C-1/1 BOA GENERAL REVIEW COVERSHEET

CASE: C16-2020-0007

BOA DATE: November 9th, 2020

ADDRESS: 2234 Guadalupe St OWNER: Tim Finley

<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>: 9 <u>AGENT</u>: Eric Beegun

ZONING: CS-CO-NP (West University)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 33 OLT 35 DIV D HORSTS LOUIS SUBD

VARIANCE REQUEST: allow for one (1) wall sign, one (1) blade sign, one (1) vinyl letter board all illuminated.

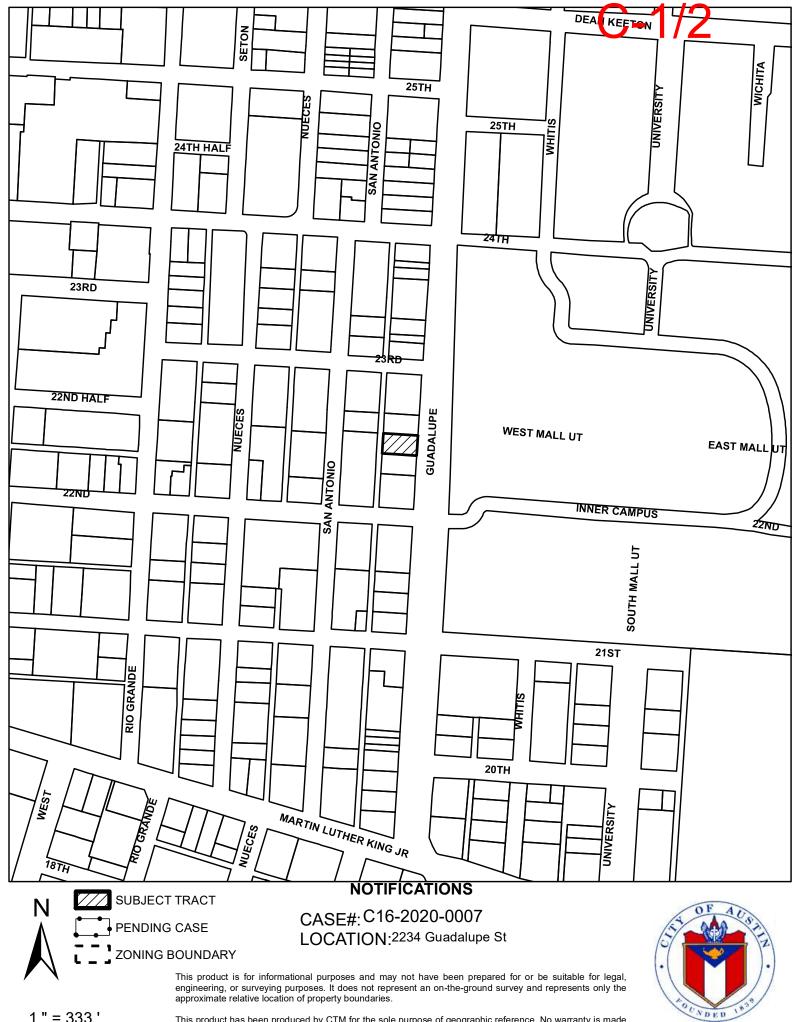
SUMMARY: attach signs for Sweetgreen Restaurant

ISSUES: already occurring with existing retail businesses

	ZONING	LAND USES	
Site	CS-CO-NP	General Commercial Services-Conditional	
		Overlay	
North	CS-CO-NP	General Commercial Services-Conditional	
		Overlay	
South	CS-CO-NP	General Commercial Services-Conditional	
		Overlay	
East	UNZ	University Zone	
West	CS-NP	General Commercial Services	

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Independent School District Austin Lost and Found Pets Austin Neighborhoods Council **Bike** Austin CANPAC (Central Austin Neigh Plan Area Committee) Central Austin Community Development Corporation Central Austin Urbanists Friends of Austin Neighborhoods Homeless Neighborhood Association My Guadalupe Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation Preservation Austin **SELTexas** Shoal Creek Conservancy Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group University Area Partners West Campus Neighborhood Association



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Board of Adjustment Sign Variance Application

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

This application is a fillable PDF that can be completed electronically. To ensure your information is saved, <u>click here to Save</u> the form to your computer, then open your copy and continue.

The Tab key may be used to navigate to each field; Shift + Tab moves to the previous field. The Enter key activates links, emails, and buttons. Use the Up & Down Arrow keys to scroll through drop-down lists and check boxes, and hit Enter to make a selection.

The application must be complete and accurate prior to submittal. All information is required (if applicable).

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Case #	ROW #	Tax #	
Section 1	: Applicant Statement		
Street Address	2234 Guadalupe Street		
Subdivision Le	gal Description:		
the map or plat the	2) of Lot 33, Outlot 35, Division D, LOUIS HORST SU ereof recorded in Volume Z, Page 613 of the Deed Re 2234 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas.		

