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Imperial Hardware Lofts University Avenue & Main Street, Riverside CA 92507

PLANNING REVIEW - resubmittal

APRIL 24 2015







PROJECT DATA

PROJECT ADDRESS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

NEW CONFERCTION MIZED USE DEVELOPMENT S STORY TYPE III

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GABE TYPE I PARKINE STRUCTURE. PROPOSED USES ARE RESIDENTIAL

WITH ASSOCIATE PROMITION AND BOOLUDE LEVEL COMMERCIAL SPACES

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PARCEL 1. APN 213-271-003
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TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE GRANTOR IN AND TO PARTY WALLS SITUATED ON AND ALONG THE NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY LINES.

EXISTING SITE USE:

PROJECT TEAM

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CIVIL ENGINEER

PSOMAS

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CONSTRUCTION TYPE:

TYPE I A: FULLY SPRINKLERED PODIUM AND BELOW GRADE PARKING.

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION:

MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL RESIDENTIAL AMENITY SPACE LEASING OFFICE COMMERICAL/RETAIL PARKING GARAGE

ZONING:

DSP-RC; DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN; RAINCROSS DISTRICT

APPLICABLE CODE

CBC2013

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE

PROPOSED BUILDING HEIGHT:

DRAWING INDEX

COVER SHEET
PROJECT DATA
DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY
VICINITY MAPSURROUNDING PARCELS
PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY
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OPEN SPACE DIAGRAMS

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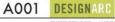
LEVELS 4-5 PLAN LEVEL 6 PLAN A107

WEST ELEVATION SOUTH ELEVATION EAST ELEVATION NORTH ELEVATION

PERSPECTIVE VIEW

CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN

Imperial Hardware Lofts



DEVELOPMENT	SUMMARY (RESIDENTIAL COMP	ONENT ONLY)	UNIT MIX BY TYPE						
NOTE: ALL RENTABLE AR	REAS CALCULATED TO	CENTERLINE OF PARTY WALLS , E	EXTERIOR AND CORRIDOR WALLS	UNIT TYPE	NE	T LEASABLE FLOOR AREA NO. O	F UNITS TOTAL	L FLOOR AREA	MIX	MIX
				2BR 2BR:1		1,196 S.F.	1	1,196 S.F.		
LEVEL 2 (PODIUM) UNIT TYPE	NET AREA	#PER FLOOR	TOTAL RENTABLE AREA	2BR 2		1,157 S.F.	1	1,157 S.F.		
BT.)	517 S.F	- PERPEDON	2.068 S F	2BR.3		1,097 S.F.	5	5,485 S.F.		
97.2	491 S.F	Ť	#81 S F	2BR.4		944 S.F.	2	1,888 S.F.		
199.1	039 S.F	7	939 S.F.	2BR 5		1,196 S.F.	4	4,784 S.F.		
18R 2	853 S F	2	1,706 S.F.	2BR.6		1,157 S.F.	4	4,628 S.F.		
18R.3	725 S.F	7	725 S.F.	2BR.7		965 S.F.	2	1,930 S.F.		
1BR 4	778 S.F	2	1,560 S.F.	2BR.8 2BR.9		1,346 S.F. 1,295 S.F.	1	1,346 S.F. 1,295 S.F.		
18R.5	706 S.F. 265 S.F.	2	1,410 S.F. 765 S.F.				1			
19R.7	750 S.F.		765 S.F.	2BR 10		1,270 S.F.		1,270 S.F.		
				28R.11		1,163 S.F.	1	1,163 S.F.	0.4	
29R.1 19R.2	1,196 S.F 1,157 S.F	7	1,196 S.F. 1,157 S.F.	1BR 2BR.12 1BR.1		1,147 S.F. 939 S.F.	1	1,147 S.F. 939 S.F.	24	26
28R 9	1,097 S.F	*	1,097 S.F.	1BR 2		853 S.F.	2	1,706 S.F.		
298.4	944 S.F	7	944 S.F.	1BR.3		725 S.F.	1	725 S.F.		
TOTAL/FLOOR		10	14813 S.F.	18R.4		725 S.F. 778 S.F.	2	1,556 S.F.		
		1105	77,947,965							
LEVEL 3	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	A TOTAL PLANE	12029/3022002	1BR.5 1BR.6		705 S.F. 755 S.F.	4 5	2,820 S.F. 3,775 S.F.		
UNIT TYPE	NET AREA	# PER FLOOR	TOTAL RENTABLE AREA	18R.6		769 S.F.	5	3,775 S.F. 3,845 S.F.		
ST-2	dR1 S.F	Ţ	491 SF	18R.8		769 S.F. 687 S.F.	3	2,061 S.F.		
St.3	497 S.F.	*	1,968 S.F.	1BR.9			6			
1BR.5	705.S.F	2	1,410 S.F	18R.10		659 S.F. 636 S.F.	3	3,954 S.F. 1,908 S.F.		
19R.6 19R.7	756 S.F.		765 S.F.	18R 10		636 S.F. 773 S.F.	2	1,908 S.F. 1,546 S.F.		
199.6	789 S F 687 S F		760 S.F.	1BR.11		773 S.F. 788 S.F.				
198.9	659 S.F	2	1,318 S.F.				4	3,152 S.F.	42	40
1BR 10	636 S.F		Table 1	1BR 13 STUDIO ST 1		722 S.F. 517 S.F.	4	2,888 S.F. 2,068 S.F.	42	46
168.11	773 S.F	2	1,546 S.F.	ST 2		491 S.F.	4	1,964 S.F.		
28R.3	1.007 S.F	*	1.007 S.F.	ST.3		497 S.F.	16	7.952 S.F.		
29R 4	944 S.F		944 S.F.	ST.4		471 S.F.	1	471 S.F.	25	28
28R 5	1,178 S.F	1	1,178 S.F.	101.4		471 031		411 0.1.	2.0	20
29R.6	1 141 S.F.		1,141 S.F.	TOTAL			91	70,619 S.F.		
TOTAL/FLOOR		19		AVERAGE UNIT SIZE			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	776.0 S.F.		
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UNIT TYPE	NET AREA	#PER FLOOR	TOTAL RENTABLE AREA							
ST.2	491 S.F.	1	491 S.F							
ST 3	497 S.F.	4		ROSS FLOOR AREA						
1BR.6	755 S.F.	21	765.8F	ROSS FLOOR AREA						
1BR 7	769 S.F.	1	769-S.F	BASEMENT PARKING		28,351 S.F.				
1BR.8 1BR.9	687 S.F. 659 S.F.	1	687 S.F. 1,316 S.F.	GROUND FLOOR		11,678 S.F.				
1BR.10	638 S.F.	1	838 S.F.	LEVEL 2 (PCICILIAN)		17,264 S.F.				
1BR.12	788 S.F.	2	1.576 S.F.	LEVEL 3		16,333 S.F.				
1BR.13	722 S.F.	2	1,444 S.F.	LEVELS 4 & 5 LEVEL 8	(16,415 X 2)	32,778 S.F. 15,951 S.F.				
28R.3	1.097 S.F.	1	1,007 S.F.	(1000)		10,001				
2BR 5	1,178 S.F.	1	1,178 S.F.[T	DTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA		120,355 S.F.				
2BR.6	1,141 S.F.	1	1,141 S.F							
2BR.7	965 S.F.	3	965 S.F.							
TOTAL/FLOOR		19	14.045 S.F.							
TOTAL FLOORS 3-5		38	28.090 S F							
LEVEL 6										
UNIT TYPE	NET AREA	#PER FLOOR	TOTAL RENTABLE AREA							
ST.3	497 S.F.	4	1,988 S.F.	PARKING SUMMARY						
ST.4	471 S.F.	4	471 S.F.	TYPE	SIZE (FT.)	# GROUND LEVEL # BASEMENT	TOTAL			
1BR.6 1BR.7	755 S.F.	1	755 S.F.	STANDARD STALL	9 X 18	2		10		
15:34	769 S.F.	1	789 S.F.	C1	8.5 X 18	17		71		
2BR.3	1,097 S.F.	1	1,007 S.F.	C2 -TANDEM	8.5 X 15	0		24		
2BR.5 2BR.6	1,178 S.F. 1,141 S.F.	1	1,178 S.F. 1,141 S.F.	C3 - EV CHARGING	8.5 X 15	6	0	6		
	1,141 S.F. 1,346 S.F.	1	1,346 S.F.				-	-		
	1,295.5.F.	1	1.295 S.F.		1					
2BR.6		4	1.270 S.F	ADA	1	3		3		
2BR.6 2BR.9	1,270 S.F.					1		1		
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DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY



































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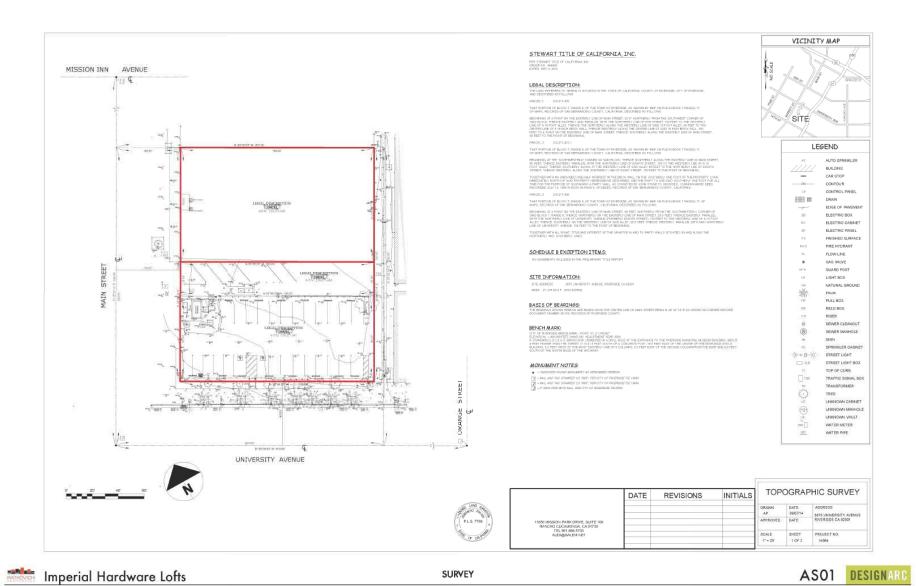
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CONTEXT MASSING STUDIES











