## **PUROHIT ARCHITECTS, INC.**

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Date: October 25, 2022

## VISION/ MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Sri Veda Dharmashala (SVD)- A religious organization is founded by our Acharya (Guru/ Spiritual Teacher). Vision of the foundation of our Acharya is to keep our future generations that are being brought up in the USA, appraised of the importance and the meaning of the Santana Dharma to enable a sincere appreciation and adherence to the faith and practice.

The first generation dharmics in the US is sincere in following the directives from Sanathana Dharama in performing duties of their departed parents. To continue the Sanathana Dharma for US born citizens and provide a facility and framework for providing directions and resources to adhere to dharmic responsibilities.

The proposed Religious Facility shall provide spiritual guidance & services for Samskaras (Purificatory Ceremonies or rite marking a major event in one's life), as prescribed in "Sanatana Dharma" like "Nama Karana" (naming ceremony), "Annaprasana" (first feeding ceremony), "Upanayanam" (A Hindu ritual of Initiation), first day of going to school, Wedding anniversaries, special birthdays like 1st, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90<sup>th</sup> etc. All these festivals & celebrations, show compassion, love, confidence, and determination to the followers. Educating the community with need of helping each other.

Daily prayers to the public will be offered. Additionally, special prayers shall be offered on special days like, Sri Rama Navami (April), Janmashtami (August), Vinayaka Chavathi (September), Deepavali (November).

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL/ USE:

SVD Organizations' Religious facility is proposed to be housed within the existing portion of an unoccupied space (former proposed Wal-Mart Garden center) and the adjoining existing "Mall of India" building. This facility shall mainly consist of a prayer/ ceremony hall, along with supporting spaces such as office, restrooms, storage, utility room & cloak room.

Existing building footprint shall remain as is. No new addition is proposed. Exterior elevation/ façade of the building shall also remain as is, except it shall be cleaned and prepared for any defects. A new wall mounted lighted building signage shall be proposed along the west elevation, above the main entrance.

Existing chain link fence, that is currently in front/ west of building, surrounding the concrete patio shall be completely removed. Furthermore, this patio shall be thoroughly cleaned and prepared to be utilized as an outdoor seating space for the devotees prior to the service taking place. The beautification of patio shall enhance the entrance point and shall look more inviting to the devotees. Please refer to the proposed exterior elevation. Additionally, the existing outdoor open space, to the rear of the building also consists of a chain link fenced concrete area with a gate, which is to remain. No new work is proposed to this rear open space, and it shall continue to serve as back delivery by small box trucks or vans.

No change is suggested to the existing onsite parking count, traffic circulation pattern, ingress/ egress to the property, and the R.O.W. Additionally, no change is suggested to the existing storm water/ detention. SVD shall utilize existing dumpster that is provided for the mall tenants on the northeast corner of the mall.

The facility will remain open to public as follows:

Weekdays/ Weekends:	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Special Occasions:	9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Expected Occupants at any given time: Weekdays: 30 Weekends: 70 Special Occasions: 150

Please contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter. Thank you.

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