

REPORT TO THE HEARING OFFICER

DATE ISSUED: January 15, 2026
HEARING DATE: January 27, 2026 AGENDA ITEM: 6
PROJECT NUMBER: PRJ2025-001211-(1)
PERMIT NUMBER(S): Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) RPPL2025001440
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 1
PROJECT LOCATION: 18977 & 18979 Colima Road, Rowland Heights
OWNER: Rowland Ranch Prop LLC
APPLICANT: Ernest Wang
CASE PLANNER: Steve Mar, Senior Regional Planner
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RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing:

LA County Planning staff (“Staff”) recommends **APPROVAL** of Project Number PRJ2025-001211-(1), CUP Number RPPL2025001440, based on the Findings (Exhibit C – Findings) contained within this report and subject to the Draft Conditions of Approval (Exhibit D – Conditions of Approval).

Staff recommends the following motion:

CEQA:

I, THE HEARING OFFICER, CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL CEQA GUIDELINES.

ENTITLEMENT(S):

I, THE HEARING OFFICER, APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER RPPL2025001440 SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Entitlement(s) Requested

- Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) for the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant in the MXD (Mixed Use Development) Zone pursuant to County Code Section 22.26.030.B (Land Use Regulations for Mixed Use Development Zones).

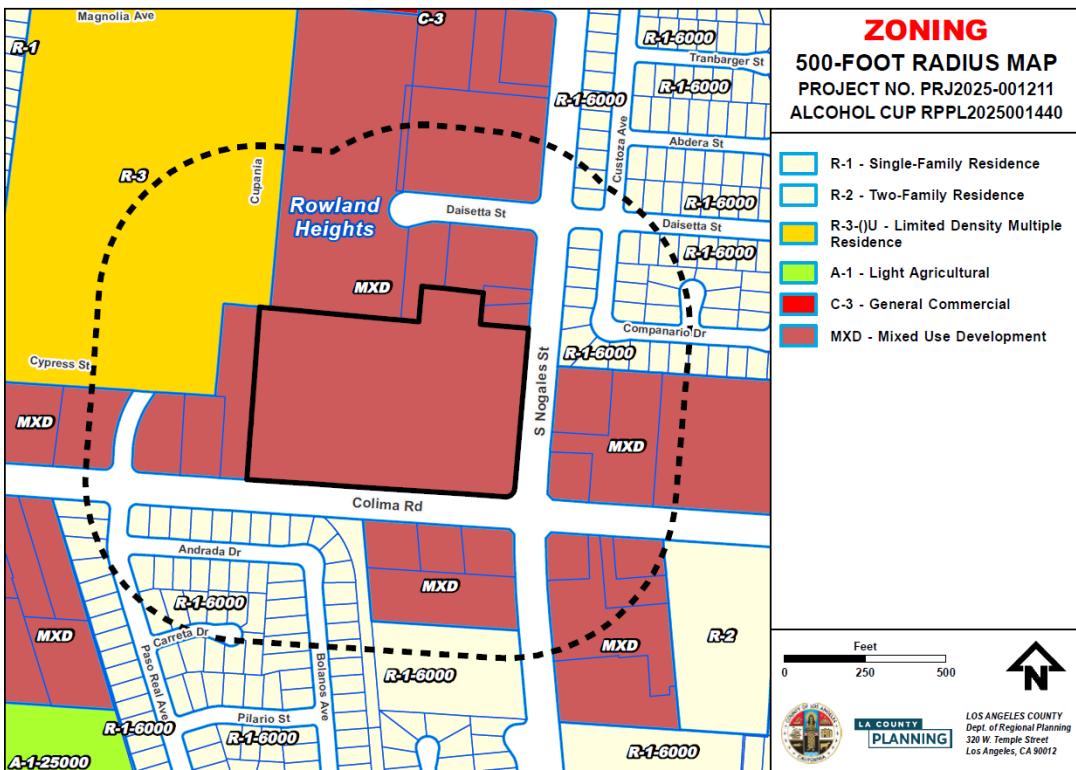
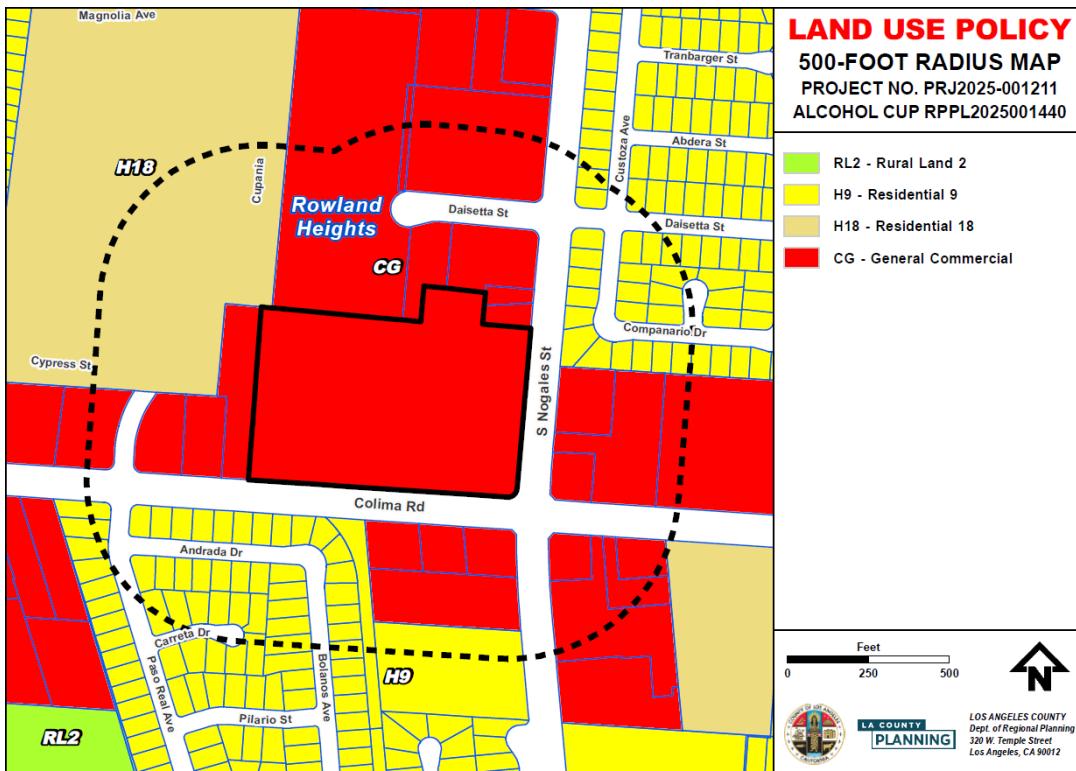
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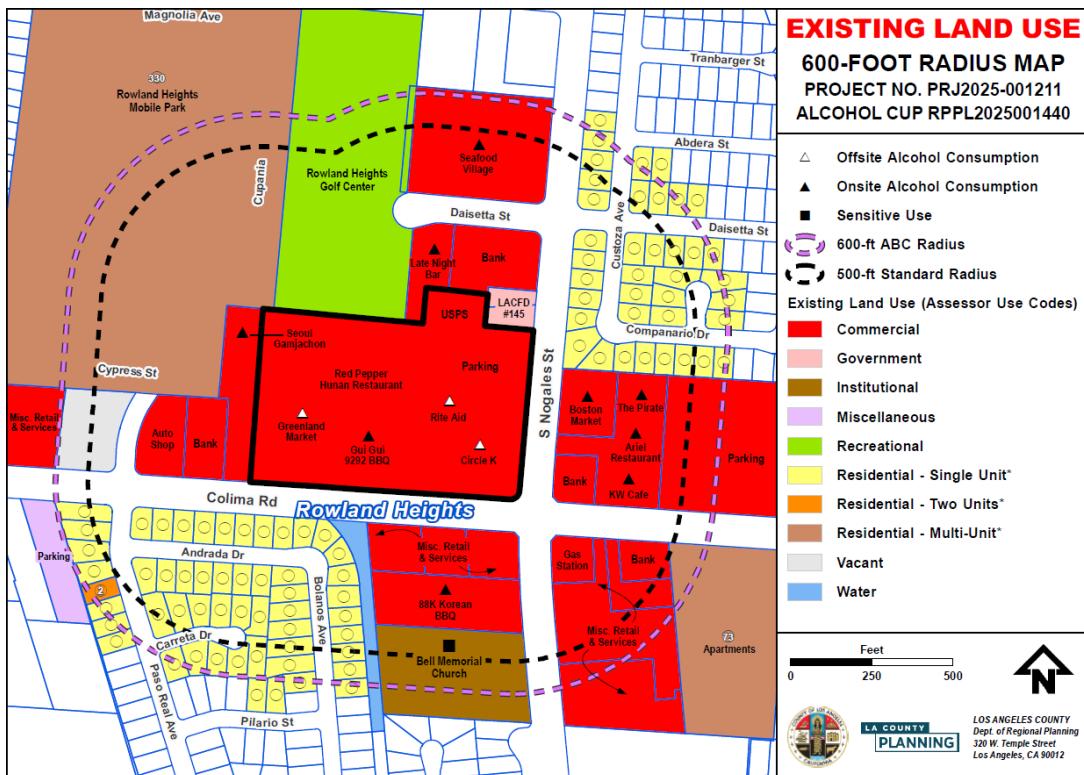
The applicant, Ernest Wang, requests a CUP to authorize the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant (“Red Pepper Hunan Restaurant”) located in a commercial shopping center in the MXD zone. The proposed alcohol sales hours are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. Staff recommends approval of the Project because the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at a restaurant serves a public convenience and necessity by providing a common complementary and customary service that is usually offered at a restaurant.

SUBJECT PROPERTY AND SURROUNDINGS

The following chart provides property data within a 500-foot radius:

LOCATION	EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN LAND USE POLICY	ZONING	EXISTING USES
SUBJECT PROPERTY	CG (General Commercial)	MXD	Shopping Center
NORTH	CG	MXD	Golf Driving Range, Fire Station, Commercial
EAST	CG, H9 (Residential 9 – 9 Units Max per Acre)	MXD, R-1-6,000 (Single-Family Residence – 6,000 Square Feet Minimum Required Lot Area)	Commercial, Single-Family Residences (“SFR”)
SOUTH	CG, H9	MXD, R-1-6000	Commercial, SFR
WEST	CG, H18 (Residential 18 – 18 Units Max per Acre)	MXD, R-3 (Limited Density Multiple Residence)	Commercial, Mobile Home Park





PROPERTY HISTORY

A. Zoning History

ORDINANCE NO.	ZONING	DATE OF ADOPTION
5122	A1-10,000 (Light Agricultural – 10,000 Square Feet Minimum Required Lot Area)	5/25/1948
8841	C-3 (General Commercial)	5/11/1965
12143	C-2-BE (Neighborhood Commercial – Billboard Exclusion)	4/24/1980
2024-0030Z	MXD	5/21/2024

B. Previous Cases

CASE NO.	REQUEST	DATE OF ACTION
Business License Referral No. RPPL2024002381	Public eating change in ownership.	Completed 5/14/2024

C. Violations

There are no open violations for the tenant space or the property.

