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**TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
NOVEMBER 19, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M. IN THE LeROY J. JACKSON COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 3031 TORRANCE BLVD.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Anunson, Borgialli, Obejas, Riggs, Turner, Yeh, and Chair Kartsonis

2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Kartsonis

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City of Torrance webpage on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, POSTPONED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This portion of the meeting is limited up to a 15-minute period and is reserved for public comments on items listed on the Consent Calendar or that are not listed on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Planning Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Those members of the public wishing to speak are asked to come forward to the microphone and state their name for the record. All speakers are limited to 1 minute per speaker. If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 15 color copies to staff before speaking.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approval of Minutes: None

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. None

8. HEARINGS

8A. Community Development – Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Approval of CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001, PRE21-00009, DIV21-00009: ZEINA AWAD (MAHMOUD H. AWAD TRUSTEE FOR THE MAHMOUD AND NAWAL AWAD TRUST)

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that Planning Commission conduct a public hearing for consideration of a series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new mixed-use development consisting of 20 senior citizen residential apartments and 1,608 square feet of commercial space on vacant land. The request includes a Conditional Use Permit (CUP21-00018), Development Permit (DVP21-00001), Precise Plan of Development (PRE21-00009), and Division of Lot (DIV21-00009), in conjunction with a Density Bonus, on property located within the Hillside Overlay District (R-H) in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan-Walteria Sub-District (HBCSP-WT) Zone, on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046). This project is categorically exempt per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Article 19, Section 15332 (In-Fill Development) and Section 15315 (Minor Land Divisions). (Res. No. 24-021, 24-022, 24-023, 24-024)

9. RESOLUTIONS

10. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of Planning Commission meeting to Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the LeRoy J. Jackson Council Chamber.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8A

DATE: November 19, 2025
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Yolanda Gomez, Planning Associate
SUBJECT: East side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road

Conditional Use Permit (CUP21-00018)
Development Permit (DVP21-00001)
Precise Plan of Development (PRE21-00009)
Division of Lot (DIV21-00009)

Consideration of a series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new mixed-use development comprised of 20 senior residential apartments and 1,608 square feet (sq. ft.) of commercial space. The request includes a Conditional Use Permit (CUP21-00018) in conjunction with a Density Bonus, Development Permit (DVP21-00001), Precise Plan of Development (PRE21-00009), and Division of Lot (DIV21-00009), on property located within the Hillside and Local Coastal Overlay District (R-H) in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan-Walteria District (HBCSP-WT) Zone, on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046).

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that Planning Commission conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of Resolutions Nos. 24-021, 24-022, 24-023, and 24-024 for approval of CUP21-00018 in conjunction with a Density Bonus, DVP21-00001, PRE21-00009, and DIV21-00009 to allow the construction a new mixed-use development comprised of 20 senior citizen residential apartments and 1,608 sq. ft. of commercial space, on property located within the R-H Overlay in the HBCSP-WT Zone, and determine a Categorical Exemption for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Article 19, Section 15332 (In-Fill Development) and Section 15315 (Minor Land Divisions).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The project applicant, Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), requests approval by the Planning Commission to allow the construction of a new mixed-use development comprised of 20 senior citizen residential apartments and 1,608 sq. ft. of commercial space, on property located within the R-H Overlay and the HBCSP-WT Zone.

The proposal features a multi-story building of varying heights, consisting of 19 market rentals with one rental reserved for very-low-income tenants, in order to utilize the State’s Density Bonus Laws that allow for concessions and waivers of local codes, development standards and design guidelines. The floor plans are all one-bedroom configurations and include laundry facilities within each unit.

Pursuant to the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC), the HBCSP-WT Zone and R-H Overlay the proposal requires multiple entitlements, as follows:

- Conditional Use Permit (CUP21-00018) to allow the construction of more than 15,000 sq. ft. of area, and to allow shared parking between residential guests and the commercial space parking.
- Development Permit (DVP21-00001) to allow new construction in the HBCSP-WT on vacant land, to allow a mixed-use project, and to allow a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) that exceeds 0.6.
- Precise Plan of Development (PRE21-00009) to allow development in the R-H Overlay that exceeds 0.50 FAR, exceeds one-story, exceeds 14-ft. in height, and may have an adverse effect on other properties in the vicinity and where there is significant public controversy.
- Division of Lot (DIV21-00009) to allow the merger of seven lots into one lot.

Staff has reviewed the project and determined compliance with the objective development standards of the TMC, HBCSP-WT, R-H Overlay and the General Commercial (C-GEN) Land Use Designation of the General Plan. The proposal also includes requests for concessions and waivers consistent with the State Density Bonus Law.

DISCUSSION

General Plan Land Use Designation

The project site has a C-GEN General Plan designation, which is intended to permit a wide range of commercial uses that serve both the local and regional community. Permitted uses include shopping centers, professional and medical offices, food and beverage establishments, entertainment facilities, financial institutions and automotive sales. Mixed-use development consisting of commercial and residential uses is permitted pursuant to the detailed land use regulations and development standards set forth in the TMC. For mixed commercial and residential projects, a maximum FAR of 1.0 is permitted. Density is not specified in the C-Gen. The General Plan designation is implemented by the C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, C-R and PD zones. The HBCSP-WT District permits a base density of 27 dwelling units per acre, an FAR of 0.6, and with approval from the Planning Commission, the FAR for mixed-use developments may be exceeded.

The property's HBCSP-WT zoning is consistent with its General Plan designation of C-GEN. The proposed horizontally integrated mixed-use development is a conditionally permitted use within the HBCSP-WT Zone.

The General Plan calls for a variety of housing types and sizes to meet community needs and provide housing opportunities for a range of incomes and lifestyles. The addition of 20 dwelling units (DU), including one very low-income unit, supports the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation of 4,939 units, contributing towards Torrance's share of regional housing production goals.

The General Plan calls for a high-quality, built environment that is aesthetically pleasing, and compatible with existing developments. Issues to consider include bulk, adequacy of privacy and the provision of adequate open space. These issues are especially important when considering the existing Single Family Residential (R-1) uses to the north. Since this project is located within the R-H Overlay, impacts to surrounding properties should be minimized to the extent possible.

Adjacent Land Uses and Zoning Designations

The project site is located adjacent to different land uses that are consistent with various zoning designations. To the north of the property are single family residences, to the east are additional single-family residences and a parking lot for a professional office building, to the south is the professional office building; and to the west (across the street) are undeveloped parcels.

NORTH: R-1, R-H; single family residences

EAST:R-1, R-H; single family residences, and HBCSP-WT, R-H, office building parking lot

SOUTH: HBCSP-WT, R-H; office building

WEST: A-1, R-H, and HBCSP-WT, R-H, undeveloped parcels

Existing Site

The proposed site is located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 ft. north of the northeast corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road. As undeveloped property, it does not have an assigned street address and is further described with seven Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 7547-004-040 through 046. The site does not provide any remarkable properties, with mostly vegetation and exposed dirt. The shape of the seven combined parcels will remain irregular, with a wider, jagged contour along the south at approximately 140 ft. at its widest, which tapers to a point at the northernmost boundary. The property slopes sharply downward towards the north and northeast, providing various descending grades, with a culvert and well, at the bottom of the property, providing limited building pad area. The soils report provided by the applicant did not speak to the well's status, except to list it as a monitoring well. Staff has included a Condition of Approval that the applicant shall provide a Phase I study noting the status of the well/s and their location/s, and whether any mitigation measures are required, prior to Building Permit issuance. The property, near the street, slopes gradually downward from south to north, following the street slope and also follows the curves of the street. The subject site provides a combined area of 24,635 sq. ft. (0.57 acre).

Immediately south of the subject property is the Rolling Hills Business Centre, at the northeast corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road, which was developed circa 1999, and is a three-story commercial office development, with a parking field, immediately adjacent to the proposed site. This property is situated higher than the subject site, as Hawthorne Boulevard slopes upward from north to south and curves clockwise starting from approximately Newton Street, past the subject site, and past Rolling Hills Road to the City's southern boundary.

Immediately to the north and northeast, downslope and adjacent to the subject site are single family residences, located within the R-H Overlay. The four homes on the south side of Eleda Drive were constructed in 1976, as were many homes in the tract in this vicinity. These properties are situated substantially lower than the subject site, at approximately 22-ft. below the front property line of the project, at the southernmost portion, along Hawthorne Boulevard. Eleda Drive is a cul-de-sac, west of Madison Street.

A large and steep hill, with a flat face, known as Butcher's Hill, is located on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard. It is at a higher elevation than the proposed site, and is undeveloped with vegetation.

Housing Accountability Act Applicability

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65589.5, also known as the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), the City's review of the revised project is limited to objective development standards as defined by local ordinance. The HAA is intended to significantly limit the ability of local agencies to disapprove, or conditionally approve, housing development projects that comply with

applicable, objective general plan, zoning, and subdivision standards and criteria. It applies to housing development projects that consist of residential units and mixed-use developments when two-thirds or more of the square footage is designated for residential use. Therefore, this project qualifies as a “housing development project” under the HAA. The HAA defines objective standards as those that are measurable, clear, and do not rely on personal judgment or discretion. In contrast, the planning and design provisions of the R-H Overlay involve subjective criteria that require interpretation, such as considerations of neighborhood compatibility and view impacts. These provisions require discretionary interpretation and are therefore not considered objective standards. Consequently, the application of the R-H Overlay provisions is superseded by the HAA.

Background

Over the course of approximately 20 years, numerous applications by various property owners for solely residential and mixed-used projects have been submitted for the subject site, with some denials by Planning Commission, and mostly withdrawals by the applicants. With each submittal, many residents and the adjacent commercial property owner have opposed the projects noting substantial impacts related to the R-H Overlay property protections of view, light, air and privacy.

The current applicant has worked with staff over seven years, over multiple iterations, in attempts to meet the Hillside regulations. However, with the passing of the HAA regulations removing the local municipality’s subjective development standards from review, the applicant has submitted a project that includes a Density Bonus application, providing one affordable rental unit, in order to utilize the Density Bonus’s relief with concessions and waivers from discretionary and subjective development standards.

The project was previously scheduled on the April 17, 2024, Planning Commission hearing; however, the applicant requested a continuance to continue working with Fire Department staff on access issues and the project’s layout. The Planning Commission granted an indefinite continuance on April 17, 2024.

Project Overview

The proposal includes a 20-unit senior citizen residential development with a small commercial component of 1,608 sq. ft. The rental units are open market rate, except for one unit earmarked for a very low-income tenant, in order to apply the State Density Bonus Law’s relief (Government Code Section 65915 – 65918), through specified concessions and waivers of local codes. The project’s objective development standards of the TMC, HBCSP-WT, R-H Overlay and Subdivision Map Act are applicable to this project, and staff has determined that the project complies with these development standards, to the extent applicable. Staff has determined that the project complies with the State Density Bonus Law, and specifics to the concessions and waivers applied are noted in the below section.

Density Bonus (R-H, HBCSP & TMC)

As provided for in State Density Bonus Law (Government Code Section 65915 – 65918), the project includes a Density Bonus application with one concession and two waivers noted below. Staff has determined the project complies with State Density Bonus Law and is entitled to receive the related benefits, so long as the project does not affect life and safety issues.

The project site is located within the HBCSP-WT Zone, which permits mixed-use developments with a base density of 27 Dwelling Units (DU)/acre. The Senior Citizen Housing Development Standard allows up to 58 DU/acre, as 750 sq. ft. of land is required per DU. The project site measures 0.57 acres, with 20 units proposed, the project provides 35 DU/acre, and is less than

the maximum density. Therefore, the applicant is not asking to exceed the permitted density and did not opt to exercise the density bonus portion of the law. The project is providing one affordable unit (5% of 20 base density units) reserved for the very low-income level.

Based on the number of affordable units provided (one), the project is entitled to receive one concession, and the reduction of commercial space (less than 25% of total gross area required by the HBCSP-WT) was chosen by the applicant, at 1,608 sq. ft., which amounts to approximately seven percent of total gross area. The minimum would be 6,050 sq. ft. at 25 percent.

State waivers are unlimited and may be requested when existing development standards would make construction of the project physically infeasible. Each waiver request must provide justification for the need and scope of each waiver. The proposed plans provide the aforementioned justification.

The applicant's waiver requests include the following: (1) reduction in the setback adjacent to residential properties from 20-ft to 10-ft at the lower basement garage level required by HBCSP-WT; and (2) reduction in the front yard average setback from 20-ft to 8.35-ft., and minimum dimension from 10-ft. to 6-ft., reduction in the south side yard setback from 5-ft. to 1'-6" required by the R-3 (Senior Citizen development standard). A third waiver was initially requested for height and shown on the plans; however, it was withdrawn, and a revised Waiver justification was provided by the applicant via email (Attachment 8). Staff is providing a Condition of Approval that the revised Density Bonus justifications will be provided on the final Building Plans.

Staff notes that concessions and waivers are not subject to subjective review. Staff notes that no other concessions, incentives or waivers have been incorporated into the project.

In accordance with State Density Bonus Law, if the project is approved, the applicant will be required to record a Density Bonus Housing Agreement to memorialize the approved density bonus allowance, incentives, concessions, and/or waivers of development standards, development standards and uses, parking allowances, and any other terms and conditions relative to the project that have been included in the attached Resolutions (Attachment 1).

Staff reviewed the silhouette structure and after some modifications determined that it was as close to plan as logistically possible, with the exception of the far east portion, due to existing palm trees, in the way of where a stake should've been placed. On November 3, 2025, a revised silhouette certificate form was provided, showing the correct maximum height of 250.00', and noting the LAG as 207.50'. While the LAG is not specified on the elevations, the elevation point of 207.50' is indicated as the lowest grade of the project at the bottom garage level. With a maximum height of 250.0' noted on the elevations, the project provides a maximum height of 42.5'. The maximum height of 45-ft. in the HBCSP-WT was not exceeded, and therefore, the height waiver was withdrawn, as noted above.

Building Architecture and Design

The three-story building is designed with a semi-subterranean level that provides the entire parking for the site, both residential and commercial. This level also provides stairs, an elevator, a storage room, trash room, bike storage room, electrical/mechanical room and a loading area for the commercial use. There is only one driveway proposed and is shown along the northernmost portion of the building, on Hawthorne Boulevard. This driveway leads only into the garage; there are no other roadways or vehicle access points on this project.

The second level is designed at partial street level and provides the commercial office space and nine residential apartments, an amenity/fitness room, trash area and small storage area, aside from stairs and elevator. A transformer is shown north of the driveway.

The third level provides 11 residential apartments, a second amenity room, trash area and storage room, aside from stairs and elevator.

The building plan provides the three levels in a stacked design that follows the general contours of the irregularly shaped property. It is a contemporary design that provides multi-colored stucco, concrete and metal siding accents, metal and glass railings, metal canopy, vinyl windows, and metal ventilation grills at the garage level. The roof material will be predominately Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO), with metal treatment on the southwest stair tower's sloped area, and TPO on the flat section. Landscaped perimeters are shown around the majority of the building, with larger landscaped areas at the east and north portions of the property.

As proposed, there does not appear to be any separation of the residential component from the commercial space. Per the HBCSP-WT mixed use development standards, access to residential units shall be from a secured area located on the first floor or at ground level, and restricted. Guest access should be provided through the use of "buzz in" doors or similar devices to ensure the security of residents. Staff has provided a Condition of Approval to address this safety requirement. The HBCSP-WT mixed use development standards state that trash/recyclable material storage facilities shall be located as far as possible from residential units and shall be completely screened from view from the residential portion of the project. Staff notes that while a trash room is located in the garage level, there are also smaller trash rooms at each living area level. However, staff notes that providing the trash facilities on each floor of the residential units may be a convenience in a senior housing facility, and supports their location as designed.

Building Setbacks

The below table is provided for your convenience:

	Front Dimension/Average	Rear	North Side	South Side
Parking/Basement Level	6-ft / 8.35-ft*	10-ft**	158-ft	1-ft 6-in***
1st Level (DU & Commercial Space)	6-ft / 8.35-ft*	20-ft	158-ft	10-ft
2nd Level (DU)	6-ft / 8.35-ft*	20-ft	158-ft	10-ft
* Senior Housing defaults to R-3 Development Standard, and requires 10-ft minimum dimension and average of 20-ft				
** HBSCP Development Standard requires a 20-ft min separation between commercial and adjacent residential properties				
*** Senior Housing defaults to R-3 Development Standard, and requires 10% of lot width, but shall not be required to exceed 5-ft				

The Senior Citizen Housing code requires setbacks to meet the R-3 development standards, which provide for a 20-ft. average in the front, minimum dimension of 10-ft., 10% of the lot width for the sides, but is not required to exceed 5-ft., and 10-ft. for the rear. While the applicant requested a Density Bonus waiver of the front yard, no waiver was requested for the side yard. Staff contacted the applicant to submit a revised Density Bonus request and justification noting the side yard waiver (Attachment 8). Staff has reviewed the revised request and is providing a Condition of Approval that the final Building Plans shall include this side yard waiver justification, prior to Building Permit issuance.

The HBCSP-WT requires a commercial project to provide a minimum separation setback of 20-ft. adjacent to residential properties. The plans provide for 20-ft. at the two levels of residential

and commercial areas; however, the parking basement only provides 10-ft. The applicant submitted a waiver request under the State's Density Bonus law to allow this setback reduction.

Building Height

The maximum building height is calculated by staff as 42'-6" at the southwest corner of the building at the staircase, which provides an elevation of 250.00' taken from the lowest adjacent grade (LAG) at the parking level of 207.50'. The HBCSP-WT allows a maximum height of 45-ft. The majority of the building provides a height of 37-ft. from LAG. The Eleda Drive residents appear to be at an elevation approximately 11-ft. below the proposed garage level, per the applicant's survey plans, which provide a perceived height of 53.5', looming above the Eleda Drive residents' ground level.

As mentioned in the Density Bonus paragraph, initially the applicant submitted a request for waiver of the HBCSP-WT height requirements erroneously, and while indicated on the plans, has since provided a revised justification noting its removal. Staff is recommending a Condition of Approval that the final Building Plans shall provide the revised waiver requests.

Site Improvements, Access, Circulation and Parking

One driveway/curb cut is proposed at the northern portion of the site and building on Hawthorne Boulevard. In the vicinity of the subject site, Hawthorne Boulevard is two-way traffic, with two lanes for each direction. There is no stopping or parking permitted on this section of Hawthorne Boulevard, both north and south of the project site's frontage. The current speed limit is 45 MPH. Access at the driveway for all vehicles and trucks would require a 180° right turn into the parking garage. The plans and traffic documents provided, which included a Trip Generation and Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) Screening Assessment, were forwarded to the City's Public Works Department, Traffic Engineering Division, for review, and it was determined that with the proposed six foot street easement on Hawthorne Boulevard, to enlarge the traffic lane closest to the property line, visibility and access, would be enhanced to reduce traffic conflicts entering or leaving the site. It is unclear whether typical trucks, i.e., trash trucks, will be able to meet the unspecified maximum height clearance at the driveway entrance, as that detail is not provided on the plans. The plate height of the garage is shown as 12'-6" but includes the top of plate for the floor above, so the interior clearance would be approximately 8-12" less.

For any commercial component, a truck loading area is required. For projects with less than 10,000 sq. ft., one loading area is required per TMC Sec. 93.3.1, with dimensions of 10-ft. wide by 25-ft. in length, with a minimum height clearance of 14-ft., and shall be so arranged that it will not impeded traffic circulation within the parking area, nor block parking stalls. One loading area is located near the apex of the northern wall, in the parking garage level. However, it does not meet the minimum dimensions, measured at approximately 9-ft. by 23-ft. It also does not appear to meet the minimum height clearance, which as mentioned above is less than 12'-6". As a change to the parking ceiling height would appear to be required, Staff met with the architect; however, he noted that changes in plate heights would drastically affect the stairwell and would not fully be absorbed by the other levels' plate reductions; and therefore, would not be feasible. Small adjustments to the trash area could be made to adjust this loading area's width, but whether the length could be met was still a question. A second loading area/trash pickup area with the minimum stall dimensions was provided on the outside of the garage, adjacent to Hawthorne Boulevard, north of the driveway. Staff is not supportive of this loading area, as several potential collision conflicts could occur, as a trash or delivery truck attempts to back out of the space at the same time a vehicle is entering the driveway off of Hawthorne Boulevard, or a vehicle is exiting the driveway from the garage. Staff is recommending a Condition of Approval that the applicant

continue working with staff to resolve the loading space area and that the exterior loading area be removed or redesigned to meet safety concerns, should the interior garage loading area not meet code requirements.

Parking counts for senior housing require one parking space per DU, with 20 parking stalls proposed for the residential component. The commercial component shows five parking spaces, and five are required, based on the recent parking standard change of 1/333 sq. ft. Four parking spaces are required as residential guest parking; however, the HBCSP-WT mixed use development standard provides for the sharing of the commercial parking with the residential guest parking via CUP approval. Staff recommends a Condition of Approval that four commercial parking spaces be labeled as “Commercial and Residential Guest Parking”.

The layout of the parking spaces is generally against the north and south walls, with a small row along the north area, and as mentioned, are all located on the bottom level.

On April 10, 2024, the Fire Department notified Planning staff that during a service call to this site, they will not enter the garage with their rigs, and will park their trucks on Hawthorne Boulevard, but will not be able to access the entire structure. Fire staff further advised staff that the project would need to be redesigned, as it did not meet the Fire Code’s requirement, regarding access.

When the height of a structure at the roof eaves exceeds 27 ft. or the capability of the Fire Dept. to access the roof safely utilizing ground ladders, the location and width of access roadways shall be such that the truck-mounted aerial ladders may be utilized. Aerial ladder access shall include the ability to maneuver apparatus, deploy outriggers, and provide proper climbing angles. The minimum road width shall not be less than 30-ft. As noted earlier in this report, there is only one driveway onto the site, and it leads into the semi-subterranean garage, and the building setbacks are minimal surrounding the majority of the building. Staff from Fire and Planning met with the applicant and architect to discuss the building design with the above limitations, and it was determined that providing a flat roofline at the southmost elevator penthouse at a maximum of 27-ft. would be adequate for fire access, and that the majority of the structure would be at 27-ft. or less from the adjacent street grade, except for the stairwell at the southwest corner of the property. The stairwell is noted as 28-ft. in height from the adjacent grade, and is a small area; therefore, Fire staff did not have an issue with this portion of the building exceeding 27-ft. The plans show the maximum height from adjacent street grade as 27-ft. or less for the remainder of the building and meets the minimum requirement. The final Building Plans, street slope and details will be reviewed by TFD to verify this safety requirement.

Floor Area, Unit Floor Plans and Building Layout ***Residential Component***

The residential component consists of 20 senior apartments, with four different layouts, as shown in the floor plans, Sheet SD05. Unit Plan A-1 provides 15 units at 608 sq. ft., A-1 Alt provides two units at 590 sq. ft., A-2 provides 2 units at 523 sq. ft. and A-3 provides one unit at 704 sq. ft. All units are designed with one bedroom, one bathroom, and an open balcony deck. TMC requires a minimum of 500 sq. ft. for one-bedroom senior housing, and the project exceeds the size requirement. An open concept living room, dining room and kitchen is shown, and a laundry area is provided in each unit. Minimal closet space is provided in the bedrooms. The total gross areas, for the residential component is 12,050 sq. ft. Per the applicant’s Density Bonus application, one affordable unit is provided (5% of housing units), though not indicated on the plans, as to which unit is earmarked as affordable. The applicant is not applying the full density bonus allowed by the State, in that the HBCSP-WT permits a maximum of 27 DU/acre. The Senior Citizen Housing density allows up to 58 DU/acre. The proposed 20-unit project provides a density of 35 DU/acre,

which is below the maximum for the Senior code, and does not require implementation of a State permitted density bonus.

Commercial Component

The commercial area is shown on level two of the proposed building, fronting on Hawthorne Boulevard. HBCSP-WT mixed use development standard requires that at least 25% of the gross floor area must be used for commercial purposes. The commercial office space provided is 1,608 sq. ft., which is 6.6% of the total floor area (24,200 sq. ft.). The State's Density Bonus legislation permits one concession or relief of the development standard, and the applicant has chosen the minimum size of the commercial space as the concession. Therefore, staff approves the reduced commercial size per the State's requirement.

