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Planning Commission Staff Report


CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

August 9, 2018
Agenda Item No. 3

SUBJECT: Hinton and Maloney Residence (PA2017-208)<br>SITE LOCATION:<br>3200 Ocean Boulevard<br>- Coastal Development Permit No. CD2017-091<br>- Variance Permit No. VA2017-002<br>APPLICANT: Nicholson Companies<br>OWNER: Karen M. Hinton and John D. Maloney<br>PLANNER: David S. Lee, Assistant Planner<br>949-644-3225, dlee@newportbeachca.gov

## PROJECT SUMMARY

A coastal development permit (CDP) to allow the construction of a new 7,276-squarefoot, single-unit residence and a 688-square-foot, three-car garage. The application also includes a request for a variance to allow the residence to encroach 5 feet into the required 10 -foot rear setback and exceed the maximum floor area limit.

## RECOMMENDATION

1) Conduct a public hearing;
2) Find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303, Article 19, of Chapter 3, Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act) under Class 3, (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment; and
3) Adopt Resolution No. PC2018-023 approving Coastal Development Permit No. CD2017-091 and Variance No. VA2017-002 (Attachment No. PC 1).


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Table 1 - Land Use, Zoning and Uses

| LOCATION | GENERAL PLAN | ZONING | CURRENT USE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ON-SITE | Single-Unit Residential <br> Detached (RS-D) | Single-Unit Residential <br> $(\mathrm{R}-1)$ | Single-Unit Residence |
| NORTH | RS-D | $\mathrm{R}-1$ | Single-Unit Residences |
| SOUTH | RS-D | $\mathrm{R}-1$ | Single-Unit Residences |
| EAST | RS-D | $\mathrm{R}-1$ | Single-Unit Residences |
| WEST | RS-D | $\mathrm{R}-1$ | Single-Unit Residences |



## INTRODUCTION

## Project Setting

The 5,445-square-foot lot is located in Corona del Mar on the northeast corner of Ocean Boulevard and Larkspur Avenue, on the northerly side of Ocean Boulevard. The property is located in a residential neighborhood and is immediately surrounded by other singleunit residences. The property takes vehicular access from Larkspur Avenue due to the lack of alley access. The property faces Ocean Boulevard and the Corona del Mar State Beach access ramp is located approximately 250 feet to the west.

The site is currently developed with a 2,904-square-foot, two-story, single-unit residence that encroaches 8 feet, 3 inches into the required 10 -foot rear setback. The existing residence also encroaches approximately 4 inches into the required 4-foot interior side setback. In 1990, Modification Permit No. MD3791 was approved authorizing an 885-square-foot addition and alterations to the existing nonconforming dwelling, including allowing the second floor addition to maintain the 4 -inch encroachment into the 4 -foot side setback.

## Project Description

The applicant proposes to demolish the existing single family residence and construct a new 7,276 -square-foot, single family residence and a 688-square-foot, three-car garage. The proposed residence would consist of two levels above grade totaling 4,528 square feet (excluding the garage) and a 2,748 square-foot subterranean basement. The proposed three-car garage is designed to include lift access to an additional vehicle storage space within the subterranean basement. In addition, the design includes an elevator that leads to a roof deck above the second floor.

## Background - Lot Reorientation

The subject property and surrounding area were originally subdivided in 1904 as part of the Re-Subdivision of Corona del Mar (Attachment No. PC 3). The subject property and neighboring property at 210 Larkspur Avenue consist of portions of Lot 7 and 8 of Block 138 of that original subdivision. At the time of the original subdivision, the two lots were typical of neighboring lots and were oriented in a northeasterly direction with each lot facing Ocean Boulevard with alley access provided at the rear. Prior to the construction of the existing residence in 1948, portions of Lots 7 and 8 were combined and reoriented to provide two lots facing Larkspur Avenue. As a result of reorientation, the subject property (the southern portions of Lots 7 and 8 ) does not have alley access and maintains vehicular access from Larkspur Avenue. The reoriented lots are highlighted below in Figure 1.

Figure 1 - Reoriented Lots 7 and 8


## DISCUSSION

## Analysis

General Plan, Local Coastal Plan, and Zoning Code
The site is designated as Single-Unit Residential Detached (RS-D) by the General Plan Land Use Element and Single Unit Residential Detached - 6.0-9.9 DU/AC (RSD-B) by the Coastal Land Use Plan (CLUP). It is located within the Single-Unit Residential (R-1) Zoning District and Coastal Zoning District. The single-unit residence is a permitted use under these land use designations. With the exception of the requested variance for rear setback encroachment and floor area limitation, the proposed residence complies with all other applicable development standards of the R-1 Zoning and Coastal Zoning Districts as illustrated in Table 2 below:

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| Table 2: Zoning and Coastal Zoning Development Standards |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Development Feature | Required | Existing | Proposed |
| Setbacks (min.) |  |  |  |
| Front | $24^{\prime}$ | $24^{\prime}$ | $24^{\prime}$ |
| Rear | 10' | 1'-10" | $5^{(1)}$ |
| Left Side (West) | 4 | 13'-4" | 4 |
| Right Side (East) | 4' | 3'-8" | 4' |
| Height (max.) |  |  |  |
| Flat | 24' |  | $24^{\prime}$ |
| Sloped | 29' | 25'-6" | 29' |
| Open Space (min.) | 466 sq. ft. | Exceeded | 665 sq. ft. |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Floor Area (max.) | 466 sq. ft. | No 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Floor | No 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Floor |
| Floor Area Limit (max.) | 4,234 sq. ft. | 2,904 sq. ft. | 5,216 sq. ft. (excluding basement) ${ }^{(1)(2)}$ |
| Parking (min.) | 3 spaces | 2 spaces | 3 spaces |

(1) Variance requested
(2) The floor area of a subterranean basement is not included in the calculation of total gross floor area pursuant to NBMC Sections 20.18.030 and 21.18.030. The total floor area including the subterranean basement is 7,964 square feet.

## Variance Findings

The variance is requested to reduce the required rear yard setback and to exceed the maximum floor area limit allowed by the Zoning Code and certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) Implementation Plan. A variance is a request to waive or modify certain standards when, because of special circumstances applicable to the property, including location, shape, size, surroundings, topography, or other physical features, the strict application of the development standards otherwise applicable to the property denies the property owner privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the vicinity and in the same zoning district. A variance should be granted to maintain parity between the variance site and nearby properties in the same zoning district to avoid the granting of special privileges to one property.

Currently, the certified LCP is silent on variance procedures. However, California Coastal Act (Coastal Act) Section 30010 states that the Coastal Act is not intended to "take or damage private property for public use, without the payment of just compensation therefor." Coastal Act Section 30010 further states that the Coastal Act is "not intended to increase or decrease the rights of any owner of property under the Constitution of the State of California or the United States." This policy is reiterated in the certified LCP as CLUP Policy 1.3(1). As the Coastal Act and the certified LCP are not intended to increase or diminish the rights of any property owner, the Community Development Director has made an interpretation pursuant to NBMC Section 21.12.020 (Rules of Interpretation) that the City will rely upon the variance procedures in the City's Zoning Code (Section 20.52.090) for deviations requested from the certified LCP Implementation Plan development standards allowing for due process for the applicant.

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The City has a pending LCP amendment under review by the California Coastal Commission to acknowledge variances and modification permits through a CDP, in order to provide due process to the applicant.

