Discretionary Review Abbreviated Analysis

HEARING DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

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Planning Information: **415.558.6377**

Date: August 29, 2016
Case No.: 2015-006479DRP

Project Address: 636 VERMONT STREET

Permit Application: 2015.0630.0373

Zoning: RH-3 (Residential House, Three-Family)

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot: 4028/001J

Project Sponsor: John Schrader, Nova Design Builds Inc.

297C Kansas Street San Francisco, CA 94103

Staff Contact: Ella Samonsky – (415) 575-9112

Ella.Samonsky@sfgov.org

Recommendation: Do not take DR and approve as proposed

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposal is a two-story rear horizontal addition and a two-story vertical addition over the existing two-story single family home. The rear addition would be two stories and approximately 360 square feet and the vertical addition would include a new third floor living area of approximately 1,000 square feet and a fourth floor living room of approximately 300 square feet. The project includes a third floor roof deck over the rear addition and a fourth floor roof deck access from the living room. Exterior materials include smooth stucco, wood and wood aluminum clad windows. The existing building depth is 70 feet and the proposed building depth would be 68 feet. The existing height of the residence is 21 feet, and the height with the vertical additions would be 40 feet.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The project is located on the western side of Vermont Street, between 17th and 18th Streets, on Assessor's Block 4028, Lot 001J. The approximately 2,495 square-foot laterally sloping lot has 25 feet of frontage on Vermont Street, a lot depth of 100 feet, and is developed with an existing two-story single-family residence.

SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

The subject property is located in Potrero Hill within Supervisor District 10. The neighborhood is characterized by two- to three-story residential buildings, containing one to three dwelling units. Across the street is Downtown High School, and the I-80 Freeway is located approximately one block to the west. Many of the residences on the west side of Vermont Street, like the subject property, are built to the front property line, with a ground floor garage and bay windows on upper floor extending over the street.

BUILDING PERMIT NOTIFICATION

TYPE	REQUIRED PERIOD	NOTIFICATION DATES	DR FILE DATE	DR HEARING DATE	FILING TO HEARING TIME
311 Notice	30 days	November 9, 2015 - December 23, 2015	December 23, 2015	September 8, 2016	260 days

HEARING NOTIFICATION

TYPE	REQUIRED PERIOD	REQUIRED NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL PERIOD
Posted Notice	10 days	August 29, 2016	August 29, 2016	10 days
Mailed Notice	10 days	August 29, 2016	August 29, 2010	10 days

PUBLIC COMMENT

	SUPPORT	OPPOSED	NO POSITION
Adjacent neighbor(s)		1 (DR Requestor)	
Other neighbors on the			
block or directly across			
the street			
Neighborhood groups		ľ	

As of August 29, 2016, the Department has not received any phone calls or letter from other neighbors or neighborhood groups on the proposed project.

DR REQUESTOR

Piers Haken and Jennifer Durrant, 615 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94107. The DR Requestor's property directly abuts the subject property along the rear (east) property line.

DR REQUESTOR'S CONCERNS AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

See attached Discretionary Review Application, dated December 23, 2015.

PROJECT SPONSOR'S RESPONSE TO DR APPLICATION

See attached Response to Discretionary Review, dated April 19, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Department has determined that the proposed project is exempt/excluded from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (Class One - Minor Alteration of Existing Facility, (e) Additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet).

RESIDENTIAL DESIGN TEAM REVIEW

The Residential Design Team (RDT) reviewed the project and DR Request on March 17, 2016, and supports the project as proposed and does not find an exceptional or extraordinary circumstance that would warrant changes to the proposed additions. The RDT finds that the project is within the potential buildable volume and the massing does not conflict with the Residential Design Guidelines. The RDT recommends an abbreviated Discretionary review.

Under the Commission's pending DR Reform Legislation, this project would not be referred to the Commission as this project does not contain or create any exceptional or extraordinary circumstances.

