



December 9, 2019

Maria Lopez-Chavarin
Los Gatos Planning Department
110 East Main Street
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RE: Letter of Justification
59 N Santa Cruz Ave
Addition of Elevator
APN: 510-44-029

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To Maria & Whomever it May Concern on Planning Staff:

Per the request of the Town of Los Gatos; we offer this Letter of Justification for the addition of an accessible elevator to the existing 2-story commercial building at 59 N Santa Cruz Ave. We ask for an increase in allowable floor area ratio (FAR) in order to complete our project.

This proposed addition is only for providing vertical accessibility to the upper level. In today's society we need to and should provide ADA access to our buildings and our businesses.

We looked at adding the elevator to the front of the building, but we found too many aesthetic and compatibility issues. We also looked at carving into existing suite areas, but stacking and structural framing became problematic.

We feel that adding the elevator in the open courtyard works well for access around the existing structure and building of the actual elevator shaft. Most importantly, this location is not visible from the public street, nor does it add exterior mass to the street facing facades. This location allows us to blend in with the existing structure and character.

Thank you for your consideration of our voluntary accessibility upgrade.

Sincerely,

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