# Megerdichian Senior Center At Saint Apkar Armenian Apostolic Church Rezoning and Use Permit Narratives

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# **Rezoning Narrative**

## **Project Description**

## **Proposal**

The proposal is to rezone from R1-35 (Single Family Residential) to R-4 (Townhouse Residential) for 4.908 acres. The intent of these change is to provide an opportunity to establish a senior living facility on a church-owned vacant infill site. The site for the application is at the southeast corner of the Pima Road section line (Loop 101 Freeway) and the Cholla Road half-section alignment.

## **Current Conditions**

The rezoning site is part of what is currently occupied by the Saint Apkar Armenian Apostolic Church. This church has operated in this location for over 25 years, with the sanctuary building being opened about 10 years ago. The church property currently includes 7.40 acres of land (net) and has 25,062 square feet of building, of which 5,286 is contained within a senior living facility that is an extension of the church activities. The property is located on the south side of the Cholla Road half-section alignment and is immediately adjacent to the Loop 101 Freeway.

The main church complex includes 2 existing buildings. These are placed at least 80 feet from the east property line, 190 feet from the north property line and 43 feet from the west property line. The smaller senior living facility that exists on the site is well south of the main church facilities and is placed about 52 feet from the south property line and 125 feet from the east property line.

Under the current R1-35 zoning and based on the specific standards for churches and places of worship, the site could be built out under the current use as listed in the following table. This table demonstrates the full extent of what the church could become within the current zoning regulations.:

Standard Category	Standard	Allowed Church Expansion in
		R1-35 District
Floor Area Ratio (FAR / as	.20	322,490 x .2 = 64,498 square
measured per net lot area)		feet of building allowed
Building Height	30 feet	30 feet
	Up to 10% of roof area can	If full build out was achieved,
	exceed 30 feet up to 45 feet	maximum area of roof that
		could exceed 30 feet would
		be 6,450 square feet if all
		buildings were one-story in

	height or 3,225 square feet if
	all buildings were two-story
	in height
.24 for buildings up to 20 feet	.24 x 322,490 = 77,398
in height	square feet
.24 + (.004 x 10) = .28 for	.28 x 322,490 = 90,297
buildings up to 30 feet in	square feet
height	
.24 + (.004 x 25) = .34 for	.34 x 322,490 = 109,646
buildings 45 feet in height	square feet
Front yard: 40 feet	40 feet from north property
	line
Rear Yard: 35 feet	35 feet from south property
	line
Side Yard: 15 feet	15 feet from east and west
	property lines
10 feet	20 feet from north property
	line and 10 feet from east,
	south and west property
	lines
	in height  .24 + (.004 x 10) = .28 for buildings up to 30 feet in height  .24 + (.004 x 25) = .34 for buildings 45 feet in height  Front yard: 40 feet  Rear Yard: 35 feet  Side Yard: 15 feet

This review indicates that the full build-out of a church on this property would be about 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  times what is currently built. In addition, the current buildings greatly exceed the minimum setbacks.

The site has a total elevation range of about 8 feet, with the lowest elevations at the southwest corner and the highest at the northeast corner.

## **Site Plan**

The proposed rezoning area would include a relatively narrow (approximately 70 feet wide) extension along the eastern property line from Cholla Road south to the main rezoning area that would encompass slightly more than half of the property in the southern portion. The main church facilities and much of the parking area for the church would remain under the current R1-35 zoning district. The proposed senior living facilities would occupy a portion of the rezoning area (roughly 62%) and the remaining portion would remain part of the functioning area of the church. The entire property would remain in the ownership of the church. The existing senior living facility is included in the proposed R-4 rezoning request as an extension of the proposed facility. The purpose of the extension R-4 zoning on the east side of the property to the north is to assure that the rezoning area has viable frontage on a public road.

## **Zoning Analysis**

With the rezoning, there will be different development standards that would apply to the property. The following table identifies the current standards, the standards that would apply under the R1-35, R-4 district and the use permit, and the proposed site plan configuration:

Table 1. Standards that apply to the proposed R-4 portion of the site:

Development	Requirements of the	Proposed	Difference from
Standard	Development Standard	Development Plan	Standard
Gross Parcel Area		213,812 sq ft	NA
		(4.908 ac)	
Net Parcel Area	35,000 sq ft	210,785 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
		(4.838 ac)	by 170,678 sq ft
Minimum Property	Minimum parcel size =	205,678 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
Size	8,000 sq ft		by 197,678 sq ft
(Section 5.804.A)			(4.538 ac)
Minimum Open			
Space			
(Section 5.804.B.1)			
	Overall requirement is	73,988 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
	.10 x gross lot area =		by 52,607 sq ft
	21,381 sq ft		
Parking Area Open	Minimum parking area	18,214 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
Space	open space = 15% /		by 5,189 sq ft
(Section 10.501.H.2)	13,025 sq ft required		
Building Height			
(Section 5.804.C.1)			
	Maximum building	30'	Complies with
	height = 30 feet		maximum
	(except as included in		
	Article VII)		
Building Setback			
(Section 5.804.E)			
	Adjacent to an R1		
	district – 15 feet for		
	one story plus 10 feet		
	for each additional		
	story:		

	Distance to property line to the south:	52 ft	Exceeds minimum by 37 ft (Closest building is one story in height)
	Distance to property line to the north	546 ft	NA
	Adjacent to an R-4 district – 10 feet:		
	Distance to property to the east:	50 ft	Exceeds minimum by 40 ft
	Adjacent to a street – 15 feet:		
	Distance to property line to the west	44 ft	Exceeds minimum by 29 ft
Distance Between Buildings (Section 5.804.F)	Minimum distance between buildings = 10 feet	44 ft	Exceeds minimum by 34 ft

# Table 2. Standards that apply to the Use Permit Portion of the Site:

Development	Requirements of the	Proposed	Difference from
Standard	Development Standard	Development Plan	Standard
Net Parcel Area	NA	180,104 sq ft	
		(4.135 ac)	
Gross Parcel Area	NA	183,077 sq ft	
		(4.202 ac)	
Minimum Gross Lot	Minimum Gross Lot	183,077 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
Area	Area = 1 acre (43,560	(4.202 ac)	by 139,517 sq ft
(Section 1.403.P.3.a)	sq ft)		
Maximum Densities			
(Section 5.804.D)			
	Specialized Residential	38 beds new + 10	118 beds under
	Health Care (5.804.D.2)	beds existing = 48	maximum allowed
	= 28 beds per gross	beds	
	acre x 4.135 = 115		
	Minimal Residential	48 units	59 units under the
	Health Care (5.804.D.3)		maximum allowed

