City of San Diego Planning Department



Development and Environmental Planning Division 236-6460

### DEP No. 90-0687

**Negative Declaration** 

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SUBJECT:

T: Rancho Carmel Plaza. AMENDMENT TO PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT No. 87-0639 (No. 90-0687) for the modification of floor area and site design. The proposed project would increase the retail floor area by approximately 6,000 square feet and modify the proposed park and ride facility into two levels located north of Provençale Place. TENTATIVE MAP (No. 90-0687) for the re-subdivision of existing Lots 17 and 19, Map No. 12516 into 4 parcels. The 3.8-acre site is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Rancho Carmel Drive and North City Parkway in the Carmel Mountain Ranch Units 4 and 36, Map No. 12516). Applicant: American Assets, Inc.

- I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: See attached Initial Study.
- II. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: See attached Initial Study.
- **III. DETERMINATION:**

The City of San Diego has conducted an Initial Study and determined that the proposed project will not have a significant environmental effect and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report will not be required.

**IV. DOCUMENTATION:** 

The attached Initial Study documents the reasons to support the above Determination.

V. MITIGATION MEASURES AND MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM:

None required.

VI. PUBLIC REVIEW DISTRIBUTION:

Draft copies or notice of this Negative Declaration were distributed to:

Deputy Mayor Wolfsheimer

VII. RESULTS OF PUBLIC REVIEW:

(X) No comments were received during the public input period.

- Comments were received but did not address the draft Negative Declaration finding or the accuracy/completeness of the Initial Study. No response is necessary. The letters are attached.
- () Comments addressing the findings of the draft Negative Declaration and/or accuracy or completeness of the Initial Study were received during the public input period. The letters and responses follow.

Copies of the draft Negative Declaration and any Initial Study material are available in the office of the Development and Environmental Planning Division for review, or for purchase at the cost of reproduction.

Ellen Molen

Ellen Mosley, Sepior Planner City Planning Department September 28, 1990 Date of Draft Report

October 26, 1990 Date of Final Report

Analyst: Myers

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> INITIAL STUDY DEP No. 90-0687

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## I. PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES:

The project proposes to develop a 31,280-square-foot neighborhood commercial center. A total of 156 parking spaces would be provided. Access would be from Rancho Carmel Drive. There would be one structure on the eastern most portion of the site. Two smaller pads for future development would be located at the northwest and southwest corners of the lot. The commercial center project site is currently identified as Lots 17 and 19 of Map 12516. The project proposes a parcel map to re-subdivide Lots 17 and 19 into four parcels.

In addition, a two-level parking structure is proposed for Lot 18, Map 12516, located north of Provençale Place. The structure would provide parking for a 75-space Park and Ride facility.

#### II. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:

The site is graded under previously-approved permits. The site is bound on the north by the Carmel Mountain Ranch golf course, on the east by multi-family residential development, on the south by North City Parkway and on the west by Rancho Carmel Drive.

The site is designated for commercial use according to the Carmel Mountain Ranch Community Plan and is within the CN Zone.

- III. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS: See attached Initial Study checklist.
- IV. DISCUSSION:

None.

