### Memo to the Planning Commission

HEARING DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2016 Continued from the June 16, 2016 Hearing San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

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 Date:
 December 5, 2016

 Case No.:
 2015-006857CUA

 Project Address:
 4529 18th STREET

Zoning: RH-2 (Residential-House, Two-Family) Zoning District

40-X Height and Bulk District

*Block/Lot:* 2691/040

Project Sponsor: Michael Zehner

4529 18th Street

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Recommendation: Approval with Conditions

#### **BACKGROUND**

The original project, was to reactivate a ground floor commercial tenant space that was terminated in 1965. The storefront has been occupied by New Deal (interior designer office and showroom) from 2008 to present. The Project Sponsor proposes continuing the same type of use (architect/designer office/showroom) at this commercial location. The Proposed Project also includes a three-story vertical addition on top of the existing single-story structure (front building) containing a single-family unit and the proposed commercial space, which is currently occupied by an interior designer showroom/office. No alteration to the rear building on the lot is proposed as part of this proposal.

On June 16, 2016, the Planning Commission heard the Proposed Project and asked the Project Sponsor to work with the neighbors to redesign the proposal and alleviate their concerns. Specifically, the Planning Commission asked that the Project Sponsor consider making the 4<sup>th</sup> floor addition smaller and/or reconfiguring the layout of the floor to reduce bulk and mass, make the 4<sup>th</sup> floor decks smaller and/or eliminate one of the two decks, change the proposed architectural style of the front façade of the building, and match the lightwells on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

#### **CURRENT PROPOSAL**

The proposal submitted to the Planning Department on December 4, 2016 includes the reduction of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor by 750 square feet, the reduction of the southern section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and creation of a 3 foot setback along the entire eastern property line, and revisions to the front façade.

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#### BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- The proposed revisions meet the concerns addressed by the Planning Commission on June 16, 2016.
- The Project promotes the continued operation of an established, locally-owned business and contributes to the viability of the neighborhood.
- The Project would not displace an existing retail tenant providing convenience goods and services to the neighborhood.
- The proposed use of an architect/designer office/showroom will not be an intense use and will be compatible with the surrounding uses.
- The Project meets all applicable requirements of the Planning Code.
- The Project is desirable for, and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.
- The business is not a Formula Retail use and would serve the immediate neighborhood.

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

**Approval with Conditions** 

#### **Attachments:**

Revised Motion
Revised Plans received 12/04/16
Project Sponsor Letter dated 12/05/16
3D Renderings for revised design
Context Photos
Planning Commission Packet from hearing 06/16/16



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### **Planning Commission Draft Motion**

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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE AUTHORIZATION UNDER PLANNING CODE SECTIONS 186(g) AND 303 TO ALLOW THE REACTIVATION OF A GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL TENANT SPACE AT 4529 18TH STREET WITHIN A RH-2 (RESIDENTIAL-HOUSE, TWO-FAMILY) ZONING DISTRICT, AND A 40-X HEIGHT AND BULK DESIGNATION.

#### **PREAMBLE**

On March 10, 2016, Michael Zehner (hereinafter "Project Sponsor") filed an application with the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for Conditional Use Authorization under Planning Code Section(s) 186(g) and 303 to allow the reactivation of a ground floor commercial tenant space at 4529 18<sup>th</sup> Street within a RH-2 (Residential-House, Two-Family) Zoning District, and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

On December 15December 15, 2016, the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Conditional Use Application No. 2015-006857CUA.

On February 17, 2015 the Project was determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under CEQA as described in the determination contained in the Planning Department files for this Project.

The Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of the applicant, Department staff, and other interested parties.

**MOVED,** that the Commission hereby authorizes the Conditional Use requested in Application No. 2015-006857CUA, subject to the conditions contained in "EXHIBIT A" of this motion, based on the following findings:

#### **FINDINGS**

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.
- 2. **Site Description and Present Use.** The Proposed Project is located on the southern side of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, between Douglass and Clover Streets, near the intersection with Ord Street, Block 2691, Lot 040. The property is located within a RH-2 (Residential-House, Two-Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk district. The property is developed with two buildings. The front building is one-story and contains an approximately 600 square feet commercial tenant space in the front and a single-family unit in the rear. The rear building is three-stories and contains a single-family unit. The subject property is approximately 2,470 square feet with approximately 22 feet 3 inches of frontage on 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 3. Surrounding Properties and Neighborhood. The Project site is located within the Castro/Upper Market neighborhood. The surrounding development consists primarily of single and multifamily residential buildings. The scale of development in the area consists of a mix of low-and mid-rise buildings (one- to four-story structures), most of which were built in the early 1900s. All adjacent buildings contain residential uses. There are several small-scale neighborhood-serving commercial uses within a block of the Project site. Directly across the street there is a drycleaners/laundry personal service use and a community center. On the corner of 18th and Douglass Streets, there is a architect office, a hair salon, and a cobbler. There are areas of RH-3 (Residential-House, Three-Family) and RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning Districts located to the east.
- 4. **Project Description.** The Project Sponsor proposes to to reactivate a ground floor commercial tenant space that was terminated in 1965. The storefront has been occupied by New Deal (interior designer office and showroom) from 2008 to present. The Project Sponsor proposes continuing the same type of use (architect/designer office/showroom) at this commercial location. The Proposed Project also includes a three-story vertical addition on top of the existing single-story structure (front building) containing a single-family unit and the proposed commercial

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- space, which is currently occupied by an interior designer showroom/office. No alteration to the rear building on the lot is proposed as part of this proposal.
- 5. **Public Comment.** The Department has received many emails and phone calls both in opposition to the continuation of the commercial use and to the proposed three-story addition.
- 6. Planning Code Compliance: The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Planning Code in the following manner:
  - A. Reactivation of a Limited Commercial Use within the RH-2 Zoning District. Planning Code Section 186(g) states that limited commercial uses in RH, RM, RTO, and RED Districts that have been discontinued or abandoned may be reactivated with Conditional Use authorization with the following findings:
    - 1. The subject space is located on or below the ground floor and was in commercial or industrial use prior to January 1, 1960; and

Planning Department records and Department of Building Department records indicate the existence of a commercial use prior to 1960:

- A Building Permit Application from 1909 indicates the construction of a store in the front building.
- Sanborn maps from 1914 and 1950 indicate a commercial storefront use.
- A Planning Department Letter of Determination from 2002 indicates that the commercial use was in existence in the 1960's and terminated on April 22, 1965.
- A Department of Building Inspection Report of Residential Record (3R) from 2010 indicates a one-family dwelling and store as the authorized use for the front building.
- 2. The proposed commercial use meets all the requirements of this section and other applicable sections of this Code.

The Proposed Project meets all requirements of the Planning Code.

- B. Conditions on Limited Conforming Uses. Planning Code Section 186(b) states that limited nonconforming uses shall meet the following conditions:
  - 1. The building shall be maintained in a sound and attractive condition, consistent with the general appearance of the neighborhood;
    - The Proposed Project involves interior tenant improvements to the ground floor commercial tenant spaces. There will be no expansion of the existing commercial space.
  - 2. Any signs on the property shall be made to comply with the requirements of Article 6 of this Code applying to nonconforming uses;
    - All Proposed Project signage and projections will comply with Article 6 of the Planning Code.

3. The hours during which the use is open to the public shall be limited to the period between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.;

The Project Sponsor intends to operate the proposed commercial use within the permitted hours of operation.

4. Public sidewalk space may be occupied in connection with the use provided that it is only occupied with tables and chairs as permitted by this Municipal Code;

The Proposed Project will not occupy the public sidewalk space with tables and chairs.

5. Truck loading shall be limited in such a way as to avoid undue interference with sidewalks, or with crosswalks, bus stops, hydrants and other public features;

The proposed commercial use will involve occastional truck loading which would not interfere with sidewalks, crosswalks, bus stops, hydrants and other public features.

6. Noise, odors and other nuisance factors shall be adequately controlled; and

Noise, odors, and other nuisance factors shall be adequately controlled under the Conditions of Approval for the Proposed Project under Exhibit A.

7. All other applicable provisions of this Code shall be complied with.

The Proposed Project meets all requirements of the Planning Code.

C. **Formula Retail Use.** All uses meeting the definition of "formula retail" use per Section 703.3(b) shall not be permitted except by conditional use authorization under the procedures of Section 303 of this Code.

The proposed retail establishment has not been specified as Formula Retail use under Section 703.3 of the Planning Code.

D. **Off-Street Parking.** Planning Code Section 151 requires that off-street parking for offices or studios of architects, engineers, interior designers, and other design professionals be provided at a ratio of 1 for each 1,000 square feet of occupied floor area, where the occupied floor area exceeds 5,000 square feet. Planning Code Section 151 also requires one off-street parking space per dwelling unit. Planning Code Section 150(e) allows replacement of off-street parking spaces with Class 1 bicycle parking spaces at a ratio of 1:1.

The commercial tenant space, with approximately 600 square feet of floor area, will not require any offstreet parking or loading spaces. The residential unit is proposing 2 Class 1 bicycle parking spaces.

E. **Rear Yard Requirement.** Planning Code Section 134 states that the minimum rear yard depth shall be equal to 45 percent of the total depth of a lot in which it is situated, but in no case less than 15 feet. This requirement may be further reduced to no less than 25 percent of

the total depth of the lot by averaging the adjacent buildings. In the case of two legal nonconforming buildings on the lot, the rear yard should be provided in the middle between the buildings.

In this case, the rear yard requirement would be 30 feet and would be located between the buildings. The Proposed Project will remove an illegal portion of the structure that is within that area, leaving a clear 30 feet between the buildings.

F. **Residential Demolition.** Planning Code Section 317 outlines the criteria for the approval process of residential demoltions. Under Planning Code Section 317(b)(2), a major alteration of a residential building that proposes the removal of more than 50% of the sum of the front facade and rear facade <u>and</u> also proposes the removal of more than 65% of the sum of all exterior walls, measured in lineal feet at the foundation level, <u>or</u> that proposes the removal of more than 50% of the vertical envelope elements <u>and</u> more than 50% of the horizontal elements of the existing building, as measured in square feet of actual surface area is considered to be a residential demolition. Illegal additions are excluded from this calculation.

The Proposed Project removes 34% of the sum of the front facade and rear façade, 50% of the sum of all exterior walls, 44% of the vertical envelope elements, and 54% of the horizontal elements of the existing building. Therefore, the Proposed Project does not qualify as a residential demolition under Planning Code Section 317.

- 7. **Planning Code Section 303** establishes criteria for the Planning Commission to consider when reviewing applications for Conditional Use approval. On balance, the Project does comply with said criteria in that:
  - A. The proposed new uses and building, at the size and intensity contemplated and at the proposed location, will provide a development that is necessary or desirable, and compatible with, the neighborhood or the community.

The Proposed Project is to allow a limited commercial use on the ground floor of the building. There will be tenant improvements made to the existing tenant space with no expansion of the commercial space. The uses are compatible with other small scale limited commercial uses located in residential area.

- B. The Proposed Project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity. There are no features of the Project that could be detrimental to the health, safety or convenience of those residing or working the area, in that:
  - Nature of proposed site, including its size and shape, and the proposed size, shape and arrangement of structures;

The size and shape of the site and the arrangement of the structures on the site are adequate for the proposed project. There will be no physical expansion of the commercial space.

ii. The accessibility and traffic patterns for persons and vehicles, the type and volume of such traffic, and the adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading;

Existing traffic patterns will not be significantly affected by the Proposed Project. Public transit lines are in close proximity of the Proposed Project. There is on-street parking in front of the subject property and in the surrounding neighborhood.

iii. The safeguards afforded to prevent noxious or offensive emissions such as noise, glare, dust and odor;

No noxious or offensive emissions such as glare, dust, or odor are expected to be produced by the Proposed Project.

iv. Treatment given, as appropriate, to such aspects as landscaping, screening, open spaces, parking and loading areas, service areas, lighting and signs;

There will be no addition of off-street parking spaces, loading facilities, open space or service areas. Project signage will be consistent with the controls of the Planning Code.

C. That the use as proposed will comply with the applicable provisions of the Planning Code and will not adversely affect the General Plan.

The Proposed Project complies with all relevant requirements and standards of the Planning Code and is consistent with objectives and policies of the General Plan as detailed below.

D. That the use as proposed would provide development that is in conformity with the purpose of the applicable Neighborhood Commercial District.

Although the Proposed Project is located within the RH-2 Zoning District, it is located ¼ mile from the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District and the intended use will be a neighborhood-serving use.

8. **General Plan Compliance.** The Project is, on balance, consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

#### COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

#### **Objectives and Policies**

#### **OBJECTIVE 1:**

MANAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CHANGE TO ENSURE ENHANCEMENT OF THE TOTAL CITY LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

#### Policy 1:

Encourage development which provides substantial net benefits and minimizes undesirable consequences. Discourage development, which has substantial undesirable consequences that cannot be mitigated.

The Proposed Project would be compatible with and complimentary to the other nearby limited commercial uses (neighborhood-serving use) located within the vicinity.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCE

#### **Objectives and Policies**

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#### Policy 1.1:

Encourage development which provides substantial net benefits and minimizes undesirable consequences. Discourage development that has substantial undesirable consequences that cannot be mitigated.

#### Policy 1.2:

Assure that all commercial and industrial uses meet minimum, reasonable performance standards.

The proposed commercial space will provide desirable goods and services to the neighborhood. The business will operate in accordance to Conditions of Approval that will ensure that the business meets reasonable performance standards.

#### **OBJECTIVE 2:**

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SOUND AND DIVERSE ECONOMIC BASE AND FISCAL STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY.

#### Policy 2.1:

Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the City.

The Proposed Project will retain an existing commercial activity and will enhance the diverse economic base of the City.

#### **OBJECTIVE 6:**

MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN VIABLE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AREAS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO CITY RESIDENTS.

#### Policy 6.1:

Ensure and encourage the retention and provision of neighborhood-serving goods and services in the city's neighborhood commercial districts, while recognizing and encouraging diversity among the districts.

#### Policy 6.2:

Promote economically vital neighborhood commercial districts which foster small business enterprises and entrepreneurship and which are responsive to the economic and technological innovation in the marketplace and society.

No commercial tenant would be displaced and the Proposed Project would not prevent the district from achieving optimal diversity in the types of goods and services available in the neighborhood. An independent entrepreneur is sponsoring the proposal. The proposed use is a neighborhood serving use. This is not a Formula Retail use.

#### Policy 6.4:

Encourage the location of neighborhood shopping areas throughout the city so that essential retail goods and personal services are accessible to all residents.

The Proposed Project will be accessible to all residents in the neighborhood.

#### Policy 6.9:

Regulate uses so that traffic impacts and parking problems are minimized.

The Proposed Project would not adversely affect public transit or place a burden on the existing supply of parking in the neighborhood. Many patrons would be able to walk from their residences or places of employment, and the proposed uses are well served by public transportation.

- 9. **Planning Code Section 101.1(b)** establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of permits for consistency with said policies. On balance, the Project does comply with said policies in that:
  - A. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses be enhanced.
    - The Proposed Project will be complimentary to the existing commercial establishments within the immediate neighborhood.
  - B. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.
    - The Proposed Project will preserve and enhance the cultural and economic diversity of the neighborhood by establishing new businesses in the area. Existing housing will not be affected by the Proposed Project.
  - C. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced,

No housing is removed for this Project. The Proposed Project will not displace any affordable housing.

D. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

The Proposed Project would not significantly increase the automobile traffic congestion and parking problems in the neighborhood. The proposal is a neighborhood-serving use accessible by walking or public transit.

E. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

There is no commercial office development associated with the Proposed Project and there would be no displacement of any existing industrial or service businesses in the area.

F. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The Proposed Project will comply with all applicable earthquake safety standards and built to the current standards of the California Building Code.

G. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

A landmark or historic building does not occupy the Project site.

H. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

The Project will have no negative impact on existing parks and open spaces. The Project does not have an impact on open spaces.

- 10. The Project is consistent with and would promote the general and specific purposes of the Code provided under Section 101.1(b) in that, as designed, the Project would contribute to the character and stability of the neighborhood and would constitute a beneficial development.
- 11. The Commission hereby finds that approval of the Conditional Use authorization would promote the health, safety and welfare of the City.

#### **DECISION**

That based upon the Record, the submissions by the Applicant, the staff of the Department and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings, and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **APPROVES Conditional Use Application No. 2015-006857CUA** subject to the following conditions attached hereto as "EXHIBIT A" in general conformance with plans on file, dated May 26, 2016, and stamped "EXHIBIT B", which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

APPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF MOTION: Any aggrieved person may appeal this Conditional Use Authorization to the Board of Supervisors within thirty (30) days after the date of this Motion No. XXXXX. The effective date of this Motion shall be the date of this Motion if not appealed (After the 30-day period has expired) OR the date of the decision of the Board of Supervisors if appealed to the Board of Supervisors. For further information, please contact the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

**Protest of Fee or Exaction:** You may protest any fee or exaction subject to Government Code Section 66000 that is imposed as a condition of approval by following the procedures set forth in Government Code Section 66020. The protest must satisfy the requirements of Government Code Section 66020(a) and must be filed within 90 days of the date of the first approval or conditional approval of the development referencing the challenged fee or exaction. For purposes of Government Code Section 66020, the date of imposition of the fee shall be the date of the earliest discretionary approval by the City of the subject development.

If the City has not previously given Notice of an earlier discretionary approval of the Project, the Planning Commission's adoption of this Motion, Resolution, Discretionary Review Action or the Zoning Administrator's Variance Decision Letter constitutes the approval or conditional approval of the development and the City hereby gives **NOTICE** that the 90-day protest period under Government Code Section 66020 has begun. If the City has already given Notice that the 90-day approval period has begun for the subject development, then this document does not re-commence the 90-day approval period.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on December 15, 2016.

Jonas P. Ionin Acting Commis	ssion Secretary
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NAYS:	
ABSENT:	
ADOPTED:	December 15, 2016

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **AUTHORIZATION**

This authorization is for a conditional use to allow a limited commercial use located at 4529 18th Street, Block 2691, Lot 040 pursuant to Planning Code Section(s) 186(g) and 303 within the RH-2 Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District; in general conformance with plans, dated May 26, 2016, and stamped "EXHIBIT B" included in the docket for Case No. 2015-006857CUA and subject to conditions of approval reviewed and approved by the Commission on December 15, 2016 under Motion No XXXXXX. This authorization and the conditions contained herein run with the property and not with a particular Project Sponsor, business, or operator.