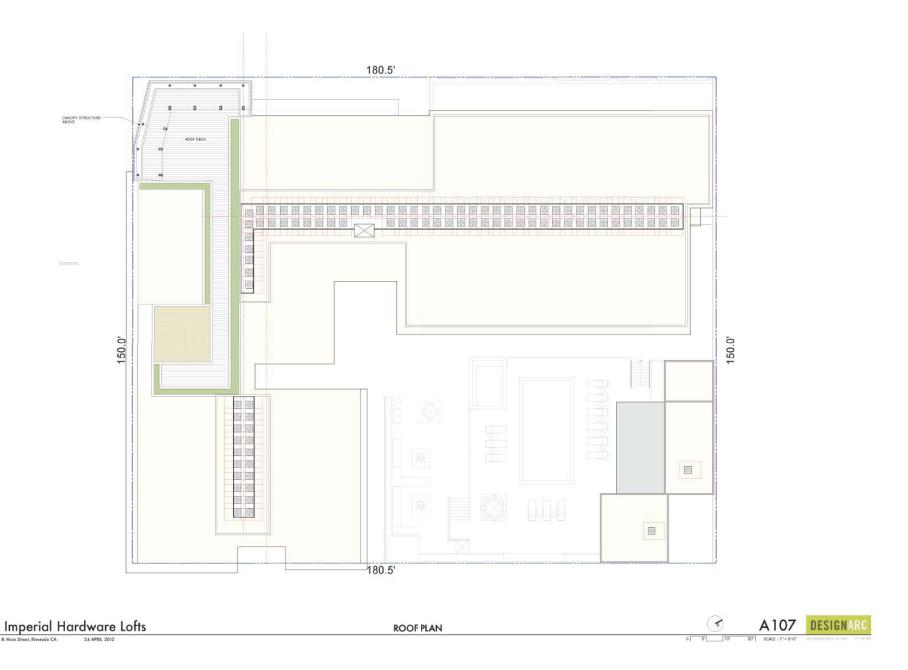
























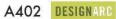
WEST ELEVATION





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PODIUM LEVEL











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NORTH ELEVATION

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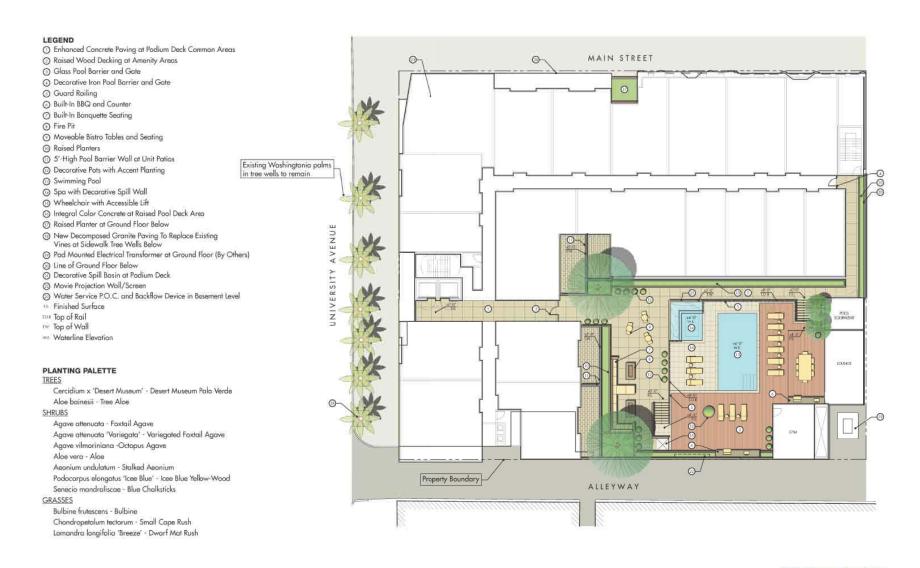






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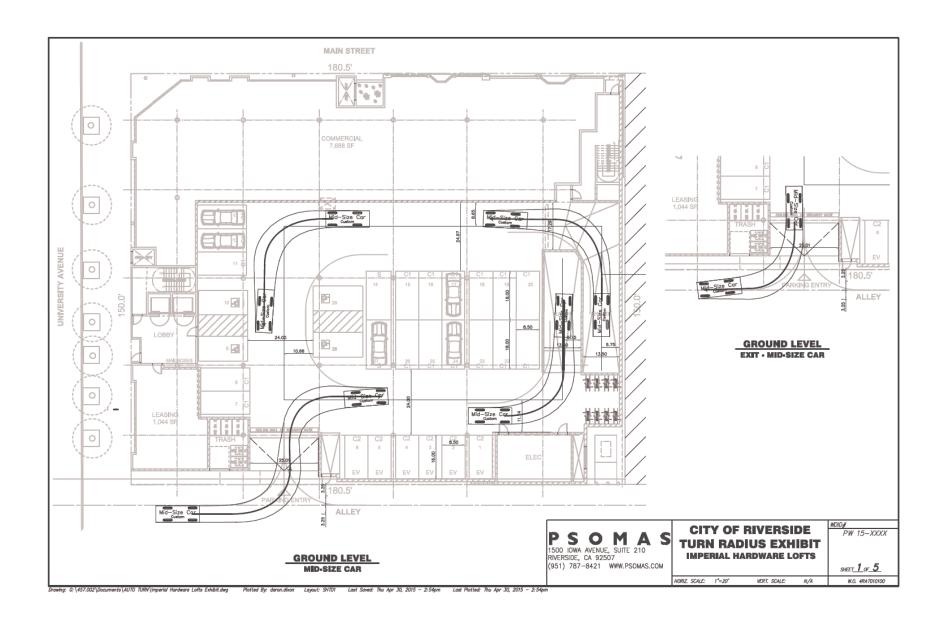


