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Via Email hpdsuubmittal@santafenm.gov

Santa Fe Historic Review Board
Santa Fe City Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Second Revised Application for Restoration and Variance; 127 E. De Vargas St.

Dear Lani:

This is a second revision of the application submitted on December 29, 2025 and again on January 15, 2026, which is being resubmitted to address certain issues raised by the HPD staff and propose an alternative resolution of the mural issue. Thank you for taking the time to meet with us at the property today.

We represent Cynthia “Robin” Connell and Mary Catherine Casey in their capacity as Trustees of the Casey Connell Revocable Trust and as owners of 127 E. De Vargas St. Our clients have received citations related to their property at 127 E. De Vargas St. (the “Property”) and certain stucco and painting work done on the north side of the building. Their citations are currently pending in the Santa Fe Municipal Court.

The situation arose from our clients repainting their property known as “The Cider Press” following remodel work which was previously approved by the City and this Board. Unfortunately, our clients were not aware that they needed approval for the repainting and re-stuccoing of the north facing side of the Property. When they did the repainting work, they covered over lettering above the windows which said “The Cider Press” and also painted over/removed a mural of unclear subject matter. Despite a diligent search from the City and our own search with the state archives, we have been unable to locate any photographs which depict the mural in a manner which would allow it to be recreated in any meaningful way, although there are several photos showing the faded and patinated mural. We included two photos with our prior correspondence which showed the deteriorated murals and demonstrate why they cannot be restored due to a lack of good images.

This application seeks two things. First, we seek permission to not restore the mural due to the inability to locate photographs that would allow us to recreate the images in the mural, as well as the fact that any replacement mural would not be “historic”, but would be a recreation. Second, we seek permission to restore the lettering of “The Cider Press” in the same font and style as

previously existed. There will be no construction work, no roofing work, no landscaping work and no work other than restoration of the lettering "The Cider Press". In order to address the City's concerns related to the mural, our client proposes that they install a small plaque in front of the north facing wall of the property which depicts the mural and provides a brief history of the property using language to be agreed upon a later time. We include the prior packet which was submitted in relation to the previously permitted work which was completed and approved by the city. This packet includes the architectural history, structures, prior alterations, and other information requested to be included with this letter. The packet also includes the site plans and aerial site photographs as required by the HPD PAR Submittal Checklist.

In terms of color, the owners will endeavor to utilize the closest matching colors to match the old mural. There will be no further stucco work required and the painting of the letters will be applied directly to the stucco as shown in the enclosed photographs. We are seeking approval of the existing stucco and painting work on the north facing facade as well.

We would appreciate your prompt review and approval of this limited request to allow our clients to resolve the outstanding matter in the Santa Fe Municipal Court.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph P. Walsh

Joseph P. Walsh

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cc: Clients

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Google Maps

127 E De Vargas St



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Sent: Monday, September 7, 2026 11:19 AM
To: MCCULLEY, LANI J.
Cc: Amanda Mather; Lindsay A. Garcia
Subject: FW: 127 E DeVargas proposed sign

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Hi Lani:

The following is the proposed language for the sign and the below images are mock ups of what the sign would look like when installed. Please let us know your thoughts.

A small 0.25-acre, roughly square-shaped property fronting the Santa Fe River had two buildings located on the parcel purchased by James "Jimmie" Caldwell c. 1939;lived part time in Santa Fe. The brick portion with large two blue doors was the first garage in Santa Fe built by the Cartwright Family 1910c. The second building consisted of two adobe rooms built by Juan J. Lujan of the Taos Pueblo, employed by Jimmie Caldwell . The old garage and adobe rooms, called the Cider Press, was used as an Antique Shop c.1960s. The first item purchased for the Antique Shop reportedly was a cider press. A mural painted onto the brick portion of the building by an unknown artist deteriorated. The mural depicted a man in front of a possible cider press and a woman painted above to the left of the object. The name the CIDER PRESS appears above one of the adobe windows. Betty R Caldwell, Jimmie's daughter, inherited the property. Betty Caldwell and her partner Norma Kearby remodeled the two separate buildings into one building. (1990's c.). The CIDERPRESS is now an apartment consisting of living room, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. Mary Catherine Casey and Robin Connell are the trustees of The 127 East De Vargas property.