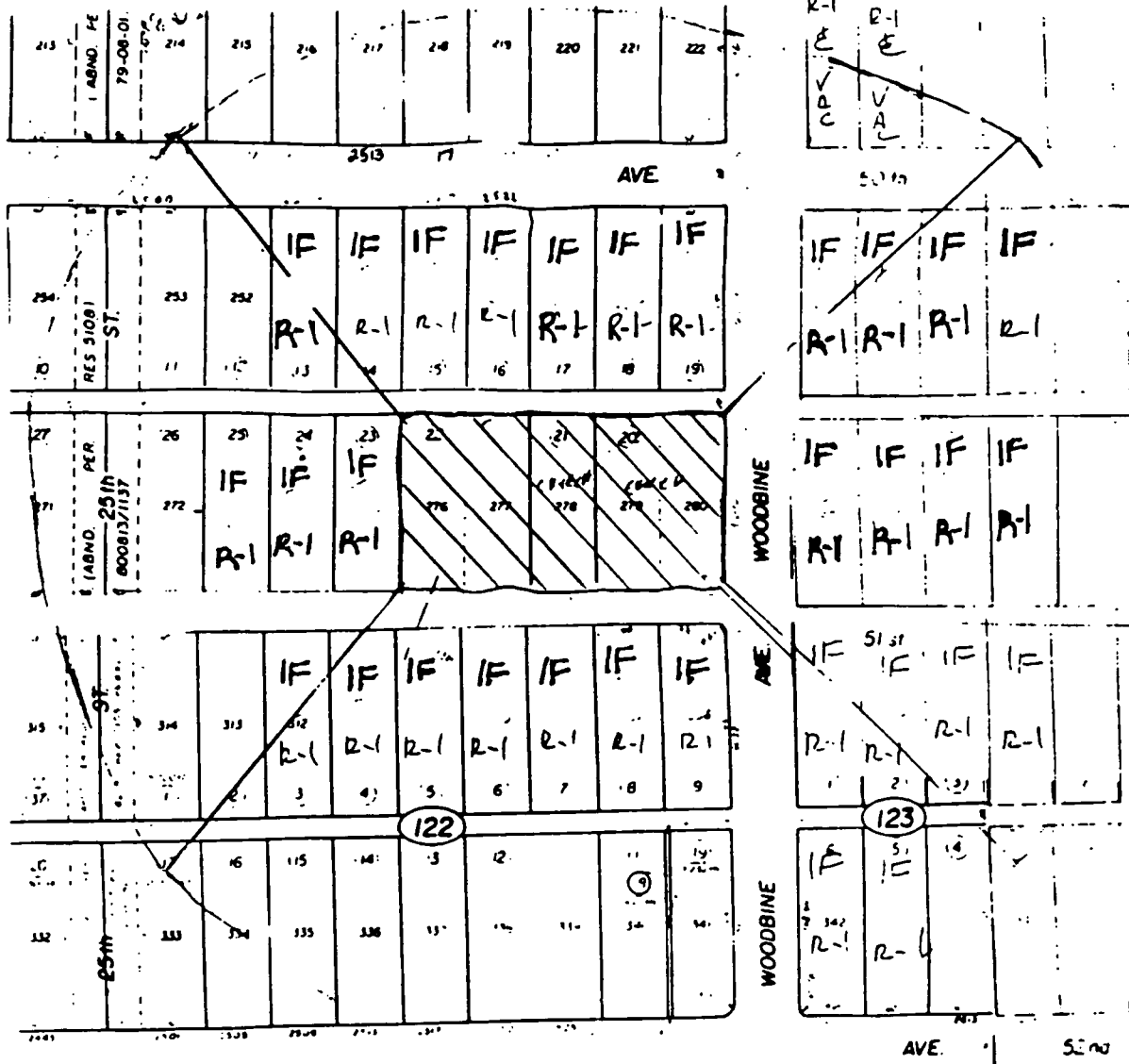
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| Attachment A | Vicinity Map                   | Attachment E | Comments from Airport Land Use Commission |
| Attachment B | Land Use and Zoning Map        | Attachment F | Airport Safety Zone Map                   |
| Attachment C | Resolution Denying the Project | Attachment G | Letter - Margaret Ware                    |
| Exhibit C-1  | Site Plan                      | Attachment H | Letter - Jessie Lewis                     |
| Exhibit C-2  | Floor Plans                    | Attachment I | Letter - Robert Lewis                     |
| Exhibit C-3  | Elevations                     | Attachment J | Letter - Andrew Jones                     |
| Attachment D | Approved Lot Line Merger       |              |   |