#### RECORDATION OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Prior to the issuance of the building permit or commencement of use for the Project the Zoning Administrator shall approve and order the recordation of a Notice in the Official Records of the Recorder of the City and County of San Francisco for the subject property. This Notice shall state that the project is subject to the conditions of approval contained herein and reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on December 15, 2016 under Motion No XXXXXX.

#### PRINTING OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ON PLANS

The conditions of approval under the 'Exhibit A' of this Planning Commission Motion No. XXXXXX shall be reproduced on the Index Sheet of construction plans submitted with the Site or Building permit application for the Project. The Index Sheet of the construction plans shall reference to the Conditional Use authorization and any subsequent amendments or modifications.

#### **SEVERABILITY**

The Project shall comply with all applicable City codes and requirements. If any clause, sentence, section or any part of these conditions of approval is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair other remaining clauses, sentences, or sections of these conditions. This decision conveys no right to construct, or to receive a building permit. "Project Sponsor" shall include any subsequent responsible party.

#### CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS

Changes to the approved plans may be approved administratively by the Zoning Administrator. Significant changes and modifications of conditions shall require Planning Commission approval of a new Conditional Use authorization.

### Conditions of Approval, Compliance, Monitoring, and Reporting

#### **PERFORMANCE**

1. **Validity.** The authorization and right vested by virtue of this action is valid for three (3) years from the effective date of the Motion. The Department of Building Inspection shall have issued a Building Permit or Site Permit to construct the project and/or commence the approved use within this three-year period.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

2. **Expiration and Renewal.** Should a Building or Site Permit be sought after the three (3) year period has lapsed, the project sponsor must seek a renewal of this Authorization by filing an application for an amendment to the original Authorization or a new application for Authorization. Should the project sponsor decline to so file, and decline to withdraw the permit application, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing in order to consider the revocation of the Authorization. Should the Commission not revoke the Authorization following the closure of the public hearing, the Commission shall determine the extension of time for the continued validity of the Authorization.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

3. **Diligent pursuit.** Once a site or Building Permit has been issued, construction must commence within the timeframe required by the Department of Building Inspection and be continued diligently to completion. Failure to do so shall be grounds for the Commission to consider revoking the approval if more than three (3) years have passed since this Authorization was approved.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, www.sf-planning.org

4. **Extension.** All time limits in the preceding three paragraphs may be extended at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator where implementation of the project is delayed by a public agency, an appeal or a legal challenge and only by the length of time for which such public agency, appeal or challenge has caused delay.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

5. **Conformity with Current Law.** No application for Building Permit, Site Permit, or other entitlement shall be approved unless it complies with all applicable provisions of City Codes in effect at the time of such approval.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

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#### DESIGN - COMPLIANCE AT PLAN STAGE

- 6. **Final Materials.** The Project Sponsor shall continue to work with Planning Department on the building design. Final materials, glazing, color, texture, landscaping, and detailing shall be subject to Department staff review and approval. The architectural addenda shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department prior to issuance.
  - For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, www.sf-planning.org
- 7. Garbage, composting and recycling storage. Space for the collection and storage of garbage, composting, and recycling shall be provided within enclosed areas on the property and clearly labeled and illustrated on the building permit plans. Space for the collection and storage of recyclable and compostable materials that meets the size, location, accessibility and other standards specified by the San Francisco Recycling Program shall be provided at the ground level of the buildings.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, www.sf-planning.org

#### PARKING AND TRAFFIC

- 8. **Bicycle Parking.** Pursuant to Planning Code Sections 155.1, 155.4, and 155.5, the Project shall provide no fewer than **XXX** bicycle parking spaces (**XXX** Class 1 spaces for the residential portion of the Project and **XXX** Class 1 or 2 spaces for the commercial portion of the Project). For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>
- 9. Managing Traffic During Construction. The Project Sponsor and construction contractor(s) shall coordinate with the Traffic Engineering and Transit Divisions of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Planning Department, and other construction contractor(s) for any concurrent nearby Projects to manage traffic congestion and pedestrian circulation effects during construction of the Project. For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, www.sf-planning.org

#### **PROVISIONS**

10. **Transportation Sustainability Fee.** The Project is subject to the Transportation Sustainability Fee (TSF), as applicable, pursuant to Planning Code Section 411A.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, www.sf-planning.org

#### MONITORING

11. **Enforcement.** Violation of any of the Planning Department conditions of approval contained in this Motion or of any other provisions of Planning Code applicable to this Project shall be subject to the enforcement procedures and administrative penalties set forth under Planning Code

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Section 176 or Section 176.1. The Planning Department may also refer the violation complaints to other city departments and agencies for appropriate enforcement action under their jurisdiction. For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

12. **Revocation due to Violation of Conditions.** Should implementation of this Project result in complaints from interested property owners, residents, or commercial lessees which are not resolved by the Project Sponsor and found to be in violation of the Planning Code and/or the specific conditions of approval for the Project as set forth in Exhibit A of this Motion, the Zoning Administrator shall refer such complaints to the Commission, after which it may hold a public hearing on the matter to consider revocation of this authorization.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, www.sf-planning.org

#### **OPERATION**

- 13. **Garbage, Recycling, and Composting Receptacles.** Garbage, recycling, and compost containers shall be kept within the premises and hidden from public view, and placed outside only when being serviced by the disposal company. Trash shall be contained and disposed of pursuant to garbage and recycling receptacles guidelines set forth by the Department of Public Works. For information about compliance, contact Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, Department of Public Works at 415-554-.5810, <a href="http://sfdpw.org">http://sfdpw.org</a>
- 14. **Sidewalk Maintenance.** The Project Sponsor shall maintain the main entrance to the building and all sidewalks abutting the subject property in a clean and sanitary condition in compliance with the Department of Public Works Streets and Sidewalk Maintenance Standards.

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- 15. **Community Liaison.** Prior to issuance of a building permit to construct the project and implement the approved use, the Project Sponsor shall appoint a community liaison officer to deal with the issues of concern to owners and occupants of nearby properties. The Project Sponsor shall provide the Zoning Administrator with written notice of the name, business address, and telephone number of the community liaison. Should the contact information change, the Zoning Administrator shall be made aware of such change. The community liaison shall report to the Zoning Administrator what issues, if any, are of concern to the community and what issues have not been resolved by the Project Sponsor.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

16. **Hours of Operation.** The subject establishment is limited to hours of operation from 6:00am to 10:00pm per Planning Code Section 186(g).

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# SITE PERMIT SUBMITTAL

4529 18TH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114

#### PROJECT NOTES

MICHAEL ZEHNER

4529 18TH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114 PHONE: 415-501-0073

CODES USED:

2013 SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING CODE 2013 SAN FRANCISCO PLUMBING CODE 2013 SAN FRANCISCO MECHANICAL CODE

2013 SAN FRANCISCO ELECTRICAL CODE 2013 SAN FRANCISCO FIRE CODE

ZONING:

OCCUPANCY TYPE: RESIDENTIAL BLOCK / LOT:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

THE FRONT I-STORY BUILDING, THE FOCUS OF THIS PROJECT, CONSISTS OF A STOREFRONT WITH AN ATTACHED RESIDENCE.

WE WILL RECONFIGURE THE FIRST FLOOR TO WIDEN THE EXISTING 2'-3" WIDE WALKWAY TO BE 3'-0" WIDE MINIMM TO ACCESS THE RESIDENTIAL ENTRY. WE WILL ADD 2 STORIES PLUS A ROOF ACCESS STAIR WITH APPROPRIATE SIDE SETBACKS ALIGNED WITH NEIGHBORING LIGHT WELLS AND APPROPRIATE FRONT AND REAR SETBACKS, RESPECTING STREET CHARACTER, LIGHT AND AIR REQUIREMENTS.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A 252 SF DECK AND AN EXPANDED REAR YARD.

#### **DRAWING LIST**

COVER SHEET

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EXISTING SITE PLAN WITH PHOTOGRAPHS
PHOTOGRAPHS
EXISTING & PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN
PROPOSED SECOND & THIRD FLOOR PLAN

PROPOSED ROOF PLAN
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EXISTING & PROPOSED REAR ELEVATIONS EXISTING & PROPOSED EAST ELEVATIONS

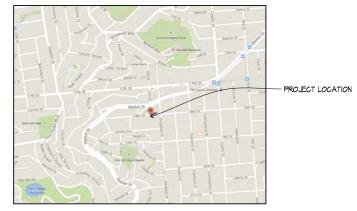
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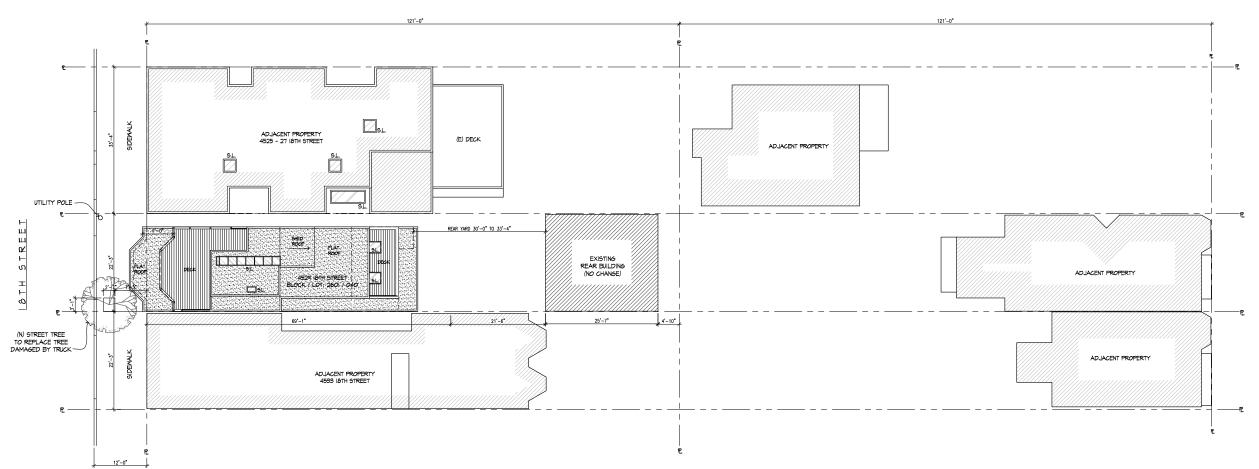
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**ABBREVIATIONS** 



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PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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FRONT ELEVATION W NEIGHBORING PROPERTY TO THE WEST



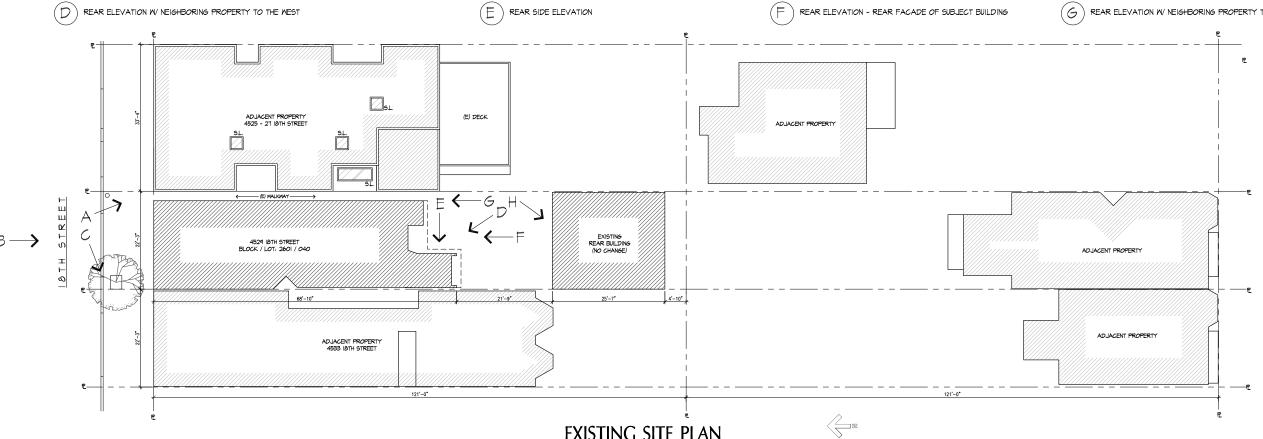
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**EXISTING SITE PLAN** 

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REAR SIDE ELEVATION



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### **BUILDINGS ON FACING SIDE OF THE STREET**





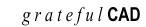




PHOTOGRAPHS

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QUALIFYING DECK

244 SF DECK

2010 Standards

**SQUARE FOOTAGE** 

1.048 SF RESID

831 SF RESID. 161 SF RESID.

2,506 SF

600 SF STORE 643 SF RESID

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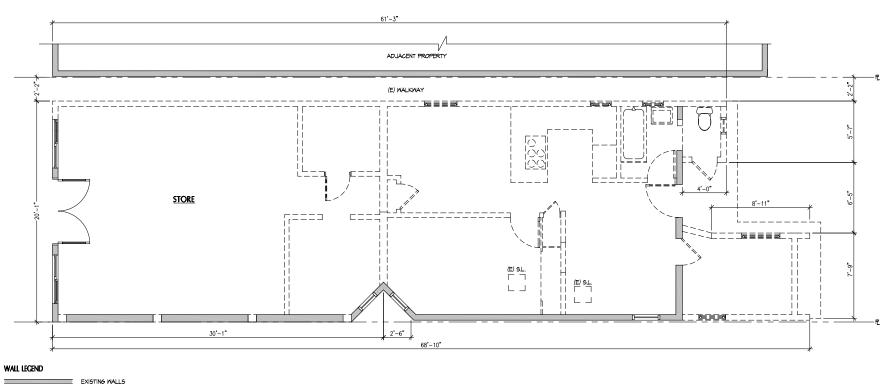
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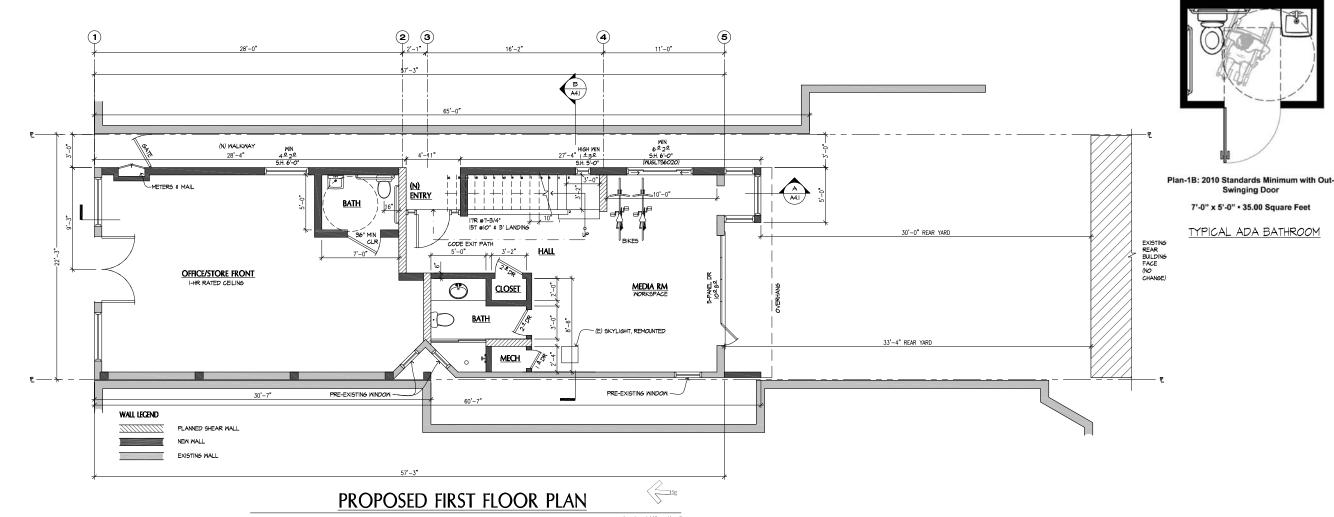
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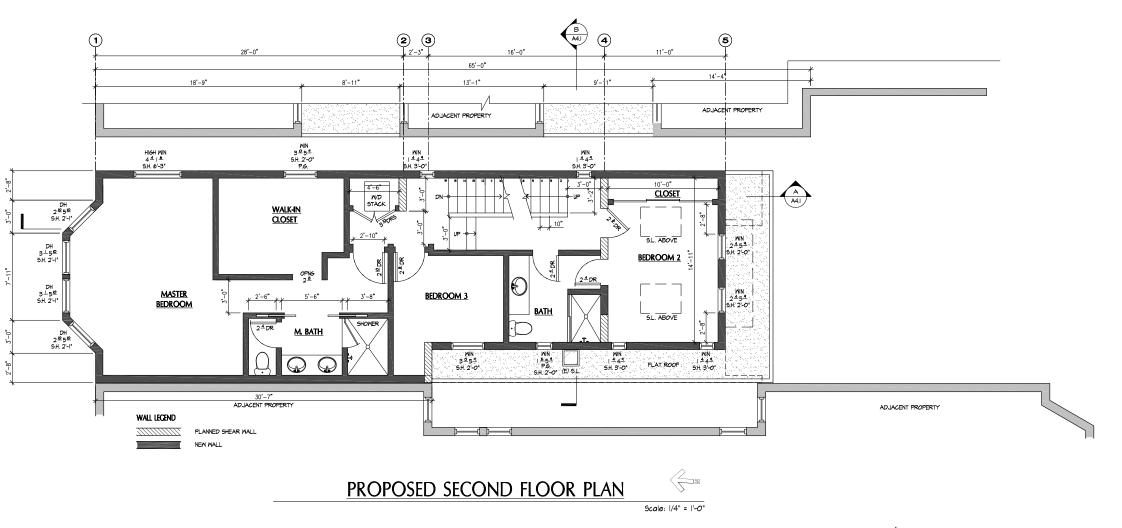


