

...BUILDING CHURCH IN OUR LIVES

The praiseworthy success of this church, and its united efforts to build an edifice in which to worship the infinite, sprang from the temples erected first in the hearts of its members—the unselfed love that builds without hands, eternal in the heaven of Spirit. [Mary Baker Eddy, My. 195]

Reminder to Members: Mon, 6/20 at 7:00 pm, Special Business Mtg to meet the Developers, ICG/JBG.

**Developers’ Corner
An interview with
ICG Properties**

Question: It’s been a long journey – five years. Could you reflect on these years – what have we gained? What have we lost? What’s happened during this time?

We have a great partnership with the church and this relationship has improved over the years. There is a better understanding. We understand the church’s “hot” points and what is important for your home. We’ve seen the growth of people we deal with, understanding the process, the congregation’s understanding of how we’ll achieve these goals, the Building Committee, and the working out with the 7th Floor situation.



BRITT SNIDER, JBG DAVID STERN, PRINCIPAL, ICG



STYLIANOS CHRISTOFIDES, PRINCIPAL, ICG

At first we were speaking a different language - there has been tremendous growth. Now, we lean on each other for our respective strengths for public, government and community issues. From the outside, looking in, they see us talking with one voice.

QUESTION: What is ICG/JBG looking for from the church with the membership’s review of Stern Architects initial design concepts?

We will be developing multiple schemes in parallel following a more interactive approach where we all lock-in the direction at each stage of massing, concept, arrangement of spaces.

We need to anticipate that after going to Historical Planning Office (HPO) meetings further changes may take place that may require another review by the membership. It is hoped that the “courtesy” meetings taking place before with HPO would take care of any concerns they might have and preclude this from taking place.

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**An interview with
The JBG Companies**

Question: What was the leading motivation for joining the project?

Our job is to provide strong returns for our investors. But also, this situation is a unique one. Dramatically, amazing real estate

was what drew us to the site. We had to get comfortable with each other - we talked with ICG for a long time.

We pride ourselves on being not the big bad developer, we are not that, we respect the project and the people we work with. We are comfortable working with both parties, the church and ICG. Our goals are aligned and we want to create a great project, and a great home for the church. It takes both the office building and the church to make this work.

Question: Has JBG ever had a church involved in their projects?

Not in this way. Worked with churches in relocation and such but never incorporated in a development before. But our track record is in unique projects, we never take easy projects. This is an interesting challenge for us.

Thank you for being good partners.

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