# Sol Flower Valencia Specific Plan

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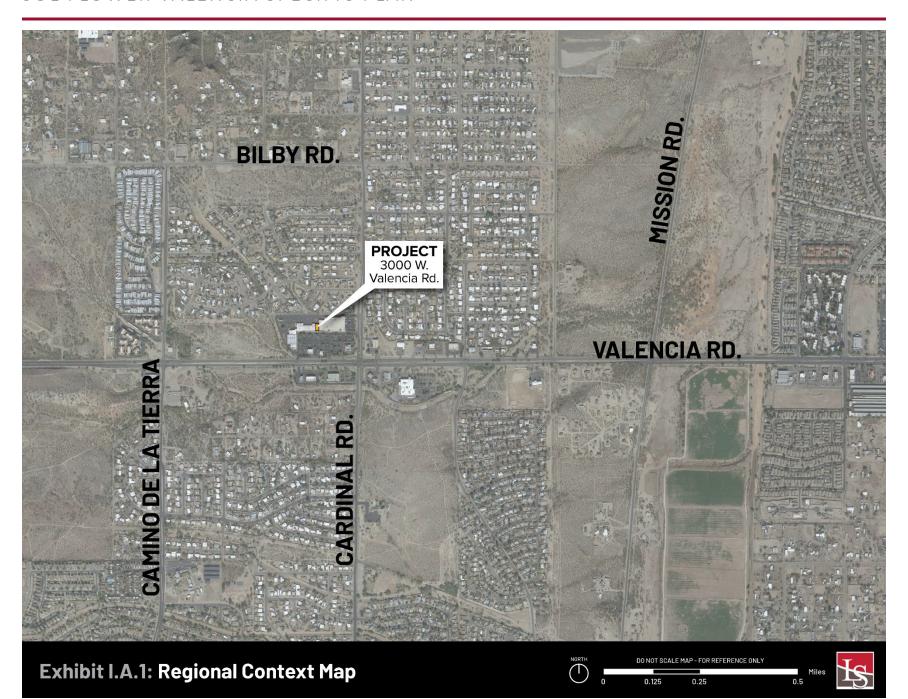
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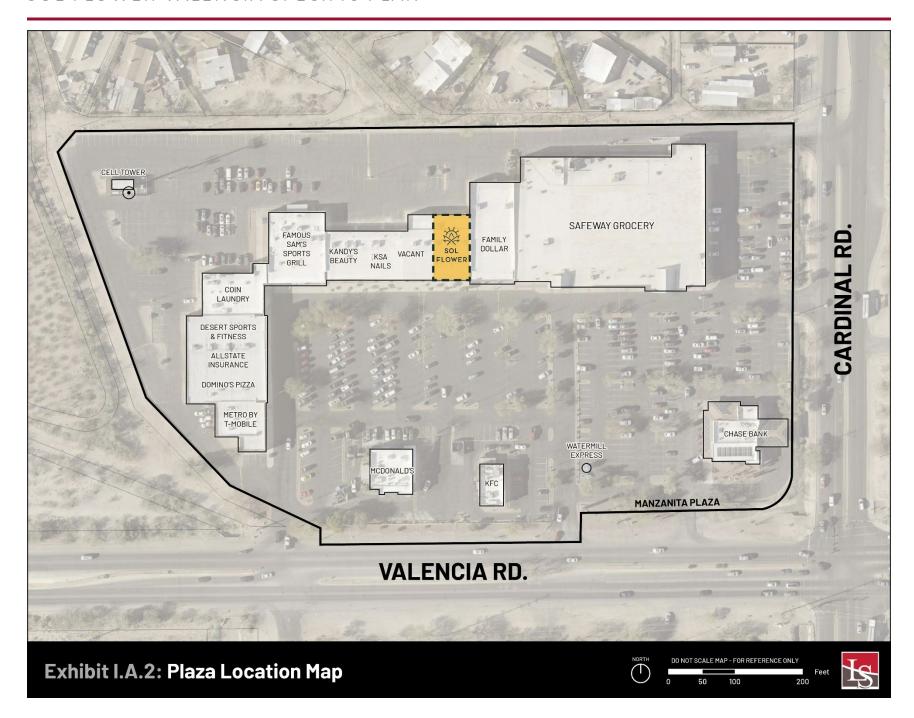
### I. Introduction

#### A. Background & Request

3000 W Valencia, LLC, a subsidiary of Copperstate Farms ("Copperstate"), owns the Sol Flower Dispensary ("Sol Flower") located at 3000 W. Valencia Road, Suite 210 (the "Property"). The Property is within the Manzanita Plaza shopping center (the "Plaza"), Assessor's Parcel No. 137-22-0250, at the northwest corner of W. Valencia Road and S. Cardinal Avenue in unincorporated Pima County (the "County"). (See *Exhibit I.A.1: Regional Context Map* and *Exhibit I.A.2: Plaza Location Map.*) The Plaza is zoned a combination of CB-1 (Local Business Zone) and CB-2 (General Business Zone), and the Property is zoned CB-1, which permits the marijuana dispensary use, subject to a Type III Conditional Use Permit ("CUP"). On December 20, 2022, the County Board of Supervisors approved a CUP to allow the operation of the marijuana dispensary on the Property. Sol Flower opened to the public on September 10, 2023.