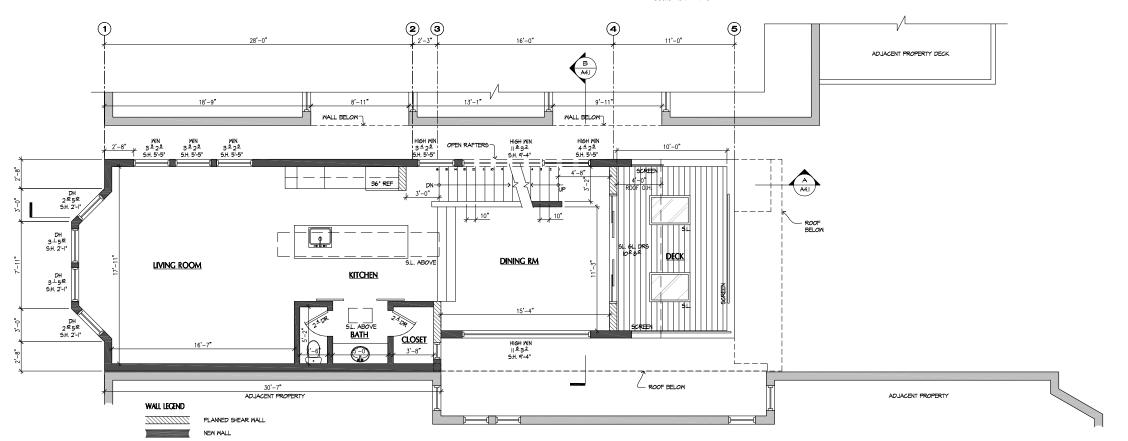
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**EXISTING FIRST FLOOR PLAN** Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"







PROPOSED THIRD FLOOR PLAN

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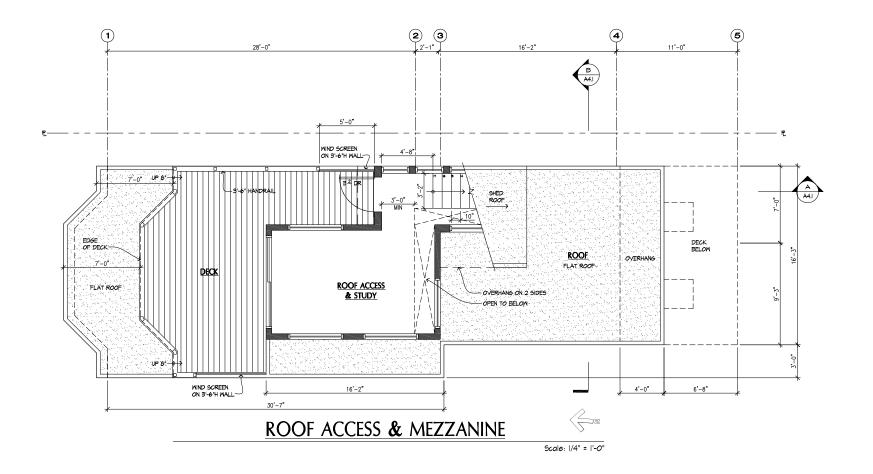
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SECOND & THIRD FLOOR PLANS

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### PROPOSED ROOF PLAN

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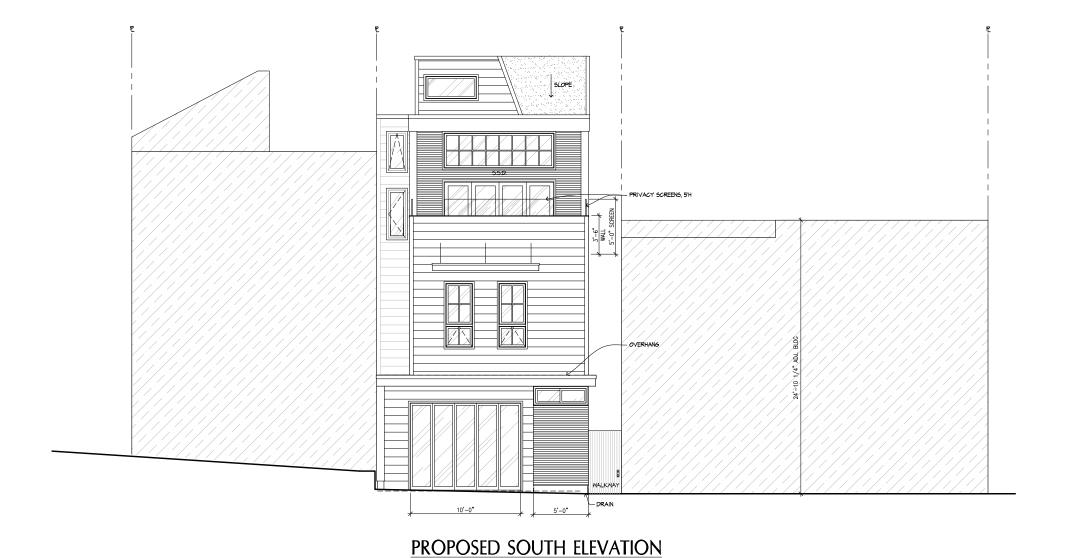
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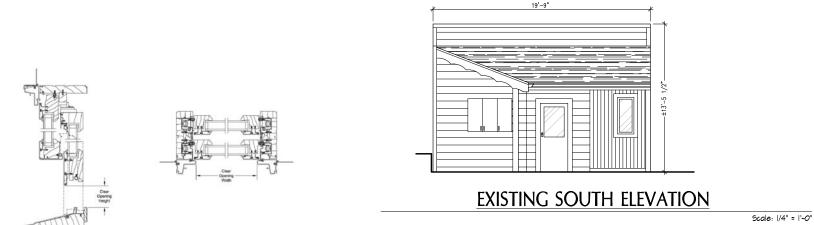
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WINDOW DETAILS @ PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION SCALE: N.T.S

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EXISTING & PROPOSED REAR ELEVATIONS

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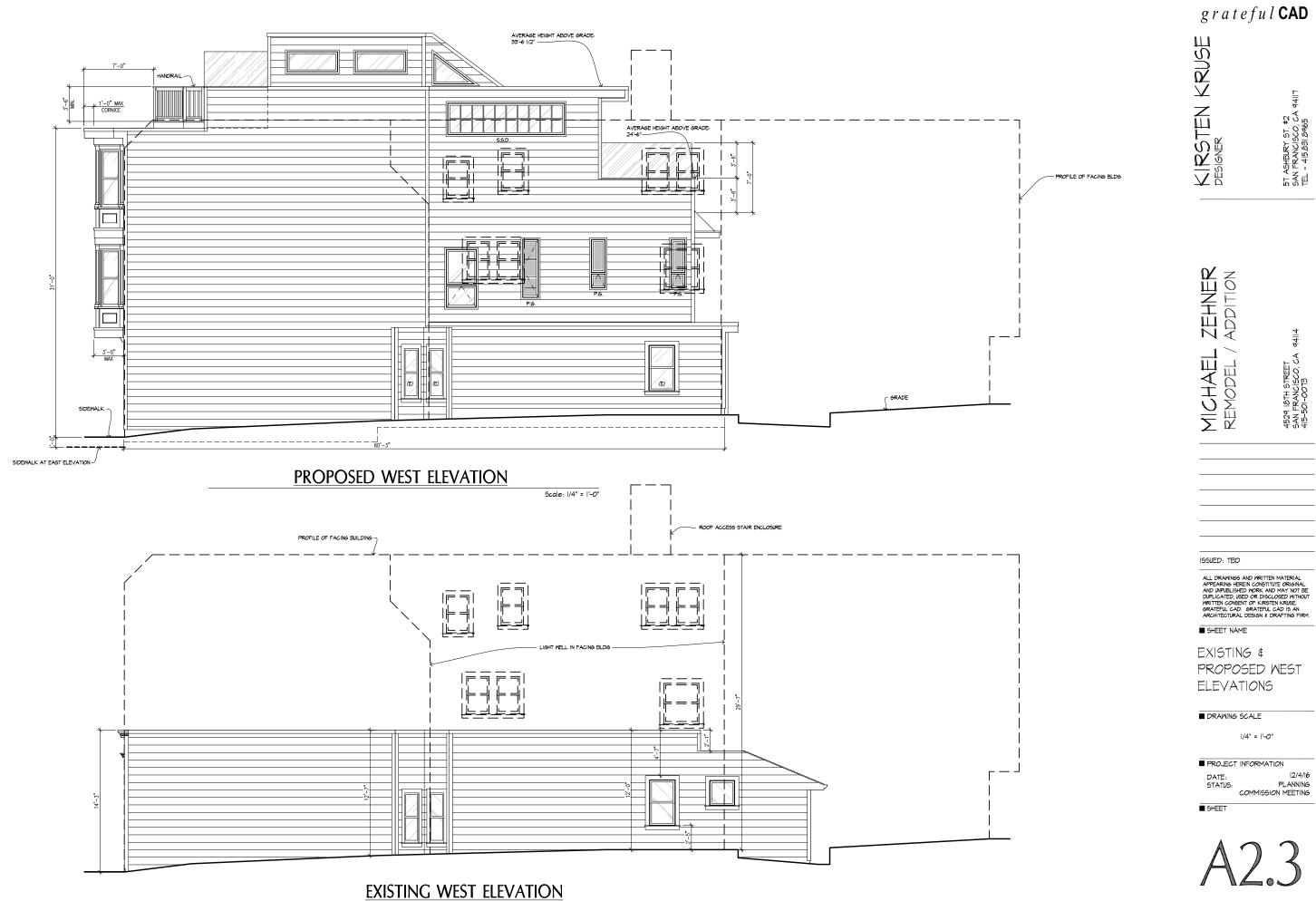
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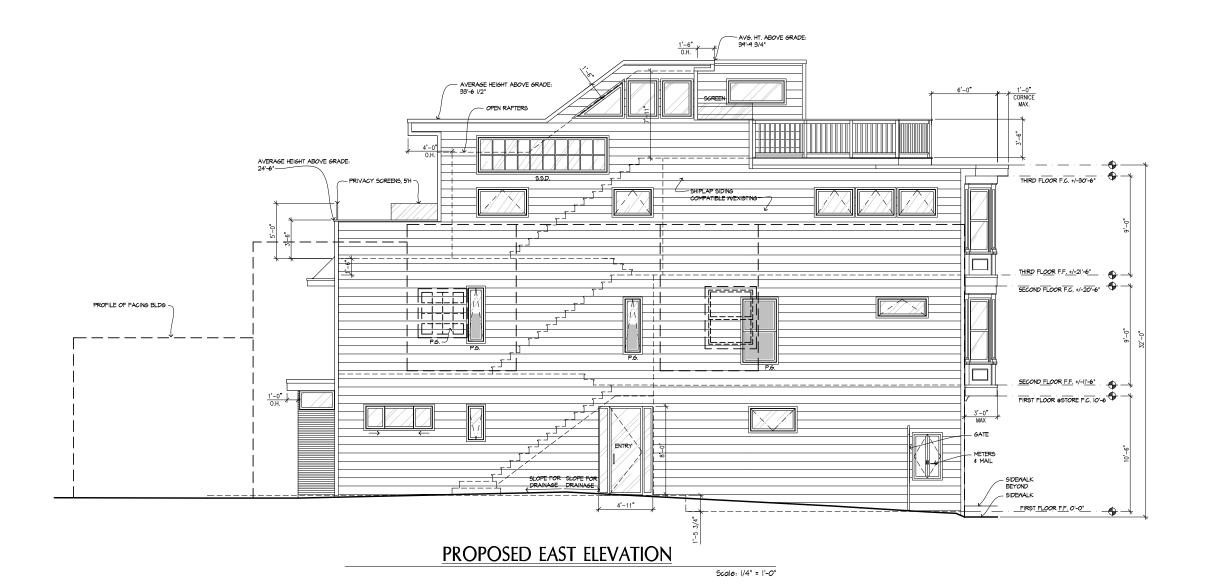
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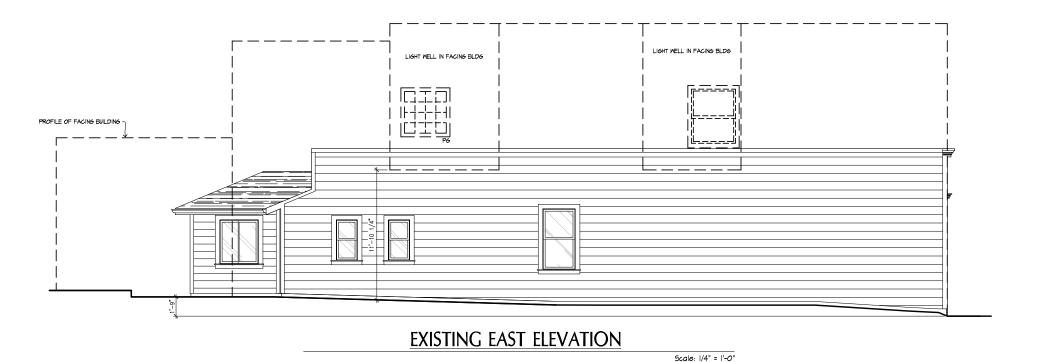
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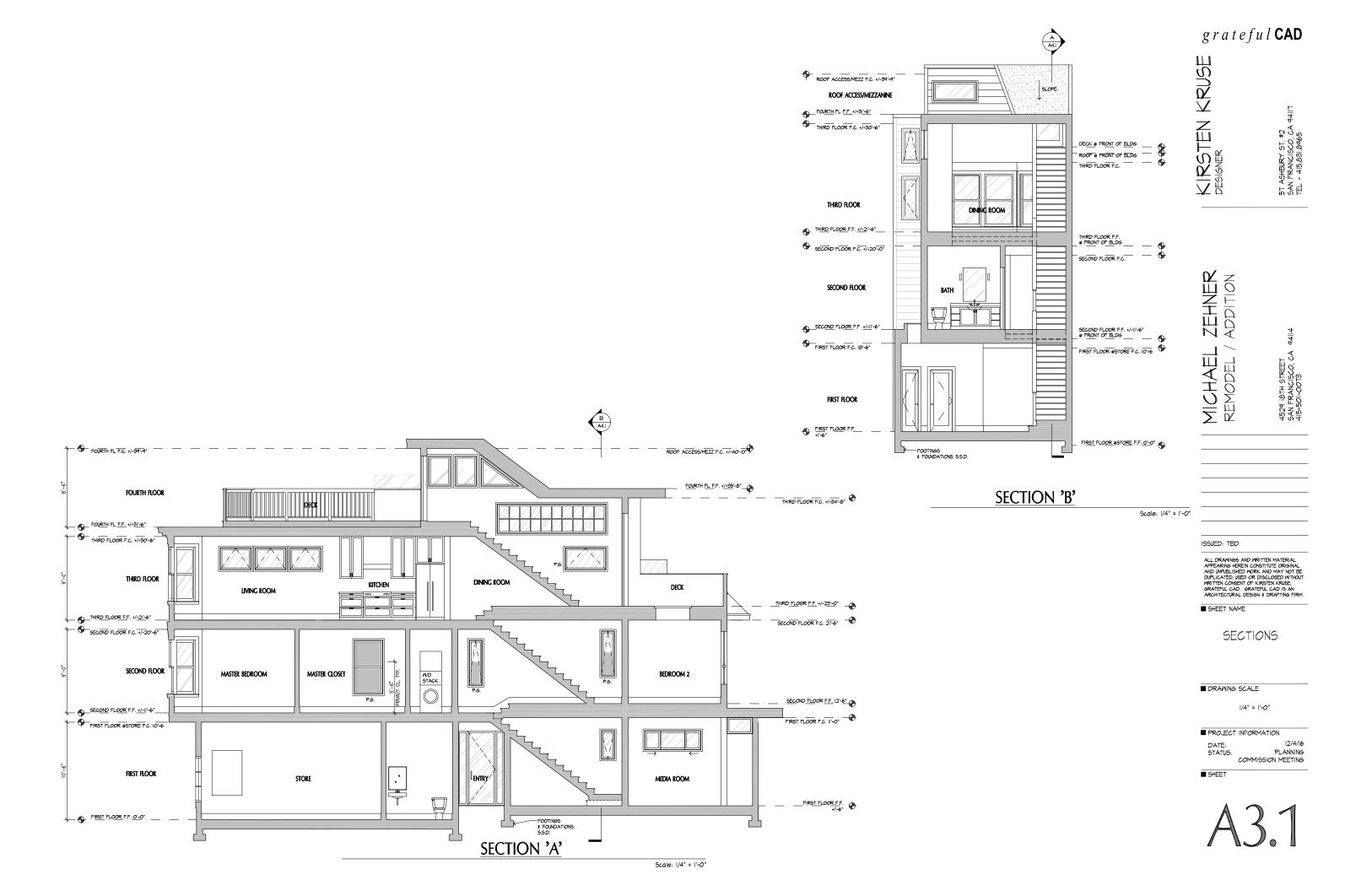
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Dear President Fong and San Francisco Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for your input and for reconsidering our LCU and addition. To address concerns from the commission and our neighbors, we significantly **reduced the size of our proposed addition, by 750 square feet,** and made other specific changes recommended by commissioners Moore, Richards, Hillis, and Johnson as well as our neighbors. We met in-person with representatives of the neighborhood opposition on five separate occasions. Our resulting revision is well within the residential design guidelines for a lot with two buildings and especially increases light and eliminates cross views with our neighbors.