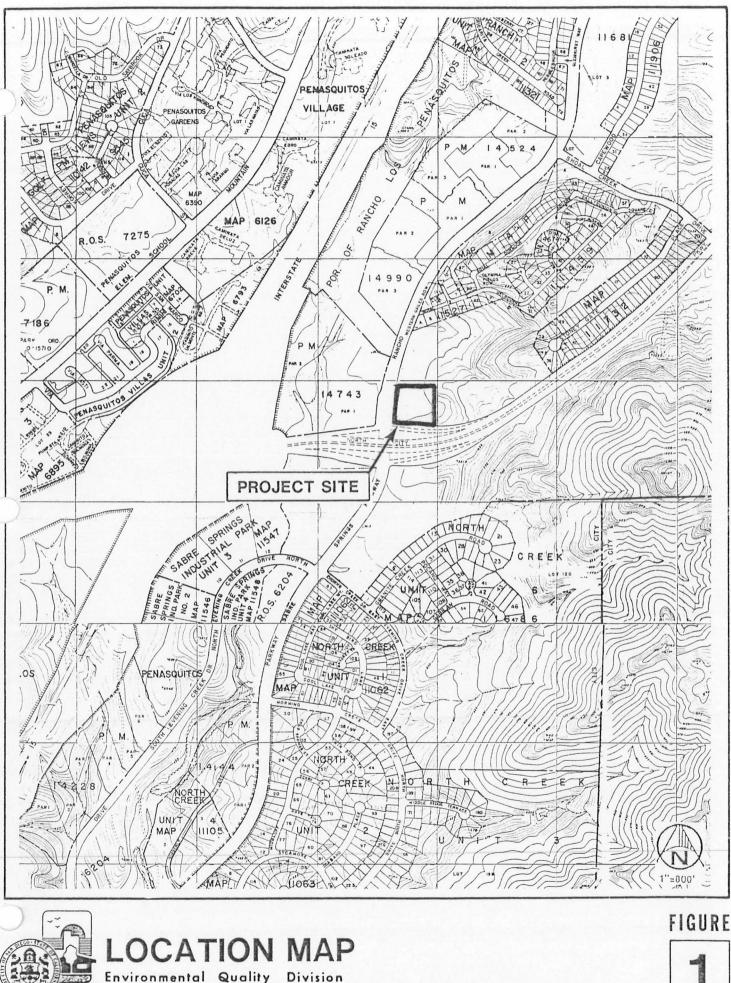
V. RECOMMENDATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- X The proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION should be prepared.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in Section IV above have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION should be prepared.
- \_\_\_\_ The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT should be required.

PROJECT ANALYST: Myers

Attachments: Initial Study Checklist Project Location Map



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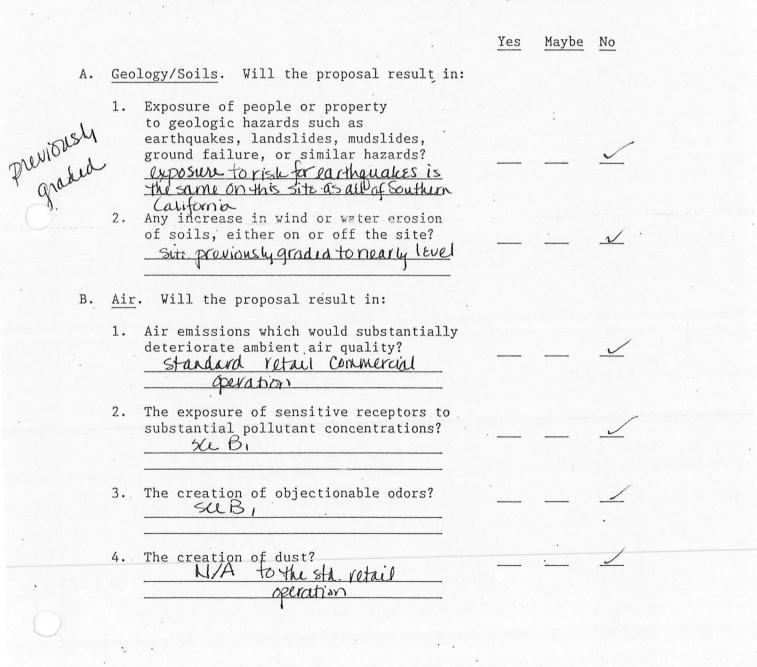
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#### III. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

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This Initial Study checklist is designed to identify the potential for significant environmental impacts which could be associated with a project. All answers of "yes" and "maybe" indicate that there is a potential for significant environmental impacts and these determinations are explained in Section IV.



