

MOTION

On April 21, 2015, DIR-2014-4832-DB-SPR was approved as a Density Bonus and Site Plan Review case involving 92-apartment units inclusive of 8 affordable units located at 3644, 3650, 3652, and 3658 Overland Avenue. The site is located at the terminus of Francis Place and Overland Avenue in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan area. This area of Overland is primarily commercial in nature, surrounded by small businesses and properties actively in transition. This is an area in which the pedestrian experience should be enhanced, and facilities such as improved parkways, increased landscaping and widened sidewalks should be encouraged.

As part of the project, the City's Bureau of Engineering included a requirement to widen Overland Avenue along the project site and perform any necessary removal and reconstruction of existing improvements in connection with the street widening.

Our streets should be developed and maintained to accommodate multiple modes of use, and particularly in this area, pedestrian use. Street widening should not take place at this location if it degrades the experience for users other than vehicles. Widening Overland serves no positive purpose in this community and instead degrades the desire of this community to make Overland a grand boulevard that is welcoming to pedestrians. Rather, the pedestrian experience of Overland should be upgraded with amenities such as increased landscaping and an improved sidewalk and parkway. That cannot happen with street widening at this location.

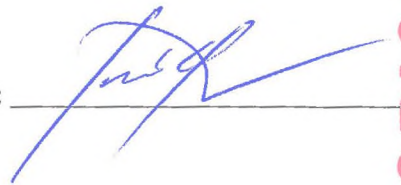
I **THEREFORE MOVE** that the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering, waive the widening requirements outlined in the letter dated March 24, 2015 for the proposed project located at 3644, 3650, 3652, and 3658 Overland Avenue, in that such widening would do little to enhance traffic flow at this location and would unduly impact the desires and efforts of this community to make Overland a more walkable street.

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