Lot(s): <u>N/A</u>	Block(s): <u>N/A</u>							
Outlot: <u>N/A</u>	Division: <u>N/A</u>							
Zoning District: <u>CS-CO-NP</u>								
Sign District: University Neighborhood Overlay District								
I/We Michael Klingl	on behalf of myself/ourselves as							
authorized agent for <u>sweetgreen</u>	affirm that on							
Month October , Day 6 , Year 2	2020 , hereby apply for a hearing before the							
Board of Adjustment for consideration to (select appropriate option below):								
○ Erect ● Attach ○ Complete ○ Remove	del 🔿 Maintain 🔿 Other:							
Type of Sign: <u>White Neon Channel Letter (1) Panel Sign (1) Blade Sign / (1) acrylic light box</u>								
Portion of the City of Austin Land Development Code 25-10-133 - UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD O								

(G) A sign may not be illuminated or contain electronic images or moving. The applicant is seeking the ability to permt neon and internally lit illuminated signage as proposed.



Section 2: Variance Findings

The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of, and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. In order to grant your request for a variance, the Board must first make one or more of the findings described under 1, 2, and 3 below; the Board must then make the finding described in item 4 below. If the Board cannot make the required findings, it cannot approve a sign variance.

Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional supporting documents.

I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings:

1. The variance is necessary because strict enforcement of the Article prohibits any reasonable opportunity to provide adequate signs on the site, considering the unique features of the site such as dimensions, landscaping, or topography, because:

This section of Guadalupe Street is predominantly commercial/retail businesses providing food, beverage and essentials for the student body of the University and residential apartments/condos/homes that reside behind and west of this strip of retail. Virtually each and every commercial retailer has signage that is illuminated to help direct potential consumers to their front doors. Strict enforcement specifically item (G) of this Article, (see attached for addtl.)

—OR—

2. The granting of this variance will not have a substantially adverse impact upon neighboring properties, because:

This request is not asking for anything not already occurring amongst the already existing retail businesses operating in this area. If anything, this could create new interest by adding a dining option not already offered in the area, drawing additional foot traffic and with it the potential for an up-tick to other business because of the increase of consumers in the area.

__OR__

3. The granting of this variance will not substantially conflict with the stated purposes of this sign ordinance, because:

The signs proposed are fully within the vision of the Article 1 of Chapter 25-10, in that they do not hamper the City's ability to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the City and its residents while moving to support it's Comprehensive Plan by continuing to recognize that its local businesses are vital to the community. Additionally, by allowing businesses like sweetgreen, who offer more nourishing food chooses, (see attached for additional)

AND,

4. Granting a variance would not provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated, because:

As previously stated, most if not all other commercial businesses along this part of Guadalupe Street already have illuminated signs. Either internally lit individual channel letter signs, box signs or neon signs can be seen up and down the three to four block length of this part of the UNO District. The granting of this request would not provide sweetgreen with any sort of special privilege not readily enjoyed currently by many businesses.



Section 3: Applicant Certificate

I affirm that my statements contained in the complete my knowledge and belief.	te application are true and o	correct to the best of
Applicant Signature: 22-672	Date: <u>10/05/2020</u>	
Applicant Name (typed or printed): Eric Beegun		
Applicant Mailing Address: <u>3000 S. Robertson Blvd</u>		
City: Los Angeles	State: <u>CA</u>	Zip: <u>90034</u>
Phone (will be public information): (510) 847-9622		
Email (optional – will be public information):		
Section 4: Owner Certificate		
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I affirm that my statements contained in the complete my knowledge and belief. Owner Signature:	- 0	correct to the best of Date: <u>10/05/2020</u>
Owner Name (typed or printed): <u>Tim Finley, Vice Pr</u>	resident Xwalk, LC	
Owner Mailing Address: 515 Congress Avenue, Su	uite 2210	
City: Austin	State: <u>Texas</u>	Zip: <u>78701</u>
Phone (will be public information): 512 47	180885 X-Z16	
Email (optional – will be public information): _		
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Section 5: Agent Information		
Agent Name: Michael Klingl		
Agent Mailing Address: <u>1400 E. Touhy Avenue, Su</u>	uite 215	
City: <u>Des Plaines</u>	State: IL	Zip: <u>60187</u>
Phone (will be public information): (630) 200-9219		
Email (optional – will be public information):		



VARIANCE FINDINGS

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Petitioner's statements have been completed here because there was not enough room to fit completely in the space provided on the application.

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2. The granting of this variance will not have a substantially adverse impact upon neighboring properties, because:

Complete answer on application.