The HBCSP-WT allows a maximum of 0.6 FAR; however, for mixed use developments, the FAR may be exceeded, with Planning Commission approval of a DVP and CUP. The R-H Overlay permits a maximum of 0.5 FAR for both residential and commercial development; however, the FAR may be exceeded with Planning Commission approval of a PRE. The General Plan Designation allows a maximum FAR of 1.0 for mixed use development. The project's total gross floor area is 24,200 sq. ft. and provides an FAR of 0.98. When including only the individual residential units, the FAR drops to 0.49.

Open Space and Landscaping

The HBCSP-WT mixed-use development standards require a minimum of 300 sq. ft. of usable open space per DU, while the Senior Citizen Housing code requires a minimum of 200 sq. ft. per unit. The R-3 further describes private open space as the spaces on balconies and patios with minimum dimensions of 6' by 10'. The project has provided a total of 8,562 sq. ft., in private open space balconies and in common open space via the two enclosed amenity/fitness spaces, and the east and south side setback areas. The R-3 and other multi-family codes describe usable open space as areas accessible to tenants and designated for recreational purposes, such as, barbecue/picnic areas, putting greens, enclosed gyms, etc. Staff has provided a Condition of Approval that the usable common open space areas shall be specified and with actual designated recreational activity areas and dimensioned on the final Building Plans.

The HBCSP-WT development standards for landscaping indicate that any areas not covered by structures, walkways, driveways and parking spaces shall be landscaped. The TMC landscaping code requires that not less than five percent of a parking lot with more than 20 parking spaces shall be landscaped. The amount of landscaping provided by the project is not indicated on the plans, but shall be required via a Condition of Approval, and will require application and approval of a Landscape Plan Review (LPR).

The TMC requires a minimum of 200 cubic feet of lockable, enclosed storage space per DU, not including closets. While the plans show small storage rooms in the common area, at each level, the amount of area per DU is not provided. A Condition of Approval requiring details for any storage areas for each tenant has been provided.

As mentioned above, two amenity spaces labeled as recreation/fitness are provided, at each floor of the residential levels, and are shown as 411 sq. ft. per level, totaling 822 sq. ft., and a large bike storage room is provided at the garage level.

Conclusion

The applicant has provided a plan that complies with most of the TMC requirements and HBCSP-WT Mixed-Use Development Standards. The applicant has requested concessions and waivers

of the State Density Bonus law for the following codes and standards: Concession 1: reduction of commercial space for a mixed use project (HBCSP-WT); Waiver 1: reduction in the setback adjacent to residential properties from 20-ft to 10-ft at the lower basement garage level (HBCSP-WT); Waiver 2: reduction in the front yard average setback from 20-ft to 8.35-ft., reduction in the front minimum dimension from 10-ft. to 6-ft., and reduction in the south side yard setback from 5-ft. to 1'-6" (R-3/Senior Citizen development standard). Staff notes that due to the project's use of the State Density Bonus Law, this project is exempt from the Hillside Overlay.

In the judgment of staff, the project is considered consistent with the HBCSP-WT zoning district, and the C-GEN land use designation, to the extent that review is permitted by the State. In addition, pursuant to the HAA, staff has determined the revised project meets the definition of a "housing development project". Therefore, only objective development standards of the TMC can be applied for purposes of evaluating the revised project, and the R-H Overlay cannot be applied due to their subjective development standards. Staff, therefore, recommends approval of this request.

Staff also notes the technical studies prepared for the project are available on the City's webpage at: <https://bit.ly/EnvironmentalDocuments>.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The project is categorized as infill development, which refers to development of unused or underutilized land located in urban areas, by the Office of Planning and Research. In accordance with the 2025 Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32, infill development projects are not found to have a significant effect on the environmental and are declared categorically exempt from further environmental review when: (a) the project is consistent with the general plan designation and zoning requirements; (b) the development is located on a site of less than five acres and is surrounded by urban uses; (c) the project site is not a habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) the project would not result in significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality; and (e) the project site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The project is also categorically exempt, based on Section 15315, Class 15, Minor Land Divisions, of the aforementioned CEQA guidelines, which provide for the division of property in urbanized areas zoned for residential and commercial uses into four or fewer parcels, when the division is in conformance with the General Plan and zoning guidelines, no variances or exceptions are required, all services and access to the proposed parcel to local standards are available, the parcel was not involved in a division of a larger parcel within the previous two years, and the parcel does not have an average slope greater than 20 percent.

The project meets the criteria for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption, as follows:

1. The project is consistent with the HBCSP-WT Zone and the C-GEN designation, which permit a base density of 27 DU/ acre, and allows mixed-use development to exceed a 1.0 FAR, with approval of a Conditional Use Permit. However, the project provides 35 DU/acre, which is below the Senior Citizen Housing maximum density of 53 DU/acre, and provides a FAR of 0.98.
2. The project site measures 0.57 acres and is surrounded by urban uses that include an office building to the south, single family residential to the north and east, and vacant land to the west.

3. The project site is not a known habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. While the site is undeveloped, it is located within an urbanized environment. There are no outstanding natural features on the site nor in the vicinity. Additionally, the General Plan does not identify any candidate, sensitive or special status species that occupy the site. The General Plan notes the site as an Mineral Resources Zone (MRZ)-2 zone in the Community Resources Element, under Mineral Resources. The MRZ-2 zone indicates that there are significant mineral deposits present or there is a high likelihood for their presence, and development should be controlled. Staff will require a Phase I study, noting the mineral resources, and any mitigation measures required, prior to development on this property.
4. The potential traffic, noise, air quality, and water quality impacts associated with the project were assessed in technical studies prepared in consultation with the Torrance Community Development Department and the Torrance Public Works Department (Technical Studies, Attachment 10). The studies found the project would not result in significant traffic, noise, air quality, nor water quality impacts. For example, with respect to traffic, the project would generate 108 daily trips. Five hundred daily trips would require a Level of Service (LOS)-based Traffic Circulation Analysis (TCA). Therefore, no further studies regarding traffic impacts are required, and the project should have no or less than significant impact to nearby roadways and intersections. Therefore, no improvements to offsite circulation are warranted. In addition, the project site is not included on any hazardous waste and substances sites list, also known as the Cortese List, compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
5. The project site is vacant land situated within an urbanized environment. The project would not extend any roads or other infrastructure. For example, although demand on the sewer system would increase with the project, the technical study found the existing sewer system has capacity to serve the project and does not require improvements. In addition, the anticipated population growth at the project site is well within the growth forecast that was identified in the 2021-2029 Housing Element update. The population of the City of Torrance is forecast to increase from 145,546 in 2020 to 159,800 in 2040. The addition of 20 apartment units or 53 persons at full occupancy (2.61 persons per household, the average calculated across all households, which would be substantially less for the proposed senior citizen apartment complex) represents a negligible impact on utility and public service capacity, and would not result in the need to construct new or physically alter facilities. Moreover, the project applicant is required to pay development impact fees (DIF) and school district fees to offset the incremental increase in the demand for public services.

The project meets the criteria for a Class 15 Categorical Exemption, as follows:

1. The mapping component of this project proposes to merge seven lots into one lot, and is therefore, less than four final parcels and qualifies as categorically exempt.
2. The proposed project does not require any variances or exceptions to the General Plan or zoning designation.
3. As conditioned, the project will conform to the local standards that are currently available for all services and access.
4. The subject parcel was not involved in a division of a larger parcel within the previous two years, and has been historically vacant, since at least 1969 per the City's historical aerials.

5. Per the project's survey, the parcel appears to have a slope of approximately nine percent and does not have an average slope greater than 20 percent.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Staff has prepared draft findings and Conditions of Approval for consideration by the Planning Commission that are listed in the attached Resolutions (Attachment 1).

CODE REQUIREMENTS

Staff has prepared a partial list of requirements from the TMC, California Building Code (CBC), California Fire Code (CFC), et al., which are pertinent to the project (Attachment 3). Not all requirements are provided, and the applicant is strongly advised to contact each individual Department/Division for more information. The requirements are not subject to modification, and the Planning Commission cannot waive or alter the requirements.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with TMC, notices of the public hearing were made no less than 10 calendar days, before the Planning Commission meeting. Notices were posted at the project site on November 7, 2025, and were mailed on November 6, 2025, to the registered owners of properties, located within a 500' radius of the exterior boundaries of the project site. Notices were also published in the local newspaper (The Daily Breeze) and posted on the City of Torrance Planning Commission webpage on November 7, 2025.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with TMC Sections 95.1.7, 96.2.5 and 92.29.15 decisions made by the Planning Commission may be appealed to the City Council within 15 calendar days of the adoption of the Resolutions. For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office by telephone at 310.618.2870 or email at CityClerk@TorranceCA.Gov.

PROJECT PLANS

The project plans and all related documents are readily available for public review at the Permit Center (Planning Counter) located at City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503, during normal business hours, open 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Thursday, open alternate Fridays. Appointments are available by contacting the Planning Division at 310.618.5990. In addition, the project plans and all related documents are readily available for public review on the City webpage (<https://bit.ly/EnvironmentalDocuments>).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Planning Commission Resolutions Nos. 24-021, 24-022, 24-023, 24-024
2. Location and Zoning Map
3. Code Requirements
4. Hillside Ordinance Criteria Response Sheet
5. Revised Silhouette Certification & Map
6. Density Bonus Application
7. Correspondence
8. Revised Density Bonus Concessions and Waiver Justifications
9. Minutes Excerpt and Staff Report of the April 17, 2024 Planning Commission Hearing
10. Technical Studies (Limited Distribution: <https://bit.ly/EnvironmentalDocuments>)
11. Project Plans (Limited Distribution: <https://bit.ly/EnvironmentalDocuments>)

ITEM 8A
ATTACHMENT 1

Planning Commission Resolution Nos. 24-021, 24-022, 24-023, 24-024

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-021

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A STATE DENSITY BONUS AND A SERIES OF ENTITLEMENTS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISED OF 20 SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS AND 1,608 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE, ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT (R-H) IN THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN-WALTERIA SUB-DISTRICT (H-WT) ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET NORTH OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD.

**CUP21-00018: ZEINA AWAD
(MAHMOUD H. AWAD TRUSTEE FOR THE MAHMOUD AND NAWAL AWAD TRUST)**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance at its meeting of April 17, 2024, conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider an application filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), for approval of Conditional Use Permit (CUP21-00018) in conjunction with a Density Bonus and a series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new mixed-use development comprised of 20 senior citizen residential apartments and 1,608 square feet of commercial space, on property located within the Hillside Overlay District (R-H) in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan-Walteria Sub-District (H-WT) on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046), referred to as the Walteria Terrace Garden Project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on April 17, 2024, continued the item indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance at its meeting of November 19, 2025, conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider an application filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), for approval of a Conditional Use Permit in conjunction with a Density Bonus and a series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new mixed-use development comprised of 20 senior citizen residential apartments and 1,608 square feet of commercial space, on property located within the R-H in the H-WT on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046), referred to as the Walteria Terrace Garden Project; and

WHEREAS, due and legal publication of notice was given to owners of property in

the vicinity thereof and due and legal hearings have been held, all in accordance with the provisions of Division 9, Chapter 5, Article 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for Implementation, Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32, infill development projects are declared categorically exempt; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance does hereby find and determine as follows:

- a) That the property is located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road;
- b) That the property is further described as portions of Lots 1-4 in Block 13 of Walteria and vacated streets, California Avenue and Canyon Road, (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046);
- c) That the proposed project, as conditioned, will not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience or welfare, nor have a significant effect on the environment and is declared Categorical Exempt (Class 32) from further environmental review in accordance with the 2025 Guidelines for Implementation of the CEQA, Article 19, Section 15322 – Infill Development. In addition, the project site is not included on any hazardous waste and substances sites list, also known as the Cortese List, compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code;
- d) That the proposed new senior citizen mixed-use development is conditionally permitted in the H-WT Zone, and complies with all the applicable provisions of this Division, as conditioned;
- e) That the proposed project, as conditioned, will not impair the integrity and character of the H-WT Zone, because residential and commercial uses are consistent with the surrounding uses in the zone and area, which include residential and commercial office uses;
- f) That the subject site is physically suitable for the proposed use, because parking and access have been designed to meet the development standards and code, as conditioned;
- g) That the proposed project, as conditioned, will be compatible with existing and proposed future land uses in the H-WT Zone and the general area in which the proposed project is to be located, because mixed uses are conditionally permitted and compatible with the other uses permitted and located within the zone;
- h) That the proposed use, as conditioned, will encourage and be consistent with the orderly development of the City as currently exists, based on the current pattern of

development and land uses, and the use is consistent with the General Commercial (C-GEN) General Plan designation;

- i) That the proposed use, as conditioned, will not discourage the appropriate existing or planned future use of the surrounding property or tenancies, because the proposed mixed uses are compatible with the existing uses and the planned future uses of the surrounding H-WT Zoned properties. The properties adjacent to the site include single family residential and commercial offices. The project, as conditioned meets and/or exceeds the objective development standards, applicable per State Density Bonus laws, related to this project;
- j) That there will be adequate provisions for water, sanitation, and public utilities and services to ensure that the proposed development, as conditioned, is not detrimental to the public health and safety, because the project is located within an urbanized area, and the project is conditioned to enhance the existing infrastructure;
- k) That there will be adequate provisions for public access to serve the proposed use, because the project, as conditioned, shall provide a pedestrian walkway, driveway and on-site parking that meet objective development standards, subject to State Density Bonus law limitations;
- l) That the location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed use would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience or welfare, or to the property of persons, located in the area, because the project, as conditioned, meets and/or exceeds the objective development standards and code requirements, subject to State Density Bonus limitations; and
- m) That the proposed use, as conditioned, will not produce any or all of the following results:
 - 1. Damage or nuisance from noise, smoke, odor, dust or vibration,
 - 2. Hazard from explosion, contamination or fire,
 - 3. Hazard occasioned by unusual volume or character of traffic or the congregating of large numbers of people or vehicles.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission by the following roll call vote **APPROVED** CUP21-00018, subject to conditions:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:
NOES: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CUP21-00018, filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust) to allow the construction a new mixed-use development comprised of 20 senior citizen residential apartments and 1,608 square feet of commercial space, on property located within the R-

H Overlay in the H-WT Zone on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road, is hereby APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

1. That the development and use of the subject space as a senior citizen mixed-use development shall be subject to all conditions imposed in CUP21-00018 and any amendments thereto or modifications thereof as may be approved from time to time pursuant to Section 92.28.1 et seq. of the TMC on file in the office of the Community Development Director of the City of Torrance; and further, that the said use shall be established or constructed and shall be maintained in conformance with such maps, plans, specifications, drawings, applications or other documents presented by the applicant to the Community Development Department and upon which the Planning Commission relied in granting approval;
2. That if this Conditional Use Permit is not used within one year after granting of the permit, it shall expire and become null and void unless extended by the Community Development Director for an additional period of time as provided for in Section 92.27.1;
3. That all Conditions and Code requirements of Development Permit (DVP21-00001), Precise Plan of Development (PRE21-00009), and Division of Lot (DIV21-00009) shall be met; (Planning)
4. That a copy of all subject Adopted Planning Commission Resolutions, including the Conditions of Approval, shall be copied onto the final Building Plans associated with this project, to facilitate coordination and effective implementation of all Conditions of Approval; (Planning)
5. That the revised/approved Density Bonus incentives, concessions and waivers shall be provided on the final Building Plans, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
6. That the applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Torrance and its agents, officers, and employees from and against any claim, action, or proceeding against the City agency or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval by the City including, without limitation, an action by an advisory commission, appeal board, or legislative body concerning this discretionary approval. The defense and indemnification shall include the payment of all legal costs incurred on behalf of the City in connection with the application, and the defense of any claim, action, or proceeding challenging the approval of CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001, PRE21-00009, DIV21-00009 or the project. The City will promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding and agrees to cooperate to the extent required for an effective defense. In the event a legal challenge to the discretionary approval is successful, and an award of attorney fees is made to the challenger, the applicant shall be responsible to pay the full amount of such an award; (Planning)

7. That the applicant shall submit, in order to ensure with compliance with Government Code Section 65915 (c)(1)(A) (or successor statute) a Density Bonus Housing Agreement or similar named agreement, complete with attachment and exhibits, as appropriate, to memorialize the approved density bonus allowance, incentives, concessions, waivers of development standards, parking allowances, development standards and uses, the City Monitoring Fee, and any other terms and conditions relative to the approved project. The applicant shall submit a draft Density Bonus Housing Agreement (DBH Agreement) no less than 90 days prior to the anticipated date for issuance of the first Building Permit for the project, and the DBH Agreement shall be final and executed by the applicant and the City, in recordable form, prior to issuance of the first Building Permit for the project. The DBH Agreement shall be presented to the Community Development Department and City Attorney's Office for review and approval and shall be in a form approved by the Community Development Department and City Attorney's Office, prior to issuance of the first Building Permit. The DBH Agreement may be executed by the City Manager on behalf of the City, subject to any preference of the City Manager or legal requirement for the DBH Agreement to be approved by the City Council. The applicant may request from the City a form to be used for the DBH Agreement, and the applicant shall reimburse the City for the cost of legal review. The DBH Agreement shall be executed and recorded with the County of Los Angeles Recorder prior to occupancy of units; (Planning)
8. That the one (1) affordable unit reserved for a very low-income household shall remain affordable for 55 years from the date of initial occupancy. The applicant, property manager, or owner shall provide an annual compliance report to the Community Development Department including tenant income verification, rent rolls, and rent calculations including utility allowances; (Planning)
9. That for purposes of defraying City monitoring activities, the property owner shall pay a City Monitoring Fee annually. The City shall invoice the owner each year. Failure to issue an invoice waives payment for that year only. The monitoring fee and reporting requirements shall be included in the DBH Agreement; (Planning)
10. That during all construction activities, the applicant or developer shall provide a toll-free hotline for complaints. The hotline shall be staffed with a live operator who can immediately contact a construction supervisor. Signs displaying the hotline number shall be posted at the site perimeter before Grading Permit issuance; (Planning)
11. That the construction site shall be secured with decorative temporary fencing, maintained throughout construction to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director; (Planning)
12. That prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the applicant shall enter into negotiations for the formation of, participate in, or annex into, a Community Facilities District (CFD) to fund a portion of the additional costs for ongoing City services, including but not limited to, road maintenance, park maintenance, lighting, and public

safety, to the satisfaction of the Community Development and Finance Directors; (Planning/Finance)

13. That a Phase I study shall be submitted, noting the status of the monitoring well/s on-site, and that their location shall be provided on the final Building Plans prior to Building Permit issuance; and that the Phase I study shall also show the mineral resources and any mitigation measures, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
14. That a site-wide signing, striping, and pavement marking plan shall be provided to distinguish guest/office and residential parking spaces, to show wayfinding and pedestrian pathway for pedestrians patronizing the office component and wayfinding for the residential component, for drive aisle/s, which includes stop/yield controls, directional signage, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, prior to the issuance of any Building Permits. All parking areas shall be striped with double lines (6" both sides of center, 4" wide stripes) between stalls to facilitate the movement into and out of the parking stalls; (Transportation Planning)
15. That a parking plan shall be provided showing location of garage parking, striping dimensions, backup spacing, drive aisle throating, drive aisle widths and loading spaces, and include turnaround turning templates for regular vehicles and trucks entering the site, if all parking stalls are occupied, and show regular vehicles backing out of their spaces with oncoming traffic entering the garage, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
16. That the loading space in the garage shall be revised or relocated to meet TMC with a 14-ft. height clearance and width of 10-ft. by a depth of 25-ft.; and that the outdoor loading space be relocated or redesigned to not provide a traffic collision conflict, with truck turning templates provided on the final Building Plans, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
17. That the four commercial parking spaces shall be labeled as "COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENT GUEST PARKING" on the pavement and/or other signage, as approved by the Planning Manager, and indicated on the final Building Plans, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
18. That all storage areas shall be labeled and dimensioned indicating the space size per resident's unit on the final Building Plans, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
19. That detailed plans of the trash room shall be submitted to the Community Development Director for approval prior to the issuance of any Building Permits. That if the proposed trash room inside of the garage cannot be developed, that an exterior trash enclosure/s shall be located away from street frontage, and designed, bounded on three sides by solid masonry walls and shall be equipped with solid roll-up doors, decorative trellis, concrete stress pads to reduce pavement stress, bumpers, a rainwater intrusion barrier (solid roof) to meet the current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements, provide receptacles for the storage and

collection of trash and recyclable materials, and constructed of materials and of a design and color that are architecturally compatible with the building to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director; (Planning)

20. That details of the garage “green screen” shall be provided on the final Building Plans, prior to Building Permit issuance, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director; (Planning)
21. That the applicant shall provide samples of all the final exterior color and materials, including, but not limited to, a detail of the building perimeter, finishes, hardware, gates, fences, freestanding walls, site amenities, and pathways, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, prior to the issuance of any Building Permits; (Planning)
22. That a roof plan shall be submitted to the Community Development Director for approval prior to the issuance of any Building Permits. The roof plan shall ensure all roof appurtenances, such as ducts and vents, mechanical equipment, electrical boxes, meters, pipes, transformers, air conditioners and any and all other equipment on the roof shall be completely screened from public view and surrounding properties by parapet walls, designed as an integral part of the façade, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director. Such equipment or screening material shall be constructed in such a manner that noises emanating from the roof appurtenances shall not be audible beyond the property lines; (Planning)
23. That a complete roof plan noting the varying heights of the parapet shall be provided on the final Building Plans to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
24. That all windows/glazing fronting on Hawthorne Blvd. shall be provided with a protective film or other technology to prevent graffiti; (Planning)
25. That the usable common open space areas shall be specified with actual designated recreational activities and dimensioned on the final Building Plans, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
26. That elevations and details of any freestanding walls, fences, gates, railings, etc., shall be provided on the final Building Plans, and provide their individual heights, and that they shall consist of architecturally compatible materials with the building’s design, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director; (Planning)
27. That all electrical switchgear cabinets, fire risers, etc., shall be designed within the interior of the subject buildings, and shall be shown on the final Building Plans, and that any exterior doors/walls for this equipment shall be designed as an integral part of the façade, matching color and materials to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director; (Planning)

28. That electrical transformers shall not be located within the front setback areas of Hawthorne Boulevard, and that applicant shall continue to work with Fire, Engineering and Planning Staff for the siting and painting of all exterior equipment, including, but not limited to, electrical transformers and double-check detectors/backflow assembly equipment, and shall be shown on the final Building Plans; and that any equipment that is required to be sited aboveground shall be screened with enclosures that match the materials and finishes of the building façade and/or vegetation to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, and shall be shown on the final Building Plans and Landscaping Plans; (Planning)
29. That no outdoor or exterior telephones, vending machines, kiosks, storage containers, publication racks, collection and/or donation bins, etc., shall be permitted on-site; (Planning)
30. That the amount of landscaping area shall be indicated on the final Building Plans, prior to Building Permit issuance and shall correspond with any LPR application; (Planning)
31. That the applicant shall provide landscape area/coverage calculations on the final Building Plans' statistics, and that the amount of landscape area provides a minimum of five percent (5%) of its parking lot surface areas, per Code, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, and that the applicant shall continue to work with Staff on providing additional landscaping areas, and that they shall be incorporated into the final landscaping plan; (Planning)
32. That a Landscape Plan Review (LPR) entitlement shall be required, including a landscape plan, and shall be submitted to the Community Development Director for approval, prior to the issuance of any Building Permits associated with the subject project. The landscape plan shall be implemented prior to occupancy and shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director. The plan shall utilize drought resistant/xeriscape California friendly vegetation, shade-producing trees, and shall provide state-of-the-art water saving irrigation system and/or drip irrigation for all landscape areas. That trash enclosures, transformers, all aboveground equipment and parking lot shall be screened with vegetation of sufficient height and texture to provide an effective screen, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, including vegetation screens from headlights positioned toward the adjacent uses and street frontages. The landscape plan shall include the off-site parkways on Hawthorne Boulevard and shall be implemented prior to occupancy and shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director. That the landscape plan shall comply with the current State Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance; (Planning)
33. That an exterior photometric and lighting plan, in compliance with the latest California Green Code (CGC) shall be submitted to the Community Development Director for approval, prior to the issuance of any Building Permits, associated with the subject project, and shall be designed to provide ratings of zero at property lines. The lighting

plan shall ensure that all exterior doorways, parking spaces, and pedestrian walkways are provided with adequate illumination, security lights shall be non-glaring, all building lighting shall be properly shielded and designed to prevent excess lighting and glare onto adjacent uses and public streets, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director; (Planning)

