

# DOWNTOWN EXPERIMENT

PC-2026-00117 (REVOCATION)

Community & Economic Development Department

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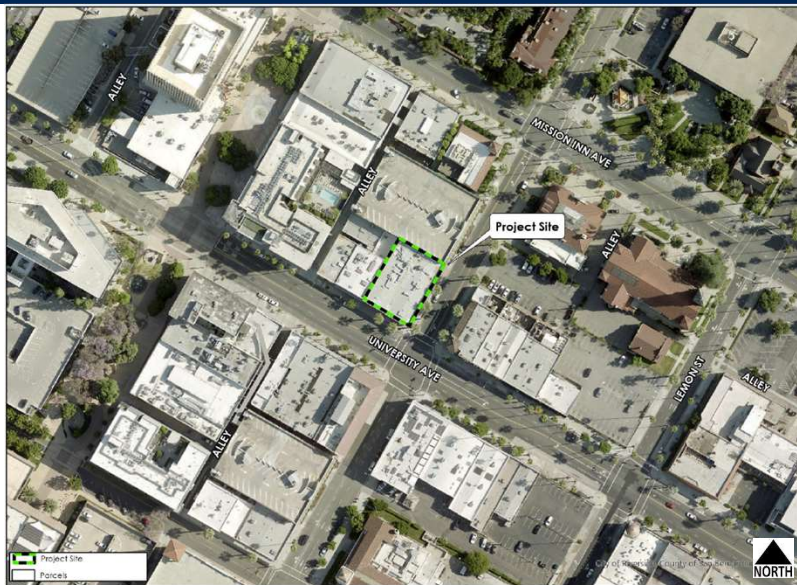


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## LOCATION MAP



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## EXISTING SITE PHOTOS



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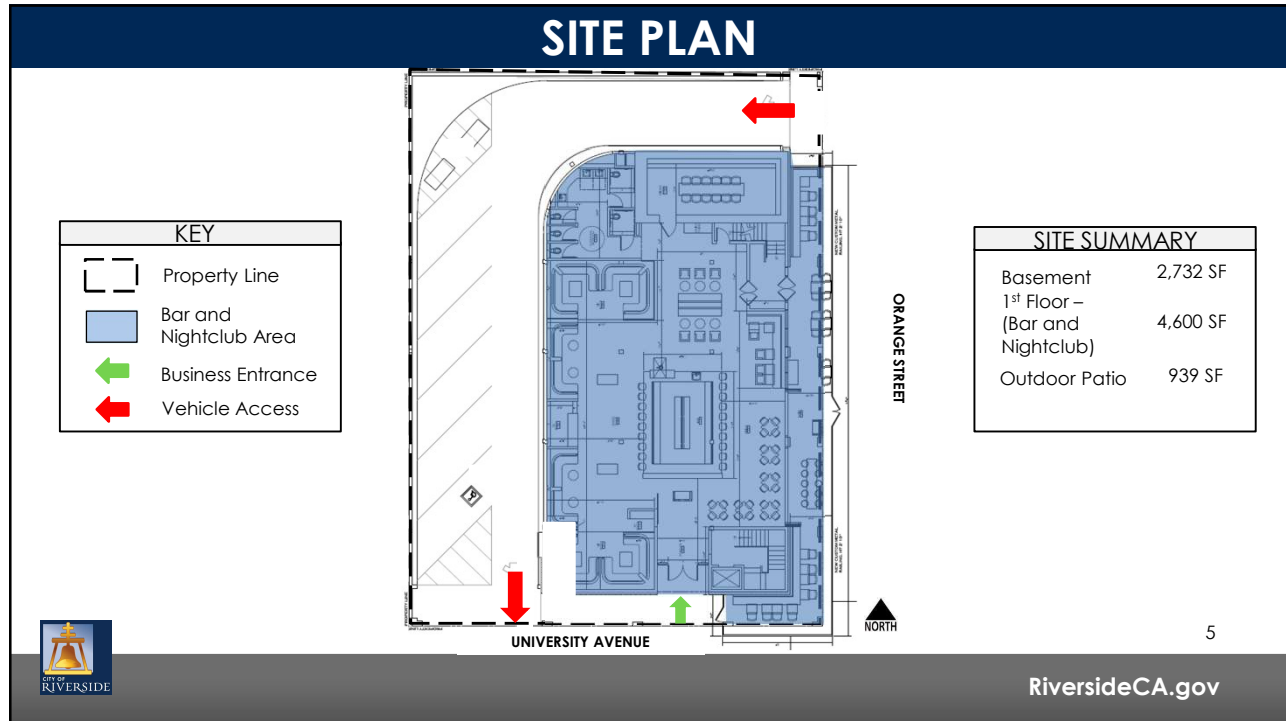
## ZONING MAP



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## VIOLATIONS OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

### Condition No. 5, Planning Case P17-0126 (MCUP) –

- Compliance with Title 7 (Noise)
  - Multiple citations related to excessive noise
  - Operation beyond permitted hours and maintain amplified music with doors and windows open.