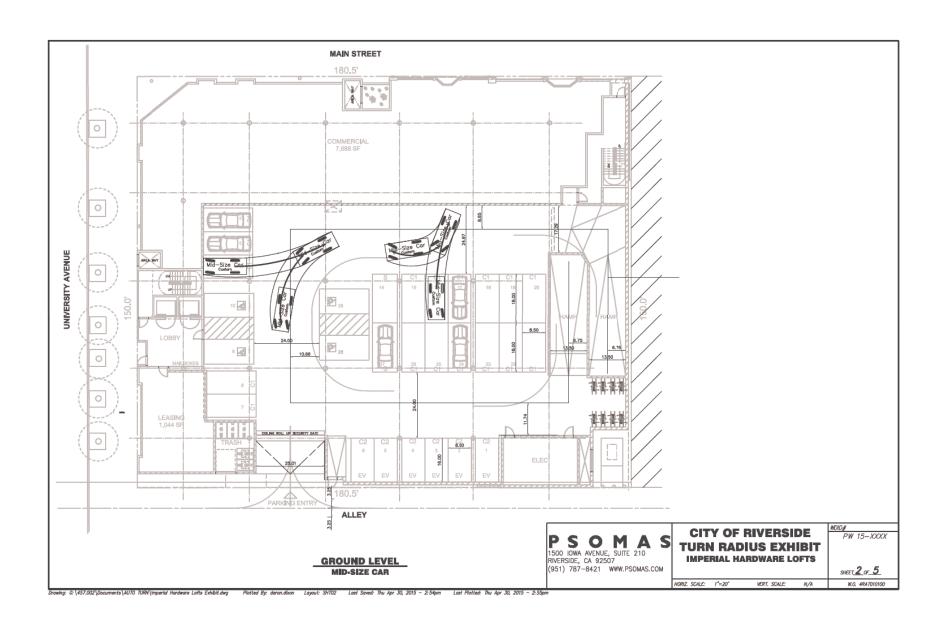


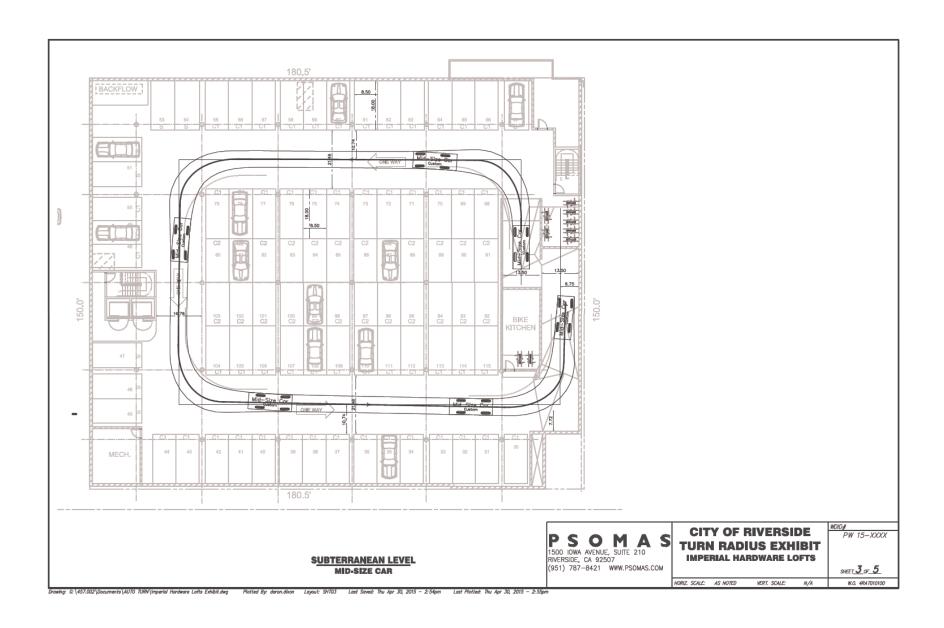


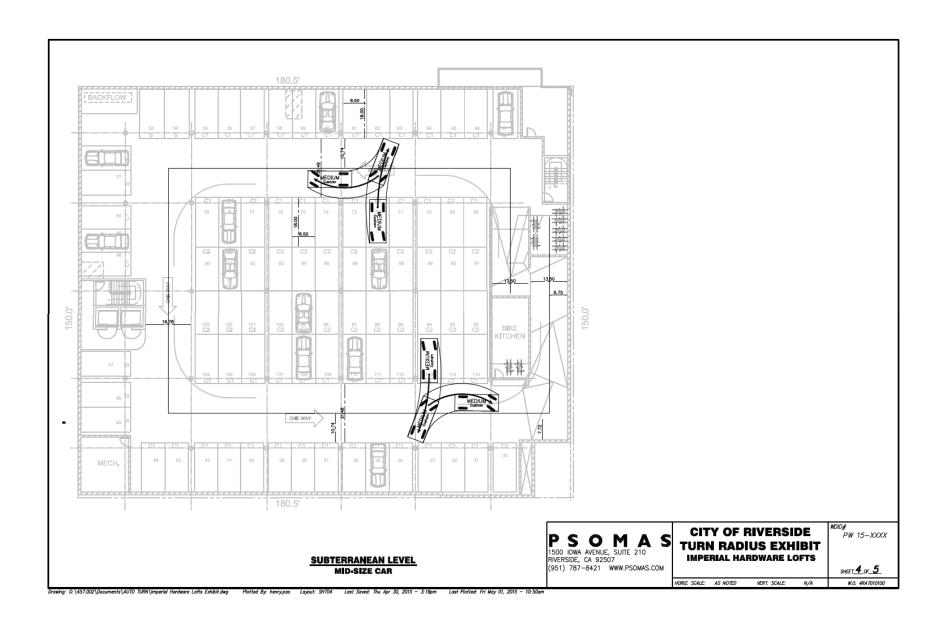


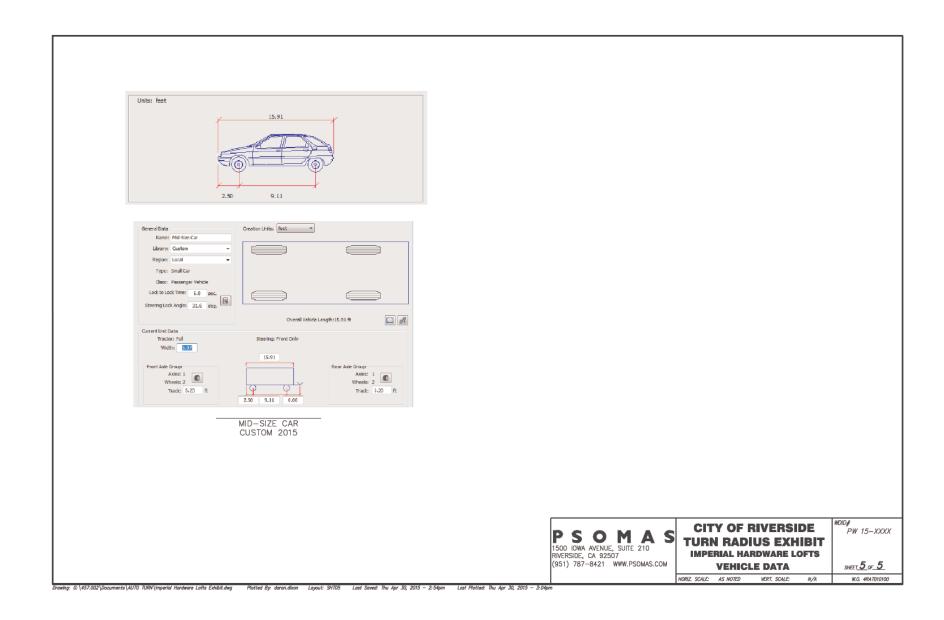


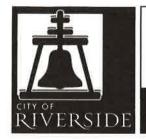












COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION

VARIANCE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Pro	oject Description:						
Pr	Project Location:						
As	Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):						
	ARIANCES REQUESTED — State variance(s) requested specifically and in detail. Please attach parate sheets(s) as necessary.						
yo gr	REQUIRED FINDINGS — Answer each of the following questions yes or no and then explain your answer in detail. Questions 1 and 2 must be answered "yes" and 3 and 4 "no" to justify granting of a variance. Attach written details if insufficient space is provided on this form. Economic hardship is not an allowable justification for a variance.						
1.	Will the strict application of the provisions of the Zoning Code result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships inconsistent with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Code? Explain in detail.						
2.	Are there special circumstances or conditions applicable to your property or to the intended use or development of your property that do not apply generally to other property in the vicinity and under the identical zoning classification? Explain in detail.						
3.	Will the granting of such variance prove materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the zone or neighborhood in which your property is located? Explain in detail.						
4.	Will the granting of such variance be contrary to the objectives of any part of the General Plan? Explain in detail.						

Variance Justification Form – Parking Ratio

Project Description - The project is an adaptive reuse of the historic Imperial Hardware building. The project consists of a two-story parking garage with 115 parking spaces, 7,797 square feet of ground floor retail and 91 market rate apartments totaling 70,619 net rentable square feet over five stories above the ground floor.

Project Location - 3750/3768 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501 & 3675 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

Assessor's Parcel Number - 213-271-005, 213-271-006, 213-271-007

Variance Requested:

Permission to park onsite residential parking at a ratio of one space per bedroom. The project includes 67 studio and one bedroom units and 24 two bedroom units for a total of 91 units, and a total of 115 onsite residential parking spaces. This compares to the required code parking of 149 spaces, or a requested reduction of 34 spaces per the following:

		Code	Code	Proposed	Proposed	Variance
		Parking	# Spaces	Parking		
Unit Type	# Units	Ratio	Required	Ratio	# Spaces	# Spaces
Studios	25	1.5/Unit	38	1/Bed	25	(13)
One Bed	42	1.5/ Unit	63	1/Bed	42	(21)
Two Bed	24	2.0/Unit	48	1/Bed	48	(0)
Total	91		149		115	(34)

Required Findings

1. Yes. The Parking Study prepared by the Parking Design Group dated March 24, 2015 points out that the parking of residential mixed-used developments located in urban cores at a ratio of one onsite residential space per bedroom is consistent with parking industry standards and comparable with other progressive Southern California cities (see "Issue A").

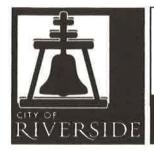
If the proposed downtown project were required to provide additional onsite parking per the City's existing suburban parking code, a second level of subterranean parking would be necessitated to accommodate the additional 34 parking spaces required. The additional cost to provide this parking at a cost of \$50,000 per space (hard and soft costs -- \$1.7 million) would render the project financially infeasible.

Furthermore, The City requirement that the developer rehabilitate the existing historic facade of the Imperial Hardware Building and incorporate it into the design of the project will also place physical constraints on the feasibility of constructing additional levels of parking. Alternatively, the project would have to be reduced in scope by nearly 50% if the current two levels of parking were maintained and designed per the existing parking code.

2. Yes. The development of the proposed project will be the first urban residential and mixed-use project of its kind developed in the downtown core of Riverside. Heretofore, the development of multi-family residential projects in the City of Riverside have been located in suburban settings or on the fringe of downtown and appropriately developed in accordance with the City's existing suburban parking code.

The existing city parking code does not reflect an urban residential design approach. There is no Downtown Specific Plan overlay to address higher density, urban living such as the proposed project. Section 3.2 of the Specific Plan states:

- "Zoning and Development Standards Downtown's zoning categories and related development standards were inherited from citywide categories and standards more suited for suburban development. As such, they do not deal with important, contemporary downtown potential such as mixed used, live-work concepts and shared parking or parking districts."
- 3. No. In accordance with the Parking Design Group's study, the onsite parking of one residential parking space per bedroom is sufficient to address the parking demands of residents. Any additional residential guest, visitor or retail parking can be easily accommodated within existing public parking garages and curbside parking located within a 750 foot radius of the site and which contain 938 unassigned spaces that can be shared with other uses (see "Residential Guest Parking" section).
- 4. No. The granting of the variance will permit the development of the proposed urban residential and mixed-use project which is a defined objective of the General and Specific Plan to bring a variety of housing options to downtown to help create a lively, 24 hour downtown community. The Specific Plan states:



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Variance Justification Form – Compact Stalls

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Variance Requested:

Permission to allow the use of compact stalls to meet the code parking requirements of the project. The current City code does not provide for the use of any compact stalls. As highlighted in the Parking Design Groups March 24, 2015 parking report, many cities throughout Southern California, as well as nationally, permit the use of compact stalls in response to the current and projected downsizing of automobiles. This is particularly true in downtown cores where alternative transportation nodes are present and urban dwellers typically have fewer, smaller, and more fuel-efficient vehicles than their suburban counterparts.

The required size of a standard parking stall in the City of Riverside is 9' wide by 18' long which is typical of more suburban environments where the size of automobiles tend to be larger to accommodate larger household formations.

The project proposes to provide parking stalls per the following:

Type	Size	Level P2	Level P3	Total	%
Standard	9' x 18'	10	8	18	16%
Compact 1	8.5' x 18'	31	7	38	33%
Compact 2	8' x 18'	9	5	14	12%
Compact 3	8.5' x 15'	12	5	17	15%
Tandem Compact 3	8.5' x 15'	24	0	24	21%
ADA		0	3	3	3%
ADA Van		0	1	1	1%
Total		86	29	115	100%

Taken literally, the total percentage of proposed compact stalls per the above is 81%. However, if the Compact 1 spaces (which are 6" narrower than the City's standard stall dimensions) are considered the equivalent to standard stalls (see the Parking Design Group study), the percentage of proposed compact stalls is 48%.

Further, the applicant is making a separate variance request for the use of tandem stalls which are typically sized to compact dimensions given their contiguous location to one another and

use by single households on an assigned basis. If that request is considered separately from this request for compact stalls, the net percentage of proposed compact stalls is 27%.

Required Findings

1. Yes. The Parking Study prepared by the Parking Design Group dated March 24, 2015 points out that the parking of residential mixed-used developments located in urban cores with a percentage of compact spaces is consistent with parking industry standards, comparable with other Southern California cities, and addresses the reality that vehicles amongst urban dwellers are typically smaller than those of suburban residents.

If the proposed downtown project were required to provide all standard spaces per the City's existing suburban parking code, a second level of subterranean parking would be necessitated to accommodate the substantial loss of parking spaces that would result by having to increase the size of spaces. The additional cost to provide this parking at a cost of \$50,000 per space (hard and soft costs) would be significant and render the project financially infeasible.

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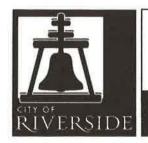
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- 3. No. The use of compact parking stalls as requested is internal to the project and does not affect any public or offsite parking demand. As pointed out in the Parking Design Group's report, the use of compact spaces in urban cores is an accepted industry standard and one that is embraced by other Southern California cities.