34. That any future request for a Wireless Antenna Facility shall require a separate approval and would provide for all related equipment cabinets to be located within the existing structure or undergrounded; (Planning)
35. That within 30 days of the final public hearing, the applicant shall return the City's "Public Notice" sign and stake to Planning (provided there is no appeal); (Planning)
36. That project shall comply with Tier 1 Level Green Code requirements; (Building Regulations)
37. That a CASp Report with full compliance shall be provided, prior to final inspection; (Building Regulations)
38. That the engineer / contractor shall coordinate with the appropriate utility companies to relocate power poles which would interfere with the street improvements in the public right of way on Hawthorne Boulevard.; (Engineering)
39. That the proposed driveways on Hawthorne Blvd. shall be constructed to a commercial radius type driveway minimum 30 feet wide, with depressed back of walk, and wheelchair ramps; (Engineering)
40. That a minimum 10' wide level area is required behind the sidewalk before sloping down toward the subterranean garage; (Engineering)
41. That a turning template study for the proposed driveway is required to demonstrate that vehicles are able to turn into the subterranean garage. The study shall be submitted to and approved by the Engineering Division of the Community Development Department prior to issuance of Grading Permit; (Engineering)
42. That a hydrology study is needed to determine the height of hike up behind the 10' wide level area behind the north driveway apron. The study shall demonstrate the public storm water which runs down Hawthorne Boulevard will not flow into the subterranean garage. Approval of the study is required prior to issuance of Grading Permit; (Engineering)
43. That all proposed and/or existing water meters larger than 2", double check detector assemblies and reduce pressure backflow assemblies shall be located above ground on private property near the public right-of-way. Final location and access shall be approved by the Community Development Department and incorporated into the on-site landscaping plan prior to Building Permit issuance; (Engineering)

44. That the project shall be supplied by master public water meter with privately owned, operated, maintained and administered submastering system for each dwelling unit per California Senate Bill 7, WOLK; (Engineering)
45. That one fire hydrant shall be installed near the proposed driveway approach; (Engineering)
46. That a hydrology study is needed to determine the height of hike up behind the 10' wide level area behind the proposed driveway apron. The study shall demonstrate that the public storm water which runs down Hawthorne Blvd. will not flow into the subterranean garage. Approval of the study is required prior to issuance of Grading Permit; (Engineering)
47. That the applicant/developer shall design and construct 8" VCP mainline sewer and connection to existing public sewer main per public standards. The sewer plans, prepared by a professional engineer, shall be submitted by the applicant/developer to the Engineering Division of Community Development Department for review and approval prior to issuance of grading permit. Sewer main shall be constructed prior to occupancy; (Engineering)
48. That the applicant shall submit a sewer study discussing the new development's impact on the existing downstream public sewer mains. The study shall include flow monitoring data and be approved by the Engineering Division of the Community Development Department prior to issuance of a grading permit. The applicant shall design and construct improvements to the public sewer system as per recommendations of the approved study prior to occupancy; (Engineering)
49. Submit a noise attenuation plan to the satisfaction of the Environmental Division. The recommendations of the Noise Study/Noise consultant shall be adhered to and incorporated into plans submitted to the City of Torrance. Plans shall show how noise recommendations will mitigate noise, so that when completed, this use will comply with the TMC & will not disturb neighboring properties; (Environmental)
50. All signs (new, modified or revised) must be approved by the Environmental Division with appeal rights to the Planning Commission, or comply with the previously approved sign program; (Environmental)
51. Provide 9" (minimum) contrasting address numerals for non-residential uses; (Environmental)
52. Provide bike rack(s). Applicant shall install on-site bicycle racks and submit placement plan and bicycle rack detail, to the satisfaction of Environmental Division; (Environmental)
53. Guest parking stalls are reserved for guests and shall remain guest parking. Guest stalls shall be clearly marked; (Environmental)

54. Provide a mail kiosk and unit location map; (Environmental)
55. Verify 25' turning radius from jamb of garage door; (Environmental)
56. All trash shall be kept in an enclosure that is bounded on three sides by a decorative wall, decorative trellis and solid doors and shall be constructed of materials and of a design, color and texture which is architecturally compatible with the buildings and structures on the property; (Environmental)
57. The trash enclosure shall have a metal barrier roof covering to prevent rainwater intrusion to meet current NPDES requirements; (Environmental)
58. Provide bins/containers within trash enclosure for the storage and retrieval of trash and recyclable materials; (Environmental)
59. Upon completion of the project, the applicant shall hire a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) to verify that project(s) are in compliance with California Building Code (CBC). All deficiencies shall be addressed to the satisfaction of the Building Official; (Grading)
60. The applicant shall continue to work with staff regarding the geotechnical report. Geotechnical report shall be prepared per LA County soils report preparation manual, CBC, TMC and to the satisfaction of the building official; (Grading)
61. That the business name and address shall be visible from street; (Police)
62. That non-glare security lighting shall be installed for the parking lot; (Police)
63. That four-foot tall address numerals shall be painted on rooftop for aerial identification; (Police)
64. That secured property shall provide Knox Box lock access for Police and Fire, and includes any secured parking garage gates and common entry doors to the property; and (Police)
65. That a site map at entrance of multi-unit residential community or business park which identifies unit addresses and locations shall be provided, and that posting of site map/unit directory shall be provided at lobby elevator and main pedestrian entrances to expedite emergency response; (Police)
66. That the complex's address numerals and business names shall be visible from the main fairway; (Police)
67. That all security camera footage shall be maintained in proper working order at all times, and that recorded footage shall be made available to the Torrance Police Department upon request; (Police)

68. That surveillance footage shall be stored for a minimum of sixty (60) days, of parking garage, secured common and commercial area entrances and primary pedestrian walkways, and that the Torrance Police Department strongly recommends that the video surveillance system be Open Network Video Interface Forum (ONVIF) compatible; (Police)
69. That project shall provide collection for refuse, organic material and recycling per State Law SB1383; and (Public Works – Sanitation)
70. That all conditions of all other City departments received prior to or during the consideration of this case by the Planning Commission shall be met.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 19th day of November 2025.

Chairman, Torrance Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, ROBERT GARCIA, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting of said Commission held on the 19th day of November 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:
NOES: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-022

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SERIES OF ENTITLEMENTS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 45 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SENIOR CITIZEN MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE R-H DISTRICT, IN THE H-WT ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 200 FT NORTH OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD.

**DVP21-00001: ZEINA AWAD
(MAHMOUD H. AWAD TRUSTEE FOR THE MAHMOUD AND NAWAL AWAD TRUST)**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance at its meeting of April 17, 2024, conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider an application filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), for approval of Development Permit (DVP21-00001) in conjunction with series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use development, on property located within the Hillside Overlay District (R-H) in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan-Walteria Sub-District (H-WT) on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046), referred to as the Walteria Terrace Garden Project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on April 17, 2024, continued the item indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance conducted a public hearing on November 19, 2025, to consider an application filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), for approval of DVP21-00001 in conjunction with series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use development, on property located within the R-H in the H-WT on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road; and

WHEREAS, due and legal publication of notice was given to owners of property in the vicinity thereof and due and legal hearings have been held, all in accordance with the provisions of Division 9, Chapter 5, Article 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC); and

WHEREAS, in fill development is categorically exempt by the 2025 Guidelines of Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance does hereby find and determine as follows:

- a) That the property is located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road;

- b) That the property is further described as portions of Lots 1-4 in Block 13 of Walteria and vacated streets, California Avenue and Canyon Road, (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046);
- c) That the proposed senior citizen mixed-use project, as conditioned, is consistent with the purpose and requirements of the H-WT, complies with all objective applicable provisions of the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, and as conditioned, is consistent with the objectives, policies, and programs of the General Plan and with the land use designation of General Commercial (C-GEN), and objective land use code;
- d) That the proposed development, as conditioned, conforms with all objective applicable design guidelines, design review criteria and landscaping guidelines of the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan;
- e) That the subject site is physically suitable for the type and intensity of development, and for the types of land uses being proposed, because the project meets and/or exceeds the objective development standards;
- f) That by virtue of high-quality design and construction, the proposed development will positively contribute to the orderly and harmonious development of the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor and the general welfare of the City, as conditioned, it will be implementing the objective District design guidelines;
- g) That the proposed development will enhance the commercial development of the area, so as to increase the taxable value of real property and sales tax return to the City, and to maintain the stability and value of the property and of the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor, as a desirable commercial area, as it will provide services to the residents and commercial businesses;
- h) That traffic impacts have been mitigated, in whole or in part by the design of the on-site circulation system, so as to minimize hazard and congestion, to facilitate on-site movements between adjacent properties, and to maximize opportunities for pedestrian and transit connections, via pedestrian access provision of only one curb cut on Hawthorne Boulevard, and widening the street at the site via a six-foot easement along the frontage;
- i) That there are adequate provisions for water, sanitation, and public utilities and services to ensure that the proposed development is not detrimental to public health and safety, as the site is located in an area surrounded by urban uses;
- j) That the proposed development is consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs of the Torrance General Plan, as conditioned;
- k) That the proposed development would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience or welfare, as it complies with all required objective development standards, as conditioned; and
- l) That the proposed development meets the requirements of the CEQA, under Categorical Exemptions Section 15322.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission by the following roll call vote **APPROVED** DVP21-00001, subject to conditions:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DVP21-00001 filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust) to allow the construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use development on property located within the R-H in the H-WT Zone on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard approximately 200 ft. north of Rolling Hills Road, on file in the Community Development Department of the City of Torrance, is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. That the development and use of the subject property for a new senior citizen mixed-use development shall be subject to all conditions imposed in Planning Commission case DVP21-00001; and any amendments thereto or modifications thereof as may be approved from time to time pursuant to Section 92.28.1 et seq. of the TMC on file in the office of the Community Development Director of the City of Torrance; and shall be maintained in conformance with such maps, plans, specifications, drawings, applications or other documents presented by the applicant to the Community Development Department and upon which the Planning Commission relied in granting approval;
2. That if DVP21-00001 is not used within one year after granting of the permit, it shall expire and become null and void unless extended by the Community Development Director for an additional period as provided for in Section 92.27.1; and
3. That the applicants shall comply with all conditions and code requirements of CUP21-00018, PRE21-00009 and DIV21-00009.
4. That secured access for residents and “buzz in” doors or similar devices for guest access shall be provided on the final Building Plans prior to Building Permit issuance to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director; (Planning)
5. That no chain link fence or similar fence type shall be permitted outside of the buildings, nor visible from any public Rights-of-Way; (Planning)
6. That the pedestrian pathway connections made from the sidewalks along Hawthorne Boulevard to the building shall feature a decorative element, such as stamped concrete or pavers, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, and shall be continually maintained; (Planning)

7. That the applicant shall provide samples of all the final exterior color and materials, including, but not limited to, a detail of the building perimeter, finishes, hardware, gates, fences, freestanding walls, site amenities, and pathways, to assure the development has a cohesive design and finish, and that the H-WT District Color of Indigo Blue (Pantone Matching System Reference #294) shall be provided in a visible location on the project's hardware amenities, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director, prior to the issuance of any Building Permits; and (Planning)
8. That all conditions of all other City departments received prior to or during the consideration of this case by the Planning Commission shall be met.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 19th day of November 2025.

Chairmen, Torrance Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, ROBERT GARCIA, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting of said Commission held on the 19th day of November 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-023

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SERIES OF ENTITLEMENTS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW A NEW SENIOR CITIZEN MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET NORTH OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD.

**PRE21-00009: ZEINA AWAD
(MAHMOUD H. AWAD TRUSTEE FOR THE MAHMOUD AND NAWAL AWAD TRUST)**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance at its meeting of April 17, 2024, conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider an application filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), for approval of Precise Plan of Development (PRE21-00009) in conjunction with series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use development, on property located within the Hillside Overlay District (R-H) in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan-Walteria Sub-District (H-WT) on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046), referred to as the Walteria Terrace Garden Project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on April 17, 2024, continued the item indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance conducted a public hearing on November 19, 2025, to consider an application filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), for approval of a Precise Plan of Development in conjunction with series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use development, on property located within the R-H in the H-WT on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road; and

WHEREAS, due and legal publication of notice was given to owners of property in the vicinity thereof and due and legal hearings have been held, all in accordance with the provisions of Division 9, Chapter 1, Article 41 of the TMC; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance does hereby find and determine as follows:

- a) That the property is located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road;
- b) That the property is further described as portions of Lots 1-4 in Block 13 of Walteria and vacated streets, California Avenue and Canyon Road, (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046);
- c) That the proposed construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use project, as conditioned, is Categorically Exempt by the 2025 Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Article 19, Section 15322;
- d) That the proposed new senior citizen mixed-use project meets the definition of a “housing development project”, as provided in the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), Government Code Section 65589.5, and therefore only the objective development standards of the TMC can be applied for purposes of evaluating the proposed project; and
- e) That the proposed project complies with the objective development standards of the R-H, as set forth in Article 41, Chapter 1, of Division 9, the R-3 Zone (Senior Citizen), as set forth in Article 7, Chapter 1, Division 9, Senior Citizen Housing Article 3, Chapter 5, of Division 9, and the H-WT Zone, Article 36, Chapter 2, Division 9, of the TMC, and is consistent with the City of Torrance General Commercial (C-GEN) General Plan land use designation.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission by the following roll call vote APPROVED PRE21-00009, subject to conditions:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that PRE21-00009, filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), to allow a new senior citizen mixed-use development on property located within the R-H in the H-WT Zone on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 ft. north of Rolling Hills Road, is hereby APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

1. That the use of the subject property for a senior citizen mixed-use development shall be subject to all conditions imposed in PRE21-00009 and any amendments thereto or modifications thereof as may be approved from time to time pursuant to Section 92.28.1 et seq. of the TMC on file in the office of the Community Development Director of the City of Torrance; and further, that the said use shall be established or constructed and shall be maintained in conformance with such maps, plans,

specifications, drawings, applications or other documents presented by the applicant to the Community Development Department and upon which the Planning Commission relied in granting approval;

2. That if this PRE21-00009 is not used within one year after granting of the permit, it shall expire and become null and void unless extended by the Community Development Director for an additional period as provided for in Section 92.27.1;
3. That the applicants shall comply with all conditions and code requirements of CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001 and DIV21-00009; (Planning)
4. That the maximum height of the addition at the highest point of the roof shall not exceed a height of 42'-6", as represented by the survey elevation of 250.00 ft. for the highest ridge, based on the lowest adjacent grade of 207.50 ft. (located at the northwest corner of the garage level), based on a benchmark elevation of 178.79 ft. located within the public right-of-way near the southwest corner of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Boulevard, as shown on the official survey map on file in the Community Development Department; (Planning)
5. That the final height of the structure shall be certified by a licensed surveyor/engineer prior to requesting a framing or roof-sheathing inspection and shall not exceed a survey elevation of 42'-6". for the highest ridge, based on the benchmark of 178.79 ft. located within the public right-of-way near the southwest corner of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Blvd., as shown on the official survey map on file in the Community Development Department, and verifies the entire roof framing and design remains consistent with the elevation heights and roof design approved by the Planning Commission; (Planning)
6. That the maximum height of the addition at the highest point of the roof shall not exceed a height of 28'-0" at the southwest corner of the building structure (stairwell), as represented by the survey elevation of 250.00 ft. for the highest ridge, based on the lowest adjacent grade of 222.00 ft. (located at the southwest corner of the adjacent exterior grade), based on a benchmark elevation of 178.79 ft. located within the public right-of-way near the southwest corner of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Boulevard, as shown on the official survey map on file in the Community Development Department; (Planning)
7. That detailed plans for any proposed freestanding on-site walls, fences, gates or retaining walls shall be required, prior to Building Permit issuance; (Planning)
8. That any cabinets, storage shelves, appliances or equipment located within the garage shall be shown on the final Building Plans, and shall not encroach within the minimum interior dimensions, to the satisfaction of the Planning Manager, prior to the issuance of any Building Permits; (Planning)

9. That the final Building Plans shall label any fireplaces, chimneys, vents, solar panels, skylights, or any other equipment, on the elevations and roof plan, prior to Building Permit issuance, to the satisfaction of the Planning Manager; (Planning)
10. That the silhouette shall remain in place for at least 15 days through the appeal period, but no more than 45 days after the final public hearing to the satisfaction of the Planning Manager; (Planning)
11. That within 30 days of the final public hearing, the applicant shall remove the City's "Public Notice" sign to the satisfaction of the Planning Manager; (Planning)
12. That a copy of the adopted Resolution/s for this project, including all Conditions of Approval, shall be copied onto the final Building Plans, to the satisfaction of the Planning Manager; and (Planning)
13. That all conditions of other City Departments received prior to or during the consideration of this case by the Planning Commission shall be met.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 19th day of November 2025.

Chairman, Torrance Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, ROBERT GARCIA, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting of said Commission held on the 19th day of November 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-024

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DIVISION OF LOT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 29 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSOLIDATION OF SEVEN LOTS INTO ONE LOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SERIES OF ENTITLEMENTS TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION A NEW SENIOR CITIZEN MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT (R-H) IN THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN-WALTERIA SUB-DISTRICT (H-WT) ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET NORTH OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD.

**DIV21-00009: ZEINA AWAD
(MAHMOUD H. AWAD TRUSTEE FOR THE MAHMOUD AND NAWAL AWAD TRUST)**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance at its meeting of April 17, 2024, conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider an application filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), for approval of Division of Lot (DIV21-00009) to allow the consolidation of seven lots into one lot, in conjunction with series of entitlements, to allow the construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use development, on property located within the Hillside Overlay District (R-H) in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan-Walteria Sub-District (H-WT) on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046), referred to as the Walteria Terrace Garden Project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on April 17, 2024, continued the item indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance conducted a public hearing on November 19, 2025, to consider an application filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust), for approval of DIV21-00009 to allow the consolidation of seven lots into one lot, in conjunction with series of entitlements, to allow the construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use development, on property located within the R-H in the H-WT on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road; and

WHEREAS, due and legal publication of notice was given to owners of property in the vicinity thereof and due and legal hearings have been held, all in accordance with the provisions of Division 9, Chapter 2, Article 29 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for Implementation, Article 19, Section 15315, Class 15, Minor Land Division projects are declared categorically exempt; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance does hereby find and determine as follows:

- a) That the property is located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road;
- b) That the property is further described as portions of Lots 1-4 in Block 13 of WALTERIA and vacated streets, California Avenue and Canyon Road, (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046);
- c) That the proposed Division of Lot, as conditioned, together with provision for its design and improvement, is consistent with the H-WT Zone;
- d) That the proposed consolidation of lots, in conjunction with the senior citizen mixed-use development project is conditionally permitted within the R-H District in the H-WT Zone;
- e) That the site is physically suitable for the proposed type and density of development, and the subdivision to allow for lot consolidation, as conditioned, because the proposed project is conditionally permitted within the H-WT Zone, and the resulting parcel meets the development standards for size in the H-WT Zone;
- f) That the proposed subdivision will not interfere with the orderly development of the City, because, as conditioned, it will incorporate a high-quality design that is compatible with similar developments in the City of Torrance;
- g) That the subdivision request is categorically exempt per the CEQA, 2025 Guidelines for Implementation, Article 19, Section 15315, Class 15, Minor Land Division;
- h) That the subdivision, as conditioned, will not produce any or all of the following results:
 - Damage or nuisance from noise, smoke, odor, dust or vibration,
 - Hazard from explosion, contamination or fire,
 - Hazard occasioned by unusual volume or character of traffic or the congregating of large numbers of people or vehicles; and
- i) That the design of the development and subdivision, as conditioned, will not conflict with any public access or easements, as all means of public access are being improved.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission by the following roll call vote **APPROVED** DIV21-00009, subject to conditions:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DIV21-00009, filed by Zeina Awad (Mahmoud H. Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust) to approve a Division of Lot in conjunction with series of entitlements to allow the consolidation of seven lots into one lot, in conjunction with the construction of a new senior citizen mixed-use development, on property located within the R-H in the H-WT on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road, is hereby APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

1. That the lot consolidation, development and use of the subject space as a senior citizen mixed-use development shall be subject to all conditions imposed in DIV21-00009; and any amendments thereto or modifications thereof as may be approved from time to time pursuant to Section 92.28.1 et seq. of the TMC on file in the office of the Community Development Director of the City of Torrance; and further, that the said use shall be established or constructed and shall be maintained in conformance with such maps, plans, specifications, drawings, applications or other documents presented by the applicant to the Community Development Department and upon which the Planning Commission relied in granting approval;
2. That if DIV21-00009 is not used within two years after granting of the permit, it shall expire and become null and void unless extended by the Community Development Director for an additional period as provided for in Section 92.29.13;
3. That all Conditions and Code requirements of CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001 and PRE21-00009 shall be met; (Planning)
4. That centerline ties be filed with and checked by the Community Development Department, Engineering Division; (Engineering)
5. That a lot tie agreement shall be recorded providing that multiple lots underlying this property shall not be sold, leased, or financed separately. The lot tie agreement shall be recorded prior to granting of any Building Permits and Final Parcel Map shall be recorded prior to occupancy; and (Engineering)

6. That all conditions of all other City departments received prior to or during the consideration of this case by the Planning Commission shall be met.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 19th day of November 2025.

Chairman, Torrance Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

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AYES: COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

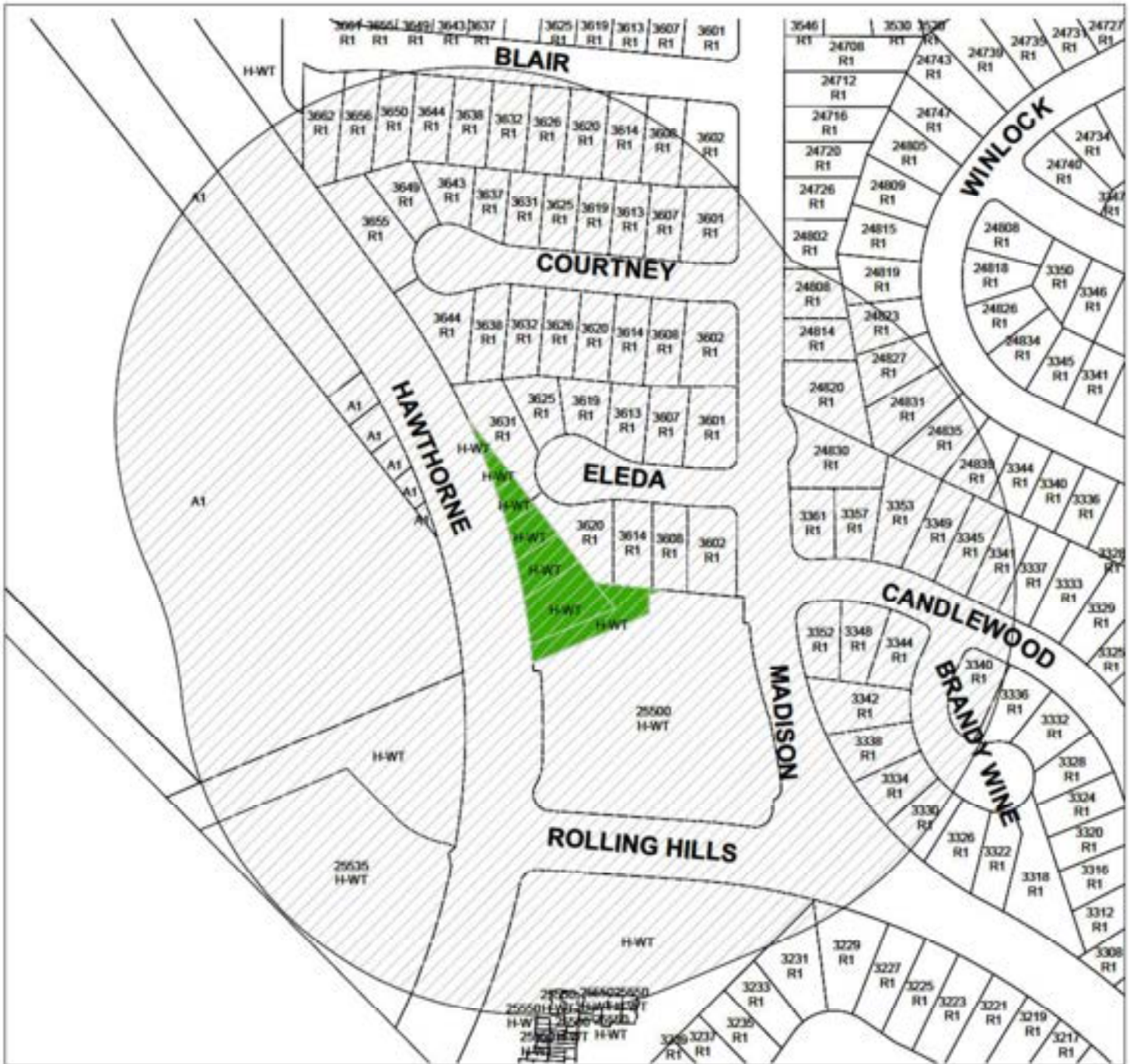
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ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission

ITEM 8A
ATTACHMENT 2

Location and Zoning Map



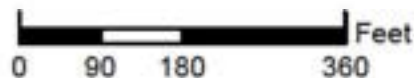
LOCATION AND ZONING MAP

CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001,
 PRE21-00009, DIV21-00009
 APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046



LEGEND

-  Notification Area
-  Subject Site



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Code Requirements

CODE REQUIREMENTS

The following is a partial list of code requirements applicable to the proposed project. All possible code requirements are not provided here and the applicant is strongly advised to contact each individual department for further clarification. The Planning Commission may not waive or alter the code requirements. They are provided for information purposes only.