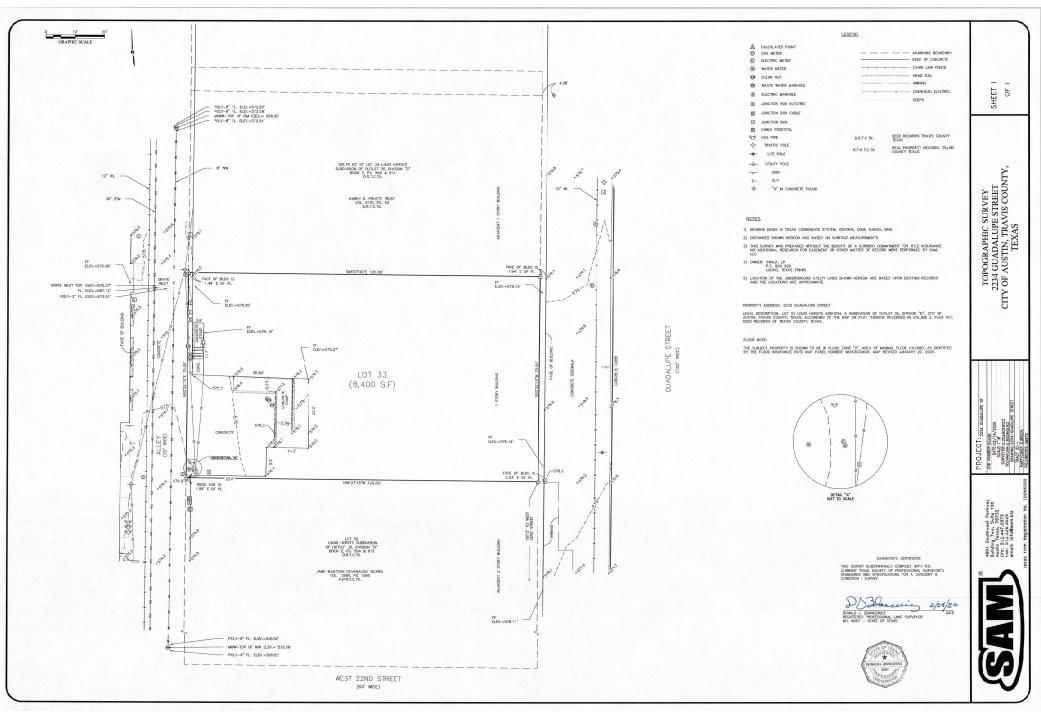
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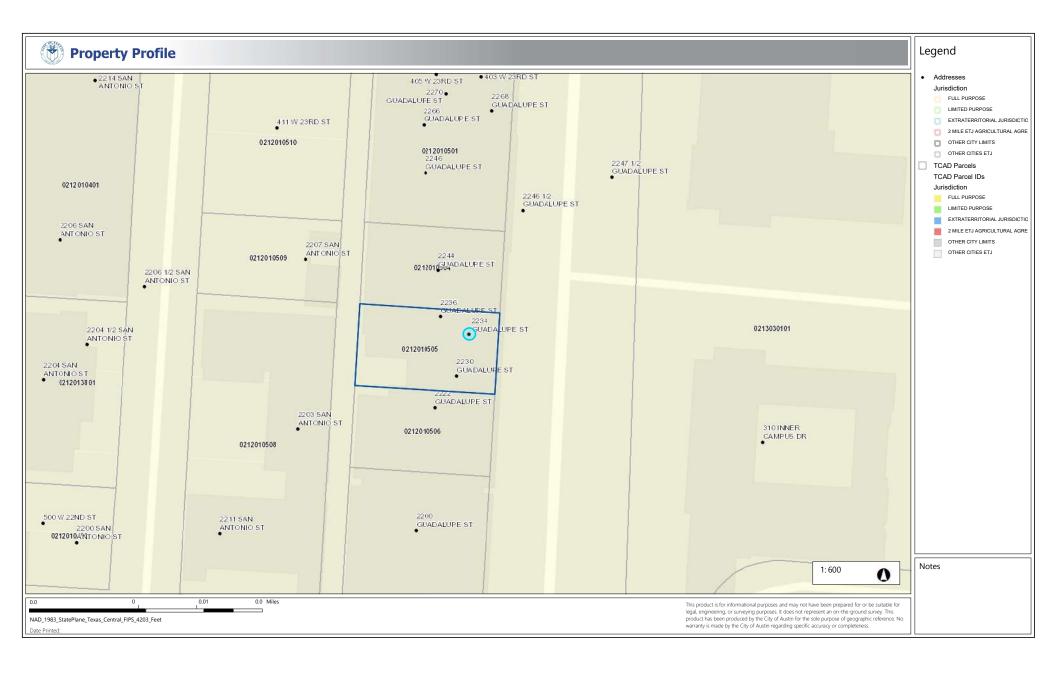
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- Unique Strip of Commercial
- Location across from the University
 - Significant car/bus traffic
 - Significant student/pedestrian
 traffic / bicycle lanes
- Retail /Service Uses
 - All Existing Retail have
 Illuminated Signage
 - Existing Restaurants have an existing presence/following

