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Allen,  
Thank you for speaking to me earlier today about this project

As I expressed to you in our brief discussion, I called this project in regard to the variance allowing less than minimum setbacks from the property lines.

I felt it was appropriate to review the background and rationale of the variances to insure an adequate standard of care in design and construction in planning to address potential fire and life safety implications to the occupants of and neighbors adjacent to this project.

This also informs consideration of other, future project developments which may also propose to optimize housing and other buildings on existing, restricted land, which is only possible with these types of variances.

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Exhibit 3  
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