	= 14 dwelling units per gross acre x 4.135 = 57		
Onen Cana	gross acre x 4.155 - 57		
Open Space			
(Sections 1.403.P.1.b			
& 1.403.P.3.c)		_	
	Minimum open space	55,464 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
	required = .24 x net lot		by 12,239 sq ft
	area = 43,225 sq ft		
	Frontage open space =	9,093 sq ft	Exceeds
	.50 of provided open		requirement by 835
	space = 27,891 sq ft		sq ft
	Minimum frontage		
	open space = 20 feet x		
	frontage = 3,303 sq ft		
	Maximum frontage		
	open space = 50 feet x		
	frontage = 8,258 sq ft		
Parking Area Open	Minimum parking area	16,211 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
Space	open space = 15% =		by 4,702 sq ft
(Section 10.501.H.2)	11,509 sq ft		
Building Setbacks			
	Distance to property to	50 ft	
	the east:		
	Distance to property	52 ft	
	line to the south		
	Distance to property	44 ft	
	line to the west		
	Distance to property	546 ft	
	line to the north		

# Table 3. Standards that apply to the remaining R1-35 (with a church use) portion of the site:

Development	Requirements of the	Proposed	Difference from
Standard	Development Standard	Development Plan	Standard
Net Parcel Area		111,708 sq ft	
		(2.564 ac)	
Gross Parcel Area		111,708 sq ft	
		(2.564 ac)	

Minimum Lot Area	Minimum lot area =	111,708 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
(Section	35,000 sq ft	(2.564 ac)	by 76,708 sq ft
5.102.A.14.a)	33,000 34 10	(2.304 ac)	by 70,700 3q 1t
Floor Area Ratio	Maximum floor area	19,320 sq ft	3,021 sq ft under
(Section	ration = .20 x net lot	13,320 39 10	maximum allowed
5.102.A.14.b)	area = 22,342 sq ft		maximam anowed
Building Height	Maximum building	29 ft for main roof	Meets the standard
(Section	height = 30 ft +	+ 7% at 45 ft	on both criteria
5.102.A.14.c)	10% of roof area up to	1 7 /0 dt 45 ft	on both criteria
J.102.A.14.cj	45 feet		
Open Space	10.1000		
(Section			
5.102.A.14.d)			
,	Minimum open space =		
	.24 x 116,812 = 26,810		
	sq ft		
	Where building height		
	is over 20 feet, the		
	minimum open space		
	adds .004 x net lot area		
	for each 1 foot of		
	building height above		
	20 feet = 4,022 sq ft		
Total Open Space	26,810 sq ft + 4,022 sq	47,034 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
	ft = 30,832 sq ft	-	by 16,202 sq ft
Parking Area Open	Minimum parking area	9,138 sq ft	Exceeds minimum
Space	open space = 15% =		by 3,636 sq ft
(Section 10.501.H.2)	5,502 sq ft		
Parking Setback	Minimum parking	10 ft	Meets the standard
(Section	setback from an R		
5.102.A.14.e)	district = 10 feet		
Lighting Height	Maximum height of	12 ft & 16 ft light	Meets the standard
(Section 5.102.A.14.f)	light poles = 16 feet	poles	
Building Setbacks			
(Section 5.104.E)			
	Side Yard = 20 feet	82 ft	Exceeds minimum
	[Distance to property		by 62 ft
	to the east:]		
	Rear Yard = 35 feet	607 ft	NA
	[Distance to property		
	line to the south]		

Side Yard = 20 feet	43 ft	Exceeds minimum
[Distance to property		by 23 ft
line to the west]		
Front Yard = 40 feet	190 ft	Exceeds minimum
[Distance to property		by 150 ft
line to the north]		

Table 4. Site data compilation for all portions of the church and residential health care facilities:

Category	Data
Net Lot Area	322,490 sq ft
	(7.403 ac)
Gross Lot Area	355,463 sq ft
	(8.160 ac)
Total Floor Area	93,838 sq ft
Total Floor Area Ratio	0.29
Total Open Space	120,891 sq ft
	(2.769 ac)
	(68,809 sq ft above minimum required)
Total Open Space as a Percentage of Net Lot	37.4%
Area	
Parking Area Open Space	27,354 sq ft
	(8,735 sq ft above minimum required)
Building Setbacks	
Distance to property to the east:	50 ft (new building)
Distance to property line to the south:	52 ft (existing building)
Distance to property line to the west:	43 ft (existing building)
Distance to property line to the north:	190 ft (existing building)

Table 5. Site data for the church portion of the site (R1-35 + R-4):

Category	Data
Net Lot Area	142,386 sq ft
	(3.268 ac)
Gross Lot Area	142,386 sq ft
	(4.286 ac)
Total Floor Area	19,320 sq ft

Total Floor Area Ratio	0.14
Total Open Space	64,855 sq ft
	(1.488 ac)
	(30.955 sq ft above minimum required)
Total Open Space as a Percentage of Net Lot	45.5%
Area	
Parking Area Open Space	10,906 sq ft
	(3,771 sq ft above minimum required)
Building Setbacks	
Distance to property to the east:	82 ft
Distance to property line to the south:	607 ft
Distance to property line to the west:	43 ft
Distance to property line to the north:	190 ft

The site plan provides perimeter setbacks of at least 50 feet on any side proximate to adjacent residential uses. The site plan also includes substantial landscaped open spaces and significant separations between buildings.

## **Local Context**

The subject property abuts single family and townhouse neighborhoods on the north, south and east sides. To the west is the Loop 101 Freeway which has a major sound wall along the common property line and substantial width. The following describes the existing conditions on the residential properties adjacent to the site:

Side of Property	Category	Condition
	North	
	Name of Subdivision	Scottsdale Vista
	Zoning	R1-7
	Date of Subdivision	August 15, 1977
	Recordation	
	Number of Lots in	127
	Subdivision	
	Area of Subdivision	35.75 acres
	Number of Lots Abutting	2
	Church Property	
	Setbacks of Residences from	15 – 20 feet (average = 17.5
	Common Property Line	feet)
	Closest Distance from	233 – 277 feet (average =
	Residence(s) to Existing	253.8 feet)
	Buildings	
	Closest Distance from	610 feet
	Residence(s) to Proposed	(Not visible due to existing
	Building	church buildings)
	East	
	Name of Subdivision	Arizona Park Place
	Zoning	R-4
	Date of Subdivision	January 9, 1997
	Recording	
	Number of Lots in	118
	Subdivision	
	Area of Subdivision	15.08 acres
	Number of Lots Abut	ting Church Property
	North Group	10
	South Group	6
	Total	16
	Setbacks of Residences fro	om Common Property Line
	North Group	28 – 35 feet
		(average = 32.1 feet)

South Group	16 – 32 feet		
30util Gloup			
Total	(average = 27.0 feet) 16 – 35 feet		
Total			
	(average = 30.2 feet)		
	ence(s) to Existing Buildings		
North Group (to Main Church	107 – 195 feet		
Buildings)	(average = 143.8 feet)		
South Group (to Existing	134 – 204 feet		
Senior Building)	(average = 161 feet)		
Closest Distance to Propo	sed Senior Living Building		
North Group	NA		
South Group	83 – 173 feet		
	(average = 108.8 feet)		
South			
Name of Subdivision	Marlboro Court		
Zoning	R1-7 PRD		
Date of Subdivision	May 18,1984		
Recording			
Number of Lots in	59		
Subdivision			
Area of Subdivision	12.26 acres		
Number of Lots Abutting	4		
Church Property			
Setbacks of Residences from	10 – 35 feet		
Common Property Line	(average = 21.3 feet)		
Closest Distance from	60 – 88 feet		
Residences to Existing	(average = 77.5 feet)		
Building			
Closest Distance to Proposed	220 – 260 feet		
Senior Living Building	(average = 237.0 feet)		
	,		

Of the 6 homes in the southern group of lots in the Arizona Park Place subdivision on the east side of the site, 3 are two-story and 3 are single story. Of the northern group of 10 homes within Arizona Park Place, 4 are two-story and the other 6 are single story. The homes to the north and south of the church property are all single story. Given the height of the perimeter walls of the adjacent subdivision and the shallow depth of most of the back yards for these homes, there is very little visibility of the church site from the single-story homes and the two-story homes to the east have visibility via bedroom windows.