Alternatively, by not permitting the use of compact spaces, there would be fewer parking spaces located onsite, thereby increasing parking demand within offsite public parking facilities to accommodate the need for additional parking.

4. No. The granting of the variance will permit the development of the proposed urban residential and mixed-use project which is a defined objective of the General and Specific Plan to bring a variety of housing options to downtown to help create a lively, 24 hour downtown community. The Specific Plan states:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION

Variance Justification Form

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Variance Justification Form - Tandem Stalls

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Project Location - 3750/3768 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501 & 3675 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

Assessor's Parcel Number - 213-271-005, 213-271-006, 213-271-007

Variance Requested:

Permission to allow the use of tandem parking stalls for two bedroom units to meet the code parking requirements of the project. The current City code does not provide for the use of any tandem stalls. As highlighted in the Parking Design Groups March 24, 2015 parking report, many cities throughout Southern California permit the use of tandem stalls to meet the parking needs of two bedroom units, particularly in downtown cores.

Tandem parking is commonly accepted by residents living in urban locations where land for parking is scarce and the alternative would be the use of one parking space vs. two. Tandem stalls are typically sized to compact stall dimensions given their contiguous location to one another and use by single households on an assigned basis.

The project proposes to provide 24 tandem parking stalls, or 21% of the total, for two bedroom units only per the following:

Type	Size	Level P2	Level P3	Total	%
Standard	9' x 18'	10	8	18	16%
Compact 1	8.5' x 18'	31	7	38	33%
Compact 2	8' x 18'	9	5	14	12%
Compact 3	8.5' x 15'	12	5	17	15%
Tandem Compact 3	8.5' x 15'	24	0	24	21%
ADA		0	3	3	3%
ADA Van		0	1	1	1%
Total		86	29	115	100%

Required Findings

1. Yes. The Parking Study prepared by the Parking Design Group dated March 24, 2015 points out that the parking of residential mixed-used developments located in urban cores with tandem spaces assigned to two bedroom units is consistent with parking industry standards, comparable with other progressive Southern California cities, and readily accepted by urban dwellers.

If the proposed downtown project were required to provide all single spaces per the City's existing suburban parking code, a second level of subterranean parking would be necessitated to accommodate the additional 24 parking spaces required. The additional cost to provide this parking at a cost of \$50,000 per space (hard and soft costs -- \$1.2 million) would render the project financially infeasible.

Furthermore, The City requirement that the developer rehabilitate the existing historic facade of the Imperial Hardware Building and incorporate it into the design of the project will also place physical constraints on the feasibility of constructing additional levels of parking. Alternatively, the project would have to be significantly reduced in scope if the current two levels of parking were maintained and designed per the existing parking code.

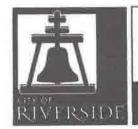
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The existing city parking code does not reflect an urban residential design approach. There is no Downtown Specific Plan overlay to address higher density, urban living such as the proposed project. Section 3.2 of the Specific Plan states:

- "Zoning and Development Standards Downtown's zoning categories and related development standards were inherited from citywide categories and standards more suited for suburban development. As such, they do not deal with important, contemporary downtown potential such as mixed used, live-work concepts and shared parking or parking districts."
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In today's world of design and construction, much emphasis is being placed on sustainable, green design and function. Flexible solutions, including tandem parking, allow more parking in less space, helping to reduce housing costs and environmental impacts, while at the same time improving overall urban design.

4. No. The granting of the variance will permit the development of the proposed urban residential and mixed-use project which is a defined objective of the General and Specific Plan to bring a variety of housing options to downtown to help create a lively, 24 hour downtown community. The Specific Plan states:



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Variance Justification Form - Drive Aisle Width

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Variance Requested:

Permission to reduce the minimum drive aisle width for one-way traffic with contiguous 90 degree parking stalls from 24' to 21'6".

As cars are getting smaller and technology is allowing for improved parking techniques, the opportunity exists for drive aisle width compression in order for a more efficient parking garage layout.

The project proposes to reduce the drive aisle width in the subterranean level to 21'6" on the east and west drive aisles and 23'6" on the south drive aisle. The net result is a variance to the required width of 2'5" on the east and west drive aisle and 6" on the south drive aisle.

Required Findings

- 1. Yes. After multiple design iterations and analysis by Dr. Rick Willson and Psomas it was determined that the most suitable design would be to keep the parking stalls at standard depth and reduce the drive aisle width. An overall reduction in vehicle size and improvements in car technology and maneuverability allow for a safe and practical parking movement with smaller drive aisle widths. The attached exhibit prepared by Psomas shows the parking movements for a mid-size car (e.g. Toyota Camry/Honda Accord) in the subterranean garage. The driver is able to maneuver the car throughout the garage and park the car in any available space without difficulty.
- 2. Yes. The development of the proposed project will be the first urban residential and mixed-use project of its kind developed in the downtown core of Riverside. Heretofore, the development of multi-family residential projects in the City of Riverside have been located in suburban settings or on the fringe of downtown and appropriately developed in accordance with the City's existing suburban design standards.

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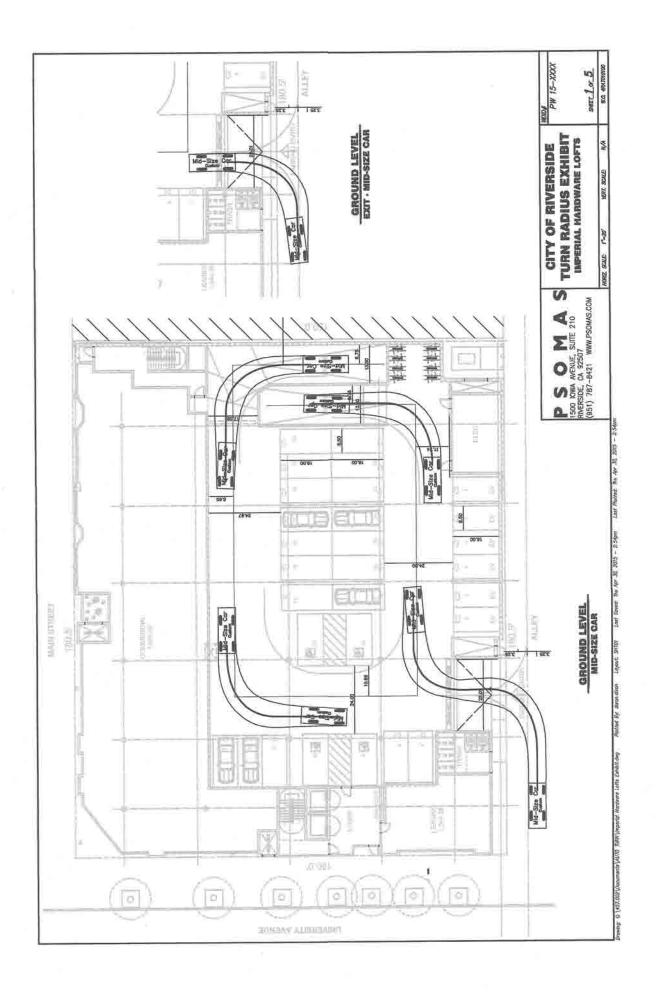
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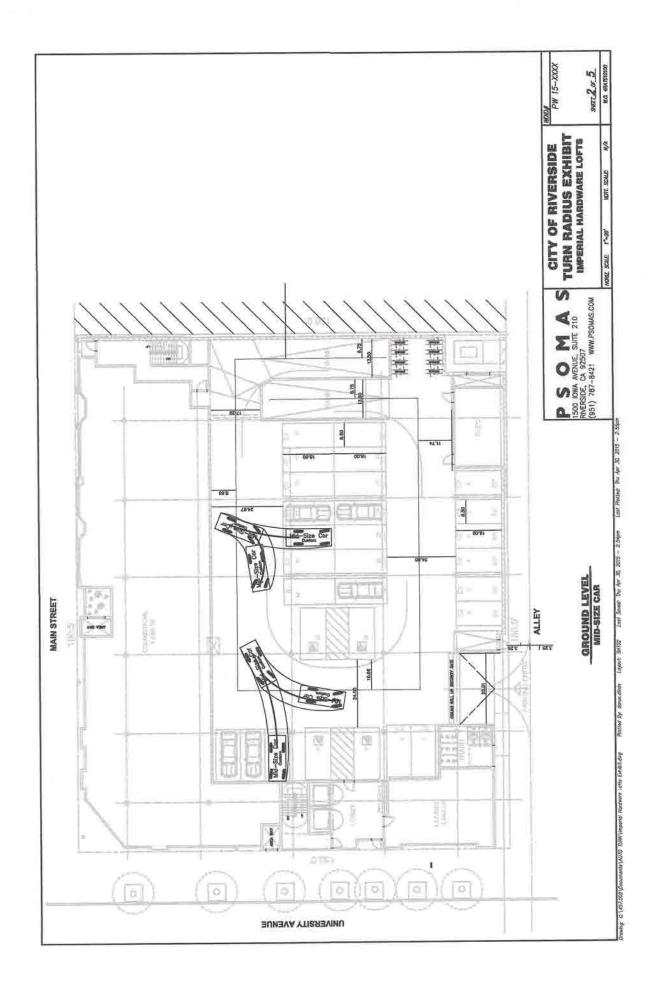
As a podium style project there are particulars relative to a parking garage solution, specifically to those with private only garages. Private garages provide a level of familiarity which over time allows the users to maneuver through the garage more comfortably. Speeds within the garage are often slower when they are residents only in addition to a garage in general can provide a calming effect with respect to vehicle speed. All of these factors are contributors towards allowing a safe reduction in drive aisle width in addition to the practical analysis of how cars can pragmatically maneuver within the garage.

