First, the primary purpose of opening this restaurant is not making money, but trying to let community to have a chance to taste real authentic Chinese food that I think represents Chinese cuisine, I have lived in westwood for three years, and I found so few food that I satisfied that I often drive 20-30 miles to Monterey Park or San Gabriel for dinner. So I decided to change this situation by running my own restaurant. Due to the limited spare money I have, I choose to open a small but elegant restaurant, which I’ve already invested more than $ 20,000 to reserve the space and get clearances. I hope our restaurant can offer unique dining experience that is different from other food establishments on Gayley Ave.

On the other hand, The City Planning Commission determined, on December 12, 2002, that a RESTAURANT is an establishment engaged in providing food services that has all five of the following

Characteristics:

1. prepares cooked-to-order meals; and
2. has tables and seats for consumption on the premises; and .
3. provides waitering/waitressing table service, where ordering takes place at the table and food is delivered to the table;
4. payment occurs after eating; and
5. utilizes non-disposable dishware, flatware and glassware.

It doesn’t mention the kitchen area and the number of seating required to be called a restaurant.

Furthermore, our kitchen area is enough for 14 seats we have. Our kitchen area to dining ratio, which is about 60 to 40 is higher than standard ratio of 40 to 60 according to an article on a business website.

http://yourbusiness.azcentral.com/restaurant-kitchentodining-area-ratio-14065.html

Also, we are able to reserve parking spaces behind the building by paying monthly parking fee.

So I sincerely request council to reconsider the appeal.