


Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR
December 16, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
From:  Phil Kamlarz, Acting City Manager
Subject: 2514 Benvenue Avenue - Withdrawal of Use Permit Application

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the applicant's withdrawal of its use permit application to demolish two single-family dwelling units (2514 and 2516 Benvenue) to allow the construction of a new, five story, mixed-use building with office, classrooms, dormitory beds, apartments and related parking.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

City Council consideration of this appeal was pending the preparation of an EIR by January 2004.

BACKGROUND

On April 8, 2003, the Council requested that an Environmental Impact Report be prepared for this project. On July 15, 2003, the Council accepted the applicant's request to continue the consideration of the project and the environmental action until January 20, 2004. On October 31, 2003, the City received the attached request to withdraw the application.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The applicant could resubmit the same or a similar project at a later date.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Approved:



Dan Marks
Interim Director
Planning and Development Department

Attachment:

October 31, 2003, Letter to Withdraw from David Levy

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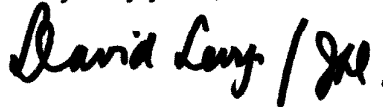
Mr. Greg Powell
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Re: American Baptist Seminary of the West - Status re: Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Powell:

On behalf of the American Baptist Seminary of the West, this letter responds to your request of last Thursday as to the Seminary's decision on whether to proceed with an environmental impact report for the Morgan Hall portion of the project. The Seminary is not able to proceed with the EIR at this time. Accordingly, the Seminary also wishes to withdraw the remaining portion of the pending application that pertains to Morgan Hall, without prejudice to refilling the same or a different application when the Seminary is again able to proceed and without prejudice or effect to the 2500 and 2508 Benvenue portions of the project that are currently under construction. Please let me know if you need any additional information, or if not, please confirm that the necessary withdrawal action(s) is/are complete. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



David C. Levy

cc: Mr. Mark Rhoades
Zachary D. Cowan, Esq.
Rev. Keith Russell
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