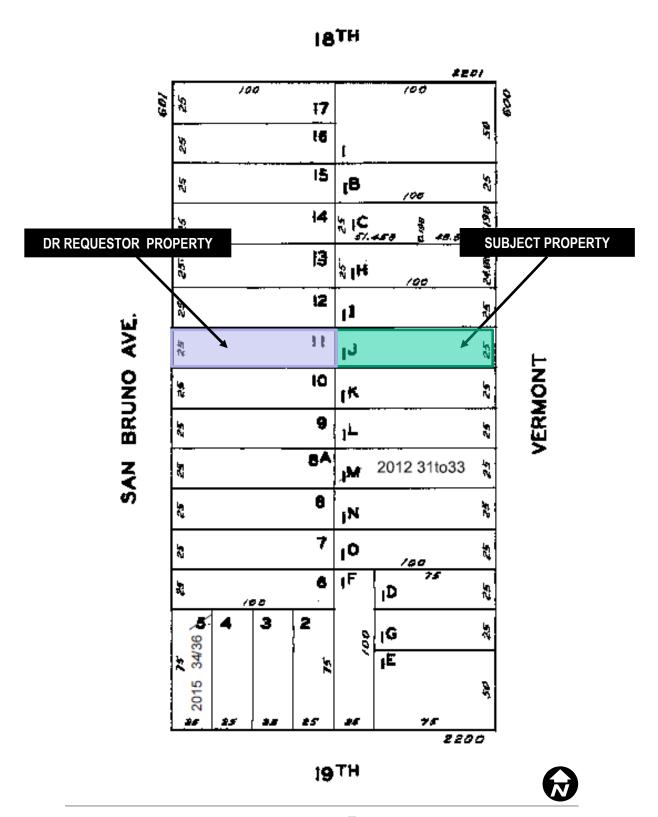
RECOMMENDATION:

Do not take DR and approve project as proposed

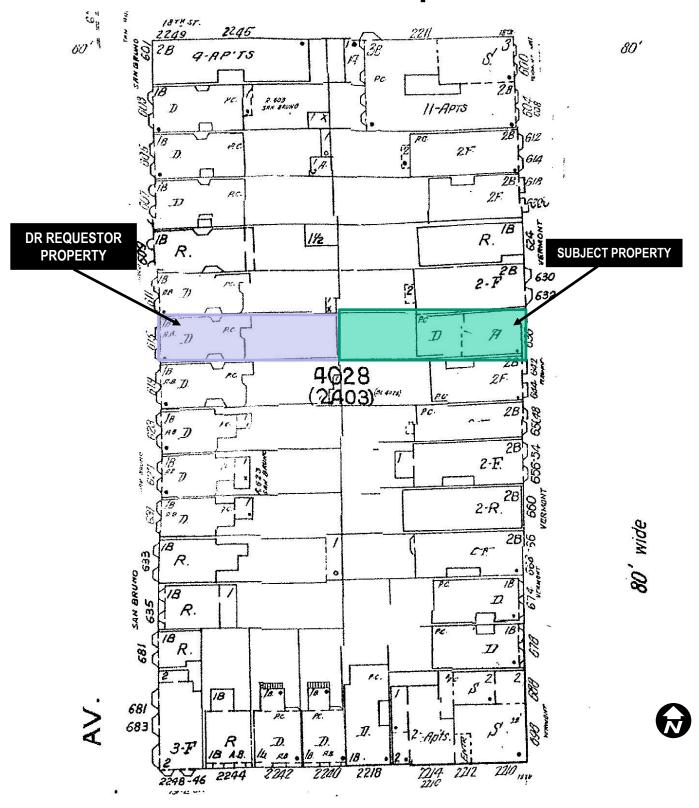
Attachments:

Block Book Map
Sanborn Map
Aerial Photographs
Zoning Map
Section 311 Notice
Environmental Review
DR Application dated December 23, 2016
Response to DR Application dated April 19, 2016
Project Plans

Parcel Map



Sanborn Map*



*The Sanborn Maps in San Francisco have not been updated since 1998, and this map may not accurately reflect existing conditions.