ANALYSIS

A. Land Use Compatibility

The sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at a full-service restaurant at the subject property is compatible with nearby commercial and residential uses and serves the community by providing a beverage service that complements the restaurant's food and dining service. The establishment is located in a commercial shopping center with other typical commercial uses offering a variety of dining, shopping, and entertainment services. Other existing commercial uses and shopping centers, including restaurants that serve beer and wine and full-line alcohol for on-site consumption, are located adjacent to the subject property. The sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at a restaurant, is a permitted use in the MXD zone once a CUP is obtained. Alcoholic beverage sales are compatible with the location's CG land use designation in the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan ("Area Plan"), a component of the General Plan. Currently there are 12 other establishments within a 500-foot radius of the subject property that sell alcohol. Seven establishments are restaurants that sell beer and wine for on-site consumption, two establishments are restaurants that sells full-line alcohol for on-site consumption, one establishment is a gas station convenience store that sells beer and wine for off-site consumption, and two establishments sell full-line alcohol for off-site consumption (one supermarket and one Rite Aid pharmacy store). There is one sensitive use within 600 feet of the subject property which is a church located to the south of the subject property on Nogales Street. The actual distance from the subject restaurant's entrance to the church property is more than 750 feet and the church is physically buffered from the restaurant by existing parking lots and other neighboring commercial buildings.

B. Neighborhood Impact (Need/Convenience Assessment)

The sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at a restaurant on the subject property is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and enhances the dining experience for the community. The subject restaurant is located within an existing commercial shopping center surrounded mostly by other commercial uses and SFRs. There is one church located to the south of the subject shopping center site. The shopping center serves as an activity hub and community focal point with multiple options for shopping, dining, and other commercial services.

There are nine businesses with on-site alcoholic beverage licenses and three businesses with off-site alcoholic beverage licenses within a 500-foot radius of the subject property. Seven establishments are restaurants that sell beer and wine for on-site consumption, two establishments are restaurants that sells full-line alcohol for on-site consumption, one establishment is a gas station convenience store that sells beer and wine for off-site consumption, and two establishments sell full-line alcohol for off-site consumption (one supermarket and one Rite Aid pharmacy store).

There is one sensitive use within 600 feet of the subject property which is a church located to the south of the subject property on Nogales Street. The shopping center where the subject restaurant is located has its main parking lot and business entrances oriented towards Colima Road, a major commercial shopping corridor and a 100-foot-wide Major Highway on the County Master Plan of Highways, and does not face Nogales Street. The church's location is also buffered from the subject shopping center by Colima Road and adjacent commercial properties to the north. The sale of alcoholic beverages at the restaurant is not likely to adversely impact the neighborhood, provided that the sales are conducted in compliance with the recommended conditions of Project approval.

The subject property is located in Census Tract No. 4082.13, which is a census tract with an overconcentration of alcohol licenses for on-site consumption according to statistics provided by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC") in a report dated July 10, 2025. Thirty-two (32) on-site alcohol licenses exist in the census tract and six on-site licenses are allowed. If the subject restaurant were granted an alcohol license, there would be 33 on-site alcohol licenses in the census tract.

The subject property is located in Crime Reporting District No. 2931 and is within a high crime reporting district according to statistics provided by ABC. The subject property is located along the major commercial corridors of Colima Road and Nogales Street which have a large concentration of retail and other commercial establishments that serve nearby residents and regional visitors. This concentration of retail and commercial establishments tends to lead to a higher number of reported crimes in the Crime Reporting District compared to the average number of reported crimes in other reporting districts. Furthermore, the County Sheriff ("Sheriff") had no objection to the request, as the reported crimes for the Project Site have been one vandalism call for service within the last five years.

Pursuant to County Code Section 22.140.030.F.2.a.i (Public Convenience or Necessity), the Hearing Officer must make a finding of public convenience or necessity when a requested use is located in a census tract with an overconcentration of alcohol licenses. Although located in a census tract with an overconcentration of alcohol licenses and in a High Crime Reporting District, the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption would serve as a public convenience to the surrounding community by providing alcoholic beverage services that are customary to and expected at a restaurant and supports the restaurant's economic viability. However, this public convenience and necessity needs to be balanced with the potential adverse effects of the easy availability of alcoholic beverages either too early or too late in the day (see Exhibit K). Because of these potential adverse effects, alcoholic beverage sales at the establishment shall be limited to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, which precludes sales either too early or too late in the day.

Recommended Hours of Alcohol Sales

The proposed alcohol sales hours are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. Staff recommends approval of the Project with these proposed alcohol sales hours because the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at a restaurant serves a public convenience and necessity by providing a common complementary and customary service that is usually offered at a restaurant.

C. Design Compatibility

The proposed sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant does not affect the physical design of the establishment nor of the shopping center. No physical alterations are proposed with this CUP request. The subject restaurant is located within the East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area Standards District (“PASD”) and the Rowland Heights Community Standards District (“CSD”) and the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption does not conflict with any design standards of the PASD nor the CSD.

GENERAL PLAN/COMMUNITY PLAN CONSISTENCY

The Project is consistent with applicable goals and policies of the General Plan and the Area Plan. Consistency findings can be found in the attached Findings (Exhibit C – Findings).

ZONING ORDINANCE CONSISTENCY

The Project complies with all applicable zoning requirements. Consistency findings can be found in the attached Findings (Exhibit C – Findings).

BURDEN OF PROOF

The applicant is required to substantiate all facts identified by Sections 22.158.050 (CUP Findings and Decision) and 22.140.030.F (Alcoholic Beverage Sales Findings) of the County Code. The Burden of Proof with applicant's responses is attached (Exhibit E – Applicant's Burden of Proof). Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has met the burden of proof.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Staff recommends that this project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (Class 1 Exemption, Existing Facilities) under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the County environmental guidelines. The sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant will be an accessory service to the restaurant's food service and does not significantly change the restaurant's current operations and does not involve any physical alterations to the tenant space. Additionally, the Project Site is not located within or in close proximity to a hazardous waste site nor designated historic district. There are also no significant or unusual environmental impacts associated with the Project. The size and scope of the Project will not cause any cumulative environmental impacts to the area. Thus, there are no exceptions to the identified exemption. Therefore, staff recommends that the Hearing

Officer determine that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA. An environmental determination (Exhibit F – Environmental Determination) was issued for the project.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

A. County Department Comments and Recommendations

The Sheriff, in a letter dated July 21, 2025, recommended that the Project proceed to public hearing.

B. Public Comments

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

The Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council, in a letter dated September 30, 2025, does not oppose the CUP request.

Report
Reviewed By:



Maria Masis, AICP, Supervising Regional Planner

Report
Approved By:

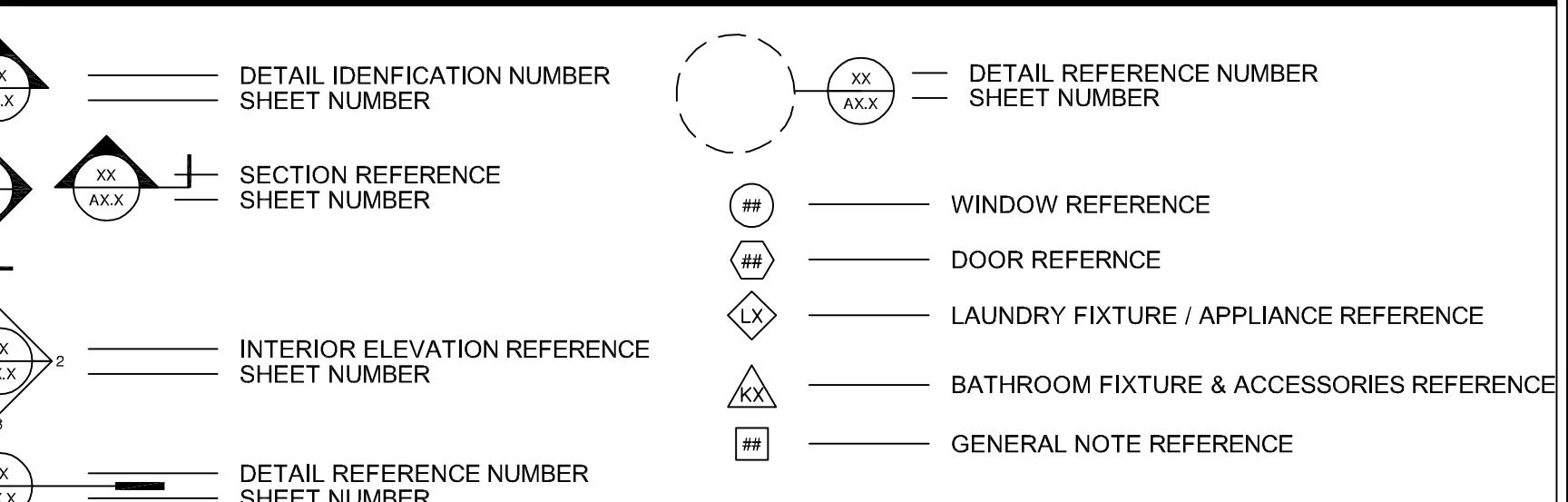
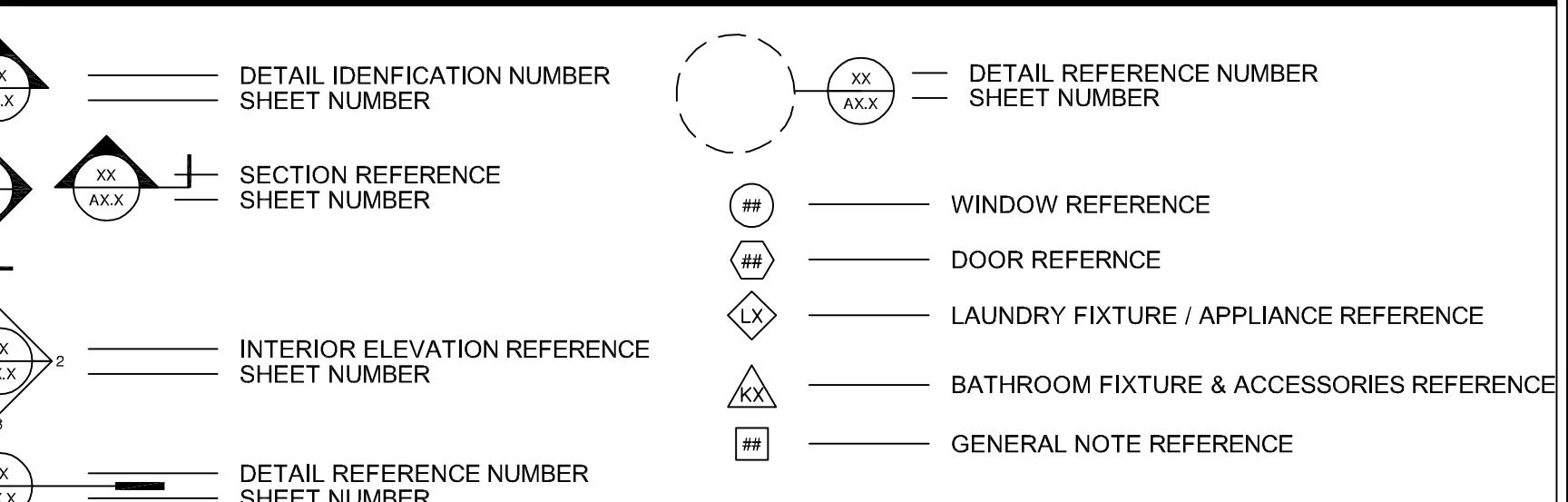
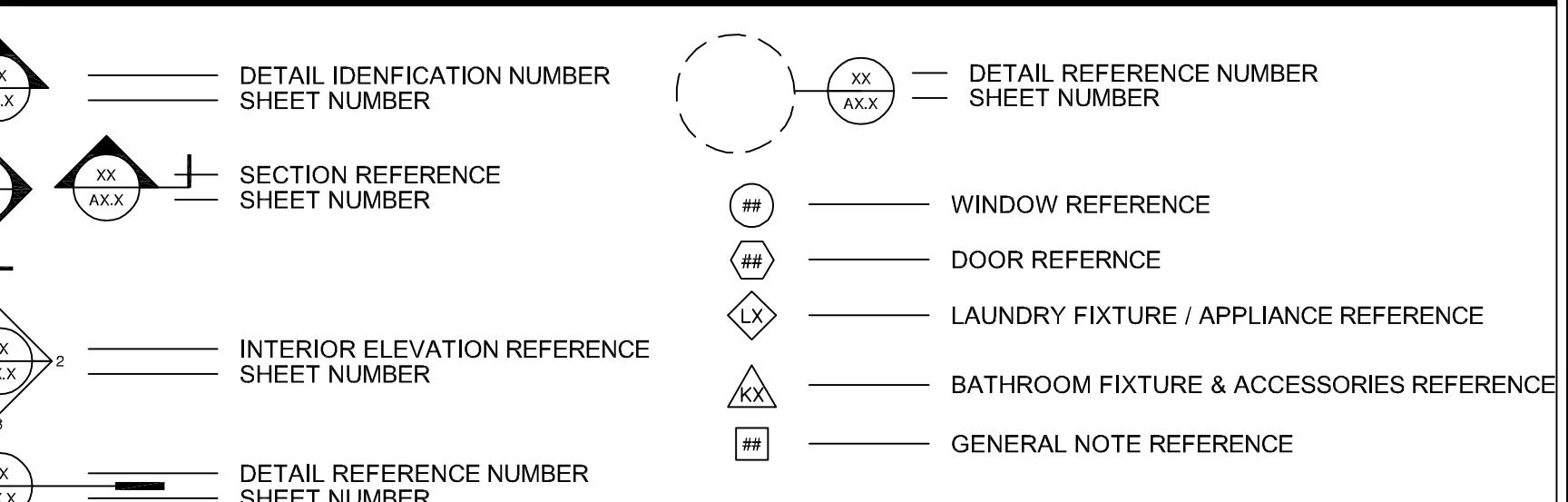
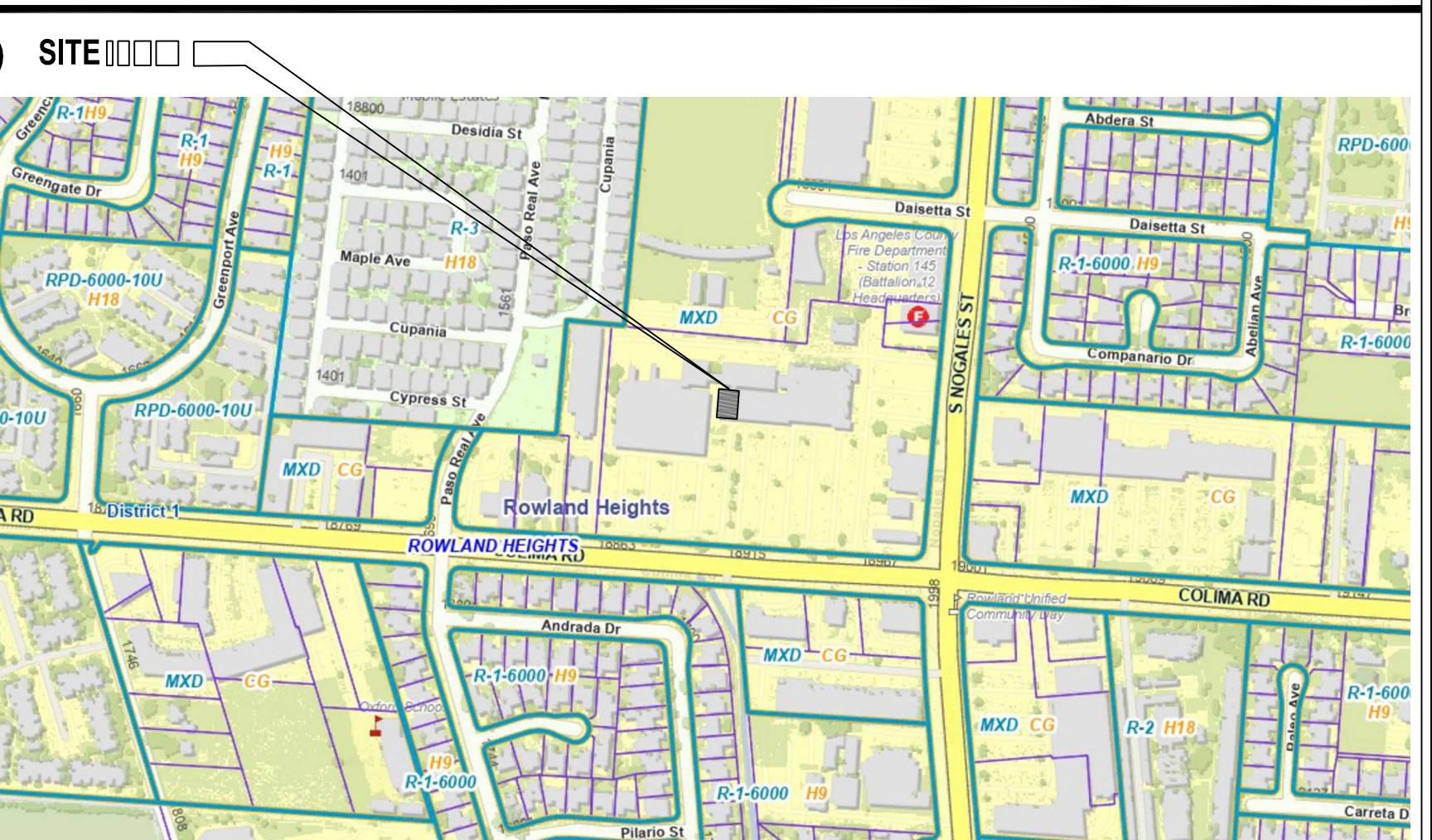


Susan Tae, AICP, Assistant Administrator

LIST OF ATTACHED EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A	Plans
EXHIBIT B	Project Summary Sheet
EXHIBIT C	Draft Findings
EXHIBIT D	Draft Conditions of Approval
EXHIBIT E	Applicant's Burden of Proof
EXHIBIT F	Environmental Determination
EXHIBIT G	Informational Maps
EXHIBIT H	ABC B&P Worksheet
EXHIBIT I	Sheriff's Comment Letter, July 21, 2025
EXHIBIT J	Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council Letter, September 30, 2025
EXHIBIT K	<p>1. "Effectiveness of Policies Restricting Hours of Alcohol Sales in Preventing Excessive Alcohol Consumption and Related Harms". US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health. 2010. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21084080</p>

2. "International alcohol control study: pricing data and hours of purchase predict heavier drinking". US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24588859>
3. "How To Use Local and Land Use Powers to Prevent Underage Drinking". Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, August 2013 (<https://www.ojp.gov/hcjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/how-use-local-regulatory-and-land-use-powers-prevent-underage>)

