CASE # C16-2011-0009

CITY OF AUSTIN
ON TO SIGN REVIEW BOARD
SIGN VARIANCE

APPLICATION TO SIGN REVIEW BOARD SIGN VARIANCE

PLEASE: TYPE AND COMPLETE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION.

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

STREET ADDRESS: 2402 Guadalupe Street 78705 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision - __ Outlot_ 49 Division 1 & S.67 ft of lot 2 Block Lot(s) on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for Ion Art Inc. _____affirm that on __July 29, 2011, hereby apply for a hearing Varsity Corner LLC before the Sign Review Board for consideration: ERECT - ATTACH - COMPLETE - REMODEL - MAINTAIN Attach a historically accurate blade sign on the eastern façade of the Varsity building. in a CS-CO-NP zoning district, located within the University Neighborhood Overlay Sign District.

The Austin Electric Utility Department (Austin Energy) enforces electric easements and the setback requirements set forth in the Austin Utility Code, Electric Criteria Manual and National Electric Safety Code. The Board of Adjustment considers variance to the Land Development Code, and a variance granted by the Board of Adjustment does not waive the requirements enforced by Austin Energy. Please contact Lena Lund with Austin Energy at 322-6587 before filing your application with the Board of Adjustment if your request is for a reduction in setbacks or height limits.

NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. In order to grant your requeste 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 support documents.

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

2. The granting of this variance will not have a substantially adverse impact upon neighboring properties, because: We would like to restore a historically relevant landmark. The goal is to return the historical Varsity sign to the eastern façade of the building. The existing sign is unattractive and has little to no historical value. The sign restoration will be based on the Varsity sign that was installed in the early 20th century.

