

April 4, 2016

Ms. Leza Mikhail
Senior Planner
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
30940 Hawthorne Bl.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Re: Request to Amend Special Use Permit – ZON2015-00333

Dear: Mr. Mihranian,

I write on behalf of Marymount California University to request an amendment to the Special Use Permit issued to Marymount for amplified sound on its campus. In particular, we are requesting that condition no. 14 be amended to allow the use of a pneumatic powered hammer to assemble the graduation tent be considered. The University wishes to amend this condition for the following reasons:

- While Marymount was earlier informed that hand-held hammers could be used to secure the tent, we have recently been advised that the vendor cannot, with confidence, secure the tent using existing capped penetration points on the parking lot with the hand held hammers. This firm has further indicated that the use of a pneumatic device to set the stakes would be required to ensure the safety of the installation. We have verified this to be the case with a second tent vendor.
- The University has sought to install permanent anchors for the use of tents in the subject parking lot and have completed the engineering that would meet the necessary tolerances for erecting the tent in these particular environmental conditions. We have received bids for this work that amount to approximately \$ 118,000 to install the anchors sufficient to secure tents for graduation and the Gala event held every other year. This amount is significantly more than we had planned for and, under any circumstance, cannot be accomplished in the near term.

The University recognizes the concern raised by the use of a pneumatic powered hammer after 5:00 pm when erecting the tent for the Gala in the fall of 2014. This was an unfortunate circumstance for which the University has publicly apologized. We further recognize that in the many years that the University has erected the tent for graduation, whether over asphalt or turf, with a pneumatic powered hammer, there has not been a complaint brought to our attention. It is also worthy of note that the additional

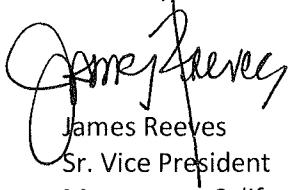
conditions imposed in a revised SUP, in April, 2015, that did provide for the use of a pneumatic powered hammer were adhered to.

In light of these circumstances, the University is requesting that condition no. 14 in the existing SUP be modified as follows:

14. The University shall erect the graduation tent during the week prior to graduation and shall be allowed to utilize pneumatic devices for securing the tent. The use of such pneumatic devices shall occur between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm only. Further, the University shall provide a direct phone line to the Sr. Vice President for use by City staff should concerns be voiced from the community regarding the assembly of the tent.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me directly with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



James Reeves
Sr. Vice President
Marymount California University

✓ c: Mr. Ara Mihranian – Deputy Community Development Director