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Richard L. Rathfon
City Planning Director
Room 308, City Hall

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Dear Mr. Rathfon:

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The recent variance in zoning for Dr. John M. Babich for the construction of a medical center across the street and approximately 150 feet from my own property at 5207 J Street has suggested the possibility that similar permission may be granted to me for the construction of a physical therapy office, an ancillary medical professional facility. This letter is being written to acquaint the City Planning Commission with the proposed project and to commence the process involved in securing the necessary zoning.

A Registered Physical Therapist sees patients by medical prescription only and by the direct referral of a practicing medical physician. As a paramedical profession, registered by the American Medical Association and licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners, all the ethical considerations upheld by the medical society are strictly followed.

There can be no advertising, no neon or special lighting effects, no walk in traffic nor any device that in any way attracts attention or suggests commercialism. And since all treatment is by appointment and requires at a minimum of at least one half hour per individual there is complete control and therefore no possibility of unusual traffic or large numbers of people involved.

Because physical therapy is a health profession and in terminology can be misleading it must be emphasized that Registered Physical Therapists limit their professional activities to physical rehabilitation only involving those individuals with a specific medical pathology which are by far in a minority. The other gamut of activities including weight reducing, gymnastics, swimming, body building, etc. all a part of a current popular health trend in general physical reconditioning in a commercial sense involving the masses of general public are not a part of a physical therapy office. This factor is an important one as it delineates the magnitude of the project in question which is simply an office for medical care and treatment similar to a general medical practitioner and nothing else.

In addition there is no noise involved, no laboratory facilities nor X-Ray equipment utilized. There are no instruments of any kind that could in any way jam or interfere with residential radio or television usage. The equipment utilized is approved by the Federal Communication Bureau and operates off a standard 110 outlet.

Concerning the physical structure itself, there is nothing special or unusual about the building to be constructed and of course the usual regulations and specifications of building size to lot area off street parking, lawn areas, planters and landscaping will conform to all the codes and regulations of the City Planning Commission.

One of the criteria for need of physical therapy office is the very recent survey by the national offices of the Arthritis Foundation which found Sacramento to be lacking in physical therapy facilities comparing population to existing facilities in the Greater Sacramento Area. Too the proposed site is ideally located to the already existing Medical Center on 51st & J Street and the yet to be built Babich Medical Center across the street between 51st and 52nd and J Streets.

Thank you very kindly for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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