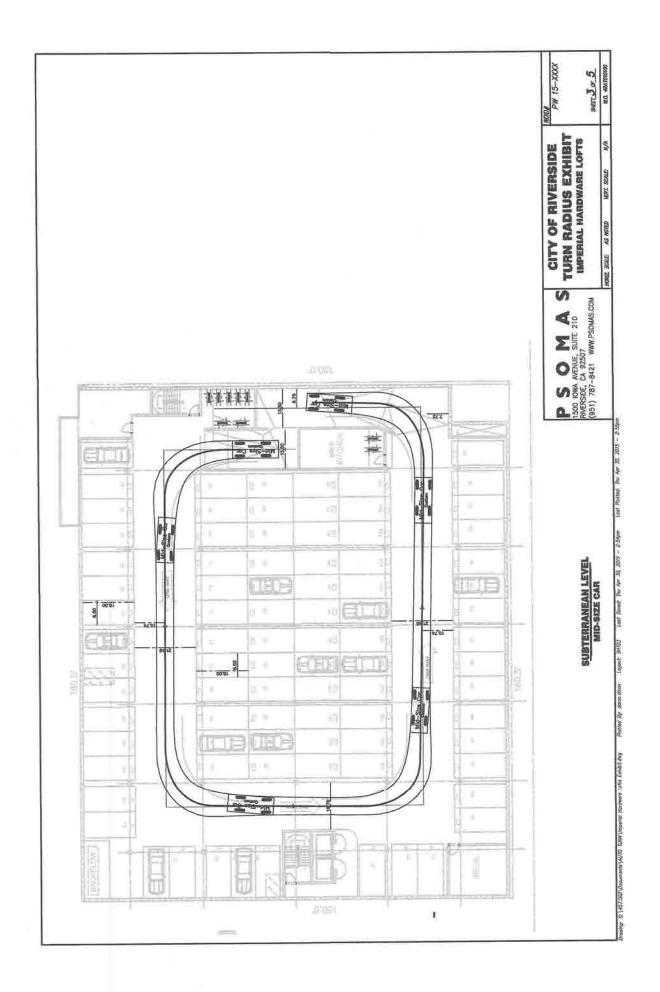
3. No. A reduction in drive aisle width is internal to the project and does not affect any public or on street vehicle parking or circulation. As shown in the attached Psomas exhibit, the vehicle circulation and parking in the garage is practical and safe. Additionally, there is no impact on the design of the garage relative to the general public as the garage is private.

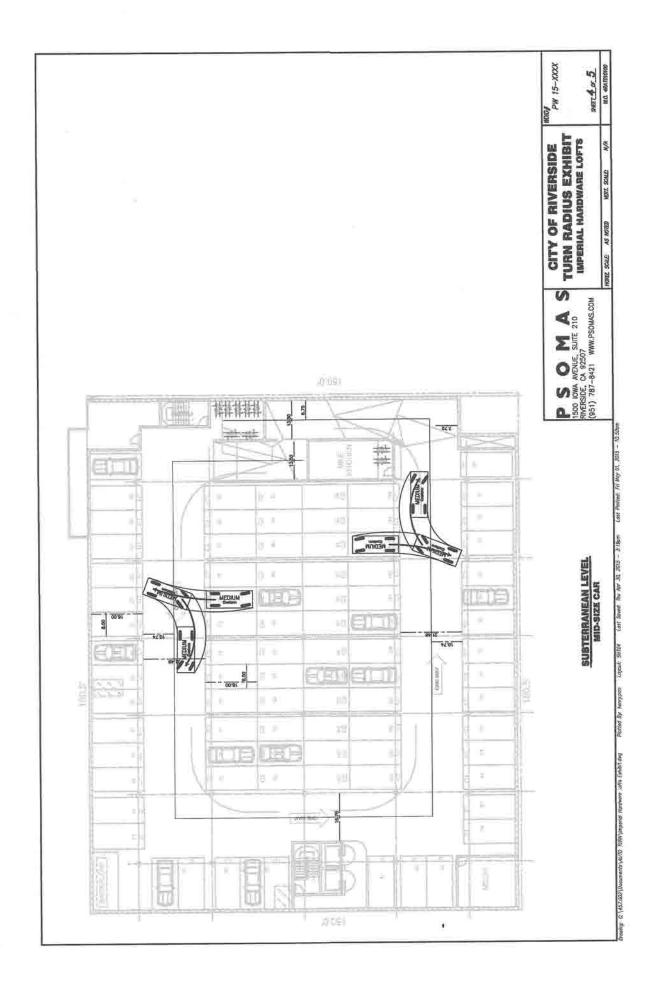
As vehicles continue to adapt and downtown cores again thrive, the movement is for compression. Vehicle size continues to drop because of stringent Federal fuel economy standards and vehicle technology is moving towards an "auto park" scenario wherein vehicles will park themselves. This will allow for a reduced parking and circulation footprint over the life of the building.

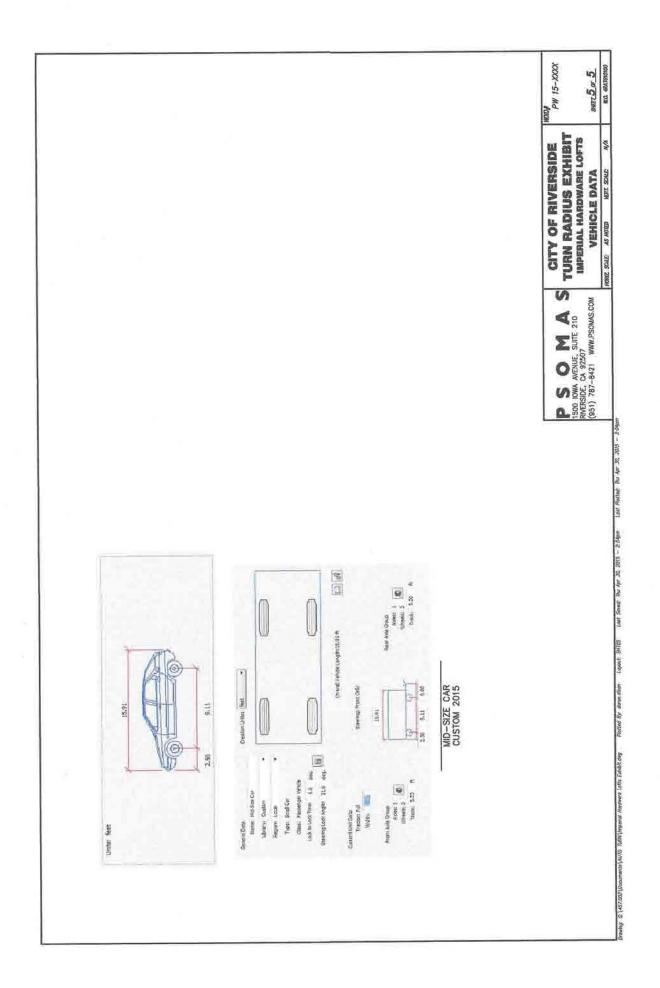
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March 24, 2015

Mr. Rob Dodman Principal Ratkovich Properties 2465 Campus Drive, Third Floor Irvine, CA 92612

Regarding

Parking Analysis for the Imperial Hardware Lofts Mixed-use Redevelopment - Riverside, CA

Dear Mr. Dodman:

Enclosed please find the *Parking Analysis for the Imperial Hardware Lofts Mixed-use Development* in Riverside, California.

This analysis is predicated upon the following:

- Located in the heart of downtown Riverside, at the northeast corner of Main and University.
- The mixed-use project is an adaptive reuse of the historical Imperial Hardware Building which
 was built in 1900.
- The mixed-use project to include 91 apartment lofts, approximately 8,000 square feet of ground floor retail and commercial uses, and a two-level parking garage.
- The development will include the rehabilitation of the historic façade.
- It will be the first residential project of its kind in the downtown Riverside core.
- The project will be parked at one (1) parking space per bedroom, provide a modest use of compact stalls, and use tandem spaces for the two-bedroom units.
- The primary renter for the project will be younger, urban professionals (Millennials), many of which work in the downtown area.
- Therefore, as part of the entitlement process, there is a need for variances as it relates to the amount of on-site parking and the use of compact and tandem stalls.

Thank you for your assistance and information provided in developing this analysis. Please review and contact us should you have questions or need clarifications.

Sincerely,

David L. Vogel Design Partner

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Cc: Clifford Ratkovich, Ratkovich Properties

Warren Vander Helm, Parking Design Group/Chicago





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Introduction

As part of the continued redevelopment of Riverside's Downtown core, Ratkovich Properties is redeveloping the historic Imperial Hardware Building. This new mixed-use project will feature approximately 8,000 square feet of ground floor commercial and five-stories of residential above totaling 91 residential units. The product mix of residential will consist of studio, one bedroom and two bedroom apartment units. The project utilizes a two-level parking garage of which one level is subterranean and one level is at grade. Access to the parking garage is via the alley which borders the site on the east. The general approach of the parking garage design is a two ramp system utilizing one-way movements in a counterclockwise motion..

This urban-redefining development will be the first residential project of its kind in the downtown Riverside core. As such, the existing city parking standards do not reflect an urban residential design approach. There is no Downtown Specific Plan overlay to address higher density, urban living. Section 3.2 of the Specific Plan states:

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Because of this and the fact that the Imperial Hardware Lofts project is the first project to move forward for entitlements in the downtown core, variances will be the mechanism for the project to proceed with its urban parking solution.

As part of the entitlement process, the developer is seeking a variance to the municipal code as it relates to the amount of on-site parking and the use of tandem and compact stalls. Specifically, the project parks at one parking space per bedroom and includes the use of tandem spaces for two-bedroom units only, as well as a modest number of compact spaces. This parking study will address the project specific parking approach, compare it to other comparable municipalities and provide a recommendation on the suitability of the parking design.





Exhibit I below shows the aerial view of the site.



The following analysis will address the three code-required parking issues relating to the proposed Imperial Hardware Lofts development. These code-required issues are:

- A. Allowance for applying a <u>1.0 parking space to 1 bedroom ratio</u> to the on-site parking requirement for this development.
- B. Allowance for *compact* parking related to the City of Riverside Municipal Code¹.
- C. Allowance for *tandem* parking related to the City of Riverside Municipal Code.