Section 20.52.090.F (Variances, Findings and Decision) of the Zoning Code requires the Planning Commission to make the following findings before approving a variance:
A. There are special or unique circumstances or conditions applicable to the subject property (e.g., location, shape, size, surroundings, topography, or other physical features) that do not apply generally to other properties in the vicinity under an identical zoning classification;
B. Strict compliance with Zoning Code requirements would deprive the subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity and under an identical zoning classification;
C. Granting of the Variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights of the applicant;
D. Granting of the Variance will not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations on other properties in the vicinity and in the same zoning district;
E. Granting of the Variance will not be detrimental to the harmonious and orderly growth of the City, or endanger, jeopardize, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public convenience, health, interest, safety, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood; and
F. Granting of the Variance will not be in conflict with the intent and purpose of this Section, this Zoning Code, the General Plan, or any applicable specific plan.

## Variance Analysis - Rear Setback Encroachment

Typical R-1 lots surrounding the subject property abut an alley and are only subject to a 5 -foot rear alley setback. However, the subject lot is atypical due to the reorientation and it abuts another lot developed with a residence to the rear instead of an alley. Including the subject property and 210 Larkspur Avenue, there are a total of 13 ( 3.5 percent) similarly reconfigured lots out of 367 lots in the 1904 Re-subdivision. Out of these 13 lots, 11 have been previously granted deviations from the Zoning Code (See Attachment No. PC 4). Due to the lot not abutting an alley, it is subject to a 10 -foot rear setback. The 10foot rear setback, in addition to the large 24 -foot front setback, disproportionately impacts the property owner's ability to develop the property.

As illustrated in Figure 2, the lot's current setback configuration results in 48 percent of the lot dedicated to setback areas, whereas surrounding typical properties have a range between 26 to 38 percent. As such, strict compliance with setback requirements with the
existing atypical lot configuration reduces the usable buildable area when compared to surrounding typical lots with similar lot sizes in the area. Alternatively, if the subject property and neighboring 210 Larkspur Avenue were never reoriented, development of the original Lots 7 and 8 with orientation facing Ocean Boulevard, would be subject to setbacks and a percentage of lot area dedicated to setbacks (35\% and 33\%) consistent with surrounding typical lots in the area.

Figure 2 - Lot Reorientation (Setbacks)
Original Orientation
Larkspur Ave.
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Current Orientation

> Larkspur Ave.


The requested 5 -foot rear yard setback would make the property more compatible with the existing setbacks of the immediately adjacent properties. The remaining properties along the same block have the same large 24 -foot front setback, but enjoy a similar 5foot rear yard setback and larger percentage of buildable area. Granting a 5 -foot rear yard setback would decrease the percentage of the lot dedicated to setbacks from 48 to 43 percent and bring parity between the subject property and other lots in the surrounding neighborhood.

As illustrated in Figure 3, a 22 -foot-wide portion of the existing garage and second floor living area currently encroach 8 feet, 3 inches into the required 10 -foot rear yard setback, resulting in a setback of 1 -foot 9 -inches. The proposal includes the demolition of the existing dwelling and the construction of a new dwelling 5 feet from the property line for a width of 37 feet. Although the width of the encroachment increases, the location of the dwelling 5 feet from the property line exceeds what would normally be provided if this were treated as a side yard with a minimum required 4 -foot setback, and provides an increased setback distance compared to the existing condition. As a result, there would be increased light and air to the adjacent property. Additionally, the existing setback for the residence of 210 Larkspur Avenue abutting this property is 5 feet, 10 -inches ( 4 -foot minimum side setback required), resulting in a proposed separation of 10 feet, 10 inches between the neighboring structures, whereas the existing separation is 7 feet, 7 inches.

Figure 3 - Existing Development


Although the City does not have private view protection policies, the adjacent neighbor located at 210 Larkspur Avenue currently enjoys a private view across the northwesterly corner of the subject lot. The design includes a 204 -square-foot open space design feature by way of a larger setback on each of the two levels above grade at the northwesterly corner of the proposed dwelling. The applicant included the feature to preserve a portion of the neighbor's existing private view. As illustrated in Figure 4, the design also provides a greater setback and a greater private view shed than what would be provided with a setback-compliant design. The draft resolution of approval includes a condition that requires the design feature to be maintained.

Figure 4 - Private View Exhibit


## Variance Analysis - Floor Area Increase

The maximum floor area permitted on $\mathrm{R}-1$ properties in Corona del Mar is based on a calculation of 1.5 times the buildable area. The buildable area is defined as the area of a lot, excluding the minimum front, side, and rear setback areas. As previously mentioned, due to the reorientation of the lots, the buildable area of the subject property is disproportionately less than that of typical surrounding lots. As a result, the maximum allowable floor area is also similarly impacted. Currently, the subject lot has a buildable area of 2,823 square feet, resulting in a maximum floor area of 4,234 square feet.

Due to the difference in lot sizes and variation in setback areas between the subject property and surrounding lots, staff has calculated the floor to lot area ratios to compare the proposed project to other properties in the area (Table 3 below). A map that shows the referenced properties is shown in Figure 5 below.

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| Table 3: Lot Comparison |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Property Address | Lot Size (SF) | Buildable <br> Area (SF) | Max Floor Area (Buildable SF x 1.5) (SF) | Floor Area Ratio | Required Setbacks |
| 3200 Ocean Blvd. (Code-Required) | 5,445 | 2,823 | 4,234 | 0.777 | F:24 R:10 S:4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3200 \text { Ocean Blvd. } \\ & \text { (Proposed) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 5,445 | 3,108 | 5,216 | 0.958 | F:24 R:5 S:4 |
| Neighboring Lots |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3128 Ocean Blvd. | 8,127 | 5,631 | 8,446.5 | 1.039 | F:22 R:5 S:4 |
| 3208 Ocean Blvd. | 4,263 | 2,707 | 4,060.5 | 0.952 | F:24 R:5 S:3 |
| 210 Larkspur Ave. ${ }^{(1)}$ | 4,225 | 1,994.6 | 2,991.9 | 0.708 | F:20 R:10 S:4 |
| 211 Larkspur Ave. | 5,310 | 3,626 | 5,439 | 1.024 | F:15 R:5 S:4 |
| 212 Larkspur Ave.* | 4,720 | 3,332 | 4,998 | 1.059 | F:15 R:5 S:3 |
| 217 Larkspur Ave.* | 4,720 | 3,332 | 4,998 | 1.059 | F:15 R:5 S:3 |
| 3300 Ocean Blvd. | 7,893 | 5,355 | 8,032.5 | 1.018 | F:25 R:5 S:4 |
| 3100 Ocean Blvd. | 5,746 | 3,973 | 5,959.5 | 1.037 | F:8 R:10 S:3 |
| 209 Marguerite Ave.* | 4,720 | 3,672 | 5,508 | 1.167 | F:5 R:5 S:3 |
| *Typical lot size in the neighborhood. <br> (1) Staff Approval No. SA2001-017 (August 22, 2001) authorized reconstruction of dwelling to maintain a 4-foot rear setback and 15-foot front setback consistent with prior approval of Modification Permit No. MD2001-090. |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 5: Setback/Reference Map


A typical lot in the surrounding area is 4,720 square feet. These lots have FARs between 1.059 and 1.167, depending on their respective setback requirements and the Coderequired floor area limit. However, due to the orientation of the subject lot, the buildable area results in a maximum FAR of 0.777 , which is approximately 25 percent less than what is allowed on lots of similar or smaller size and with a non-reoriented configuration in the neighborhood.