GENERAL NOTES	STAMP AREA (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)										
<p>1. THE CONTRACTOR AND/OR SUB-CONTRACTORS SHALL VISIT AND REVIEW CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING BIDS.</p> <p>2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ASSUME SOLE AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR JOB SITE CONDITIONS DURING THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT INCLUDING SAFETY OF ALL PERSONS & PROPERTY. THIS REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY CONTINUOUSLY & NOT BE LIMITED TO NORMAL WORKING HOURS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC PROTECTION AS NECESSARY & REQUIRED BY GOVERNING CITY AGENCIES.</p> <p>3. THE WORK SHALL CONFIRM TO THE APPLICABLE BUILDING CODE AND OTHER ORDINANCES CODES & REGULATIONS LISTED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS OR ON THE DRAWINGS, & REQUIRED BY LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITIES. THE GOVERNING CODES, RULES & REGULATIONS ARE COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "THE CODE". THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPORT ANY INCONSISTENCIES, CONFLICTS OR OMISSIONS HE MAY DISCOVER TO THE ARCHITECT FOR INTERPRETATION PRIOR TO PERFORMING THE WORK.</p> <p>4. THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL CONDITIONS & DIMENSIONS ON THE JOB SITE & REPORT ANY & ALL DISCREPANCIES AND/OR UNUSUAL CONDITIONS TO THE DESIGNER PRIOR TO FINALIZING BIDS OR COMMENCEMENT OF ANY CONSTRUCTION.</p> <p>5. TRADE NAMES AND MANUFACTURES REFERRED TO ARE FOR QUALITY STANDARDS ONLY. SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED WHERE SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE OWNER & DESIGNER PRIOR TO THEIR PURCHASE AND INCORPORATION INTO THE WORK.</p> <p>6. PROVIDE APPROVED FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AS REQUIRED BY FIRE MARSHALL. LOCATIONS SHALL BE DETERMINED IN THE FIELD BY THE FIRE MARSHALL.</p> <p>7. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN & PAY FOR ALL PERMITS & VERIFY GOVERNING AUTHORITIES' REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION.</p> <p>8. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS FOR INSPECTIONS AND/OR TESTS, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.</p> <p>9. ALL RAMPS SHALL HAVE A NON-SLIP FINISH.</p> <p>10. DO NOT SCALE THESE DRAWINGS. SHOULD ANY DIMENSIONAL DISCREPANCIES BE ENCOUNTERED, CLARIFICATIONS SHALL BE OBTAIN FROM THE DESIGNER.</p> <p>11. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THESE DRAWINGS OR IN THE SPECIFICATIONS AS BEING N.I.C. OR EXISTING, ALL ITEMS, MATERIALS, etc., & THE INSTALLATION OF SAME ARE A PART OF THE CONTRACT DEFINED BY THESE DRAWING SPECIFICATIONS.</p> <p>12. THE BUILDING & ITS FACILITIES SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO & FUNCTIONAL TO THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.</p> <p>13. PROVIDE EXIT SIGNS AT ALL LEGAL EXITS AS REQUIRED BY CODE. EXIT SIGNS, WHERE, INDICATED ON PLANS, SHALL BE ILLUMINATED & READ "EXIT" IN 6" HIGH LETTERS. EXITS SIGNS SHALL BE ON CIRCUIT & INDEPENDENTLY CONTROLLED REFER TO ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS.</p> <p>14. DETAILS ARE INTENDED TO SHOW THE INTENT OF THE DESIGN. MINOR MODIFICATIONS MAY REQUIRED TO SUIT THE FIELD DIMENSIONS OR CONDITIONS & SUCH MODIFICATION SHALL BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE WORK OF THE CONTRACT.</p> <p>15. ALL INTERIOR WALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO THE FACE OF THE STUD UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.</p> <p>16. ALL EXTERIOR WALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE OF CONCRETE BLOCK OR TO FACE OF STUD, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.</p> <p>17. THE CLIENT, DESIGNER, CONSULTANTS & ALL INSPECTORS FROM PERTINENT AGENCIES SHALL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE JOB SITE AT ALL TIMES DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.</p> <p>18. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SOLID BLOCKING, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE AS REQUIRED FOR NAILING OF ALL INTERIOR & EXTERIOR TRIMS, FINISHES, AND SHALL PROVIDE FOR ALL THE NECESSARY FRAMING & BRACING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF N.I.C. EQUIPMENT INDICATED.</p> <p>19. PROVIDE VENTILATION FOR ALL ELECTRICAL & TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT ROOMS.</p> <p>20. MECHANICAL VENTILATION SHALL SUPPLY A MINIMUM 5 CFM OF OUTSIDE AIR, EXCEPT IN TOILET ROOMS WHERE FIVE (5) AIR CHANGES PER HOUR SHALL BE PROVIDED. SYSTEM MUST PROVIDE A TOTAL CIRCULATION OF NOT LESS THE 15 CUBIC FEET PER MINUTE PER OCCUPANT IN ALL PORTIONS OF THE BUILDING. REFER TO MECHANICAL DRAWINGS.</p> <p>21. PROVIDE METAL TRIM OR CASING AT ALL EDGES OF PLASTER OR DRYWALL WHERE IT TERMINATES OR MEETS ANY OTHER MATERIAL, EXCEPT FLOORS.</p> <p>22. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY LOCATION & SIZE OF ALL FLOOR, ROOF, & WALL OPENINGS WITH ALL APPLICABLE DRAWINGS</p> <p>23. KEEP PIPING AS CLOSE TO WALLS & AS HIGH TO UNDERSIDE OF ROOF FRAMING AS POSSIBLE.</p> <p>24. WHERE LARGER STUDS OR FURRING ARE REQUIRED TO COVER DUCTS, PIPING CONDUIT, etc., THE LARGER STUD OR FURRING SHALL EXTEND THE FULL LENGTH OF THE SURFACE INVOLVED.</p> <p>25. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY INSERTS & EMBEDDED ITEMS W/ ALL APPLICABLE DRAWINGS BEFORE POURING CONCRETE.</p> <p>26. ALL EXTERIOR EXPOSED METAL (TRIMS, RAILING, FRAMES, MOLDINGS etc.) SHALL BE PAINTED, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.</p> <p>27. IN ALL CASES, PROVIDE ISOLATION OF ALUMINUM FROM ADJACENT STEEL OR COAT SURFACES IN CONTACT WITH BITUMINOUS PAINT.</p> <p>28. ALL EXTERIOR WALL OPENINGS, FLASHING, COPING, & EXPANSION JOINTS SHALL BE WEATHERPROOF.</p> <p>29. ALL ROOF DRAINS SHALL BE LOCATED AT THE LOWEST POINT OF THE ROOF TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE CAMBER OF BEAMS & DEFLECTION OF CANTILEVERS. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY THAT POSITIVE DRAINAGE EXISTS FROM ALL POINTS ON ROOF PRIOR TO INSTALLING DECK.</p> <p>30. SIZES OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT PADS, BASES, ROOF EQUIPMENT PADS, & OPENINGS ARE BASIS FOR DESIGN ONLY. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS OF ALL EQUIPMENT PADS & BASES WITH EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS. MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS SHALL VERIFY ALL SIZES & LOCATIONS OF DUCT OPENINGS ON ROOF.</p> <p>31. GLAZING NOTES: A: ALL FIXED & OPENABLE WINDOWS FROM ZERO TO 50 SQ. FT. IN AREA SHALL HAVE 1" MINIMUM GLASS GRIP & 1" MINIMUM GLASS EDGE CLEARANCE. B: ALL FIXED & OPENABLE WINDOWS OVER 50 SQ. FT. IN AREA SHALL HAVE 1" MINIMUM GLASS GRIP & 1" MINIMUM GLASS EDGE CLEARANCES. C: GLAZING IN ALUMINUM DOORS SHALL HAVE 1" MINIMUM GLASS GRIP & 1" MINIMUM GLASS EDGE CLEARANCE. D: ALL WINDOWS & DOOR GLAZING SHALL HAVE CONTINUOUS GLAZING RABBIT & GLASS RETAINER & RESILIENT SETTING MATERIAL.</p> <p>32. SUSPENDED ACOUSTICAL CEILING SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2022 CBC SECTION 808.</p>											
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<p>BUSINESS INFORMATION</p> <p>BUSINESS NAME: RED PEPPER HUNAN RESTAURANT TYPE OF BUSINESS: FULL SERVICE DINE-IN RESTAURANT SIC CODE: 5812 NAICS CODE: 722511</p>		<p>SHEET INDEX</p> <p>ARCHITECTURAL:</p> <p>A-0.1 PROJECT DATA & GENERAL NOTES A-1.0 SITE PLAN & KEY MAP A-1.0(A) SITE PLAN DATA A-1.1 KEY MAP A-1.2 KEY MAP A-2.0 EXISTING FLOOR PLAN</p>									
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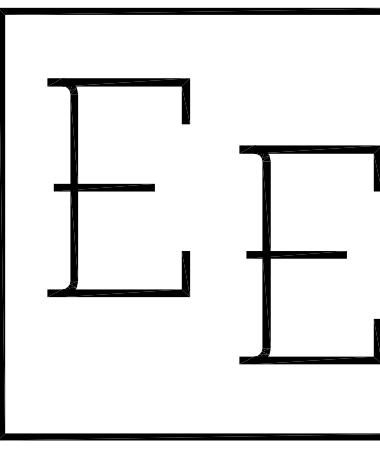
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PROPOSED FOR:
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
18977 COLIMA RD,
ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748



PERMIT SET, NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION BID

PROJECT SUMMARY

OWNER / APPLICANT

Rowland Ranch Prop LLC / Ernest Wang

MAP/EXHIBIT DATE

2/16/2023

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The applicant, Ernest Wang, requests a conditional use permit ("CUP") to authorize the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant ("Red Pepper Hunan Restaurant") located in a commercial shopping center in the MXD (Mixed Use Development) zone pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Section 22.26.030.B (Land Use Regulations for Mixed Use Development Zones).

LOCATION

18977 & 18979 Colima Road, Rowland Heights

ACCESS

via Colima Road

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER(S)

8761-012-012

SITE AREA

10.5 Acres

GENERAL PLAN / LOCAL PLAN

East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

ZONED DISTRICT

Puente

PLANNING AREA

East San Gabriel Valley

LAND USE DESIGNATION

CG (General Commercial)

ZONE

MXD (Mixed Use Development)

PROPOSED UNITS

N/A

MAX DENSITY/UNITS

N/A

APPLICABLE STANDARDS DISTRICTS

East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area Standards District (PASD), Rowland Heights Community Standards District (CSD)

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION (CEQA)

Class 1 Categorical Exemption – Existing Facilities

KEY ISSUES

- Consistency with the General Plan and East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
- Satisfaction of the following portions of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code:
 - Section 22.158.050 (Conditional Use Permit Findings and Decision Requirements)
 - Section 22.140.030.F (Alcoholic Beverage Sales Findings Requirements)
 - Chapter 22.366 (East San Gabriel Valley PASD requirements)
 - Section 22.366.090 (Rowland Heights CSD requirements)
 - Section 22.26.030.D (Mixed Use Development Zone Development Standards)

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**
**FINDINGS OF THE HEARING OFFICER
AND ORDER**
PROJECT NO. PRJ2025-001211-(1)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. RPPL2025001440

RECITALS

1. **HEARING DATE(S).** The Los Angeles County (“County”) Hearing Officer conducted a duly noticed public hearing in the matter of Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) No. **RPPL2025001440** on January 27, 2026.
2. **HEARING PROCEEDINGS.** *Reserved.*
3. **ENTITLEMENT(S) REQUESTED.** The Permittee, Ernest Wang (“Permittee”), requests a CUP to authorize the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant (“Red Pepper Hunan Restaurant”) located in a commercial shopping center in the MXD (Mixed Use Development) zone pursuant to County Code Section 22.26.030.B (Land Use Regulations for Mixed Use Development Zones). The proposed alcohol sales hours are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week.
4. **PREVIOUS ENTITLEMENT(S).** Business License Referral No. RPPL2024002381, completed May 14, 2024, confirmed the validity of the change of ownership for a restaurant.
5. **LAND USE DESIGNATION.** The Project Site is located within the CG (General Commercial) land use category of the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (“Area Plan”) Land Use Policy Map, a component of the General Plan.
6. **ZONING.** The Project Site is located in the East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area Standards District (“PASD”), the Rowland Heights Community Standards District (“CSD”), and the Puente Zoned District and is currently zoned MXD. Pursuant to County Code Section 22.26.030.B (Land Use Regulations for Mixed Use Development Zones), a CUP is required for the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption.
7. **SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING**

LOCATION	AREA PLAN LAND USE POLICY	ZONING	EXISTING USES
NORTH	CG	MXD	Golf Driving Range, Fire Station, Commercial
EAST	CG, H9 (Residential 9 – 9	MXD, R-1-6,000 (Single-Family Residence – 6,000	Commercial, Single- Family Residences (“SFR”)

	Units Max per Acre)	Square Feet Minimum Required Lot Area)	
SOUTH	CG, H9	MXD, R-1-6000	Commercial, SFR
WEST	CG, H18 (Residential 18 – 18 Units Max per Acre)	MXD, R-3 (Limited Density Multiple Residence)	Commercial, Mobile Home Park

8. PROJECT AND SITE PLAN DESCRIPTION.

A. Existing Site Conditions

The Project Site is 10.5 acres in size and consists of one legal lot. The Project Site is rectangular in shape with flat topography and is developed with a multi-tenant shopping center.