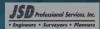
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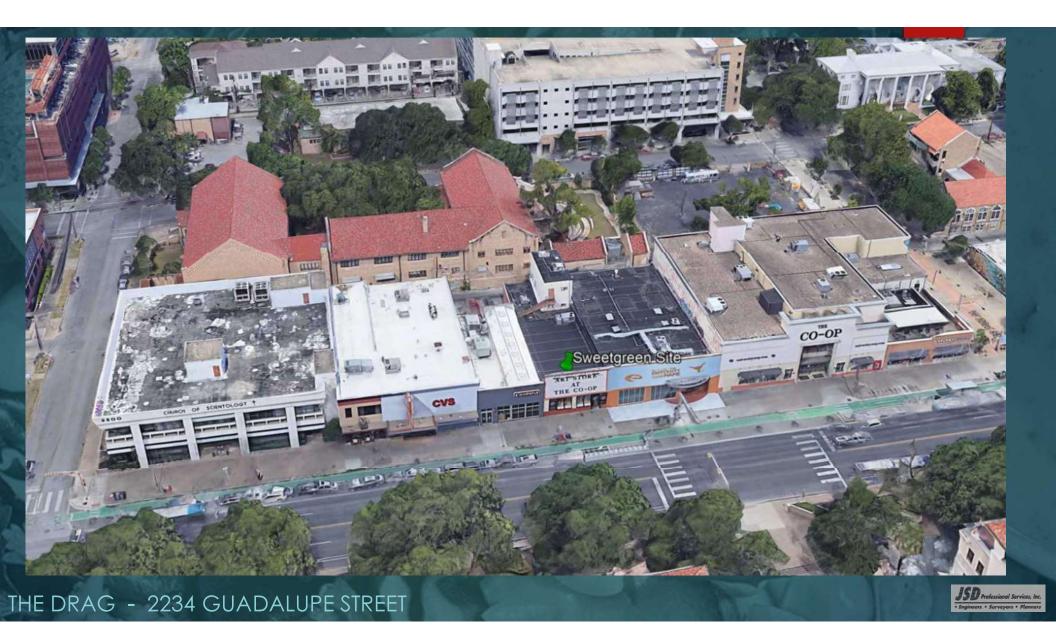
- Sweetgreen needs to make our presence known on this strip to succeed.
- Sweetgreen needs to be seen equally at night as during the day.

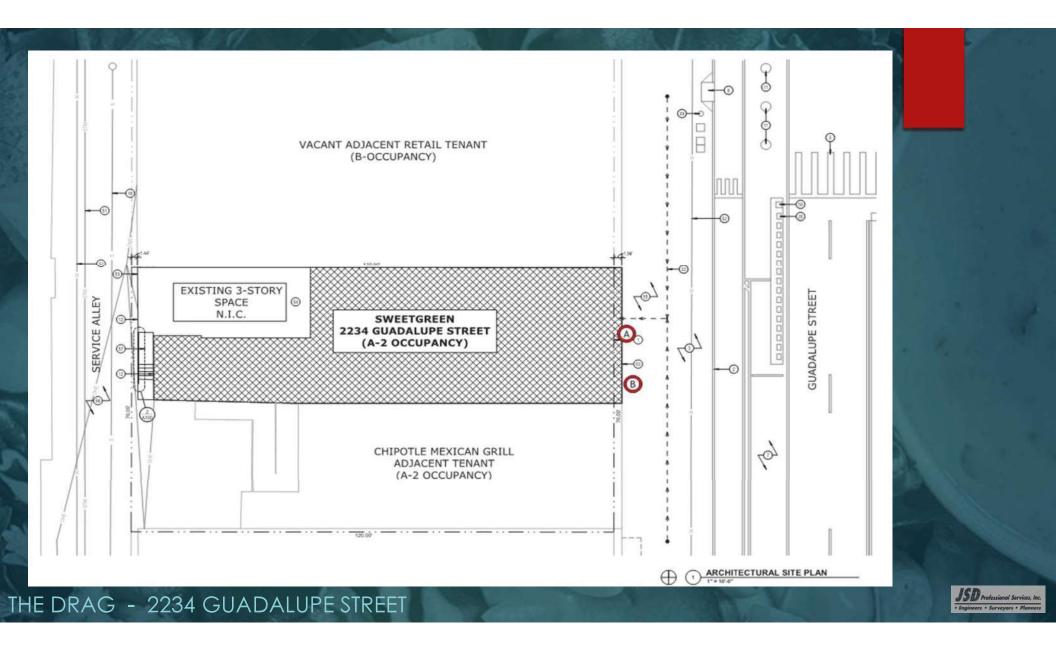
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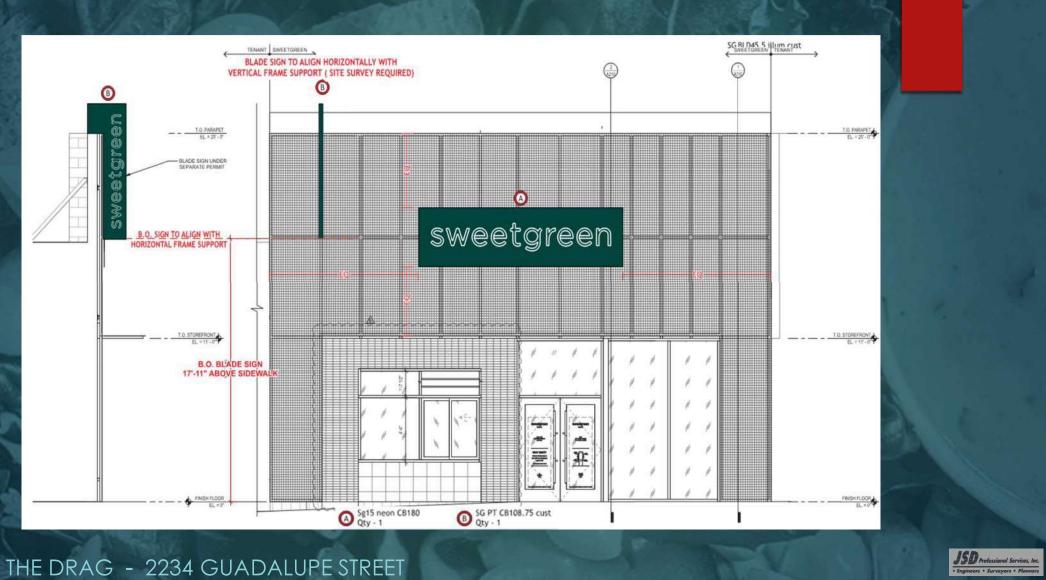
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SWEETGREEN is therefore requesting a variance to permit our proposed Wall Sign and Blade Sign to be illuminated with the neon lighting system detailed on our plans as originally submitted to the City of Austin.