For bulk and mass reductions, we:

- replaced the 4<sup>th</sup> floor with a **much smaller roof access mezzanine** that is entirely north of the southern light wells to avoid blocking light
- removed the southern section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor adjacent to neighboring light wells
- removed the eastern 3-feet of the house, creating a minimum **3-foot setback** along the entire eastern property line
- matched the entire length of our neighbors' light wells. All light wells are open to the southern light

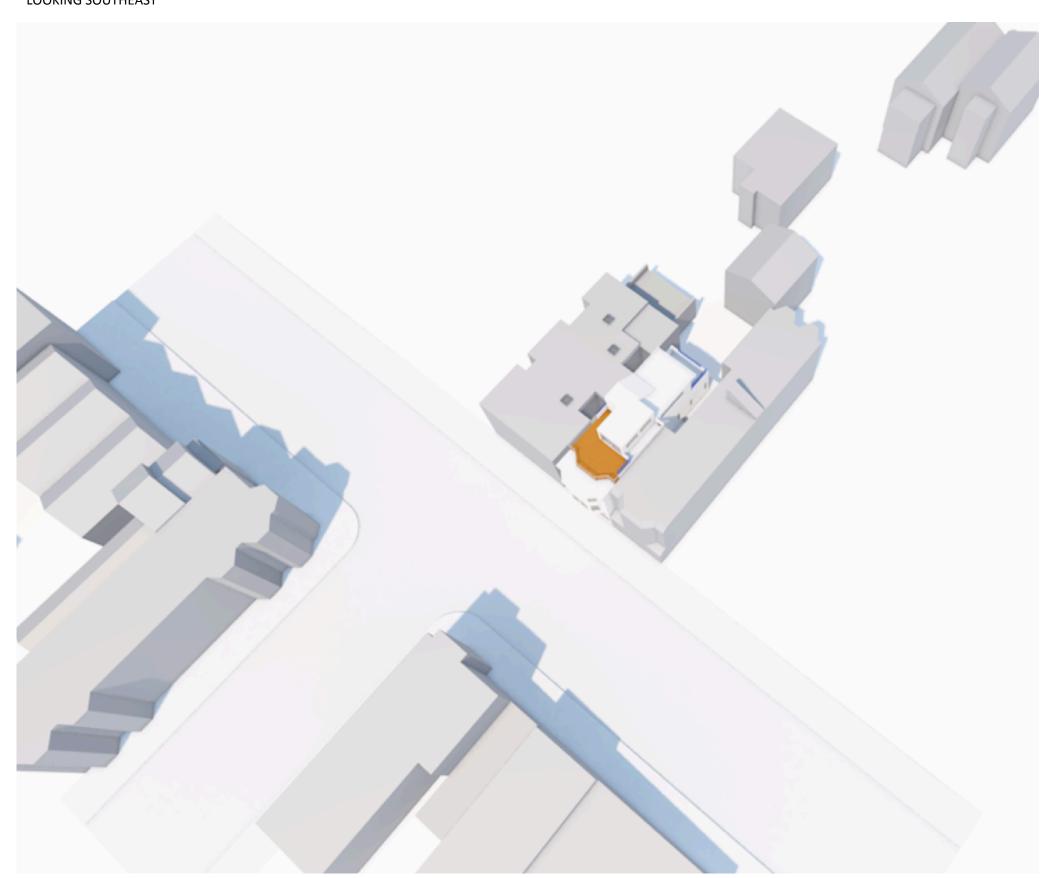
To address concerns regarding the façade we:

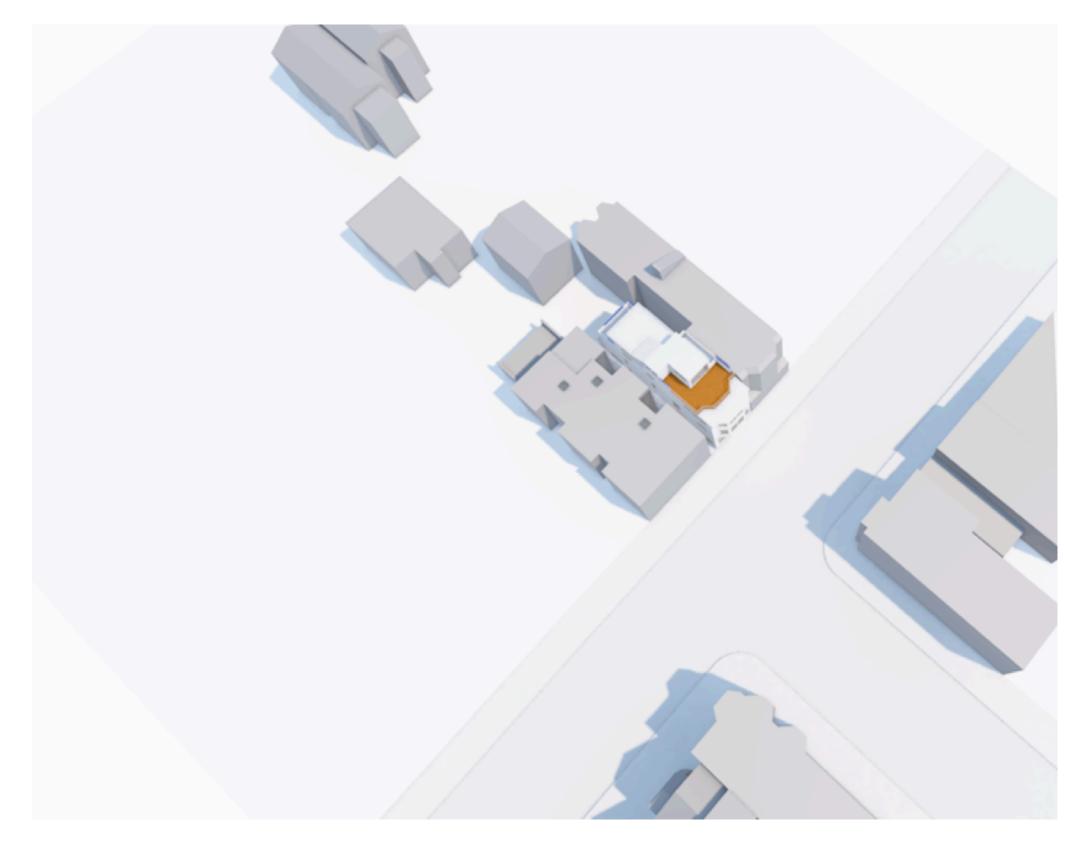
- simplified the bay design, eliminated windows, and better integrated the bay with the existing building
- updated the roof deck handrail design (see front elevation drawing for design)
- pushed the handrail back from the street to reduce visibility (now 7-feet back from the cornice edge)

To address concern of size, privacy and windows, we:

- reduced the gross floor area by 750s.f.
- removed a bedroom, bathroom, family room and a southern roof deck
- reduced the amount of glazing on all levels
- moved remaining windows up to clearstory height to eliminate potential cross views
- included privacy screens on all sides of the southern deck, which also blocks potential interior cross views

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time, Michael Zehner





### PROPOSED STREET VIEW 18th STREET LOOKING SOUTHWEST

## PROPOSED STREET VIEW 18th STREET LOOKING SOUTH









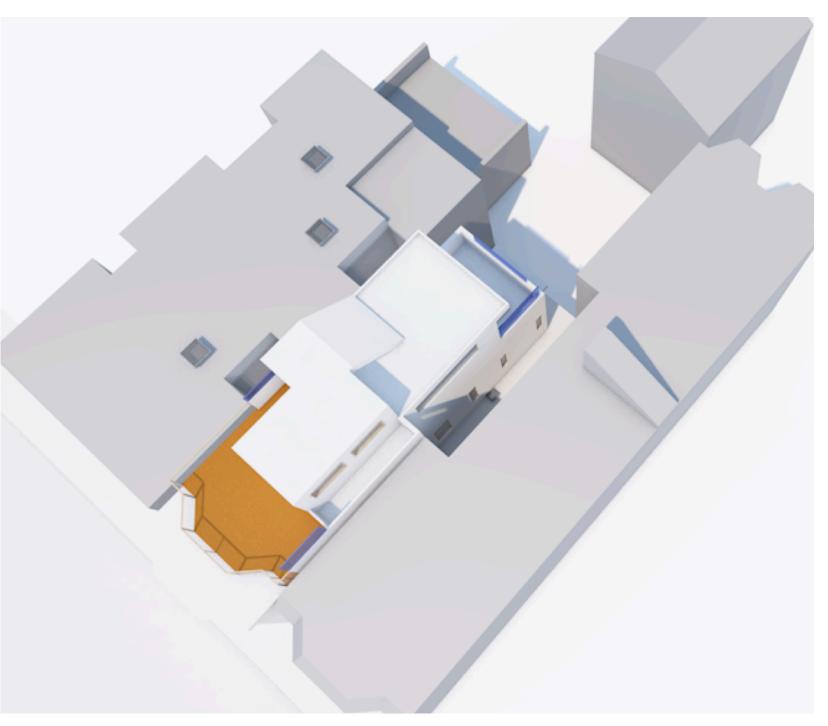


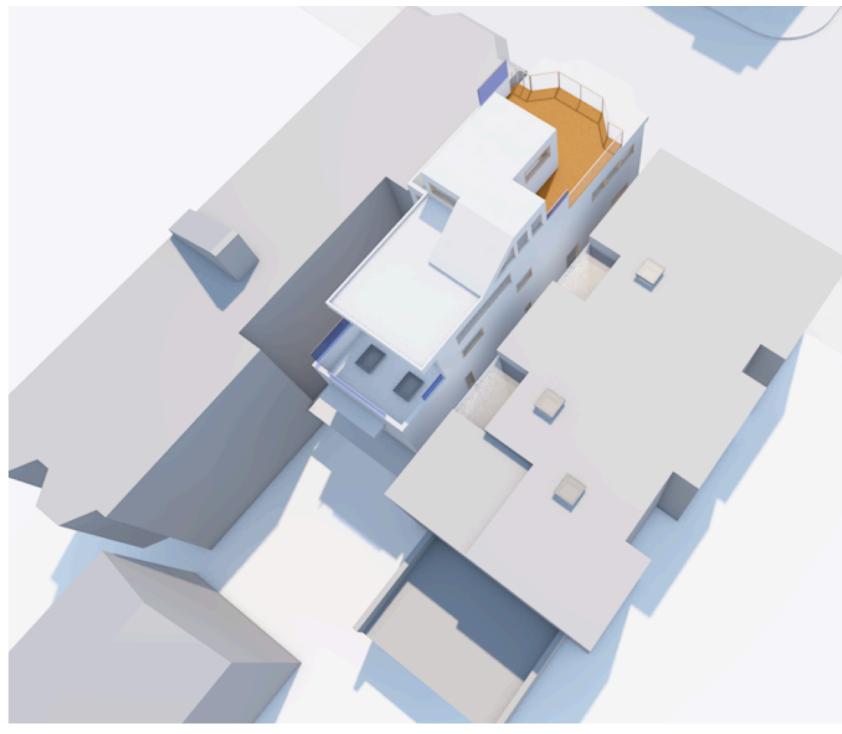
## AERIAL 4<sup>TH</sup> FL VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST



NOTE: SEE ELEVATIONS FOR HANDRAIL DESIGN

## AERIAL 4<sup>TH</sup> FL VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST





AERIAL REAR VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST

## AERIAL REAR VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST



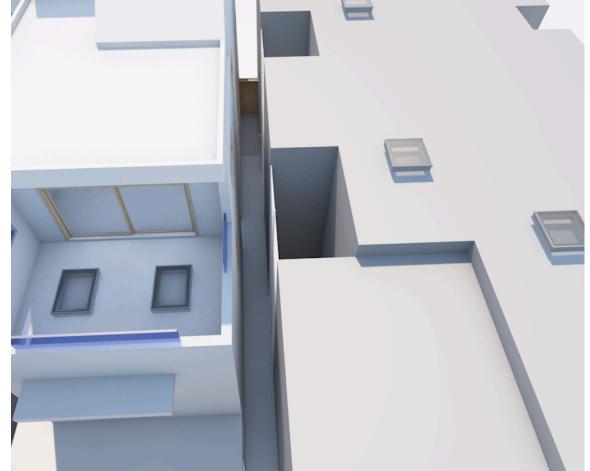
## LIGHTWELL VIEW PLAN



NOTE: PRIVACY SCREENS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE

LIGHTWELL VIEW WESTERN DETAIL





LIGHTWELL VIEW EASTERN DETAIL



Subject Property 4529 18<sup>th</sup> St.



Subject Property 4529 18<sup>th</sup> St.

## FACING BLOCK 18th STREET (DOUGLASS to HATTIE)





### SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Executive Summary Conditional Use

**HEARING DATE: JUNE 16, 2016** 

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*Date*: June 9, 2016

 Case No.:
 2015-006857CUA

 Project Address:
 4529 18th STREET

Zoning: RH-2 (Residential-House, Two-Family) Zoning District

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot: 2691/040

Project Sponsor: Michael Zehner

4529 18th Street

San Francisco, CA 94114

Staff Contact: Erika S. Jackson – (415) 558-6363

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Recommendation: Approval with Conditions

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project Sponsor proposes to to reactivate a ground floor commercial tenant space that was terminated in 1965. The storefront has been occupied by New Deal (interior designer office and showroom) from 2008 to present. The Project Sponsor proposes continuing the same type of use (architect/designer office/showroom) at this commercial location. The Proposed Project also includes a three-story vertical addition on top of the existing single-story structure (front building) containing a single-family unit and the proposed commercial space, which is currently occupied by an interior designer showroom/office. No alteration to the rear building on the lot is proposed as part of this proposal.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The Proposed Project is located on the southern side of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, between Douglass and Clover Streets, near the intersection with Ord Street, Block 2691, Lot 040. The property is located within the RH-2 (Residential-House, Two-Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk district. The property is developed with two buildings. The front building is one-story and contains an approximately 600 square feet commercial tenant space in the front and a single-family unit in the rear. The rear building is three-stories and contains a single-family unit. The subject property is approximately 2,470 square feet with approximately 22 feet 3 inches of frontage on 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

The Project site is located within the Castro/Upper Market neighborhood. The surrounding development consists primarily of single and multi-family residential buildings. The scale of development in the area consists of a mix of low-and mid-rise buildings (one- to four-story stories), most of which were built in the early 1900s. The adjacent property located west of the subject building is an industrial use. There are

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several small-scale neighborhood-serving commercial uses within a block of the Project site. Directly across the street there is a drycleaners/laundry personal service use and a community center. On the corner of 18th and Douglass Streets, there is a architect office, a hair salon, and a cobbler. There are areas of RH-3 (Residential-House, Three-Family) and RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning Districts located to the east.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

On February 17, 2015 the Project was determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under CEQA as described in the determination contained in the Planning Department files for this Project.

#### **HEARING NOTIFICATION**

TYPE	REQUIRED PERIOD	REQUIRED NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL PERIOD
Classified News Ad	20 days	May 27, 2016	May 27, 2016	20 days
Posted Notice	20 days	May 27, 2016	May 27, 2016	20 days
Mailed Notice	20 days	May 27, 2016	May 27, 2016	20 days

The proposal requires a Section 311-neighborhood notification, which was conducted in conjunction with the conditional use authorization process.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- To date, the Department has received many emails and phone calls both in opposition to the continuation of the commercial use and to the proposed three-story addition. Neighbor concerns are as follows:
  - Mass, bulk, size, height of the addition not compatible with neighborhood context.
  - Scope of the project (two units and a commercial space plus the potential to add a Accessory Dwelling Unit) are too much for one small lot.
  - o Light, air, shadow, lack of privacy to adjacent structures.
  - o Increased parking difficulty.
  - o Loading and trash impacts from the commercial space.
  - No need for an additional commercial space in a neighborhood that has vacant commercial spaces and is located so close to the Castro NCD.

#### ISSUES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Planning Department records and Department of Building Department records indicate the existence of a commercial use prior to 1960:
  - A Building Permit Application from 1909 indicates the construction of a store in the front building.
  - Sanborn maps from 1914 and 1950 indicate a commercial storefront use.
  - A Planning Department Letter of Determination from 2002 indicates that the commercial use was in existence in the 1960's and terminated on April 22, 1965.

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- o A Department of Building Inspection Report of Residential Record (3R) from 2010 indicates a one-family dwelling and store as the authorized use for the front building.
- Since the termination in 1965, the storefront has been occupied by Baytalk (office use) from 1986-1988, Joseph's Studio (dressmaker) from 2001-2002, Rossington Architecture from 2004-2008, and New Deal (interior designer office and showroom) from 2008 to present.
- The uses are compatible with other small scale limited commercial uses located in residential area. Directly across the street there is a drycleaners/laundry personal service use and a community center. On the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and Douglass Streets, there is a architect office, a hair salon, and a cobbler.
- Although the Proposed Project appears to dramatically change the existing one-story building by adding several floors, the existing building is not being demolished and the Proposed Proejct does not qualify as a residential demolition under Planning Code Section 317.
- The Proposed Project will enlarge the existing one-bedroom unit into a family-sized fourbedroom unit.
- The Proposed Project is not increasing the number of existing uses on the lot. Currently there are two legal residential units and one commercial space. The project is complying with the Planning Code, including but not limited to requirements for parking, open space, rear yard, and setbacks.
- Potential negative impacts from the commercial space will be regulated by Conditions of Approval in this Conditional Use Authorization, including but not limited to Conditions regarding storage of garbage/recycling and the assignment of a community liason to address future potential issues.
- The design of the addition has been reviewed by the Residential Design Team (RDT) three times and complies with the Residential Design Guidelines. The RDT addressed the following issues and gave the following comments. The Project Sponsor complied with all RDT comments.
  - Building Scale and Form setback the 4<sup>th</sup> floor by at least 15 feet from the front building wall
  - o Lightwells match lightwells at all new floors
  - Deck Railings setback at least 5 feet from front building wall and 3 feet from side property lines; no firewalls
  - o Neighborhood Context flat roof form compatible, peaked roof not compatible

#### REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

In order for the Project to proceed, the Commission must grant Conditional Use Authorization under Planning Code Section(s) 186(g) and 303 to allow the reactivation of a ground floor commercial tenant space at 4529 18<sup>th</sup> Street within the RH-2 (Residential-House, Two-Family) Zoning District, the Mission Alcoholic Beverage Special Use District, and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

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#### BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- The Project promotes the continued operation of an established, locally-owned business and contributes to the viability of the neighborhood.
- The Project would not displace an existing retail tenant providing convenience goods and services to the neighborhood.
- The proposed use of a architect/designer office/showroom will not be an intense use and will be compatible with the surrounding uses.
- The Project meets all applicable requirements of the Planning Code.
- The Project is desirable for, and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.
- The business is not a Formula Retail use and would serve the immediate neighborhood.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval with Conditions

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#### Attachment Checklist

$\boxtimes$	Executive Summary	$\boxtimes$	Project sponsor submittal
	Draft Motion		Drawings: Existing Conditions
	Environmental Determination		Check for legibility
	Zoning District Map		Drawings: Proposed Project
	Height & Bulk Map		Check for legibility
	Parcel Map		3-D Renderings (new construction or significant addition)
	Sanborn Map		Check for legibility
	Aerial Photo		
	Site Photos		
	Project Sponsor Letter, Petition in Support, Letters of Support		
	Neighbor Letter, Petition in Opposition, Letters of Opposition		
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# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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### **Planning Commission Draft Motion**

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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE AUTHORIZATION UNDER PLANNING CODE SECTIONS 186(g) AND 303 TO ALLOW THE REACTIVATION OF A GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL TENANT SPACE AT 4529 18TH STREET WITHIN A RH-2 (RESIDENTIAL-HOUSE, TWO-FAMILY) ZONING DISTRICT, AND A 40-X HEIGHT AND BULK DESIGNATION.