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 $^{^{\}mathrm{1}}$ City of Riverside Municipal Code Parking and Loading, Chapter 19.580





Issue A

Allowance for applying a **1.0 parking space to 1 bedroom ratio** to the on-site parking requirement for this development:

A. One space per bedroom

Multi-family residential projects parked at a ratio of one space per bedroom are becoming very much the norm in progressive Southern California cities promoting smart growth, particularly in cities with downtown areas conducive to walking, biking, and providing access to transit and accommodating other transportation options to reduce reliance on the automobile. Contributing factors in support of this approach for the IHL site in Downtown Riverside include:

- The location of this project lends itself well to the use of mass transit. Riverside County's number one ridership is the line that originates at UCR and travels down University Avenue past the project site. In fact, 25% of all RTA ridership uses this line. Additionally, the potential development of a light rail system with a station adjacent to the project will only increase mass transit options for residents. The Metrolink transit center connecting to Orange County and Downtown Los Angeles is also easily accessible via mass transit and would allow the residents the option to not own a vehicle to get to their jobs outside the area.
- The downtown location lends itself well to a walkable/bikeable lifestyle wherein residents will be able to use the available amenities in short distances without the need for a car. From shopping for daily needs to an evening at the theater to residents that work in Downtown Riverside, there is less demand on owning a car. As such, we expect a portion of these residents, which is consistent with other Millennial inhabited projects, to not own a car and therefore not burden the project with a need for parking spaces.
- Many of the residents, in particular Millennials and their guests, will frequently travel and/or arrive via Uber, or other more mainstream forms of livery service.
- There is currently a 15,000 s.f. +/- retail building on site without any dedicated onsite parking, and the IHL development will be replacing only approximately 8,000 s.f.
- There is an extensive amount of available public parking for retail patrons, residents and guests within 750 feet of the project. This includes daily and monthly parking, as well as surface parking lots and covered parking.





- There is the potential of two residents living in one residential unit sharing one vehicle and not requiring the need for additional parking no matter the number of bedrooms in the unit.
- The City's consideration of National maximums, as well as locally required parking maximums, as opposed to parking minimums. Movements in City's across the country are using the language of maximum parking rather than minimum parking. City's and their adopted codes are more frequently encouraging developers and subsequently their residents to reduce the vehicular traffic. One way to do this is simply to provide less parking forcing the project to have a residential component that does not own a car. Putting fewer cars on the streets in downtown cores have myriad positive affects, including less congestion, less noise and less environmental impacts from car emissions.
- Current Guidelines in other comparable cities following are some of the cities in the
 nearby Southern California region that have geared development of residential parking
 to a one space per <u>unit</u> standard, which is more stringent than a one space per bedroom
 approach as being proposed for the IHL development. Nevertheless, the guidelines that
 follow are relevant and significant:

Los Angeles* – Residential parking located inside the Central City Parking District (CCPD) may reduce parking as follows: a) Provide 1 parking [space] per dwelling unit.

(When more than 6 dwelling units having more than 3 habitable rooms per unit on the site, the parking for these units shall be at 1 %).

Pasadena - <u>Residential development</u> projects. The following requirements apply to multifamily residential and mixed-use development projects proposing at least 48 dwelling units per acre. Residential parking shall be a minimum of: <u>(1) 1 space for each unit</u> for units less than 650 square feet to a maximum of 1.25 spaces per unit; and (2) 1.5 spaces for each unit for units 650 square feet or more to a maximum of 1.75 spaces per unit.

Pasadena - <u>For new development projects</u>, parking shall be provided at a minimum of <u>one (1)</u> off-street parking space for each residential unit located on the subject site.





Long Beach – per Downtown Plan - Number of parking spaces per Residential Unit calls for (1) one bedroom (or zero bedrooms, 451 s.f. or more) = (1.0) one parking space per unit, and for 2 bedrooms or more, also = (1.0) one parking space per unit.

*The Los Angeles City Council, as of August 14, 2012, tentatively approved an ordinance that will allow for relaxed parking requirements for new or renovated buildings in designated areas of the city, a move aimed at spurring development and creating more density around transit hubs.

2. Proximity to transit node - Alternate modes - tied to future light rail

Studies show¹ that smart growth and transit oriented residential projects, such as IHL, have a direct relationship to significantly reduced parking needs. These studies also show that the trend towards code-required parking maximums should be implemented as opposed to parking minimums. This is especially true when it is congruent with design standards that are strongly influenced by sustainability, along with increased public acceptance and awareness of creating a long-lasting healthy environment for today, as well as far into the future.

¹ <u>Traditional Neighborhood Development Trip Generation Study</u> - Prepared by A. J. Khattak, Ph.D., J. Stone, Ph.D., W. Letchworth, E.I., B. Rasmussen, B.Schroeder

<u>Trip Generation and Parking Study for Urban TOD in Berkeley, CA</u> – Prepared by Gabriel Ho

B. Residential guest parking offsite

Applying the current National industry standard of 0.15 *guest* parking spaces required per dwelling unit, the IHL development would require that (14) spaces be dedicated to guests: 91 units X 0.15 = 13.65. The reverse relationship between peak commercial office parking demand and peak residential parking demand comfortably allows this small number of guest spaces to be easily accommodated off-site within existing public parking garages on a shared parking basis.

Parking Generation 3rd Edition, ITE 2004, contained in The Dimensions of Parking, Fifth Edition, 2010, National Parking Association and ULI.





1. Shared Parking of unassigned spaces

"Shared parking occurs when multiple and usually adjacent land uses are able to meet their individual parking needs through common parking spaces. Under the shared parking approach, it must be physically possible to share the parking, but the parking supply does not have to be under a single ownership to achieve the benefits of shared parking. Although shared parking is most often associated with new, mixed-use developments, the original – and most visible – model of shared parking is in the central business districts. An inherent goal in these policies is to minimize the need for automobile travel, as well as to make it possible for visitors to park only once, even when they are visiting multiple uses."

Shared Parking – Second Edition, ULI 2005 contained in The Dimensions of Parking, Fifth Edition, 2010, National Parking Association and ULI.

Downtown Riverside and the Imperial Hardware Lofts development can benefit from shared parking as part of a broader adoption of policies that promote smart growth, TOD and/or new urbanism. Core principles here are to rely heavily on mixed uses, and exploit shared parking to decrease the total number of parking spaces and create improved pedestrian connections between uses.

Typically, in a vibrant urban setting such as Downtown Riverside, a retail/commercial/office visitor or residential guest will comfortably walk two (2) to three (3) city blocks, or approximately 600' to 900'.

Downtown Riverside has an abundance of available parking located in existing parking facilities and curbside throughout the downtown core. A recent on-site study was conducted to determine the amount of existing public parking that could be shared by visitors within comfortable walking distance (750') to the Imperial Hardware Lofts project.

Exhibit II shows the proposed Imperial Hardware Lofts site, along with a 750' radius highlighted. All visitor parking that falls within this 750' radius is counted towards the additional available parking. All of this parking, except for the Mission Square Parking Garage located at the intersection of Market and 9th Streets, is owned or controlled by the





City. Any parking that falls within this radius that is private or not available to public parking has not been included in these parking counts. It should also be noted that some of the parking lots are located on the very edge of the radius. If any part of a parking lot falls within the 750' radius the entire parking capacity was counted. This was also true for entire block faces with curbside parking.

Exhibit II

Imperial Hardware Lofts Site & 750' Radius

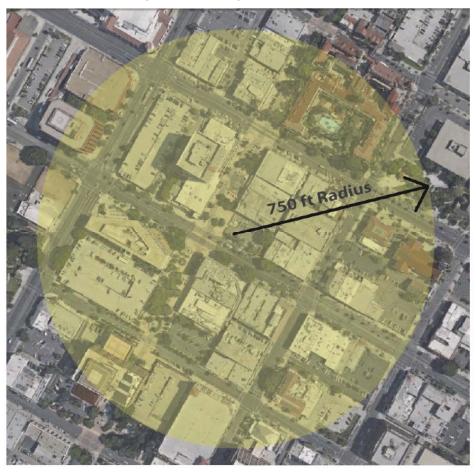






Exhibit III

Additional Nearby Parking Supply and Parking Rates

		80/12 Table 20/12
Parking Facility	#of Spaces	Parking Rates
Curbside		777
10-min. (across Univ. Bl.)	13	Free
20-min.	10	Free
1-Hour	6	Free
2-hour (8a to 5p)	185	\$1.00/Hour
Meter Heads	2	\$1.50/Hour
Surface Lots		
Lot 1	37	\$1.00/Hour
Lot16	26	\$1.00/Hour
Lot 42	89	\$1.00/Hour
Lot 44	49	\$1.00/Hour
Lot 46	36	\$1.00/Hour
Parking Garages		
Garage 1 (Visitor Spaces = Approx. 40%*)	46	90 min. Free, \$2.00/Hour After That
Garage 2 (Visitor Spaces = Approx. 40%*)	62	90 min. Free, \$2.00/Hour After That
Garage 3 (Visitor Spaces = Approx. 40%*)	117	90 min. Free, \$2.00/Hour After That
Riverside Metro Center Garage (Avg. Daily Vis.)*	100	\$8, d ay
Mission Square Garage*	160	\$2.00/20 min.
Total Additional Parking Supply	938	Spaces
*Information provided by private parking management firm.		

It is reasonable to anticipate that the retail and residential guest parking demand for Imperial Hardware Lofts could easily be accommodated by the available parking supply of 938 spaces listed above, especially with consideration to a shared-use approach.

Summary and Recommendations - One space per bedroom

There is a growing trend in the parking industry to move away from strictly adhering to often outdated code-required parking requirements and towards alternative standards that more accurately reflect parking demand in downtown cores and which take into consideration alternative modes of transportation. Based on this and the support items listed in the Issue A part of the report, we recommend the City approve a variance for a parking ratio of on-site parking of one space per bedroom.

Issue B

Allowance for compact parking related to the City of Riverside Municipal Code.

Parking and Loading, Chapter 19.580

As defined in the City of Riverside Municipal Code Parking and Loading, Chapter 19.580, Section

19.580.050 Basic Limitations for Off-Street Parking, Subsection B:

No compact parking spaces shall be permitted unless approved by variance pursuant to Chapter

19.720 (Variance). However, any compact parking spaces approved and constructed prior to the

effective date of this regulation shall be allowed to continue.

As defined in the City of Riverside Municipal Code Parking and Loading, Chapter 19.580, Section

19.580.140 Variances:

The Zoning Administrator shall have the authority to administratively grant variances to the

parking standards per Chapter 19.580 (Parking and Loading), consistent with the purpose of this

Chapter, where special circumstances relating to property configuration, terrain, landscaping or

structure locations make adherence to the standards impractical. Any such decision by the

Zoning Administrator may be appealed to the Planning Commission or City Council per Chapter

19.680 (Appeals). (Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

Therefore, this section will address a request for a variance from the City of Riverside

Community Development Department to allow the use of a modest percentage of compact

parking spaces. This variance will be based on:

Current sizes of compact stalls in the automobile market, and

2. Comparable compact allowances as per other nearby Southern California cities with similar

downtown areas and demographics as Riverside.





