

August 17, 2025

**RE: Business Description Letter – Conditional Use Permit Application**

*165 E. Dana Street, Mountain View, CA 94041*

## **1. Purpose of This Letter**

This statement is submitted in connection with our Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to occupy and use the building located at 165 E. Dana Street, Mountain View, CA 94041. *The Church in Mountain View*, a nonprofit religious organization established in the city since 2001, is currently in the process of purchasing this property under an executed purchase and sale agreement. The building is intended to serve as a new location for Bible study groups.

## **2. Description of Operations**

### **a. Nature of Use**

The building will be used primarily for Bible study groups, not traditional large-scale worship services. These groups are structured to be quiet, orderly, and of modest size, consistent with the church's long-standing principle of decentralized, group-based fellowship.

### **b. Days and Hours of Operation**

- **Primary Use:** Weekend Bible study groups
- **Occasional Use:** Weekday evenings for supplemental small-group Bible studies
- **Typical Operating Hours:**
  - **Sunday:**
    - Period 1: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
    - Period 2: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  - **Tuesday, Friday** (as needed): 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

## **3. Staff and Attendance**

- **Staff:** The building will be supported by a team of church volunteers who assist with scheduling, light facility upkeep, and general coordination. Volunteers may be present during weekdays for occasional office tasks or building support.
- **Attendees:** Every Bible study group (8-15 members) has their own schedule within the operational hours.

## **4. Equipment and Facilities**

There is **no specialized equipment** used onsite. Specifically:

- No wet lab or commercial kitchen
- No vehicle storage or mechanical systems

- No amplified sound beyond basic speech-level audio for presentations

The facility will be furnished with chairs, tables, and light A/V equipment as needed for presentations or study materials.

## 5. Rationale for Use in This Area

The Church in Mountain View has been established in the city since 2001, with a long-standing presence of Bible study groups and small gatherings serving the local communities. The proposed use of the site at 165 E. Dana Street reflects the church's ongoing commitment to the community by providing a more suitable, thoughtfully designed environment for these gatherings.

This new site offers an enhanced experience for Bible study attendees, with improved scheduling flexibility, greater parking availability, and a peaceful environment suited for focused gatherings. Importantly, the relocation is minimal in scope — the site is near the church's current location and remains fully embedded in the same Mountain View community it has long served.

The use is harmonious with surrounding land uses, does not create undue impact on traffic or noise levels, and helps support the City's broader goals of adaptive reuse and vibrant community presence in mixed-use districts.

## 6. Operational Philosophy

The maximum attendance of each of the above sessions is capped at 50 or less. This aligns with the church's guiding principle of keeping gatherings small to ensure spiritual care and meaningful participation. As Witness Lee, a founding minister in the church's tradition, taught:

"We have at most fifty people in each district meeting. If all fifty would speak, the meetings would be marvelous...."

— *Witness Lee, "Leading the Saints to Practice the New Way Ordained by the Lord"*

Each district meeting typically consists of 1 to 3 Bible study groups, with each group made up of approximately 8 to 15 people. This approach ensures that gatherings remain personal, peaceful, and aligned with the church's long-established practices.

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