ATTACHMENT A



VICINITY MAP

ATTACHMENT B



## ATTACHMENT C

**RESOLUTION NO.**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO PLANNING COMMISSION

ON DATE OF December 14, 1995

A RESOLUTION DENYING THE FOLLOWING ENTITLEMENTS: A SPECIAL PERMIT MODIFICATION TO EXPAND AN EXISTING CHURCH; AND A DISCRETIONARY CHANGE IN A NON-CONFORMITY TO ALLOW A SOCIAL HALL IN THE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT OVERLAY 2 (EA-2) ZONE AT 6612 WOODBINE AVENUE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

(P95-039) (APN: 036-0106-037-0000)

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission on December 14, 1995, held a public hearing on the request for approval of special permit modification to expand an existing church; and a discretionary change in a non-conformity to allow a social hall in the EA-2 zone;

WHEREAS, the City Environmental Coordinator has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has provided notice to the public of the preparation of a Negative Declaration;

WHEREAS, the Planning staff has submitted to the City Planning Commission its report and recommendations on the proposed development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, THAT THE SPECIAL PERMIT MODIFICATION AND DISCRETIONARY CHANGE IN A NON-CONFORMITY DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE HEREBY DENIED BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS OF FACT:

- A. The Special Permit Modification to expand an existing church in the EA-2 zone is (Exhibit C-1) is hereby denied based upon the following findings of fact:
1. The project, if approved, would not be based on sound principles of land use in that it would increase the number of persons per acre on a site located under a primary flight path to Executive Airport.
  2. The project, if approved, would be injurious to the public health, safety and welfare in that it increases the potential for having large social gatherings on a site located in an area with documented safety hazards.
  3. The project is inconsistent with the policies of the Executive Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) which prohibits churches and the concentration of over 50 persons per acre in the EA-2 zone.



- B. The discretionary change in a non-conformity to allow a social hall in the EA-2 zone (Exhibit C-1) is hereby denied based upon the following findings of fact:
1. Granting the discretionary change in a non-conformity constitutes a special privilege extended to an individual property owner in that the discretionary change in a non-conformity would not be granted to other property owners facing similar circumstances.
  2. Granting the discretionary change in a non-conformity would be detrimental to the public welfare in that the increased square footage of the church would result in putting additional lives at risk within the primary flight path for the Executive Airport.
  3. The project is inconsistent with Executive Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan which identifies the site as being within the primary flight path for the airport. The policies recommend that densities of greater than 50 persons per acre be prohibited within the EA-2 zone in order to protect human health and safety.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

