



December 20, 2024

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Dear Josue and Team,

We have reviewed your comments on our initial submission for 14455 E Ellsworth Ave. You may find our responses to each point below. We do have some concerns that our project is being misconstrued with the existing building project. Our scope of work is limited to solar photovoltaics and associated gear. We request that any review of our submission be limited to that as well, and Gatekeeper Construction or other appropriate parties will be responsible for updating the Site Plan for anything in their scope, which I have outlined below. Namaste Solar has been ready to start construction on our project and we are eager to receive the permit for our scope of work, so that we may do so. We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

## 1. Planning

### 1A. Page 1, Sheet 1:

- i. This has been addressed in the updated Site Plan Amendment.
- ii. This has been addressed in the updated Site Plan Amendment.

### 1B. Page 2, Sheet 19:

- i. The utility transformers are in Gatekeeper Construction's scope. Namaste Solar does not have control over the location of these and will not interact with them in any way, so they have been removed from our plan sheet. This will be addressed by Gatekeeper in a future Minor Amendment facilitated by them.

### 1C. Page 3, Sheet 3:

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### 1D. Page 15, Sheet 15:

- i. There is no PV-related exterior rooftop equipment aside from the solar panels and associated racking, which I will address in comment iii. All rooftop equipment is within a penthouse and not visible from the exterior.
- ii. E 1<sup>st</sup> Drive is a private road, as shown on page 2, Sheet 2. As such, PV-related ground-level equipment will not be visible from public streets, parks, open spaces, trails, plazas, and other public spaces.
- iii. The solar panels sit at a 10 degree tilt, with a maximum height of 11.7". The minimum parapet height for this building is 42". Therefore, the solar panels will not be visible from any public streets, parks, open spaces, or golf courses. Additionally,



- since at all locations, the max. height of the solar panels is lower than the height of the parapet, they do not exceed the maximum allowed building height.
- iv. It is unclear what sort of detail is required. I have included a page with the equipment's spec sheet. Please see added Sheet 20 and associated note on Sheet 15.

1D. Page 19, Sheet A01:

- i. This has been addressed in the updated Site Plan Amendment. Page A101 revised to Sheet 19.

## **2. Landscaping**

2A. Page 19, Sheet A101:

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## **3. Fire / Life Safety**

3A. Page 1, Sheet 1:

- i. All photovoltaic construction plans have been submitted and approved by the Building Division. Electrical, Structural, and Fire LS have all been passed as of 11/13/2024.

## **5. Traffic Engineering**

5A. Page 19, Sheet 19:

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Sincerely,

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