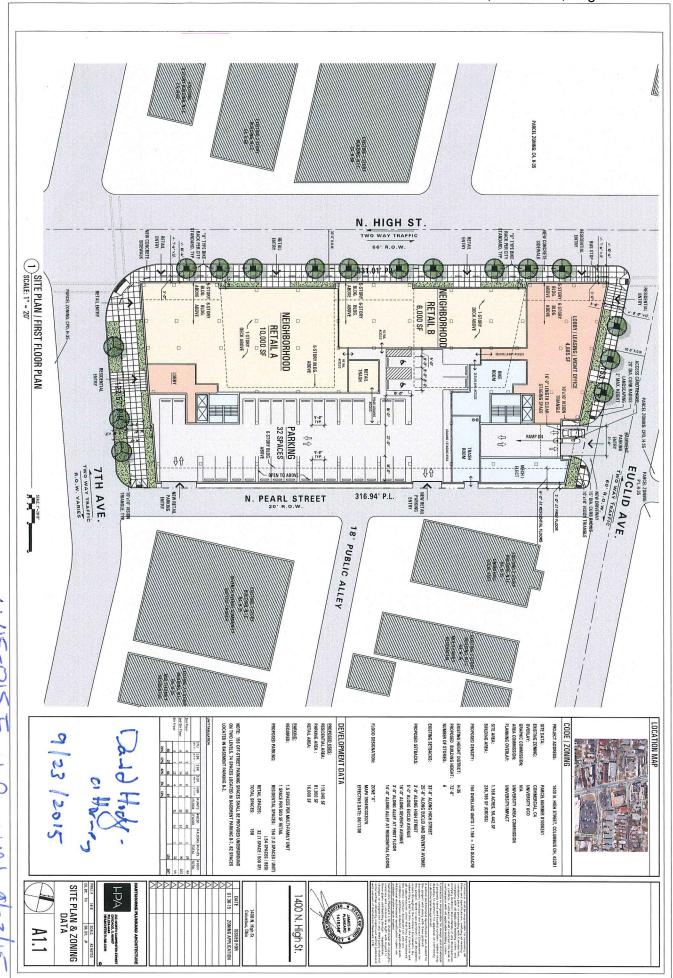
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Statement of Hardship

1398 North High Street

The applicant, CA Ventures, proposes demolition of the existing building located along the east side of North High Street between 7th Avenue to the south and Euclid Avenue to the north for redevelopment with a mixed-use development in the C-4 district. The development will consist of first floor uses which are predominately retail, with accessory residential first floor uses including the residential lobby entrance, and the office, leasing, and management office for the building. Upper stories of the development are residential. This redevelopment is within the University Impact District, which controls the building architecture, and what is proposed meets or exceeds these regulatory guidelines as well as the newly adopted University District Plan. This property is further subject to the Urban Commercial Overlay which encourages buildings to be closer to the street, though the Euclid and 7th Avenue frontages are not subject to the Urban Commercial Overlay required setbacks. The proposed setback reductions are consistent with the planning efforts along this portion of the street.

The C-4 district permits first floor commercial uses with residential uses above, though does not permit first floor residential uses. In this instance the applicant proposes limited use of the first floor as accessory residential uses including a residential lobby, its management, leasing, and local operational office, and bicycle parking and storage as shown on the site plan, which use does not strictly meet the use allowances of the C-4 district.

The majority of the High Street first floor frontage of the proposed building will be retail uses, starting at 7th Avenue on the south, extending northward to within approximately 58 feet of Euclid Avenue. The remaining 273 feet of frontage will be retail, approximately 82%, and the portion that is not retail will have a retail appearance, and have vibrancy and connection with the High Street pedestrian network.

The proposed development exceeds the residential parking recommendation of the new University District Plan (.375 parking spaces per bed) by providing 1 parking space per dwelling, with a reduction for the commercial component of the mixed use development only if the tenant mix includes a tenant that occupies more than 10,000 square feet of space. This proposal also meets the 72 foot height limitation as provided in the University District Plan. Technical variances to the use adjacency requirement due to the setback requirements, and to the loading space requirement are also necessary.