Aerial Photo





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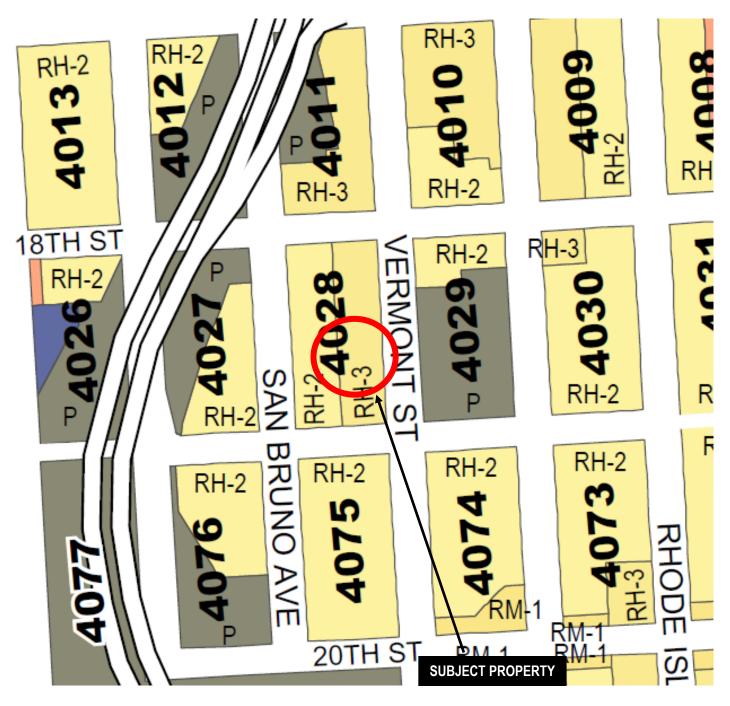


Aerial Photo





Zoning Map





Site Photo



SUBJECT PROPERTY



Site Photo



VIEW FROM YARD OF SUBJECT PROPERTY



VIEW FROM ROOF OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

1650 Mission Street Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103

ICE OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION (SECTION 311/312)

On July 1, 2015, the Applicant named below filed Building Permit Application No. 2015.06.30.0373 with the City and County of San Francisco.

PROP	ERTY INFORMATION	APPL	APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Project Address:	636 Vermont Street	Applicant:	Fabien Lannoye			
Cross Street(s):	17th & 18 th Streets	Address:	297c Kansas Street			
Block/Lot No.:	4028/001J	City, State:	San Francisco, CA 94103			
Zoning District(s):	RH-3 / 40-X	Telephone:	(415) 626-8868			

You are receiving this notice as a property owner or resident within 150 feet of the proposed project. You are not required to take any action. For more information about the proposed project, or to express concerns about the project, please contact the Applicant listed above or the Planner named below as soon as possible. If you believe that there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances associated with the project, you may request the Planning Commission to use its discretionary powers to review this application at a public hearing. Applications requesting a Discretionary Review hearing must be filed during the 30-day review period, prior to the close of business on the Expiration Date shown below, or the next business day if that date is on a week-end or a legal holiday. If no Requests for Discretionary Review are filed, this project will be approved by the Planning Department after the Expiration Date.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.

PROJECT SCOPE						
☐ Demolition	□ New Construction	☑ Alteration				
☐ Change of Use	☑ Façade Alteration(s)	☐ Front Addition				
☑ Rear Addition	☐ Side Addition	☑ Vertical Addition				
PROJECT FEATURES	EXISTING	PROPOSED				
Building Use	Residential Single-Famliy	No Change				
Front Setback	None	No Change				
Side Setbacks	None	None				
Building Depth	55 feet	68 Feet				
Rear Yard	25 feet	31 feet				
Building Height	21 feet	40 feet				
Number of Stories	2	4				
Number of Dwelling Units	1	1				
Number of Parking Spaces	2	No Change				
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The proposal is a rear horizontal addition and a two story vertical addition over the existing home. The rear addition will be two stories and approximately 360 square feet and the vertical additions will include a new third floor living area of approximately 1,000 square feet and a fourth floor living room of approximately 300 square feet. There will be a third floor roof deck over the rear addition and a fourth floor roof deck ascent to the new fourth floor living room. The front façade will be modified to extend the existing bays up to the third floor to match other two story bay elements in the neighborhood. Exterior materials include smooth stucco, wood and wood aluminum clad windows.

The issuance of the building permit by the Department of Building Inspection or the Planning Commission project approval at a discretionary review hearing would constitute as the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to Section 31.04(h) of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

For more information, please contact Planning Department staff:

Planner: Shaunn Mendrin

Telephone: (415) 575-9178 Notice Date: 11/23/15 Expiration Date: 12/23/15 E-mail: shaunn.mendrin@sfgov.org

中文詢問請電: (415) 575-9010

Para información en Español llamar al: (415) 575-9010

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES

Reduced copies of the proposed project plans have been included in this mailing for your information. If you have questions about the plans, please contact the project Applicant listed on the front of this notice. You may wish to discuss the plans with your neighbors or neighborhood association, as they may already be aware of the project. If you have general questions about the Planning Department's review process, please contact the Planning Information Center at 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor (415/558-6377) between 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday. If you have specific questions about the proposed project, you should contact the planner listed on the front of this notice.