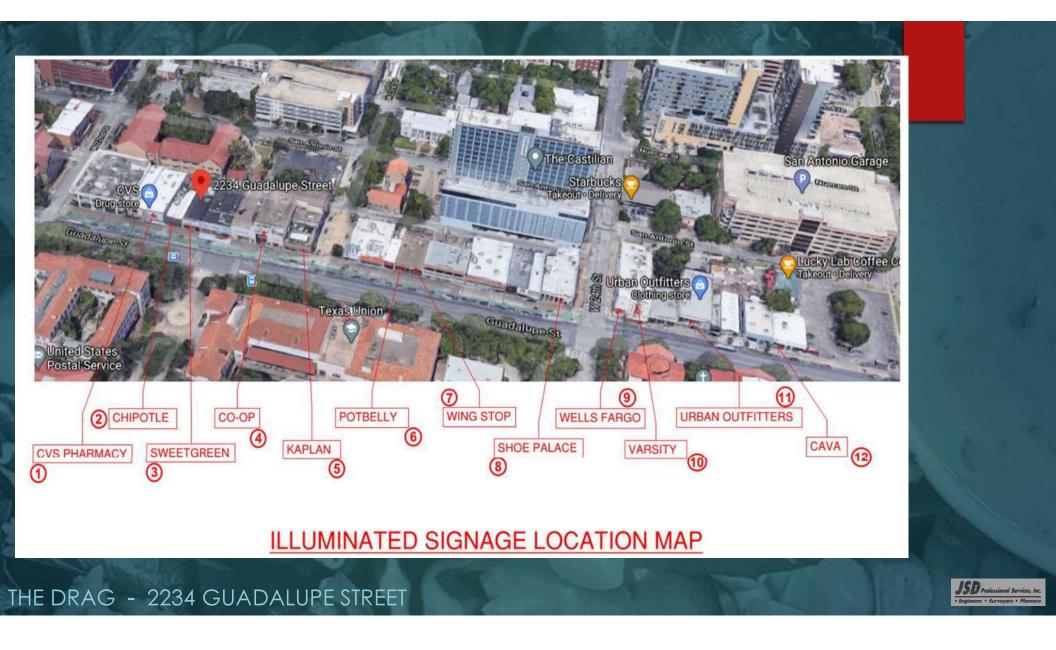


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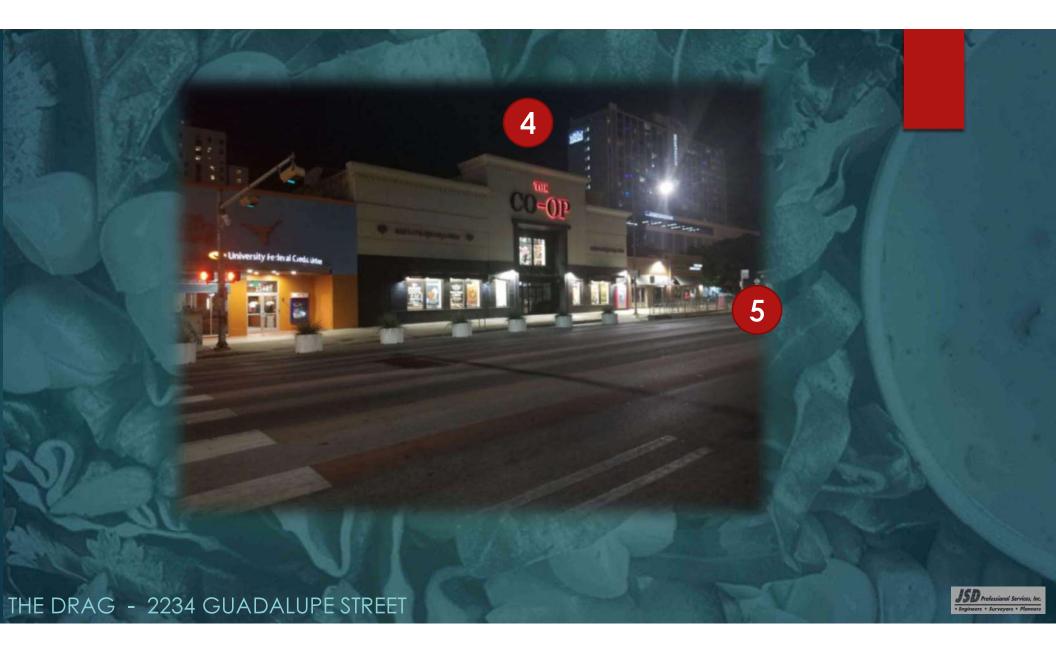








