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Ms. Shannon Ley, PE  
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10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard  
Sunrise, FL 33351

RE: Camino Real PDD-Rezoning Application

Dear Ms. Ley,

Weston Hotel Management 18 LLC (“Applicant”) is the contract purchaser of the +/- 2.46-acre vacant parcel generally located on the northeast corner of SW 14th Street and SW 160th Avenue (folio: 504009070011) (“Vacant Parcel”) in the City of Sunrise (“City”). Adjacent to the Vacant Parcel is the Indian Trace Shopping Center (folios: 504009070010, 504009070021, 504009070012, 504009070014, 504009070015, 504009070017, and 504009070020), collectively referred to with the Vacant Parcel as the “Property.” The Property, totaling 14.98 acres, is zoned B-2, Community Business on the City’s Zoning Map, and contains a Commercial future land use designation on the City’s Future Land Use Map.

The Indian Trace Shopping Center’s master plan, approved on April 27, 1987, authorized the existing commercial and office uses on-site. It has been revised over time, most recently on December 18, 2006. Although the plan included the future development of the Vacant Parcel as an Office Showroom, this portion of the project was never constructed. Now, the Applicant proposes to rezone the Property from B-2 to Planned Development District (“PDD”) to redevelop the Property in two phases. Phase 1 includes the construction of a 174-unit hotel with a swimming pool, fitness center, meeting room, and dining facilities on the Vacant Parcel. Additionally, off-site improvements are proposed in Phase 1 at the entrance along SW 160th Avenue with a new driveway entrance consisting of new striping, landscape island with trees, a new monument sign, sidewalk, and pavers and ground cover landscaping in median. As part of the surrounding roadway improvements, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently designing landscape enhancements along the I-75 corridor. The Applicant is proposing additional landscaping beyond FDOT’s original plan to further enhance the area. To implement these enhancements, the Applicant will enter into an agreement with the City, through which the Applicant will pay the City for the cost of the additional landscaping, and the City will then forward those funds to FDOT so the improvements can be included in FDOT’s overall plan. Phase 2

envisions a future mixed-use community featuring multifamily residential units, commercial spaces, and office uses (collectively, the “Project”).

As part of the existing conditions on the Property, there is a small, separately folioed parcel (folio # 504009070016) located entirely within the boundaries of the Vacant Parcel (the “Billboard Parcel”), which contains a billboard structure. A portion of the billboard aerially extends over the Vacant Parcel, as is permitted by an existing Easement Agreement recorded in ORB 49050, Page 371, in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida. Following the Applicant’s purchase of the Vacant Parcel, the property lines of the Billboard Parcel will be adjusted to include the portions of the billboard structure that currently hover over the Vacant Parcel. In turn, an easement will be granted back to the Vacant Parcel to allow for continued use of the land for hotel-related site improvements, such as landscaping, drive aisles, and parking. This Billboard parcel is not a part of the rezoning application.

In connection with the submission of the rezoning application, the Applicant is submitting a Master Plan application in accordance with Section 16-109(e) of the City’s Land Development Code. The full application package includes a Site Plan, a Plat Note Amendment, Development Agreement with Design Guidelines and a DRI Amendment request to support the proposed Project. All applications and documents currently under review, which includes the Rezoning, Site Plan, Plat Note Amendment, Master Plan, Development Agreement, Design Guidelines, and DRI Amendment, are intended to authorize immediate development of a hotel within Phase 1 only. Phase 2 is planned to include future residential, commercial, and office uses on the remaining portions of the Property. While these general uses have been identified, specific plans for Phase 2 have not yet been developed. Within 12 months of receiving entitlement approvals for the Camino Real PDD, the Applicant will revise the PDD and Master Plan to allocate residential density, revise any applicable Phase 2 approvals. The Phase 2 approval process, among other things, will ensure that all concurrency and other impact associated with the proposed residential density are fully analyzed in accordance with applicable regulations.

Phase 1 of the Project will revitalize an underutilized parcel, whereas Phase 2 will enhance the existing commercial uses within the shopping center, together providing a modern, high-quality hospitality option that complements the surrounding area. The proposed Project will not only bring a quality hotel to the area but will also serve as a key step in revitalizing the Property and supporting the growth of the surrounding community. By modernizing the existing commercial uses and introducing a hotel, the Project will contribute to the City’s long-term goals and provide new opportunities for residents and visitors alike. The Applicant will conduct public outreach efforts with the adjacent residential community to the north prior to the City Commission meeting.

The proposed rezoning seeks to better utilize the commercial uses to create a hub of activity that is best suited for a mix of uses that would cater to pedestrians and activities best located close to a hotel use. Per Section 16-38(c) of the City Code, the City Commission must find that a petition for a rezoning complies with each of the criteria listed below.

**1. The amendment is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies and intent of the City's Comprehensive Plan;**

The proposed PDD rezoning is consistent with the following goals, objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan:

Goal 2: Provide for a varied and diverse mix of commercial opportunities to serve the residents of the City of Sunrise and the South Florida Region.