#### **PREAMBLE**

On March 10, 2016, Michael Zehner (hereinafter "Project Sponsor") filed an application with the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for Conditional Use Authorization under Planning Code Section(s) 186(g) and 303 to allow the reactivation of a ground floor commercial tenant space at 4529 18th Street within a RH-2 (Residential-House, Two-Family) Zoning District, the Mission Alcoholic Beverage Special Use District, and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

On June 16, 2016, the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Conditional Use Application No. 2015-006857CUA.

On February 17, 2015 the Project was determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under CEQA as described in the determination contained in the Planning Department files for this Project.

The Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of the applicant, Department staff, and other interested parties.

MOVED, that the Commission hereby authorizes the Conditional Use requested in Application No. 2015-006857CUA, subject to the conditions contained in "EXHIBIT A" of this motion, based on the following findings:

#### **FINDINGS**

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.
- 2. Site Description and Present Use. The Proposed Project is located on the southern side of 18th Street, between Douglass and Clover Streets, near the intersection with Ord Street, Block 2691, Lot 040. The property is located within a RH-2 (Residential-House, Two-Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk district. The property is developed with two buildings. The front building is one-story and contains an approximately 600 square feet commercial tenant space in the front and a single-family unit in the rear. The rear building is three-stories and contains a single-family unit. The subject property is approximately 2,470 square feet with approximately 22 feet 3 inches of frontage on 18th Street.
- 3. Surrounding Properties and Neighborhood. The Project site is located within the Castro/Upper Market neighborhood. The surrounding development consists primarily of single and multifamily residential buildings. The scale of development in the area consists of a mix of low-and mid-rise buildings (one- to four-story structures), most of which were built in the early 1900s. The adjacent property located west of the subject building is an industrial use. There are several small-scale neighborhood-serving commercial uses within a block of the Project site. Directly across the street there is a drycleaners/laundry personal service use and a community center. On the corner of 18th and Douglass Streets, there is a architect office, a hair salon, and a cobbler. There are areas of RH-3 (Residential-House, Three-Family) and RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning Districts located to the east.
- 4. Project Description. The Project Sponsor proposes to to reactivate a ground floor commercial tenant space that was terminated in 1965. The storefront has been occupied by New Deal (interior designer office and showroom) from 2008 to present. The Project Sponsor proposes continuing the same type of use (architect/designer office/showroom) at this commercial location. The Proposed Project also includes a three-story vertical addition on top of the existing singlestory structure (front building) containing a single-family unit and the proposed commercial

- space, which is currently occupied by an interior designer showroom/office. No alteration to the rear building on the lot is proposed as part of this proposal.
- 5. **Public Comment**. The Department has received many emails and phone calls both in opposition to the continuation of the commercial use and to the proposed three-story addition.
- 6. Planning Code Compliance: The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Planning Code in the following manner:
  - A. Reactivation of a Limited Commercial Use within the RH-2 Zoning District. Planning Code Section 186(g) states that limited commercial uses in RH, RM, RTO, and RED Districts that have been discontinued or abandoned may be reactivated with Conditional Use authorization with the following findings:
    - 1. The subject space is located on or below the ground floor and was in commercial or industrial use prior to January 1, 1960; and

Planning Department records and Department of Building Department records indicate the existence of a commercial use prior to 1960:

- A Building Permit Application from 1909 indicates the construction of a store in the front building.
- Sanborn maps from 1914 and 1950 indicate a commercial storefront use.
- A Planning Department Letter of Determination from 2002 indicates that the commercial use was in existence in the 1960's and terminated on April 22, 1965.
- A Department of Building Inspection Report of Residential Record (3R) from 2010 indicates a one-family dwelling and store as the authorized use for the front building.
- 2. The proposed commercial use meets all the requirements of this section and other applicable sections of this Code.

The Proposed Project meets all requirements of the Planning Code.

- B. Conditions on Limited Conforming Uses. Planning Code Section 186(b) states that limited nonconforming uses shall meet the following conditions:
  - 1. The building shall be maintained in a sound and attractive condition, consistent with the general appearance of the neighborhood;
    - The Proposed Project involves interior tenant improvements to the ground floor commercial tenant spaces. There will be no expansion of the existing commercial space.
  - 2. Any signs on the property shall be made to comply with the requirements of Article 6 of this Code applying to nonconforming uses;
    - All Proposed Project signage and projections will comply with Article 6 of the Planning Code.

3. The hours during which the use is open to the public shall be limited to the period between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.;

The Project Sponsor intends to operate the proposed commercial use within the permitted hours of operation.

4. Public sidewalk space may be occupied in connection with the use provided that it is only occupied with tables and chairs as permitted by this Municipal Code;

The Proposed Project will not occupy the public sidewalk space with tables and chairs.

5. Truck loading shall be limited in such a way as to avoid undue interference with sidewalks, or with crosswalks, bus stops, hydrants and other public features;

The proposed commercial use will involve occastional truck loading which would not interfere with sidewalks, crosswalks, bus stops, hydrants and other public features.

6. Noise, odors and other nuisance factors shall be adequately controlled; and

Noise, odors, and other nuisance factors shall be adequately controlled under the Conditions of Approval for the Proposed Project under Exhibit A.

7. All other applicable provisions of this Code shall be complied with.

The Proposed Project meets all requirements of the Planning Code.

C. **Formula Retail Use.** All uses meeting the definition of "formula retail" use per Section 703.3(b) shall not be permitted except by conditional use authorization under the procedures of Section 303 of this Code.

The proposed retail establishment has not been specified as Formula Retail use under Section 703.3 of the Planning Code.

D. **Off-Street Parking.** Planning Code Section 151 requires that off-street parking for offices or studios of architects, engineers, interior designers, and other design professionals be provided at a ratio of 1 for each 1,000 square feet of occupied floor area, where the occupied floor area exceeds 5,000 square feet. Planning Code Section 151 also requires one off-street parking space per dwelling unit. Planning Code Section 150(e) allows replacement of off-street parking spaces with Class 1 bicycle parking spaces at a ratio of 1:1.

The commercial tenant space, with approximately 600 square feet of floor area, will not require any offstreet parking or loading spaces. The residential unit is proposing 2 Class 1 bicycle parking spaces.

E. **Rear Yard Requirement.** Planning Code Section 134 states that the minimum rear yard depth shall be equal to 45 percent of the total depth of a lot in which it is situated, but in no

case less than 15 feet. In the case of two legal non-conforming buildings on the lot, the rear yard should be provided in the middle between the buildings.

In this case, 45 percent of lot depth would be 30 feet and would be located between the buildings. The Proposed Project will remove an illegal portion of the structure that is within that area, leaving a clear 30 feet between the buildings.

F. **Residential Demolition.** Planning Code Section 317 outlines the criteria for the approval process of residential demoltions. Under Planning Code Section 317(b)(2), a major alteration of a residential building that proposes the removal of more than 50% of the sum of the front facade and rear facade <u>and</u> also proposes the removal of more than 65% of the sum of all exterior walls, measured in lineal feet at the foundation level, <u>or</u> that proposes the removal of more than 50% of the vertical envelope elements <u>and</u> more than 50% of the horizontal elements of the existing building, as measured in square feet of actual surface area is considered to be a residential demolition. Illegal additions are excluded from this calculation.

The Proposed Project removes 34% of the sum of the front facade and rear façade, 50% of the sum of all exterior walls, 44% of the vertical envelope elements, and 54% of the horizontal elements of the existing building. Therefore, the Proposed Project does not qualify as a residential demolition under Planning Code Section 317.

- 7. **Planning Code Section 303** establishes criteria for the Planning Commission to consider when reviewing applications for Conditional Use approval. On balance, the Project does comply with said criteria in that:
  - A. The proposed new uses and building, at the size and intensity contemplated and at the proposed location, will provide a development that is necessary or desirable, and compatible with, the neighborhood or the community.

The Proposed Project is to allow a limited commercial use on the ground floor of the building. There will be tenant improvements made to the existing tenant space with no expansion of the commercial space. The uses are compatible with other small scale limited commercial uses located in residential area.

- B. The Proposed Project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity. There are no features of the Project that could be detrimental to the health, safety or convenience of those residing or working the area, in that:
  - i. Nature of proposed site, including its size and shape, and the proposed size, shape and arrangement of structures;

The size and shape of the site and the arrangement of the structures on the site are adequate for the proposed project. There will be no physical expansion of the commercial space.

ii. The accessibility and traffic patterns for persons and vehicles, the type and volume of such traffic, and the adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading;

Existing traffic patterns will not be significantly affected by the Proposed Project. Public transit lines are in close proximity of the Proposed Project. There is on-street parking in front of the subject property and in the surrounding neighborhood.

iii. The safeguards afforded to prevent noxious or offensive emissions such as noise, glare, dust and odor;

No noxious or offensive emissions such as glare, dust, or odor are expected to be produced by the Proposed Project.

iv. Treatment given, as appropriate, to such aspects as landscaping, screening, open spaces, parking and loading areas, service areas, lighting and signs;

There will be no addition of off-street parking spaces, loading facilities, open space or service areas. Project signage will be consistent with the controls of the Planning Code.

C. That the use as proposed will comply with the applicable provisions of the Planning Code and will not adversely affect the General Plan.

The Proposed Project complies with all relevant requirements and standards of the Planning Code and is consistent with objectives and policies of the General Plan as detailed below.

D. That the use as proposed would provide development that is in conformity with the purpose of the applicable Neighborhood Commercial District.

Although the Proposed Project is located within the RH-2 Zoning District, it is located ¼ mile from the 24th Street Mission Neighborhood Commercial District and the intended use will be a neighborhood-serving use.

8. **General Plan Compliance.** The Project is, on balance, consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

#### **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

#### **Objectives and Policies**

#### **OBJECTIVE 1:**

MANAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CHANGE TO ENSURE ENHANCEMENT OF THE TOTAL CITY LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

#### Policy 1:

Encourage development which provides substantial net benefits and minimizes undesirable consequences. Discourage development, which has substantial undesirable consequences that cannot be mitigated.

The Proposed Project would be compatible with and complimentary to the other nearby limited commercial uses (neighborhood-serving use) located within the vicinity.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCE

#### **Objectives and Policies**

#### **OBJECTIVE 1:**

MANAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CHANGE TO ENSURE ENHANCEMENT OF THE TOTAL CITY LIVING AND WORKINIG ENVIRONMENT.

#### Policy 1.1:

Encourage development which provides substantial net benefits and minimizes undesirable consequences. Discourage development that has substantial undesirable consequences that cannot be mitigated.

#### Policy 1.2:

Assure that all commercial and industrial uses meet minimum, reasonable performance standards.

The proposed commercial space will provide desirable goods and services to the neighborhood. The business will operate in accordance to Conditions of Approval that will ensure that the business meets reasonable performance standards.

#### **OBJECTIVE 2:**

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SOUND AND DIVERSE ECONOMIC BASE AND FISCAL STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY.

#### Policy 2.1:

Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the City.

The Proposed Project will retain an existing commercial activity and will enhance the diverse economic base of the City.

#### **OBJECTIVE 6:**

MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN VIABLE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AREAS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO CITY RESIDENTS.

#### Policy 6.1:

Ensure and encourage the retention and provision of neighborhood-serving goods and services in the city's neighborhood commercial districts, while recognizing and encouraging diversity among the districts.

#### Policy 6.2:

Promote economically vital neighborhood commercial districts which foster small business enterprises and entrepreneurship and which are responsive to the economic and technological innovation in the marketplace and society.

No commercial tenant would be displaced and the Proposed Project would not prevent the district from achieving optimal diversity in the types of goods and services available in the neighborhood. An independent entrepreneur is sponsoring the proposal. The proposed use is a neighborhood serving use. This is not a Formula Retail use.

#### Policy 6.4:

Encourage the location of neighborhood shopping areas throughout the city so that essential retail goods and personal services are accessible to all residents.

The Proposed Project will be accessible to all residents in the neighborhood.

#### Policy 6.9:

Regulate uses so that traffic impacts and parking problems are minimized.

The Proposed Project would not adversely affect public transit or place a burden on the existing supply of parking in the neighborhood. Many patrons would be able to walk from their residences or places of employment, and the proposed uses are well served by public transportation.

- 9. **Planning Code Section 101.1(b)** establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of permits for consistency with said policies. On balance, the Project does comply with said policies in that:
  - A. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses be enhanced.
    - The Proposed Project will be complimentary to the existing commercial establishments within the immediate neighborhood.
  - B. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.
    - The Proposed Project will preserve and enhance the cultural and economic diversity of the neighborhood by establishing new businesses in the area. Existing housing will not be affected by the Proposed Project.
  - C. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced,

No housing is removed for this Project. The Proposed Project will not displace any affordable housing.

D. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

The Proposed Project would not significantly increase the automobile traffic congestion and parking problems in the neighborhood. The proposal is a neighborhood-serving use accessible by walking or public transit.

E. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

There is no commercial office development associated with the Proposed Project and there would be no displacement of any existing industrial or service businesses in the area.

F. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The Proposed Project will comply with all applicable earthquake safety standards and built to the current standards of the California Building Code.

G. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

A landmark or historic building does not occupy the Project site.

H. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

The Project will have no negative impact on existing parks and open spaces. The Project does not have an impact on open spaces.

- 10. The Project is consistent with and would promote the general and specific purposes of the Code provided under Section 101.1(b) in that, as designed, the Project would contribute to the character and stability of the neighborhood and would constitute a beneficial development.
- 11. The Commission hereby finds that approval of the Conditional Use authorization would promote the health, safety and welfare of the City.

#### **DECISION**

That based upon the Record, the submissions by the Applicant, the staff of the Department and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings, and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **APPROVES Conditional Use Application No. 2015-006857CUA** subject to the following conditions attached hereto as "EXHIBIT A" in general conformance with plans on file, dated May 26, 2016, and stamped "EXHIBIT B", which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

APPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF MOTION: Any aggrieved person may appeal this Conditional Use Authorization to the Board of Supervisors within thirty (30) days after the date of this Motion No. XXXXX. The effective date of this Motion shall be the date of this Motion if not appealed (After the 30-day period has expired) OR the date of the decision of the Board of Supervisors if appealed to the Board of Supervisors. For further information, please contact the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

**Protest of Fee or Exaction:** You may protest any fee or exaction subject to Government Code Section 66000 that is imposed as a condition of approval by following the procedures set forth in Government Code Section 66020. The protest must satisfy the requirements of Government Code Section 66020(a) and must be filed within 90 days of the date of the first approval or conditional approval of the development referencing the challenged fee or exaction. For purposes of Government Code Section 66020, the date of imposition of the fee shall be the date of the earliest discretionary approval by the City of the subject development.

If the City has not previously given Notice of an earlier discretionary approval of the Project, the Planning Commission's adoption of this Motion, Resolution, Discretionary Review Action or the Zoning Administrator's Variance Decision Letter constitutes the approval or conditional approval of the development and the City hereby gives **NOTICE** that the 90-day protest period under Government Code Section 66020 has begun. If the City has already given Notice that the 90-day approval period has begun for the subject development, then this document does not re-commence the 90-day approval period.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on June 16, 2016.

Jonas P. Ionin Acting Comm	ission Secretary
AYES:	
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	
ADOPTED:	June 16, 2016

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **AUTHORIZATION**

This authorization is for a conditional use to allow a limited commercial use located at 4529 18th Street, Block 2691, Lot 040 pursuant to Planning Code Section(s) 186(g) and 303 within the RH-2 Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District; in general conformance with plans, dated May 26, 2016, and stamped "EXHIBIT B" included in the docket for Case No. 2015-006857CUA and subject to conditions of approval reviewed and approved by the Commission on June 16, 2016 under Motion No XXXXXX. This authorization and the conditions contained herein run with the property and not with a particular Project Sponsor, business, or operator.

#### RECORDATION OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Prior to the issuance of the building permit or commencement of use for the Project the Zoning Administrator shall approve and order the recordation of a Notice in the Official Records of the Recorder of the City and County of San Francisco for the subject property. This Notice shall state that the project is subject to the conditions of approval contained herein and reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on June 16, 2016 under Motion No XXXXXX.

#### PRINTING OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ON PLANS

The conditions of approval under the 'Exhibit A' of this Planning Commission Motion No. XXXXXX shall be reproduced on the Index Sheet of construction plans submitted with the Site or Building permit application for the Project. The Index Sheet of the construction plans shall reference to the Conditional Use authorization and any subsequent amendments or modifications.

#### **SEVERABILITY**

The Project shall comply with all applicable City codes and requirements. If any clause, sentence, section or any part of these conditions of approval is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair other remaining clauses, sentences, or sections of these conditions. This decision conveys no right to construct, or to receive a building permit. "Project Sponsor" shall include any subsequent responsible party.

#### CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS

Changes to the approved plans may be approved administratively by the Zoning Administrator. Significant changes and modifications of conditions shall require Planning Commission approval of a new Conditional Use authorization.

### Conditions of Approval, Compliance, Monitoring, and Reporting

#### **PERFORMANCE**

1. **Validity.** The authorization and right vested by virtue of this action is valid for three (3) years from the effective date of the Motion. The Department of Building Inspection shall have issued a Building Permit or Site Permit to construct the project and/or commence the approved use within this three-year period.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

2. **Expiration and Renewal.** Should a Building or Site Permit be sought after the three (3) year period has lapsed, the project sponsor must seek a renewal of this Authorization by filing an application for an amendment to the original Authorization or a new application for Authorization. Should the project sponsor decline to so file, and decline to withdraw the permit application, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing in order to consider the revocation of the Authorization. Should the Commission not revoke the Authorization following the closure of the public hearing, the Commission shall determine the extension of time for the continued validity of the Authorization.

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3. **Diligent pursuit.** Once a site or Building Permit has been issued, construction must commence within the timeframe required by the Department of Building Inspection and be continued diligently to completion. Failure to do so shall be grounds for the Commission to consider revoking the approval if more than three (3) years have passed since this Authorization was approved.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, www.sf-planning.org

4. **Extension.** All time limits in the preceding three paragraphs may be extended at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator where implementation of the project is delayed by a public agency, an appeal or a legal challenge and only by the length of time for which such public agency, appeal or challenge has caused delay.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

5. **Conformity with Current Law.** No application for Building Permit, Site Permit, or other entitlement shall be approved unless it complies with all applicable provisions of City Codes in effect at the time of such approval.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

#### **DESIGN - COMPLIANCE AT PLAN STAGE**

- 6. **Final Materials.** The Project Sponsor shall continue to work with Planning Department on the building design. Final materials, glazing, color, texture, landscaping, and detailing shall be subject to Department staff review and approval. The architectural addenda shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department prior to issuance.