B. Site Access

The Project Site is accessible via Colima Road, a 100-foot-wide Major Highway on the County Master Plan of Highways, to the south, and Nogales Street, a 100-foot-wide Major Highway on the County Master Plan of Highways, to the east. Primary access to the Project Site is via an entrance/exit on Colima Road. Secondary access to the Project Site is via an entrance/exit on Nogales Street.

C. Site Plan

The site plan depicts the subject restaurant located in a tenant space within a multi-tenant shopping center at the northwest corner of Colima Road and Nogales Street. Parking is provided by surface parking lots primarily in front of the shopping center structure with additional parking spaces located behind and to the sides of the structure. The restaurant's floor plan depicts the dining areas and private dining rooms where food and beverage service occur. The sale and consumption of beer and wine will be restricted to these dining and private dining room areas.

D. Parking

The shopping center contains a total of 606 parking spaces. Based on the shopping center's current tenant mix, 537 parking spaces are required.

9. CEQA DETERMINATION.

Prior to the Hearing Officer's public hearing on the Project, LA County Planning staff determined that the Project qualified for a Class 1, Existing Facilities, categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines for the County, because the Project involved the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant as an accessory service to the restaurant's food service and does not significantly change the restaurant's current operations and does not involve any physical alterations to the tenant space. Additionally, the Project Site is not located within or in close proximity to a hazardous waste site, nor designated historic district. There are also no significant or unusual environmental impacts associated with the Project. The size and scope of the

Project will not cause any cumulative environmental impacts to the area. Thus, there are no exceptions to the identified exemption.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Prior to the publication of the Report to the Hearing Officer, LA County Planning staff received no public comments regarding the Project except as noted below.

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

The Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council, in a letter dated September 30, 2025, does not oppose the CUP request.

11. AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. County Sheriff's Department: Recommended approval in a letter dated July 21, 2025.

12. LEGAL NOTIFICATION. Pursuant to Section 22.222.120 (Public Hearing Procedure) of the County Code, the community was properly notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper (*San Gabriel Valley Tribune*), and property posting. Additionally, the Project was noticed and case materials were available on LA County Planning's website. On December 10, 2025, a total of 314 Notices of Public Hearing were mailed to all property owners as identified on the County Assessor's record within a 1,000-foot radius from the Project Site, as well as 11 notices to those on the courtesy mailing list for the Puente Zoned District and to any additional interested parties.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDINGS

13. LAND USE POLICY. The Hearing Officer finds that the Project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Area Plan because the CG land use designation is intended for local serving commercial, office and professional businesses, retail and service establishments. The sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant supports the continued commercial use of the property.

14. GOALS AND POLICIES. The Hearing Officer finds that the Project is consistent with the following goals and policies:

The following policies of the General Plan are applicable to the proposed project:

- (*Policy LU 4.4) Encourage mixed use development along major commercial corridors in urban and suburban areas.*
- (*Policy LU 5.2) Encourage a diversity of commercial and retail services, and public facilities at various scales to meet regional and local needs.*

The Project allows for the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant located in a shopping center at the major commercial intersection of Colima Road and Nogales Street. The Project allows the restaurant to offer alcoholic beverage

service with its dining services and will help maintain an existing commercial service in the neighborhood.

The following policies of the Area Plan are applicable to the proposed project:

- *(Policy LU-3.1: Land Use Diversity) Enable a more diverse land use pattern to meet the needs of residents and employees, including increased housing options, viable commercial uses, a variety of employment opportunities, ample parks and open spaces, and a range of superior community services and amenities to support the mental, physical, emotional, economic, and social well-being of the community.*
- *(Policy LU-3.11: Commercial Use Flexibility) Provide flexibility in permitted land uses in commercially designated areas to allow a mix of retail, restaurant, small-scale institutional, office, and other compatible uses in commercial centers to prevent vacancies and increase accessibility to the community's everyday needs.*

The Project has the potential to enhance an existing restaurant's services by offering alcoholic beverages to complement their food service and will help maintain an existing commercial service in a neighborhood that has a mix of commercial and residential uses. The underlying restaurant is located in an existing commercial shopping center that supports a variety of other retail, restaurant, and commercial services.

ZONING CODE CONSISTENCY FINDINGS

15. **PERMITTED USE IN ZONE.** The Hearing Officer finds that the Project is consistent with the MXD zoning classification as the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption is permitted in such zone with a CUP pursuant to County Code Section 22.26.030.B (Land Use Regulations for Mixed Use Development Zones).

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FINDINGS

16. **The Hearing Officer finds that the proposed use at the site will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area; will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; and will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare.** While the Project is a request for the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption, the existing establishment is a bona-fide restaurant where the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption will be an ancillary service to the restaurant's food service as is customary for a typical restaurant. The proposed use has the potential to increase dining enjoyment and property values by bringing economic activity to the area.
17. **The Hearing Officer finds that the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.** The Project Site is located within an existing shopping center that has been previously approved in conformance with all development standards prescribed under

Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the County Code. The shopping center property is rectangular in shape and has an area of 10.5 acres. No physical expansion or changes are proposed as part of the Project.

18. **The Hearing Officer finds that the proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.** While the Project is a request for the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption, the Project Site is located at the major commercial intersection of Colima Road, a 100-foot-wide Major Highway on the County Master Plan of Highways; and Nogales Street, a 100-foot-wide Major Highway on the County Master Plan of Highways. These streets can handle all vehicular traffic generated by the commercial uses in the vicinity. The Project Site is serviced by all necessary public services and utilities that are needed for the Project Site's tenants.
19. The Hearing Officer finds that to ensure continued compatibility between the Project and the surrounding land uses, it is necessary to limit the CUP to 10 years.

SUPPLEMENTAL FINDINGS

20. **The Hearing Officer finds that the requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the use of a place used exclusively for religious worship, school, park, playground, or any similar use within a 600-foot radius.** There is one church that is located within 600 feet of the Project Site. The subject establishment is a bona fide restaurant with proposed beer and wine sales as an ancillary part of their food service. The CUP includes conditions to prevent alcohol sales and consumption from being a disruption to these sensitive uses and to the surrounding neighborhood. The subject restaurant itself does not face the nearby church which is located on Nogales Street south of Colima Road and the Project will not have an adverse effect on the church.
21. **The Hearing Officer finds that the requested use at the proposed location is sufficiently buffered in relation to any residential area within the immediate vicinity, so as not to adversely affect said area.** The subject restaurant is located in a tenant space within a multi-tenant commercial shopping center. Residential properties are located to the east and to the south of the shopping center and a mobile home park is located to the west. The residences to the south and east are buffered from the subject restaurant by the shopping center's parking lot areas, concrete block sound walls, and by Colima Road and Nogales Street. The mobile home park to the west does not face the shopping center's business entrances and is buffered from the shopping center by block walls and fences. Alcoholic beverage sales at the establishment shall be limited to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily to avoid any potential early morning or late night adverse effects to the area.
22. **The Hearing Officer finds that the requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the economic welfare of the nearby community.** The existing establishment is a bona-fide restaurant where the sale of beer and wine for on-site

consumption will be an ancillary service to the restaurant's food service as is customary for a typical restaurant. The proposed offering of beer and wine with the restaurant's food service enhances customers' dining experience and has the potential to increase economic activity in the shopping center.

23. **The Hearing Officer finds that the exterior appearance of the structure will not be inconsistent with the exterior appearance of commercial structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood, so as to cause blight, deterioration, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood.** The sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at the restaurant would not alter the existing exterior appearance of the shopping center's structure.
24. **The Hearing Officer finds that even though the proposed sale of alcohol would occur at a site within a high crime reporting district and in an area of undue concentration, pursuant to the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and the regulations adopted under that Act, the sale of alcohol at the subject property contributes to the public convenience or necessity.** The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC") reported that the Project Site is located in a census tract with an overconcentration of on-site alcohol licenses and in a high crime reporting district. The sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at the restaurant is a complementary and customary service that is typical for a full service restaurant. Other nearby restaurants also serve alcoholic beverages as part of their dining service. By having alcoholic beverages available for on-site consumption, the restaurant can provide a public convenience to its customers by offering beverage service that complements their food selection and is a similar service offered by nearby restaurants. To ensure continued compatibility between the Project and the surrounding land uses, the CUP grant term is limited to 10 years.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

25. The Hearing Officer finds that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption). The sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant will be an accessory service to the restaurant's food service and does not change the restaurant's current operations and does not involve any physical alterations to the tenant space. Additionally, the Project Site is not located within or in close proximity to an environmentally sensitive area, a hazardous waste site, nor designated historic district. There are also no significant or unusual environmental impacts associated with the Project. The size and scope of the Project will not cause any cumulative environmental impacts to the area. Thus, there are no exceptions to the identified exemption.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

26. **LOCATION OF DOCUMENTS.** The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Hearing Officer's decision is based in this matter is at LA County Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West

Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Puente Whittier Development Services Section, LA County Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE HEARING OFFICER CONCLUDES THAT:

- A. The proposed use with the attached conditions will be consistent with the adopted General Plan.
- B. The proposed use at the site will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.
- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.
- D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.
- E. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the use of a place used exclusively for religious worship, school, park, playground, or any similar use within a 600-foot radius.
- F. The requested use at the proposed location is sufficiently buffered in relation to any residential area within the immediate vicinity, so as not to adversely affect said area.
- G. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the economic welfare of the nearby community.
- H. The exterior appearance of the structure will not be inconsistent with the exterior appearance of commercial structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood, so as to cause blight, deterioration, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood.
- I. Even though the proposed sale of alcohol would occur at a site within a high crime reporting district and in an area of undue concentration, pursuant to the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and the regulations adopted under that Act, the sale of alcohol at the subject property contributes to the public convenience or necessity.

THEREFORE, THE HEARING OFFICER:

1. Finds that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption); and
2. Approves **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. RPPL2025001440**, subject to the attached conditions.

ACTION DATE: January 27, 2026

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01/27/2025

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
PROJECT NO. PRJ2025-001211-(1)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. RPPL2025001440

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is to authorize the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant subject to the following conditions of approval:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **Permittee.** Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term “Permittee” shall include the applicant, owner of the property, and any other person, corporation, or other entity making use of this grant.
2. **Affidavit of Acceptance.** This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the Permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the Permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County (“County”) Department of Regional Planning (“LA County Planning”) their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all of the conditions of this grant, and that the conditions of the grant have been recorded as required by Condition No. 7, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition No. 10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition No. 2 and Conditions No. 4, 5, and 9 shall be effective immediately upon the date of final approval of this grant by the County.
3. **Date of Final Approval.** Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term “date of final approval” shall mean the date the County’s action becomes effective pursuant to County Code Section 22.222.230 (Effective Date of Decision and Appeals).
4. **Indemnification.** The Permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code section 65009 or any other applicable limitations period. The County shall promptly notify the Permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall reasonably cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the Permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate reasonably in the defense, the Permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.
5. **Litigation Deposit.** In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the Permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with LA County Planning in the amount of up to \$5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in LA County Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to Permittee or Permittee's counsel.

