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### April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Deandrea Moise

Planning and Zoning City of Hallandale Beach 400 South Federal Highway Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

#### Re: Variance Application related to 948 SW 11<sup>TH</sup> St

Dear Mrs. Moise,

This firm represents (the "Applicant"), owners of the lot located at **948 SW 11th St** (the "Property"). Please consider this letter the Applicant's **Letter of Intent** in support of an application seeking **two variances** related to site design requirements for a proposed retail space:

- A reduction in the required number of parking spaces from **12 to 8**; and
- A reduction in the required terminal island length from **19 feet to 13 feet**.
- 1. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved, and which are not generally applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district.

The subject property is located within a densely developed commercial corridor that offers limited space for expansion. The site's irregular shape, modest lot size, and the presence of existing infrastructure and roadways present unique physical constraints. These characteristics limit both the ability to provide the required number of parking spaces and the full terminal island length. Unlike neighboring parcels, this site lacks sufficient depth and flexibility for modifications without significantly impacting building functionality and customer access.

### 2. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant.

The need for these variances is due to the existing physical limitations of the property and surrounding infrastructure, which predate the applicant's involvement. No changes or alterations by the applicant have created or worsened these limitations. The constraints are inherent to the parcel and its layout within the urban context.

3. Granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by the Code to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same district.

The requested variances reflect practical adjustments to allow reasonable use of the land, not a special privilege. Other properties with similar limitations have also required relief from strict zoning requirements. Granting these variances would not create an unfair advantage, but would merely allow the applicant to operate under similar circumstances as other businesses in the district, given the site's constraints.

4. The literal interpretation of the provisions of the Code would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district and would work unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant.

Requiring full compliance with both the 12-parking space requirement and the 19-foot terminal island would significantly reduce the developable area of the property, making the retail use impractical. The hardship is not simply financial, but functional — affecting the applicant's ability to operate a viable retail space while meeting customer needs and preserving essential site circulation.

## 5. That the variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structure.

The applicant has reviewed multiple design iterations and consulted with the Planning and Zoning Department to minimize the requested relief. Reducing the parking count from 12 to 8 allows for improved site circulation and adequate customer access without eliminating critical building area. Similarly, reducing the terminal island to 13 feet still allows for appropriate traffic separation without obstructing maneuverability or compromising safety. These adjustments are the minimum necessary to support the proposed retail use.

# 6. That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the Code.

The intent of the zoning code is to ensure safe, functional, and attractive development while accommodating diverse site conditions. The proposed variances achieve that balance — they support active commercial use while maintaining pedestrian safety, circulation, and appearance standards. Reducing the parking and terminal island dimensions slightly will not detract from the area's aesthetic or functionality.

### 7. That such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to public welfare.

The variances will not result in any negative impact to adjacent properties or the surrounding neighborhood. The reduction in parking is modest and appropriate for the scale of the proposed retail use. Similarly, the slightly shorter terminal island remains functional and safe. The changes will support a viable business and contribute to the commercial vibrancy of the district, consistent with community goals and urban planning standards.