Unlike the majority of other C-4 zoned property in the City of Columbus, this site is subject to the Urban Commercial Overlay. This proposal is consistent with other similar development which has occurred along High Street. The various planning documents encourage mixed use building development and taller buildings along High Street as proposed here. These planning documents are not the result of actions of the property owner or applicant.

The applicant's proposal meets the spirit of the zoning regulations, and the guiding City planning documents, and these variances are necessary for either the functionality of the building, or to allow the building to develop in accordance with the University District Plan. These variances will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to any adjacent property, unreasonably increase the congestion of public streets, increase the danger of fires, endanger the public safety, unreasonably diminish or impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Columbus.

The facts warrant the grant of the requested variances and will accommodate the redevelopment of this property in accordance with the spirit of the Code and the letter of the University District Plan.

The applicant respectfully requests that the variance be granted.

CA Ventures

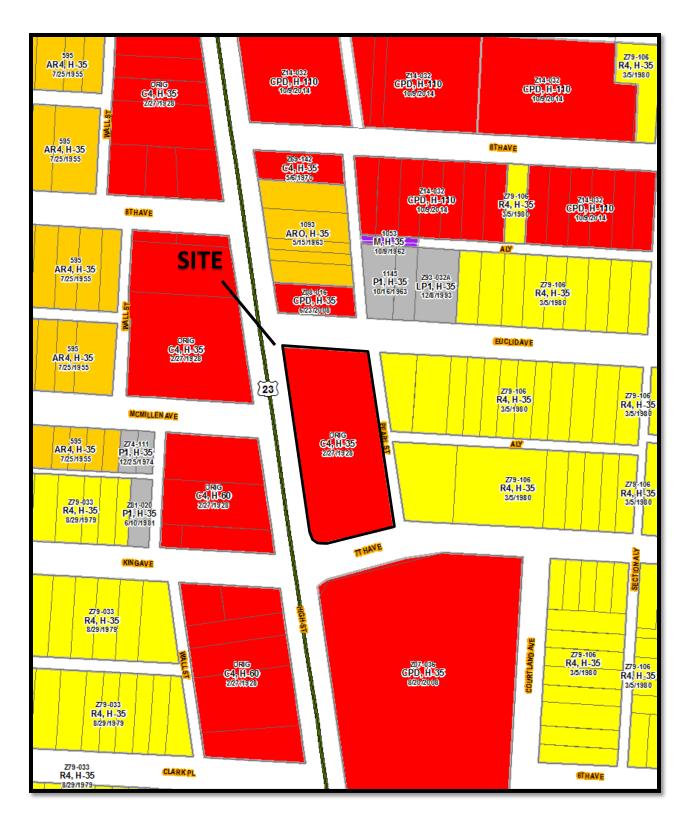
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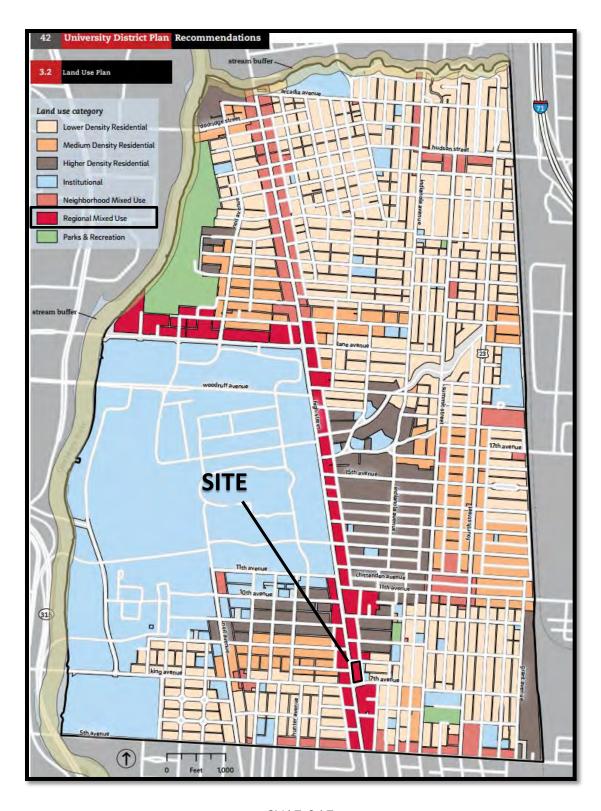
List of Variances