Building Regulations

1. Comply with current CA State Codes.

Engineering – Permits & Records

(Conditional Use Permit)

2. A Construction and Excavation Permit (C&E Permit) is required from the Community Development Department, Engineering Permits and Records Division, for any work in the public right-of-way on Hawthorne Blvd. (City Code Sec. 74.6.2)
3. Grant a 6' wide public street and highway easement along the project frontage on Hawthorne Blvd.
4. Design and construct curb & gutter, 4' wide sidewalk, driveway aprons, make-up paving and 4' wide irrigated parkway adjacent to curb for the length of the property frontage as per City approved plans; Curb shall be moved 6' east from the existing curb along frontage with reverse curve transition. Plans to be submitted by developer and approved by the Engineering Division of the Community Development Department prior to issuance of Grading Permit.
5. Install a street tree in the City parkway every 50' for the width of this lot on Hawthorne Blvd. (City Code sec. 74.3.2). Contact the Streetscape Division of the Torrance Public Works Department at 310-781-6900 for information on the type and size of tree for your area.
6. That on-site drainage shall be collected within the lot and drained through the curb to the public street on Hawthorne Blvd or obtain drainage easements from adjacent private property owners to drain through the curb on Eleda Drive. (City Code Sec. 81.2.52)

(Division of Lot)

7. Required public Street and Highway easement shall be shown on Final Parcel Map.
8. Required additional Street and Highway easement shall be shown on Final Parcel Map.
9. Final Parcel Map must record prior to obtaining occupancy permits.
10. All Final Parcel Maps are to be compiled from field survey data unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer. (City Code Section 92.29.7)
11. All physical public improvements which are conditions of this Planning Case must be completed prior to occupancy.

Engineering – Water

12. Must comply with the City of Torrance Municipal Code, the California Administrative Code, Title 17-Public Health Code regarding domestic water cross-connection control.
13. Public water facilities needed to serve this site, including as applicable, mains and appurtenances shall be constructed at the cost of applicant/owner per Torrance Municipal Water (TMW) plans and specifications. TMWD shall make final determination/approval for location, type, and size of all water facilities.
14. That separate meters shall be provided for each commercial unit and for common use (irrigation, maintenance, etc).

15. Extend 8" DIP water main approximately 400' across property frontage along east side of Hawthorne Blvd, then cross street to join existing water main in west side of Hawthorne Blvd.

Environmental

16. Bedroom sizes to be as determined per Torrance code (92.20.2).
17. Lot sweeping, deliveries and trash pick-up are prohibited between 10 P.M. And 7 A.M. per Torrance code (92.30.4).
18. The Van Accessible loading area shall be at least 8 feet wide and the words "NO PARKING" shall be painted on the ground within each loading access aisle in white lettering no less than 12 inches high and located so that it is visible to traffic enforcement officials.
19. The property shall be landscaped prior to final inspection per Torrance code(92.21.9).
20. Direct lighting away from residential land uses per Torrance code(92.30.5).
21. No illegal signs, A-frames, banners, bow banners, balloons, sign holders/twirlers, etc. are permitted.
22. Residential parking stalls next to walls shall be a minimum of 10-ft. Wide per Torrance code (93.5.2).
23. Double-line stripe all parking spaces per Torrance code (93.4.6).
24. Screen all roof equipment from public view per Torrance code (92.30.2).
25. Provide 200 cubic feet of storage area per unit in garage area (R-3) per Torrance code (93.5.11).

Fire Prevention

26. The Torrance Fire Department Operations Manual Access Roadways for Fire Apparatus Fire Lanes will apply.
27. Separate submittals for fire sprinkler underground, fire sprinkler, fire alarm will be required.

Grading

28. The applicant shall apply for a grading permit and provide precise grading plan prepared by a Registered Civil Engineer for approval by the Building and Safety Division. The plans shall address the specific grading, drainage, and geotechnical design parameters for design of the proposed construction. The plans should include, but not be limited to: specific elevation grades, keyways, subdrains, limits of removals, retaining walls callouts every 15 to 30 feet, and other information necessary to establish in detail the horizontal and vertical geometric design. The plans shall reference the approved geotechnical report, and reflect cut, fill, compaction and over-excavation requirements contained therein. The plans shall reflect all proposed drainage facilities, including storm drains, area drains, catch basins/inlets, swales, and other drainage devices necessary for the interception, conveyance and disposal of on-site and offsite drainage consistent with the project drainage report per TMC 81.2.49 (J103) and TMC 81.2.50(J104). Precise grading plan shall detail compliance paths of travel, accessible parking stalls per 2022 California Building Code (CBC) 11B-201
29. The applicant shall submit a detailed geotechnical report prepared by a registered design professional. The geotechnical report must specifically address the proposed improvements including engineering calculations for all graded slopes, foundations, retaining walls, temporary excavations and other aspects as required by the proposed

development. The report shall present detailed geotechnical recommendations for design and construction of the proposed project and improvements. The reports should be in accordance with the County of Los Angeles standards and to the satisfaction of the City of Torrance Building and Safety Division standards and requirements. TMC 81.2.50 and CBC 1803. Slope setbacks shall comply with 2022 California Building Code section 1808.7.

30. The applicant shall have a final drainage study prepared by a Registered Civil Engineer. The drainage study shall be prepared in report format and include sections addressing on-site and off-site drainage areas, existing and developed conditions hydrology, the design hydraulics for the on-site drainage system, including sizing of inlets, conduits, v-ditches, down drains and other structures, and associated calculations and conclusions. The drainage study shall demonstrate project compliance with the current Los Angeles County Public Work Department's Hydrology Manual and Hydraulic Design Manual; however the minimum design flow for sizing onsite drainage devices shall be 25 year recurrence (Q25) or 50 year storm for sump conditions. The drainage study shall be submitted to the Building and Safety and approved by the Building official prior the issuance of a grading permit Per TMC 81.2.50 (J104.9)
31. All drainage shall be sloped 2% away from all parts of building structures along impervious surface and 5% away along pervious surface, in conformance with California Building Code; and conveyed through an on-site storm drain system to an approved point of disposal (i.e. street) per CBC 1804.4 and TMC 81.2.51 (J107.6)
32. Drainage plans shall incorporate appropriate post-construction best management practices (BMPs) into the design of the project and must be prepared and approved prior to issuance of any grading permit per TMC 411.1.050. Please refer to the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development (LID) Manual for applicable design requirements. The project-specific LID plans shall describe how this project design conforms to all requirements set forth in the LID manual and must include a fully executed and recorded LID covenant to provide for on-going maintenance of the BMPs that have been chosen. Stormwater quality design volume (SWQDv) shall be retained onsite per TMC 411.1.070.
33. Per TMC 410.1.070 the owner/owner's agent shall submit erosion control plan to Building and Safety review and approval from Building Official to ensure the following minimum requirements are effectively implemented at the construction site:
34. Sediments generated on the project site shall be retained using adequate Treatment Control or Structural BMPs;
35. Construction-related materials, wastes, spills, or residues shall be retained at the project site to avoid discharge to streets, drainage facilities, receiving waters, or adjacent properties by wind or runoff;
36. Non-storm water runoff from equipment and vehicle washing and any other activity shall be contained at the project site; and
37. Erosion from slopes and channels shall be controlled by implementing an effective combination of BMPs, such as the limiting of grading scheduled during the wet season; inspecting graded areas during rain events; planting and maintenance of vegetation on slopes; and covering erosion susceptible slopes.
38. Cover sheet of construction document shall include area (acres) of disturbed soil, disturbed soil 1 acre or more required the owner to file a Notice of Intent with the Division of Water Quality of State Water Resources Control Board and prepare a SWPPP per TMC 410.1.070.

39. All undocumented fill shall be removed, until competent native soils have reached, and recompacted from property line to property line. TMC 81.2.50(J104.5)
40. Retaining wall proposed to accommodate the cuts and fills shall obtain separate building permit from Building and Safety Division per CBC 105, TMC 81.2.47 (J101.3.1) and TMC 81.2.49(J103).
41. All lots shall have a minimum grade of 1%. The lot shall be graded to drain to the street per TMC 81.2.51(J107.6)
42. Ponding of water shall not be permitted to occur on pavement, concrete or in landscape areas per 81.2.52
43. That the proposed driveway shall not exceed the maximum grades of 20% and 10% cross-slope. The algebraic difference in grade between any two (2) adjacent six (6) foot chords (6' minimum) in the approach ramp profile shall not exceed twelve (12) percent per TMC 93.4.5. Proposed grades shall be shown on Grading Plan and approved by the Building and Safety Division prior to the issuance of Grading Permit.

Planning

44. Front, side and rear setbacks shall be the same as the R-3 zone, but may be required to be greater by the Planning Commission, or City Council on appeal (TMC 95.3.45.a.6).
45. The minimum size for one (1) bedroom dwelling units is 500 sq. ft. (TMC 95.3.45.a.3.B)
46. For senior citizen housing, there shall be provided one (1) parking space per dwelling unit plus no less than one (1) additional visitor parking space for each five (5) dwelling units (TMC 93.2.3.g).
47. One off street loading space shall be provided and maintained on the same lot for every separate occupancy requiring delivery of goods and having a floor area of less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet. Each required off street loading space shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width and twenty-five (25) feet in length, with a minimum height clearance of fourteen (14) feet and shall be so arranged that it will not impede traffic circulation within the parking area or will not block parking stalls. Where the occupancies are integrated or connected in design, loading space area may be based solely on the floor area involved without reference to separate occupancy (TMC 93.3.1)
48. Where covered parking is required for three (3) or more dwelling units, there shall be provided a minimum of two hundred (200) cubic feet of lockable, enclosed storage space for each dwelling unit (TMC93.5.11.a)

Public Works - Streetscape

49. Plant 24" box Crape Myrtle "Muskogee" street trees in new parkway. Call Streetscape Division for specific number of trees and locations.

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Hillside Overlay Ordinance Criteria Response Sheet

CITY OF TORRANCE – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO BE SUBMITTED WITH HILLSIDE PRECISE PLAN APPLICATION PRE 21-00009

GIVE FACTS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA BY WHICH THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY GRANT THIS HILLSIDE PRECISE PLAN. IT IS MANDATORY THAT THESE CRITERIA BE MET BEFORE THE CITY MAY LEGALLY GRANT A HILLSIDE PRECISE PLAN: AND, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE APPLICANT TO PROVE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE CITY THAT THE CRITERIA ARE MET: (To be completed by all applicants)

1. Planning and Design (91,41,6)

- a. The following facts demonstrate that the proposed development will not have an adverse impact upon the view, light, air and privacy of other properties in the vicinity:

The proposed project is located on the East side of Hawthorne Blvd Ft 210 north of Rolling Hills Rd, Torrance CA. There exists a residential home to the East side of the proposed project and a commercial building to the South side of the property. The property provides a 20ft setback of its ground level structure between itself and the residential property to the East as well as a 10 foot setback to the commercial property to the South. The garage on the first level will not have any existing windows facing the East in order to provide more privacy for the neighbors. Shrubbery will be provide as well to assist with the privacy and aesthetic of the building. A shadow study was performed to show that the project will not affect the light of the surrounding structures any more than the existing hills to the West of Hawthorne Blvd.

- b. The following planning, design and locational considerations will insure that the proposed development will cause the least intrusion on the views, light, air, and privacy of other properties in the vicinity:

The proposed development design abides and is in accordance with the design standard set by the city of Torrance. It conforms with the height, setback, and design restrictions that will not only minimally affect the neighborhood but also add an element of design and improvement over the existing unattractive dirt lot. The project was also angled to provide the greatest amount of space and privacy to the neighbors on both the East and South side of the property.

- c. The following design elements have been employed to provide an orderly and attractive development in harmony with other properties in the vicinity:

The design elements that went into the overall look of the building include sidings, smooth stucco, and exterior balconies that overall fit the aesthetics of Torrance design. The design elements also take on natural elements such as wood paneling to give the building a more organic feel that we feel is consistent with the newer developments present within the south-bay region.

d. The following aspects of the design insure that the development will not have a harmful impact upon the land values and investment of other properties in the vicinity:

We are proposing a mixed use project that will enhance the neighborhood through its appeal as well as provide much needed housing. The design of the development insures that it will not have a negative impact upon the land values and investment of other properties. The project will enhance the "curb appeal" of Hawthorne Blvd and thus increase the value of the area.

e. Granting this application would not be materially detrimental to the public welfare and to other properties in the vicinity for the following reason (s):

We are proposing a mixed use project that meets FAR and entitlements for a senior housing project as well as the hillside overlay restrictions. The project will abide by the rigorous building codes in order to prevent issues that may arise otherwise. The project will decrease the fire hazard risk from brush that is inherent on undeveloped properties. The fact that this is also a smaller senior housing project means that traffic will be unaffected and a generous deceleration lane has been provided in order to prevent any potential collisions.

f. The proposed development will not cause or result in an adverse cumulative impact on other properties in the vicinity, for the following reasons:

The proposed height and FAR are all within city guidelines and will not affect the other properties within its vicinity. The architectural elements found within this project will enhance the area and increase the value of the surrounding properties.

2. LIMITATION IN INCREASES IN HEIGHT (91,41,10) (To be completed by applicant for a Precise Plan that would increase the height of any part of the building to a height greater than that of the existing building)

a. It is not feasible to increase the size of or rearrange the space within the existing building or structure for the purposes intended except by increasing the height, demonstrated by the following facts:

The proposed project is for an undeveloped lot along Hawthorne Blvd. We have conformed with the allowable height according to the city of Torrance. This height will allow for increased housing that can assist with the regional housing need of 4,939 units (according to the 2021-2029 RHNA chart from the 2021 updated housing element) while providing the least amount of impact possible with improvement of vacant land.

b. Denial of this application would constitute an unreasonable hardship for the following reason (s):

The proposed development meets all the standard design criteria presented by the city of Torrance. It complies with required height allowances and takes into account neighboring properties in its design and planning. Denial of this project will create unreasonable hardship for the city by not taking advantage of buildable lots in a jurisdiction that suffers from very low housing growth rates present over the last decade at only .4% growth (according to the 2021 updated housing element).

c. Granting this application would not be materially detrimental to the public welfare and to other properties in the vicinity for the following reason(s):

The facts of this answer should hold the strongest weight. This project will follow all building guidelines and procedures and will not harm or adversely affect the public welfare. This project will provide housing that is desperately needed in Southern California especially for the aging population who have spent their entire lives falling in love with the city of Torrance and would prefer to stay within the city limits if given the opportunity. I believe that the pros of this project will outweigh any cons brought on by residents who take on the NIMBY attitude who have contributed to the lack of housing in the area. The city of Torrance has recently updated their housing element with the goal of actively increasing housing and we believe this project can assist in achieving this goal.

3. LIMITATION IN INCREASE IN BUILDING SPACE LOT COVERAGE (91,41,11) (To be completed by applicant for a Precise Plan that would increase the interior floor area of the building to more than 50% of the area of the lot).

a. Denial of this application would constitute an unreasonable hardship for the following reason (s):

The project design adheres with all FAR and building requirements. Given the cost of land it would not be infeasible to design a project by any means with an FAR of less than 50% and would be underutilizing the developable areas of the lot.

b. Granting this application would not be materially detrimental to the public welfare and to other properties in the vicinity for the following reason (s):

Granting this application will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare and to other properties within the vicinity. The design meets all planning requirements and has taken the neighboring properties into account. The project will only benefit public welfare and the city; It provides housing for the aging population that is only a five minute walk to public transportation sites and a short stroll to local grocery stores and other necessities.

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Revised Silhouette Certification & Map



Height and Location Certification

The survey must be performed by a licensed land surveyor or civil engineer and should be accompanied by a map which shows the location of the bench mark and the locations where the measurements were taken.
The map should also show the location of existing and proposed structures.

SILHOUETTE CERTIFICATION

I have surveyed the silhouette located at 25480 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
(address)
on 10/31/2025, based on plans submitted to the City of Torrance
(date)
by BSB DESIGN on 9/24/2025. The survey was taken
(applicant/architect) (date)
from a bench mark located at CITY OF TORRANCE BM #705, NWLY INTERSECTION HAWTHORNE BLVD. & VIA VALMONTE
(address)
(attached map) which established a base elevation of 178.79'.

The ridge line/highest point of the roof was determined to have an elevation of 250.05'.

The plans indicate that the elevation should be 250.0'.

I certify that I have measured the location of pertinent features located on the subject property. Based on the plans submitted to the Community Development Department, I have verified that the silhouette/construction accurately represents the proposed structure in terms of height, building envelope, location on the site, and all setbacks.

CHRISTOPHER W. VASSALLO

Name (please print)

SIGNATURE

LS 8418

LS/RCE#

(310)544-8689

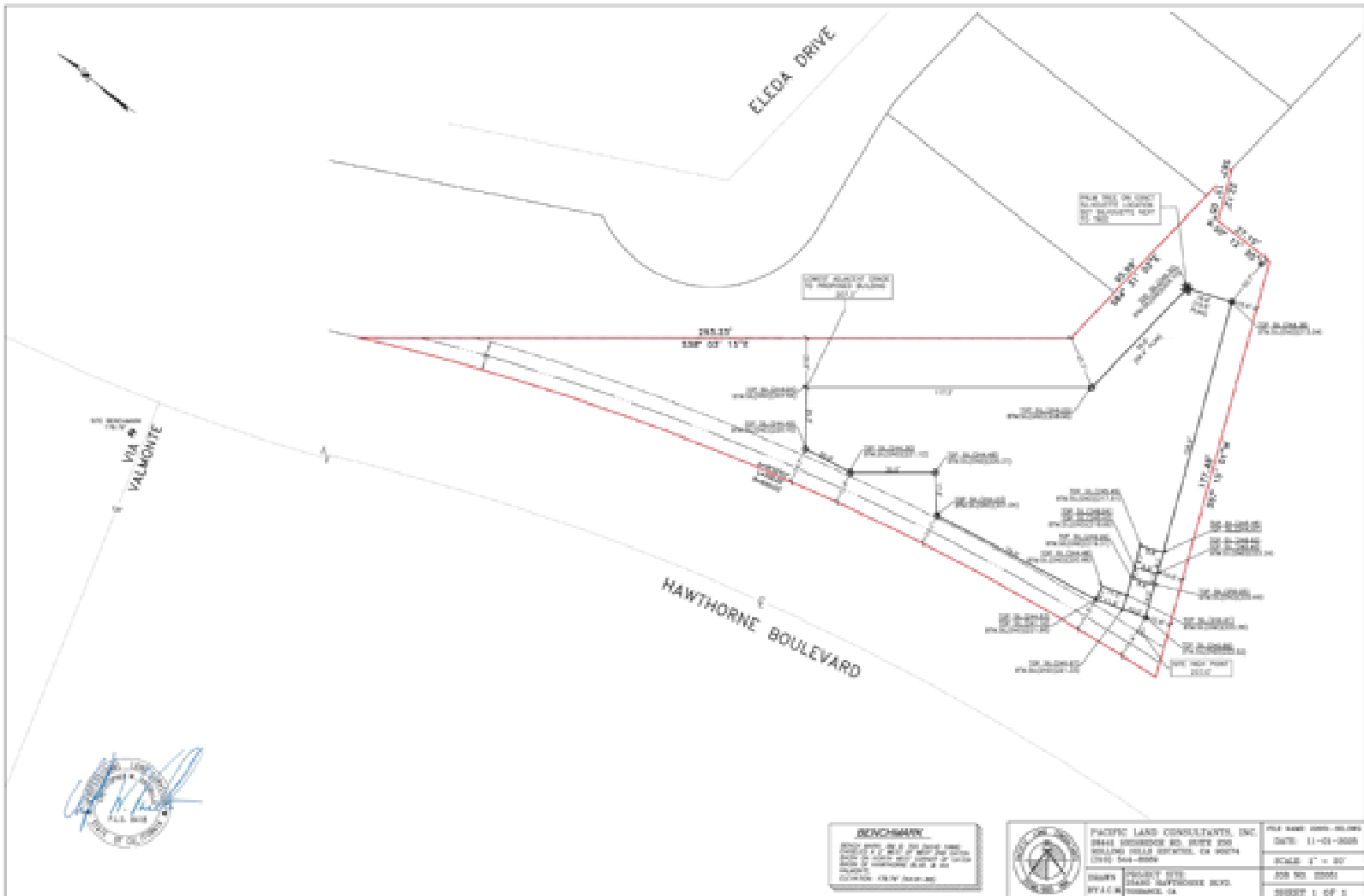
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DATE



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 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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 SCALE: 1" = 20'
 JOB NO. 0000
 SHEET 1 OF 2

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ATTACHMENT 6

Density Bonus Application



City of Torrance, Community Development Department

Michelle G. Ramirez, Director

3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503, Phone (310) 618-5990 Fax (310) 618-5829

SUPPLEMENTAL DENSITY BONUS APPLICATION

DENSITY BONUS APPLICATION FORM

Applications for Density Bonuses are processed by the Planning Division. Density Bonus requests are processed pursuant to Section 65915 et. seq. of the California Government Code. This form is intended to provide a clear and concise description of a proposed development's density bonus request(s) and will be reviewed in conjunction with any associated land use entitlements.

Please print or type. Separate sheets may be used as appropriate.