*The proposed rezoning seeks to provide a diverse mix of uses that will target the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods. The purpose of seeking the PDD zoning designation is to enable the property owner to deliver a wide range and mix of uses that could not be achieved under the current zoning designation.*

Policy 2.1.3: The City of Sunrise shall continue to encourage integration of mixed land uses by utilizing innovative environmental protection regulations and zoning techniques such as planned commercial/office development with residential, public schools and environmental areas where suitable.

*By seeking the PDD zoning designation, the property is able to provide commercial, office and hotel uses within close proximity to one another. The goal is to create opportunities for less vehicular traffic and more availability to walk or bike to nearby commercial uses for those that work or live in close proximity to the Property.*

Policy 16.1.1: Encourage the use of mixed land use development regulations in those areas where compatible mixed land use patterns currently exist or are planned. Emphasis shall be placed on pedestrian safety, joint use of open space, and coordinating drainage filtration and retention systems.

*The proposed rezoning establishes subdivision and land development regulations that will facilitate a well-planned, orderly, and aesthetically compatible development within the City. The rezoning supports a mix of uses that will enable the effective revitalization of the site. As the Property is already developed, the essential capital improvements— including roadway, utility, and drainage infrastructure—are in place to support the proposed Project. In addition, the Project will enhance pedestrian connectivity by providing a new*

*sidewalk linking the proposed hotel to the existing shopping center, along with improved open spaces and an interconnected drainage system.*

Goal 9 - Provide opportunities to serve the current and future needs of the City of Sunrise population and economy.

*The proposed PDD rezoning will facilitate the redevelopment of an underutilized parcel and enhance the existing commercial uses within the adjacent shopping center by introducing a modern, high-quality hotel use that is compatible with the surrounding area. The Project will serve as a catalyst for reinvestment on the Property and support the continued growth and economic vitality of the surrounding community. By improving the existing commercial environment and incorporating a new hospitality use, the proposed development is consistent with the City's long-term planning objectives and will provide additional amenities and opportunities for both residents and visitors.*

Goal 14 - Protect Potable Water Wellfields, Zones of Influence, Wetlands and Areas Impacted by Mining and Fracking.

*This site is not within a potable water wellfield and there are no existing wetlands on the site.*

Goal 15 - To minimize off-site runoff, flooding and erosion.

*The site is already permitted by SFWMD as part of the 84 South master drainage permit from SFWMD. A permit modification was later permitted for the Indian Trace Center under permit 06-00243-S The drainage system is only required by provide ½" of dry pretreatment prior to discharging to the canal to the north. Water quality and water quantity are already provided for this site within the master lake system.*

**2. That the request is consistent with the density, intensity and general uses set forth in the city's future land use map (FLUM).**

The proposed rezoning is consistent with the underlying Commercial future land use designation, which allows commercial, office and hotel uses. Additionally, residential uses are permitted, without the need to amend the City of Sunrise Future Land Use Plan map, provided that the City of Sunrise applies Flexibility and Redevelopment Units to the parcel pursuant to Policies 2.10.1 and 2.35.1 of the Broward County Land Use Plan (BCLUP) and the "Administrative Rules Document" Article 3.

**3. That the request meets the purpose and criteria set forth in the city's land development code for the zoning district into which the property is to be converted.**

Section 16-109(a) of the Land Development Code states the purpose and intent of the PDD district “. . . is to promote and regulate the planned development of large projects, by allowing greater freedom of design, by improving the opportunity for flexibility, creativity and innovation in land development, by limiting the expenditure of public funds, and by achieving the intent of land use regulations.” This section specifically lists the below criteria as the intent and purpose of the PDD district.

**1) Allow diversification of uses, structures, and open spaces when not in conflict with existing and permitted land uses on abutting properties.**

The application of the PDD zoning designation will facilitate a coordinated mix of hotel, commercial, and future residential uses that are compatible with the surrounding development context. The Property is primarily bordered by commercial uses and I-75, with residential neighborhoods situated to the north. The proposed mix of uses has been thoughtfully planned to ensure compatibility with adjacent land uses and to maintain consistency with the established character and functional intent of the area.

**2) Reduce improvement costs through a more efficient use of land and a smaller network of utilities and streets than is possible through the application of standards contained in conventional land development regulations.**

The Camino Real PDD will reduce improvement costs by creating a unified mixed-use development that relies on existing roadways and infrastructure. Applying the PDD zoning designation allows for a more efficient use of land and avoids the need for additional utility and roadway extensions that might otherwise be required under conventional zoning regulations.

**3) Conserve the natural amenities of land by encouraging the preservation of environmentally significant, scenic or functional open space.**

There are no environmentally significant or scenic lands within the Camino Real PDD.

**4) Provide the maximum opportunity for the application of innovative site planning concepts to the creation of aesthetically pleasing environments for living, shopping, and working on properties of adequate size, shape and location.**

Per Section 16-109(d)(1), the minimum size for a PDD district is ten (10) acres. The Camino Real PDD is 14.98 acres which exceeds this minimum and features a size and shape well suited to support a thoughtfully planned mix of hotel, commercial, office, and residential uses. Its location, along I-75, provides an ideal location to incorporate innovative site planning and design opportunities.