The existing and proposed buildings on the site have substantial setbacks and will be significant distances from the existing homes on adjacent properties. The homes with the greatest

awareness of the proposed new building will be the southern group of 6 homes in the Arizona Park Place subdivision. The other 16 homes (in the Arizona Park Place, Scottsdale Vista and Marlboro Court subdivisions) adjacent to the church property will have limited if any visibility of the proposed building.

The site fronts on to one road, which is Cholla Road. Being a half-section line road, the original right-of-way for most developments along its alignment was based on a collector type of roadway. With the exception of the Arizona Park Place subdivision, the half-street right-of-way dedicated on both sides is 30 feet. The road improvements for this street east of 89<sup>th</sup> Street (to 92<sup>nd</sup> Street signal is 1,584 feet) are 40 feet back-of-curb to back-of-curb. East of 90<sup>th</sup> Street there are no homes directly fronting onto this collector. From 90<sup>th</sup> Street to the entrance to the site (640 feet), the right-of-way narrows down to 48 feet of right-of-way with an improvement width of 26 feet back-of-curb to back-of-curb. This is narrower than a standard residential street (28 feet improvement cross-section) and is too narrow to safely allow for on-street parking. There are deep gutters crossing Cholla at the 89<sup>th</sup> Street and 90<sup>th</sup> Street intersections that serve as effective speed control devices in that segment of the roadway.

An alternate route of travel from Cholla Road would be to use 89<sup>th</sup> Street northward from Cholla to a signalized intersection with Cactus Road. This has the same 60 feet of right-of-way and 40 feet of improvement cross-section as the main part of Cholla (which is a collector street profile). There are no homes that front directly on to this half mile of roadway. In addition, there are other routes via 88<sup>th</sup> Place and connected by Lupine, Kalil, Cortez, Altadena and Jenan eastward to 89<sup>th</sup> Street. These are all local residential streets.

## **General Plan Analysis**

Special Note: Since the original narrative was written, the 2035 General Plan has been adopted and ratified. In reviewing the new version of the General Plan, there were no substantive changes regarding the site of the proposed rezoning and use permit within the Land Use and Connectivity Elements in comparison with the 2001 version of the General Plan. In the Character and Culture Element, the applicable Character Type did not change but the Character Area designation did change. The new numbered and future Character Area is #3, instead of the former #5. This new future character area study orients the site in an area that generally spans from Shea to Sweetwater (south to north) and from 56<sup>th</sup> Street to 112<sup>th</sup> Street (west to east) that is predominantly, but not exclusively, residential in use and character.

## **General Plan Land Use Plan Context**

The site is designated on the General Plan Land Use Plan map as "Suburban Neighborhoods". The neighborhoods to the north, east and south of the site have been developed within the density range of the "Suburban Neighborhood" category of 1 to 8 units per acre. The subdivision to the north has a density of 3.55 units per acre, the subdivision to the south a density of 4.81 units per acre and the one to the east a density of 7.82 units per acre. These subdivisions tend to be at the high end of the density allowed in the zoning categories that apply to them.

The proposed residential healthcare facility would not be the first such facility located within the "Suburban Neighborhoods" land use designation. The Avalon Care center at 11150 N 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, Westminster Village center at 12000 N 90<sup>th</sup> Street and the Pueblo Norte center at 7090 E Mescal Street already exist within this designation. In addition, these and several nearby sites use similar zoning techniques in order to accommodate such a use. The proposed zoning district for this application matches the zoning east of the property and is within the density of the current General Plan Land Use designation for the site. The following table reviews comparative data on these facilities with the proposed facility:

Facility	Gross Land	Net Land	Total	Units	Density
(Zoning)	Area	Area	building Area		
Westminster Village	902,050 sf	705,050 sf	353,700 sf	248	11.98 units
(R-5 (C))	(20.71 ac)	(16.19 ac)	(.39 FAR)		per acre
Tuscany at McCormick	152,050 sf	140,600 sf		71	20.34 units
Ranch	(3.49 ac)	(3.23 ac)			per acre
(R-5 PCD)					

Scottsdale Life Center	171,800 sf	169,400 sf	65,180 sf	132 beds	33.50 beds
(R-5)	(3.94 ac)	(3.89 ac)	(.38 FAR)		per acre
The Manors of	115,950 sf	107,450 sf	100,600 sf	101	37.97 units
Scottsdale	(2.66 ac)	(2.47 ac)	(.94 FAR)		per acre
(R-5)					
(Desert Cove & 92 <sup>nd</sup>	176,100 sf	149,550 sf	73,950 sf		
Street)	(4.04 ac)	(3.43 ac)	(.49 FAR)		
(R-5)					
Sierra Pointe	397,700 sf	343,500 sf	266,900 sf	216	23.66 units
(C-3 PCD)	(9.13 ac)	(7.89 ac)	(.78 FAR)		per acre
Scottsdale Pueblo	871,200 sf	862,900 sf	212,550 sf	198 units	9.9 units
Norte	(20.00 ac)	(19.80 ac)	(.25 FAR)	+ 92 beds	per acre +
(R-5 (C-2))					4.6 beds
					per acre
Average	398,210 sf	354,065 sf	178,815 sf	167 units	14.9 units
	(9.14 ac)	(8.13 ac)		in 5	per acre in
				locations	5 locations
				/	/ 4.7 beds
				112 beds	per acre in
				in 2	2 locations
				locations	
Range	115,590 –	107,450 –	65,180 –	71 – 248	9.9 – 23.66
	902,050 sf	862,900 sf	353,700 sf	units in 5	unit per
	(2.66 –	(2.47 -		locations	acre in 5
	20.71 ac)	19.80 ac)		/ 92 – 132	locations /
				beds in 2	.46 – 33.50
				locations	beds per
					acre in 2
					locations
This Proposal	128,568 sf	128,568 sf	74,808 sf	48 units /	11.6 units
	(2.951 ac)	(2.951 ac)	above	48 beds	per acre /
	(well under	(well under	ground /	(1/3-1/4	11.6 beds
	the	the	98,012 on all	of the	per acre
	average)	average)	levels	average)	(less than
			(less than		average for
			half of the		units /
			average)		higher in
					beds, but
					in lower

		end of the
		range –
		there were
		two sites
		reviewed
		above with
		beds,
		which
		skews the
		average)

Regarding the General Plan Land Use designations adjacent to the site, as shown on the 2001 General Plan Land Use (see below), the land use designation of the properties adjacent to the site to the north, east and south is "Suburban Neighborhoods". This designation is described as: "Medium to small-lot single-family neighborhoods or subdivisions. Densities in Suburban Neighborhoods are usually more than one house per acre, but less than eight houses per acre. This category also includes some townhouses and can also be used for small lot single-family homes, such as patio homes. It can be incorporated into neighborhoods near the Downtown area and in or adjacent to other non-residential activity centers. These uses may be used as a transition between less intense residential areas and non-residential area, such as offices or retail centers. The terrain should be relatively flat, or gently sloping, to accommodate this density."