### Condition No. 14, Planning Case P17-0126(MCUP) –

- Compliance with all Federal, State and local laws and cooperation with RPD
  - Unpermitted Tobacco Sales
  - CDTFA Tobacco License, and RPD permits are required



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## VIOLATIONS OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

### Condition No. 26, Planning Case P17-0126(MCUP) –

- Security Plan
  - Insufficient security staff
  - unbonded security staff
  - Incidents with security staff

### Condition No. 27.c , Planning Case P17-0126(MCUP) –

- Camara Security Footage
  - noncooperation and obstruction
  - Security system does not meet minimum standards



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## VIOLATIONS OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

### Condition No. 13, Planning Case P17-0126(MCUP) –

- Operated or maintained in a manner detrimental to the public health, welfare or materially injurious to public safety, property or improvements in the vicinity or if the property is operated or maintained so as to constitute a public nuisance.
  - Downtown Experiment has created an environment which threatens the safety of patrons and the general public visiting Riverside's Downtown Entertainment District; and
  - RPD determined that Downtown Experiment has generated an extraordinary number of calls for services



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## EXTRAORDINARY CALLS FOR SERVICES

1. The Riverside Police Department compiled a list of all police responses to Downtown Experiment for a five year period (January 01, 2020 through October 28, 2025).
2. The bar and nightclub generated a total of 504 calls for police service
3. A total of 99 police reports were generated.
4. Routine calls were excluded (alarm calls, parking problems, bar checks, etc.).

|                             | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Calls for Service per year. | 40   | 120  | 100  | 118  | 64   | 62   | 504   |



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## SUMMARY OF POLICE REPORTS 2020 - 2025

| Year              | Report Category                                                                 | Counts    |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 2020              | Physical altercation / battery                                                  | 1         |
| <b>2020 Total</b> |                                                                                 | <b>1</b>  |
| 2021              | Physical altercations / battery                                                 | 14        |
|                   | Intoxicated / overserved patrons (including public intoxication arrests)        | 6         |
|                   | Vice / Permit violations (operation during after-hours, alcohol violation etc.) | 3         |
|                   | Suspected drink spiking                                                         | 2         |
| <b>2021 Total</b> |                                                                                 | <b>25</b> |
| 2022              | Physical altercations / battery (including security guard assaults)             | 12        |
|                   | Intoxicated patrons / unconscious persons                                       | 1         |
|                   | Sexual assault / rape allegation                                                | 1         |
|                   | Shooting / firearm-related assault                                              | 1         |
|                   | Suspected drink spiking                                                         | 2         |
|                   | Trespassing                                                                     | 1         |
|                   | Permit / operational violations                                                 | 2         |
| <b>2022 Total</b> |                                                                                 | <b>24</b> |
| 2023              | Theft (cellphones, purse, wallet, debit card fraud)                             | 10        |
|                   | Physical altercations / battery (including security involvement)                | 6         |
|                   | Intoxicated patrons                                                             | 2         |
|                   | Suspected drink spiking / medical emergency                                     | 1         |
|                   | Large-scale disturbance (crowd violence)                                        | 1         |
| <b>2023 Total</b> |                                                                                 | <b>20</b> |
| 2024              | Theft (cellphones)                                                              | 8         |
|                   | Physical altercations / battery                                                 | 4         |
|                   | Intoxicated patrons / public intoxication arrests                               | 2         |
|                   | Firearm-related incident                                                        | 1         |
| <b>2024 Total</b> |                                                                                 | <b>14</b> |
| 2025              | Theft (cellphones)                                                              | 8         |
|                   | Physical altercations / battery (including stabbing)                            | 4         |
|                   | Sexual assault                                                                  | 1         |
|                   | Suspected drink spiking                                                         | 1         |
|                   | Intoxicated patron arrest                                                       | 1         |
| <b>2025 Total</b> |                                                                                 | <b>15</b> |



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## Notable Police Incidents

- Shooting inside Downtown Experiment
- Customer shot by another customer after a physical altercation occurred in Downtown Experiment
- Sexual assaults
- Violent physical altercation
- Security guards battering customers
- Victim stabbed after physical altercation inside Downtown Experiment



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission:

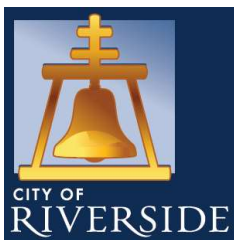
- 1. DETERMINE** that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321 (Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies) of the CEQA Guidelines, as the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- 2. APPROVE** Planning Case PC-2026-00117 revoking Minor Conditional Use Permit P17-0126 and associated Public Convenience or Necessity Determination P17-0503 for bar and nightclub uses with entertainment and on-sale of alcohol based on the findings outlined in the Staff Report ; and
- 3. ADOPT** the Resolution revoking the bar and nightclub uses with entertainment