If you believe that the impact on you from the proposed project is significant and you wish to seek to change the project, there are several procedures you may use. **We strongly urge that steps 1 and 2 be taken.**

- 1. Request a meeting with the project Applicant to get more information and to explain the project's impact on you.
- 2. Contact the nonprofit organization Community Boards at (415) 920-3820, or online at www.communityboards.org for a facilitated discussion in a safe and collaborative environment. Community Boards acts as a neutral third party and has, on many occasions, helped reach mutually agreeable solutions.
- 3. Where you have attempted, through the use of the above steps or other means, to address potential problems without success, please contact the planner listed on the front of this notice to discuss your concerns.

If, after exhausting the procedures outlined above, you still believe that exceptional and extraordinary circumstances exist, you have the option to request that the Planning Commission exercise its discretionary powers to review the project. These powers are reserved for use in exceptional and extraordinary circumstances for projects which generally conflict with the City's General Plan and the Priority Policies of the Planning Code; therefore the Commission exercises its discretion with utmost restraint. This procedure is called Discretionary Review. If you believe the project warrants Discretionary Review by the Planning Commission, you must file a Discretionary Review application prior to the Expiration Date shown on the front of this notice. Discretionary Review applications are available at the Planning Information Center (PIC), 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor, or online at www.sfplanning.org). You must submit the application in person at the Planning Information Center (PIC) between 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday, with all required materials and a check payable to the Planning Department. To determine the fee for a Discretionary Review, please refer to the Planning Department Fee Schedule available at www.sfplanning.org. If the project includes multiple building permits, i.e. demolition and new construction, a separate request for Discretionary Review must be submitted, with all required materials and fee, for each permit that you feel will have an impact on you. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

If no Discretionary Review Applications have been filed within the Notification Period, the Planning Department will approve the application and forward it to the Department of Building Inspection for its review.

BOARD OF APPEALS

An appeal of the Planning Commission's decision on a Discretionary Review case may be made to the **Board of Appeals within 15 calendar days after the building permit is issued** (or denied) by the Department of Building Inspection. Appeals must be submitted in person at the Board's office at 1650 Mission Street, 3rd Floor, Room 304. For further information about appeals to the Board of Appeals, including current fees, contact the Board of Appeals at (415) 575-6880.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project has undergone preliminary review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). If, as part of this process, the Department's Environmental Review Officer has deemed this project to be exempt from further environmental review, an exemption determination has been prepared and can be obtained through the Exemption Map, on-line, at www.sfplanning.org. An appeal of the decision to exempt the proposed project from CEQA may be made to the Board of Supervisors within 30 calendar days after the project approval action identified on the determination. The procedures for filing an appeal of an exemption determination are available from the Clerk of the Board at City Hall, Room 244, or by calling (415) 554-5184.

Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning Department or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

APPLICATION FOR Discretionary Review

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615 San Brun	5 San Bruno Ave, San Francisco				(415) 279-0981
PROPERTY OWNE	R WHO IS DOIN	IG THE PROJECT ON WHIC	CH YOU ARE REQUEST	ING DISCRETIONARY REVIEW	NAME:	
Fabien Lanno	oye					
ADDRESS:			,	ZIP CODE 94107	TELEPH	ONE:
297C Kansas	97C Kansas Street, San Francisco				(41 5) 626-8868
CONTACT FOR DR	APPLICATION:					
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2. Location STREET ADDRESS 636 Vermont CROSS STREETS: 17th & 18th	S OF PROJECT:					ZIP CODE: 94107
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NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

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CASE NUMBER: For Staff Use only				-

Discretionary Review Request

In the space below and on separate paper, if necessary, please present facts sufficient to answer each question.