Project Identification	
Applicant Name Zeina Awad	Project Name Walteria Terrace Garden
Street Address/Location Of Project East Side of Hawthorne Boulevard approx. 200 ft north of Rolling Hills Rd.	Assessor Parcel Number 7547-004-040, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045 and 046
Existing Zoning H-WT/HS	Existing General Plan Designation C-Gen General Commercial
Proposed Zoning	Proposed General Plan Designation

Owner		Applicant/Representative (Other Than Owner)	
Print Name of Property Owner Mahmoud H Awad Trustee for the Mahmoud and Nawal Awad Trust		Print Name of Applicant/Representative Zeina Awad	
Address P.O. Box 2062		Address P.O. Box 2062	
City, State & Zip Code Hawthorne, CA 90251		City, State & Zip Code Hawthorne, CA 90251	
Phone 310-863-1273	Email zeina@zsdevelop.com	Phone 310-863-1273	Email zeina@zsdevelop.com
Signature of Property Owner [Redacted]		Signature of Applicant/Representative [Redacted]	

Project Description			
Lot size (square feet/ acres):	24,635 SF		
Total number of units allowed without Density Bonus:	32		
Total number of units proposed with Density Bonus:	20		
Total number and percentage of units affordable to:			
a. Low Income Households:	_____	_____	%
b. Very-Low Income Households:	1	5	%
c. Moderate Income Households:	_____	_____	%
Total number of:			
a. Studio units:	_____		
b. 1-bedroom units:	20		
c. 2-bedroom units:	_____		
d. 3-bedroom units:	_____		
e. 4 or more bedroom units:	_____		

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
Date Filed:	File No.:	Initials:



City of Torrance, Community Development Department

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SUPPLEMENTAL DENSITY BONUS APPLICATION

Is the project a solely senior citizen housing development YES NO

Does the project include donation of land to the City YES NO

a. Size of land to be donated (square feet/acres) _____

b. Present zoning/General Plan Designation of donated land _____

Does the project include a child care facility YES NO

a. Size of proposed child care facility (square feet) _____

b. Number of children facility can accommodate per: _____

Torrance indoor (1 per 35 sq. ft.) and _____

Torrance outdoor (1 per 75 square feet) _____

Parking Ratios: Please indicate the number of required parking spaces per TMC Division 9 (Land Use Code). This information should also be included on the site plan.

a. Total Number of Parking Spaces Required: 25

b. Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided: 25

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE/CONCESSION. Please check the box next to all development incentives/concessions requested. All requests must be clearly indicated on plans.

- Increase in Maximum Lot Coverage (i)
- Reduction in Minimum Lot Size (c)
- Reduction in Minimum Lot Setbacks (c)
- Reduction in Minimum Private and/or Common Open Space (c)
- Increase in the Maximum Building Height and/or Number of Stories (i)
- Reduction in Setbacks between Buildings (c)
- A Reduction in the Minimum Number of Guest Parking Spaces Required by TMC Division 9 (c)
- Approval of Mixed-Use Zoning (i)
- Other(s): Concession: reduction in amount of commercial space required by zoning
- Waiver: reduction in front setback from Hawthorne from 20 ft to 6 ft.
- Waiver: reduction in setback from the East property line from 20FT to 10FT at the lower basement garage only
- Waiver: building stairtower exceeds max. height by 2FT

CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT: I/We certify that all statements made on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I/We understand that any false statements may result in denial of the requested permit or revocation of any issued permit. I/We further certify that permission has been granted by the property owner to conduct the proposed development applied for herein.

Applicant Signature (Required)

Zeina Awad

Date 2/10/2024

Print Name

Note: If the applicant is not the property owner, the owner of the property must sign the application or a written authorization must be submitted so that the applicant may file the application. If the property owner or applicant is a trust, partnership, corporation, or LLC, on a separate sheet, provide a listing of all persons that make-up the trust, partnership, corporation, or LLC

Property Owner Signature (Required)

Mahmoud Awad

Date 2/10/2024

Print Name

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ATTACHMENT 7

Correspondence

Gomez, Yolanda

From: Scott Douglas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:36 PM
To: Planning Commission; Oorts, Leo; Gomez, Yolanda; Chen, George; Griffiths, Mike; Kaji, Jon; Lewis, Bridgett; Sheikh, Asam; Kalani, Sharon; Mattucci, Aurelio; Gerson, Jeremy
Subject: The Walteria Terrace Garden Project

To the Planning Commission, City Staff, City Council,

My name is Scott Douglas and I have been an owner, investor, and major real estate holder in Torrance for the last 35 years. I own the project immediately adjacent to the south (Rolling Hills Business Centre) of the proposed development and Hillside Village just further north on Hawthorne Blvd. Over that time frame I have been an advocate for the City attracting and retaining some of the largest employers in town. My companies have invested tens of millions of dollars in acquiring, developing and mostly upgrading office and retail projects in the City. During that time frame I have been a staunch advocate for well-conceived, new residential housing. Unfortunately, the proposed project along Hawthorne Blvd is anything but well-conceived. A few things to consider as you evaluate the plans:

- 1) How is the developer going to provide access to the site while they are under construction?
- 2) Where are construction vehicles and materials going to be located during construction? Certainly not on our parking lot at Rolling Hills Business Centre – I don't believe the residential neighbors below are going to embrace the trucks and materials.
- 3) The traffic study suggests cars coming down Hawthorne are going 45 mph – that may be the speed limit – I can tell you from my office looking down on Hawthorne for the last 20 years that is not reality. The stretch between the intersections of Hawthorne Blvd and Rolling Hills road to Hawthorne and Via Valmonte is likely one of the most accident prone in the city.
- 4) The majority of the site is situated on a steep slope with very little flat area to build.
- 5) The parking to be provided is only one space per dwelling unit. There is not sufficient space or turn around radius for moving trucks, service vehicles, maintenance crew, let alone visitors – unless they park on Hawthorne Blvd and block the line of site. Further, the proposed clearance in the garage is approximately 10½ to 11½ feet and 14 feet is the guideline for service vehicles to access the structure.
- 6) The soils report from 2017 that the applicant has submitted states, "It is anticipated that major yielding of the adjacent soils may occur during construction. Care should be taken that any movements associated with the yielding are not excessive to harm any underground utilities or adjacent structures." The contemplated vertical cut that will be made immediately adjacent to our property exceeds the design criteria from the soils report.
- 7) The submitted plans show the proposed height of the project is going to be 47 feet from the lowest adjacent grade. This exceeds the 45 foot maximum and the applicant's representation that the project height will be approximately 42½ feet.

Scott Douglas

West Coast Capital Partners

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Gomez, Yolanda

From: Kerry Welch [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 9:53 AM
To: CDD Info; Gomez, Yolanda
Subject: Proposed Project 25480 Hawthorne Blvd.

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Dear Ms. Gomez and Others,

Welch & Co. Accountancy Corporation is a tenant at 25500 Hawthorne Blvd. and has leased a significant space in this building since 1992. We employ a diverse staff of women and minorities and collectively we enjoy working in Torrance and supporting many community activities in this lovely city. We have chosen to renew our lease many times over the past three decades, in large part because we have enjoyed the easy access for our staff and clients, the plentiful parking, and because of the beautiful views that we enjoy: The proposed project would remove all of these incentives since the traffic on Hawthorne Blvd. continues to be horrific throughout the year, as we have experienced with the Sunrise project our parking will be poached, and our view will be obliterated. I am a poor photographer but have included a photograph that I took from my office this morning. I have placed an arrow at the spot where the flags are on the lot in question. You will note that that if this project is approved I will see none of that view. Since I work six to seven days per week on a year-round basis, this will have an immediate adverse effect on my environment. I have lunch from my desk on most days and the view is part of the brief break I take each day. The photo might help you to visualize the looming presence that the proposed building would hold over the residences to the North of it.

I would beg that you not approve this project: It will impede traffic flow, cause parking problems and would have a detrimental effect on adjacent properties. I would also invite you to visit my office any time (by appointment or unannounced during business hours) so that you can see for yourself the impact that this project will have.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Kerry Welch, CPA



Kerry Welch [Welch and Company]
25500 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 2500 [Torrance, CA 90505]



Gomez, Yolanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 7:38 PM
To: Planning Commission; Oorts, Leo; Gomez, Yolanda; Chen, George; Griffiths, Mike; Kaji, Jon; Lewis, Bridgett; Sheikh, Asam; Kalani, Sharon; Mattucci, Aurelio; Gerson, Jeremy
Subject: "Public Comment", CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001, PRE21-00009, DIV21-00009, WAV21-00007, APN 7547-004-049, Walteria Terrace Garden Project

April 8, 2024

Dear Members of the Planning Commission, City Council, and Planning Department,

We have assessed several critical issues that we believe show convincingly that the Proposed Walteria Terrace Garden Project would create many environmental, privacy and security issues that can't be readily mitigated. These critical issues are described and examined in the following discussions.

Critical Issues and Problems that are associated with the Current Project Design:

- **Hazardous Excavation Dust Clouds:** The Sunrise excavation company used inferior dust control methods during excavation in 2008 and 2009. Large dust clouds containing 2.5 to 10 micron silica particulates became airborne and drifted over County Hills and beyond. Video movies confirm and document this! Focused narrow water jets/sprays and not areal sprays were used. The soil has to be watered and drenched thoroughly before excavation, and not moved until it is saturated. Since dust control was inferior, Elaine Brent and other neighbors to the east of Sunrise developed or aggravated existing asthma in 2008-2009 during the Sunrise excavation. Has the Developer of this Project presented their dust control methodology during excavation? This is a very important step before any physical action is taken. The need for additional fill also should be assessed. 'Wet' road sweepers need to be used to lift the dust coating neighboring roadways; not dry sweepers as used on the Sunrise Project! Neighboring residents already have or will install high quality dust monitors to monitor airborne dust --- tested by SCAQMD in Diamond Bar. Samples of airborne dust will be sent to chemical laboratories for assessment. The measured data will be made available to all on the Internet.
- **Low Soil Compressive Strength:** The soil compressive strength in our area is low, so large compressive loads could lead to major fracturing of the building foundation. The foundation fractures could lead to leakage of noxious gases and liquids from the covered landfill. Polyethylene sheet barriers laid under building foundations have very short lifetimes due to building/soil settling. Perhaps as little as two years. Has the developer's geologic study evaluated this possibility?
- **Significant Loss of Privacy & Security Due to Many Open Patios and a Long Deck Facing Eledda Residents:** There will be an open long deck on the first floor and five open patios on both the first and second floors of the building directly facing neighboring residential properties on Eledda Drive and eight patios facing the Rolling Hills Business Center which is adjacent to their office building parking lot. The patios and long deck are only 10 ft to 20 ft from the nearest residential property lines. The open deck and patios will be a source of noise and contribute to the potential loss of privacy and security for the residential properties on Eledda Drive, neighboring streets, and the Rolling Hills Business Center. The Project Reports don't address these potential problems.
- **Noise From Large Subterranean Garage Vents Incident on Eledda Residents:** All of the large ventilation vents in the proposed underground garage directly face the neighboring residential properties on Eledda Drive. They will be a 24/7 source of impulsive noise (horns, door slams, talking, shouting, tire squeal, etc.) that will be directed

toward the neighboring homes on Eleda Drive. The acoustical attenuation properties of the Green Screen Vents proposed by the Architect have not been assessed in the Acoustical Report.

The hard interior surfaces of the garage will also provide a highly reflective interior that will efficiently conduct Hawthorne traffic noise which will enter the garage entrance opening on the northside of the Project. The traffic noise conducted through the garage will be broadcast through the ventilation vents toward the residential properties. The current elevated soil on this property serves as an efficient acoustical barrier for the homes on Eleda Drive and therefore provides good blockage of Hawthorne traffic noise.

- **Excessive Spill-Over of Night-Time Project Illumination:** The Project will be a steady source of intense illumination at night disturbing the residents on Eleda Drive and neighboring streets. Approximately, 60% of the lateral length of East Elevation which faces the neighboring residential properties is glass. The neighborhood could be intensely illuminated all night long by spill-over illumination from the Project due to the presence of many windows in occupied spaces, garage lighting, and exterior courtyard lighting. The Project Reports don't address this potential problem.

Note: In the early 1980's shades had to be placed on the parking lot lamps that illuminate the Rolling Hills Business Center Parking Lot in order to minimize the intense night-time illumination of neighboring residential properties. The building had to be re-designed and moved south on the property to minimize its multi-faceted impact on the neighboring residential properties on Eleda Drive and Candlewood Drive. This redesign also eliminated the subterranean garage with vents facing residential properties which would have been a source of noise, privacy loss, and loss of security. The redesign also minimized the number of windows facing the residential properties on Eleda Drive. The Torrance City Council voted unanimously to require the Architect and Developer to make these changes which they did. The Rolling Hills Business Center has been a very good, sensitive, and supportive neighbor for the past 40 years!

- **Shade Study Confirms Solar Attenuation in Neighboring Residential Yards and on Low Roofs:** The effective 50 ft high large proposed building will wrap around the south and west sides of the neighboring residential properties minimizing daytime solar illumination from noon to evening throughout the year as confirmed by the Architect's and Developer's Shade Study. The Shade Study confirmed that some residences on Eleda Drive will suffer significant solar blockage. The reduced sunlight in our backyard will be a major loss for us.
- **Natural Air-Flow Stagnation Due to Large Building Creating a Massive Wall Effect:** The large Project effectively creates a 50 ft high and 175 ft long solid barrier that will serve to minimize the flow of air creating a potentially unhealthy weak circulatory airflow condition and elevated temperature environment during the warm summer months for these residential properties. Air-flow will stagnate on our properties. The Project Reports don't address this potential problem.
- **Large Vehicle Access to Subterranean Garage on Hawthorne Boulevard:** How will large tall delivery trucks access the property for deliveries. Will the trucks be able to access the low-entrance subterranean parking garage safely? If not, are they going to park on Hawthorne Blvd or in the Rolling Hills Business Center Parking Lot? The entrance and exit for the subterranean garage will be serviced by a sharp U-Turn driveway accessed from the heavily traveled Hawthorne Boulevard carrying high-speed downhill traffic. If an oversized truck accidentally tries to enter the garage and fails to do so, it will have to back out onto Hawthorne Boulevard. Traffic accidents may occur because of this design. There is a home on Eleda Drive in very close proximity to this driveway, so it's also possible for a vehicle to plunge 20 ft down the steep embankment onto Eleda Drive.
- **Roof-Top Mechanical Equipment Noise:** Will forced air ventilation be used to vent the garage or the building above? Where will the fans be placed? Will they be placed on the building rooftop and surrounded by high noise barriers? If fans are used, they should be isolated from view and not be placed near the large vents in the

garage! Has a roof-top noise analysis been done to assess its impact on the neighboring residential properties? The Acoustical Report doesn't address this potential problem.

- **Low-Frequency Noise (Hum) from Electrical Equipment Room:** The electrical room is a potential constant source of low-frequency 60 Hz (hum) that can be very disturbing to neighboring residents. The electrical room will be located on the south-east corner at ground level. This noise could impact the second-floor bedrooms at neighboring residences on Eleda Drive. The Acoustical Report doesn't address this potential problem.
- **Subterranean Garage is an Efficient Conductor of Hawthorne Traffic Noise:** The subterranean hard-surface concrete garage will be an efficient conductor of road noise and a source of impulsive noise. Hawthorne traffic noise entering the garage vehicular access area on the north side of the building will be readily conducted through the garage to the large vents facing the neighboring residential properties. Have the Green Screen Garage Vents been selected and acoustical properties defined? What is the average STC (Sound Transmission Class Rating) of the Green Screens? For optimal noise attenuation the rating should be equal to greater than 50 STC like the high-performance KCAC acoustic louvers manufactured by Kinetics. They provide both acoustic attenuation and privacy protection. Garages are notorious for being very disturbing to neighboring residential properties. They are a 24/7 source of periodic horn blasts, shouting noise, tire squeal, door slam impact noise, vehicular engine noise, noise from motorcycles, etc. Has a noise analysis been done to assess its impact on the neighboring residential properties? The Acoustical Report doesn't address this potential problem.
- **Developer's Acoustical Study Missing Impact of Project Noise on Residential Properties:** The Developer's Acoustical Study doesn't appear to have assessed the impact of the Project on its residential neighbors. The study merely focuses on the minimization of the impact of traffic noise on the future occupants of the building. The Acoustical Report is not complete!
- **Significant Residential Property Value Loss for Eleda Drive and Adjacent Neighborhoods:** The residential property value loss on Eleda Drive and neighboring streets due to the severe negative impact of the Project could exceed the value and cost of the proposed Project. A property marketability assessment needs to be conducted. It might show that the total financial negative impact of the proposed Project on the Eleda Drive residential properties could be greater than the total cost of the Project! The Project Reports don't address this potential problem
- **Market-Rate Residential Units:** There will be only one affordable residential unit versus nineteen market-rate residential units in the Project. That's only 5% of the total residential space that can be considered affordable. The Project proponents should 'define' what is meant by 'affordable'. Is it one-tenth of the market-rate units or more?

In order to make an informed decision regarding the Proposed Project, our neighbors and we invite you to our neighborhood to view the Project Silhouette. We feel that a visit to our Eleda Drive neighborhood is necessary prior to making a decision regarding this Project!

Thank you for your time evaluating this Project and the critical issues it will create,

Dave & Elaine Brent

P.S. Events and Dave's Related Experience

** Volunteer Noise Consultant Awards from City of Torrance Presented by the Torrance City Council, April 14, 2015*
** Environmental Acoustics, conducted 500 studies (including multilevel automotive garages, multilevel offices and*

townhome buildings, pro-bono Torrance City Hall, Honda Motors, Toyota Motors, etc.) in Torrance etc.,

** Owner of Reliant Environmental Acoustics, LLC, Torrance, CA*

** Taught Environmental Acoustics and Applied Physics at the Lawrence Technological University (LTU)*

** Technical Consultant in Acoustics, Fluid and Gas Dynamics, Gas/Oil Flow Dynamics in Porous Media, Airborne Dust Migration & Contamination, etc. at Northrop-Grumman Corp (NGC) & TRW Aerospace*

** Technical Consultant in Multi-Disciplinary Engineering Physics at NGC & TRW, Loma Linda University Medical School (neuro and vascular surgical tool development), Stanford University (aerospace & physics), NASA Ames Research Center (arc-heater design), Los Alamos National Laboratory (geothermal stimulation), Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (gas storage reservoir performance), US Bureau of Mines (jet cutting), several US and Canadian oil companies (heavy oil recovery), etc.*

Gomez, Yolanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:51 PM
To: Planning Commission; Oorts, Leo; Gomez, Yolanda; Chen, George; Griffiths, Mike; Kaji, Jon; Lewis, Bridgett; Sheikh, Asam; Kalani, Sharon; Mattucci, Aurelio; Gerson, Jeremy
Subject: Invitation to our backyards and homes on Eleda Drive for The Walteria Terrace Garden Project

Dear Members of the Planning Commission, City Council, and Planning Department,

We urge you to visit us before making your decision on this project to see the site and project silhouette from our neighborhood, our yards, and home interiors.

We recommend also walking the actual site accessing it off of Hawthorne Blvd. Making a visit to the actual site will give you a much clearer perspective of the elevation variances in relation to the neighborhood 20+ feet below. The project area is fenced in and locked. We believe Yolanda Gomez in the Community Development Department may have an access key to the Project property.

We look forward to your visit.

Thank you,

Dave and Elaine Brent

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Gomez, Yolanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 12:00 PM
To: Gomez, Yolanda
Subject: Walteria Terrace Garden Project

Hi Yolanda,

We are very interested in seeing the full set of architectural drawings since many important technical and visual details of the proposed building are not available in the published Project Plans available on the City website.

We would also like to review the C.Y. Geotech Geological Report dated August 6, 2021. We are assuming that a penetrometer study was done on the soil by a geological engineer, and therefore we would like to review the test results. The penetrometer tests show the soil structural stability and its ability to support large structures. Knowing that this area has been a dumping ground for waste material as indicated by former Mayor Katy Geissert to us personally a number of years ago, one has to examine this soil carefully.

We also need to know the composition of the soil that might be excavated since several residents contracted asthma due to airborne silica dust generated by the Sunrise excavation back in 2008 and 2009. The dust control methods used by the Sunrise excavation company were inadequate and endangered those living and working nearby. Unfortunately street sweeping trucks generated more dust since they did not use a wet spray. This project will even have a greater impact on residents than Sunrise due to its very close proximity to our homes.

Please let us know when we can review both the drawings and geological report.

Thank you,

Dave & Elaine Brent
[REDACTED]

Gomez, Yolanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 12:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Zeina Awad
Cc: Gomez, Yolanda
Subject: Missing Project Drawings for the Mixed-Use WALTERIA-Townhomes-Project on Hawthorne Blvd

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Hi Zeina,

We went to the Torrance City Permit Center to view your Project file. We found that the Project Information Packet at City Hall had several additional drawings that are not included in the WALTERIA-Townhomes-Project (PDF) file that is available at <https://walteriaseniorhousing.com/>.

Can you email us the following six missing pages in PDF format:

- 1) Basement Plan
- 2) 1st Level Plan
- 3) 2nd Level Plan
- 4) 3rd Level Plan
- 5) Unit Plans
- 6) Sections

Thank you,

Dave & Elaine Brent



Gomez, Yolanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 3:27 PM
To: Planning Commission
Cc: Martinez, Oscar; Gomez, Yolanda
Subject: "Public Comment", Project Record Number: CUP21-00018, Project Address: East Side of Hawthorne Blvd., 200 ft North of Rolling Hills Road

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am a 51 year Torrance resident who has lived 46 years on the south side of Elede Drive and 'adjacent' to the Proposed 'Mixed-Use Development' located on the eastside of Hawthorne Blvd just north of Rolling Hills Road. The Proposed Project, if approved for development, will have a serious negative impact on my home and neighbors on Elede Drive.

The Proposed Development will be on elevated property making the two-story building with subterranean garage appear to be five-stories high above the residential pads on Elede Drive.

I would like to invite you to view the Project Silhouette from my 'backyard' and from other residential properties on Elede Drive. This includes you visiting my backyard to view the silhouette size, height, and visual/physically-massive impact. The oversized wrap-around Proposed Project will cause solar blockage and air-flow/wind blockage throughout the year which is so needed in our hot summer months.

Having the Torrance Planning Commissioners view the impact of this Project from my backyard is necessary in order to make the appropriate decision for us and our neighbors.

I look forward to meeting each of you, as you view the project silhouette from my backyard!

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Elaine Brent

Gomez, Yolanda

From: ANNI LEE [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 5:24 PM
To: Planning Commission; Oorts, Leo; Gomez, Yolanda; Chen, George; Griffiths, Mike; Kaji, Jon; Lewis, Bridgett; Sheikh, Asam; Kalani, Sharon; Mattucci, Aurelio; Gerson, Jeremy
Subject: "Public Comment", CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001, PRE21-00009, DIV21-00009, WAV21-00007, APN 7547-004-049, Walteria Terrace Garden Project
Attachments: Eleda Letter_AL.pdf

Dear members of the Torrance City Council & Planning Commission,

Please find attached my public comments for the Walteria Terrace Garden Project. You can also access the same document [here in Google Drive](#) if you're unable to open the attachment.

We'll also be attending the public hearing on April 17.

Best regards,
Anni

April 8, 2024

Yolanda Gomez
Planning Associate, Community Development
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503

RE: Walteria Terrace Garden Project

Dear Ms. Gomez, Members of the City Council & Planning Department,

I am a homeowner on Eleda Drive and have resided here since purchasing the home in 1995, having lived in Torrance itself since 1987. The purpose of this letter is to outline my concerns with the development plans for the mixed-used project on the vacant lot directly next to the southern & western borders of my home.