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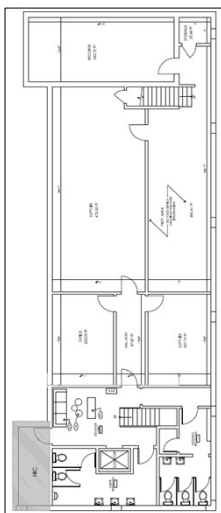
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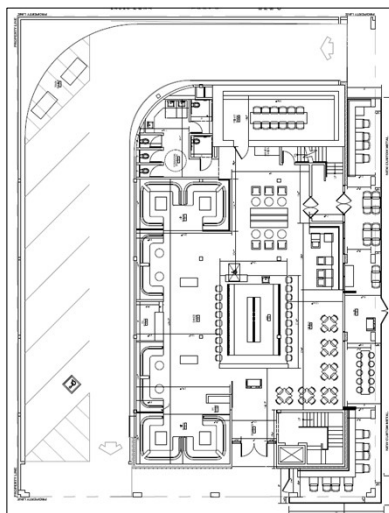
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## FLOOR PLAN

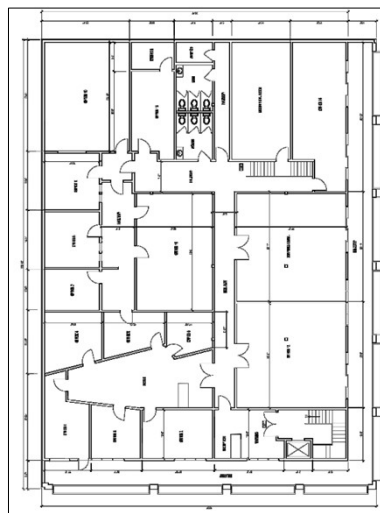
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Basement  
(Storage)



First Floor  
(Bar and Nightclub)



Second Floor  
(Office)

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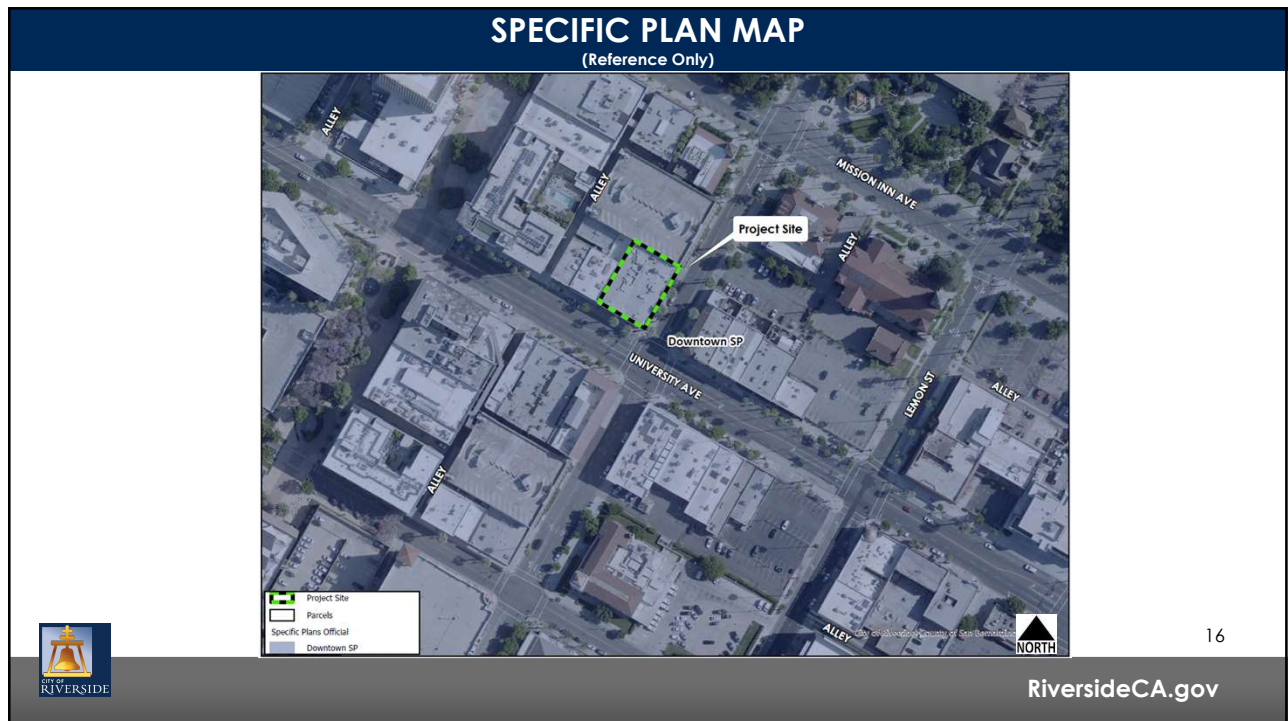


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