To the south and to the east, these Suburban Neighborhoods are nominal in depth. South of the site, the Suburban Neighborhood is 335 feet deep and then it abuts an area that is designated as "Employment" land use. This designation is described as one that; "Permits a range of employment uses from light manufacturing to light industrial and office uses. Employment areas should have access to adequate mobility systems and provide opportunities for business enterprises. Locations have been identified for employment areas where impacts on residential neighborhoods are limited and access is available to labor pools and transportation facilities." In addition, most of this Employment area is also within the Shea Corridor designation. One of the policies relating to this designation is to: "Allow employers offering uses such as medically related services, corporate headquarters or hotel accommodations."

The Suburban Neighborhood to the east is 790 feet deep. To its east is an area with the "Urban Neighborhoods" land use designation. This land use designation: "Includes areas of multifamily dwellings/apartments. Densities in Urban Neighborhoods are usually more than eight dwellings per acre. These high-density uses area generally located near retail centers, offices, or other compatible non-residential uses. Care must be taken to minimize impacts on other residential areas and to provide adequate circulation to accommodate the traffic volumes."

To the west of the site is the Loop 101 Pima Freeway. This corridor is between 385 and 490 feet wide in this area. Given the large sound walls and dimensions of the corridor, land uses west of the freeway have no relationship to this site.

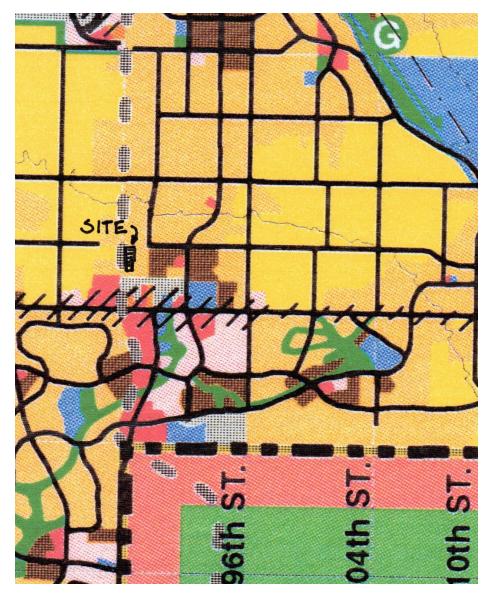


Figure 1. 2001 General Plan Land Use map with site located on map.

Within the square mile bounded by the Loop 101 on the west, 96<sup>th</sup> Street on the east, Cactus Road on the north and Shea Blvd. on the south, there are 643 acres of land. This section of land includes a very wide range of land uses and densities, from rural low-density neighborhoods to multi-family and commercial uses. In large part, this section of land serves as a transition zone between the major core area surrounding the hospital/medical campus at Shea and 92<sup>nd</sup> Street to the south and predominantly single-family neighborhoods to the north (particularly north of Cactus). There are 81 acres (13%) of rural neighborhoods existing mostly on the east side of the section within this square mile. Suburban density neighborhoods occupy much of the central

and northern portions of the section and occupy 281 acres (44%). About 1,500 feet to the east-northeast and about a half mile to the east northeast are two large (roughly 50 acres) areas with R-4 zoning. Scattered from the south central to the northwest corner of the section are urban neighborhoods (R-3 and R-5 zoning) that occupy 130 acres (20%). Non-residential uses occupy another 116 acres (18%), mostly in the southern portion. The Loop 101 Freeway covers another 28 acres (4%). The subject site occupies about 7.4 acres (1%) of the section. Within this section, the site is one of only a couple sites that have vacant or notably under-utilized land. Virtually the entire square mile has been developed.

In another way of looking at this transition area, the site is in the vicinity of a designated "Activity Area" at the McCormick Ranch Center. This activity area is centered on the Honor Health Shea Campus. The site is within a half-mile of this campus and just over 300 feet from the nearest non-residential uses to the south. Within a mile radius from this campus there are substantial areas with urban neighborhoods zoning and a number of residential healthcare and senior living facilities. In this area there are almost 302 acres of multiple family zoning (R-3 and R-5), including portions of McCormick Ranch, Scottsdale Ranch and the square mile the site is located within. Within these areas are roughly 37 acres occupied by 5 senior living and residential healthcare facilities, most of which are within the same square mile as the site. It is common for such facilities to cluster near hospital campuses.

# **General Plan Goals and Policies**

The following is a review by element of the applicable plans and goals from the 2001 General Plan regarding the application site and use:

<b>Character and Design</b>	1	
	Subject / Goal	Response
Character Type		
	The site is within the	The proposal would not change
	"Suburban" character type. It is	the character type. All of the
	also near the edge and	nearby urban neighborhood
	transition area that leads from	land uses are also included
	this type to a nearby	within the "Suburban"
	"Employment Core" character	character type for this area.
	type area to the south. (See	
	Figure 3)	
Character Area		
	The site is located within	This character area inclusion
	proposed Character Area #5.	indicates that the site has been
	This area includes the	perceived of as being within the
	McCormick Ranch Center,	mix of land uses that include
	Scottsdale Ranch, Diversified	significant employment and
	Properties and Stonegate	business centers and associated
	master planned developments	transition residential
	along with nearby	neighborhoods that range from
	neighborhoods. (See Figure 2)	urban to suburban.
Goals		
	1. Determine the	The application site is a buried
	appropriateness of all	and largely hidden property
	development in terms of	with limited views and
	community goals,	accessibility from the
	surrounding area character,	surrounding neighborhood.
	and the specific context of	The proposed development is
	the surrounding	for a two-story building and
	neighborhood.	many of the nearby homes are
		two-story as well. The site plan
		includes substantial setbacks
		and significant landscaping that
		will further reduce visibility of
		the new development. The
		proposed development is also
		less building area that what
		potentially could be built on the