Shading, Airflow & Privacy

Based on the project’s building plans, a total of 12 residential units (6 on each floor) will overlook the entire southern & western lines of my home. 10 of these units (5 on each floor) have private decks that will also overlook into my property along the southern line. This means that a majority of the project’s residences will get a front-line view to my home. With the entire building towering at over 40 feet, the resulting building will entirely obstruct the views from my backyard & indoor living spaces. I have included photos outlining the projected impact on my home’s privacy, safety and airflow based on the wooden silhouettes that were put up recently:

A. View of silhouette & design from backyard (ground floor)

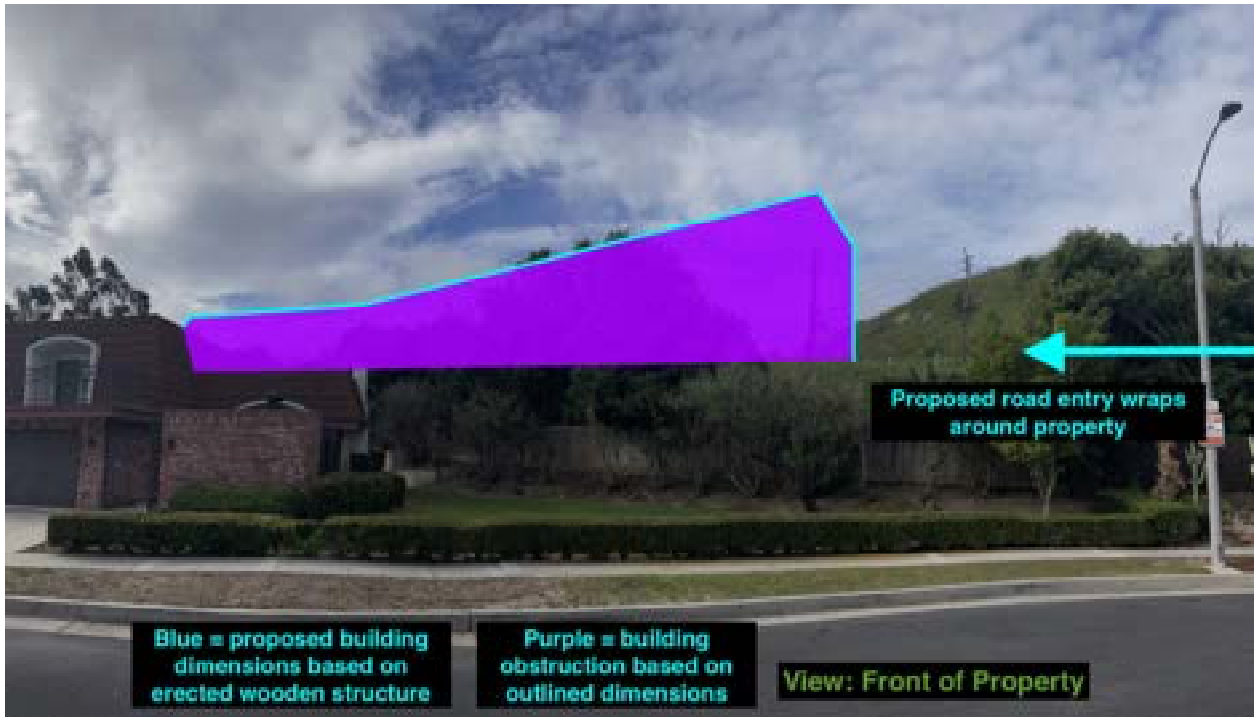




B. View of silhouette from 2nd floor bedrooms



C. View of silhouette & design from front & side yards





D. East Elevation Comparison with Typical 2-Story Home



As demonstrated in these photos, the entire southern part of my home will be completely wrapped around by the project and tower over my home. From the 2nd floor, the views from the windows in the two bedrooms will be completely obstructed by the new project. This essentially gives the project’s residents complete visibility into my home from their windows and decks. I

have also recorded a 50-second video showing the silhouette from various points of my home: <https://youtu.be/OdsIUo5V4LI>. All photos and videos mentioned in this letter can also be accessed via Google Drive using [this link](#).

The project's own shade study underscores its impacts on the light flowing into my home. During the winter, my home will be enclosed in shade from the project between 9am-3pm and between 12-5pm during the fall, respectively. This would dramatically increase the heating costs of my home during that time due to deprivation of natural sunlight that currently falls onto the home during those seasons. During the spring & summer, the building's height will disrupt airflow and cut down on the wind that currently flows around the property as part of a natural cooling process. This results in an air flow blockage due to the new building creating a closed-in wall effect due to having a 250ft lateral extent. As a result, both heating and air conditioning costs would skyrocket.

Traffic & Air/Noise Pollution

The project has outlined 26 parking stalls for all of its proposed commercial space & 20 residential units. This allotment severely underestimates the actual amount of traffic that the development will incur & relies on the assumption that each residential unit will only warrant one parking spot. Additional residential, guest & commercial parking needs are underserved by the extra 6 parking spaces, which will result in an overflow onto neighboring residential side streets and commercial lots. Considering that the residential units will be intended for senior living, each unit should actually anticipate more than 1 parking space being needed (e.g. for visiting family members and routine caretakers).

The project is also located on a sloping area of Hawthorne Blvd. in an already busy traffic corridor. Ingress and egress for the project's garage — which also features unsafe low ceiling heights — are a concern due to limited visibility around the sloped area, as well as limited space & guardrails for vehicles to safely decelerate. Narrow U-turn access at the garage's entrance also exacerbates the lack of safety when entering from a high-speed roadway.

The project will also involve pushing the curb line back even further to the western property line of my home, which raises safety, air and noise pollution concerns due to the increased volume & proximity of vehicle activity. The garage's proposed entrance is approximately 25ft from a 20ft steep drop-off to Eleda Drive. The noise generated by constant vehicular entry & departures from the subterranean parking garage will also cause significant disruption to neighboring residences, especially since the garage's vents are facing our properties. This also doesn't account for the occupant/pedestrian noise from an uptick in density of new residential units.

During construction, parking overflow will occur with similar crowding impacts on neighboring commercial & residential streets. The surrounding area is at-risk of being exposed to potentially hazardous silica dust being generated — as occurred with the prior excavation at Sunrise alongside inadequate dust control methods — which will aggravate asthma and other respiratory issues.

Elevation & Stability

The parcel of land that is directly south of my home slopes sharply downward along its northern property line. Significant grading is warranted to accommodate the project's building plans and subterranean garage. My home is located at a significantly lower elevation than the proposed development. Aside from the privacy concerns outlined already, there are also runoff and erosion concerns as a result of the substantial elevation difference. While the building plans denote a 10- to 20-foot distance from the property line, the sloping that occurs along its northern and western property lines means that the distance in actuality will be much narrower.

Conclusion

The project's proposed plans present significant privacy & safety concerns, as well as heavy health- and financial-related costs to the surrounding commercial & residential parcels. The latest proposal has neglected to address my concerns raised during earlier iterations of this project and as a result, I strongly oppose this project. I am more than welcome to have members of the Torrance City Planning Department & City Council to visit my home and neighborhood to see the silhouette from Eleda Drive to further evaluate the impacts. Thank you for your time and review of my concerns.

Best regards,

Anni H. Lee



Gomez, Yolanda

From: Kevin Nakano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 9:28 AM
To: Planning Commission; Oorts, Leo; Gomez, Yolanda; Chen, George; Kaji, Jon; Lewis, Bridgett; Sheikh, Asam; Kalani, Sharon; Mattucci, Aurelio; Gerson, Jeremy, Ed.D.
Cc: Kevin Nakano; Rita Nakano
Subject: "Public Comment", CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001, PRE21-00009, DIV21-00009, WAV21-00007, APN 7547-004-049, Walteria Terrace Garden Project

Dear City Officials,

We are longtime (since 1997) residents of Elede Drive in Torrance and will be greatly impacted by the proposed Walteria Terrace Garden Project that is being considered for development by the city of Torrance. To date, the only city official who has talked to us about the project is Yolanda Gomez, Planning Associate from the Community Development Department, and that was just to inform us that the project is being planned. We are greatly concerned about the location of the proposed project due to the already high levels of traffic on the southbound side of Hawthorne Blvd. Adding a driveway without decreasing the speed limit will increase the potential for an accident to occur and we are just downstream from the location where vehicles can breach the current guardrail. Listed below are our concerns/questions and we would like to have the city address them.

1. The city installed a speed radar sign on Hawthorne going southbound, which is an indication of how fast the cars come downhill on Hawthorne Blvd towards Newton St. The sign often shows speed being exceeded. Has the city traffic engineer carefully reviewed this project to ensure that all traffic safety issues, including radar study of downhill speeds next to the proposed project, adequate vehicle deceleration lane for driveway entrance, and all previously existing safety concerns (as noted by the existing guardrail) have been properly addressed and maintained?
2. The new proposed driveway (entrance/exit) is introducing a potential place for an accident to occur. The result of an accident occurring will likely end up being downhill from the entrance/exit of the proposed driveway. Our property is immediately downhill of the driveway entrance/exit.
 - a. The turn radius is very tight and immediately drops down from Hawthorne Boulevard to Elede Drive levels where the parking garage is planned. Has this garage entrance/exit been evaluated for trash truck access and other large vehicles? Trash containers are shown at the garage level at the northwest end of the project in the drawing.
 - b. The new entry/exit lane may be used as a passing lane by aggressive drivers, further increasing the risk of an accident near our home. For reference, the right turn lane on Newton coming south on Hawthorne is commonly used by speeding motorists as a passing lane.
 - c. Has the curvature and slope of Hawthorne Blvd near the proposed project been evaluated for visibility and speeding motorists?
3. Per the drawings, the guardrail that is between our property and Hawthorne Blvd will be removed and replaced by a new shorter one that is closer to our property.
 - a. Who will be responsible and liable in the event the NEW guardrail fails?
 - b. Has City Engineering evaluated the sloped location of the proposed placement of the NEW guardrail?
 - c. Who is liable and responsible for maintaining the NEW guard rail in the event of a failure?
 - d. Would removing the current guardrail (shortening and relocating) cause potential liability to the city for allowing the removal of this protection device if not properly replaced?

Thank you in advance for addressing our concerns,

Best regards,
Kevin and Rita Nakano

Gomez, Yolanda

From: Kevin Nakano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 6:07 PM
To: Gomez, Yolanda
Subject: Walteria Terrace Garden Project

Hi Yolanda,
I hope you are doing well. We wanted to address a few concerns that we saw in the current set of drawings.

Here are a list of concerns we had when looking at the proposal.

1. The city installed a speed radar sign on Hawthorne going southbound, which is an indication of how fast the cars come downhill on Hawthorne Blvd towards Newton Blvd. The sign often shows speed being exceeded (see photo below). Has the city traffic engineer carefully reviewed this project to ensure that All traffic safety issues, including; Radar study of downhill speeds approaching project, adequate vehicle deceleration lane for driveway entrance, and all previously existing safety concerns (as noted by the existing guardrail) been properly addressed and maintained?
2. The new proposed driveway (entrance/exit) is introducing a potential place for an accident to occur.
 - a. The turn radius is too tight for any large vehicle.
 - b. The new entry/exit lane may be used as a passing lane by aggressive drivers, further increasing the risk of an accident. For reference, the turn lane onto Newton coming south on Hawthorne is used by speeding motorists as a passing lane.
3. The result of an accident occurring will likely end up being downhill from that driveway location near our home.
4. If the current guardrail that protects our home from an accident is being removed and replaced, who will be responsible and liable in the event the guardrail fails since it appears it is being moved and placed on non-city/state property? In addition, it may need special engineering due to the sloped location.
5. Who is liable and responsible for maintaining the NEW guard rail in the event of a failure?
6. Would removing the current guardrail cause potential liability to the city for allowing the removal of this protection device if not properly replaced?
7. Will the existing 'sidewalk' be moved inward? Is there room for that? Does this new lane/sidewalk encroach into the neighbor's private property?

We look forward to discussing this with you. **Also, should this be forwarded to the City Attorney (Mr, Sullivan)?**

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,
Rita & Kevin Nakano
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Gomez, Yolanda

From: Martinez, Oscar
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Gomez, Yolanda
Cc: Planning Commission
Subject: FW: Construction Flags

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From: Marcus P [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 2:35 PM
To: Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction Flags

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Hi, I just wanted to follow up on this

On Mon, Sep 5, 2022 at 11:09 AM Marcus P [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

For the last month or two I've been trying to figure out what the flags near the corner of Rolling Hills Road & Hawthorne. I don't see any signage or numbers I can call to get more info. Can you please provide me some insight or help direct me in the right direction?

We live in the area and are very concerned especially as the assisted living facility across the street didn't put in enough parking and so they started over parking in our neighborhood (something they promised they would never do in the council meetings).

Thank you for your time and help

Gomez, Yolanda

From: Vivian Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 5:24 PM
To: Planning Commission; Oorts, Leo; Gomez, Yolanda; Chen, George; Griffiths, Mike; Kaji, Jon; Lewis, Bridgett; Sheikh, Asam; Kalani, Sharon; Mattucci, Aurelio; Gerson, Jeremy
Subject: "Public Comment", CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001, PRE21-00009, DIV21-00009, WAV21-00007, APN 7547-004-049, Walteria Terrace Garden Project
Attachments: Eleda Letter_VL.pdf

Dear members of the Torrance City Council & Planning Commission,

Please find attached my public comments for the Walteria Terrace Garden Project. For those unable to open the attachment, the letter has also been uploaded [here](#) in Google Drive.

I look forward to attending the public hearing on April 17, 2024.

Thank you,

Vivian L.

April 8, 2024

Yolanda Gomez, Planning Associate
Community Development Department
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503

RE: Walteria Terrace Garden Project

Dear Ms. Gomez & Members of the Torrance City Council & Planning Commission:

I am a resident on Drive and consider it my childhood home. Please find below my response to the latest project's building plans for the land parcel directly south and west of our property.

Structure Proximity. Because the parcel itself is oddly-shaped and narrow, the resulting building is incredibly tall & irregular in order to accommodate for its commercial & residential spaces. This makes it stand out from the surrounding structures, and the silhouette itself towers above other buildings. This can be seen from not only Eleda Drive, but also Madison Street & Hawthorne Blvd.

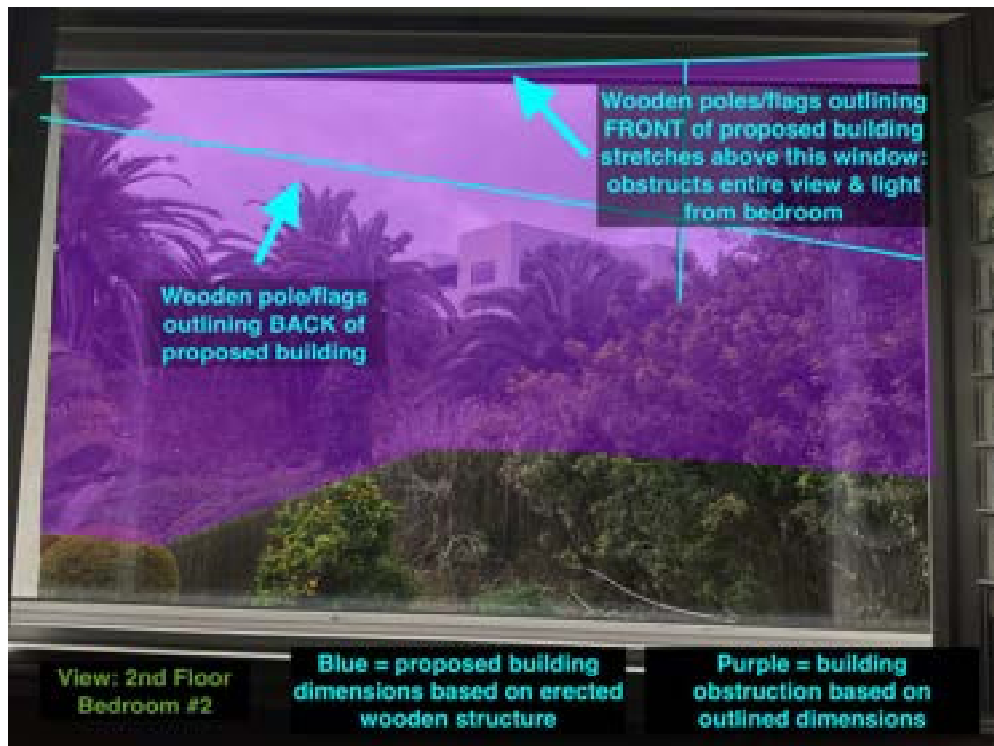
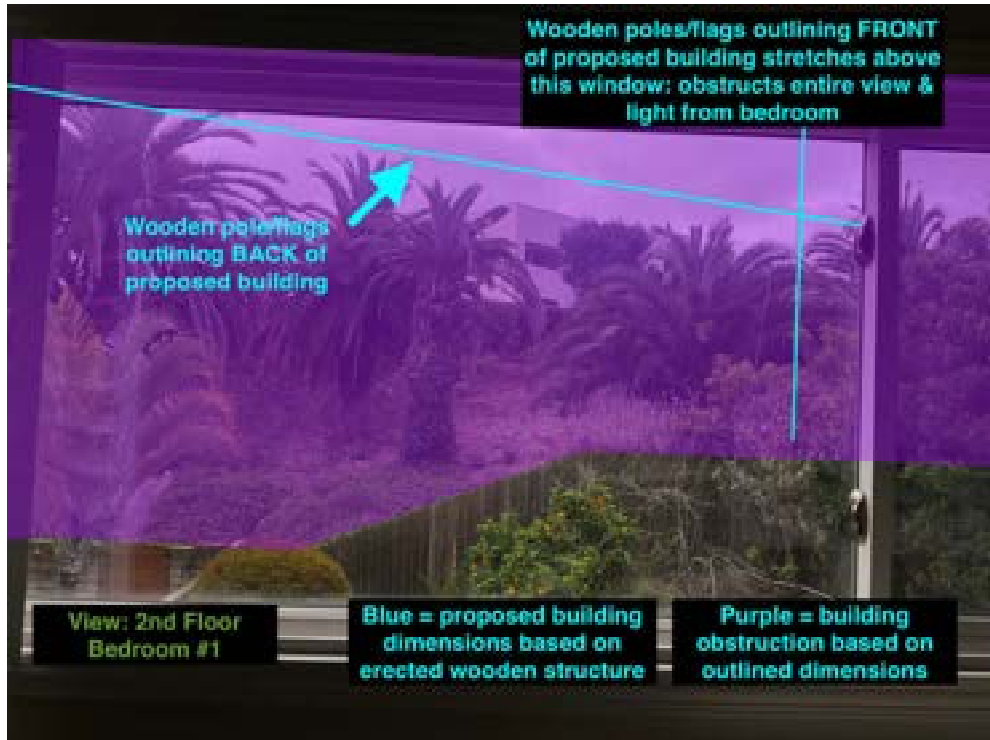
Our home & our neighbors' homes also sit directly at the bottom of the slope along the northern part of the parcel. There is a history of soil erosion, mudslides & runoffs in the Rollings Hills & Rancho Palos Verdes area. As the impacts of El Nino and La Nina grow more substantial as climate change continues to worsen, I am skeptical of the stability of the proposed project & its extreme grading.

We also already feel the rumbling of large vehicles driving along Hawthorne Blvd from the west. Cars of all sizes already drive at high speeds downhill from Palos Verdes & the Rolling Hills Road/Hawthorne Blvd. intersection is already busy. With the property proposing to bring the curb even closer to our home and add a subterranean parking garage, there will be a dramatic increase in not only the sound & ground movement at our property, but also an increased risk of traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) accidents.

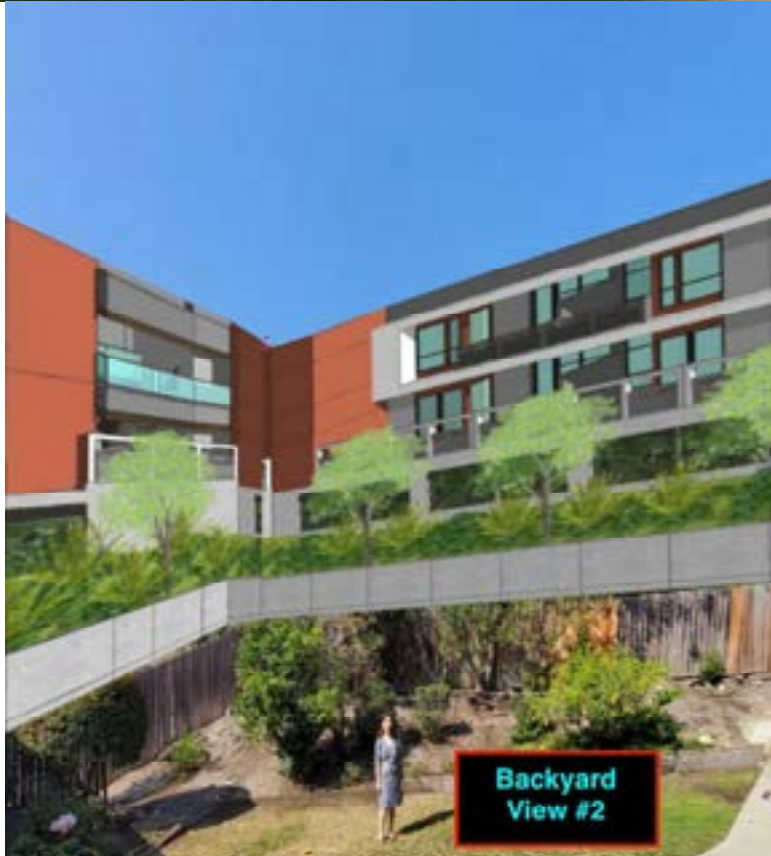
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Photos #1 & 2 — Views from Upstairs Bedrooms

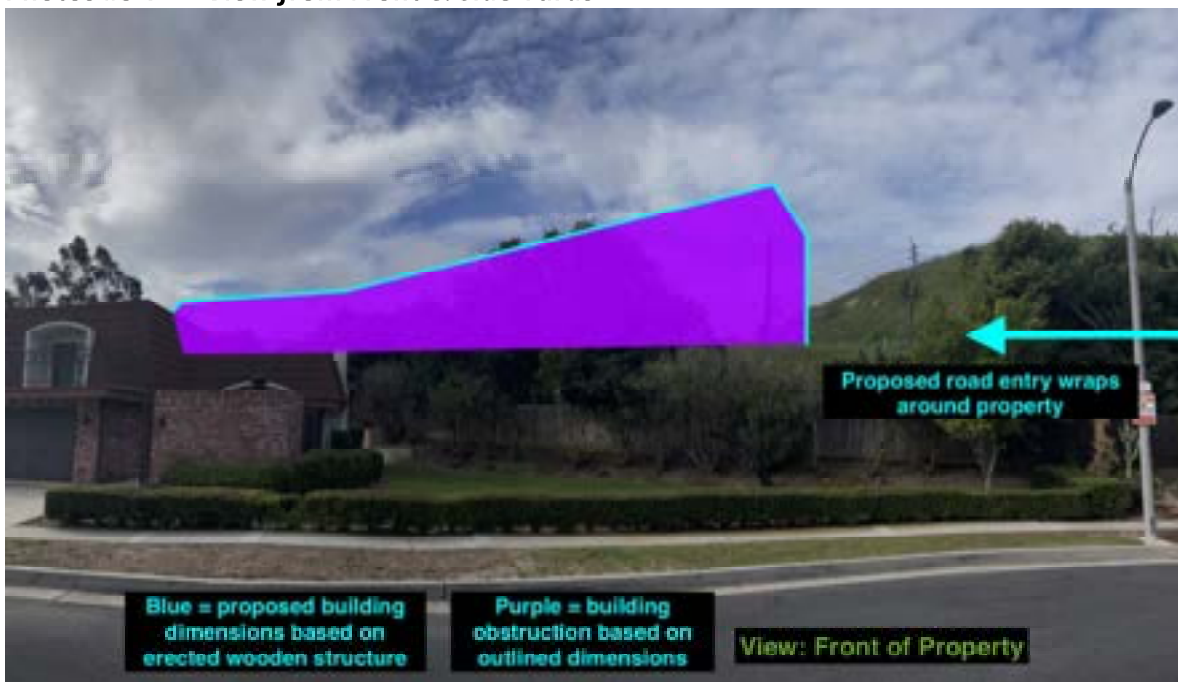


Photos #3-5 — View from Back Yard





Photos #5-7 — View from Front & Side Yards





Front Yard View



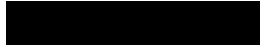
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The project fully surrounds our home both horizontally and vertically, which presents a significant likelihood of devaluing our property. We recorded a 50-second Youtube video that shows the silhouette from various points of our home: <https://youtu.be/OdsIUo5V4LI>. All photos & this video can also be found in a shared Google Drive that is [linked here](#).

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Sincerely,

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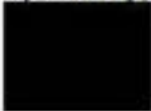
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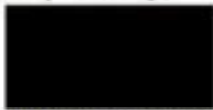
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In 2019, the State Legislature enacted the Housing Crisis Act (SB 330) (“HCA”). The keystone of the HCA is a legislatively declared, statewide housing crisis -- a housing crisis of “historic proportions.” The HCA features a number of urgent declarations. Among other things, the HCA declares that “[t]he lack of housing, including emergency shelters, is a critical problem that threatens the economic, environmental, and social quality of life in California.” (Gov. Code, § 65589.5, subd. (a)(1)(A).) The HCA also states that “[t]he excessive cost of the state’s housing supply is partially caused by activities and policies of many local governments that limit the approval of housing, increase the cost of land for housing, and require that high fees and exactions be paid by producers of housing.” (SB 330, § 2, subd. (a).)

