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Department of Planning & Zoning
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RE: Justification Letter for proposed Mixed Use development at Gass Ave and 6th St.

Please accept this letter as justification for the proposed development located on the Northwest corner of Gass Ave & 6th St (APN: 139-34-410-194, 139-34-410-195, & 139-34-410-196). The properties are within Civic and Business District of Downtown Las Vegas and is currently zoned as Limited Commercial (C-1), within the Downtown Las Vegas Overlay District (DTLVO) Area 1. On behalf of our client, we submit our request for a Design Review.

The proposed development is a 5-story mixed use building consisting of 3,220 SF of Commercial Retail and Office Spaces on the ground level and 86 Studio and 1-Bedroom Multi-Family Residential Units on the Upper Levels. We would like to request a conditional use permit to allow for a Mixed use development, which is permitted in C-1 zoning, and also by meeting the below conditional use regulations:

- Being located within a C-1 zoning district, residential use is permitted.
- Commercial uses are located at ground level. Retail and office spaces are on ground level and facing 6th street and Gass Avenue, with direct access to and from the public sidewalk.
- There are no residential uses on the ground floor. Additional amenities such as a meeting/common space areas are located on the second level and will be exclusively for the residents.
- There is no surface parking lot. The building's parking is within the commercial level of the building and will be distributed between two parking levels – street level and intermediate. Parking is screened from view along 6th Street with decorative perforated metal screens.

With the project being in the DTLV-O Area 1, parking standards of Chapter 19.08 are not automatically applied. Should the standards have been applicable, a total of 128 spaces would have been required per Title 19.12.070 and 19.09.100 for multi-family residential, office and retail use, being then brought down to 45 spaces (minimum) and 84 spaces (maximum) required (Downtown Parking Load Map Zone 2).

The provided parking within the building has minimal parking spaces; however, we feel that the public transportation and adjacent street parking within the area allows for additional parking and ease of access to the building for both residents and visitors. There will be 33 total parking stalls provided for the building, which includes (2) ADA car and van spaces. A Bicycle Storage Area is also provided for the building's patrons and residents.

The project is being built to take full advantage of the lot size. There are existing trees along Gass Ave. No additional streetscape is proposed at this time. We would like to request a Covenant Running with Land Agreement to be executed for future improvement when called by the city.

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The façades facing the main cross streets uses large storefronts for the commercial spaces, and metal screening for the parking levels. Walls at the upper levels undulate and are of corrugated metal and stucco in different colors to create a visual interest for both pedestrians and street traffic. Aluminum canopies and lit signage will be used above all storefronts to emphasize entrances. The Southwest façade will be painted over with a mural done by a local artist to help alleviate the stark look of this façade wall.

We feel that this proposed development will attract new businesses and residents to the area, which in return will create employment opportunities for the community. With these items in mind, we respectfully ask for your approval recommendation for this project.

Thank you,
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