In its original configuration (see Figure 6A), Lot 7 would have a maximum floor area of 4,247 square feet and Lot 8 would have a maximum floor area of 5,335 square feet, totaling a maximum floor area of 9,582 between the two lots. Due to the reconfiguration of the two lots to face Larkspur Avenue (see Figure 6B), the subject lot has a maximum floor area of 4,234 square feet and 210 Larkspur has a maximum floor area of 2,993 square feet, totaling a maximum floor area of 7,227 square feet which is approximately 25 percent less than the original configuration of the lots would have provided.

Figure 6A - Lot Reorientation (Floor Area) Original Orientation


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Figure 6B - Lot Reorientation (Floor Area) Current Orientation


The applicant is requesting a maximum floor area of 5,216 square feet, which would result in a FAR of 0.958 . The granting of the variance would not constitute a special privilege, as it is consistent with and lower than other properties in the vicinity and within the same zone. The subject property has a unique lot configuration that is different from other properties in the vicinity and same zone and results in the application of setbacks and buildable area that is significantly more restrictive. As demonstrated, strict compliance with the Zoning Code requirements would deprive the subject property of constructing a residence with similar FAR and setbacks when compared to neighboring lots and the granting of the variance would not grant more floor area than what could be achieved by other property owners in the same vicinity with identical zoning requirements.

## Coastal Development Permit

The subject property is located within the Categorical Exclusion Order (CEO) Area of the Coastal Zone. Projects on properties located within the CEO may be excluded from the requirement to obtain a coastal development permit (CDP) provided it meets the conditions of the Coastal Commission's Exclusion Order CE-5-NPB-16-1. One of the conditions is the 1.5 floor area limit and given that the proposed project does not meet the maximum floor area limit, the project does not qualify for a Categorical Exclusion and requires a coastal development permit.

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Pursuant to certified LCP Implementation Plan Section 21.52 .15 (F) (Findings and Decision), the review authority may approve or conditionally approve a CDP application, only after first finding that the proposed development:

1. Conforms to all applicable sections of the certified Local Coastal Program (e.g. development standards, no impacts to public views, natural resources, etc.); and
2. Conforms with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act if the project is located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone.

Staff believes sufficient facts exist to support the CDP request, as proposed by the applicant and demonstrated in the Draft Resolution (Attachment No. PC 1).

## Scenic and Visual Quality Protection

The Coastal Land Use Plan of the certified LCP identifies Ocean Boulevard as a coastal view road due to the view of the coast looking south. Due to the location of the project near this protected public view, an initial evaluation of the potential impact to the view shed or the scenic and visual qualities of the coastal zone was conducted pursuant to Section 21.30.100 of the certified LCP Implementation Plan.

The 3100-3200 block of Ocean Boulevard provides views of the ocean, Harbor entrance and Corona del Mar State Beach. However, the subject property is located landward of Ocean Boulevard; therefore, the proposed project site is not between public vantage points along Ocean Boulevard and these view features. Therefore, the project will not impact existing, nor provide an opportunity to enhance, public views along Ocean Boulevard.

Larkspur Avenue provides a view corridor to south and that also allows views of the ocean, Harbor entrance, and Corona del Mar State Beach. While the proposed singleunit residence will be located closer to Larkspur Avenue than the existing residence, it will not encroach into the side setback area established by the certified LCP. Furthermore, the CDP is conditioned to restrict accessory structures and landscaping within this setback area in order to maintain the view corridor. Therefore, the project will not significantly impact existing, nor provide an opportunity to enhance, public views from Larkspur Avenue.

The proposed project will maintain a building envelope consistent with the certified LCP, with the exception of the proposed deviations to the rear setback and floor area limitation. These proposed deviations are limited and only allow for a development that is similar and compatible in design, bulk, and scale of the existing single-unit neighborhood pattern of development and expected future developments permitted pursuant to the certified LCP. When viewed from nearby and distant public viewing areas, the completed project will blend into the low-density residential form of the neighborhood. Therefore, the

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proposed project does not have the potential to degrade the visual quality of the Coastal Zone.

As a result of this initial evaluation, it is staff's determination that the proposed deviations will not result in visual impacts that would be detrimental to the surrounding areas in the coastal zone.

## Public Access

Certified LCP Implementation Plan Section 21.30A. 040 requires that the provision of public access bear a reasonable relationship between the requirement and the project's impact and be proportional to the impact. The project site does not currently provide a public view or access easement and is located more than 200 feet from the nearest public beach. Public access by pedestrians and vehicles to the coast and to public views is presently provided by Ocean Boulevard and Larkspur Avenue, both public roads, and the proposed project is designed and sited so as not to interfere with that access.

The project site does not have alley access and the proposed project will use an existing driveway approach on Larkspur Avenue for vehicular access. Therefore, existing public on-street parking will be maintained. The proposed project will provide three off-street parking spaces within garages, which conforms with Zoning Code and certified LCP offstreet parking requirements for a single-unit residence with this amount of floor area. Therefore, the project will not impact public on-street parking available for public access.

Finally, the proposed single-unit residence will replace an existing single-unit residence; therefore, the proposed project will not generate a significant new or increased demand for public access or recreational opportunities as there will be no increase in density.

## Summary

The reconfiguration of the subject property has created a unique lot orientation that has a rear setback and floor area limit that is more restrictive than neighboring lots of similar size in the surrounding area. Staff, therefore, recommends Planning Commission approval of the variance and coastal development permit based on the discussion and facts above and findings included in the draft resolution for approval. Conditions of approval have been incorporated into the attached draft resolution (Attachment No. PC 1).

## Alternatives

1. The Planning Commission may suggest specific changes that are necessary to alleviate concerns. If any additional requested changes are substantial, the item should be continued to a future meeting to allow a redesign or additional analysis. Should the Planning Commission choose to do so, staff will return with a revised resolution incorporating new findings and/or conditions.
2. If the Planning Commission believes that there are insufficient facts to support the findings for approval, the Planning Commission must deny the application and provide facts in support of denial to be included in the attached draft resolution for denial (Attachment No. PC 2).

## Environmental Review

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 under Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

## Public Notice

Notice of this hearing was published in the Daily Pilot, mailed to all owners of property within 300 feet of the boundaries of the site (excluding intervening rights-of-way and waterways) including the applicant and posted on the subject property at least 10 days before the scheduled meeting, consistent with the provisions of the Municipal Code. Additionally, the item appeared on the agenda for this meeting, which was posted at City Hall and on the City website.

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## ATTACHMENTS

PC 1 Draft Resolution with Findings and Conditions
PC 2 Draft Resolution for Denial
PC 3 Re-Subdivision Map of Corona del Mar (1904)
PC 4 Deviations of Reconfigured Lots Along Ocean Boulevard
PC 5 Project Plans
PC 6 Correspondence


## Attachment No. PC 1

Draft Resolution with Findings and Conditions

Attachment Removed - See Attachment A of City Council Report for Updated Version


## Attachment No. PC 2

Draft Resolution for Denial
Attachment Removed - See Attachment B of City Council Report for Updated Version


## Attachment No. PC 3

Re-Subdivision Map of Corona del Mar (1904)