One of the purposes of the HCA was to strengthen an already robust housing law, the Housing Accountability Act (Gov. Code, § 65589.5) (“HAA”). When a proposed housing development project complies with applicable, objective general plan, zoning, and subdivision standards and criteria, including design review standards, in effect at the time that the application was deemed complete, the local government may not deny the project or require a reduction in proposed density unless it makes written findings -- supported by a preponderance of the evidence on the record -- that both of the following conditions exist:

- (A) The housing development project would have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety unless the project is disapproved or approved upon the condition that the project be developed at a lower density. As used in this paragraph, a “specific, adverse impact” means a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application was deemed complete.
- (B) There is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the adverse impact identified pursuant to paragraph (1), other than the disapproval of the housing development project or the approval of the project upon the condition that it be developed at a lower density.

(*Id.*, § 65589.5, subd. (j).) “Specific, adverse impact,” means “a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application was deemed complete.” (*Id.*, § 65589.5, subd. (d)(2).) Further, the Legislature clearly intends for these findings to be taxing, stringent and difficult to make:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the conditions that would have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health and safety, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) . . . *arise infrequently.*

(*Id.*, § 65589.5 subd. (a)(3), emphasis added.) Finally, the Legislature made clear that “[i]t is the policy of the state that this section be interpreted and implemented in a manner to afford the fullest possible weight to the interest of, and the approval and provision of, housing.” (*Id.*, § 65589.5 subd. (a)(2)(K).)

2. The Project Is Subject to the State Density Bonus Law.

As noted above, the Project also is governed by the SDBL. The SDBL was first enacted in 1979 to address the shortage of affordable housing in California. (*Latinos Unidos Del Valle De Napa Y Solano v. County of Napa* (2013) 217 Cal.App.4th 1160, 1164.) When a developer agrees to include a specified percentage of affordable housing in a project, the SDBL mandates that the local government grant that developer (a) a “density bonus,” (b) requested “incentives and concessions” in an amount linked to the percentage of affordable units and (c) “waivers or reductions” of “development standards” if the project (with its incentives, waivers and density bonus) cannot physically be constructed under those development standards. (Gov. Code, § 65915, subd. (b)(1); *Latinos Unidos Del Valle De Napa y Solano v. County of Napa*, *supra*, 217 Cal.App.4th at p. 1164.) The Project does not seek a density bonus, but it sets aside five percent of its units for a very low income household, which means it is entitled to one concession for the reduction in required commercial square footage, in accordance with Government Code Section 65915 subdivision (b)(1) and 65915 subdivision (d)(1).

Notably, the SDBL allows for only “very limited exceptions to its requirements and places the burden on a city to establish an exception applies.” (*Bankers Hill 150 v. City of San Diego* (2022) 74 Cal.App.5th 755, 770.) In this case, nothing in the administrative record establishes that any exception applies or has otherwise been determined by staff.

3. The City Is Prohibited from Delaying the Project.

The HCA and the HAA are driven toward a policy that prevents increased housing costs due to governmental delay. (See, e.g., Gov. Code, § 65589.5, subd. (a)(1)(B).) Government Code section 66300, as amended by HCA, provides that, “with respect to land where housing is an allowable use, an affected county or affected city shall not enact a development policy, standard, or condition that would . . . impos[e] a moratorium or similar restriction or limitation on housing development, including mixed-use development” (*Id.*, § 66300, subd. (b)(1)(B)(i).) That section is intended to be “broadly construed so as to maximize the development of housing” within the state. (*Id.*, § 66300, subd. (e)(2).) Indefinitely tabling a zoning consistent housing development project, such as this, could qualify as a de facto moratorium in violation of this section.

Michelle Ramirez
City of Torrance
September 20, 2024
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4. Conclusion.

For the foregoing reasons, this Project should be placed on the next available agenda for the City Planning Commission so that it may be properly presented to the decision-making body and approved.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any question concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

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A Professional Corporation


Michael W. Shonafelt
Shareholder

MWS/mlt

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ITEM 8A
ATTACHMENT 8

Revised Density Bonus Concessions & Waiver Justifications

Walteria Mixed Use Narrative for asked for concessions and waivers:

1. CONCESSION: REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF COMMERCIAL SPACE REQUIRED BY ZONING.

Pursuant to State Density Bonus Law a concession is requested to reduce the commercial from 6,050 SF (25% of the total building area) to 1608 SF. The relief from this standard will result in identifiable and actual cost reductions to provide affordable housing. The topography of the property and the slope of the major arterial Hawthorne Blvd., creates very difficult vehicular access to any sort of retail or commercial component in the project. This reduction allows us to reduce the building in height from a three story over basement parking to a two story over basement parking. This reduction also reduces amount of shade and shadow that we would cast on the neighbors to the East of the property.

The concession is additionally consistent with State Density Bonus law as it is defined as a development standard for which concessions may be requested in Government Code Section 65915(o)(2)

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65915 (Applies to all requests for concessions and waivers)

(O) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS SHALL APPLY:

(2) "DEVELOPMENT STANDARD" INCLUDES A SITE OR CONSTRUCTION CONDITION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A HEIGHT LIMITATION, A SETBACK REQUIREMENT, A FLOOR AREA RATIO, AN ONSITE OPENSOURCE REQUIREMENT, A MINIMUM LOT AREA PER UNIT REQUIREMENT, OR A PARKING RATIO THAT APPLIES TO A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO ANY ORDINANCE, GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT, SPECIFIC PLAN, CHARTER, OR OTHER LOCAL CONDITION, LAW, POLICY, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION THAT IS ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL CONDITION, LAW, POLICY, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION THAT IS ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR THAT IS ENACTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ELECTORATE EXERCISING ITS LOCAL INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM POWER, WHETHER THAT POWER IS DERIVED FROM THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, STATUTE, OR THE CHARTER OR ORDINANCES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

2. WAIVER: REDUCTION IN SETBACK FROM THE EAST PROPERTY LINE FROM 20 FT TO 10 FT AT THE LOWER BASEMENT GARAGE ONLY.

The triangular shape of the lot makes it very difficult to have any kind of efficient garage in order to park the cars required without using some of the setback. This reduction of setback only happens at the lowest level and only at the parking. All of the residential units are 20 ft from the Eastern PL per the zoning code.

This waiver is consistent with the requirements of the State Density Bonus law as relief from the applicable development standard would result in identifiable and actual cost reductions.

The waiver is additionally consistent with State Density Bonus law as it is defined as a development standard for which waivers may be requested in Government Code Section 65915(o)(2)

3. WAIVER: REDUCTION IN AVERAGE FRONT STREET SETBACK FROM 20 FT TO 8.35 FT., REDUCTION OF FRONT SETBACK MINIMUM DIMENSIONS FROM 10 FT TO 6 FT, AND REDUCTION IN SIDE YARD SETBACK FROM 5 FT TO 1 FT - 6" AT SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AT BASEMENT LEVEL ONLY

- The Hawthorne Blvd. Corridor Overlay does not require any front setback but because we are proposing a Senior Project apparently the zone reverts back to R3 zoning which requires a 20 ft Street setback. We are requesting a waiver due to the hardship of providing that much setback on a shallow odd- shaped lot. It would prevent us from developing the project at all.
- Due to the irregular shape of the property we needed to encroach into the South side yard setback with the basement parking level in order to secure enough parking to serve the project. Most of the basement level is below natural grade along the South property line.

This waiver is consistent with the requirements of the State Density Bonus law as relief from the applicable development standard would result in identifiable and actual cost reductions.

The waiver is additionally consistent with State Density Bonus law as it is defined as a development standard for which waivers may be requested in Government Code Section 65915(o)(2)

ITEM 8A
ATTACHMENT #9

Minutes Excerpt & Staff Report of the April 17, 2024 Planning
Commission Hearing

8C. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CUP21-00018, DVP21-00001, PRE21-00009, DIV21-00009, WAV21-00007; MAHMOUD H. AWAD TRUSTEE**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that Planning Commission conduct a public hearing to consider approval of a series of entitlements to allow the construction of a new mixed-use development comprised of 20 senior residential apartments and 1,608 sq. ft. of commercial space. The request includes a Conditional Use Permit, in conjunction with Density Bonus, Development Permit, Precise Plan of Development, Division of Lot, and Waiver, on property located within the Hillside Overlay, in the HBCSP-WT Zone, along the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046). This project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA per Guidelines Sections 15332 – Infill Development, 15315 – Minor Land Divisions and 15305 – Minor Alterations. (Res. Nos. 24-021, 24-022, 24-023, 24-024, 24-025)

Item 8C continued to a date uncertain.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8C

TO: Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Planning Division

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit, CUP21-00018
Development Permit, DVP21-00001
Precise Plan of Development, PRE21-00009
Division of Lot, DIV21-00009
Waiver, WAV21-00007

LOCATION: East side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 200 feet north of Rolling Hills Road (APNs: 7547-004-040 through 7547-004-046)

The applicant has requested a continuance, to provide additional time to work with staff regarding the proposed layout for the project. Staff recommends that the matter be continued indefinitely. The item will be re-advertised, re-posted and re-noticed, when the project plans have been resubmitted and a revised silhouette has been adjusted, as needed.

Prepared by,



Yolanda Gomez
Planning Associate

Respectfully submitted,



Leo Oorts
Planning Manager

Attachment:

1. Correspondence from Applicant

Gomez, Yolanda

From: Zeina Awad <zeina@zsdevelop.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:42 AM
To: Gomez, Yolanda
Cc: Dan Whithee; Oorts, Leo
Subject: Follow-up on discussion regarding Walteria senior housing hearing

Hello Yolanda,

I trust this email finds you well. Following our conversation on April 10, 2024, I am writing to confirm our decision to heed your recommendation to postpone the scheduled hearing for the Walteria Senior Housing Project.

Both our architect, Dan, and I were taken aback by the requirement for a 30-foot access to the south side of our property. This unexpected stipulation has introduced significant challenges and concerns that necessitate prompt resolution.

In light of this, I kindly request your assistance in arranging a meeting with the fire department at your earliest convenience. It is imperative that we address this matter expediently to ensure the smooth progression of the project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.

Best,

Zeina Awad

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ATTACHMENT 10

Technical Studies
(<https://bit.ly/EnvironmentalDocuments>)

ITEM 8A
ATTACHMENT 11

Project Plans



WALTERIA

CITY OF TORRANCE - CALIFORNIA



Doc. M3218521 Date: 06/24/2025 10:00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: TWO LEVELS OF TYPE V RESIDENTIAL - SENIOR APARTMENTS AND ONE LEVEL OF TYPE I CONCRETE PARKING / OFFICE

ZONING SUMMARY

PROJECT SITE INFORMATION				
APN #	ADDRESS	ZONE	LOT AREA (SF)	LOT AREA (ACRE)
7547-004-049	EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BLVD., 210FT NORTH OF ROLLING HILLS RD., TORRANCE CA	H-WTHB	24,635	0.565

	ALLOWED		PROPOSED		NOTES
	OFFICE	RESIDENTIAL	OFFICE	RESIDENTIAL	
NORTH - SIDE	0'	-	-	150'	REFER TO SHEET SD03B FOR AVERAGE SETBACK CALCS
EAST (ADJ. RESIDENTIAL - REAR)	10'	20'	-	20'	
WEST (HAWTHORNE) - FRONT	0'	0'	10' (AVG. OF 8.35)	0' (AVG. OF 8.35)	
SOUTH - SIDE	-	0'	-	10'	
NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS	32 DU		20 DU		CITY OF TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE 95.3.46 SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING
DENSITY	58 DU / ACRE SENIOR HOUSING		35 DU/ACRE		1 DU / 750 S.F. OF LAND
FLOOR AREA RATIO (F.A.R.)	1		0.98		
NUMBER OF STORES	N/A		2 STORY + BASEMENT		
BUILDING HEIGHT	49'		42'-0" TO T.O. STAIR		HEIGHT SHALL BE MEASURED FROM THE LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE

PARKING SUMMARY				
	REQUIRED		PROVIDED	NOTES
RESIDENTIAL	1 CAR/DU	20 STALLS	20 STALLS	GUEST PARKING 1 / 5 DU = 4
OFFICE	1 CAR / 333 SF	1,808 / 333 = 4.8 STALLS	5 STALLS	GUEST PARKING IS SHARED WITH OFFICE
TOTAL		25 STALLS	25 STALLS	

UNIT SUMMARY						
PLAN	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	GROSS AREA (SF)	TOTAL GROSS AREA (SF)	PRIVATE DECK (SF)	TOTAL PRIVATE DECK (SF)
A1	1 BED / 1 BATH	15	808	9,120	90	1,350
A1-a	1 BED / 1 BATH	2	590	1,180	90	180
A2	1 BED / 1 BATH	2	523	1,046	90	180
A3	1 BED / 1 BATH	1	704	704	90	90
TOTAL		20	12,650			1,800

BUILDING SUMMARY			GROSS AREA (SF)
PLAN	DESCRIPTION		
P1 LEVEL	LOBBY / STAIR AND CIRCULATION / BIKE STORAGE / TRASH ROOM / ELEC. ROOM		2,100
1ST LEVEL	RESIDENTIAL / LOBBY / MAIL / STAIR AND CIRCULATION / OFFICE / AMENITY		11,050
2ND LEVEL	RESIDENTIAL / STAIR AND CIRCULATION / AMENITY		11,050
TOTAL			24,200

OFFICE AREA	
REQUIRED	GROSS AREA (SF) PROVIDED
25% OF TOTAL BUILDING AREA : 24,200 X .925 = 6,050 S.F.	1,628 S.F.

OPEN SPACE SUMMARY				
	REQUIRED		PROPOSED	NOTES
TOTAL OPEN SPACE	200 S.F. / DU = 20 X 200 = 4,000 S.F.			CITY OF TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE 95.3.46 SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING
			1,800 S.F. (90 S.F. X 20 DU)	REFER TO SHEET SD03B FOR BREAKDOWN OF COMMON OPEN SPACE AREAS.
			6,782 S.F.	
			8,582 S.F.	
TOTAL		4,000 S.F.	8,582 S.F.	

PROJECT TEAM:

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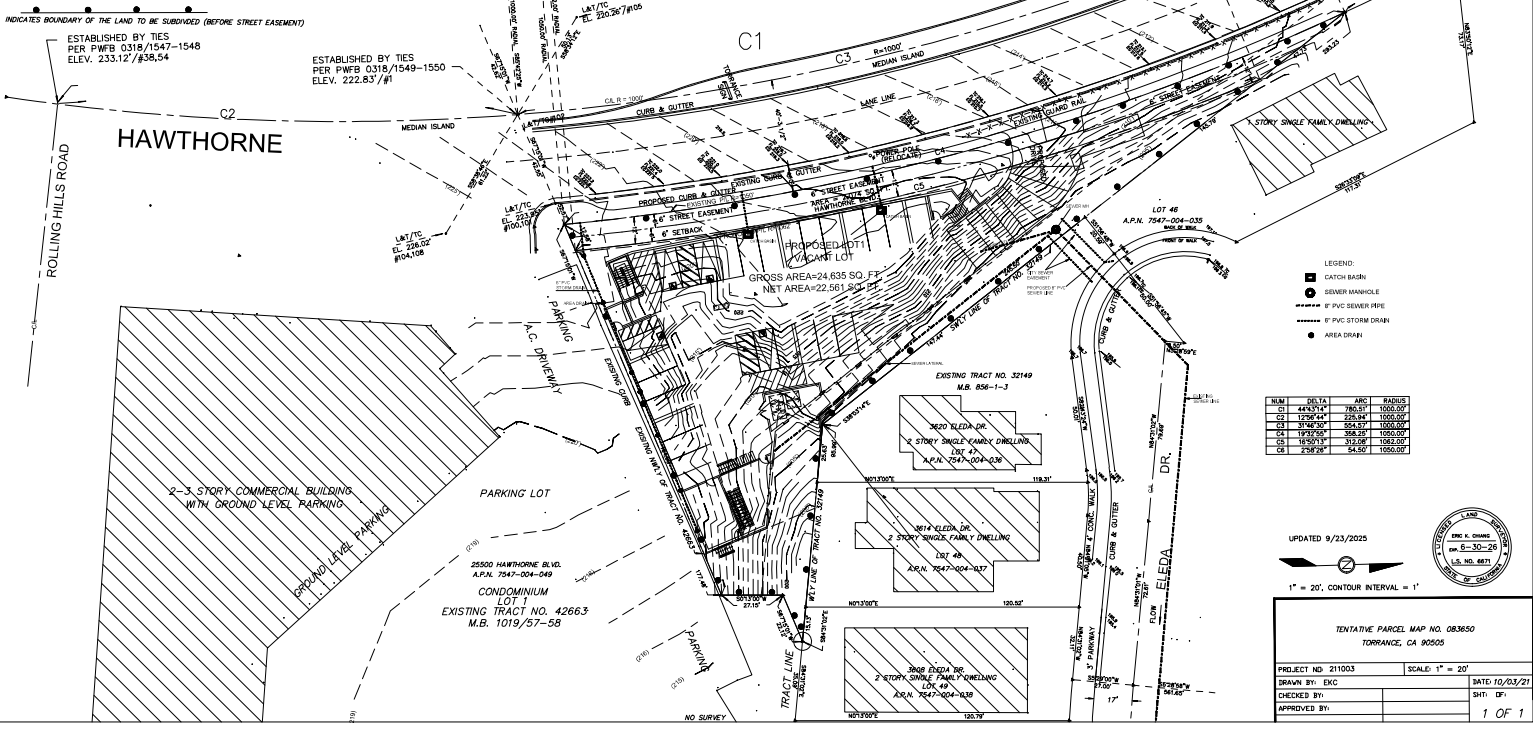
TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 083650
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR 1 LOT REVERSION TO ACREAGE PURPOSE (MERGER). PROPOSED PROJECT NAME: WALTERIA TOWNHOMES.

NOTES:
 SITE ADDRESS: NONE (EAST OF HAWTHORNE BLVD. AND +/- 200' NORTH OF ROLLING HILLS RD.) TO 793 04, EXISTING A.P.N. 7547-004-040, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045 AND 046 (7 A.P.N.'s)
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
 PORTIONS OF LOTS 1-4 IN BLOCK 13 OF WALTERIA AND VACATED STREETS, CALIFORNIA AVE. AND GAYTON RD. IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE 98-99 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.
 BASIS OF BEARINGS:
 THE BEARING OF 000°13'00" OF THE CENTER LINE OF MADISON ST. AS SHOWN ON TRACT NO. 32149, M.B. 856-1-3 OF MAPS, RECORD OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WAS USED AS THE BASIS OF BEARINGS FOR THIS MAP.
 BENCH MARK: BM ID 705 (NAVD 1988)
 CHASED BY 2" WEST OF WEST END CATCH BASIN ON NORTH WEST CORNER OF CATCH BASIN OF HAWTHORNE BLVD. AND 1/4 VALMONTI, ELEVATION: 178.78 FEET
 THE SURVEY INFORMATION IS TO FOLLOW TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY MAP DATED 04/18/2017 PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT TO BE ON THE SAME ELEVATION DATUM.
 ALL OTHER TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION INCLUDING CONTOURS IS TO FOLLOW THE MAP DATED 04/18/2017 AS SHOWN.
 CONTOURS SHOWN REPRESENTS EXISTING GROUND. OVERLAY PROPOSED FIRST LEVEL FOOTPRINT.

RECORD OWNER, DEVELOPER: ZS DEVELOPMENT CORP.
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 2221 WEST 100TH ST., TORRANCE, CA 90504
 CONTACT: DORR HELEN, PHONE: (424) 266-8935
 EMAIL: DORR@WITHEEWALCOLD.COM
 PROJECT DATA: MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT
 ZONE: M-147-05
 LOT AREA: 24,635 SQ. FT.
 6' STREET EASEMENT=2,074 SQ. FT., NET 22,561 SQ. FT.
 2 LEVELS OF TYPE V RESIDENTIAL (SENIOR APARTMENT)
 AND 1 LEVEL OF TYPE I CONCRETE PARKING OFFICE

BUILDING DATA: 2 STORY + 1 LEVEL PARKING; BUILDING HEIGHT 42'-6"					
NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS: 20 DU, DENSITY 36 DU/ACRE, ALLOWED (38 DU/AC. SENIOR HOUSING)					
UNIT SUMMARY	PLAN	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT AREA (SQ. FT.)	TOTAL SQUARE FEET (SQ. FT.)
	A1	1 BED/1 BATH	15	6,008	90,120
	A1-BH	1 BED/1 BATH	2	590	1,180
	A2	1 BED/1 BATH	2	523	1,046
	A3	1 BED/1 BATH	1	754	754
	TOTAL		20	12,900	1,800
	OFFICE AREA: REQUIRED 25% OF BUILDING AREA = 24,200/25% = 6,050 SF. PROVIDED 1,608 S.F.				
PARKING SUMMARY					
	RESIDENTIAL	1 CAR/DU	20 STALLS	90 STALLS	GUEST PARKING 1/2 DU = 4
	OFFICE	1 CAR/333SF	1608/333=4.8 STALLS	5 STALLS	GUEST PARKING IS SHARED WITH OFFICE
	TOTAL		25 STALLS	25 STALLS	
BUILDING SUMMARY					
	PLAN	DESCRIPTION	PROVIDED	NOTES	
	RESIDENTIAL	1 CAR/DU	20 STALLS	90 STALLS	RESIDENTIAL
	OFFICE	1 CAR/333SF	1608/333=4.8 STALLS	5 STALLS	GUEST PARKING IS SHARED WITH OFFICE
	TOTAL		25 STALLS	25 STALLS	
	PI LEVEL	LOWEST/STAIR AND GRILL/STAIR/STAIR AND GRILL/STAIR/STAIR AND GRILL/STAIR	ELEVATION	GROSS AREA (S.F.)	
	1ST LEVEL	RESIDENTIAL, OFFICE, STAIR AND GRILL/STAIR/STAIR AND GRILL/STAIR	218.0'	11,050	
	2ND LEVEL	RESIDENTIAL, STAIR AND GRILL/STAIR/STAIR AND GRILL/STAIR	228.0'	11,050	
	TOTAL			24,200	
EXISTING GRADE FIRST - SECOND LEVEL 222.07' TO 249.21'; TOP PARAPET 251.7'					

C/L E.C.
 2"IP PER PWFB
 0318/1551-1552



LEGEND

- CATCH BASIN
- SEWER MANHOLE
- 8" PVC SEWER PIPE
- 8" PVC STORM DRAIN
- AREA DRAIN

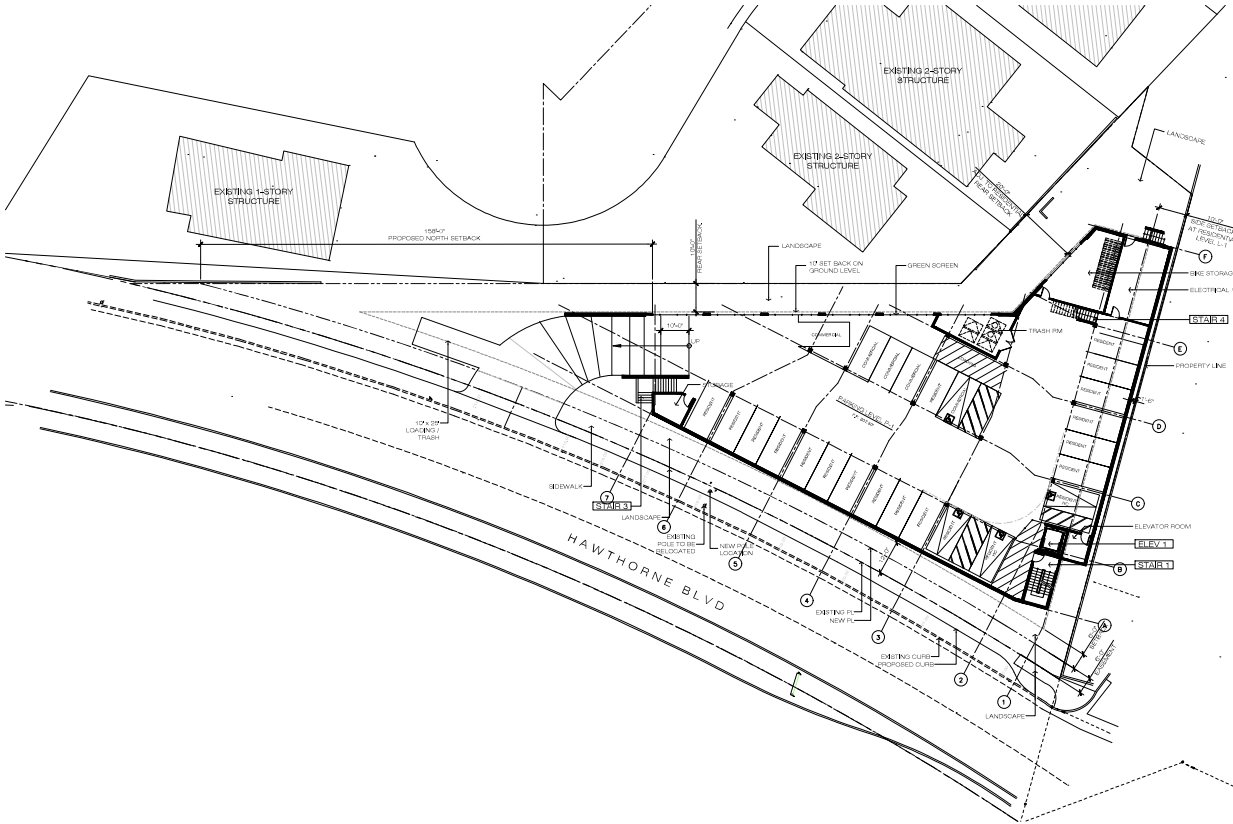
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C2	132°24'44"	228.84'	1050.00'
C3	81°26'00"	554.57'	1050.00'
C4	119°22'00"	368.39'	1050.00'
C5	15°10'15"	312.56'	1050.00'
C6	232°20'20"	54.50'	1050.00'