1.	What are the reasons for requesting Discretionary Review? The project meets the minimum standards of the Planning Code. What are the exceptional and extraordinary circumstances that justify Discretionary Review of the project? How does the project conflict with the City's General Plan or the Planning Code's Priority Policies or Residential Design Guidelines? Please be specific and site specific sections of the Residential Design Guidelines.
2.	The Residential Design Guidelines assume some impacts to be reasonable and expected as part of construction. Please explain how this project would cause unreasonable impacts. If you believe your property, the property of others or the neighborhood would be adversely affected, please state who would be affected, and how:
3.	What alternatives or changes to the proposed project, beyond the changes (if any) already made would respond to the exceptional and extraordinary circumstances and reduce the adverse effects noted above in question #1?

4.	Actions	Prior to	а	Discretionar	y R	eview	Request
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Prior Action	YES	NO
Have you discussed this project with the permit applicant?	□3 k	
Did you discuss the project with the Planning Department permit review planner?	I	
Did you participate in outside mediation on this case?		-

	5.	Changes	Made to	the	Project	as a	a Result	of N	/lediation	1
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If you have discussed the project with the applicant, planning staff or gone through mediation, please summarize the result, including any changes there were made to the proposed project.	
No substantial changes were made. Offers were made to change landscaping.	

Applicant's Affidavit

Under penalty of perjury the following declarations are made:

- a: The undersigned is the owner or authorized agent of the owner of this property.
- b: The information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- c: The other information or applications may be required.

Signature:

Date: 12/23/2015

Print name, and indicate whether owner, or authorized agent:

Jennifer Durrant
Owner / Authorized Agent (circle one)

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Discretionary Review Application Submittal Checklist

Applications submitted to the Planning Department must be accompanied by this checklist and all required materials. The checklist is to be completed and signed by the applicant or authorized agent.

REQUIRED MATERIALS (please check correct column)	OR APPLICATION
Application, with all blanks completed	P
Address labels (original), if applicable	6
Address labels (copy of the above), if applicable	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
Photocopy of this completed application	Q
Photographs that illustrate your concerns	8
Convenant or Deed Restrictions	
Check payable to Planning Dept.	Þ
Letter of authorization for agent	N D
Other: Section Plan, Detail drawings (i.e. windows, door entries, trim), Specifications (for cleaning, repair, etc.) and/or Product cut sheets for new elements (i.e. windows, doors)	

NOTES:

Optional Material.
 Two sets of original labels and one copy of addresses of adjacent property owners and owners of property across street.

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For Department Use Only Application received by Planning Department: By: M. Cornette

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- 1. What are the reasons for the Discretionary Review?
 - a) Increase in elevation of rear addition, (rear addition of 2nd floor) is not compatible with the existing building scale at the mid-block open space. No other buildings have 2nd floor additions, or 2nd floors that extend this far from into the lot.
 - b) The 3rd floor addition is not sufficiently set back from extent of the existing structure
 - c) Addition of a fourth floor is not in keeping with other buildings on the block. No other buildings have fourth floors. Many are only two floors, or two floors plus peaked roof.
 - d) Rear window sizes are not in keeping with those of other buildings on the block.
- 2. We believe the privacy of our homes and yards, and those of our neighbors at 611 and 619 San Bruno, would be impacted greatly, due to the additions of a second and third floor (listed above) on the current ground-floor extension of the 14' on 636 Vermont. The total height would be 35' that is 14' closer to the property line than the main house. This height is unreasonable at that 14' extension area.

3. Changes:

- a) The 2nd floor addition should be eliminated.
- b) The 3rd floor should be set back from the existing extent.
- c) The 4th floor addition should be eliminated.
- d) The window sizes should be reduced.

RESPONSE TO DISCRETIONARY REVIEW (DRP)





SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1650 MISSION STREET, SUITE 400 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103-2479 MAIN: (415) 558-6378 SFPLANNING.ORG

Project Information			
Pro	Property Address:	Zip Code:	
Bu	Building Permit Application(s):		
Re	Record Number: Assigned	Assigned Planner:	
Pr	Project Sponsor		
Na	Name:	Phone:	
Em	Email:		
Re	Required Questions		
1.	Given the concerns of the DR requester and other concerns project should be approved? (If you are not aware of the issues requester in addition to reviewing the attached DR application.)		
2.	2. What alternatives or changes to the proposed project are y concerns of the DR requester and other concerned parties' meet neighborhood concerns, please explain those change or after filing your application with the City.	If you have already changed the project to	
3.	 If you are not willing to change the proposed project or pur that your project would not have any adverse effect on the of your needs for space or other personal requirements that requested by the DR requester. 	surrounding properties. Include an explaination	