		site as an expansion of the
		church facility.
	6. Recognize the value and	The proposed site plan includes
	visual significance that	substantial perimeter
	landscaping has upon the	landscaping as well as
	character of the community	landscaping around the
	and maintain standards that	buildings. The plant materials
	result in substantial, mature	will be similar to those
	landscaping that reinforces the	dominant in the surrounding
	character of the city.	neighborhoods, particularly to
	character of the city.	the east and south. This plan
		will in effect be a park-like
		setting and help to buffer the
		new development on the site.
	7. Encourage sensitive outdoor	-
	lighting that reflects the needs	Parking areas will use the same cut-off light standards currently
	and character of different parts	installed in the church parking
	of the city.	area. Most of the outdoor
		lighting on the new building will
		be soffit-mounted lighting
		directed at balconies and
		entrances. The overall amount
		of lighting will be restrained.
Land Use		
Land Use Designation		
	The current designation for the	As discussed above, this site is
	site is "Suburban	in a general area of transition
	Neighborhoods".	from a major activity/economic
		core to medium density areas
		to the north.
Goals		
	3. Encourage the transition of	The site is 330 feet north of the
	land uses from more intense	edge of non-residential uses
	regional and citywide activity	that are a part of a designated
	areas to less intense activity	activity area. It is also within a
	areas within local	neighborhood context that
	neighborhoods.	includes substantial multi-
		family uses and townhouse
		uses that are near the
		maximum density allowed. The
		proposed use is also adjacent to

		a major freeway and associated
		drainage channel and in many
		respects is a buried site with
		little visibility.
4	. Maintain a balance of land	The proposed use will add
[*		
	uses that support a high	senior housing in an area where
	quality of life, a diverse	such housing would typically be
	mixture of housing and	expected. It expands a housing
	leisure opportunities and the	use that exists on the site and
	economic base needed to	provides housing to
	secure resources to support	accommodate an aging
<u> </u>	the community.	population.
	7. Sensitively integrate land	The proposed site plan includes
	uses into the surrounding	significant landscaped
	physical and natural	transitions and generally places
	environments, the	the new development on a
	neighborhood setting, and the	portion of the site that has the
	neighborhood itself.	fewest direct neighbors. It also
		occupies a location next to the
		Pima Freeway that would not
		be a desired location for many
		other forms of residential use,
		thereby providing a modicum of
		buffering from this major
		transportation corridor for
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		neighbors to the east in the Arizona Park Place subdivision.
		Arizona Park Place Subalvision.
Community Involvement	ent	
Goals		
1	Seek early and ongoing	Public input was sought before
	involvement in	submittal to the city. This
	project/policymaking	included door-to-door, mailings
	discussion.	and open house formats. A
		report on this activity is being
		included in the submittal.
Housing		
Goals		
2	. Seek a variety of housing	The proposed use will provide
	options that blend with the	additional specialized

sharastar of the surrounding	recidential bousing that serves
character of the surrounding	residential housing that serves
community.	the growing senior
	demographic in the community.
	This allows seniors to remain in
	the general area where they
	may have lived previously and
	maintain their medical, cultural
	and activity patterns.
3. Seek a variety of housing	The proposal will provide viable
options that meet the	housing for seniors in a location
socioeconomic needs of	that is near services and
people who live and work	amenities typically desired for
here.	this population.
6. Encourage the increased	The proposed development will
availability and integration of a	provide housing oriented to the
variety of housing that supports	needs of seniors in a safe
flexibility, mobility,	location that is proximate to
independent living, and services	the services they frequent and
for all age groups and those	would allow them to interact
with special needs.	with the greater multi-
·	generational community.
	<u> </u>
Neighborhoods	
Neighborhoods	
Goals	The proposed development will
Goals  1. Enhance and protect diverse	The proposed development will provide additional 'eyes' on
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		surrounding neighborhood. For
		the most part, very few
		neighbors will have direct
		visibility of the proposed
		development.
	5. Promote and encourage	The proposed development
	context-appropriate new	places the building on the site
	development in established	where it will have the least
	areas of the community.	interaction with neighbors. The
	-	building would have no more
		floors than what exists on
		neighboring properties. The
		entrance and service functions
		will be directed away from the
		neighborhood and on the side
		facing the freeway and
		drainage channel. This is the
		last undeveloped site for a
		substantial distance.
Preservation and En	vironmental Planning	
Goals		
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	9. Protect and conserve native	To the extent feasible, those
	plants as a significant natural	native trees along the
		native trees along the perimeter of the site that can
	plants as a significant natural	native trees along the perimeter of the site that can help function as buffers will be
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	The site is located about 640 feet from two minor collector streets: 89 <sup>th</sup> Street and east Cholla Road.	The site is near two minor collector streets that exit the local area at signalized intersections on Cactus Road and 92 <sup>nd</sup> Street.
Goals		
	6. Optimize the mobility of people, goods, and information for the expected build out of the city.	The proposed development will have minimal impact on the local street network. The use will be located in proximity to the services that are most often used for such a facility, so long distance trips will be reduced. The occupants will not be employed, thereby reducing any peak hour traffic generation.

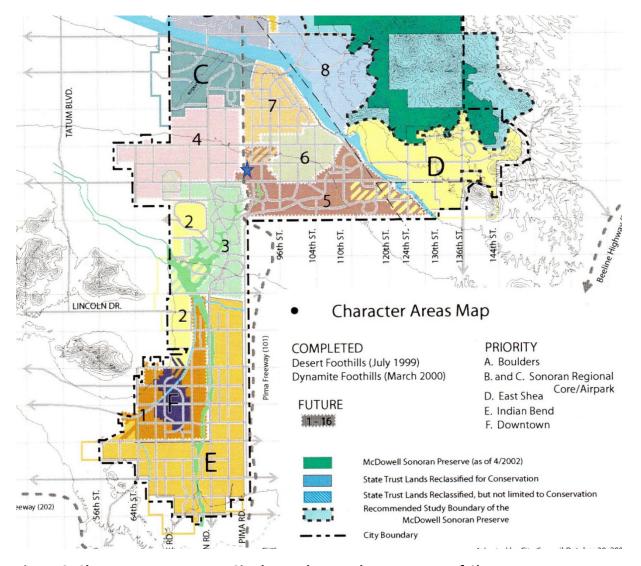


Figure 2. Character Areas Map – Site located at northwest corner of Character Area 5

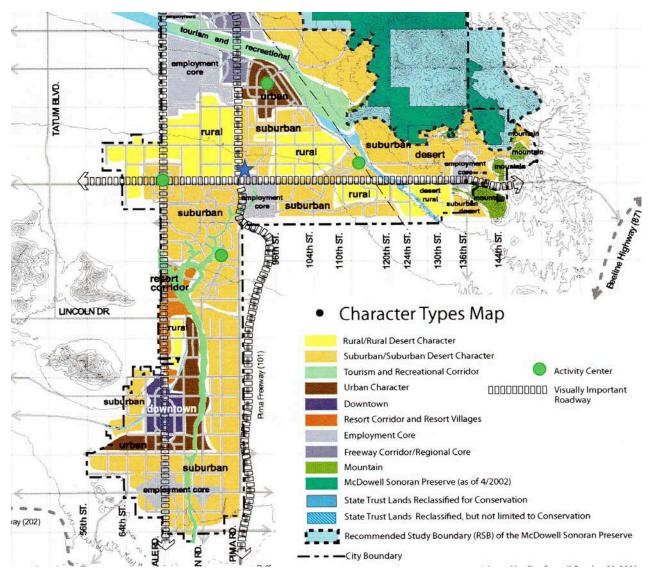


Figure 3. Character Types Map – Site is located at edge of Suburban Character Type and in transition to Employment Core character type.