## Attachment No. PC 4

Deviations of Reconfigured Lots Along Ocean Boulevard


Deviations of Reconfigured Lots Along Ocean Boulevard

| Address | Deviation |  |  | Discretionary Approval | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Setbacks | Floor Area | Nonconforming |  |  |
| 2824 Ocean Blva. |  |  | X | No discretionary approvals on file | Existing structure encroaches into 10-foot rear setback. |
| 2828 Ocean Blvd. |  |  | X | No discretionary approvals on file | Existing structure encroaches into 10-foot rear setback. |
| 211 Heliotrope Ave. | X | X |  | Alternative Setback Determination <br> No. SA2011-012 <br> Approved June 21, 2011 | To modify setbacks and resulting buildable area to 10 feet along Heliotrope Avenue (front), 4 feet along the rear property line, 5 feet along Ocean Lane (side), and 4 feet opposite Ocean Lane (side). |
| 3000 Ocean Blvd. | X |  |  | Modification Permit No. 195 Approved May 12, 1970 | To permit a detached garage to encroach 7 feet into a 10-foot rear setback. |
| 210 Iris Ave. | X |  |  | Modification Permit No. 4459 Approved July 9, 1996 | To permit a replacement second floor balcony to encroach 10 feet into a 20 -foot front yard setback, and 7 feet 3 inches into a required 10 foot rear setback. Also, to permit a staircase to encroach 3 feet into a 4-foot side yard setback. |
|  | X |  |  | Variance No. 62 <br> Approved June 23, 1952 | To reduce the front setback (Iris Ave.) from 20 feet to 10 feet, and reduce the rear setback from 10 feet to 3 feet. |
|  | X |  |  | Modification Permit No. MD2007085 <br> Approved December 4, 2007 | To permit the encroachment of bay windows 12 feet 3 inches into a 20 foot front setback along Iris Ave and 7 feet 3 inches into a 10-foot rear setback. |


| 3200 Ocean <br> Blvd. | X |  |  | Modification Permit No. 3791 <br> Approved December 18, 1990 | To permit an addition to encroach 4 <br> inches into a 4-foot side setback. |
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| 210 Larkspur <br> Ave. | X | X |  | Variance No. 1206, <br> Approved June 8, 1995 <br> *Never Constructed | To permit an addition to exceed <br> maximum floor area and encroach <br> 1-foot 3 inches into a 20-foot front <br> setback, and 6 feet into a 10-foot <br> rear setback. |
|  | X |  |  | Modification Permit No. 2001-090 <br> Approved August 22, 2001 | To permit an expansion of an <br> existing fireplace in front setback, <br> and an extension of a second floor <br> deck to encroach 3 feet 6 inches <br> into a 20-foot front setback. |
| 211 Orchid Ave. | X |  |  |  | Modification Permit No. 2533 <br> Approved April 29, 1980 |


|  |  |  |  |  | reconstruction of a deck above the <br> garage that will encroach 3 feet 3 <br> inches into a 4 foot side setback. |
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|  | X |  |  | Modification Permit No. 3515 <br> Approved March 7, 1989 | To permit a structural alteration to <br> an existing nonconforming garage <br> and second floor deck which <br> encroach 4 feet into a required 4- <br> foot side setback. |
|  | X |  |  | Modification Permit No. 4959 <br> Approved August 31, 1999 | To permit additions and alterations <br> to an existing residence that <br> encroaches 1 foot 6 inches into the <br> required 4-foot side setback. |
| 215 Poppy Ave. | X |  |  | Modification Permit No. 564 <br> Approved September 12, 1972 | To permit a second floor balcony to <br> encroach 9 inches into a 20 front <br> setback. |





## Attachment No. PC 5

Project Plans










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## KEY NOTES -SECTIONS



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# Attachment No. PC 6 



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Subject: Variance Request -3200 Ocean Blvd
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Community Development Department

Re: Variance Request from Nicholson Companies for 3200 Ocean Blvd File \# PA 2017-208
Activity \# VA2017-002/CD2017-091
To Whom it May Concern:
We are opposed to the subject proposal, and we certainly hope that the facts get cleared up, as the subject lot DOES NOT warrant or deserve special treatment not afforded to the rest of us in the immediate neighborhood. For example, on our own home at 3208 Ocean Blvd., many years ago, we sought city permission for a permit because our garage was too tight, and we sought to widen it 4 feet $X 20$ feet. The City said that we had around 45 feet of FAR available, so they processed a permit and only allowed for an expansion of around 3.5 feet of width and roughly 13 feet in length, and they would NOT agree to any variance. They were very emphatic that no variance would be granted. How I would love to have that extra 35 square feet in my garage, and I was doing all the work and spending all the money anyway!

The subject property is UNIQUE; that is true. It enjoys a 65 foot wide expansive, frontage view on Ocean Blvd. That is the beauty of the lot, and for that privilege, years ago, the owners traded away an alley and the setbacks that would have existed under the former scenario. That does NOT mean that a new owner can come in today and present a biased set of facts to support a higher than allowed FAR and a
variance to setbacks to achieve a different result. That is insulting to the rest of us that have to abide by the rules. The setback proposed on Larkspur makes NO SENSE. There is nobody that has that setback on Larkspur, and there is no reason whatsoever to subjectively modify the setback to provide this owner w/ decreased setbacks which create a resultant increase in FAR .

It's time to stop the mansionization of CDM as it's ruining the character and charm of our neighborhoods. Increases in FAR and variances providing for same need to stop. The proposed request does not meet the intent of the required findings for a variance. Compliance with code will not deprive the applicant of privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the vicinity. The variance is not necessary to preserve the enjoyment of any property rights, and it would constitute a grant of a special privilege to 3200 Ocean Blvd. which is not fair. Furthermore, the variance will be detrimental to the adjoining properties, both in property value and privileges currently enjoyed.
Bottom line: it's way too much home for the subject lot, and we expect the city to NOT GRANT the requested setback on Larkspur nor any increase in FAR.

Respectfully,
Ron and Marsha Beard 3208 Ocean Blvd
Corona Del Mar
ronbeard@seproperties.com
marsha.beard@gmail.com


Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 9:24 AM
To: Lee, David
Subject: FW: 3200 Ocean Blvd
Please add to your staff report under correspondence.

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BRITTANY RAMIREZ
Community Development Department
Administrative Analyst
bramirez@newportbeachca.gov
949-644-3239
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From: Don Kazarian [mailto:donkazarian@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 9:23 AM
To: Planning Commissioners [PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov)
Subject: 3200 Ocean Blvd

Hello and thank you for your service on the planning commission. To keep it brief, there are no reasons to grant any variances at 3200 Ocean Blvd. in Corona Del Mar. The rules should be enforced. Everyone should be held to the same standards. I live on the 3400 block and if you are in the neighborhood take a look at the five houses on our block. All seem to blend well except the most recently constructed home at 3408 . You will see it's front patio is much higher than the others. This is the type of thing that results from making exceptions to the zoning rules. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Don Kazarian
3412 Ocean Blvd.
Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

| From: | Ramirez, Brittany |
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| Sent: | Thursday, July 12, 2018 11:28 AM |
| To: | Lee, David |
| Subject: | FW: 3200 Ocean Development |

For inclusion in your staff report.
------Original Message-----
From: jack scrivner [mailto:jackscrivner@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Planning Commissioners [PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov)
Cc: susanskinner949@gmail.com
Subject: 3200 Ocean Development

## Gentlemen:

My wife and I have been a residents of Corona del Mar since 1982 and have watched our beautiful community change in many ways. Many changes have been for the good of all, but unfortunately, to many for the bad.

While we have great respect for the property owner and his rights we also believe in the importance of protecting the integrity of the community as a whole.

That said, we are greatly opposed to what we see in the oversized development going on in our neighborhood. The proposed plan to build an 8115 sf mansion at 3200 Ocean Blvd is not only BAD for our community, but beg's the bigger question where does it end!

Having more money than the next guy should not determine whether or not you can build bigger. We must consider the integrity of the community and not how deep someones pockets are.