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Please provide the following information about the project for both the existing and proposed features. sheet with project features that are not included in this table.	Please attach an additional

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Dwelling Units (only one kitchen per unit - additional kitchens count as additional units)		
Occupied Stories (all levels with habitable rooms)		
Basement Levels (may include garage or windowless storage rooms)		
Parking Spaces (Off-Street)		
Bedrooms		
Height		
Building Depth		
Rental Value (monthly)		
Property Value		

I attest that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:	Date:	
Printed Name:	Property Owner Authorized Agent	

If you have any additional information that is not covered by this application, please feel free to attach additional sheets to this form.

Project Features

Project Sponsor's Responses to DR 2015-006479PRJ:

1. What are the reasons for the Discretionary Review?

a) Increase in elevation of rear addition, (rear addition of 2nd floor) is not

compatible with the existing building scale at the mid-block open space.

Proposed rear addition will replace the existing rear addition. New rear addition complies to SF Planning Code Section 136 and will be 2'-2" shorter than current condition. Adding a second story will not impact open space as there is an existing addition. The proposed rear addition's footprint will have a net reduction of 65 SF in the rear yard.

b) The 3rd floor addition is not sufficiently set back from extent of the existing structure.

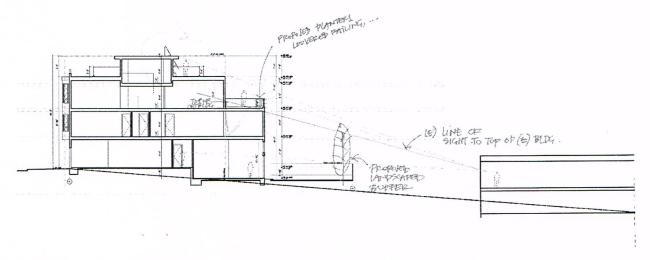
Proposed 3rd story is in line with both direct adjacent properties and matches 8 of the 12 adjacent buildings on same block.

c) Addition of a fourth floor is not in keeping with other buildings on the block.

Proposed Fourth floor is not a full floor, setback from both front and rear elevations and sunk in the structure, making it virtually invisible from the street or the rear yards. Proposed fourth floor will not impact privacy.

d) Rear window sizes are not in keeping with those of other buildings on the block.

Proposed windows sizes are similar to adjacent properties and proportionate to the rear elevations. The windows were located to minimize impact on neighbors' privacy.



2. Privacy of our homes and yards:

Privacy in a high density City is always a sensitive issue that we have taken into consideration. Although Privacy is not protected, the design and subsequent proposals were made to answer those concerns. DR requestors did appreciate the proposals but remain concerned that their privacy will be impacted.

Project Sponsor believes the proposed Landscape Buffer and planters/louvered railings at the 3rd Floor rear deck will mitigate impacts on DR requestors privacy. Removing the master bedroom will not solve privacy issues.

3. Changes:

a) The 2nd floor addition should be eliminated.

Removing 2nd floor addition will not solve Privacy issues. 4th Bedroom on same floor is the main request the potential end user is requesting for their family (parents + 3 children).

b) The 3rd floor should be set back from the existing extent.

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Proposed 3rd story infill is matching 8 of the adjacent 12 residences on the Block. A third floor setback would not improve privacy.

c) The 4th floor addition should be eliminated.

Project sponsor has demonstrated to DR requestor that 4th Floor will not be visible from the street nor the rear yards and won't have any impact on privacy.