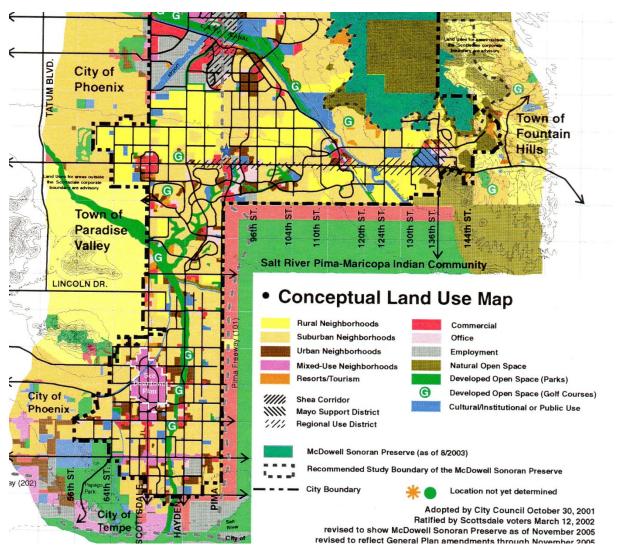


Figure 4. Conceptual Land Use Map – Site is located within Suburban Neighborhoods and proximate to Urban Neighborhoods and Employment land use types.

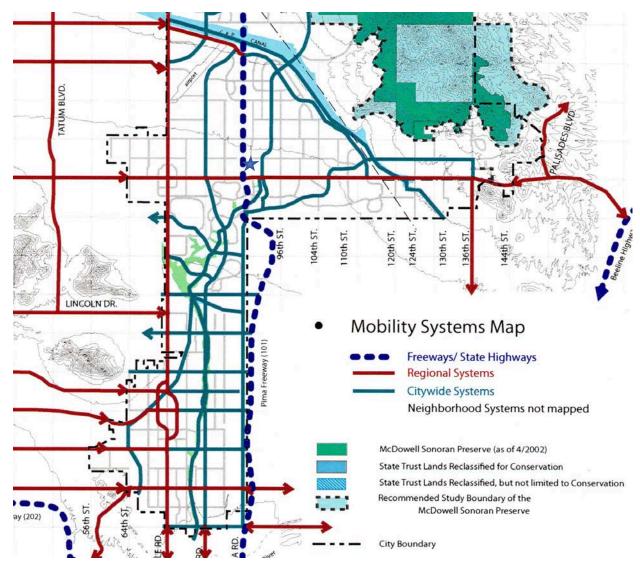


Figure 5. Mobility Systems Map – Site is located adjacent to Loop 101 Freeway and near minor collectors (east Cholla Road and north 89<sup>th</sup>/90<sup>th</sup> Street).

## 1992 Cactus Corridor Area Plan

The Cactus Corridor Area Plan was approved in May of 1992 but was not adopted formally as an amendment to the General Plan at the time. The subject property was within the general study area of this plan, being on the western edge of the plan.

**Character**: On the Character Plan graphic, the subject property was depicted as "suburban" in character. Of note is that Pima Road was shown as a major road (not as a freeway corridor as was depicted in the Circulation Plan) and Cholla Road was shown intersecting with Pima Road.

Land Use: The subject property was shown as Land Use Category 14 (2-4 dwelling units per acre). Of note is that the Westminster senior living facility north of the subject property was shown as Category 15 (4-8 dwelling units per acre) although it is zoned R-5 (8-22 units per acre). Also, of note is that ¼ mile east of the subject property the land was designated as Category 17 (12-22 dwelling units per acre).

**Circulation**: On this plan Pima is shown as a freeway and Cholla terminates into the residential area that contains the subject property.

At the time this plan was prepared the residential neighborhoods to the north and south had been built, but the residential neighborhood to the east was vacant land. The Pima Freeway would not be constructed in this area for almost another ten years.

There are no goals or policies in this plan that directly address the subject property.

This plan was adopted by reference in the 2001 General Plan.

## 1993 Shea Area Plan

This area plan was adopted on June 15, 1993. This is the most recent effective area plan that applies to the subject property. This plan pre-dated the concept of Character Plans by about 4 years.

**Land Use Plan**: Regarding land use designations, there was no change from what was shown on the earlier Cactus Corridor Area Study in the vicinity of the subject property. The subject property is a short distance north of the "Shea Corridor" and therefore those goals and policies do not apply to the site. Of note is that this plan clearly depicts the collector street linkage of Cholla and 90<sup>th</sup> Street as a 'loop'.

The following is an analysis of the Umbrella Goals, Policies and Guidelines in the 1993 Shea Area Plan that apply to the subject property:

Goal -	Goal – Enhance and protect existing Neighborhoods				
	Intent: New development should blend into the existing land use patterns				
	without	vithout creating negative off-site impacts.			
		Policy 1: New development should be compatible to existing			
		development through appropriate transitions.			
		1) Building heights at the The building will be placed			
			edges of the parcel should	generally in the center of the	
			reflect those already	property and a significant	
			established in the	distance from neighboring	
			neighborhood.	properties. The building will be	
				two stories in height, which is	
				common in the neighborhood	
				east of the site, which is the one	
				with the greatest visibility of the	
				site.	
			2) Setbacks at the edges of	The setback of the proposed	
			the parcel should equal	building is more than double the	
			those of adjoining parcels.	setbacks found on adjacent	
				neighborhoods.	
			3) Where a multi-family	The proposed building will be at	
			project bounds a single-	least 50 feet from the common	
			family development,	property line. About 1/3 of the	
			overall building mass at	building will be directly west of a	
			the edges of the parcel	large open space tract in the	
			should be comparable to	adjacent neighborhood. The	
			existing homes.	building also includes a	
				significant recess that places	

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		much of the building mass even further away.
4	) Buffering techniques such	Substantial landscaping with
- '	as landscaping, open	trees will be placed along the
	space, parks and trails	perimeter, continuing a buffering
	should be used whenever	technique already established on
	possible.	the church portion of the site.
_	•	the church portion of the site.
<del></del>	) NA	The analysis of a second solid
6	Project walls that are not	The perimeter walls already exist
	adjacent to Shea	(they were installed by the
	Boulevard should be	adjacent residential
	limited to six (6) feet in	neighborhoods.)
	height and should provide	
	variations in height and	
	alignment.	
7	Proposals for new	The applicant has conducted
	development should be	neighborhood outreach prior to
	reviewed with the	submittal of the proposal to the
	neighborhood directly	city.
	adjacent to the	
	development and	
	established neighborhood	
	associations. This review	
	should be accomplished	
	by the applicant or their	
	representative prior to the	
	public hearing process.	
Policy 2: F	Parcels should develop withou	ut encouraging neighborhood
assembla	ges. It is desirable to unite ur	ndeveloped, individually owned
parcels in	to a common development.	
1	) NA	
2	) New development which	a. The estimated amount of
	creates a de-stabilizing	additional traffic that will be
	effect on a neighborhood	generated by the proposed
	should be discouraged.	use will be roughly 280 trips
	De-stabilization is defined	per day. For the one block of
	by one or more of the	Cholla Road leading from the
	following if the	site to the nearest minor
	development: a. alters	collector streets, this is well
	normal flows of traffic	under the 3,000 trips a day
	near a neighborhood or	that local streets can
	creates an increase in	generally manage. The
	traffic through a	proposed use typically will
		proposed dec cypically will

neighborhood, b. creates pressure for a change in land use nearby if the change is not desired, c. isolates small clusters of homes or existing neighborhoods, or d. does not include transition and buffering near the existing neighborhood.

generate very little traffic at the same times that the adjacent church would generate traffic. With additional traffic at roughly one car every 3-4 minutes during peak hours and one car every 10 minutes throughout the rest of the day, there will be little change in traffic on this portion of roadway. The peak hour traffic projected for this project would be less that what would be generated on the same site as an R-17 single family neighborhood or a school (other possible uses of the site).