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1" = 20', CONTOUR INTERVAL = 1'

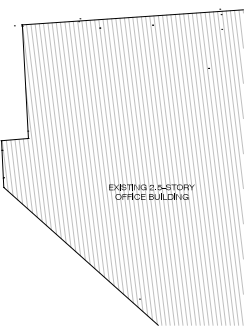
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 TORRANCE, CA 90505

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 APPROVED BY: 1 OF 1

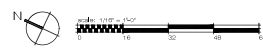


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PARKING LEVEL P-1	
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RESIDENTIAL	20 SPACES



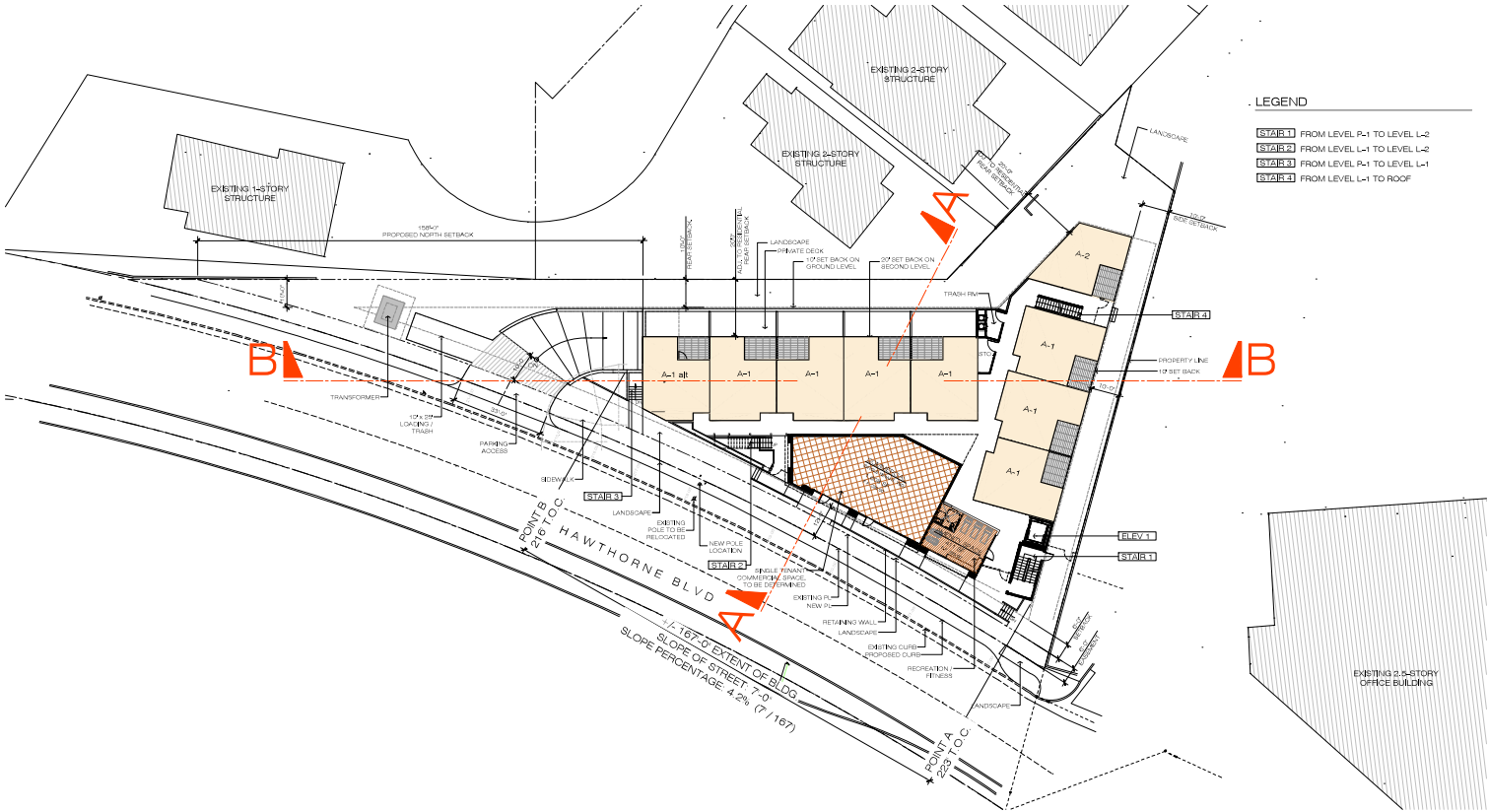
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BUILDING PLAN
LEVEL P-1

No. M1218521
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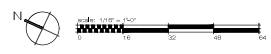


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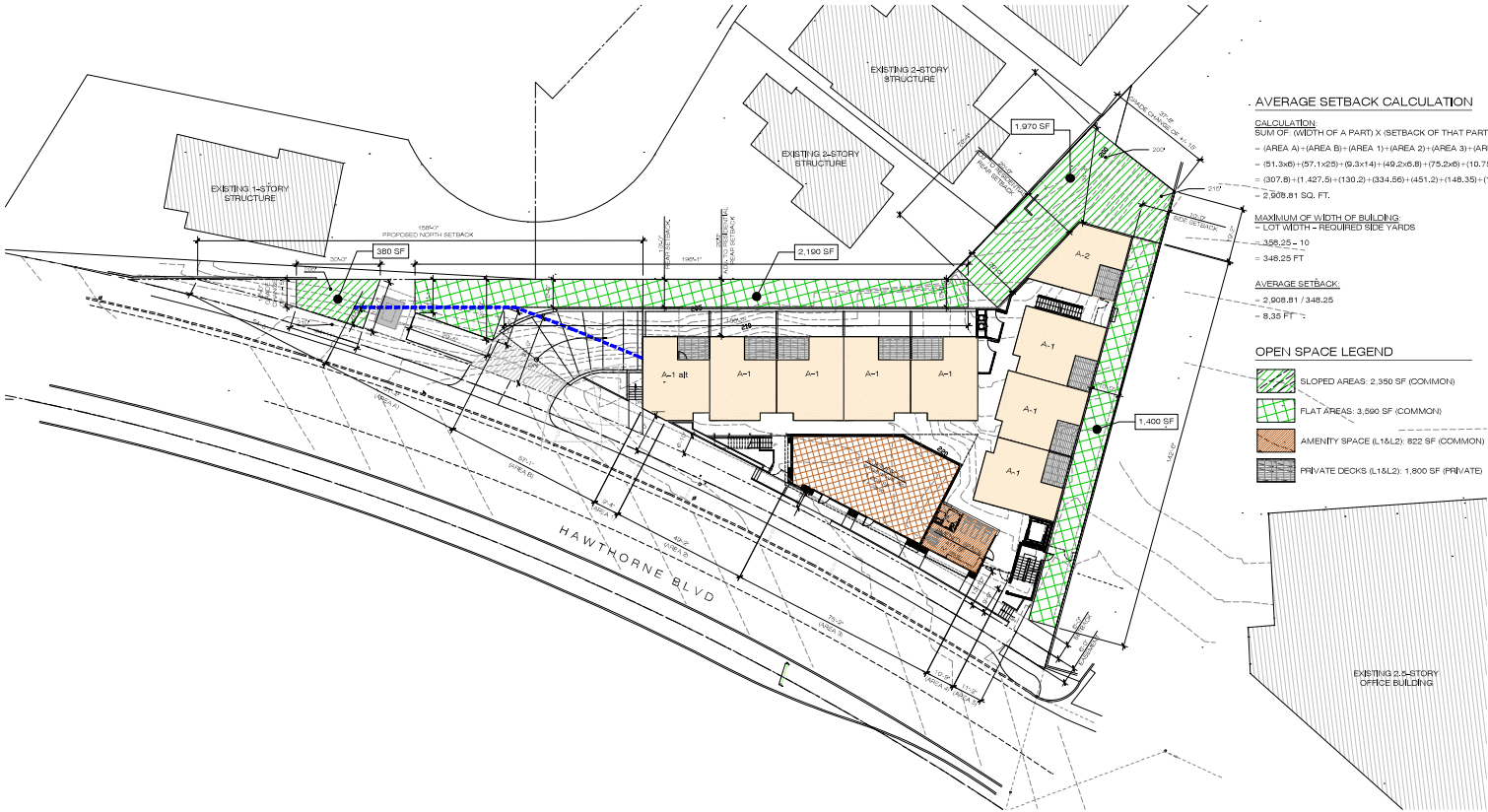
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SITE PLAN
LEVEL L-1

No. M3218521
CG018

Date: 09/24/2025

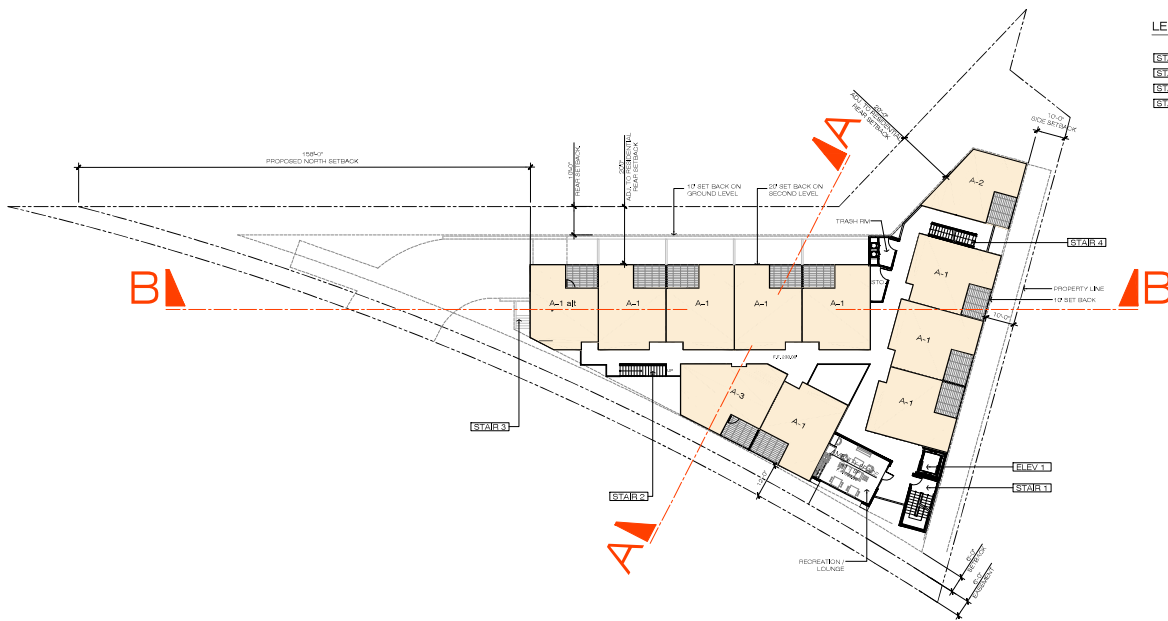


AVERAGE SETBACK CALCULATION
CALCULATION
 SUM OF (WIDTH OF A PART) X (SETBACK OF THAT PART)
 = (AREA A) + (AREA B) + (AREA 1) + (AREA 2) + (AREA 3) + (AREA 4) + (AREA 5)
 = (51.3x6) + (57.1x25) + (6.3x14) + (49.2x5.8) + (75.2x6) + (16.75x13.8) + (11.2x9.75)
 = (307.8) + (1,427.5) + (83.22) + (2,853.6) + (451.2) + (148.35) + (109.2)
 = 2,908.81 SQ. FT.

MAXIMUM OF WIDTH OF BUILDING
 = LOT WIDTH - REQUIRED SIDE YARDS
 = 336.25 - 10
 = 348.25 FT

AVERAGE SETBACK
 = 2,908.81 / 348.25
 = 8.35 FT

- OPEN SPACE LEGEND**
- SLOPED AREAS: 2,350 SF (COMMON)
 - FLAT AREAS: 3,500 SF (COMMON)
 - AMENITY SPACE (L1&L2): 822 SF (COMMON)
 - PRIVATE DECKS (L1&L2): 1,800 SF (PRIVATE)



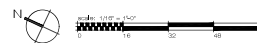
LEGEND

S2/F1	FROM LEVEL P-1 TO LEVEL L-2
S2/F2	FROM LEVEL L-1 TO LEVEL L-2
S2/F3	FROM LEVEL A-1 TO LEVEL L-1
S2/F4	FROM LEVEL L-1 TO ROOF



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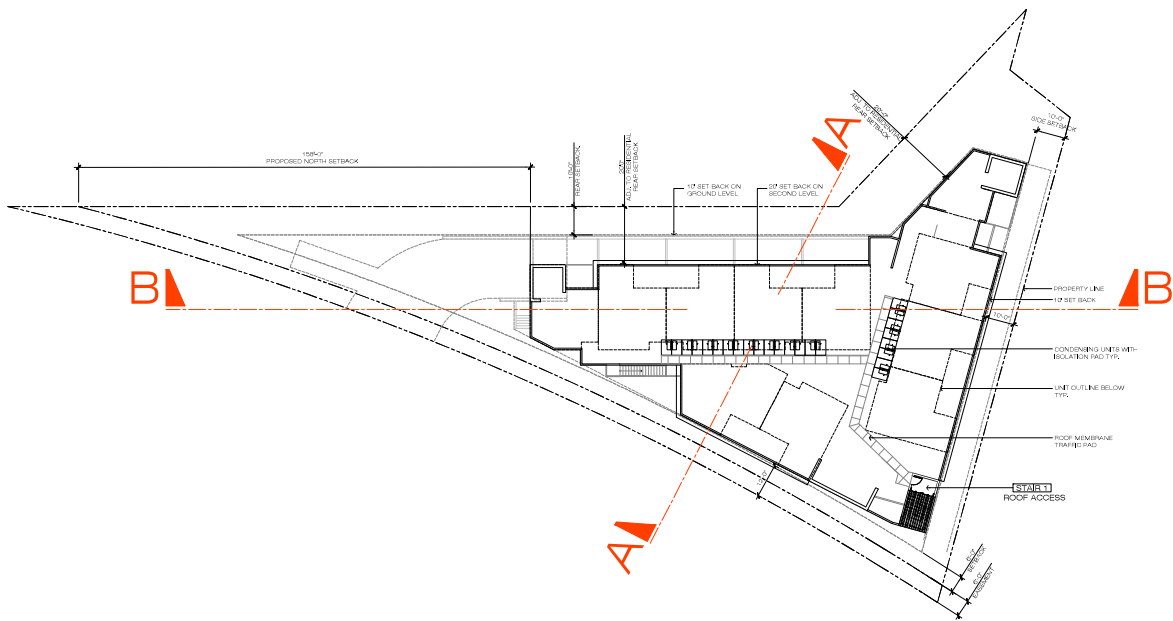
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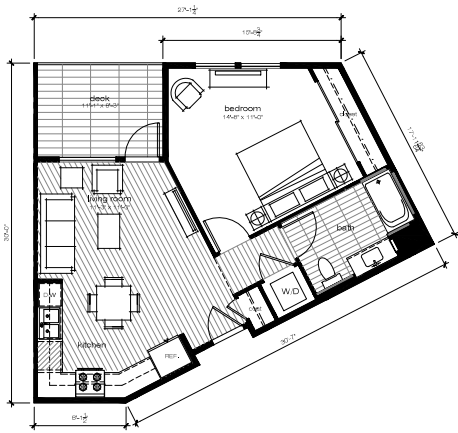
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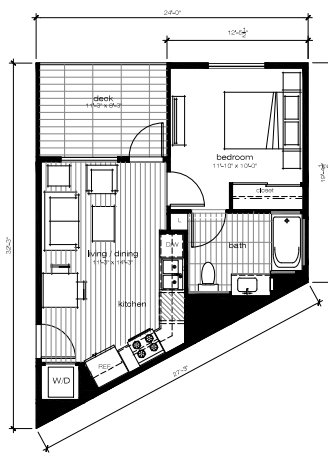
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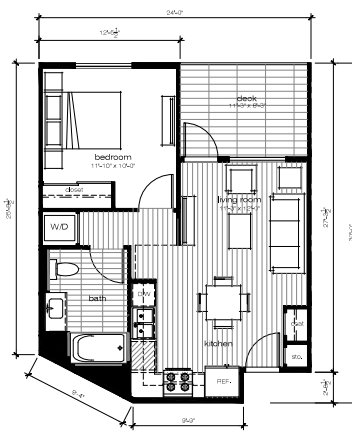




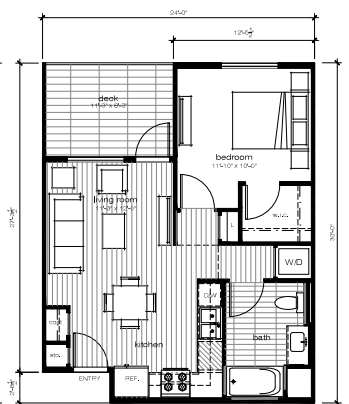
PLAN A-3
 1 BEDROOM = 1 BATH
 GROSS AREA: 704 S.F.
 DECK AREA: 90 S.F.



PLAN A-2
 1 BEDROOM = 1 BATH
 GROSS AREA: 823 S.F.
 DECK AREA: 90 S.F.



PLAN A-1 alt
 1 BEDROOM = 1 BATH
 GROSS AREA: 590 S.F.
 DECK AREA: 93 S.F.



PLAN A-1
 1 BEDROOM = 1 BATH
 GROSS AREA: 608 S.F.
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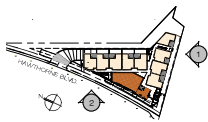
1 - SOUTH ELEVATION

LEGEND

- 1 STUCCO
- 2 CEMENTITIOUS SIDINGS
- 3 TREX RAILING
- 4 VINYL WINDOW
- 5 METAL RAILING
- 6 METAL CANOPY
- 7 GLASS RAILING
- 8 METAL FRAME
- 9 METAL GRILL
- 10 PRIVACY SCREEN
- 11 PRECAST CONCRETE
- 12 SIGNAGE
- 13 METAL SIGNAGE
- 14 METAL SCREEN AT GARAGE FOR VENTILATION
- 15 METAL SIDING



2 - WEST ELEVATION



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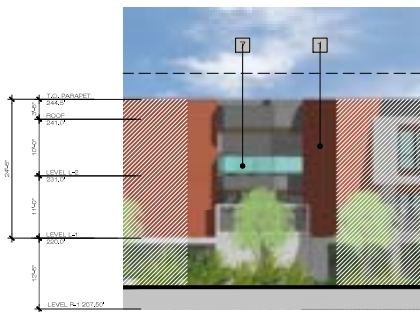


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3b - NORTH-EAST ELEV.



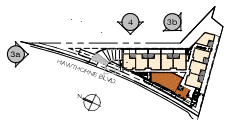
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LEGEND

- 11 STUCCO
- 2 CEMENTITIOUS SIDINGS
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- 4 VINYL WINDOW
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- 6 METAL CANOPY
- 7 GLASS RAILING
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4 - EAST ELEVATION



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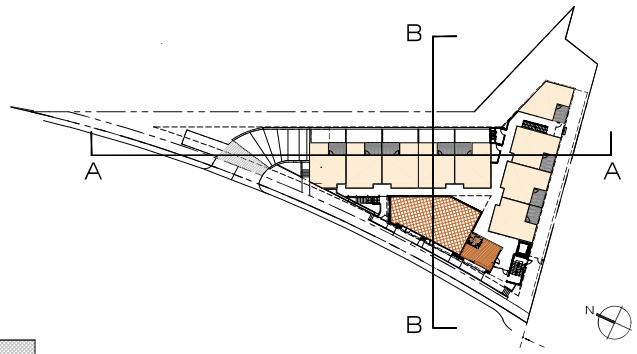
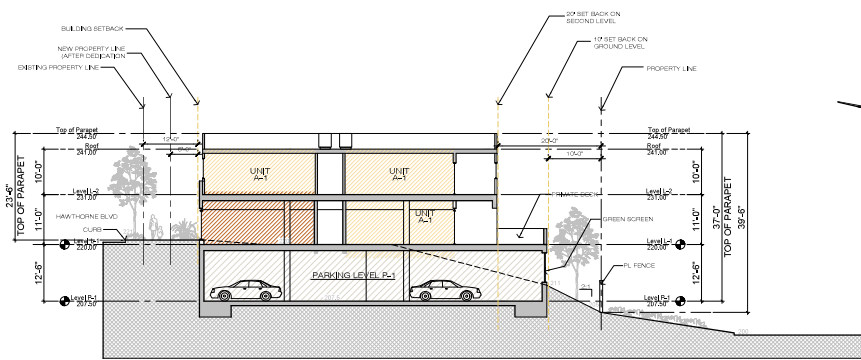


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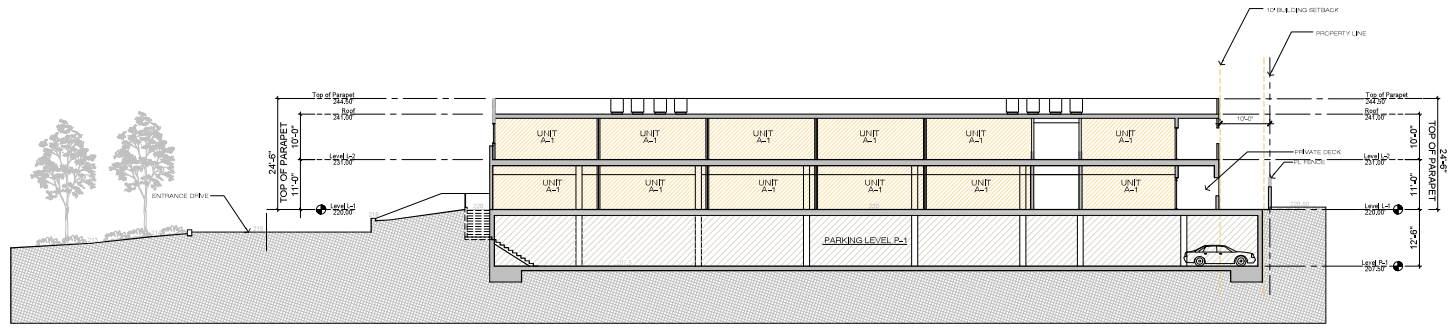


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2 - BUILDING SECTION - B



1 - BUILDING SECTION - A



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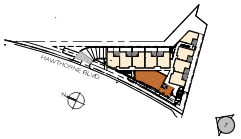
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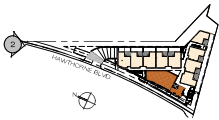
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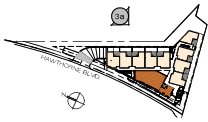
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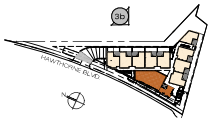


VIEW 3a






VIEW 3b



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