  For information about compliance contact the Case Planner Planning Department at 415-558-6378.
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- 7. Garbage, composting and recycling storage. Space for the collection and storage of garbage, composting, and recycling shall be provided within enclosed areas on the property and clearly labeled and illustrated on the building permit plans. Space for the collection and storage of recyclable and compostable materials that meets the size, location, accessibility and other standards specified by the San Francisco Recycling Program shall be provided at the ground level of the buildings.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, www.sf-planning.org

#### PARKING AND TRAFFIC

- 8. **Bicycle Parking.** Pursuant to Planning Code Sections 155.1, 155.4, and 155.5, the Project shall provide no fewer than **XXX** bicycle parking spaces (**XXX** Class 1 spaces for the residential portion of the Project and **XXX** Class 1 or 2 spaces for the commercial portion of the Project). For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>
- 9. **Managing Traffic During Construction.** The Project Sponsor and construction contractor(s) shall coordinate with the Traffic Engineering and Transit Divisions of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Planning Department, and other construction contractor(s) for any concurrent nearby Projects to manage traffic congestion and pedestrian circulation effects during construction of the Project. For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

#### **PROVISIONS**

10. **Transportation Sustainability Fee.** The Project is subject to the Transportation Sustainability Fee (TSF), as applicable, pursuant to Planning Code Section 411A.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, www.sf-planning.org

#### MONITORING

11. **Enforcement.** Violation of any of the Planning Department conditions of approval contained in this Motion or of any other provisions of Planning Code applicable to this Project shall be subject to the enforcement procedures and administrative penalties set forth under Planning Code

Section 176 or Section 176.1. The Planning Department may also refer the violation complaints to other city departments and agencies for appropriate enforcement action under their jurisdiction. For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

12. **Revocation due to Violation of Conditions.** Should implementation of this Project result in complaints from interested property owners, residents, or commercial lessees which are not resolved by the Project Sponsor and found to be in violation of the Planning Code and/or the specific conditions of approval for the Project as set forth in Exhibit A of this Motion, the Zoning Administrator shall refer such complaints to the Commission, after which it may hold a public hearing on the matter to consider revocation of this authorization.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, www.sf-planning.org

#### **OPERATION**

- 13. **Garbage, Recycling, and Composting Receptacles.** Garbage, recycling, and compost containers shall be kept within the premises and hidden from public view, and placed outside only when being serviced by the disposal company. Trash shall be contained and disposed of pursuant to garbage and recycling receptacles guidelines set forth by the Department of Public Works. For information about compliance, contact Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, Department of Public Works at 415-554-.5810, <a href="https://sfdpw.org">http://sfdpw.org</a>
- 14. **Sidewalk Maintenance.** The Project Sponsor shall maintain the main entrance to the building and all sidewalks abutting the subject property in a clean and sanitary condition in compliance with the Department of Public Works Streets and Sidewalk Maintenance Standards.

  For information about compliance, contact Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, Department of Public Works, 415-695-2017, <a href="http://sfdpw.org">http://sfdpw.org</a>
- 15. **Community Liaison.** Prior to issuance of a building permit to construct the project and implement the approved use, the Project Sponsor shall appoint a community liaison officer to deal with the issues of concern to owners and occupants of nearby properties. The Project Sponsor shall provide the Zoning Administrator with written notice of the name, business address, and telephone number of the community liaison. Should the contact information change, the Zoning Administrator shall be made aware of such change. The community liaison shall report to the Zoning Administrator what issues, if any, are of concern to the community and what issues have not been resolved by the Project Sponsor.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <a href="https://www.sf-planning.org">www.sf-planning.org</a>

16. **Hours of Operation.** The subject establishment is limited to hours of operation from 6:00am to 10:00pm per Planning Code Section 186(g).

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, www.sf-planning.org



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## **CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination**

### PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Add	ress		Block/Lot(s)		
	45	529 18th Street	2	691/040	
Case No.		Permit No.	Plans Dated		
2014-0013	303ENV			10/10/2014	
<b>✓</b> Additio	n/	Demolition	New	Project Modification	
Alteration	on	(requires HRER if over 45 years old)	Construction	(GO TO STEP 7)	
Project desc	ription for	Planning Department approval.			
residential en	try. The add	ation of the front building only. Reconfigure the dition of two-stories plus mezzanine. The project or stair as well as a 30' rear yard between the two	t will include 1,049 sf	of outdoor spaces such as	
	<b>APLETED</b>	BY PROJECT PLANNER			
*Note: If ne		applies, an Environmental Evaluation App			
$\overline{\checkmark}$	Class 1 – Existing Facilities. Interior and exterior alterations; additions under 10,000 sq. ft.				
	Class 3 – New Construction/ Conversion of Small Structures. Up to three (3) new single-family				
residences or six (6) dwelling units in one building; commercial/office structures; utility extensions;					
	change of use under 10,000 sq. ft. if principally permitted or with a CU.  Class				
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STEP 2: CEQA IMPACTS TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER					
		below, an Environmental Evaluation Appli	cation is required.	,	
	Does the	rtation: Does the project create six (6) or mor project have the potential to adversely affec ) or the adequacy of nearby transit, pedestria	t transit, pedestrian	and/or bicycle safety	
Air Quality: Would the project add new sensitive receptors (specifically, schools, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities within an Air Pollution Exposure Zone?  Does the project have the potential to emit substantial pollutant concentrations (e.g., backup diesel generators, heavy industry, diesel trucks, etc.)? (refer to EP _ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Air Pollution Exposure Zone)					
	Hazardous Materials: If the project site is located on the Maher map or is suspected of containing hazardous materials (based on a previous use such as gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing, or a site with underground storage tanks): Would the project involve 50 cubic yards or more of soil disturbance - or a change of use from industrial to residential? If yes, this box must be checked and the project applicant must submit an Environmental Application with a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. Exceptions: do not check box if the applicant presents documentation of enrollment in the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Maher program, a DPH waiver from the				

	Maher program, or other documentation from Environmental Planning staff that hazardous material effects would be less than significant (refer to EP_ArcMap > Maher layer).				
	Soil Disturbance/Modification: Would the project result in soil disturbance/modification greater than two (2) feet below grade in an archeological sensitive area or eight (8) feet in a non-archeological sensitive area? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Archeological Sensitive Area)				
	<b>Noise:</b> Does the project include new noise-sensitive receptors (schools, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities) fronting roadways located in the noise mitigation area? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Noise Mitigation Area)				
	Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment: Does the project site involve a subdivision or lot line adjustment on a lot with a slope average of 20% or more? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Topography)				
	Slope = or > 20%:: Does the project involve excavation of 50 cubic yards of soil or more, square footage expansion greater than 1,000 sq. ft., shoring, underpinning, retaining wall work, or grading on a lot with a slope average of 20% or more? Exceptions: do not check box for work performed on a previously developed portion of site, stairs, patio, deck, or fence work. (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Topography) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required and a Certificate or higher level CEQA document required				
	Seismic: Landslide Zone: Does the project involve excavation of 50 cubic yards of soil or more, square footage expansion greater than 1,000 sq. ft., shoring, underpinning, retaining wall work, grading –including excavation and fill on a landslide zone – as identified in the San Francisco General Plan? Exceptions: do not check box for work performed on a previously developed portion of the site, stairs, patio, deck, or fence work. (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Seismic Hazard Zones)  If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required and a Certificate or higher level CEQA document required				
	Seismic: Liquefaction Zone: Does the project involve excavation of 50 cubic yards of soil or more, square footage expansion greater than 1000 sq ft, shoring, underpinning, retaining wall work, or grading on a lot in a liquefaction zone? Exceptions: do not check box for work performed on a previously developed portion of the site, stairs, patio, deck, or fence work. (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Seismic Hazard Zones) If box is checked, a geotechnical report will likely be required				
, 🗆	Serpentine Rock: Does the project involve any excavation on a property containing serpentine rock?  Exceptions: do not check box for stairs, patio, deck, retaining walls, or fence work. (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Serpentine)				
	s are checked above, GO TO STEP 3. If one or more boxes are checked above, an Environmental Application is required, unless reviewed by an Environmental Planner.				
<b>√</b>	Project can proceed with categorical exemption review. The project does not trigger any of the CEQA impacts listed above.				
Comments and Planner Signature (optional): Laura Lynch Proposition of Proposition					
STEP 3: PROPERTY STATUS – HISTORIC RESOURCE					
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER  PROPERTY IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (refer to Parcel Information Map)					
	ategory A: Known Historical Resource. GO TO STEP 5.				
Category C: Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under 45 years of age). GO TO STEP 6.					

### **STEP 4: PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST**

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

Che	ck all that apply to the project.			
	1. Change of use and new construction. Tenant improvements not included.			
	2. Regular maintenance or repair to correct or repair deterioration, decay, or damage to building.			
	3. <b>Window replacement</b> that meets the Department's <i>Window Replacement Standards</i> . Does not include storefront window alterations.			
	4. <b>Garage work.</b> A new opening that meets the <i>Guidelines for Adding Garages and Curb Cuts</i> , and/or replacement of a garage door in an existing opening that meets the Residential Design Guidelines.			
	5. Deck, terrace construction, or fences not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.			
	6. <b>Mechanical equipment installation</b> that is not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-ofway.			
	7. <b>Dormer installation</b> that meets the requirements for exemption from public notification under <i>Zoning Administrator Bulletin No. 3: Dormer Windows</i> .			
	8. <b>Addition(s)</b> that are not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way for 150 feet in each direction; does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the top story of the structure or is only a single story in height; does not have a footprint that is more than 50% larger than that of the original building; and does not cause the removal of architectural significant roofing features.			
Not	e: Project Planner must check box below before proceeding.			
<b>√</b>	Project is not listed. GO TO STEP 5.			
	Project does not conform to the scopes of work. GO TO STEP 5.			
Project involves four or more work descriptions. GO TO STEP 5.				
	Project involves less than four work descriptions. GO TO STEP 6.			
STEP 5: CEQA IMPACTS – ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESERVATION PLANNER				
Che	ck all that apply to the project.			
	1. Project involves a <b>known historical resource (CEQA Category A)</b> as determined by Step 3 and conforms entirely to proposed work checklist in Step 4.			
	2. Interior alterations to publicly accessible spaces.			
	3. <b>Window replacement</b> of original/historic windows that are not "in-kind" but are consistent with existing historic character.			
	4. Façade/storefront alterations that do not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.			
	5. <b>Raising the building</b> in a manner that does not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.			
	6. <b>Restoration</b> based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.			
	7. Addition(s), including mechanical equipment that are minimally visible from a public right-of-way and meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.			

	8. <b>Other work consistent</b> with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties				
	(specify or add comments):				
	9. Reclassification of property status to Category C. (Requires approval by Senior Preservation				
	Planner/Preservation Coordinator) a. Per HRER dated: 8418/2014 (attach HRER)				
	b. Other (specify):				
l					
Note	: If ANY box in STEP 5 above is checked, a Preservation Planner MUST check one box below.				
	Further environmental review required. Based on the information provided, the project requires an <i>Environmental Evaluation Application</i> to be submitted. <b>GO TO STEP 6.</b>				
V	<b>Project can proceed with categorical exemption review</b> . The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with categorical exemption review. <b>GO TO STEP 6</b> .				
Com	nents (optional):				
Prese	Preservation Planner Signature: Justin Greving				
	STEP 6: CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER				
	Further environmental review required. Proposed project does not meet scopes of work in either (check				
	all that apply):  Step 2 CEOA Impacts				
	Step 2 – CEQA Impacts  Step 5 – Advanced Historical Review				
	STOP! Must file an Environmental Evaluation Application.				
	Signatura				
	Planner Name: JUSLIN A GREVING  Digitally signed by Justin Greving				
	Project Approval Action: Building Permit  Justin Greving On: de-org, de-sigow, de-cityplanning, ou=CityPlanning, ou=CityPlann				
	*If Discretionary Review before the Planning Commission is requested, the Discretionary				
	Review hearing is the Approval Action for the				
	once signed or stamped and dated, this document constitutes a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines				
	and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code.  In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of an exemption determination				
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#### STEP 7: MODIFICATION OF A CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, when a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempt project changes after the Approval Action and requires a subsequent approval, the Environmental Review Officer (or his or her designee) must determine whether the proposed change constitutes a substantial modification of that project. This checklist shall be used to determine whether the proposed changes to the approved project would constitute a "substantial modification" and, therefore, be subject to additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Address (If different than front page)		Block/Lot(s) (If different than front page)			
Case No.		Previous Building Permit No.	New Building Permit No.		
Plans Da	ted	Previous Approval Action	New Approval Action		
Modified	l Project Description:				
DETERMIN	NATION IF PROJECT CO	NSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL MODIF	ICATION		
	DETERMINATION IF PROJECT CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION  Compared to the approved project, would the modified project:				
ΓĤ	Result in expansion of the building envelope, as defined in the Planning Code;				
	Result in the change of use that would require public notice under Planning Code				
Sections 311 or 312;					
	Result in demolition as defined under Planning Code Section 317 or 19005(f)?				
	Is any information being presented that was not known and could not have been known				
🗆	at the time of the original determination, that shows the originally approved project may				
	no longer qualify for the exemption?				
If at least one of the above boxes is checked, further environmental review is required CATEX FORM					
DETERMIN	ATION OF NO SUBSTANT	IAL MODIFICATION			
	The proposed modification would not result in any of the above changes.				
If this box	If this box is checked, the proposed modifications are categorically exempt under CEQA, in accordance with prior project				
approval and no additional environmental review is required. This determination shall be posted on the Planning					
Department website and office and mailed to the applicant, City approving entities, and anyone requesting written notice.					
Planner	Name:	Signature or Stamp:			



### PRESERVATION TEAM REVIEW FORM

Description Marsha Date	1		7-20-00-11-11-00-00-11-11-00-00-11-11-00-00	2/12/2015	1650 Mission Suite 400
Preservation Team Meeting Date:		Date of Form	Completion	2/12/2015	San Francisco CA 94103-24
PROJECT INFORMATION:					Reception:
					415.558.63
Justin Greving	4529 18th Street				Fax:
Block/Lot:	Cross Streets:				415.558.64
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CEQA Category:	Art. 10/11:	BI	PA/Case No.:		415.558.63
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DATE OF PLANS UNDER REVIEW:	10/10/2014				
PROJECT ISSUES:					
Is the subject Property an eli	gible historic resourc	:e?			
If so, are the proposed change	ges a significant impa	 act?			
Additional Notes:	<u> </u>				
Submitted: Historic Resource 18, 2014)	e Evaluation prep	pared by Joha	nna Street (d	ated Septer	mber
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PRESERVATION TEAM REVIEW:					
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Property is individually eligible California Register under one or following Criteria:			an eligible Califo t/Context unde Criteria:		
Criterion 1 - Event:	← Yes ← No	Criterion 1 - Ev	vent:	← Yes ←	S No
Criterion 2 -Persons:	← Yes ← No	Criterion 2 -Pe	rsons:	← Yes ←	No
Criterion 3 - Architecture:	← Yes ♠ No	Criterion 3 - A	rchitecture:	← Yes ←	No
Criterion 4 - Info. Potential:	← Yes ← No	Criterion 4 - In	fo. Potential:	C Yes (	No
Period of Significance: n/a	·	Period of Sign	ificance: n/a		

Contributor Non-Contributor

Complies with the Secretary's Standards/Art 10/Art 11:	○ Yes	○ No	● N/A
CEQA Material Impairment:	○ Yes	<b>⊚</b> No	
Needs More Information:		<b>⑥</b> No	
Requires Design Revisions:	○ Yes	<b>●</b> No	
Defer to Residential Design Team:	Yes	○ No	

<sup>\*</sup> If No is selected for Historic Resource per CEQA, a signature from Senior Preservation Planner or Preservation Coordinator is required.

#### PRESERVATION TEAM COMMENTS:

According to the Supplemental Information for Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) prepared by Johanna Street (dated September 18, 2014) and information found in the Planning Department files, the subject property at 4529 18th Street contains a one-story wood-frame store constructed in 1909 at the street, and a rear two-story wood-frame single-family residence constructed in 1912 (source: building permit). The store was originally owned by John S. Stewart, a teamster, and was built by Werner & Company. At the time Stewart lived with his wife down the block at 52/56 Caselli Avenue. Within a year of its construction, "Riccomi Angelo Fruits" was operating at the subject property's address. The Riccomi family eventually purchased the subject property in 1924 and continued to operate a fruit market from the store until 1936, after which it was rented out to various tenants. Both buildings are simple vernacular constructions. Known alterations to the store include uncovering and replacement of a transom window, and installation of new windows and a glass door (2002). A photo from the assessor's office indicates the storefront originally contained a centered garage door which was replaced at an unknown date with a glass storefront. The rear residence was likely constructed to accommodate the growing Riccomi family. Known alterations to the rear residence include installation of a second floor window (1992), foundation repair (1997), and deck construction (2004).

No known historic events occurred at the subject property (Criterion 1). The Riccomi Angelo store was nothing more than a small neighborhood market. None of the owners or occupants have been identified as important to history (Criterion 2). The buildings on the subject property are not architecturally distinct such that they would qualify individually for listing in the California Register under Criterion 3.

The subject property is not located within the boundaries of any identified historic district. The subject property is located in the Castro/Upper Market neighborhood on a block that was largely developed after the 1906 earthquake. While the subject block has some buildings that may be individually eligible for their architecture, generally it displays a range of Queen-Anne single-family homes, Edwardian style apartment buildings, and later infill from the 1930s and 1940s. The area surrounding the subject property does not contain a significant concentration of historically or aesthetically unified buildings.

Therefore the subject property is not eligible for listing in the California Register under any criteria individually or as part of a historic district.