Section 3356.03	C-4 district permitted uses to allow limited use of the first floor with accessory residential uses including the lobby, management office for the development, and bicycle parking.
Section 3309.14	Height districts to increase the allowable height for a building from 35 feet to 72 feet.
Section 3312.49(A),(B)	Minimum numbers of parking spaces required to provide the 14 required bicycle spaces in the public right-of-way as approved by the Department of Public Service, and residential bicycle parking in a non-visible area in a bike room within the building.
Section 3312.49(C)	Minimum number of parking spaces required to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 234 required for the residential to 156 provided, which is one space per apartment, and to reduce to parking for the retail from 44 required to 32 assuming the space is occupied by a retail tenant occupying more than 10,000 square feet. If the retail tenants occupy less than 5,000 square feet each, the retail parking meets the 32 parking space requirement.
Section 3312.53	Minimum number of loading spaces to reduce the required number from 1 to zero
Section 3356.05(F)	C-4 district development standards to permit the required adjoining uses to occupy less than the entire length of at least one property frontage.
Section 3372.604(A)	To increase the building setback along 7 th Avenue to 16 feet from the 10 foot maximum requirement under the Urban Commercial Overlay.

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CV15-015 1398 North High Street Approximately 1.15 acres



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TO: Shannon Pine
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spine@columbus.gov

RE: 1398 N. High Project

Council Variance: CV15-015

Dear Ms. Pine:

This letter is to inform you that on May20, 2015 the University Area Commission (UAC) voted to *disapprove* the request for a Council Variance for the mixed use development proposed for the NE corner of 7th and High Streets. Per the submitted Council Variance application dated 3/5/2015 and the revised site plan dated 1/30/15 the requested variances are as follows:

- a) Section 3356.03, C4 Permitted Uses: to allow limited first floor accessory residential use (leasing office & residential lobby).
- b) Section 3356.11, C4 District Setback: to reduce the building setback from 25 ft. to 5 ft. along Euclid Ave. & from 25 ft. to 16 ft. along 7th Ave.
- c) Section 3312.49, Min. Number of Parking Spaces: to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 282 to 149.
- d) Section 3312.53, Min. Number of Loading Spaces: to reduce the required number from 1 to zero
- Section 3309.14, Height Districts: to increase the allowable height for a building from 35 ft.to 70 ft.
- f) Section 3356.05(F), C4 District Development Limitations: to permit the required adjoining uses to occupy less the entire length of at least one property frontage.
- g) Section 3321.05, Vision Clearance: to reduce the vision clearance at the entry points to the parking garage. (See below).

The Zoning Committee met twice with the applicant and had recommended approval for all of the above requested variances <u>except</u>: (g) – "Vision Clearance". Subsequent to this vote and prior to the UAC meeting, the applicant revised the site plan to eliminate the need for the vision clearance variance. Also in this time period, the UAC received comments from the Divisions of Planning and Traffic Management. Planning supported the variance requests for the residential parking, but wanted more information on the proposed commercial parking. Traffic Management was not supportive of the number of residential parking spaces proposed.

These conflicting comments left the UAC in a difficult place in their deliberations over this variance request. It was made evident that we are clearly in an interim period where recommendations found in the new <u>University District Plan</u> need to be vetted against the current code. The debate also illustrated that not all parcels along the High Street urban corridor should necessarily be treated the same in terms of development standards like parking and building height.