If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the Permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of \$5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

At the sole discretion of the Permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the Permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

6. **Invalidation.** If any material provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
7. **Recordation.** Prior to the use of this grant, the Permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the Permittee, shall **record the terms and conditions** of the grant in the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (i.e. Recorder Office). In addition, upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the Permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the Permittee, shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.
8. **Grant Term. This grant shall terminate on January 27, 2036.** Entitlement to use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect. If the Permittee intends to continue operations after such date, whether or not the Permittee proposes any modifications to the use at that time, the Permittee shall file a new Conditional Use Permit application with LA County Planning, or shall otherwise comply with the applicable requirements at that time. Such application shall be filed at least twelve months prior to the expiration date of this grant and shall be accompanied by the required fee. In the event that the Permittee seeks to discontinue or otherwise change the use, notice is hereby given that the use of such property may require additional or different permits and would be subject to the then-applicable regulations.
9. **Expiration.** This grant shall expire unless used within two (2) years from the date of final approval of the grant. A single one-year time extension may be requested in writing and with the payment of the applicable fee prior to such expiration date.
10. **Inspections.** The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the Permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. No provision of any easement or any other encumbrance on the property shall exempt the Permittee and/or property owner from compliance with these conditions and applicable regulations. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The Permittee shall deposit with the County the sum

\$2,280.00 which shall be placed in a performance fund and be used exclusively to reimburse LA County Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the Permittee's compliance with the conditions of this grant. The fund provides for **five (5)** inspections.

Inspections may be unannounced. Inspections may be conducted utilizing any available technologies, including, but not limited to, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). Use of a UAS requires the consent of the Permittee pursuant to LA County Planning's UAS policy, which may be updated from time to time, and which shall be provided to the Permittee upon request.

If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the Permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse LA County Planning for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be \$456.00 per inspection, or the current recovery cost established by LA County Planning at the time any additional inspections are required, whichever is greater.

11. **Revocation.** Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or Hearing Officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public's health or safety or so as to be a nuisance, or as otherwise authorized pursuant to Chapter 22.238 of the County Code.
12. **County Fire Code.** All development pursuant to this grant must be kept in full compliance with the County Fire Code to the satisfaction of the County Fire Department.
13. **County Public Works Requirements.** All development pursuant to this grant shall conform with the requirements of the County Department of Public Works to the satisfaction of said department.
14. **Exhibit "A."** All development pursuant to this grant shall comply with the requirements of Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the County Code and of the specific zoning of the subject property, unless specifically modified by this grant, as set forth in these conditions, including the approved Exhibit "A," or a revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director of LA County Planning ("Director").
15. **Maintenance.** The Permittee shall maintain the subject property in a neat and orderly fashion. The Permittee shall maintain free of litter all areas of the premises over which the Permittee has control.
16. **Graffiti.** All structures, walls and fences open to public view shall remain free of graffiti or other extraneous markings, drawings, or signage that was not approved by LA

County Planning. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the business being operated on the premises or that do not provide pertinent information about said premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.

In the event of graffiti or other extraneous markings occurring, the Permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 48 hours of such notification, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.

17. **Rewvisions to the Exhibit "A".** The subject property shall be developed and maintained in substantial conformance with the plans marked Exhibit "A." If changes to any of the plans marked Exhibit "A" are required as a result of instruction given at the public hearing, **an electronic copy** of a modified Exhibit "A" shall be submitted to LA County Planning by **March 27, 2026**.
18. **Subsequent Rewvisions to the Exhibit "A."** In the event that subsequent revisions to the approved Exhibit "A" are submitted, the Permittee shall submit **an electronic copy** of the proposed plans to the Director for review and approval. All revised plans must substantially conform to the originally approved Exhibit "A". All revised plans must be accompanied by the written authorization of the property owner(s) and applicable fee for such revision.
19. **Conditions of Approval Maintained on the Premises.** The conditions of this grant shall always be retained on the premises and shall be immediately produced upon request by any County Sheriff, LA County Planning Zoning Enforcement ("Zoning Enforcement") inspector, or State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC") agent. The manager and all employees of the facility shall be knowledgeable of the conditions herein. Violation of the conditions herein may subject the use to the provisions of County Code Chapter 22.238 (Modifications and Revocations).

PERMIT-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES)

20. **Scope of Approval.** This grant authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at a restaurant from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week.
21. **Loitering Restrictions and Enforcement.** Loitering shall be prohibited on the subject property, including loitering by employees of the subject property. Signage in compliance with County Code Chapter 22.114 (Signs) shall be placed on the premises indicating said prohibition. Employees shall be instructed to enforce these regulations and to call local law enforcement if necessary. If loitering occurs on a continuous basis, as determined by the County Sheriff, a security guard shall be required during business hours at the discretion of the Director.
22. **Employee Alcohol Training Requirements.** All employees who directly serve or are in the practice of selling alcoholic beverages, including managers and security

personnel, shall participate in the LEAD (Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs) Program provided by the ABC, or a similar program, such as STAR (Standardized Training for Alcohol Retailers) or another comparable State of California-certified program. All new designated employees shall be required to attend. The licensee shall display a certificate or plaque in a publicly accessible area of the establishment, such as the lobby, indicating they have participated in this program. Proof of completion of the facility's training program by employees, the licensee, and all managers shall be provided to Zoning Enforcement within 90 days of the effective date of this Conditional Use Permit, and subsequently within 90 days of the hire date of all new employees and/or managers.

23. **Prohibition of Alcohol Sales to Intoxicated Persons.** The Permittee and all managers and employees shall not allow the sale of alcoholic beverages to any intoxicated person, any person appearing to be intoxicated, or any person exhibiting behaviors associated with being intoxicated.
24. **Restrictions on Alcohol Advertising.** The Permittee shall not advertise the sale of alcoholic beverages on the exterior of any structure on the subject property, including windows, walls, fences or similar structures, or within any portion of the interior of any structure that is visible from the outside.
25. **Age Requirement for Alcohol Sales.** Alcoholic beverages shall only be sold or served to patrons age 21 or older.
26. **Exterior Lighting Standards and Compliance.** The Permittee shall provide adequate exterior lighting above all entrances and exits to the premises and in all parking areas and walkways under control of the permittee or required as a condition of this grant. All exterior lighting required by this grant shall be of sufficient power to illuminate and make easily discernable the appearance and conduct of all persons within lighted areas during operating hours and shall be designed to direct light and glare only onto the premises. All exterior lighting by this grant shall also be hooded and directed away from neighboring residences to prevent direct illumination and glare, shall comply with County Code Chapter 22.80 (Rural Outdoor Lighting District) if applicable, and shall be turned off within thirty (30) minutes after conclusion of activities, except for sensor-activated security lights and/or low level lighting along all pedestrian walkways leading to and from the parking lot.
27. **Address Signage Requirements.** A numbering address sign, in compliance with County Code Chapter 22.114 (Signs), shall be located at the front of the building in a location clearly visible from the property grounds and the nearest public street, to the satisfaction of the Director.
28. **Prohibition of Exterior Security Bars and Roll-Up Doors.** Exterior security bars and roll-up doors applied to windows and pedestrian building entrances shall be prohibited.
29. **Property Maintenance and Cleanliness Standards.** The premises, including exterior facades, designated parking areas, fences, and adjacent sidewalks and

other public rights-of-way, shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition and be free of garbage, trash, debris, or junk and salvage, except in designated trash collection containers and enclosures. All garbage, trash, debris, or junk and salvage shall be collected, and disposed of, daily.

30. **Authorized Hours for Alcohol Sales.** This grant authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week.
31. **Restrictions on Alcohol Consumption Areas.** There shall be no consumption of alcoholic beverages outside the designated areas of the subject facility, as depicted on the site and floor plans labeled Exhibit "A." The Permittee shall instruct all designated employees, who directly serve or are in the practice of selling alcoholic beverages, regarding this restriction. Employees shall be instructed to enforce such restrictions and to call local law enforcement as necessary.
32. **Designated Driver Program Implementation.** The Permittee shall develop and implement a Designated Driver program (e.g. free soft drinks or coffee to a designated driver of a group). A printed two-sided card explaining this program shall be placed on all tables in the facility or an explanation regarding this program shall be printed on the menu.
33. **Noise and Music Compliance Requirements.** Music or other audible noise at the premises shall comply with County Code Title 12 to the satisfaction of the County Department of Public Health.
34. **Posting of Law Enforcement and Transportation Contacts.** The Permittee shall post the telephone numbers of local law enforcement agencies and shall post the telephone numbers of taxicab companies or a sign promoting ridesharing options, at or near the cashier or within a similar public service area. Such telephone numbers shall be visible by, and available to, the public.
35. **Prohibition of Live Entertainment and Dancing.** No live entertainment, dancing, or dance floor is authorized in or outside the premises.
36. **Employee Age Requirements for Serving Alcohol.** Employees age 18 or older may serve alcoholic beverages in an area primarily designed and used for the sale and service of food for consumption on the premises as an incidental part of their overall duties.
37. **Alcohol Sales Restricted to Food Orders.** Alcoholic beverages shall be sold to customers only when food is ordered and consumed within the subject restaurant only.
38. **Restrictions on Outdoor Alcohol Consumption.** The sale and serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption is prohibited outside the designated areas of the restaurant, as depicted on the site and floor plans labeled Exhibit "A."
39. **Requirement to Employ Full-Time Cook.** The business shall employ not less than

one full-time cook that is engaged in the preparation of meals for patrons during the permissible hours of operation.

40. **Continuous Food Service During Operating Hours.** Food service shall be continuously provided during operating hours.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

Pursuant to County Code Section [22.158.050 \(Findings and Decision\)](#), the applicant shall substantiate the following:

(Please see [Guidelines for Writing Your Conditional Use Permit Findings Statement](#). Do not repeat the statement or provide Yes/No responses. If necessary, attach additional pages.)

B.1 The proposed use will be consistent with the adopted General Plan for the area.

B.2 The requested use at the location proposed will not:

- a. Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area;
- b. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; and
- c. Jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

B.3 The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping, and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.

B.4 The proposed site is adequately served:

- a. By highways or streets of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate; and
- b. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

In addition to the Conditional Use Permit Findings required pursuant to County Code Section [22.158.050](#) (Findings and Decision), pursuant to County Code Section [22.140.030](#) (Alcoholic Beverage Sales), the applicant shall substantiate the following:

(Do not repeat the statement or provide Yes/No responses. If necessary, attach additional pages.)