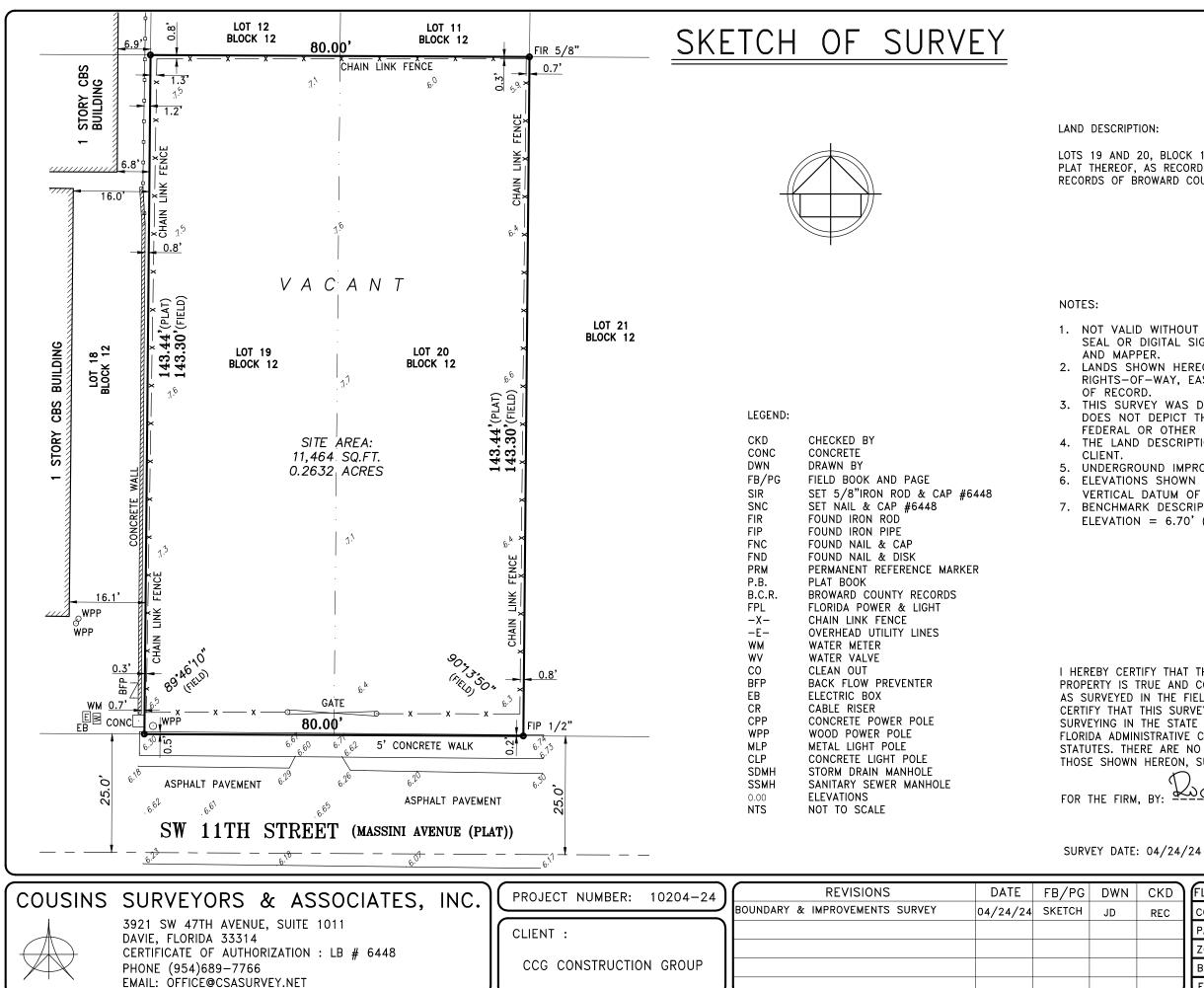
We look forward to your review and approval.

If you have any questions about this subject, please call our office at (786) 953-4901.

Sincerely,

George Freijo

P.E. Engineer of Record



LOTS 19 AND 20, BLOCK 12 OF "GOLDEN HEIGHTS", ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

1. NOT VALID WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE AND THE ORIGINAL RAISED SEAL OR DIGITAL SIGNATURE OF A FLORIDA LICENSED SURVEYOR

2. LANDS SHOWN HEREON WERE NOT ABSTRACTED FOR

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3. THIS SURVEY WAS DONE SOLELY FOR BOUNDARY PURPOSES AND DOES NOT DEPICT THE JURISDICTION OF ANY MUNICIPAL, STATE, FEDERAL OR OTHER ENTITIES.

