

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is John W. Hubbard, PhD. Along with my wife Jeanne Hubbard we are sole owners of the properties located at 121,123-127,133 S. Murphy Ave, as well as 130A & C, Francis St.

My maternal grandfather and grandmother, Juan and Agustino Siejo built the buildings 100 years ago. I grew up in the apartment at 123 S Murphy when the building below, now Leigh's Favorite Books, was a bakery my grandfather built and managed.

Although different in style at that time, there were always black awnings attached at the front of the stores. Photos can be viewed in the book, Images of America, Sunnyvale. The awnings provided both shade and protection from rain for shoppers. They had to be hand cranked to open and close.

The color black was chosen to match the black tile at the front of the stores, still present today. As my wife says, "In design, black is a grounding color".

Recently we instructed Allie, and now Renée to have a contractor paint all of the doors black to unify the collection of stores. For all of the reasons of original design of this section of S. Murphy Ave and for cohesiveness of signage, it is important to have the new awnings installed.

We request that the permit(s) be approved. We give approval to Renée Voltaggio, our property manager for Portfolio Realty Management to make all decisions on our behalf.

Thank you,

John and Jeanne Hubbard

Regards,

Renée Voltaggio

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