ABC License Type Requested(s): _____ (e.g. Type 20, Type 41)

F.1.a. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the use of a place used exclusively for religious worship, school, park, playground, or any similar use within a 600-foot radius.

F.1.b. The requested use at the proposed location is sufficiently buffered in relation to any residential area within the immediate vicinity, so as not to adversely affect said area.

F.1.c. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the economic welfare of the nearby community.

F.1.d. The exterior appearance of the structure will not be inconsistent with the exterior appearance of commercial structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood, so as to cause blight, deterioration, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood.

Additional findings of public convenience or necessity.

Findings of public convenience or necessity, in accordance with County Code Section [22.140.030.F.2.a](#), shall be made when:

- i. The requested use is located in a high crime reporting district or in an area of undue concentration, pursuant to the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and the regulations adopted under that Act; or
- ii. A use selling alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption is proposed within a 500-foot radius of another use selling alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption.

Findings of public convenience or necessity shall be based upon review and consideration of relevant factors, which shall include, in accordance with [Section 22.140.030.F.2.b](#), but not be limited to, the following, as applicable:

- i. The extent to which the requested use would duplicate services and, therefore, contribute to an over-concentration of similar uses.
- ii. The extent to which alcoholic beverage sales are related to the function of the requested use, and the possibility of the use operating in a viable manner without alcohol sales.
- iii. The extent to which the requested use will enhance the economic viability of the area.
- iv. The extent to which the requested use will enhance recreational or entertainment opportunities in the area.
- v. The extent to which the requested use complements the established or proposed businesses within a specific area.
- vi. The ability of the requested use to serve a portion of the market not served by other uses in the area.
- vii. The convenience of purchasing alcoholic beverages at the requested use in conjunction with other specialty food sales or services.
- viii. The aesthetic character and ambiance of the requested use.
- ix. The extent to which the requested use, location, and/or operator has a history of law enforcement problems.

Additional findings for a modification request to the shelf space limitations.

For a request to modify the shelf space limitation pursuant to County Code [Section 22.140.030.E.1](#), the applicant shall address at least one of the findings, in accordance with County Code Section [22.140.030.F.3.b](#), below:

- i. The requested use is not located in a high crime reporting district, as described in the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and the regulations adopted under that Act;
- ii. The requested use is a specialty retailer with a unique product mix that requires a greater allocation of shelf space to alcoholic beverages than would be the case for a general purpose retailer; or
- iii. The requested use involves the relocation of a use that was not previously subject to the alcoholic beverage shelf space limitation provided in Section 22.140.030.E.1, above, and the new location will allocate less shelf space to alcoholic beverages than was the case at the previous location.

Additional findings for a modification request to requirement to carry a minimum of three varieties of fresh produce.

For a request to modify the requirement to carry a minimum of three varieties of fresh produce pursuant to County Code Section [22.140.030.E.2](#), the applicant shall address the findings, in accordance with County Code Section [22.140.030.F.3.b](#), below:

i. The requested use is not a general purpose retailer and is located in an area with sufficient access to fresh produce and whole grains.

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

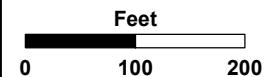
DETERMINATION DATE: December 27, 2025
PROJECT NUMBER: PRJ2025-001211-(1)
PERMIT NUMBER(S): CUP RPPL2025001440
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 1
PROJECT LOCATION: 18977 & 18979 Colima Road, Rowland Heights
OWNER: Rowland Ranch Prop LLC
APPLICANT: Ernest Wang
CASE PLANNER: Steve Mar, Senior Regional Planner
smar@planning.lacounty.gov

Los Angeles County (“County”) completed an initial review for the above-mentioned project. Based on examination of the project proposal and the supporting information included in the application, the County proposes that an Exemption is the appropriate environmental documentation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project qualifies as a Class 1 – Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant will be an accessory service to the restaurant's food service and does not significantly change the restaurant's current operations and does not involve any physical alterations to the tenant space. Additionally, the Project Site is not located within or in close proximity to an environmentally sensitive area, a hazardous waste site, nor designated historic district. There are also no significant or unusual environmental impacts associated with the Project. The size and scope of the Project will not cause any cumulative environmental impacts to the area. Thus, there are no exceptions to the identified exemption.



AERIAL IMAGERY
SITE-SPECIFIC MAP
PROJECT NO. PRJ2025-001211
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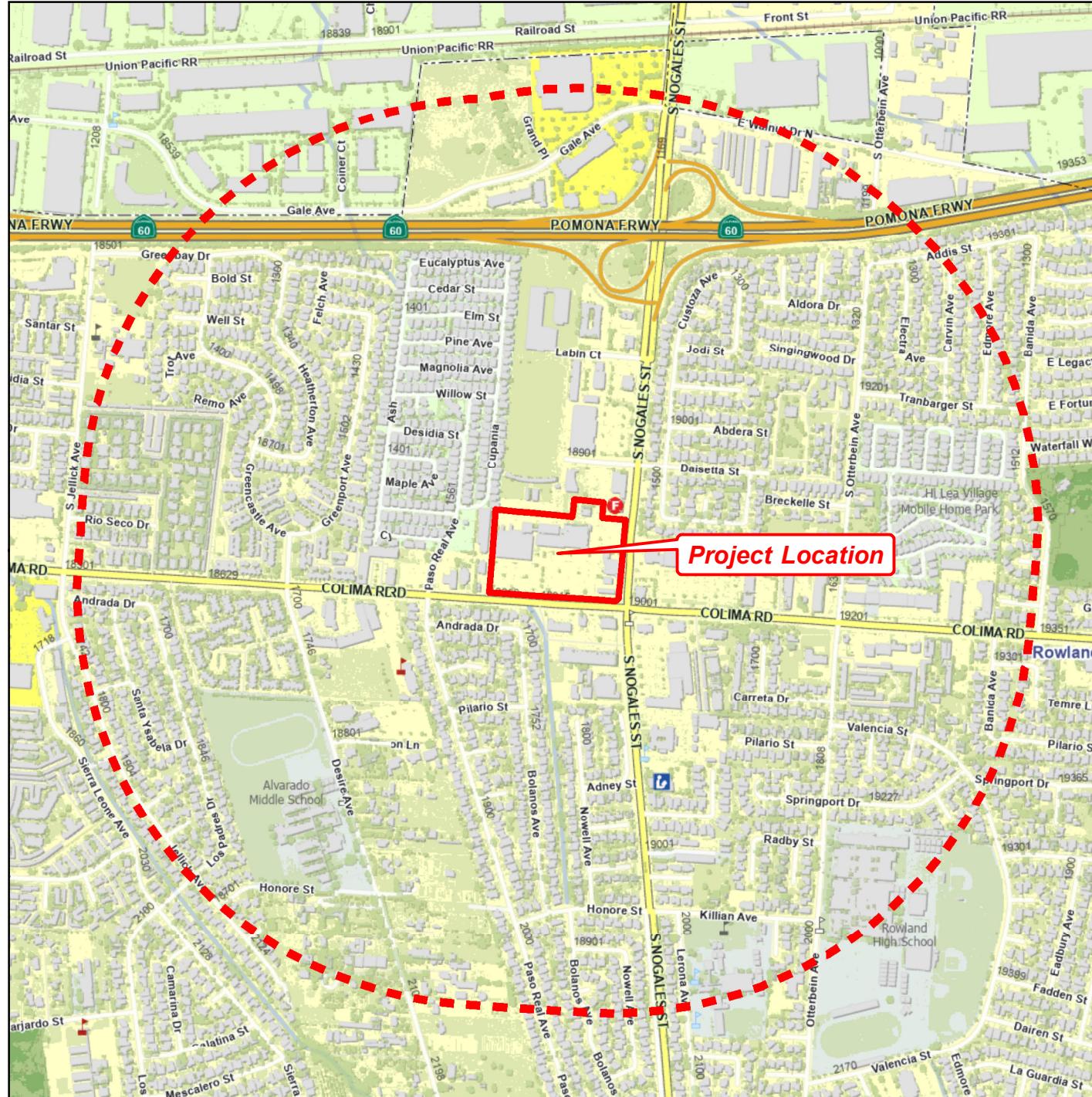
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HALF-MILE RADIUS

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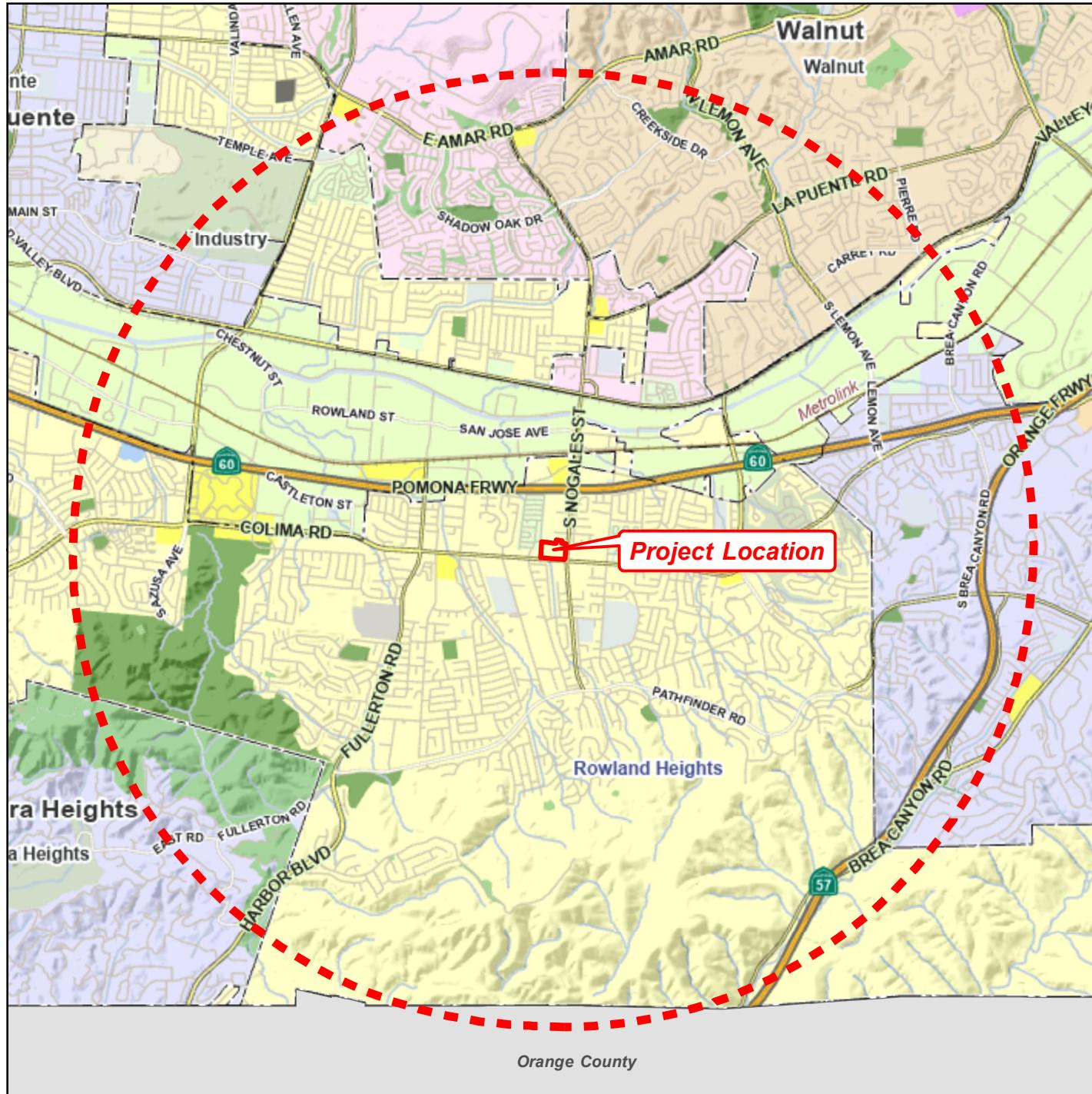


