

## The Chaparral School in Ojai

The Chaparral School is located in the heart of downtown Ojai just east of the historic arcade, and can be considered the Eastern anchor of downtown Ojai. As it is being considered to be repurposed, it is critical to maintain its architectural integrity and create a vibrant natural extension to the historic arcade that will contribute to the vitality of downtown Ojai for many years to come.

We feel that the best future use of The Chaparral, for the City of Ojai and all of us who live here, is to turn the property into an accessible and welcoming Hotel that's integrated into the vibrant life of downtown Ojai.

The Hotel we are proposing would be designed both for the needs of the guests, as well as us locals who live here. We strongly believe that guests are looking for a true Ojai experience, hence our intention is to create a space that will incorporate the many needs of the local community with the guest experience. It would offer a farm to table communal restaurant, bookstore/newsstand, vegetable garden, open spaces for local events, communal bikes etc.

We are committed to preserving the historical integrity and vernacular of the existing architecture of The Chaparral School, while at the same time making sure that all new construction and landscaping would cohere to the highest environmental standards.

Our proposed project would substantially contribute towards the annual city budget through on going room tax. It would provide needed local employment opportunities while conforming to existing traffic pattern regulations.

Our intention is to preserve the things that make Ojai special while creating a needed addition that will maintain its stature as a great place to live and visit for many years to come. We want to stay true to Ojai's core cultural values focused on ecology, health, spiritualism, music, art, the outdoors and the vibrant life of a small town focused on the people who live here.

The partners that are behind this project all have strong and long ties to Ojai, and we understand and truly value what a special community it is. Our combined backgrounds include hospitality, design, hotel development, architectural preservation, wildlife preservation and environmentally conscious living.

We have the needed experience, local understanding and financial resources to turn The Chaparral into something that the people of Ojai would cherish and enjoy for many years to come.

Regards,

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