Generally I am not one to take such a strong position against a property owner, however, this must stop and stop now! There are plenty of properties around our community that can accommodate development of this size. Please do not allow the city's variance rules to be miss used for the purpose of building these mansions.

Please stop the mansionization of Corona del Mar.

Respectfully,
Mr \& Mrs Jack O Scrivner

| From: | Ramirez, Brittany |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Thursday, July 12, 2018 2:51 PM |
| To: | Lee, David |
| Cc: | Murillo, Jaime |
| Subject: | FW: 3200 Ocean BLVD, CDM Variance Request |

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For inclusion in your staff report.
-----Original Message-----
From: Renee Pepys Lowe [mailto:renee@reneepepyslowe.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 2:46 PM
To: Planning Commissioners [PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov)
Subject: 3200 Ocean BLVD, CDM Variance Request

Dear Planning Commission,

As a CDM resident, I am writing to you to express our concern of 3200 Ocean BLVD, CDM. We are proud residents of CDM and truly love this very special community. This planned expansion of 3200 Ocean BLVD is a detrimental impact of the continual mansionization in CDM, whereby losing the uniqueness of this wonderful village and hereby granting special privileges to 3200 Ocean Blvd. This granting of the Variance will allow for development which is completely OUT OF SCALE to the Larkspur Ave and the neighborhood and in addition will have a detrimental impact both in property values and privileges currently enjoyed by residents.

I urge you, the Planning Commission to please re-consider this variance request. Please do not disrespect our community.

With best wishes,

Renee and Stan Lowe
CDM Resident

Renee
Renee Pepys Lowe
RPL and Associates, LLC.
Tel: 949-466-3764
renee@reneepepyslowe.com
Skype: renee.pepyslowe1

From:
Ramirez, Brittany


Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 10:08 AM
To: Lee, David
Cc: Murillo, Jaime
Subject: FW: 3200 Ocean Blvd Variance Request - File \# PA 2017-208

For inclusion in the staff report going in August.

BRITTANY RAMIREZ
Community Development Department
Administrative Analyst
bramirez@newportbeachca.gov
949-644-3239

From: Brant Dahlfors [mailto:bdahlfors@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Planning Commissioners [PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov)
Cc: Ron Beard [RonBeard@seproperties.com](mailto:RonBeard@seproperties.com)
Subject: 3200 Ocean Blvd Variance Request - File \# PA 2017-208

City of Newport
Beach
Community Development Department
Re: Variance Request from Nicholson Companies for 3200 Ocean Blvd
File \# PA 2017-208
Activity \# VA2017-002/CD2017-091
To Whom it May Concern:
We are opposed to the subject proposal, and we certainly hope that the facts get cleared up, as the subject lot DOES NOT warrant or deserve special treatment not afforded to the rest of us in the immediate neighborhood. Please consider;

- The detrimental impacts of continual mansionization in CDM
- The proposed request does not meet the intent of the required findings for a variance.
- The property does not have special or unique circumstances or conditions which do not generally apply to other properties in the vicinity.
- Compliance with Code will not deprive the applicant of privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the vicinity.
- The Variance is not necessary to preserve the enjoyment of any property rights.
- The Variance will constitute a grant of a special privilege to 3200 Ocean Blvd.
- The Variance will be detrimental to the adjoining property, both in property value and privileges currently enjoyed.
- The Variance will have a detrimental impact to persons, property, and improvements in the neighborhood and will have a detrimental effect of existing use by surrounding neighbors.
- The granting of the Variance will allow for a development which is out of scale with the surrounding neighborhood.
- The proposed Variance will affect the flow of air and light to the adjoining residential property.
- The applicant has the ability to gain significant additional square footage by adding a basement without the need to request additional square footage above grade or alter setbacks through a variance.

The subject property is UNIQUE; that is true. It enjoys a 65 foot wide expansive, frontage view on Ocean Blvd. That is the beauty of the lot, and for that privilege, years ago, the owners traded away an alley and the setbacks that would have existed under the former scenario. That does NOT mean that a new owner can come in today and present a biased set of facts to support a higher than allowed FAR and a variance to setbacks to achieve a different result.

Compliance with code will not deprive the applicant of privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the vicinity. The variance is not necessary to preserve the enjoyment of any property rights, and it would constitute a grant of a special privilege to 3200 Ocean Blvd. which is not fair. Furthermore, the variance will be detrimental to the adjoining properties, both in property value and privileges currently enjoyed and significantly impact the street appeal for everyone living in the 200 block of Larkspur.

Respectfully,

Thank you!

Brant \& Nancy Dahlfors
211 Larkspur Ave.
Bdahlfors@mac.com
949-439-8663

| From: | Ramirez, Brittany |
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| To: | Lee, David |
| Cc: | Murillo, Jaime |
| Subject: | FW: variance for 3200 oceanboulevard |
| Date: | Monday, July 16, 2018 5:26:36 PM |
| Attachments: | image001.png |

For inclusion in your staff report in August.

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BRITTANY RAMIREZ
Community Development Department
Administrative Analyst
bramirez@newportbeachca.gov
949-644-3239
From: richard ardis [mailto:tobyardis@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 5:24 PM
To: Planning Commissioners <PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov>
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Subject: variance for 3200 oceanboulevard
dear planning commission members; This is in regard to a variance for property at 3200 Ocean Boulevard,corona del mar.i am opposed to giving the variance. When people in that area purchase property there,they assume that another property owner will not get a variance to build out larger than what had previously been allowed,probably blocking some other peoples view. the view is one of the main reasons people buy in the neighborhood. They also had to pay a premium for their view. I did not like it when i lost a small portion of my view. I am sure that the current owner realized what could and what could not be done with the property.Recently,there have been built many beautiful houses in our community, on lots with various sizes and configurations..I am sure that the builders and architects can build a beautiful house on the property without getting a variance. thank you,Richard Ardis. 949-673-2099

| From: | Raquel Dawson [dawson.raquel@gmail.com](mailto:dawson.raquel@gmail.com) on behalf of Raquel |
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|  | Dawson [Raquel.Dawson@chicagobooth.edu](mailto:Raquel.Dawson@chicagobooth.edu) |
| Sent: | Tuesday, July 17, 2018 8:48 AM |
| To: | Lee, David |
| Subject: | Objection to Variance PA2017-208 / Hinton and Maloney Residence |

Hello David,
I am writing to formally object to the Planning Commission's approval of PA2017-208 (Hinton and Maloney Residence). This property has no topography challenges. Granting neighbors the right to build a NEW home that exceeds the maximum floor area limit (FAR) is unfair and creates unequal property rights in the neighborhohood. Why should they be allowed to develop their land more than other neighbors? Unless the property has a topography issue, setbacks should be consistent with code as all new properties are expect to be. The Hiltons / Maloneys should revise their plans so no variances are needed. If they want a bigger home, they should dig a basement.

Denying variances to this project will allow Corona Del Mar to develop NEW homes that are consistent with City code and give no neighbor a special privilege.