3. Special circumstances relating to the IHL property configuration and physical constraints Current Size of Compact Stalls

Compact car sizes, as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are approximately 13'-5"long for hatchbacks, or approximately 14'-5" and 15'-7" long for convertibles, sedans and small station wagons. Multi-purpose vehicles and sports utility vehicles (often called compact MPVs and compact SUVs) have similar sizes, ranging from 13'-9" to 14'-9". In addition, the average length of a standard vehicle in today's market is approximately 15'-10" with a width of just under 6'-0". By comparison, the code required size of a standard parking stall in the City of Riverside is 9'-0" wide by 18'-0" long with no provision for compact stalls.

The proposed size of compact stalls for IHL range from 8'-0" wide by 15'-0" long to 8.5'-0" wide by 18'-0" long which are considered large by national standards. The number of compact stalls designed at 8.5'-0" wide by 18'-0" long are just 6" narrower than the City's standard stall dimension. We would consider these technically "compact" stalls to be standard stalls based on industry practices.

Comparable Compact Codes per Nearby Southern California Cities

Many cities around the United States, and more specifically Southern California, have an allowance for compact parking spaces in their municipal and zoning codes. Exhibit "B" below shows a list of some of these cities, along with their respective percentages of allowance and compact parking space sizes.

Exhibit "B"
Similar Cities in Southern California
Compact Parking Comparison Analysis

City	% Allowance	Space Size
Buena Park	30%	8' x 16'
Claremont	40%	8.5' x 18'
Corona	25%	8.5' x 17'
Garden Grove	20%	8' x 15'
Los Angeles	40%	7.5' x 15'
Manhattan Beach	40%	8' x 15'
Palm Springs	40%	8' x 15'

Proposed for Imperial Hardware Lofts

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	Location	% of spaces	Compact Size	
	IHL	12%	8' x 15'	
	IHL	17%	8.5' x 15'	
	TOTAL	29%		

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* Does not reflect 33% of spaces that are 8.5' x 18' and considered "standard", nor tandem stalls

Special Circumstances Relating to Property Configuration and Physical Constraints

True to its urban character, the relatively small size of the Imperial Hardware Lofts site which is bordered by two main streets, an existing building and an alley requires that all onsite parking be constructed beneath the footprint of the mixed-use residential building above. If the existing City parking codes with respect to the number, size and configuration of parking stalls were required to be adhered to, an additional level of subterranean parking would have to be constructed to accommodate the current scope of the project.

We understand from our conversations with the developer that the cost of constructing a second level of subterranean parking would render the project financially infeasible. The City requirement that the developer rehabilitate the existing historic facade of the Imperial Hardware Building and incorporate it into the design of the project may also place additional constraints on the feasibility of constructing additional levels of parking. Alternatively, the project would have to be reduced in scope by nearly 50% if the current two levels of parking were maintained and designed per the existing parking code.

Summary and Recommendations – Compact parking spaces

The use of compact parking stalls is a common practice both nationally and within Southern California cities to address the current and future downsizing of automobiles. This is particularly applicable to urban residential projects such as IHL where environmentally-minded Millennial residents will typically drive smaller, more fuel efficient vehicles than the general population, including all-electric and hybrid models.

The size of compact stalls for IHL are large by industry standards, and the percentage of true compact stalls at 27% is at the low range when compared to other Southern California cities. We would recommend the City accept the variance for compact stalls as being consistent with industry practices.

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Allowance for tandem parking related to the City of Riverside Municipal Code

As defined in the City of Riverside Municipal Code Parking and Loading, Chapter 19.580, Section

19.580.080 Design Standards, Subsection A.5:

Tandem parking shall not be permitted to satisfy the minimum parking requirement.

The common definition of tandem parking is where one parking space is located directly behind another

parking space. Typically, the vehicles in the tandem parking arrangement are parked or moved by the

individual drivers or residents. Tandem parking is commonly accepted by residents living in urban

locations where land for parking is scarce and the alternative would be one parking space vs. two. This

type of residential parking is ideal for two-bedroom rental units when spaces are assigned to individual

units. Given the contiguous location of tandem spaces and their usage by single households, it is typical

that these spaces be designed to compact stall dimensions

In these tandem parking arrangements it is up to the residents to maneuver the vehicles in and out of

the parking spaces as needed. For instance, the residents may have a set of keys for both vehicles so

that the driver can move both vehicles as needed. Tandem parking users often synchronize their daily

schedules to best accommodate the use of their dedicated tandem parking spaces.

As defined in the City of Riverside Municipal Code Parking and Loading, Chapter 19.580, other land uses,

e.g. single-family residences and day care facilities, allow the required parking to be provided as tandem

parking. Therefore, especially for residential consideration, tandem parking is already considered a

viable solution to meeting the parking requirements as set forth by the City of Riverside.

Exhibit III below illustrates the type of tandem parking that is being proposed for the Imperial Hardware

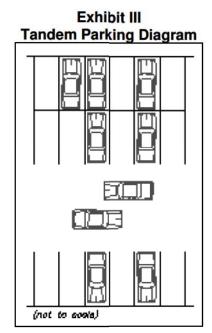
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In today's world of design and construction, much emphasis is being placed on sustainable, green design and function. Flexible solutions, including tandem parking, allow more parking in less space, helping to reduce housing costs and environmental impacts, while at the same time improving overall urban design²-- something that is important to the Millennial market

Other Southern California jurisdictions allow tandem parking to address their requirements for parking. Exhibit "D" is a partial list of some of these jurisdictions and the allowances.

Exhibit "D"

Southern California Jurisdictions

That Allow Tandem Parking for Required Parking

City	Land Use Allowance
Claremont	Residential
Corona	Residential
Garden Grove	Valet Parking
Long Beach	Residential
Los Angeles	Commercial and Residential
Manhattan Beach	Residential Guest
Palm Springs	Allowed on Approval
Santa Ana	Residential and Valet

² Parking Management Best Practices, Litman, Todd (2006)

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Summary and Recommendations - Tandem parking

It would be consistent with industry practices in urban locations and acceptable by downtown residents

of the Imperial Hardware Lofts development to use tandem parking to meet the City-required number of

parking spaces. This would provide adequate parking for the residential units while also reducing the

parking demand on nearby parking lots, parking garages and curbside parking.

We recommend the City approve the variance for tandem parking if assigned to two-bedroom units.

Conclusion

The Imperial Hardware Lofts development will be the first of its kind in the downtown core of Riverside.

The proposed number of onsite parking spaces at one space per bedroom, the percentage of compact

stalls, and number of tandem stalls designated for two-bedroom units are all consistent with

contemporary industry standards and comparable with other progressive Southern California cities.

Because there have not been other residential and mixed-use projects preceding IHL, there currently

does not exist an appropriate downtown parking code or "Downtown Parking Overlay" within the

Specific Plan that reflects the reality of today's urban parking requirements. As a result, it will be

necessary for the Imperial Hardware Lofts project to seek several variances to modify the existing code

to meet its parking requirements.

We would suggest that if the City of Riverside is interested in bringing other similar residential and

mixed-use projects to its downtown that it could benefit by adopting a Downtown Parking Overlay as

part of its Specific Plan that reflects today's urban parking requirements which are consistent with those

requested by IHL. It is our experience that doing so would streamline the development process, add

predictability to the entitlement process, and appeal to other developers of urban residential and mixed-

use projects that can help to achieve Riverside's goal of becoming a vibrant and livable downtown.

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May 5, 2015

Mr. Rob Dodman Ratkovich Properties 2465 Campus Drive Irvine, CA 92612

Dear Mr. Dodman,

This letter provides a review of parking arrangements for the proposed Imperial Hardware Lofts (IHL) in the City of Riverside. It compares those arrangements to best practice in urban housing development based on my research and consulting experience with parking.¹

Context for Parking in Urban Areas

Parking for multifamily downtown infill projects follows a different model than those in traditional suburban locations. Downtown infill projects offer new housing choices for those interested in walkable, multimodal environments. Downtown environments offer an opportunity for lower levels of household vehicle ownership. Further, social and demographic trends indicate a demand for housing with less parking among millennials, those seeking sustainable lifestyles, and baby boomers looking to downsize. Finally, these downtown areas will be the first to offer alternatives to private vehicle ownership such as short-term vehicle rental, ride services, and private shuttles, as has been demonstrated in major California cities.

In downtowns, developments are not self-sufficient "islands" that accommodate peak parking demand on site. Rather, uses in downtowns rely on a pool of parking that is shared among uses with different time-of-day occupancies. Pricing and use rules establish priorities for what parker uses what space.

In response to these trends, some larger cities have eliminated minimum parking requirements, leaving parking supply decisions up to developers (e.g., City of Los Angeles Adaptive Reuse Ordinance). In other cases, cities adopt lower parking requirements as part of a downtown overlay zone to ensure that parking requirements are appropriate for downtown conditions. Variances are requested for IHL because the City of Riverside does not have requirements that are tailored to the downtown. This is an impediment to the strategic vision of increasing downtown residents.

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In urban areas, the possibility that parking demand from an individual use is higher than the on-site supply is mitigated by the existence of a pool of public parking in the vicinity of the site. In addition, because on-street parking is time-limited and/or priced, there are no spillover parking issues. In addition, residential permit parking is used to address any issues where commercial and residential neighborhoods abut.

The remainder of the letter addresses four issues raised in the IHL request for variances.

Question 1. Is it appropriate for the project to park at a rate of one space per bedroom?

The one space per bedroom rate is appropriate for this market area. IHL will appeal to a segment of the market seeking alternatives to multiple vehicle ownership per household. Downtown Riverside is underserved with housing options that offer a downtown location, walkability and lower costs associated with a one space per bedroom parking supply. Considering recent trends in urban multifamily housing developments, one space per bedroom is a generous supply for an urban project in a downtown area.