Pima County Zoning Code ("PCZC") § 18.43.030.B(59)(c) limits a marijuana dispensary's hours of operation to between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. The State of Arizona ("State") has no regulations governing a dispensary's hours of operation. Many Sol Flower customers have requested extended hours of operation. Copperstate is submitting the Sol Flower Valencia Specific Plan ("Specific Plan" or the "Project") to respond to customer demand without adversely impacting adjacent properties. The Project will comply with all other PCZC regulations and requirements.





#### B. Pima Prospers

The Specific Plan meets the following land use and investment goals and policies of Pima Prospers:

#### 3.1 Land Use Element

Goal 1: Integrate land use strategies with physical infrastructure, human infrastructure, economic development, and resource conservation to ensure the long-range viability of the region.

Policy 2: Provide an appropriate mix of land uses that:

- a. Supports a balance of housing, employment, shopping, recreation, and civic uses;
- b. Furthers expansion of economic development goals;
- Recognizes in the unincorporated County the dominant suburban growth pattern within the metropolitan area and the dominant rural growth pattern outside of the metropolitan area; and
- d. Promotes the integrated and efficient use of infrastructure and services.

Policy 4: Support land uses, densities, and intensities appropriate for the urban, suburban and rural areas of the unincorporated County.

# 3.2 Focused Development Investment Areas Flement

Goal 1: Balance growth management strategies, economic development, conservation, community integrity and efficient use of services and infrastructure.

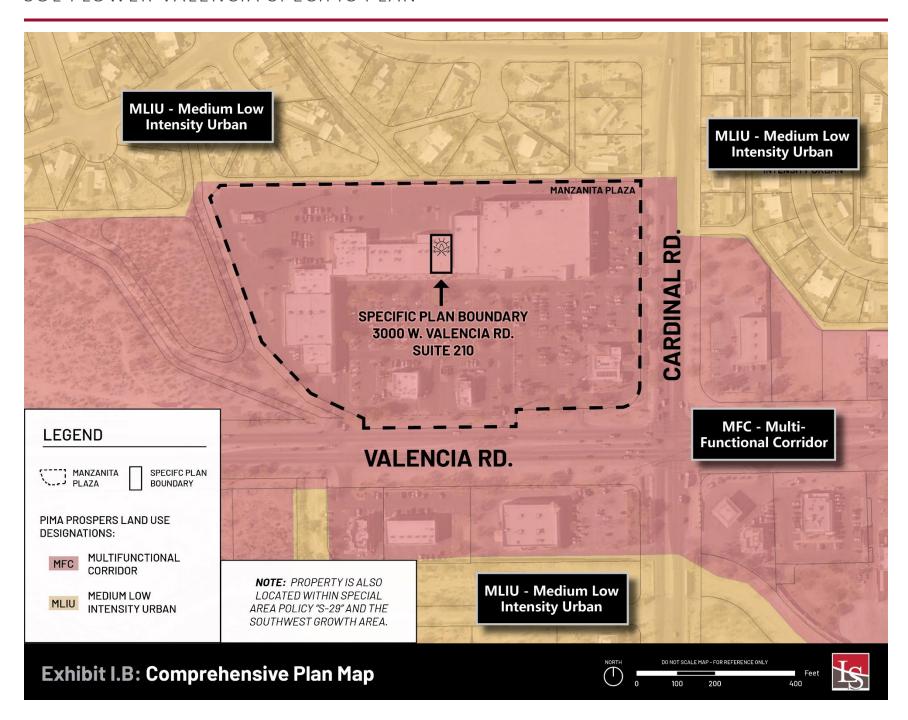
Policy 1: Promote efficient growth in urban, suburban and rural areas compatible with each area's specific scale, character and identity in areas where infrastructure is planned or in place.

Goal 2: Improve the quality of life of County residents through revitalization and redevelopment efforts.

Policy 1: Utilize infill development to strengthen existing neighborhoods, create the higher density necessary to support desirable services, increase the tax base, and make our communities more efficient without being disruptive to existing neighborhoods.