Signature of a Senior Preservation Planner / Preservation Coordinator:	Date:
mara	2/13/2015



Figure 2: Subject building's front elevation, facing southwest

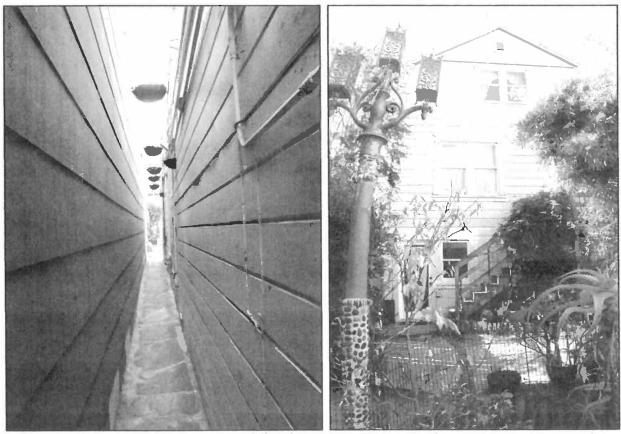


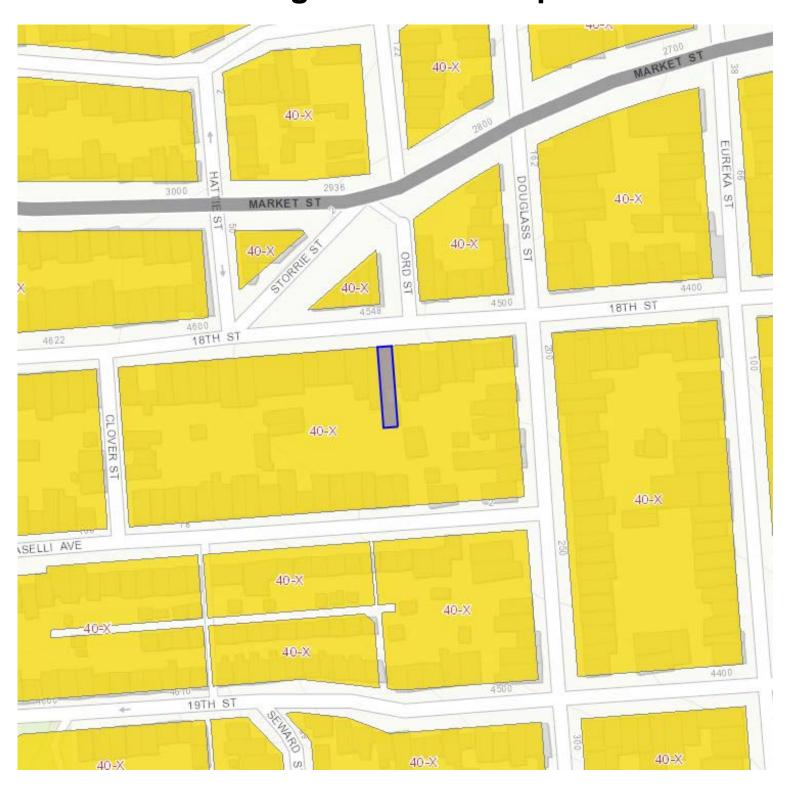
Figure 3: Walkway leading down the subject building's east side, view facing south (left); front elevation of 4529 ½ 18th Street, behind the subject building and sharing the same lot, view facing south (right)

# **Zoning Map**



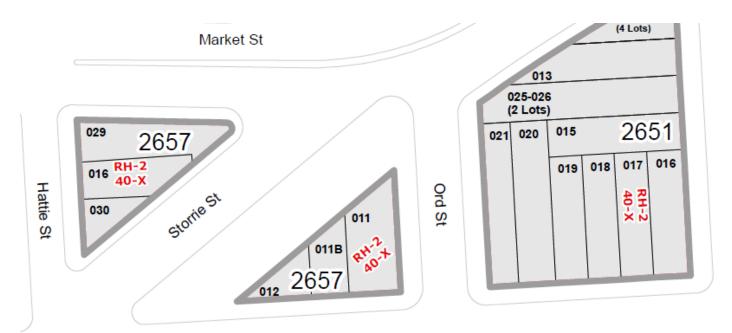


# **Height and Bulk Map**

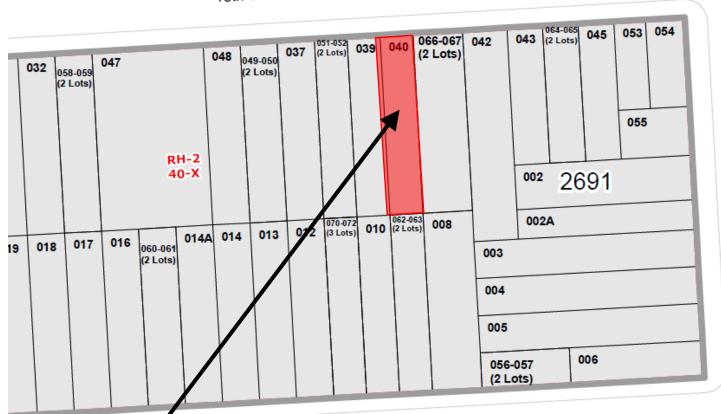




# **Parcel Map**



18th St

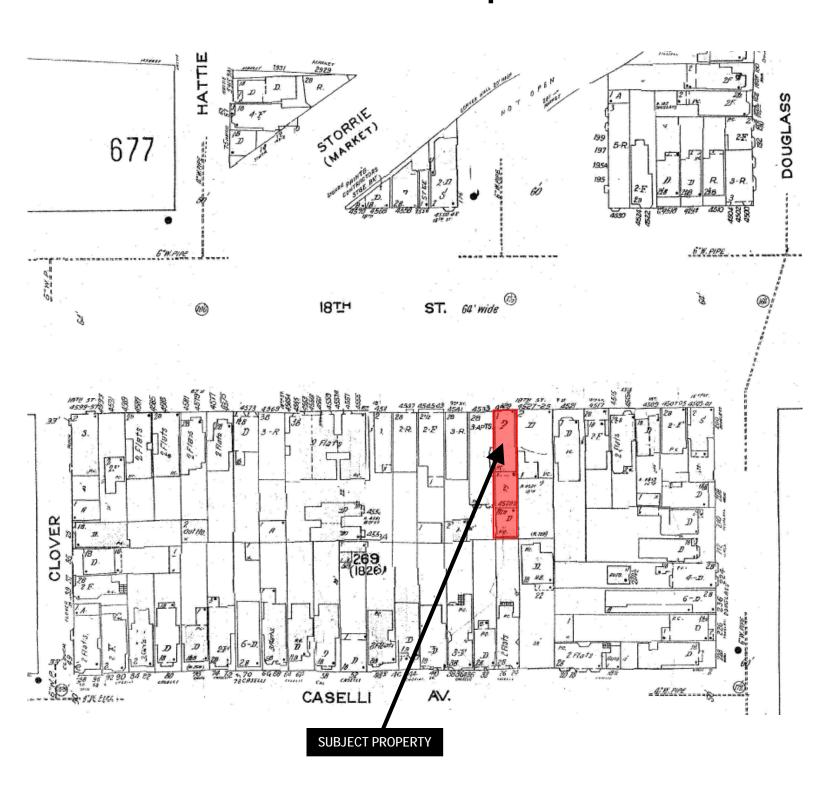


SUBJECT PROPERTY



Conditional Use Hearing **Case Number 2015-006857CUA** 4529 18<sup>th</sup> Street June 16, 2016 Douglass St

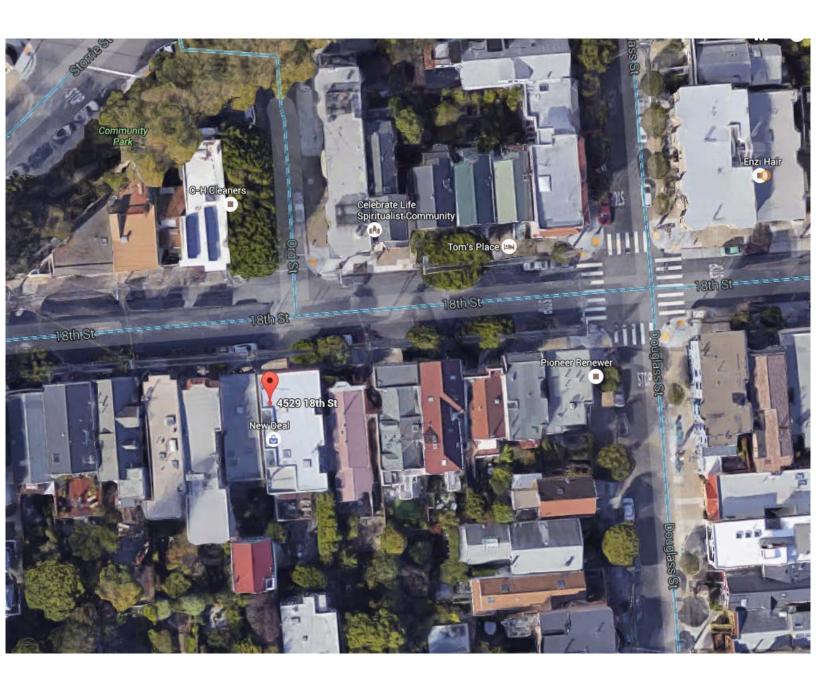
# Sanborn Map\*



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

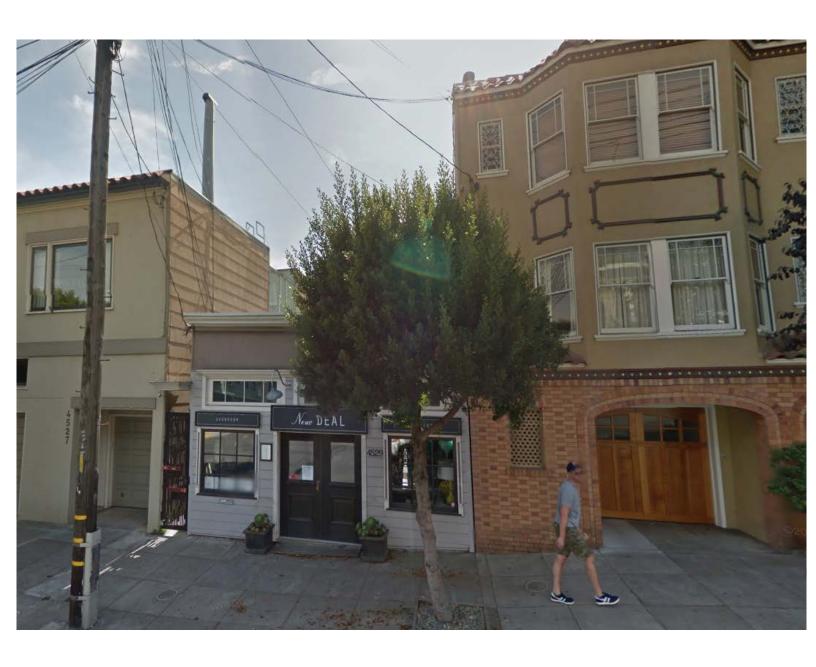


## **Aerial Photo**





# **Site Photo**



From: Michael Zehner 4529 18<sup>th</sup> Street San Francisco, CA 94114

Re: CU for 4529 18th St. (Case: 2015-006857CUA; Permit: 2015.0513.6238)

Dear San Francisco Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for considering our request for Conditional Use for the small storefront at 4529 18th St. currently occupied by "New Deal," a locally owned interior design business. Our family has owned this building since 2008. We would like to briefly review for you 1) why we believe a LCU for the storefront would benefit the neighborhood, and 2) our process of engaging our neighbors and Planning Dept. staff in developing the associated vertical addition for our home.

#### Why we feel this LCU benefits the Castro neighborhood

This neighborhood storefront, facing the T-intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> and Ord, provides an engaging street presence, currently with rotating window displays throughout the year as well as two plantings at the entrance to greet visitors.



Planning department records indicate that this ground floor was in commercial use prior to January 1, 1960 and is not within ¼ mile of a commercial use district. The most current 3R report indicates the subject property's original occupancy was a store and that the property is presently authorized as a store. The storefront was constructed in 1909. It has been the place of business since 2008 for a locally owned and operated interior design office, "New Deal" and previously by "Rossington Architecture." The storefront will not be significantly altered in the related vertical

addition and it is in scale with adjacent commercial uses, which exist across the street and down the street with similar zoning.



No complaints have been filed with the city regarding health, safety, convenience, size, traffic, accessibility, parking, loading, offensive emissions, type of use, or any other aspect of the operation of the businesses that have operated at the location.

Our work with neighbors and Planning Dept. staff on the associated addition From the beginning of our design process, we instituted many neighbor-friendly gestures that exceed planning guideline minimums. Most significantly, the rear of our proposed home has an arrowhead shape; our side walls do not fully wrap around the lightwells as most buildings do. As a result, our design provides light wells that open freely to the southern sun. Our proposal remains under 40' at all points and does not step up in the rear to follow the grade line. Further, our latest revision has no upper roof deck, penthouses or other significant roof appurtenances (we reserved space for high-efficiency mechanical to vent out the rear). For safety, we plan to replace a narrow non-compliant corridor that serves a rear residence and provides emergency access to adjacent back yards through fence gates. We met with the San Francisco Fire Department to design and pre-approve a wider fire rated common corridor.

We began our project with a Planning Department Project Review Meeting in July 2013, where we learned about Planning staff's expectations for our design. We developed plans and shared them with neighbors in April 2015, when we also held a pre-application meeting to discuss the plans. Since that meeting we made the following changes to our plans:

- We removed the northern corners of the top floor.
- We fully matched the length of the eastern light wells.
- And, we instituted 8 other changes such as privacy glass, window reduction/offsets, and increased setbacks.

In August 2015 we met with our eastern neighbors at their house to discuss their updated list of concerns and see their window and deck perspectives. Later that month we completed a set of plans, which were distributed to our 150'-radius neighbors by postal mail. We received very few additional requests from neighbors, most of which we were able to address in December 2015. We:

- Completely removed upper roof deck and associated stairway.
- Centered the front of the upper level and set it back 18' from the front bay (and at least 15' from building face).
- Increased the depth of eastern light wells by 20%.
- And instituted 7 other minor changes such as privacy screens and smaller decks.

In January 2016, we met with three neighbors to see potentially impacted views and cross views. Even though our plans had already been accepted by the residential design team, we held two more open houses in February 2016 with 6-8 neighbors to discuss additional plan modifications:

- · We cut off the rear of the upper level at an angle to further increase light.
- We set back the entire upper level by a minimum of 3'-8" from the eastern property line.
- We greatly expanded the rear yard by removing part of our existing building.
- We added a green roof to the rear to give our home appeal to neighbors who
  look down on our house from higher homes to the south.

This has been a very long process for us. We realize our project will have impacts, but have worked diligently to minimize these impacts. This CU has been recommended for approval by the Residential Design Team and has received unanimous support from the Castro Merchants Association. We thank you for your time and look forward to the opportunity to present our project to you.

Sincerely,

Michael Zehner

Dear Erika and Planning Commissioners,

I would like to support keeping the neighborhood storefront at 4529 18th St. Further, I support the residential addition above the store,

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# SF Planning Contact: Erika Jackson, (415)558-6363, Erika jackson@sfgov.org

I would like to support keeping the neighborhood storefront at 4529 18th St. Dear Erika,

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Dear Erika and Planning Commissioners, I would like to support keeping the neighborhood storefront at 4529 18th St.

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### 584 Castro Street #333 San Francisco CA 94114-2512

formerly "Merchants of Upper Market & Castro – MUMC" **415/431-2359** 

Info@CastroMerchants.com www.CastroMerchants.com

June 2, 2016

By Email and USPS hardcopy

Erika Jackson, Staff Planner San Francisco Planning Department 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 San Francisco CA 94103-2479

Re: Planning File/Case No. 2015-006857CUA; Building Permit 2015.0513.6238
Proposed CUA to Reactivate a Limited Commercial Use (*New Deal*); Ozzie Zehner, Project Sponsor)
4529-18<sup>th</sup> Street, San Francisco

Dear Ms. Jackson,

This confirms that the Members of **CASTRO MERCHANTS** (formerly "Merchants of Upper Market & Castro – MUMC") voted unanimously today to SUPPORT the proposed Project referenced above and related requests to your Department. We understand that this matter currently is scheduled for Planning Commission Hearing on June 16, 2016 (or any continuance thereof).

CM's support is based on information provided by Mr. Zehner during his presentation at our Members Meeting on June 2, 2016. We have asked the Project Sponsor to notify us if there are any subsequent, substantive changes to the proposal prior to Planning's approval, so we can evaluate whether such changes would affect the previous vote. We have received no such notification, to date.

**CASTRO MERCHANTS** is the merchants' organization serving San Francisco's Castro-Upper Market area, generally along Upper Market Street from Castro Street to Octavia Blvd.; Castro from Market to 19<sup>th</sup> Street; and cross streets throughout that area. **CASTRO MERCHANTS** has about 300 paid Members for 2016-2017. The property covered by this matter is within our organization's primary service area.

In addition to today's email to you and to the individuals cc'd below, hardcopies of this letter are being mailed on June 3 to you and to Mr. Zehner.

.... continued

# **CASTRO MERCHANTS**

San Francisco Planning Department

June 2, 2016

Re: Planning Case No. 2015-006857CUA; Building Permit 2015.0513.6238 4529-18<sup>th</sup> Street, San Francisco

New Deal, Ozzie Zehner, Project Sponsor

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding **CASTRO MERCHANTS**'s SUPPORT for this Application and related items. Please include this letter in the matter's permanent file, and assure that it is provided to all Planning Staff and Commissioners and to any other hearing panels at the time that this matter is considered by them. Thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully,

Daniel Bergerac, President

Email and hardcopy cc: Ozzie Zehner

Email cc: Supervisor Scott Wiener, Staff Ann Fryman

Capt. Daniel Perea, SFPD Mission Station

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### Jackson, Erika

From:

Frank Foley < rowdiedog20@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:18 PM

To:

Jackson, Erika

Subject:

Letter in support of 4529 18th Project

### Dear Planning Commission Members:

My name is Frank Foley, and I currently reside at 4529 18th Street at the subject property in the residence directly behind the store, New Deal. I have rented a room there as a lodger while my long-time friends, the project sponsors Michael Zehner and Aaron Norton, have spent time away from San Francisco because of Aaron's two-year postdoc. Michael moved back in early 2016 and we have been living together since then.