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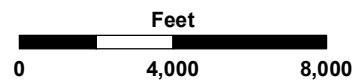
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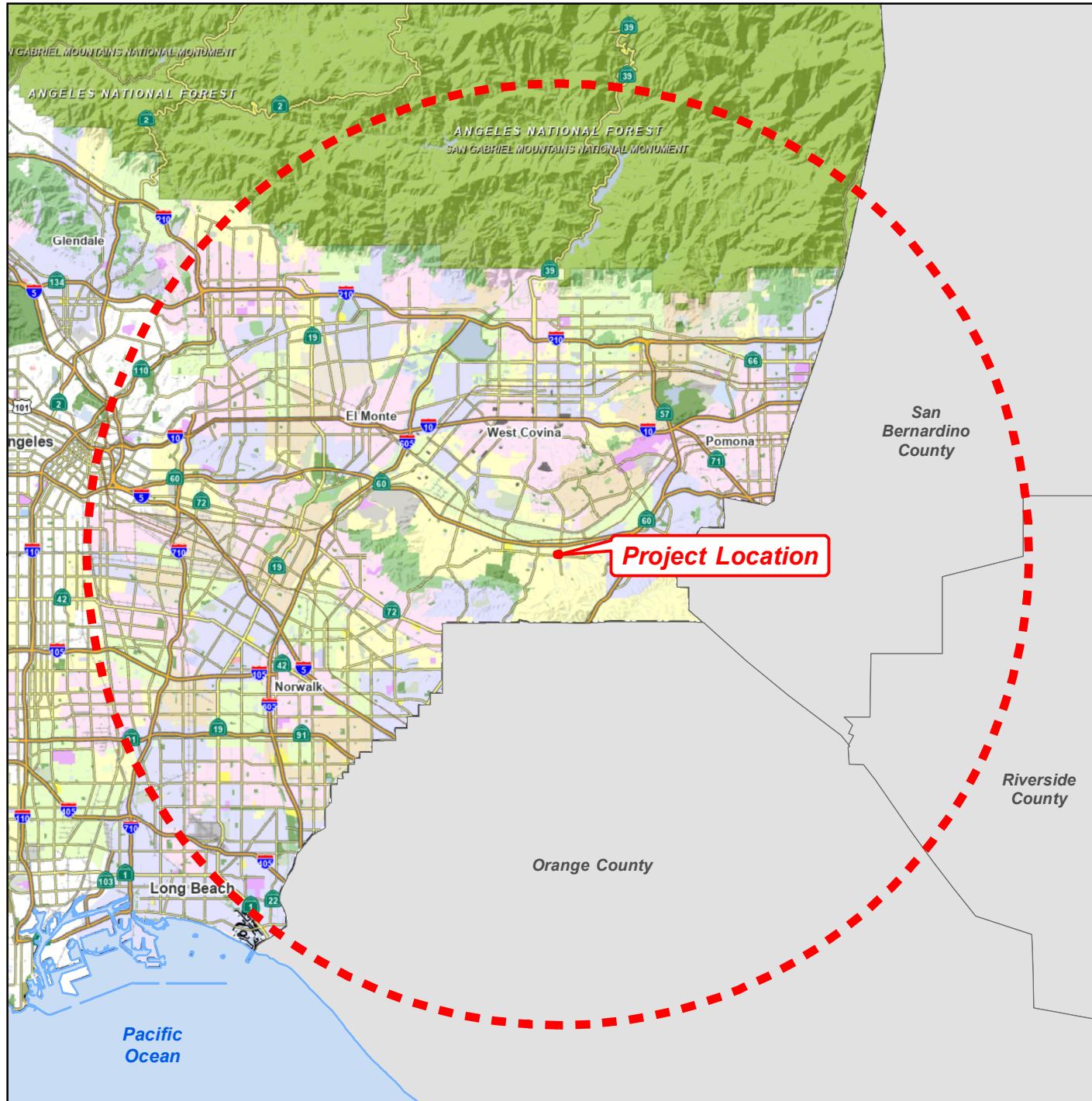
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INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS -**SECTION 23958.4 B&P**

Instructions

- This form is to be used for all applications for original issuance or premises to premises transfer of licenses.
- Part 1 is to be completed by an ABC employee, given to applicant with pre-application package, with copy retained in holding file or applicant's district file.
- Part 2 is to be completed by the applicant, and returned to ABC.
- Part 3 is to be completed by the local governing body or its designated subordinate officer or body, and returned to ABC.

PART 1 - TO BE COMPLETED BY ABC

1. APPLICANT'S NAME

2. PREMISES ADDRESS (Street number and name, city, zip code)

91748-2942

3. LICENSE TYPE

41

4. TYPE OF BUSINESS

 Full Service Restaurant Hofbrau/Cafeteria Cocktail Lounge Private Club Deli or Specialty Restaurant Comedy Club Night Club Veterans Club Cafe/Coffee Shop Brew Pub Tavern: Beer Fraternal Club Bed & Breakfast: Theater Tavern: Beer & Wine Wine Tasting Room Wine only All Supermarket Membership Store Service Station Swap Meet/Flea Market Liquor Store Department Store Convenience Market Drive-in Dairy Drug/Variety Store Florist/Gift Shop Convenience Market w/Gasoline

Other - describe:

5. COUNTY POPULATION

N/A

6. TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES IN COUNTY

N/A

7. RATIO OF LICENSES TO POPULATION IN COUNTY

1: 899

 On-Sale

Off-Sale

8. CENSUS TRACT NUMBER

4082.13

9. NO. OF LICENSES ALLOWED IN CENSUS TRACT

6

On-Sale

Off-Sale

10. NO. OF LICENSES EXISTING IN CENSUS TRACT

32

 On-Sale

Off-Sale

11. IS THE ABOVE CENSUS TRACT OVERCONCENTRATED WITH LICENSES? (i.e., does the ratio of licenses to population in the census tract exceed the ratio of licenses to population for the entire county?)

 Yes, the number of existing licenses exceeds the number allowed

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No, the number of existing licenses is lower than the number allowed

12. DOES LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAINTAIN CRIME STATISTICS?

 Yes (Go to Item #13)

No (Go to Item #20)

Walnut SS

13. CRIME REPORTING DISTRICT NUMBER

2931

14. TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTING DISTRICTS

572

15. TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFENSES IN ALL REPORTING DISTRICTS

43,839

16. AVERAGE NO. OF OFFENSES PER DISTRICT

76.6

17. 120% OF AVERAGE NUMBER OF OFFENSES

91.9

18. TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFENSES IN REPORTING DISTRICT

378

19. IS THE PREMISES LOCATED IN A HIGH CRIME REPORTING DISTRICT? (i.e., has a 20% greater number of reported crimes than the average number of reported crimes as determined from all crime reporting districts within the jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency)

 Yes, the total number of offenses in the reporting district equals or exceeds the total number in item #17

No, the total number of offenses in the reporting district is lower than the total number in item #17

20. CHECK THE BOX THAT APPLIES (check only one box)

a. If "No" is checked in both item #11 and item #19, Section 23958.4 B&P does not apply to this application, and no additional information will be needed on this issue. Advise the applicant to bring this completed form to ABC when filing the application.

b. If "Yes" is checked in either item #11 or item #19, and the applicant is applying for a non-retail license, a retail bona fide public eating place license, a retail license issued for a hotel, motel or other lodging establishment as defined in Section 25503.16(b) B&P, or a retail license issued in conjunction with a beer manufacturer's license, or winegrower's license, advise the applicant to complete Section 2 and bring the completed form to ABC when filing the application or as soon as possible thereafter.

c. If "Yes" is checked in either item #11 or item #19, and the applicant is applying for an off-sale beer and wine license, an off-sale general license, an on-sale beer license, an on-sale beer and wine (public premises) license, an on-sale general (public premises) license, or an on-sale general music venue license, advise the applicant to take this form to the local governing body, or its designated subordinate officer or body to have them complete Section 3. The completed form will need to be provided to ABC in order to process the application.

Governing Body/Designated Subordinate Name:

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

PREPARED BY (Name of Department Employee)

07/10/25



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF

Subject: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Consultation for Sale of Alcohol
Project No.: PRJ2025-001211-(1)
Permit No.: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. RPPL2025001440
Establishment: Red Pepper Hunan Restaurant
Location: 18977 & 18979 Colima Road, Rowland Heights
Description: New sales of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant.

(1) Summary of service calls and crime history for the project site over the last five years:

There have been only calls for alarm activations and a few burglary report calls. At this time we have no specific concerns.

(2) Comments/recommended conditions:

We recommend that the locations have security cameras installed inside and outside facing the parking lot. The location is also near the 60 freeway which could make it a target for burglaries and robberies. We recommend burglary and robbery alarms. We also recommend that if the locations are used in a nightclub or bar setting in the later hours, a security guard be hired for those evenings.

(3) Overall recommendation:

Sheriff recommends approval of this CUP.
 Sheriff does NOT recommend approval of this CUP.

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven H. Tousey".

Steven H. Tousey, Captain
Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station

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Attn: Mr. Steven Mar
(Senior Regional Planner, Puente Whittier Development Services)

RE: #RPPL2025001440 Red Hunan Restaurant located at 18977 & 18979
Colima Rd. Rowland Heights, CA. 91748

Treasurer
Linda Kuo

Mr. Mar:

Corresponding
Secretary:
Synde Edwards

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council does **NOT OPPOSE** the
CUP application #RPPL2025001440. The RHCCC after much
consideration does **NOT Oppose** the CUP application of Red Hunan Restaurant
located at 18977 & 18979 Colima Rd. Rowland Heights, CA. 91748.

Thank you for allowing us to consider this permit.

Sincerely,
Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council
Yvette Romo-President
Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council
626-253-7446
P.O. Box 8171
Rowland Heights, CA. 91748



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