Yes

Maybe

No

5. Any alteration of air movement in the area of the project?

- 6. A substantial alteration in moisture, or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally? amail Project
- C. <u>Hydrology/Water Quality</u>. Will the proposal result in:
  - Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters?

project site not proximate to water bodies

2. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface runoff?

changes not significant because is so small Site

3. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?

not subject to flood flow

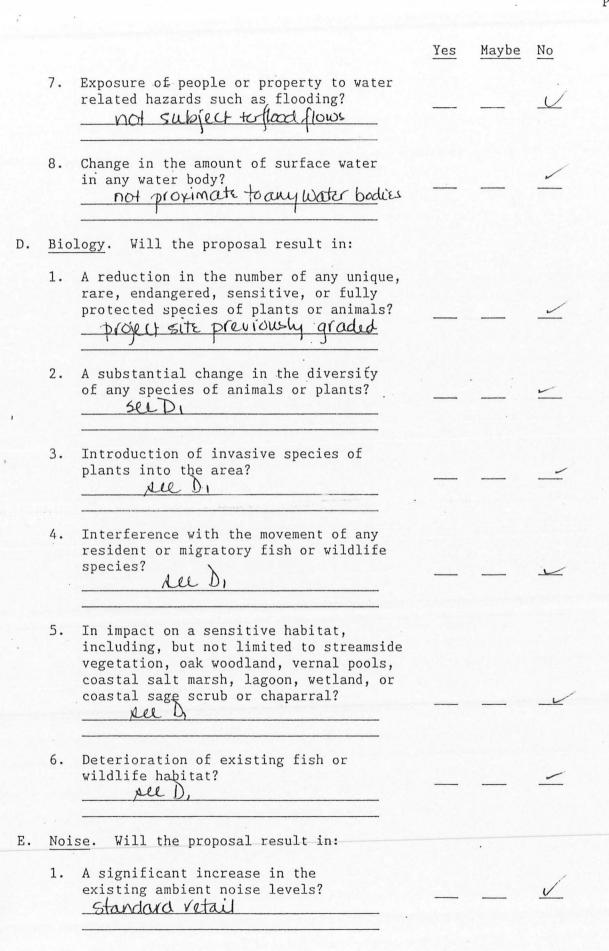
4. Discharge into surface or ground waters, or in any alteration of surface or ground water quality, including, but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?

AMAS. of contaminants 5. Discharge into surface or ground waters, significant amounts of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, gas, oil, or other noxious chemicals?

not anticipated to discharge chemicaly into any water

6. Change in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet or lake? <u>NOT Proximate to any of these</u>

area



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		Yes	Maybe	No
2.	Exposure of people to noise levels which exceed the City's adopted noise ordinance? <u>See El</u>			
3.	Exposure of people to current or future transportation noise levels which exceed standards established in the Transportation Element of the General Plan? <u>GP standard is TO dP</u>			
	ht, Glare and Shading. Will the proposal ult in:			
1.	Substantial light or glare? bldg.materials are mostly stucco, concrete	—		
2.	Substantial shading of other properties?			<u> </u>
Land	d Use. Will the proposal result in:			
1.	A land use which is inconsistent with the adopted community plan land use designation for the site? <u>Consistent</u> W the Comm. plan			<u>/</u>
2.	A conflict with the goals, objectives and recommendations of the community plan in which it is located? MG1			
3.	A conflict with adopted environmental plans for the area? ملال (ج)			<u></u>
4.	Land uses which are not compatible with aircraft accident potential as defined by a SANDAG Airport Land Use Plan (ALUC)? <u>NO airport proximate Hosite</u>	:		

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- Natural Resources. Will the proposal result in: Η.
  - The prevention of future extraction of 1. sand and gravel resources? designated sand gravel site

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The conversion of agricultural land to 2. nonagricultural use or impairment of the agricultural productivity of agricultural land?

site never designated as ag

Recreational Resources: Will the proposal I. result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities? use

commercial retail

- 'J. Population. Will the proposal alter the planned location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the population of an area? comm. retail
- Κ. Housing. Will the proposal affect existing housing in the community, or create a demand for additional housing? comm. retail
- L. Transportation/Circulation. Will the proposal result in:
  - Traffic generation in excess of specific/ 1. community plan allocation? An istent ug/ comm. plan
  - 2. An increase in projected traffic which is substantial in relation to the capacity of the street system? small retail comm. I up parkinde

facility

- An increased demand for off-site parking? 3. no - allparking is on - site according to stad. requirements
- Effects on existing parking? 4. all parking on site

