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Application Type:

Zone Change

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Actions Requested:

Code Section from which Relief is requested:

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LAMC Section 12.32

Background and Justification for Request:

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For all of the reasons noted above, the requested Zone Change will be in the best interest of, and appropriate for, the public necessity, convenience and general welfare and will constitute good zoning practice.