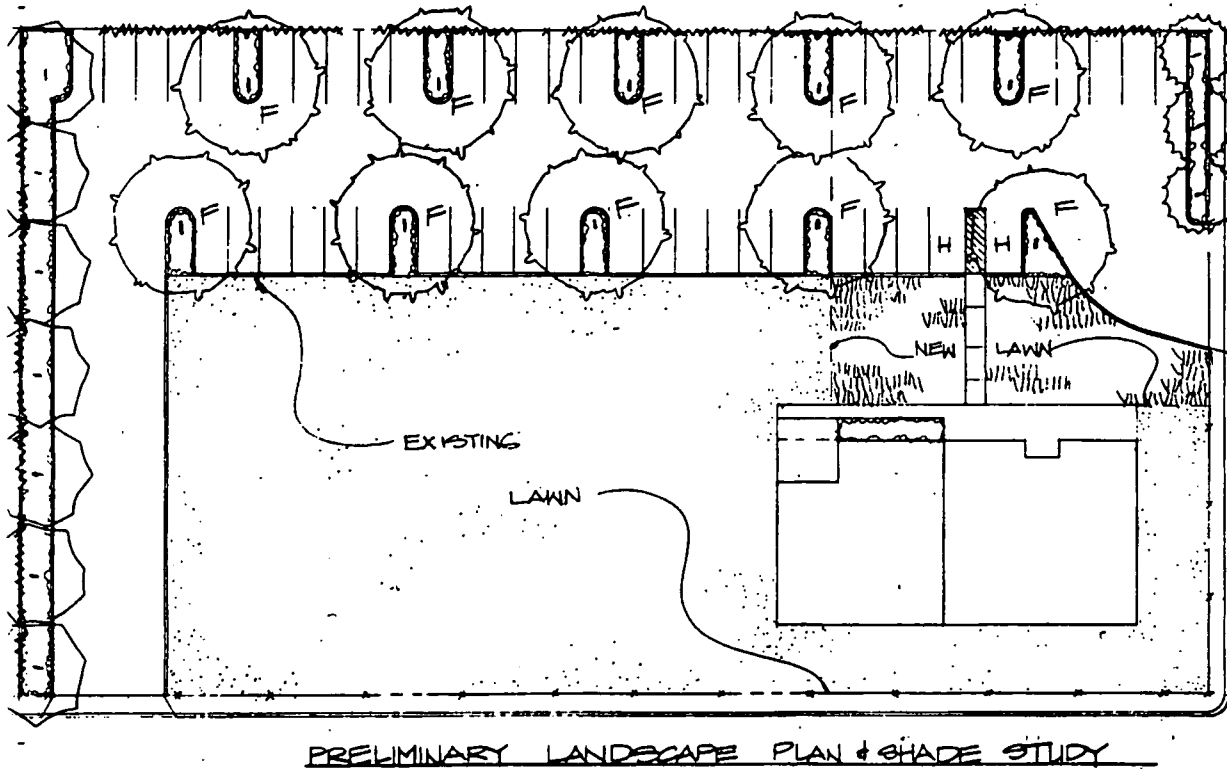
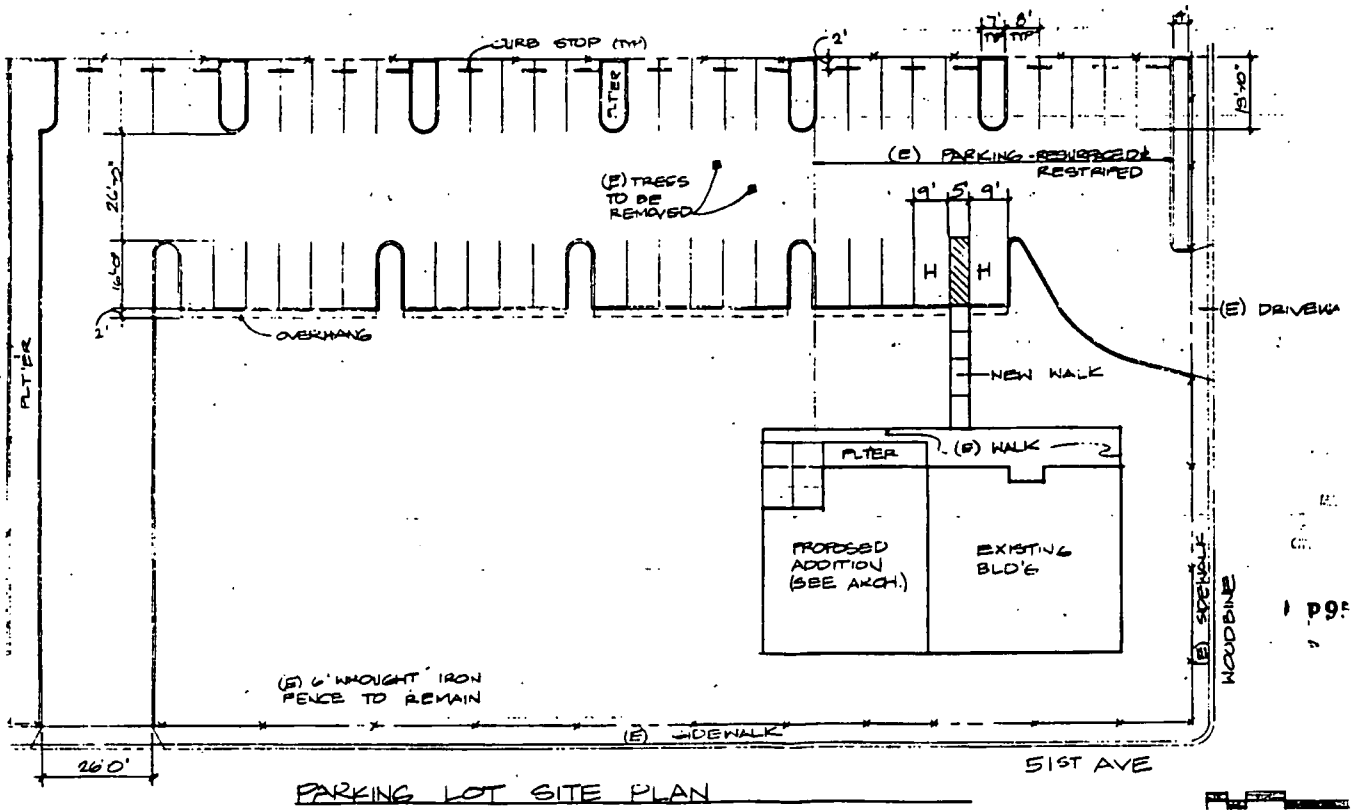
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SECRETARY TO PLANNING COMMISSION