Sincerely,
Raquel Dawson
2741 Ocean Blvd
Corona Del Mar, CA 92615

| From: | Sally Rapp [sjrapp@outlook.com](mailto:sjrapp@outlook.com) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Tuesday, July 17, 2018 2:36 PM |
| To: | Lee, David; Planning Commissioners |
| Subject: | PA2017-208 |

Dear Planning Commission members and Newport Beach Planning Staff,
I am the homeowner at 3308 Ocean Blvd in Corona del Mar and I would like to submit my opposition to variances requested in relation to the above listed project at 3200 Ocean Blvd. I understand that the matter has been recommended for a continuance but wish to enter my concerns about reduced setbacks and increasing sizes of homes in the neighborhood. From what I have read there are no special circumstances ( a lot with no alley access is not a "special" circumstance but rather a basic lot characteristic) to justify a variance in this case and further that it could set a precedent for future property development in my neighborhood. 7421 sqft is a massive house and a $28 \%$ reduction would still be enormous. It seems to me that a property buyer should anticipate developing within the constraints of the neighborhood's planning rules and if they "need" a larger house they should buy a different lot where the rules permit such a size (or purchase multiple adjoining lots as others have done). Please register my opposition to the proposed variances and let me know when the matter is rescheduled for hearing.
Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sally Rapp
949-566-9921

| From: | Ramirez, Brittany |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:27 AM |
| To: | Lee, David |
| Cc: | Murillo, Jaime |
| Subject: | FW: Hinton and Maloney Residence |

For inclusion in your staff report in August
-----Original Message-----
From: Sharon McNalley [mailto:sharonmen@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 5:32 PM
To: Planning Commissioners [PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov)
Subject: Hinton and Maloney Residence

Dear Mr. Weigand and Members of the Newport Beach Planning Commission,

I wish to express my very strong objections to the variances requested by Nicholson Construction at 3200 Ocean Boulevard, Corona del Mar.

The city code was established to protect and preserve the character of our community and the quality of life for our residents. To grant this variance would be an unconscionable precedent for other developers.

The Maloney family lived at 3200 Ocean Boulevard for many decades without seeking special treatment from the city. There is no justification for encroaching into the rear setback nor for exceeding the maximum floor area limit--- because there are no extenuating circumstances. I find it especially egregious that because the property has exactly the same set-back requirements as everyone else on our block, the builder seeks entitlement for more square footage - -there is absolutely no logic to that. How does the applicant perceive that following the same rules as the rest of us somehow deprives him ----of what, more income?

Our family moved to Corona del Mar in 1970 when my late husband was recruited to found the cardiology department at Hoag Hospital. We purchased our home at 3228 Ocean Boulevard in 1971 and have resided there throughout the ensuing years. During the past 47 years there have been very few applications for variances, and those were primarily made by builders, not residents. We respect the rights and privileges of our neighbors, and receive the same consideration from them; nor do we or our friends and neighbors expect entitlement for special privileges.

Corona del Mar was long ago established as a residential community with its own unique character. It is not a "Housing Development" despite the unfortunate efforts of the Nicholson Company and previous builders.

I implore you on behalf of the McNalley family and other residents of Corona del Mar, to deny the variances proposed by the Nicholson Construction Company and to preserve the essence of our community. Our family feels immensely privileged to be part of this wonderful Crown of the Sea.

We are placing our trust in the Planning Commission to maintain the city's zoning rules and to deny variances to those who would change the character of our community or negatively affect the quality of life we so appreciate.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully,
Sharon McNalley
3228 Ocean Boulevard
Corona del Mar, CA

| From: | Ramirez, Brittany |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, July 18, 2018 11:41 AM |
| To: | Lee, David |
| Cc: | Murillo, Jaime |
| Subject: | FW: 3200 Ocean Blvd. CcM |

For inclusion in the staff report in August.

From: Karen James [mailto:kjdelmar@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Planning Commissioners [PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov)
Cc: susanskinner949@gmail.com
Subject: 3200 Ocean Blvd. CcM

Planning Commissioners,
Please do the job that you were appointed to do That is to enforce the the zoning RULES.
Please do not grant an exemption to the developer that wants to build an 8000+ s/f home in our neighborhood.

The quaintness and charm of Corona del Mar is gradually disappearing with every mansion that is allowed.

The RULES are in place for a reason, please do not ignore that fact, by granting special privileges to developers.

Sincerely,
Karen James
2627 Cove St.
Corona del Mar, CA 92625
949-675-4412

| From: | Ramirez, Brittany |
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| Sent: | Thursday, July 19, 2018 10:38 AM |
| To: | Lee, David |
| Cc: | Murillo, Jaime |
| Subject: | FW: No change to to zoning rules |
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Is this for your project?

BRITTANY RAMIREZ
Community Development Department
Administrative Analyst
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949-644-3239
-----Original Message-----
From: Norman Pruitt [mailto:normandpruitt@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 10:29 AM
To: Planning Commissioners [PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov)
Cc: susanskinner949@gmail.com
Subject: No change to to zoning rules

To the Planning Commission
My wife and I have lived at 230 Larkspur for 35 years.
We would like very much to have our voice heard.
Zoning rules were made to protect the neighborhood.
We our strongly against any new zoning that would effect the view of ten houses.
Regards,
Norman Pruitt,


Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 5:09 PM
To: Lee, David
Subject: 3200 Ocean Blvd.

David,
Based upon the revised plans issued 7-31-18, I officially retract my letter of opposition and legal argument previously submitted and now support the project as proposed including the reduction of the rear setback from 10 ' to $5^{\prime}$ in exchange for preservation of sightlines on the Northwest corner of the property as depicted in the plans and mutually agreed with the developer.

I appreciate the involvement and assistance of the staff at the City of Newport Beach to reach the agreeable resolution.

Ken Alber | Principal
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From: Lee, David [dlee@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:dlee@newportbeachca.gov)
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 4:21 PM
To: Ken Alber [kalber@pentabldggroup.com](mailto:kalber@pentabldggroup.com)
Subject: Plans

## DAVID S. LEE

Community Development Department
Assistant Planner
dlee@newportbeachca.gov
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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
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| From: | Lee, David |
| :--- | :--- |
| To: | Ramirez, Brittany |
| Subject: | FW: New Home at 3200 Ocean Boulevard |
| Date: | Wednesday, August 01, 2018 3:57:30 PM |

Hi Brittany,

I received this email. Let me know if I need to do anything with it.

Thanks.

From: Robert Miller [mailto:rpmmickey@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Lee, David [dlee@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:dlee@newportbeachca.gov)
Subject: New Home at 3200 Ocean Boulevard

August 1, 2018

Planning Commission
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
First Floor, Bay B
Newport Beach, CA 92660
Dear Mr. Lee

We live in Corona Del Mar and wanted to write to express our support for the new home proposed at the corner of Larkspur and Ocean.
It will be a great update to the existing home that is located on that property.

We have seen many Nicholson Company projects over the years and they are a top notch company that builds quality homes.
We also feel that new development is good for our community.

We would appreciate your support for this project.

Thank you,
Bob and Esther Miller 220 Narcissus Avenue
Corona Del Mar
949-566-0010

| From: | Lee, David |
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| To: | Ramirez, Brittany |
| Subject: | FW: 3200 Ocean project |
| Date: | Wednesday, August 01, 2018 4:57:46 PM |

From: Ben Strom [mailto:stromben@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 4:56 PM
To: Lee, David [dlee@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:dlee@newportbeachca.gov)
Cc: Carrie Strom [strom_carrie@allergan.com](mailto:strom_carrie@allergan.com)
Subject: 3200 Ocean project

Planning Commission
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
First Floor, Bay B
Newport Beach CA 92660

RE: Updated Single Family Home at 3200 Ocean Boulevard
Dear Planning Commission,

I live in Corona Del Mar and I am writing to ask you to approve the new home in Corona Del Mar. I think the new home will be a great update to the property by replacing the existing home.

There is really no reason to oppose progress. For this state and city to stay alive and feed all of the governement services, entitlements, etc, we need to allow capitalism and risk takers to make improvements to property. The weather only takes us so far to attracting the wealthy to carry such a huge debt burden that the state carries...which seems many older generations are blind to their poor financial management and huge entitlements (they pay themselves) need to be paid for.