4. THE LAND DESCRIPTION SHOWN HEREON WAS PROVIDED BY THE

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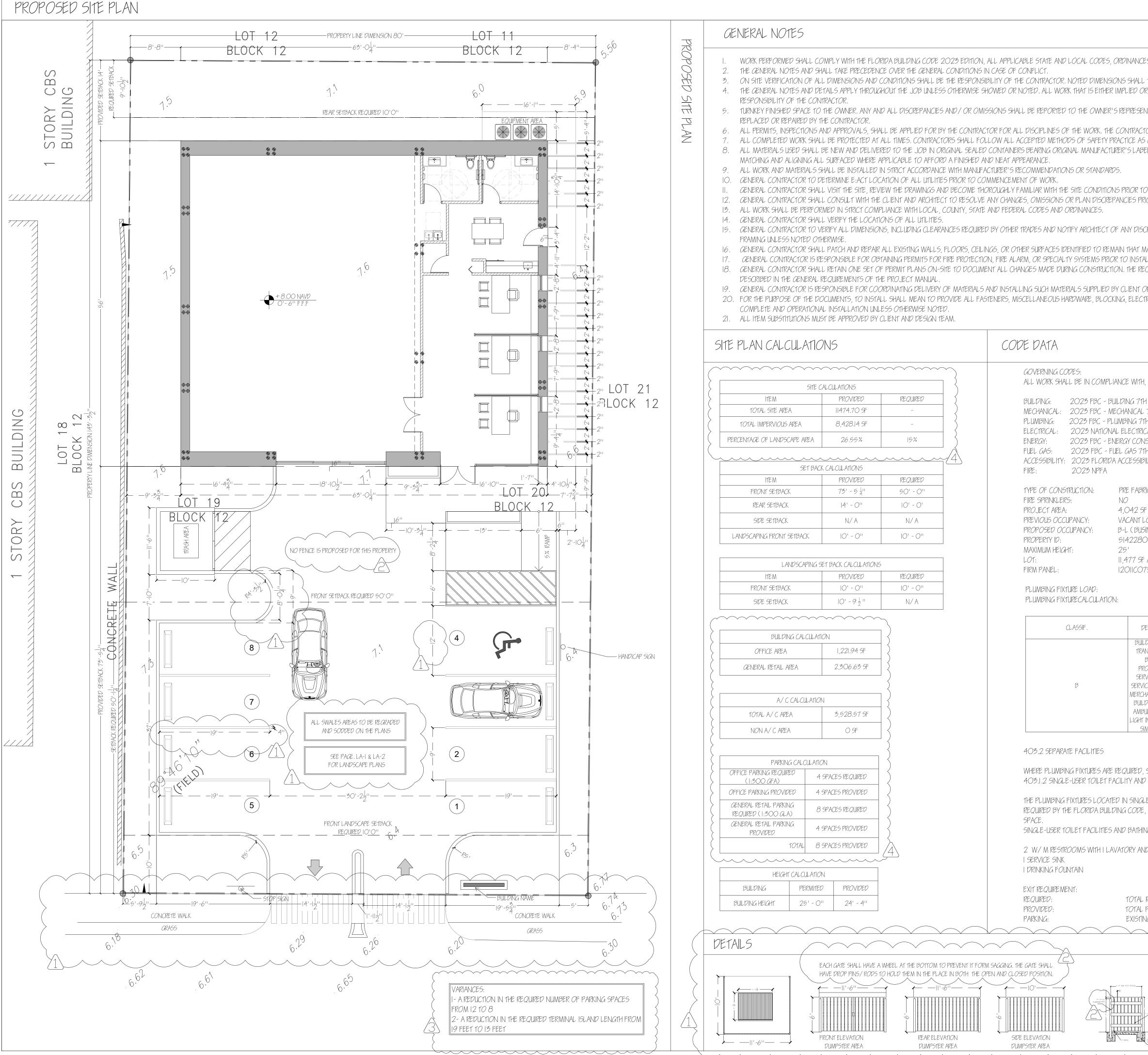
ELEVATIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON THE NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988 (NAVD88).

7. BENCHMARK DESCRIPTION: BROWARD COUNTY BENCHMARK #1036 ELEVATION = 6.70' (NAVD88)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE "SKETCH OF SURVEY" OF THE HEREON DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AS SURVEYED IN THE FIELD UNDER MY DIRECTION IN APRIL, 2024. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY MEETS THE STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR SURVEYING IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 5J-17 OF THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. PURSUANT TO SECTION 472.027, FLORIDA STATUTES. THERE ARE NO ABOVE GROUND ENCROACHMENTS OTHER THAN THOSE SHOWN HEREON, SUBJECT TO THE QUALIFICATIONS NOTED HEREON.

RICHARD E. COUSINS PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR AND MAPPER FLORIDA REGISTRATION NO. 4188 CKD FLOOD ZONE INFORMATION PROPERTY ADDRESS :

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