			Yes	<u>Maybe</u>	No
5.	Substantial impact upon existing or planned transportation systems? <u>Park i Nide facility is part of the</u> <u>project</u>			·	_
6.	Alterations to present circulation movements including effects on existing public access to beaches, parks, or other open space areas? M/A				
7.	Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians?				_
effe alte	lic Services. Will the proposal have an ect upon, or result in a need for new or ered governmental services in any of the lowing areas:				
	a. Fire protection? <u>small project athere services already</u> provided	,		_	<u> </u>
	b. Police protection? Le. M.a				_
	c. Schools? not a residential project				_
	d. Parks or other recreational facilities?		<u>.</u>		_
	e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads? does Not Effect				<u></u>
	f. Other governmental services?				<u> </u>
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Μ.

Yes

Maybe No

N. <u>Utilities</u>. <u>Will</u> the proposal result in a need for new systems, or require substantial alterations to existing utilities, including:

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alterations to existing utilities, includ	ding:			
a. Power? Amall noject services already Junided to area	-			<u>/</u>
b. Natural gas? Ner Na	_			_
c. Communications systems?	_			<u> </u>
d. Water? All Na	-			<u>~</u>
e. Sewer? Lee No	-			
f. Storm water drainage?	-			
g. Solid waste disposal?	_	· <u>··</u> ·		_
Energy. Will the proposal result in the of excessive amounts of fuel or energy?	- use			1
No MCESSIVE / Extra ordinary USE Water Conservation. Will the proposal re		in:		
1. Use of excessive amounts of water? Landscaping will meet City guide		<u> </u>		~
2. Landscaping which is predominantly non-drought resistant vegetation?	-		_	<u> </u>
Neighborhood Character/Aesthetics. Will proposal result in:	the		÷	
1. The obstruction of any vista or sceni view from a public viewing area? <u>HO public viewing area in</u> <u>proximity</u>	ic	<u>.</u>		<u>/.</u> .

Maybe Yes No 2. The creation of a negative aesthetic site or project? Aloject is deligned in accord by Comm. Plan delign guidelines 3. Project bulk; scale, materials, or style which will be incompatible with surrounding development? the pr Substantial alteration to the existing 4. character of the area? The comm slan implementation substantially altered the existing character-This project is a conformance wi the adopted comm. plan The loss of any distinctive or landmark 5. tree(s), or a stand of mature trees? no trees on sete 6. Substantial change in topography or ground surface relief features? Project graded under previously approved 7. The loss, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features such as a natural canyon, sandstone bluff, rock outcrop, or hillside with a slope in excess of 25 percent? puvinish graded Cultural Resources. Will the proposal R. result in: Alteration of or the destruction of a 1. prehistoric or historic archaeological site? Site previously graded Adverse physical or aesthetic effects to a 2. prehistoric or historic building, structure, object, or site?

Yes Maybe No Adverse physical or aesthetic effects to an 3. architecturally significant building, structure, or object? R 001 Any impact to existing religious or 4. sacred uses within the potential impact area? Ree K. Paleontological Resources. Will the proposal result in the loss of paleontological resources? site previously guded Human Health/Public Safety. Will the. proposal result in: 1. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)? NA Exposure of people to potential 2. health hazards? NIA 3. A future risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including but not limited to gas, oil, pesticides, chemicals, radiation, or explosives)? NA Mandatory Findings of Significance. Does the project have the potential to 1.

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1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the

Yes

Maybe No

number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? <u>NO Kative vig OT wildlig</u> or property

2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)

3. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project may impact on two or more separate resources where the impact on each resource is relatively small, but where the effect of the total of those impacts on the environment is significant.)

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4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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