Nicholson Construction looks like they have been building homes for 30+years in Newport Beach. The build high quality homes - and have been such a solid business that they successfully built homes during the recession. I think a homebuilder who survived the recession must be good - really good. The way I have been thinking about it, this company takes old properties throughout the city and invests time and money to improve them. In addition to improving them, they are increasing the values of the properties, which result inhelping all of us in the community through nicer neighborhoods and increased tax revenue.

Please approve this project since it is good for the City and good for the neighborhood.

Don't allow selfish cranky old people that pay $\$ 1000$ a year in property taxes and that barely anything into the system, instead opting to straddle future generations paying their unsustainable benefits to keep protecting only their best interests. Enough is enough. Progress must happen

Thank you,
Ben Strom
M: 917-495-9958
E: stromben@gmail.com

| From: | Lee, David |
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| To: | Ramirez, Brittany |
| Subject: | FW: 3200 Ocean Blvd |
| Date: | Thursday, August 02, 2018 9:35:33 AM |
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From: Bill Bird [mailto:bill@executivemovingsystems.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 7:52 AM
To: Lee, David [dlee@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:dlee@newportbeachca.gov)
Subject: 3200 Ocean Blvd

8/2/18

Planning Commission
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
First Floor, Bay B
Newport Beach, CA 92660

RE: New Home/3200 Ocean Blvd

Dear Planning Commission,

I am a resident and homeowner at 220 Iris Ave Corona Del Mar. Our community at large fully supports the project proposed on the above lot with excitement. The energy created by new quality home builds in our area with the residents is unapparelled to most other communities.

As I am sure you are aware, Nicholson Companies has been a well-established and widely recognized quality professional builder in our community for 30 plus years. This company is a sensitive and caring
professional builder with a tract record locally. They have demonstrated competence time and again with builds in our area. With that said I note all street side set backs are maintained or exceed the city code. It goes without saying the final product will enhance our beautiful city and will continue to support the values of our properties which obviously will continue increasing the city revenues.

All residents in which I have come in contact with fully support this project. We trust you will do the same.

My Best,

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Bill Bird
President
Executive Moving Systems Inc.
Phone: 714-688-4800
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: Bill@ExecutiveMovingSystems.com
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| From: | Lee, David |
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| To: | Ramirez, Brittany |
| Subject: | FW: 3200 Ocean Letter of Support 2.docx |
| Date: | Thursday, August 02, 2018 4:09:12 PM |
| Attachments: | 3200 Ocean Letter of Support 2.docx |

From: John Ramirez [mailto:john@mljresources.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Lee, David [dlee@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:dlee@newportbeachca.gov)
Subject: Fw: 3200 Ocean Letter of Support 2.docx

Hi,
See attached forwarded from below.
th x ,
John

J ohn P. Ramirez, AICP
Principal
MLI Resources, LC.
562-818-6719

From: Tom Nicholson [tom@nicholsoncompanies.com](mailto:tom@nicholsoncompanies.com)
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 9:26 AM
To: John Ramirez
Subject: Fwd: 3200 Ocean Letter of Support 2.docx

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathy Guarnieri [valleykmg@gmail.com](mailto:valleykmg@gmail.com)
Date: August 1, 2018 at 7:11:58 PM PDT
To: Tom Nicholson [tom@nicholsoncompanies.com](mailto:tom@nicholsoncompanies.com)
Subject: $\mathbf{3 2 0 0}$ Ocean Letter of Support 2.docx
Hi Tom,

You can forward this letter from us.

Best.

Kathy and Dave Guarnieri

Message sent from my i-phone. Kathy Guarnieri

# August 2, 2018 

Planning Commission
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
First Floor, Bay B
Newport Beach CA 92660

RE: New House at 3200 Ocean Boulevard
Dear Planning Commission,

I live in Corona Del Mar and wanted to write to express my support for the new home proposed at the corner of Larkspur and Ocean. It will be a great update to the existing home that is located on that property.

Sincerely,

Kathy and Dave Guarnieri

To:
Subject:

Dear Planning Commissioners:

On August 9, you will consider an application for a variance for 3200 Ocean Blvd. The developer is arguing that his lot has a longer than average frontage on Ocean Blvd with a 24foot setback rather than the 20 -foot setback of an average lot, thus depriving him of the ability to build as large of a house as he would prefer. I would point out that many people would consider the longer frontage to be an advantage as this means a wider ocean view. The developer is also complaining that since the back of the lot is adjacent to another lot, the setback is a 10 -foot setback rather than the 5 -foot setback that an alley lot would have. He did, of course, know this when he purchased it recently.

Using this as the rationale to open an application for a variance, the developer then proceeds to ask for a very large increase in square footage, far above any increase that the requested change to the setbacks would dictate. In other words, the increases to the potential home size requested are far out of proportion to the changes in the setbacks requested.

Using an average length of the lot as 83.7 feet (the lot is a rhomboid) and a width of 65 feet, the lot size about 5441 sq ft . With a setback of 24 ft in the front, 4 feet on the side and 10 feet in the back, the buildable area is about 2822 sq ft and a maximum home size of 4234 sq ft (not including basement). The back setback exists to protect the neighbor from a home being built right on top of his/her existing home and it is highly inappropriate (in my opinion) for the developer to seek to change this. The only argument that might be made is that the length of the lot, longer than average, creates a disproportionate effect of the 24 -foot front setback on the property. If that setback were reduced to a 20 -foot setback, the standard for homes not on Ocean Blvd, the subsequent increase in buildable area would be 3061 sq ft with a maximum home size of 4592 sq ft .

The Planning Commission has heard on several occasions now that the neighborhood is very concerned about the 'mansionization' of CdM. If you do feel that this lot warrants a variance, please consider limiting the increase in sq footage to no more than would be allowed if the front setback were decreased to a 20 -foot setback. Please also remember that the location
of the lot makes the construction of a basement quite easy, allowing another 2748 sq ft of home to be added to this home. This will allow the developer to build a total of 7340 sq ft , which should be sufficient for him to recoup his investment at the time of sale. Zoning rules exist for a reason: to protect the character of the neighborhood. I hope you will take the concerns of the neighbors into consideration as you make your decision.

I will be on vacation on August 9 and will likely not be able to attend the meeting. Thank you for taking my comments into account.

## Respectfully,

Susan Skinner

Edward Baldus<br>427 Marguerite Ave.<br>Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

## Planning Commission

City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
First Floor, Bay B
Newport Beach CA 92660

## RE: New House at 3200 Ocean Boulevard

Dear Planning Commission,
I saw the plans for the new home to be built on Ocean Boulevard. I am writing to support the project. The existing home is dated and it will be great to see a new and modern home in this community. There are several other homes under construction along Ocean Boulevard and it is great to see these cool new homes in the area.

Sincerely,


| From: | Lee, David |
| :--- | :--- |
| To: | Ramirez, Brittany |
| Subject: | FW: 3200 Ocean Blvd |
| Date: | Monday, August 06, 2018 8:00:04 AM |
| Attachments: | 3200 Ocean Support Letter.pdf. |

From: Darrin Ginsberg [mailto:dg@2gs.com]
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Lee, David [dlee@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:dlee@newportbeachca.gov)
Subject: 3200 Ocean Blvd

Please see attached letter in support of 3200 Ocean Blvd.

Thanks.