Phase 1 focuses on the development of a 174-room hotel, with site and building design that reflects an innovative approach to creating an aesthetically pleasing environment that supports both visitors and the surrounding community. The hotel parcel's design balances functionality with visual appeal, setting the tone for future development, and will include buildings of varying scales to create a neighborhood feel, while allowing for open areas that will serve as gathering spaces.

Phase 2 includes the existing Indian Trace Shopping Center, which provides ongoing commercial and office uses that will remain in place for the near future. Future plans for this phase will introduce residential, commercial, and office uses, further expanding the mixed-use character of the PDD.

- 5) Ensure that development will occur according to the land use, site design, population density, building coverage, improvement standards, and construction phasing as authorized through the approval of a PDD master plan.**

All development within the Camino Real PDD will comply with all the standards listed within these guidelines and within the approved Camino Real PDD Master Plan.

- 6) Provide the city commission a greater opportunity to enforce the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan on site-specific projects.**

Please refer to the response to Section 16-38(c)(1) provided on page 2 above.

- 7) Ensure that concurrent development of all uses will occur as the project is developed, so that the presumed synergy of the mixed uses will be achieved.**

The proposed development is planned in multiple phases to foster the synergy inherent in mixed-use projects. Phase 1, focused on the hotel, establishes a foundational use that supports and attracts activity to the site. Phase 2, which includes the existing Indian Trace Shopping Center with commercial and office uses, is anticipated to introduce additional residential, commercial, and office development

over time. Additionally, future pedestrian connections and improvements with access to transit and pedestrian facilities on SW 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. will be provided in Phase 2. Within 12 months of receiving entitlement approvals for the Camino Real PDD, the Applicant will revise the PDD and Master Plan to allocate residential density, revise any applicable Phase 2 approvals.

**8) Provide for other limitations, restrictions and requirements as deemed necessary.**

All design requirements for the Camino Real PDD are listed in the Design Guidelines, which provide clear criteria for architecture, landscaping, lighting, signage, and other site elements. Uses within the PDD are limited to those outlined in the proposed Design Guidelines, which currently include hotel development in Phase 1 and a mix of commercial, office, and residential uses planned for Phase 2.

**9) To reduce the effects of natural disasters and to promote safer environments through strategic urban design.**

The building will be designed in compliance with the latest edition of the Florida Building Code, as required by the City of Sunrise Building Division which incorporates the necessary structural criteria for resistance to high-wind events. All exterior elements, including impact resistant windows and doors, roofing designed for uplift, and attachment of appurtenances (such as AC equipment) will have tested systems for compliance with all applicable codes and structural criteria. The buildings within the Master Plan will have undulating frontages and heights, assisting in the distribution of wind-loads.

Additionally, the finished floor of the hotel will be above the flood criteria for the geographic location, and the site drainage design will be designed to absorb the above-the-minimum rainfall. The site drainage is oriented to the middle of the site, minimizing the chance of any overflow onto adjacent properties and common areas.

**4. That the request is compatible with existing and proposed uses in the general vicinity.**

The proposed Camino Real PDD demonstrates compatibility with the existing and proposed uses in the general vicinity. The Property is enveloped by a diverse array of

commercial, office, and residential developments, including the adjacent Indian Trace Shopping Center, which currently hosts retail and office uses that will remain intact. The Phase 1 hotel use is strategically positioned to complement local commercial activity and addresses the demand for hospitality accommodations owing to its location near I-75. A future phase is planned to incorporate additional commercial, office, and residential components, aligning with the surrounding development and land use designations. The proposed variety of uses within the PDD are appropriate for the locality and aims to enrich the existing character of the neighborhood, particularly the residential community to the north, while fostering a vibrant and integrated community environment.

- 5. That the request will not place an undue burden on existing infrastructure and existing capacity for the property or its general vicinity or that the applicant will provide appropriate improvements to offset the impacts.**

A concurrency analysis demonstrating that the Project will not place an undue burden on existing infrastructure and existing capacity has been provided with this submittal. Additionally, on and off-site infrastructure has been analyzed for the existing development and Phase 1 impacts. Phase 2 impacts will be analyzed and addressed (as needed) at time of Redevelopment (as defined in the development agreement and design guidelines).

- 6. That the request shall document any changed or changing conditions which make approval of the request appropriate.**

Several changing circumstances underscore the appropriateness of the proposed rezoning from B-2 to PDD. Firstly, this rezoning aims to invigorate the existing shopping center, transforming it into a more dynamic and contemporary mixed-use development that meets the current needs of residents while aligning the established upscale character of the City. Secondly, the introducing a hotel on an underutilized vacant parcel will foster compatibility with the surrounding area, activate a strategic site along I-75, and facilitate the redevelopment of the Indian Trace Shopping Center. The original design of the shopping center in the 1980's was tailored to the needs of and be consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Over time, the needs and character of the local community; however these aspects have evolved over time. This rezoning would enable the shopping center's redeveloped into a vibrant, mixed-use space that that better reflects the contemporary character of the neighborhood. Lastly, the proposed rezoning aligns with the City's commitment to upholding high development standards and enhancing the quality of its neighborhoods.

Following your review, if you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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