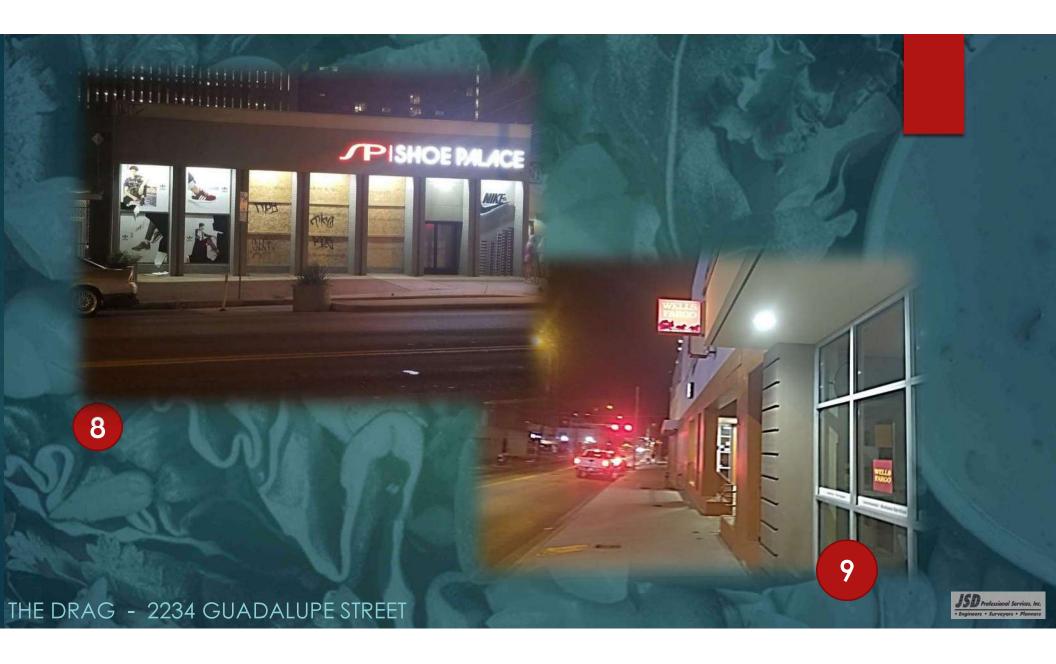




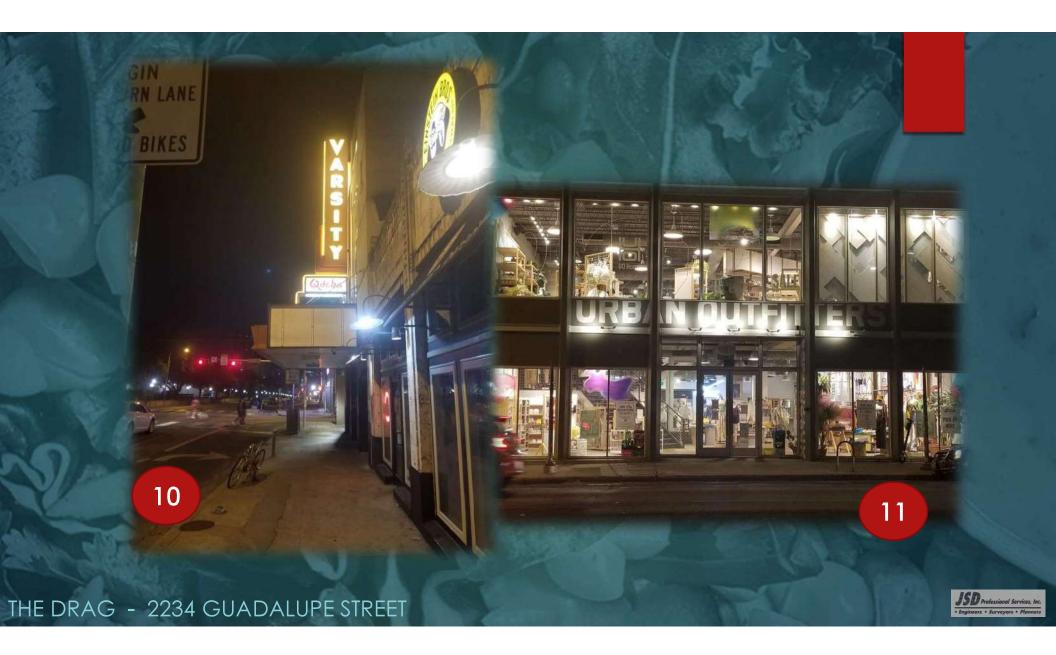




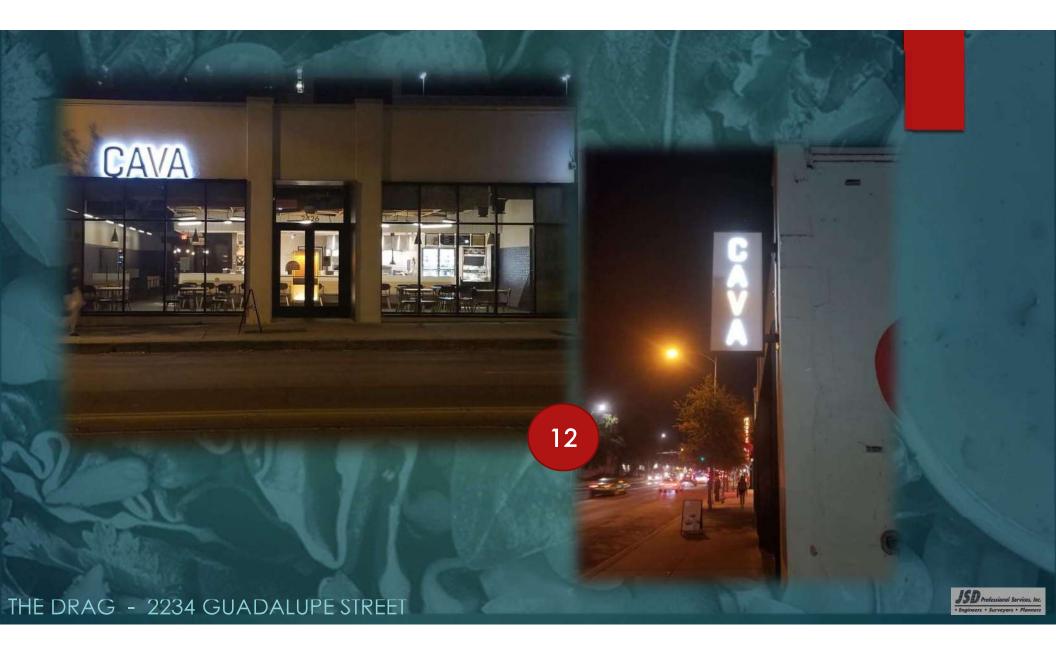




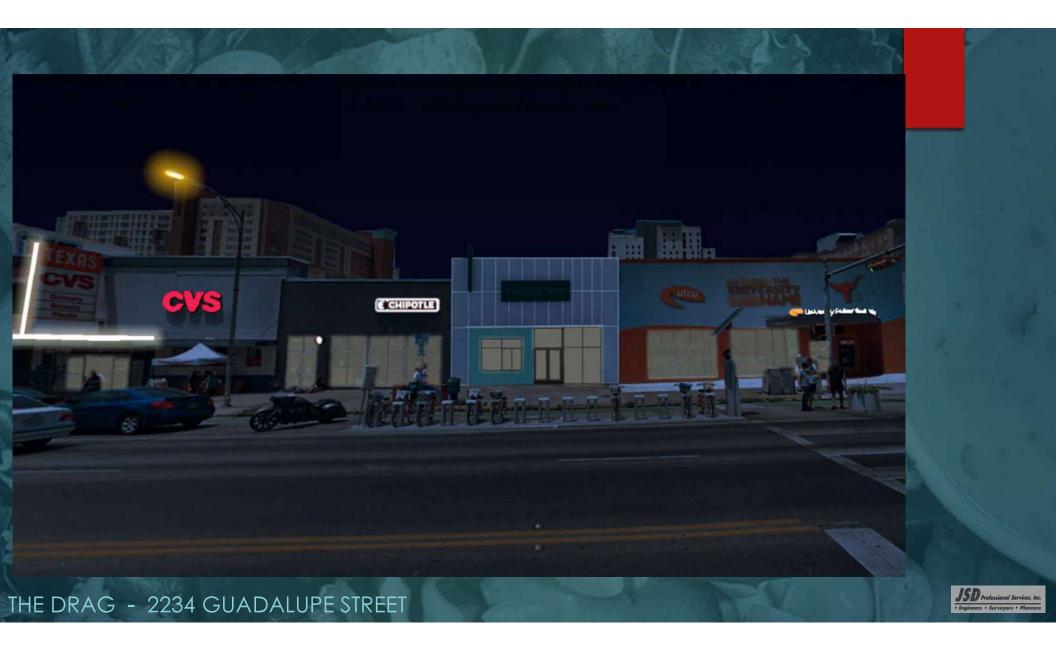


















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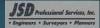
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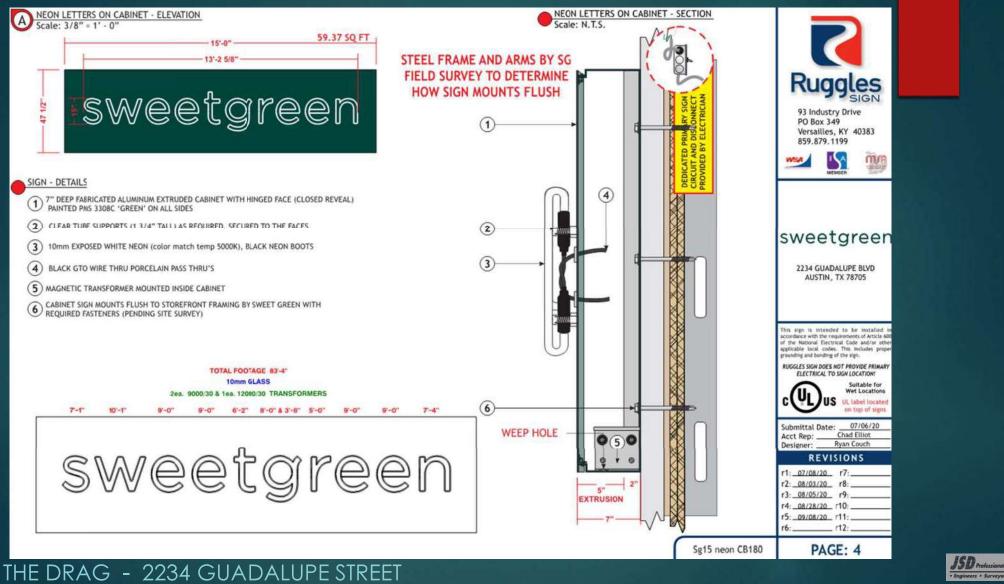


Thank You Question

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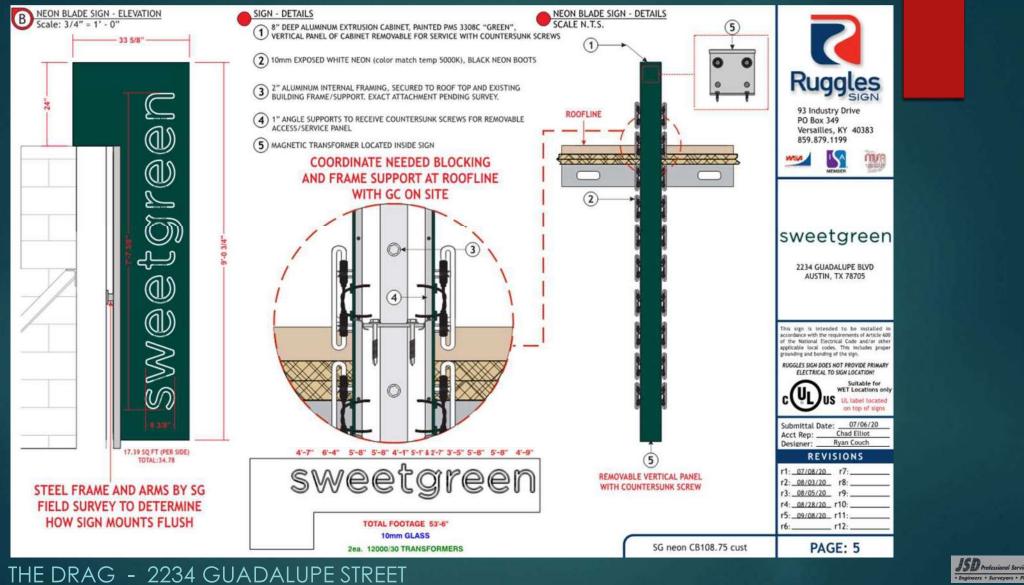


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UNIVERSITY AREA PARTNERS, INC. 2026 Guadalupe #303B Austin, Texas 78705

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of University Area Partners.

Our Board of Directors had a chance to review the proposed signage as submitted by sweetgreen for their restaurant at 2234 Guadalupe St.

We support sweetgreen's request for a variance for their proposed illuminated signage, so it can remain visible in the evening hours. Their proposed sign is tastefully done and is in keeping with the signage that exists north and south of their proposed store on Guadalupe.

We look forward to the opening of sweetgreen and it will be a welcome addition to West Campus and the University area. The prosperity of the enterprises along Guadalupe is important to the overall health of the neighborhood, and adequate signage is a basic requirement for these businesses.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at (512) 296-9297.

Sincerely,

Cathy Norman President, University Area Partners.