- b. This is the last remaining vacant or under-utilized property in a significant distance, and therefore it will not create demand or expectations for other land use changes in the vicinity.
- c. This is the isolated site, being surrounded by existing neighborhoods.
- d. The site plan incorporates
  buffering in the form of
  significant setbacks,
  landscaped buffers and
  orientation of active use areas
  away from the neighbors.

**Goal – Encourage site planning which is sensitive to environmental features.** (Since this site is not in the Environmentally Sensitive Lands overlay, along a major wash nor fronting along Shea Blvd., this goal is not applicable)

Goal – Provide for an efficient road network and promote alternative modes of travel. (Since this site is not along the Shea Blvd. frontage, at a freeway interchange, along a planned trail nor along a planned transit route, this goal does not apply.)

## **Use Permit Narrative**

## **Proposed Use**

#### **Land Use**

The proposal is to develop a "Residential Health Care Facility" on a portion of the Saint Apkar Armenian Apostolic Church campus located on the south side of Cholla Road and east of the Loop 101 Freeway. The proposal includes both "Specialized Residential Health Care" units and "Minimal Residential Health Care" units. The new development will incorporate into its overall management and service the existing senior living facility that is a part of the Church function. The entire property will remain under the ownership of the Church.

#### **Site Plan**

The residential health care facility will occupy 180,104 square feet (4.135 acres) (55.85%) of the 322,490 square feet (7.403 acre) Church site. The site of the use permit will occupy the southern roughly third of the overall Church property and will cover most of the undeveloped portion of the property. Access to the proposed facility will originate from Cholla Road and come to the facility via a looped driveway system that encircles the existing Church facilities on the east and west sides.

The proposed building will have an "H" shaped floor plan. The overall building dimensions are 216 feet long north/south and 164 feet wide east/west. The central "stem" of the building will be recessed from the wings about 50 feet, giving substantial depth in the building façade. The southeast leg of the building will be the closest to any property line at 50 feet. Therefore, the center "stem" portion will be over 100 feet from the property line. The north corner of the building will be over 130 west of the property line and west of an open space tract in the adjacent subdivision. The west side of the building will be 50 or more feet east of the property line, which is shared with the freeway and faces a large concrete lined channel and a tall wall.

The proposed new building will be over 150 feet north of the southern property line and half the building will be shielded by the existing senior living group home building. The building will also be well over 500 feet south of the north property line and shielded from that direction entirely by the existing church buildings. There is about a 7-foot drop in elevation from the Cholla Road curb line, which furthers reduces any visibility of the facility from Cholla.

The new building will have four levels: a basement level completely below-grade and three residential levels above grade. The basement level will house the main common functions including dining and recreation areas, a library and chapel, storage, the kitchen and utility spaces serving the function of the building. The main (ground) level will contain the

administrative functions, the specialized care units. The second level would contain the minimal care units and the third level would contain the independent living units. The building form is 35 feet tall as measured from the finish floor elevation but is about 30 feet above the average curb elevation (along Cholla Road).

Most of the residential balconies and patios (40 out of 48) on the new building are oriented on the north and south sides of the building, where the setbacks are greatest. Four of these balconies would face toward the residential neighborhood to the east, will be setback at least 100 feet from the property line and will have limited visibility since they are in a deep recess.

The entrance to the facility will be placed on the west side of the building, which is not visible or proximate to any nearby residential area. The service/delivery area will be located at the southwest corner of the building, accessed from the west, and shielded by the existing building. Given that the service functions will be placed below grade and the main access functions are to be placed on the west side of the building, the common and service functions will be effectively screened from any impact on neighbors.

The existing senior group home (housing 10 beds) south of the proposed new building will be integrated into and become an integral part and extension of the proposed residential health care facility and will be licensed in such a manner.

The new parking spaces to serve the facility will be placed on all sides of the building, with the bulk being either north or south of the main facility. New walkways will connect to the existing buildings on the site, provide for walking loops and ultimately connect to Cholla Road. Substantial landscaping will be provided around the building, through the parking areas and along the perimeter of the site.

A total of 43,225 square feet of open space is required for the use permit portion of the site and 55,783 square feet will be provided. An additional 16,620 square feet of parking area open space will be provided.

Other than the proposed senior living facility as proposed, there are few other land uses that would be viable on this site. Among other uses that could function here would be expansion of the existing church, another church or an educational facility.

#### **Use Permit Criteria - General Criteria**

As specified in Section 1.401 – Issuance of the Zoning Ordinance, the following is an analysis of the general use permit criteria applicable to all use permit requests:

#### **Use Permit Criterion**

- A. That the granting of such conditional use permit will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare. In reaching this conclusion, the Planning Commission and the City Council's consideration shall include, but not be limited to, the following factors:
  - Damage or nuisance arising from noise, smoke, odor, dust, vibration or illumination.
  - 2. Impact on surrounding areas resulting from an unusual volume or character of traffic.

#### Response

The proposed use is a quiet use, with all common activities occurring within the building, primary access being placed away from any nearby residences and there being relatively limited coming and going. To some extent, the building mass should provide some sound deadening from the freeway located to the west for the residences to the east.

The kitchen area will be vented and provide the required equipment that should reduce any aromas emanating from the facility.

The parking area shall use the same lighting system currently used by the church facility, which uses cut-off fixtures. Outdoor lighting on the building will predominantly be of recessed lights in the balcony and patio areas.

Otherwise, there should be no other smoke, dust, vibration or illumination impact resulting from the facility. The development of the site should actually reduce the dust that could be generated off the currently vacant ground.

The traffic that would be expected by the proposed facility would have nominal impact on adjacent streets. The trips associated with such a facility area are often reduced in peak hours due to the shifts for the employees. Deliveries can be arranged to occur during typical work hours when most nearby residents would not be home. Other than the first block or so on Cholla Road, the access routes to the facility do not have direct

B. The characteristics of the proposed conditional use are reasonably compatible with the types of uses permitted in the surrounding areas.	residential frontage. The traffic from the facility would on average result vehicles every 3 to 6 minutes, which is well below the typical capacity for the streets that serve as access routes.  The proposed use is one that could be developed in the zoning that the neighborhood to the east has (R-4). The site plan, by virtue of the R-5 district standards, places substantial setbacks for the facility. The proposed building height is virtually the same building height allowed on adjacent properties (30 feet versus 30 feet). The number of stories being proposed is one more than what occurs on several of the nearby homes and is allowed on the nearby districts. The orientation of exterior functions of the proposed building will minimize any impact of external activity associated with the facility. The proposed landscaping will further reduce the limited visibility of the proposed building and will blend with the character of landscaping common in the adjacent neighborhoods.
C. The additional conditions specified in	(see below)
Section 1.403, as applicable, have	
been satisfied.	