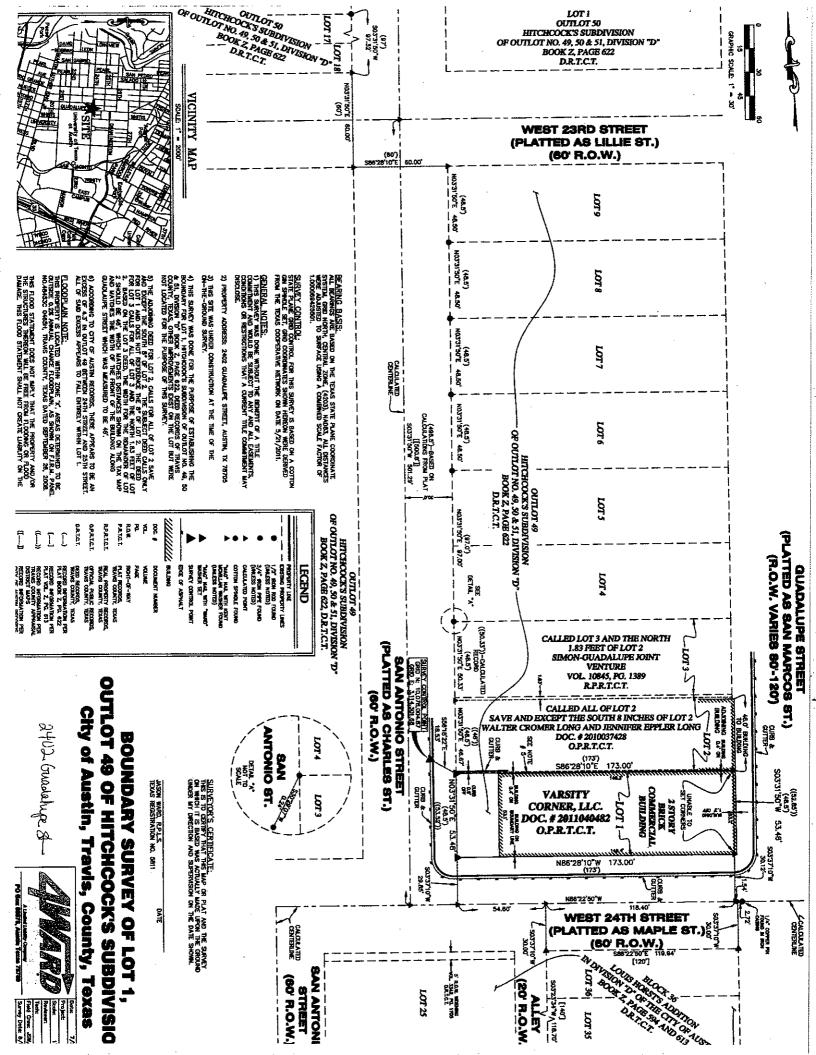
AND,

4. Granting a variance would not provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated, because: Restoring a historically important landmark like the Varsity building is as much a privilege as it is an obligation. Painstaking efforts have been made to preserve the beloved mural on the south facade of the building. The same attention to detail and commitment to the restoration of vintage signage will contribute to the appearance of the Guadalupe street frontage for both pedestrian and automotive traffic.

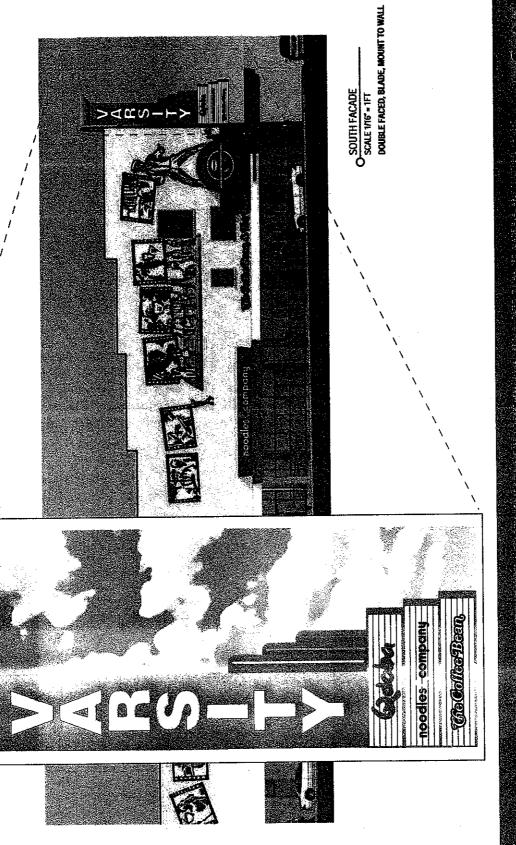
ACCEPTED UNTIL 9:00 A.M. THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING, THE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.)

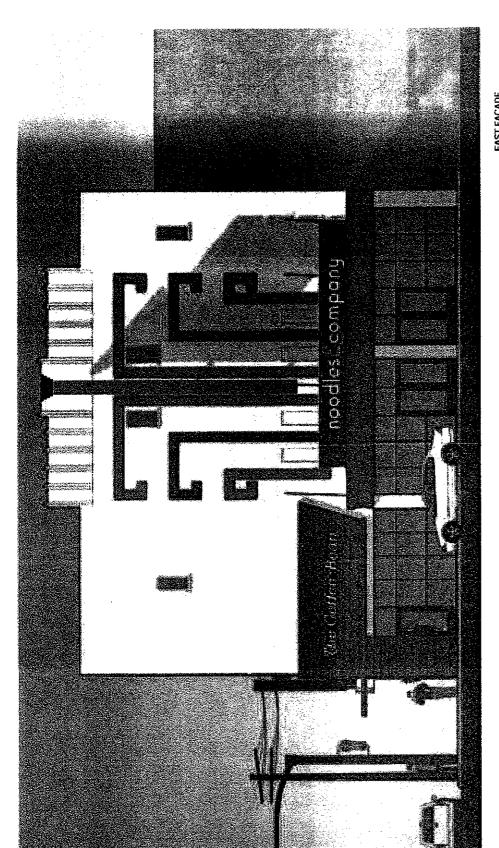
SITE PLAN: Must be drawn to scale, showing present and proposed construction and locations of existing structures on adjacent lots.

All Sign Review Board cases must submit location and elevation drawings, drawn to scale, in addition to the site plan required.









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SCALE 1/8" = 1FT
DOUBLE FACED, BLADE, MOUNT TO WALL