The comments expressed during the meeting were thoughtful and insightful. Commissioners appreciated that the applicant had reached out to the Weinland Park community for input, and also that the project was respectful of design guidelines laid out in the University Overlay. However, given the diversity of opinion over the proposed parking, and the importance of weighing these variances with regard to this particular neighborhood, the UAC voted to disapprove the requested Council Variance as follows:

Council Variance CV15-009: For - 8; Against - 11; Abstentions - 0.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan LM Keeny Susan Keeny UAC Zoning Committee Chair C: 937-479-0201

Pine, Shannon L.

From: susan keeny <slmkeeny@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:09 PM

To: Pine, Shannon L.

Cc: David Hodge; susan keeny

Subject: 1398 N High St.

Attachments: 2015-0520_1398_n_high_letter.pdf

Shannon,

Attached please find (finally!) a letter regarding the University Area Commission's vote on the council variance for the property located at 1398 N. High St.

I want to highlight what you already know, that the applicant has listened to the concerns of the Commission and the architect has revised the plans even <u>after</u> the Commission vote. We were in consultation with the city attorney as to how to proceed, and were advised that with the plans being revised, we should make sure the residents are properly notified. This would mean going through another month of zoning and commission meetings. The applicant, understandably, agreed to let the original vote of the University Area Commission stand as is.

I want to personally compliment the patience and professional graciousness of the applicant during this process.

Please call anytime with questions.

Susan Keeny c: 937-479-0201

University Area Review Board

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	RECOMENDATIO	N				
property address hearing date applicant	1400 NORTH HIGH STREET CV15-015 April 16, 2015 David Hodge, Jeffrey L. Brown (Smith & Hale LLC)					
issue date	July 8, 2015					
This is a recommendation to the appropriate regulatory body as identified per City Code. It is not a zoning clearance or a building permit. This document does not relieve the applicant from the responsibility of filing for and obtaining any required zoning clearance and/or building permit from the City of Columbus Department of Building & Zoning Services (645-6090 / 757 Carolyn Avenue) and following all other applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Columbus. The University Area Review Board hereby certifies that the application for the above referenced property and a copy of this Recommendation are on file with the City of Columbus Planning Division within the Development Department. The Board has reviewed the application and taken the following action(s) in accordance with Columbus City Code 3372.580. Variance or Zoning Change Request Rezoning Parking Variance Special permit Setbacks Change of Use Change of Use Lot Split						
TYPE(S) OF ACTION(S) REQUESTED:						
To support the Zo	oning Variances necessary to	promote the o	current design proposal.			
RECOMMENDA	TION:					
SUPPORT REQUESTED VARIANCE DO NOT SUPPORT REQUESTED OR ZONING CHANGE NO ACTION TAKEN						

THIS RECOMMENDATION IS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DESIGNATED REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE ACTION(S) REQUESTED AS INDICATED.

Daniel Ferdelman

University Area Review Board, Staff

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Council Variance Application

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Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subject of this application. THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND NOTARIZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in the space provided. STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) __David Hodge of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 37 W. Broad St., Suite 460, Columbus, OH 43215 deposes and states that (he/she) is the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is a list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities having a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this application in the following format: Name of business or individual Business or individual's address Address of corporate headquarters City, State, Zip Number of Columbus based employees Contact name and number Annlee Investment Co., LLC CA Ventures 1480 Dublin Road 161 N. Clark St., Suite 4900 Columbus, OH 43215 Chicago, ILL 60601 Chris Johnson (312) 994-0865 4. Zero Columbus employees Check here if listing additional property owners on a separate page. SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this _4 Seal Here Natalie C. Timmons Notary Public, State of Ohio SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires My Commission Expires 09-04-2020

This Project Disclosure expires six (6) months after the date of notarization.