# **Specific Use Criteria**

The following is an analysis of the specific criteria for a residential health care facility as included in Section 1.403.P of the Zoning Ordinance:

1. Specialized residential health care facilities,	Responses
thout Downtown zoning	
P.1.a. The number of beds shall not exceed	(The allowed number would be
eighty (80) per acre of gross lot area.	80 x 4.135 = 330. The number
(Note: This is superseded by the regulations	of beds being proposed is 48,
contained in Section 5.804.D.2 and is noted	which is 282 below the
in the tables at the beginning of the	maximum allowed.) (Not
<u>narrative.)</u>	applicable for this request as
	noted.)
P.1.b. Required open space.	
P.1.b.i. Minimum open space: 0.24	The required open space is .24 x
multiplied by the net lot area	180,104 (square feet) = 43,225
distributed as follows:	square feet. 55,464 square feet
	is provided.
(1) Frontage open space minimum:	Base Requirement: .50 x 55,783
0.50. multiplied by the total open	= 27,891 square feet
space, except as follows: (A)	Minimum Requirement: 20 feet
Minimum: twenty (20) square	x 165.16 feet = 3,303 square
feet per one (1) linear foot of	feet
public street frontage, and (B)	Maximum Requirement: 50 feet
Not required to exceed fifty (50)	x 165.16 feet = 8,258 square
square feet per one (1) linear	feet
foot of public street frontage.	Frontage Open Space Provided
	= 9,093 square feet
(2) The remainder of the minimum	All open space is provided as
open space, less the frontage	common open space except for
open space, shall be provided as	the private balconies and
common open space.	patios.
P.1.c. The site shall be designed, to the	Parking will be located on all
maximum extent feasible, so that on-site	sides of the buildings.
parking is oriented to the building(s) to	Accessible parking will be
provide convenient pedestrian access for	located at the building
residents, guests and visitors.	entrances and an extensive
	pathway system will link all
	parking areas to the building
	access points. [1]
2. (NA)	

P.3. Minimal residential health care facilities, withou	t Downtown zoning.
P.3.a. Minimum gross lot area: one (1) acre.	The proposed use permit site
	area is 4.135 acres.
P.3.b. The number of units shall not exceed	(The maximum allowed number
forty (40) dwelling units (per) acre of gross	of minimal residential health
lot area.	care units is 40 x 4.135 = 165.
(Note: This is superseded by the regulations	The proposed number of such
contained in Section 5.804.D.3 and is noted	units is 48, which is 117 units
in the tables at the beginning of the	below the maximum.) (Not
<u>narrative.)</u>	applicable for this request as
	noted.)
P.3.c. Required oper	space.
P.3.c.i. Minimum open space: 0.24	(see above)
multiplied by the net lot area	
distributed as follows:	
(1) Frontage open space minimum:	(see above)
0.50 multiplied by the total open	
space, except as follows: (A)	
Minimum: twenty (20) square	
feet per one (1) linear foot of	
public street frontage, and (B)	
not required to exceed fifty (50)	
square feet per one (1) linear	
foot of public street frontage.	
(2) The remainder of the minimum	(see above)
open space, less the frontage	
open space, shall be provided as	
common open space.	
P.3.d. The site shall be designed, to the	(see above)
maximum extent possible, so that on-site	
parking is oriented to the building(s) to	
provide convenient pedestrian access for	
residents, guests and visitors.	
P.4. (NA)	

[1] 89 parking spaces are required for the proposed use and within the use permit site area 98 spaces will be provided.

# **Scottsdale Sensitive Design Principles**

The following is a review of the Scottsdale Sensitive Design Principles and how the proposed development addresses them:

DESIG	N PRINCIPLE	RESPONSE
1.	The design character of any area should be enhanced and strengthened by new development.	The proposed development would complete improvement one of the last vacant parcels in the area, thereby filling in a gap in the pattern of development across the neighborhood. The landscaping that will be installed will blend into the predominant character of the neighborhood.
2.	Development, through appropriate siting and orientation of buildings, should recognize and preserve established major vistas, as well as protect natural features.	There are no major vistas across this site. The site is surrounded by relatively tall walls and the site is screened by neighborhood walls as well as the freeway sound wall.
3.	Development should be sensitive to existing topography and landscaping.	The site has no topographic features as such. The landscaping will blend with the landscaping that exists on the church site as well as the neighborhood.
4.	Development should protect the character of the Sonoran Desert by preserving and restoring natural habitats and ecological processes.	There are no natural habitats of note on the site. The surrounding area has been fully developed.
5.	The design of the public realm, including streetscapes, parks, plazas and civic amenities, is an opportunity to provide identity to the community and to convey its design expectations.	The site is well hidden from any community visibility. Within the site there will be landscaped open spaces as well as an extensive pathway system.
6.	Developments should integrate alternative modes of transportation, including bicycles and bus access, within the pedestrian network that encourage social contact and interaction within the community.	The site plan provides for ample pedestrian access. It is anticipated that much of the transportation used by the residents will be in vehicles operated by the management of the facility.

7. Development should show consideration for the pedestrian by providing landscaping and shading elements as well as inviting access connections to adjacent developments.	The extensive pathway system is within and adjacent to landscaped areas that will have a substantial number of trees.
8. Buildings should be designed with a logical hierarchy of masses.	The building form and design creates substantial depth and shadowing. The design maximizes resident access to the outdoors while minimizing direct visibility toward nearby residential areas.
<ol><li>The design of the built environment should respond to the desert environment.</li></ol>	The building design incorporates a number of shading features. The landscape design incorporates arid and semi-arid materials that are common to the local area.
10. Developments should strive to incorporate sustainable and healthy building practices and products.	The building will meet all applicable building codes as they relate to energy and water conservation and will provide a healthy environment for the residents.
11. Landscape design should respond to the desert environment by utilizing a variety of mature landscape materials indigenous to the arid region.	Wherever possible the existing mature native trees will be incorporated into the landscaping. The overall palette will use appropriate materials that will accommodate water conservation while providing a parklike setting.
12. Site design should incorporate techniques for efficient water use by providing desert adapted landscaping and preserving native plants.	(an an)
13. The extent and quality of lighting should be integrally designed as part of the built environment.	Parking area lighting will continue to use the cut-off "box" lighting already used in the church parking area. The lighting associated with the building will mostly be in the form of recessed lighting in patio, entrance and balcony canopies.
14. Signage should consider the distinctive qualities and character of the surrounding context in terms of size, color, location and illumination.	Any building signage will be placed on the west side of the building and will only be visible on-site.