The Property is located within the Southwest Planning Area of Pima Prospers, and its Land Use Intensity designation is Multifunctional Corridor ("MFC"). MFC-designated areas are located along major transportation corridors and encouraged to develop complementary commercial and higher-density residential uses. (The Pima Prospers Land Use Intensities of this and surrounding properties are shown in Exhibit I.B: Comprehensive Plan Map.) The Property is also within the Southwest Focused Development Investment Area, a growth area within the County that is considered suitable for infrastructure expansion to support a variety of land uses.

The Property is located along Valencia Road, a major transportation corridor, at the edge of the County's metropolitan area within a busy commercial shopping center. The Plaza is surrounded by existing and future commercial uses on three sides. The Plaza's activity is directed southward, away from residential uses to the north. Sol Flower currently operates within the Plaza and has proven itself to be a significant economic generator to the County with no adverse impacts on surrounding properties. The Plaza already takes advantage of existing infrastructure along an arterial roadway that supports a variety of residential and commercial uses in this area. The Plaza was developed in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan Special Area Policy S-29, the Southwest Infrastructure Plan. No additional infrastructure is required to support this Project.



## II. Land Use Proposal

This Specific Plan has been prepared for the sole purpose of allowing Sol Flower to eliminate hours of operation restrictions at its existing dispensary location on Valencia. No other zoning changes are proposed.

#### A. Permitted Uses

The Specific Plan permits all uses within County CB-1 zone (PCZC § 18.43.030). Marijuana Dispensary is a permitted use, subject to the use-specific criteria listed in PCZC § 18.43.030.B(59), except for criterion "c" (hours of operation).

#### B. Development Standards

The Project will comply with CB-1 Nonresidential Development Standards (PCZC § 18.43.050) and all use-specific standards for a Marijuana Dispensary, with the exception of PCZC § 18.43.030.B(59)(c) (hours of operation).

The Property is part of an existing shopping center and will continue to be subject to the Manzanita Plaza Development Plan ("Plaza DP"). The Property will also continue to comply with all PCZC site development standards, including, but not limited to, those for off-street parking and loading, landscaping, screening, buffering and signage.

#### C. Drainage

No changes to the Property's drainage are proposed. The Property is part of an existing shopping center and will continue to be subject to the Plaza DP.

#### D. Transportation & Circulation

No changes to the Property's access and circulation system are proposed.

Sol Flower will continue to operate in the Plaza as it does today. Therefore, no traffic impact study has been submitted with this Specific Plan for review.

## E. Utility Infrastructure

No changes to the Property's utility service or infrastructure are proposed. Sol Flower will continue to operate within the Plaza as it does today.

#### F. Cultural Resources

The Property is part of an existing shopping center that has been completely developed since the 1990s. No new grading or ground disturbance is proposed as part of this Specific Plan.

## III. Implementation & Administration

#### A. Administration & Interpretation

The Specific Plan shall be administered by the Pima County Planning Official, and all implementation decisions shall be based on the purpose of the Specific Plan. If a conflict arises between the Specific Plan and the PCZC, the Specific Plan shall control. If the Specific Plan is silent on any issue, and the PCZC is consulted, the purpose and intent of the Specific Plan shall control the Planning Official's decision whether and how to apply the PCZC. Appeals of any Planning Official interpretation of this Specific Plan may be made to the Board of Adjustment within 30 days of the date of the official written interpretation, pursuant to the process defined in the PCZC § 18.93.060. A fee in accordance with adopted Pima County Development Services Department Fee schedule for an "Appeal of an Interpretation" and an "Advertised Public Hearing" must accompany any such appeal. The Specific Plan will not result in the modification or change of any existing County-adopted building codes.

#### B. Phasing & Procedures for Development Review

The Project exists within a developed shopping center. No additional development submittals or approvals are required. After the Specific Plan is approved, Sol Flower may extend its hours of operations as desired.

#### C. Amendments

#### 1. Major

Major (or substantial) amendments to the Specific Plan shall be those changes or modifications that materially alter the guiding goals and objectives as presented in the Specific Plan. Major amendments to the Specific Plan shall be processed in accordance with PCZC § 18.90.080.

#### 2. Minor

The County Planning Official may administratively approve minor (or insubstantial) changes to the Specific Plan, provided such changes are in conformance with the overall intent, goals and objectives of the Specific Plan as presented herein. Any amendment that does not meet the criteria for a major (or substantial) change, per PCZC § 18.90.080.C(3)(c), shall be process as a minor (or insubstantial) change.

## IV. Site Inventory

#### A. Land Use

#### 1. Location/Regional Context

Sol Flower occupies Suite 210 of the Plaza, which is located on the northwest corner of W. Valencia Road and S. Cardinal Avenue. (See *Exhibit I.A.1: Regional Context Map* and *Exhibit I.A.2:* Plaza Location *Map*.)