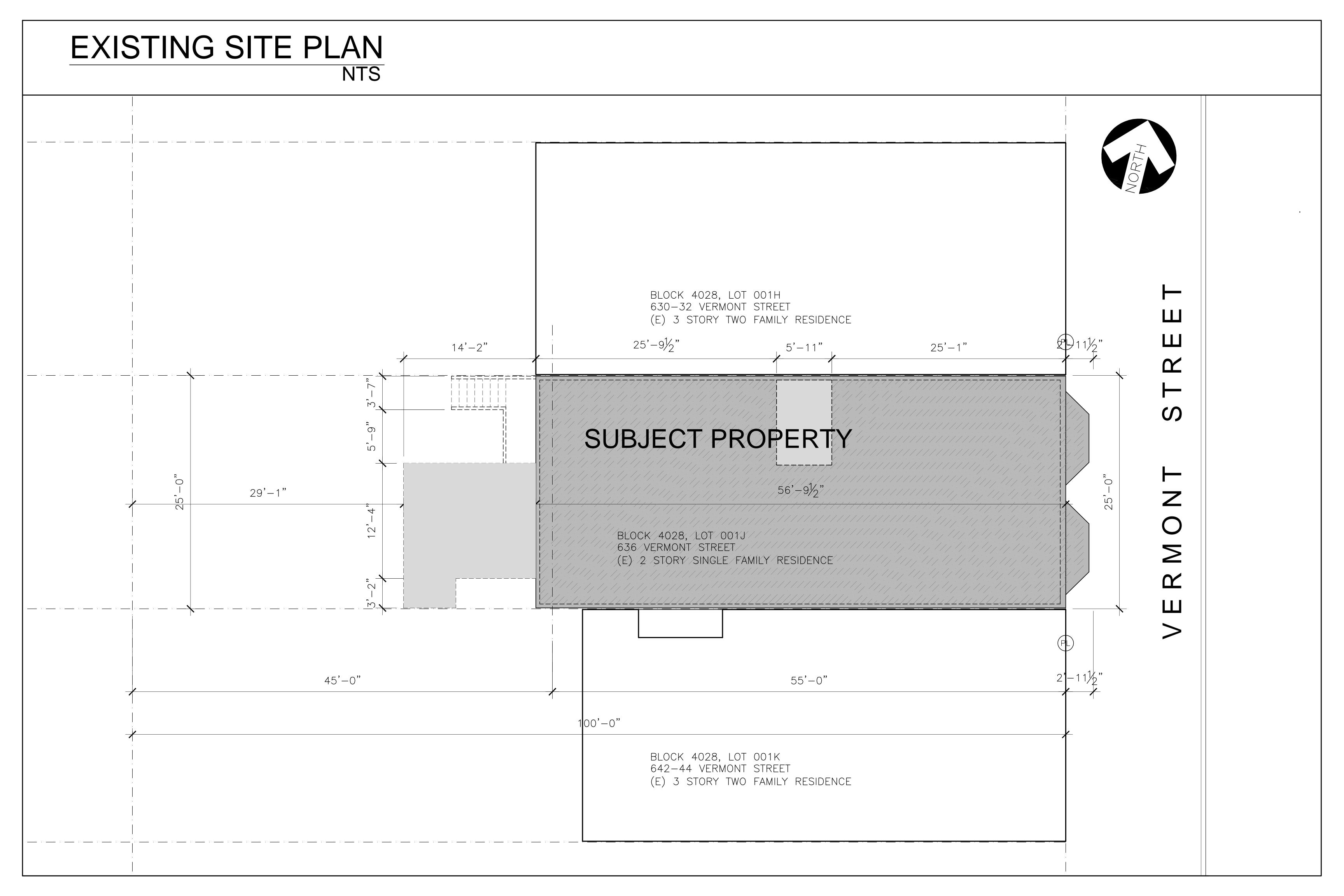
d) The window sizes should be reduced.

DR requestor is making requests that seem excessive, especially given the proposed landscape buffer which will provide privacy.

Based upon the above, the materials submitted by the Project Sponsors, and the Planning Department's recommendation, we respectfully request that the Planning Commission not require any further changes to the proposed projects and allow the Project Sponsors to build this home. There are no exceptional and extraordinary circumstances associated with the proposed project.

Sincerely,

John Schrader



PROPOSED SITE PLAN NTS BLOCK 4028, LOT 001H 630-32 VERMONT STREET (E) 3 STORY TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE 2 STORY 3 STORY 3 STORY 4 STORY $1'-9\frac{1}{2}$ " 18'-5" 17'-11½" 31'-3" 18'-8" 12'-0" SUBJECT PROPERTY BLOCK 40 28, LOT 001J 636 VERMONT STREET 41/2" (N) LANDSCAPED (N) 4 STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (N) STREET TREE 24" BOX 77'-11/2" 15'-0" 13'-8" SETBACK ABOVE 2nd FLOOR _ 45'-0" 100'-0" BLOCK 4028, LOT 001K 642-44 VERMONT STREET (E) 3 STORY TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE