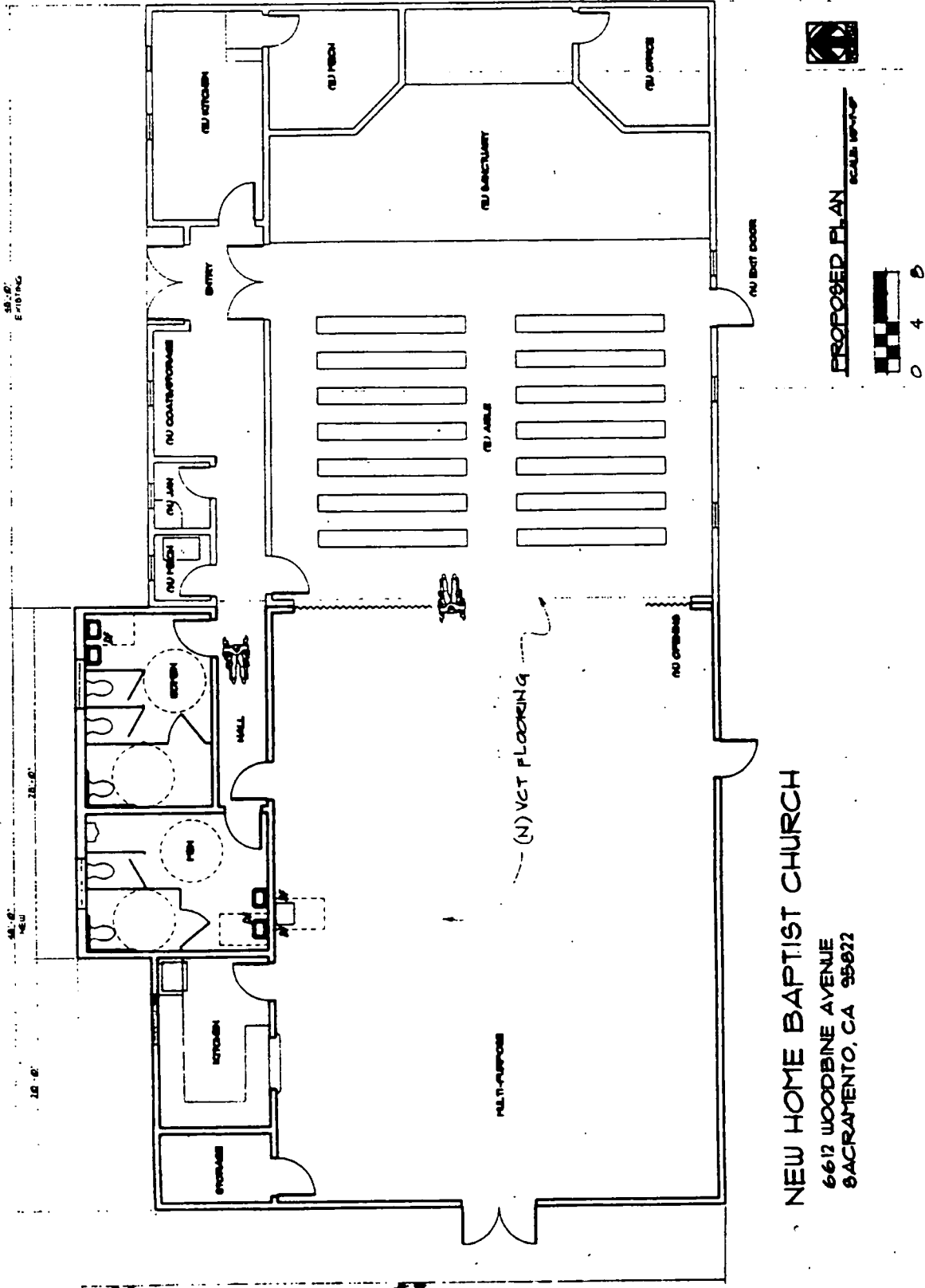
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# EXHIBIT C-1

## SITE PLAN

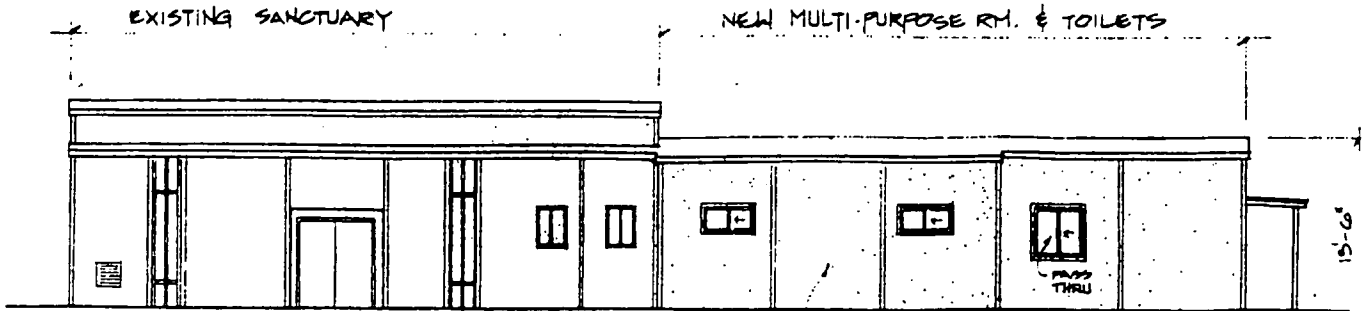


# EXHIBIT C-2 FLOOR PLANS



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 SACRAMENTO, CA 95822

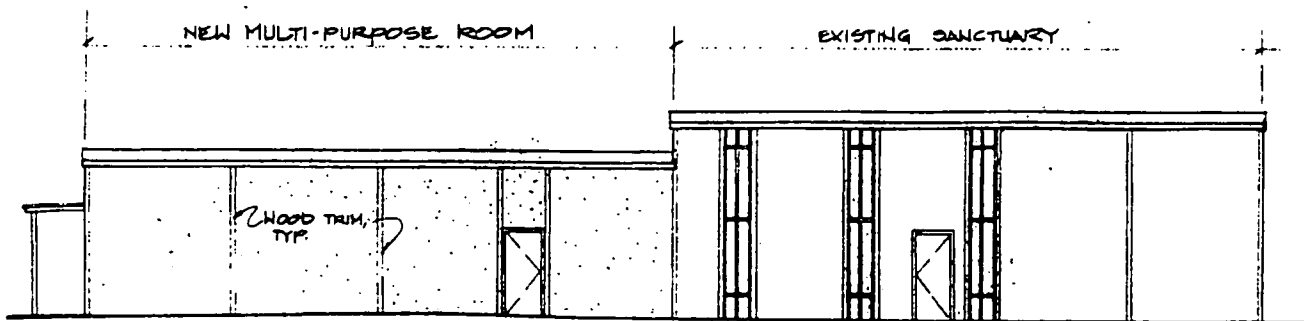
# EXHIBIT C-3 ELEVATIONS



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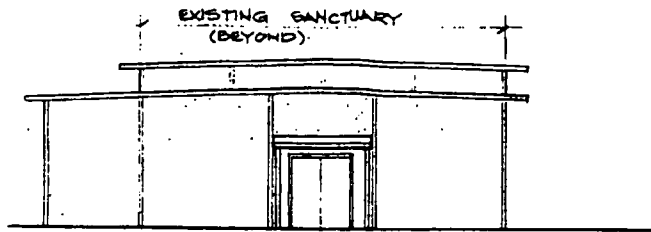
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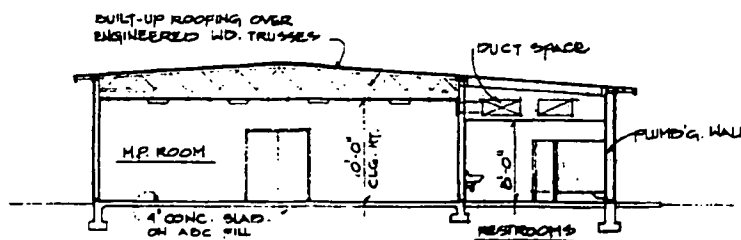
SOUTH ELEVATION

SC: 1/8" = 1'-0"



WEST ELEVATION

SC: 1/8" = 1'-0"



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## ATTACHMENT D

## APPROVED LOT LINE MERGER RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 542

Adopted by the Sacramento City Planning Commission  
on date of July 12, 1984

APPROVING A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT TO MERGE LOTS 276, 277, 278, 279 AND 280 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL "PLAT OF CORDOVA TOWNSITE" RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY ON MAY 14, 1907 IN BOOK 8 OF MAPS, MAP 28 (APN: 036-106-20,21,22) (P83-410)

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has submitted to the Planning Commission a report and recommendation concerning the lot line adjustment for property located at 6612 Woodbine Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the lot line adjustment will not have a significant effect on the environment as determined by the Environmental Coordinator, who has also provided notice to the public of the preparation of a Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the lot line adjustment is consistent with the 1974 City General Plan and the 1984 Airport Meadowview Community Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of Sacramento: that the lot line adjustment for property located at 6612 Woodbine Avenue, City of Sacramento, be approved as shown and described in Exhibits A and B attached hereto.

  
VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY TO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

ATTACHMENT E

COMMENTS FROM THE AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

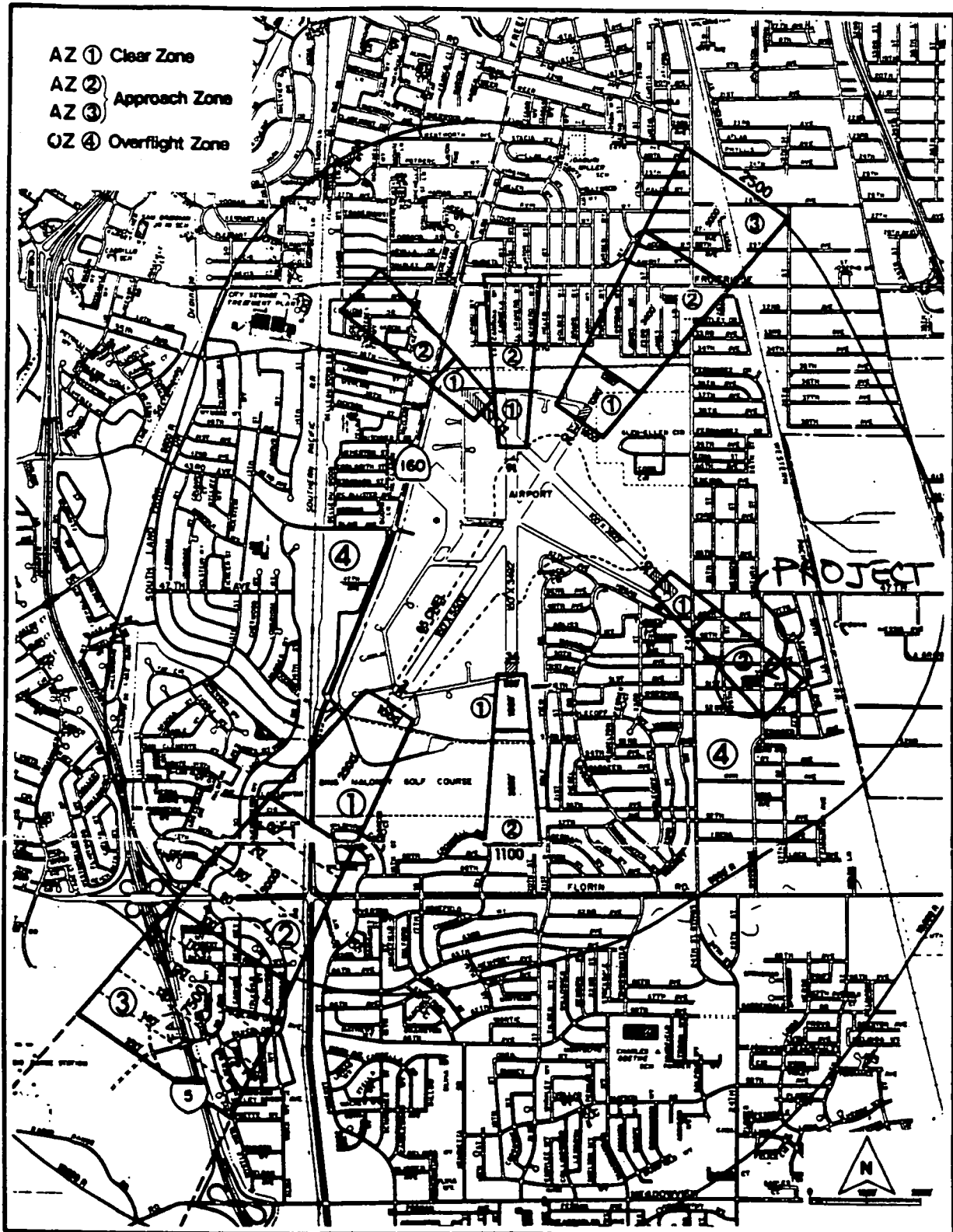
REQUEST FOR STAFF COMMENT		
AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION FOR SACRAMENTO, SUTTER, YOLO AND YUBA COUNTIES 3000 S STREET, SUITE 300 SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-7056 PHONE: (916) 457-2264 FAX: (916) 457-3299	DATE RECEIVED: 6/1/95	
	ALUC REVIEW No.: 95-28	
	AFFECTED AIRPORT: Executive Airport	
REQUESTED BY: City of Sacramento Planning & Development Dept.	CONTROL No.: P95-039	DATE COMMENT REQUESTED: ASAP
PROJECT APPLICANT: Jessie J. Lewis		
PROJECT TITLE: Church Expansion		
APPLICATION FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> REZONE <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL/COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Special permit/Variance		
LOCATION OF PROJECT (reference to airport): The project is located approximately 2,200 feet southeast of the southeast end of Runway 12-30, at the northwest corner of Woodbine Avenue and 51st Avenue.		
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT: Expansion of existing church. The proposed expansion consists of a 2,400 square foot addition for a social hall.		
APPLICABLE ALUC POLICY: <input type="checkbox"/> HEIGHT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAFETY <input type="checkbox"/> NOISE		
ALUC STAFF COMMENTS: The project is located within Approach Zone 2 (APZ-2), as established by the Executive Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). The CLUP defines churches as being an incompatible use within this zone, and prohibits the expansion of existing incompatible uses.		
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APPLICABLE ALUC PLAN: Executive Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan	PROJECT IS: <input type="checkbox"/> Compatible <input type="checkbox"/> Compatible, subject to conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incompatible, due to:  <input type="checkbox"/> Height <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Noise	
REVIEWED BY: David Boyer, Associate Planner <i>DB</i>		DATE: 6/1/95

# ATTACHMENT F

## EXECUTIVE AIRPORT SAFETY ZONE MAP

Figure 2

### Sacramento Executive Airport Safety Zones



# ATTACHMENT G

NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH  
6612 WOODBINE AVENUE  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95822  
John Rogers, Pastor

December 3, 1995

To: The Planning Commissioners

We submitted a request in May, 1995 for approval to expand our church. Because we are in an air flight zone, it is only under special circumstances that we would be allowed to expand. We request that you consider the overriding issues of 1.) unusual hardship to our church family if not allowed to expand and 2.) the benefit to the public welfare of the community to expand and remain in our current location. These following factors, we believe outweigh any detriment inherent in the expansion:

1. **This same request was made in 1984 and approved.** The loan the church had requested to finance the expansion was not approved and the permit expired. We requested an extension of the permits and were told that we must reapply. We as a small membership have worked extremely hard under some adverse condition to make sure we had the finances, contractors, architects etc. in place before we reapplied. At this time, everything is in place awaiting the approval of the special permit
2. **There are practical difficulties of the church not being able to accommodate the needs of it's membership in the current facility.**
  - A. Four different Sunday school classes (totaling 50 to 60 people) are conducted in the same room(church sanctuary) on Sunday mornings. The noise is very distracting and not conducive for teaching and learning. More room to spread out and separate the classes is needed. The current sanctuary only provides for one thing to occur at a given time.
  - B. During our main service on Sunday, the Children's Church has to be held outside when weather permits. During hot or inclement weather, the children are jammed in a hallway and small kitchen.
  - C. We cannot provide the services needed to accommodate our families, i.e., weddings and funerals (additional sanctuary space). When our members marry or die we are unable to accommodate all of the family. The cost of renting alternate facilities is exorbitant. A tarpaulin had to be put outside the back door of the church with speakers to accommodate a request a retired police officer's request that his funeral be held at his church. Family members and friend ate outside.



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- D. The existing bathrooms are not accessible to the handicap; there is not enough room in the church for any kind of fellowship outside of a single agenda and purpose where all ages, groups etc. meet in the sanctuary. There is no place for the membership to fellowship together with a meal or have quests.
  - E. The expansion is needed for more sanctuary space when needed, classrooms, fellowship hall for eating.
3. **The church is beneficial to the public welfare of the community**
- A. The church has been on the site since 1969 (26 years). It's a landmark in the community and compatible with adjacent single family residential uses and other existing public and private facilities such as school and churches found in the area.
  - B. There is an overwhelming need in this community for the church's services. Part of community depends on it:
    - 1. Many members live in the neighbor hood; some have no transportation, and must walk to church. There are no bus services on Sunday.
    - 2. The church is used as a polling place during elections.
    - 3. The neighbor has many low income families. In addition to our regular church services, we provide clothing and community center activities for the neighborhood children and their families such as our vacation bible school, " Day of Learning" workshops, Octoberfest, etc. where we feed the children spiritually as well as physically.
    - 4. During disasters such as earthquakes etc., people bring stuff for us to ship to the disaster areas.
    - 5. We provide community base bible study for youth and young adults. We are in the planning stage of a counseling program for community.
  - C. There are deep spiritual and sentimental values for church families who are founders of this church. We have 3 and 4 generation families in the church, who worked hard to build this current structure. It's a spiritual thing to be able to worship in the structure as their foreparents and those that were near and dear who have died.

Our church emphasizes family unity and preservation. Remaining in this location will permit the church to contribute to the public welfare by providing church related service and activities on the premises to its members and the community .

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**4. It's an Unusual Hardship to not be able to expand**

- A. The economic profile of our membership on an average is low to moderate income level. Three-fourths of our church income comes from one-third of the membership (those employed, middle age plus, empty nest members and retirees. The empty nest members will soon be retiring with lesser income. This will impact the church's finances because the younger people are not doing as well financially as their parents.
- B. We cannot continue with the cramped unaccommodating facility as is and yet we can't afford to move. Land value and commercial real estate are out of our reach of purchase. The value of our present property is greatly diminished by the restrictive zoning. It would be impossible to sell this church if it could not be expanded and made accommodating for the members. Thus, we cannot move because of the economic problems, and we cannot survive where we are without expanding our facilities.

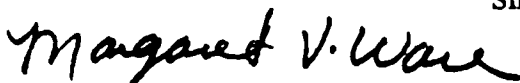
**5. Low Risk Factor**

1. The church is occupied only a small portion of some days and other days not at all. Out of the 168 hours in a week, the maximum hours used during the week is 12.5 hours which is less than 8 percent of the time.
2. We have approximately 150 members on the roll. The 11:00 service on Sunday morning being the largest crowd and that service is never at full capacity. I can honestly say that during my 26 years at the church I have yet to witness a plane flying overhead.
3. Information received from the Executive Airport says the air traffic in the flight zone is minimal in comparison to other comparable airports and the traffic has decreased over the years the years.

We realize that there is a desire to prevent large concentration of people in the area. The chances of an accident from the air affecting our activities would require a timing factor so rare and unusual that the risk is far less than that which comes to every loaded bus on every highway in America. This expansion will allow for the current members to spread out which is more safe than a cramped environment.

Thank you in advance for considering our position. If you have questions, and/or need more information, please call us.

Sincerely,



Margaret V. Ware, Chairperson  
New Home B.C. Expansion Committee



Rev. John Rogers, Pastor  
New Home Baptist Church

# ATTACHMENT H

7570 53rd Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95828

November 26, 1995

Sacramento City Planning Commissioners  
1231 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

ATTENTION:

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Joseph Yee

(P95-039)

Dear Members:

This letter is written in reference to the Project: Church Expansion for the New Home Missionary Baptist Church located at 6612 Woodbine Avenue, Sacramento, California 95822, for your consideration.

Recognizing that the church is located in the Executive Airport Overlay Zone, I am thankful that the City has allowed us to continue to worship in this area. New Home church has been in this location for 23 years and it means a lot to my family and I as our place of worship.

I understand that the concern is for lives. I personally value lives very much, and we who worship here at New Home feel that we are not a risk in the hands of the Lord.

The financial situation of our church is an important consideration and it would be impossible to relocate the church. We understand the needs of the community and the desire to have this church located in the community and in walking distance, because it allows many people (children, old mothers, and those without transportation) an opportunity to worship. We supply food and clothing to the needy who live in the area and they can walk to the church to receive these items.

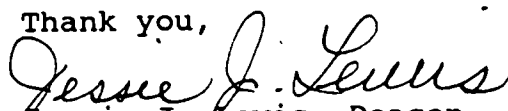
Our Vacation Bible School each year has been very successful, and our Monday night Bible Study Class along with our other programs has helped us keep many of our young people off the streets.

We are not asking to expand for more Sanctuary space, but to have classrooms to stretch out our members that we may teach them with out so much distraction. The Church is in need of updating the bathrooms to accommodate our paraplegic members, as well as a storage room for our chairs, tables, and teaching equipment.

This expansion would be very helpful for our Children's Church during our Sunday Morning Worship which at this time is being held outside of the Church.

We ask that you prayerfully take these things under consideration in making your decision for approval. New Home Membership appeals to you to assist them in continuing to be able to reach those in this community in an effective way.

Thank you,



Jessie J. Lewis, Deacon  
Superintendent of  
Sunday Church School