## Darrin Ginsberg | CEO

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## Super

# Darrin Ginsberg 301 Carnation Ave Corona Del Mar, Ca 92625 

August 2, 2018

Planning Commission
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
First Floor, Bay B
Newport Beach CA 92660

RE: New House at 3200 Ocean Boulevard

Dear Planning Commission,

I live on Carnation Avenue in Corona Del Mar and want to express my support for the new single family house proposed at the corner of Larkspur and Ocean Blvd.

I saw the plans for this new home and think that it will be a nice addition to the neighborhood.

Nicholson Construction only builds quality homes and adds value to the neighborhood and the city.

Please approve this project.

Sincerely,

## Darrin Ginsberg

## August 9, 2018, Planning Commission Item 3 Comments

These comments on a Newport Beach Planning Commission agenda item are submitted by: Jim Mosher ( jimmosher@yahoo.com ), 2210 Private Road, Newport Beach 92660 (949-548-6229).

## Item No. 3. HINTON AND MALONEY RESIDENCE (PA2017-208)

1. The staff reports for applications for variances typically include a letter from the owner/developer explaining what they are asking for and attempting to justify it.
2. In this case, the applicant seems to have left it to one of the City's assistant planners to rationalize the construction of a 7,276 square foot home ( $5,216 \mathrm{sf}$ not counting a basement almost as large as the entire existing home) on a $5,445 \mathrm{sf}$ lot with $2,823 \mathrm{sf}$ of buildable area, where the code sanctioned Floor Area Limit restricts construction to 4,234 sf.
3. On page 7 of the staff report the planner has advanced some novel theories to justify the granting of variances to the development standards in the City's Local Coastal Program when the certified LCP grants the City no such authority.
a. Public Resources Code Section 30010 - a passage about "takings" requiring compensation - is misread as exempting the Coastal Act from itself. That is, as a statement that the enactment of the Coastal Act was not intended to affect property rights.
b. The planner misquotes this as saying "the Coastal Act is "not intended to increase or decrease the rights of any owner of property under the Constitution of the State of California or the United States."" [emphasis added]
c. It actually says "This section is not intended to increase or decrease the rights of any owner of property under the Constitution of the State of California or the United States." That is, it at most says the preceding sentence of Section 30010 about "takings" is not meant to change constitutional law on that question.
d. The justification for granting variances to the certified LCP before the Coastal Commission has certified the City's authority to do that remains tenuous, at best.
4. The other fundamental error of the staff report is a persistent refusal to acknowledge that the floor area of residential development in Newport Beach is regulated by Floor Area Limit (FAL) - not Floor Area Ratio (FAR), the standard used to limit commercial construction.
a. Setbacks are purposeful and intended to provide space between residential buildings.
b. Setbacks naturally, and purposefully, reduce buildable area.
c. The allowed floor area of residential construction is purposefully limited based on the buildable area, not lot size.
d. There is no reason residential lot owners should expect to be able to build the same FAR as their neighbors. If they did, it would completely defeat the distinction between FAL and FAR.
5. In this case, the planner asks the Planning Commission, with no compelling reason for doing so, to reduce the rear setback along a 57 foot long area adjacent to 210 Larkspur by 5 feet, increasing the buildable area by 285 sf, from 2,283 to $3,108 \mathrm{sf}$.
6. Even if one accepted the "need" to reduce the rear setback, and that variances to the LCP can be granted, the increased buildable area would then "justify" building at most $3,108 \times 1.5$ $=4,622$ sf of above-ground floor area.
a. Instead, for no obvious reason at all, the planner asks the Commission to approve $5,216 \mathrm{sf}$, for a FAL of 1.68 compared to the expanded buildable area, or 1.85 based on the code-sanctioned buildable area.
b. No evidence is presented that anyone else in neighborhood has such a FAL (the maximum code-sanctioned FAL being 1.5), or what physical peculiarities of this lot would justify it at 3200 Ocean Blvd.
7. It seems clear to me the request should be denied.

## Hinton and Maloney

## Variance and Coastal Development Permit



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## Existing Site Plan



## Project Compliance

* variance

| Standard | Required | Proposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Setbacks (min.) |  |  |
| Front | $24^{\prime}$ | $24^{\prime}$ |
| Rear * | $10^{\prime}$ | $5^{\prime}$ |
| Left Side (West) | $4^{\prime}$ | $4^{\prime}$ |
| Right Side (East) | $4^{\prime}$ | $4^{\prime}$ |
| Height (max.) |  |  |
| Flat | $24^{\prime}$ | $24^{\prime}$ |
| Sloped | $29^{\prime}$ | $29^{\prime}$ |
| Open Space (min.) | 466 sq. ft. | 665 sq. ft. |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ Floor Area (max.) | 466 sq. ft. | No $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Floor |
| Floor Area Limit (max.)* | 4,234 sq. ft. | 5,216 sq. ft. (excluding 2,748 sq. ft. basement) |
| Parking (min.) | 3 spaces | 3 spaces $\quad 18-123$ |

## Proposed Site Plan



## Lot Reorientation



## Basis of Variance

- Lot Reorientation
- Created disproportionate setbacks for subject lot
- Decreased the buildable area
- Decreased the maximum floor area
- Decreased floor area ratio (FAR) of lot
- The ratio between the maximum floor area of a residence and the area of the lot


## Original Orientation

Larkspur Ave.

## Current Orientation (Setbacks)

Larkspur Avenue


## Lot Orientation Comparison

## Original Orientation <br> (Cumulative of Lot 7 and 8)

Current Orientation
(Cumulative of 3200 Ocean and 210 Larkspur)

## Lot Area

9,670

6,388
4,818

66\%

9,582
7,227
Maximum Floor
Area
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
0.747

## Lot Orientation Comparison

## Original Orientation <br> (Cumulative of Lot 7 and 8)

Current Orientation
(Cumulative of 3200 Ocean and 210 Larkspur)
Lot Area

Buildable Area

Percentage of Lot Buildable

Maximum Floor Area

Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

## True FAR Comparison

- Lot reorientation decreased the subject property's FAR
- Next Step: Compare the FAR of the subject property to the FAR of lots in the surrounding area


## FAR Comparison



## Facts in Support of Findings

Lot orientation is unique within Re-Subdivision

- 13 lots out of 367 (3.5\%)


## Facts in Support of Findings

- Reorientation deprives subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties
- Reduces buildable area
- Lower FAR than surrounding properties
- Removes alley access and creates 10' rear setback
- Not a special privilege
- FAR is consistent with surrounding lots
- 5' rear setback is consistent with surrounding lots
- Rear setback functions as a side setback


## Facts in Support of Findings

Not detrimental to the surrounding area

- Adequate separation between structures
- Two-story residence (above grade)
- Preserves private view for 210 Larkspur (neighbor)


## Private Views



## Coastal Development Permit Request

- Located within Coastal Zone
- New residence exceeds maximum floor area
- Requires a Coastal Development Permit


## Coastal Development Permit

- No impact on public views
- Located on inland lot north of Ocean Blvd.
- Not between public vantage points along Ocean Blvd. and the water


## Coastal View Road



## Coastal Development Permit

- No impact on public views
- Larkspur Ave. has view corridor to the ocean
- Does not encroach into side setback facing Larkspur
- Conditions to restrict planting of trees / landscaping (add additional condition)



## Coastal Development Permit

- Does not provide nor inhibit coastal access
- Public access to water remains on Ocean Blvd. and Larkspur Ave.
- 3-car garage provided; no impact to on-street parking
- No increase in density


## Recommendation

- In summary, staff believes facts exist to support the required findings for the setback and floor area variance requests and the coastal development permit for the project.
- Adopt resolution approving Variance No. VA2017-002 and Coastal Development Permit CD2017-091



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