The average per-unit level of parking proposed exceeds one space per unit (1.26 spaces per unit). Units will attract a range of household types and sizes, some having no cars, others one car, and still others two cars or more. The leasing agent will provide parking permissions to units in a way that balances the supply with the demand.

The traditional practice of assigning individual spaces to units reduces the ability of one space to serve more than one unit. In this case, the IHL developer has indicated that some spaces will not be assigned but will be part of in a pool that can be used by all residents who are granted permission to park. This increases the efficiency with which the IHL parking supply is used, since fewer spaces will sit empty when residents are away from their homes.

There is precedent for lower parking supply in urban locations. The following provides three examples of cities that have adopted lower multifamily housing parking requirements for their transit areas, citywide, or in downtowns.

- Portland, Oregon requires 0.33 spaces per unit for projects greater than 51 units for projects within 500 feet of a transit street with 20-minute peak hour bus service. (Section 33.266.110)
- Santa Monica, California requires 1 space per unit for 1 bedroom units and 1.5 spaces per unit for 2 bedrooms or more.
- Claremont, Claremont Village District, California requires one off-street parking space for each dwelling unit, for residential uses developed in conjunction with commercial uses. (Section 16.060.030).

In addition, the March 24, 2015 Parking Design Group letter report provides other examples of lower downtown parking requirements in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Long Beach.

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Question 2. Is it appropriate to allow tandem parking for two-bedroom units?

Tandem parking is an appropriate parking supply strategy. It increases the efficiency with which the building area devoted to parking by reduces the amount of drive aisle per parking space. This efficiency allows developments to occur on constrained urban sites and lowers the cost of construction, and ultimately rents. Tandem parking works well for two bedroom units, where both spaces are assigned to a single unit. Residents coordinate themselves on moving cars in and out as a private matter. On-site parking management and enforcement ensures that residents with tandem spaces do not use other tenant's spaces.

The March 24, 2015 Parking Design Group letter report lists eight examples of cities in Southern California that allow tandem parking for some or all of the residential uses. An additional example is the requirements of Oxnard's RiverPark Specific Plan, which allows tandem parking. This smart growth plan is outside of the downtown, but still allows tandem parking for the site planning efficiency it offers.

This proposal offers those with two cars a lower priced housing option than if side-by-side spaces were required, which would dramatically increase building costs and/or lower density, both of which would increase rents or could render the project financially infeasible. Of course, residents *prefer* side-by-side spaces if all else is equal, but the higher cost of that arrangement means that tandem parking offers two-car households a less expensive housing option.

Question 3. Is it reasonable to use shared city parking garages to satisfy the guest and retail parking?

The use of shared district parking resources is the hallmark of urban areas. The larger parking pool acts as a buffer for fluctuations in parking demand in particular uses. Visitors and retail patrons who drive have the option of considering a variety of on- and off-street parking locations depending on the length of their visit, their willingness to walk, and the price they wish to pay for parking. Sometimes, when much of the off-street parking is in private hands, property owners do not share their parking as part of the common pool. That is not the case in downtown Riverside, because there is a robust public parking supply the City can manage to achieve their objectives. The March 24, 2015 Parking Design Group letter report identifies 938 public parking spaces within 750 feet of the site. In addition, many of the retail patrons will walk to the site, given the large daytime population, or "park once" since they are already have parked to patronize existing uses in the downtown.

Three examples of shared public parking are offered here:

- Mission District Specific Plan, City of South Pasadena. No new parking required for adaptive use of historic buildings. Parking is accommodated in a pool of public on- and off-street parking facilities.
- RiverPark Specific Plan, City of Oxnard. On-street parking credited to fulfill guest parking requirements for multifamily residential uses.
- Eagle Rock, City of Los Angeles. Restaurant developers allowed to count existing, on-street parking toward the parking requirement.

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Question 4. Are the proposed parking and aisle way dimensions consistent with best practice?

Parking space and aisle dimension requirements are being reconsidered by cities across the country. The general trend is away from having two sizes - standard and compact - toward a smaller "unispace" size. This reflects a goal to efficiently using land or building area devoted to parking, and a recognition that vehicle size is trending to smaller vehicles as the result of Federal fuel economy standards. In addition, the risk of parking conflicts associated with larger vehicles is reduced by parking management tools that direct larger vehicle to the spaces that are larger and more accessible.

Parking and aisle dimensions also relate to the type of parking use. In general larger spaces sizes are appropriate for facilities in which a wide variety of users park, and facilities where the parking turnover is high. In other words, many users park in the space in one day, parkers are searching for an available space, and the garage layout is not familiar (e.g., parking for the first time in mixed-use retail facility). The multifamily residential parking situation is the opposite: low turnover of spaces (number of movements in and out are less than other uses), spaces assigned to units, and familiarity with maneuvering into a particular space. Smaller space sizes and aisle widths are appropriate for this type of parking. Finally, vehicles that self-park in lots and structures will be widely available soon – this technology will require less maneuvering room, justifying smaller spaces and aisle widths.

The City of Portland has had a single-size parking requirement for a number of years. Chapter 33.266 requires an 8.5' space width, a 20' aisle width, and a 16' stall depth. This translates to a minimum of 52' for a double-loaded aisle of parking. The minimum width for IHL is 5.5' greater than Portland's standard ((18' stall depth \times 2) + 21.5' aisle = 57.5'). Another example is the City of Santa Monica, which allows a 20 foot drive aisles on those aisles serving compact spaces (SMMC Section 9.04.10.08.070)

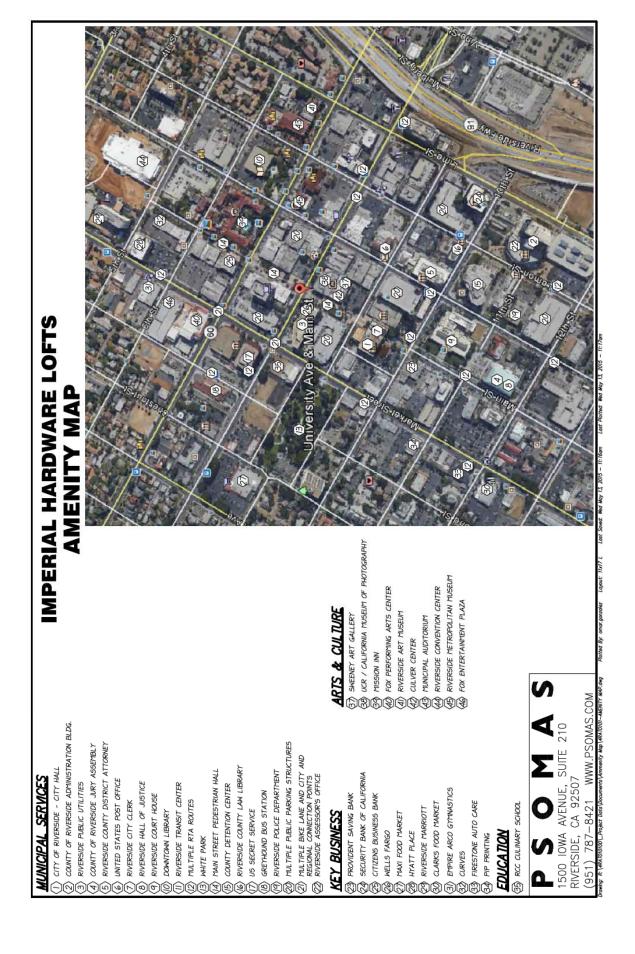
Conclusion

In summary, the proposed parking arrangements for the Imperial Hardware Lofts project are consistent with the best practice in parking provision and management for downtown areas. My professional opinion is that variances requested are appropriate from a parking standpoint. Given the large shared parking potential in the downtown, multifamily housing parking supplies of less than one space per bedroom are justifiable and well within current practice in downtowns across the country. In that regard, the Imperial Hardware Lofts represent a conservative approach that does not pose a risk of parking impacts. Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

Best regards,

Richard Willson, Ph.D. FAICP

President





The Old Riverside Foundation for Historic Preservation

May 6, 2015

Hon. Mayor and City Council, Riverside City Planning Commission, Riverside Cultural Heritage Board 3900 Main Street Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Imperial Hardware Lofts, Ratkovich Properties Proposal

Hon. Mayor, Council, Commission, and Board Members,

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The Old Riverside Foundation is pleased to support the proposal by Ratkovich Properties to redevelop the Imperial Hardware building and adjoining property for ground-level commercial space and residential units. In doing so, their plans have demonstrated great sensitivity to the retention and rehabilitation of the 1390s-era façade.

Ratkovich Properties has demonstrated a willingness to reach out to local community groups such as our foundation to share their plans and goals, and to listen to and act upon suggestions to improve and enhance the historic façade.

We look forward to this project becoming a success and making its place in the historic fabric of downtown Riverside.

Sincerely,

Carol McDoniel

President

Old Riverside Foundation

cc: Erin Gettis Cliff Ratkovich

> Old Riverside Foundation PO Box 601, Riverside, CA 92502



May 13, 2015

Emilio Ramirez
Interim Director
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City of Riverside
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Dear Mr. Ramirez:

RE: Support for Imperial Hardware Lofts

At its May 13th meeting, the Riverside Downtown Partnership adopted a motion to support the Imperial Hardware Loft project as an appropriate adaptive use of the existing space and as a means to bring additional residents and retail space to the downtown core. The RDP Board feels that the project will not only bring residents and retail to downtown but will transform an important corner with a respectful reuse of a historic building. RDP's support also recognizes that the project is being undertaken by an experienced and quality developer agreed to by the City.

We understand that the approval process includes review of the project by the Cultural Heritage Board on May 20th, the Planning Commission on May 21st, and then approval by City Council at its June 16th meeting. We encourage the Cultural Heritage Board and the Planning Commission to recommend approval of the project to City Council, and encourage City Council to grant that approval.

The Riverside Downtown Partnership is a non-profit association managing the downtown business improvement district in Riverside. Our mission is to promote, represent, and manage an environment to support downtown Riverside as a regional destination for economic, arts, cultural, and residential uses. To accomplish this, we act as an advocate on behalf of downtown and its stakeholders, and we work with partners on issues and initiatives that are critical to downtown growth and development.

Sincerely, Janie Frank

Janice Penner
Executive Director

CC: Justin Tracy, Chair – RDP Board of Directors
Brian Pearcy, Chair – RDP Land Use Committee

Councilman Mike Gardner - Ward One