#### 2. Existing Land Uses & Zoning

As shown on *Exhibit IV.A.2:* Land Use & Zoning Map, the eastern portion of the Plaza (approximately 3.7 acres) is zoned CB-2, along with a tenant space at the northwest corner of the Plaza, which is occupied by a restaurant/bar use. The remainder of the Plaza, including this Property, is zoned CB-1.

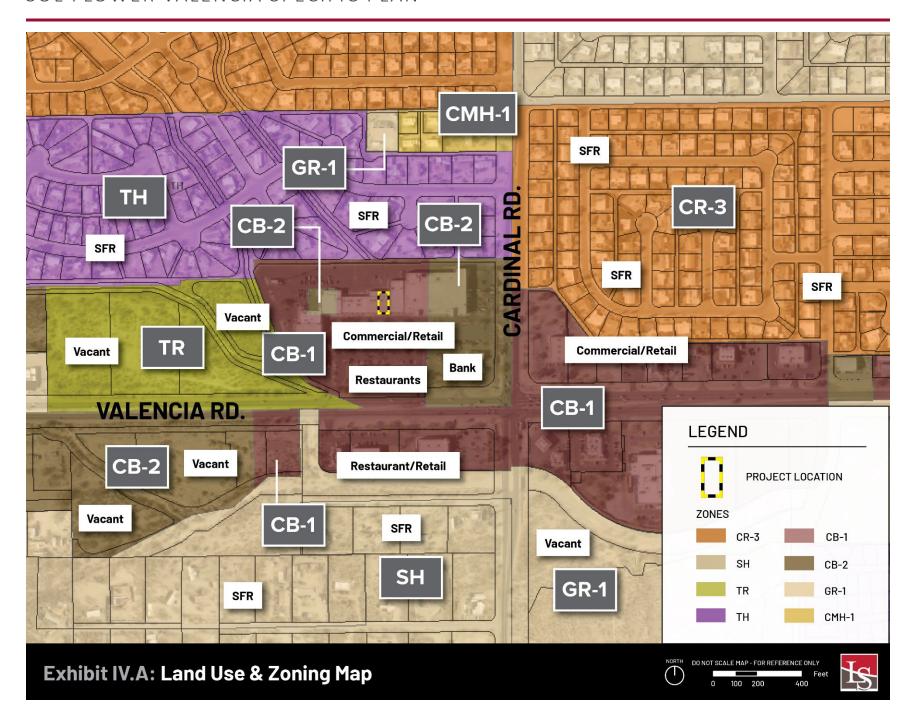
*Table IV.A*, below, lists the existing land uses and zoning on this Property and surrounding properties.

Table IV.A: Land Use & Zoning

Existing Land Use		Zoning
Property	Commercial	CB-1
North	Residential	TH
South	W. Valencia Road, Commercial	CB-1
East	Commercial & Residential	CB-1, CB-2 & CR-3
West	Commercial & Vacant	CB-1, CB-2 & TR

#### 3. Existing Easements

The Property contains multiple easements, all of which are identified on the approved Plaza DP. (See *Appendix A*.)



#### B. Topography & Grading

The Plaza has been completely graded and paved. There are no significant topographic features located onsite.

#### C. Hydrology

The Plaza has been completely developed in accordance with permits issued in compliance with the Plaza DP.

#### D. Biological Impact Report

The Plaza has been completely developed. The Property is not within the Conservation Lands System ("CLS"). No impacts area expected to any of the following protected species:

- Saguaros
- Ironwoods
- Pima pineapple cactus
- Needle-spined pineapple cactus

#### E. Transportation

The Property currently operates within an existing shopping center with no proposed changes to access drives or onsite circulation.

#### F. Utilities

The Property is currently and will continue to be served by existing infrastructure for Tucson Water, County Regional Wastewater and Reclamation and Tucson Electric Power.

#### G. Cultural Resources

The Property is part of an existing shopping center that was developed in the 1990s. No new grading or ground disturbance is proposed as part of this Specific Plan.

# V. Conditions of Approval

#### A. Purpose

On xxxxxxxxxx, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Sol Flower Valencia Specific Plan. The approval was subject to several conditions that have been incorporated into this final document and are provided in Section V.B, below. If the Specific Plan is amended again in the future, this section, "Conditions of Approval," will be updated to document all changes and any additional conditions of approval that may be associated with each amendment. This will provide an ongoing record of the overall Specific Plan, including all associated amendments and revisions, throughout the life of the project in a single location.

#### B. Board of Supervisors Conditions of Approval

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Reference:

# Appendix A: Plaza Development Plan

