



# AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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Mr. Salvador Quintanilla, Project Planner  
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**RE: AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION (ALUC) DEVELOPMENT REVIEW –  
DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION**

File No.: ZAP1057PS17  
Related File Nos.: 17-001 (Conditional Use Permit)  
APN: 687-480-020

Dear Mr. Quintanilla:

Under the delegation of the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) pursuant to ALUC's general delegation as per Policy 1.5.2(d) of the Countywide Policies of the 2004 Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, staff reviewed City of Cathedral City Case No. 17-001 (Conditional Use Permit), a proposal to construct a new two-story, 23,800 square foot building on 2.62 acres located at 68-600 Perez Road (on the north side of Perez Road, easterly of its intersection with Cathedral Canyon Drive) for use as a cannabis cultivation facility and to utilize the existing 25,147 square foot building at that address (currently Desert Ice Castle skating rink and figure skating training facility) for the same purpose.

The site is located within Airport Compatibility Zone D of the Palm Springs International Airport Influence Area (AIA). Within Compatibility Zone D of the Palm Springs International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, non-residential intensity is restricted to 100 people per average acre and 300 people per single acre. Upon conversion of use of the existing facility, the project would result in a total occupancy of 186 people, which results in average intensity of 71 people per acre, and has a maximum single-acre intensity of approximately 128 people, which are both consistent with Zone D intensity criteria.

The elevation of Runway 13R-31L at Palm Springs International Airport at its southerly terminus is approximately 395.5 feet above mean sea level (395.5 feet AMSL). At a distance of approximately 15,200 feet from the runway to the project property line, Federal Aviation Administration Obstruction Evaluation Service (FAA OES) review would be required for any structures with top of roof exceeding 547.5 feet AMSL. The project site elevation is 300 feet AMSL, and the tallest proposed structure height is 32 feet, resulting in a maximum top point elevation of 332 feet AMSL -below the runway elevation. Therefore, review by the FAA OES was not required.

As ALUC Director, I hereby find the above-referenced project **CONSISTENT** with the 2005 Palm Springs Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, provided that the City of Cathedral City applies the following recommended conditions:

## CONDITIONS:

1. Any outdoor lighting installed shall be hooded or shielded to prevent either the spillage of lumens or reflection into the sky. Outdoor lighting shall be downward facing.
2. The following uses shall be prohibited:
  - (a) Any use which would direct a steady light or flashing light of red, white, green, or amber colors associated with airport operations toward an aircraft engaged in an initial straight climb following takeoff or toward an aircraft engaged in a straight final approach toward a landing at an airport, other than an FAA-approved navigational signal light or visual approach slope indicator.
  - (b) Any use which would cause sunlight to be reflected towards an aircraft engaged in an initial straight climb following takeoff or towards an aircraft engaged in a straight final approach towards a landing at an airport.
  - (c) Any use which would generate smoke or water vapor or which would attract large concentrations of birds, or which may otherwise affect safe air navigation within the area. (Such uses include landscaping utilizing water features, aquaculture, outdoor production of cereal grains, sunflower, and row crops, artificial marshes, trash transfer stations that are open on one or more sides, recycling centers containing putrescible wastes, and construction and demolition debris facilities.)
  - (d) Any use which would generate electrical interference that may be detrimental to the operation of aircraft and/or aircraft instrumentation.
3. The attached "Notice of Airport in Vicinity" shall be provided to all potential purchasers of the property and tenants of the buildings.
4. Any new detention basins on the site shall be designed so as to provide for a maximum 48-hour detention period following the conclusion of the storm event for the design storm (may be less, but not more), and to remain totally dry between rainfalls. Vegetation in and around the detention basin(s) that would provide food or cover for bird species that would be incompatible with airport operations shall not be utilized in project landscaping.

This finding of consistency relates to airport compatibility issues and does not necessarily constitute an endorsement of this proposal or of the closure of the existing ice skating facility.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Rull, ALUC Urban Regional Planner IV, at (951) 955-6893, or John Guerin, ALUC Principal Planner, at (951) 955-0982.

Sincerely,

RIVERSIDE COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION



Simon A. Housman, ALUC Director

Attachment: Notice of Airport in Vicinity

cc: Anthony Liu, E. g Solutions, LLC (applicant) and Ice Castle, Inc. (property owner)  
Gabriel Lujan & Associates (representative and fee-payer)  
Mr. Thomas Nolan, Executive Director, Palm Springs International Airport  
ALUC Case File

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# NOTICE OF AIRPORT IN VICINITY

This property is presently located in the vicinity of an airport, within what is known as an airport influence area. For that reason, the property may be subject to some of the annoyances or inconveniences associated with proximity to airport operations (for example: noise, vibration, or odors). Individual sensitivities to those annoyances [can vary from person to person. You may wish to consider what airport annoyances], if any, are associated with the property before you complete your purchase and determine whether they are acceptable to you. Business & Professions Code Section 11010 (b) (13)(A)