

Gabriel Perez, Development Services Director  
City of Coachella  
53990 Enterprise Way  
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October 04, 2021

Re: Request for Continuance as to Council Hearing date of 9/29/21 regarding CUP 305 and its related Appeal  
Property address 1639/1645/1647 6<sup>th</sup>, 1657 6<sup>th</sup>, 1667 6<sup>th</sup> Coachella



Dear Gabriel and City Council,

This letter respectfully requests that the City Council for the City of Coachella grant a continuance for the hearing for the Appeal of the denial of the Request for the 12 Month Time Extension on Resolution No. 2020-09/ CUP 305 and Ordinance No. 1146/ CZ 18-07.

On or about September 01, 2021, I met with Gabriel Perez in the City's office. At that time, he informed me that the City Council would not be hearing the Appeal aforementioned in September 2021, neither at the September 08, 2021 City Council meeting nor on September 22, 2021, as this City Council meeting was being *cancelled*, but likely would hold the hearing in October 2021. Mr. Perez said that the City needed the time to do a public hearing. I asked about the date and understood that likely, it would be the City Council meeting in October (October 13 or 27, 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday).

On September 16, 2021, Gabriel Perez and I spoke again. I was informed that the hearing on the Appeal aforementioned is likely to occur on September 29, 2021, the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday of the month. Mr. Perez spoke of a continuance for the hearing aforementioned and I asked if he would support this. He said he would support this and asked that I send a letter next week (9/20-23/21) requesting the continuance.

On October 01, 2021, I received a call from Gabriel Perez and learned that the September 29, 2021 City Council meeting was cancelled about two (2) hours prior to my submission of a request for a continuance of the hearing date of 9/29/21 on the Appeal aforementioned. The request for a continuance was unnecessary, muted by the cancellation. I informed Gabriel that on the City's website listing of dates of City Council meetings, the September 29, 2021 date is not listed and a cancellation notice of said meeting is not listed. I spoke with Gabriel Perez about the City Council hearing of the Appeal aforementioned occurring on October 27, 2021. I informed him that a couple of unanticipated items had occurred in the last couple of days which are compromising and constraining what little time there is to meet with prospective tenant and thus have more prepared for said Appeal. Equipment we were informed would arrive near the end of October must be received now, about three (3) weeks early, and installation thereof must be prepared. Unanticipated transportation issues arose yesterday which have prevented meetings, including with counsel, which are between one (1) and two (2) hour drive outside the CV. There are schedule conflicts for some parties as we are working with the prospective tenant which will include at least three partners. It would be essential for parties and essential information to be available and to be present at the City Council hearing on the Appeal aforementioned.

Mr. Perez indicated that he would take into consideration that which I discussed with him and speak with the City Manager about the hearing occurring on October 27, 2021 and agreed to call me with the thoughts on Monday, October 04, 2021. Waiting for his call, as it is late in afternoon on October 04, 2021, I may have someone drive me to his office in the City offices.

In the interim between now and October 27, 2021, it is our hope that a project meeting with Gabriel might occur timely.

Thank you for Gabriel Perez's support therefore, your kind consideration and approval of this continuance of the hearing of the Appeal aforementioned with the change of hearing date to October 27, 2021.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Thomas, Trustee