I want you to know that I fully support the proposed project in its entirety. Further, it has recently come to my attention that my neighbors have circulated a petition that included false and embarrassing information about me. In what seems to be an attempt to block the building proposal, the petition stated that I am over 60 and "ill". I am NOT ill. Over a year ago, I was hospitalized for a bacterial infection. I have long since fully recovered, and I am now in better health than I was before the incident, working out with a personal trainer several times per week. Further, none of the neighbors spoke to me about sharing this false information about my health. If they had, I would have informed them that what they were saying about me was not true and further, that I support the project. I feel that my personal information was shared for instrumental ends, which is not only embarrassing, but also demeaning to my dignity by spreading false information about me without my knowledge or consent to surrounding neighbors. I may be over 60, but I do have a voice.

Finally, in case there is any confusion about the impact of this project on me, I want you to know that the project sponsor – Michael Zehner – has been a close personal friend for many years prior to my living in his home. He is not some landlord kicking out an "elderly person." I was fully aware of the proposed plans to build an addition when I moved in and knew that this was a temporary living situation. In fact, I even asked if I might stay there for the two years that Aaron would be away because I wanted to try out living in the Castro before deciding whether this was the neighborhood for me before finding my own place. This was with the understanding that Michael and I would share his residence. To be clear, I am not being displaced by this project because I never intended to stay past the initiation of construction.

Sincerely,

Frank Foley

### Jackson, Erika

From:

Terje Arnesen <nortintin@aol.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:47 PM

To:

Jackson, Erika

Subject:

Re: Support for 4529 18th St. Conditional Use Application

Re: Support for 4529 18th St. Conditional Use Application

Dear Erika Jackson,

My business, New Deal, is currently located at 4529 18th Street. I have been in this location since September 2008 and prior to that I was in another location for 15 years. I am an interior designer with a small showroom/office with very limited numbers of customers and clients visiting and most of that traffic is by appointment.

I am very established in my current location and relocating will affect buy business and drop significantly till a new location becomes established - a process I have done once before - and it takes a long time for people to realize you've moved and didn't go out of business. I still run across customers who still think New Deal went out of business when I relocated to 18th Street years ago so moving is always an expensive transition.

My intention is to stay in this location for a very long time. It is not a nuisance to the neighborhood with a lot of customers' cars parked everywhere and the occasional pick up and drop off of product shipments are short and infrequent. The style and look of the business front is a pleasant addition to the neighborhood that adds to the character of the street and most neighbors have acknowledged this fact.

Best

Terje Arnesen/New Deal

June 5, 2016

President Fong and Members of the Planning Commission San Francisco City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: 4529 18th Street Proposal

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the above project. We reside at 4525 18<sup>th</sup> Street and own the rental unit at 4527 18<sup>th</sup> Street, immediately adjacent to the project on the east side.

### **Commerical Use**

The current use of the first floor space at 4529 is illegal, as reflected in a Zoning Determination Letter dated 4/12/2002.

At the time we purchased our home, this space was used as an architect's office — a minimal commercial use with little foot traffic. More recently, it became a retail showroom for an interior decorator. We now frequently find our driveway blocked by delivery trucks or vehicles belonging to customers. Discarded packaging is left on the front sidewalk, days before the scheduled recycling pickup. So, the current illegal use has resulted in greater inconvenience and an unsightly sidewalk appearance on days when recycling is left out.

Surrounding neighbors are also opposed to reinstatement of commercial use. 69 of them have signed a letter petition stating this. Many of us appreciate the existing commercial shops nearby but feel that these are sufficient. An interior decorator showroom provides no convenience or recurring service to the neighborhood.

We hope that the Commission will agree that non-residential uses in an RH-2 zone should be limited and will recognize the collective desire of the neighborhood not to expand commercial use further.

### The Building Proposal

# 1. 4th Floor

Although the plans show usable floor space of 343 sq. ft., the square footage of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor is in fact much greater - approximately 40% greater (at more than 500 sq. ft.). The unusable space is used for three skylight areas that are open to the floor below.

Replacing these features with skylights situated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor would allow the same or greater light and, at the same time, would help to preserve light and privacy for adjacent neighbors. (See attached diagrams)

At 40' in height, the proposed structure is 13.5' higher than our two-story building. This results in a significant loss of direct sunlight from our west and southwest side, as well as our skylights, and removes any possibility of future installation of solar panels. The shadow study shows that during most of the day, throughout the year, the quality of light will be limited to ambient, indirect light from a steep angle via light wells.

We believe that the 4<sup>th</sup> floor is unnecessary and that the plan for usable space could easily be accommodated on 3 floors below. This is particularly so if the ground floor residential portion ("art/family room, mudroom with shower, and bathroom") is repurposed.

### 2. Overly dense use on a non-standard lot.

The lot is non-standard in width – only 22 feet wide – with an existing, non-conforming grandfathered 2-story residence in the rear. The rear tenants in common are currently seeking to legalize an additional dwelling unit. The current proposal will result in 3 – and potentially 4 - different uses on a narrow lot, with no parking. We feel that this is too dense for this particular lot and is inconsistent with RH-2 zoning.

We recognize that the issue of legalizing an additional dwelling unit on this lot is not before the Commission at this time. However, we would support adding affordable rental housing, rather than commercial space.

## 3. Bulk, Mass and Height

The proposed design would place a 40 ft. structure in between a 26 ft. building and a 31 ft. building, failing to preserve the roofline slope of the street. Although the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> story is set back from the street in accordance with the Residential Design Guidelines, there are no other four-story single-family residences on this street. The taller buildings nearby are several multi-unit apartment buildings and historic Victorians, all of which are on larger lots.

Apart from the street view, the bulk, mass and height of the proposed structure negatively impacts the enjoyment of the open space in rear yards of all adjacent neighbors, including the tenants in common in the rear of the lot. Decks proposed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors could be removed or reduced.

### 4. East-facing windows.

The proposed design shows 16 windows facing east -12 directly east facing and 4 on a bias. Of these, we have asked the project sponsor to modify 4, to avoid cross views into our bedroom and living area. The proposal shows an abundance of light

through south-facing windows and we feel that our request for removal or modification of four east-facing windows is a reasonable compromise to allow us some privacy in our living areas.

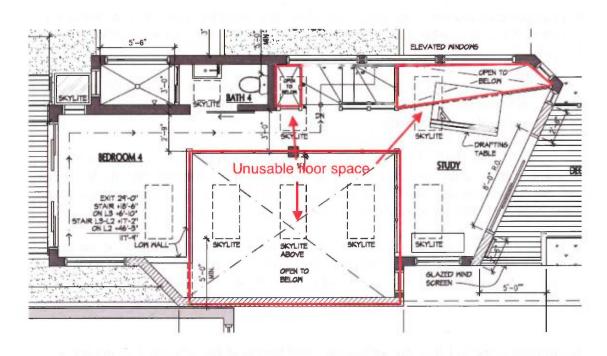
- a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor: The proposed bedroom window on the second floor has a direct cross view to our master bedroom. We respectfully ask that this window be eliminated or that privacy glass be required.
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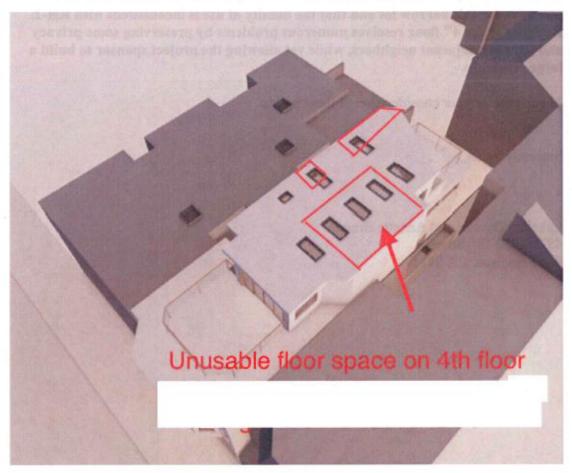
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Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Sincerely yours,

Lokelani Devone and Annette Brands 4525-4527 18<sup>th</sup> Street San Francisco, CA 94114





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Tuesday, September 08, 2015 9:47 PM

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Subject:

4529 Plans for Proposed Structure

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Best.

Leo Petroni Mobile 415.710.6631

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Wednesday, November 04, 2015 3:10 PM

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Attachments:

4929 Zoning Determ Ltr.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Subject: Re: Update on 4529 18th - peaked roof

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<4929 Zoning Determ Ltr.pdf>

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### Second Floor

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### Third Floor

- 5. This part of your proposal is of great concern. First, unlike the light well windows on the second floor, only one of the four windows facing our property has privacy glass. The windows on the north light well will have views directly into our living room. If these were transom windows (placed higher), that might solve the issue. Of even greater concern are the windows and the balcony facing our south light well, off of your proposed kitchen. These have a direct views from only a few feet away down into our bedroom, our family room, and into our tenant's living space.
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# 4th Floor ("Mezzanine")

7. We remain opposed to the addition of this floor despite your "pulling it in." There remains a wrap-around balcony. The balcony proposed on this floor again will look down into our home, with views into our family room, bedroom and our tenant's living space. The addition of this floor, in our view, is excessive and results in bulk and height that is entirely inappropriate to its surroundings. It is particularly a hardship on all of your neighbors who will lose significant light and privacy.

# 5th Floor Rooftop

We are not even sure what more to say about the rooftop balcony, other than what I have already said. The word "excess" comes to mind. We gather that you really like balconies. We do too, but not ones that look into our neighbors' homes.

# **Next Steps**

It would be really helpful if you could be more transparent with the neighbors and let us know where things stand with the planning process. You may or may not be aware that this has caused many of us anxiety and worry. At your convenience, Annette and I would like to meet with you in person and sit down to talk about the plans, if possible. I think it will also be helpful for you to see (literally) our perspective.

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Please give us a call if you would like to discuss this or if we can schedule a time for you to visit our house. We would welcome that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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I hope this finds you all well. I finally have an update on 4529 18<sup>th</sup> St – thank you for your patience! Kirsten drew up a new partial plan set - in essence, it shifts the 4<sup>th</sup> floor mezzanine toward the street and has a peaked roof. This does not resolve every issue but does address many of the concerns that everyone has brought up along the way and we hope it can serve as a compromise all around. We would need your help to get it approved, as it does not meet the planning code front setback requirement. However, we think it's within the spirit of the code and has a good chance of being granted a "variance" if all neighbors support it.

This concept is a 3 full story with the 4<sup>th</sup> fl. Mezz inside a peaked roof (with dormers). The peaked design would increase light to adjacent homes and would

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<4529 18th St\_Preliminary peaked roof plans\_09.09.15.pdf>

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**Date:** August 5, 2015 at 6:14:53 PM PDT

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<4929 Zoning Determ Ltr.pdf>

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#### Second Floor

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## Third Floor

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# 4th Floor ("Mezzanine")

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## 5th Floor Rooftop

We are not even sure what more to say about the rooftop balcony, other than what I have already said. The word "excess" comes to mind. We gather that you really like balconies. We do too, but not ones that look into our neighbors' homes.

## Next Steps

It would be really helpful if you could be more transparent with the neighbors and let us know where things stand with the planning process. You may or may not be aware that this has caused many of us anxiety and worry. At your convenience, Annette and I would like to meet with you in person and sit down to talk about the plans, if possible. I think it will also be helpful for you to see (literally) our perspective.

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Please give us a call if you would like to discuss this or if we can schedule a time for you to visit our house. We would welcome that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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On Nov 4, 2015, at 11:02 AM, Ozzie Zehner <zehner@imagitrends.com> wrote:

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I hope this finds you all well. I finally have an update on 4529 18<sup>th</sup> St – thank you for your patience! Kirsten drew up a new partial plan set - in essence, it shifts the 4<sup>th</sup> floor mezzanine toward the street and has a peaked roof. This does not resolve every issue but does address many of the concerns that everyone has brought up along the way and we hope it can serve as a compromise all around. We would need your help to get it approved, as it does not meet the planning code front setback requirement. However, we think it's within the spirit of the code and has a good chance of being granted a "variance" if all neighbors support it.

This concept is a 3 full story with the 4<sup>th</sup> fl. Mezz inside a peaked roof (with dormers). The peaked design would increase light to adjacent homes and would open Tommi and David's view of Corona Heights. The south side (rear) of the peak is cut off at an angle to expand Bill and Barbara's dogleg and give privacy to Loki and Annette while also allowing light into the light wells. For Leo, this would be a mixed bag as it would raise the crest line of the roof 42-inches above the original flat-roof design to about 44-feet but it would also shift the roof line away from the view of Twin Peaks. I know the height has been of concern to many of you, but this is still well below the zoned height limit and would shift that height toward the front of the building.

I attached a PDF with a preliminary set of elevations and floorplan (please ignore the interior floorpans of floors 1-3, as those remain unaltered in this preliminary set - we can update those as we move forward). I know this won't fully satisfy every concern but it does address nearly all concerns. It does reduce our utility/light of the interior space and it eliminates a room for us, but I feel like this is a reasonable compromise that finds a middle ground. Of course, we can work on these plans to further adjust privacy glazing, materials, colors, handrail/privacy wall tradeoffs, keep/remove front balcony (small romeo and Juliet balcony in front elevation)

and other appearance details. Please let me know if you have any initial thoughts or suggestions.

At this point, the peaked roof design would require a variance from the city and I would be happy to initiate that process if there is interest and full support from all of our adjacent neighbors. I can't predict the outcome of the variance request but I think we would have a reasonable chance of getting it approved.

To move forward, we should pull together a letter of support from each adjacent neighbor any anyone else who has been involved so far, stating support for the project and the reasons why this plan is preferable. We can set up a time to talk by phone or you may send me emails, or meet with Kirsten in person if you have questions about the plans. Or, if you have any thoughts or proposals, we can discuss those too. Please contact us and we'll coordinate!

Best wishes,

Ozzie, Aaron & Kirsten

<4529 18th St\_Preliminary peaked roof plans\_09.09.15.pdf>

Lord Leo Petroni

#### Jackson, Erika

From: zehner <imagitrends@gmail.com> on behalf of Ozzie Zehner

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Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 9:12 AM

To: Lokelani Devone; John Wilson; Lord Leo Petroni; Jackson, Erika; Bill Hume; Barbara

Hume; Annette Brands; Tommi West; David V; Doug Kirkpatrick; John Rosenzweig; fly@turboflip.com; karneson@sbcglobal.net; Gael Miller; Tammy & Hamid Otsmane

Aaron Norton

Subject: Re: Update on 4529 18th - peaked roof

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Hello everyone,

Cc:

Thank you for your emails and I hope this finds you all well. I can see that I am not too popular right now but I want to reiterate our interest in hearing your questions and concerns with our house plans when we have a revised plan set. I understand the 4th fl. mezzanine is still a sticking point and we are not prepared to remove it. However, in consideration of the ongoing bulk concerns we will shrink the overall envelope and include an additional setback on the upper level in the next 311 neighborhood notification plans. We will also institute updates to address concerns about privacy, structural characteristics, aesthetic designs, and so forth. Unfortunately, there will still be impacts on adjacent neighbors and we will continue our work to minimize those but we can not eliminate them. Once we have a set of plans, we will be better prepared to discuss renderings, shadows, etc to help show what the house would look like.

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For our neighbor John across the street, I'm able to answer your question about shadows now. For comparison, the average front shadow from our original house plans (mailed out by the city previously) would be about the same length as shadows cast by each of the other buildings across from you (4533 - 4539 18th St.) and our shadow would be about 10-15% smaller in overall in size. I hope that's helpful but let me know if it's unclear.

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Ozzie

On Nov 7, 2015, at 1:40 PM, Lokelani Devone < lokedevone@icloud.com > wrote:

Hi John,

Yes. Early on, we asked Ozzie for a shadow study and 3-D model for adjacent properties.

He has not responded to this request.

Loke

On Nov 7, 2015, at 1:28 PM, John Wilson < john@jbwilson.net > wrote:

Hello neighbors,

My voice is late to the game on this, although I've been reading the correspondence and viewing the attachments while remaining silent up to now.

Does anyone reading this know if there's been a shadow study of this proposed structure? My main concern in asking this question is in regard to the shadow, if any, that the structure would cast on my building across the street at 4550 18th St., and whether it would shade my rooftop solar panels. It seems unlikely, but there's nothing existing that's comparable because it appears the proposed structure would be much taller than any of the surrounding buildings.

Thanks JW

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1. We are opposed to the use of space for any commercial use. Prior to purchasing our adjacent building in 2003, we reviewed the City's zoning files for 4529 and found the attached zoning determination letter from the City in 2002 to the previous owner, stating that the property is zoned R-2 for residential use. Specifically, the letter states,

"Any subsequent use of the property for a commercial use would be contrary to the provisions of the Planning Code and could be considered in violation of that Code. Future use of the buildings and property must comply with the requirements of the RH-2 district."

It is our understanding that no subsequent interpretation has been made and that the determination letter is effective. If you have different information, please let us know. <4929 Zoning Determ Ltr.pdf>

- 2. The former plan for an "in-law" unit now bears the title of "Workshop". Is this just a semantic change or did the City planner advise you that an in-law is not permitted? Our view is that the 4529 property is already overly dense in terms of the number of people using the space. The layout looks exactly the same as it did in the original drawings, minus a kitchen. If that space were ever to be used as an in-law, rental space, or AirBnB type of use, be assured that we will file a complaint. Could you consider reclaiming most of the 1st floor for your living space?
- 3. Parking You have not addressed the neighbors' expressed concern over the lack of planned parking, which again adds to congestion and reduces street parking for others and their guests.

#### Second Floor

4. The depth of your light wells are a mere 3 feet deep, whereas ours are 6 feet. This will result in significant loss of light to our property, as we have 3 windows in each light well bay, in addition to a skylight in our south light well. Moreover, the proposed height of your building - towering three stories above our light wells - in reality renders them useless. They will no longer truly provide any direct light whatsoever.

#### Third Floor

- 5. This part of your proposal is of great concern. First, unlike the light well windows on the second floor, only one of the four windows facing our property has privacy glass. The windows on the north light well will have views directly into our living room. If these were transom windows (placed higher), that might solve the issue. Of even greater concern are the windows and the balcony facing our south light well, off of your proposed kitchen. These have a direct views from only a few feet away down into our bedroom, our family room, and into our tenant's living space.
- 6. On the southside of our property, the proposed balcony will look down only a few feet away onto our own deck. Can you consider pulling the balcony back from the property line?

# 4th Floor ("Mezzanine")

7. We remain opposed to the addition of this floor despite your "pulling it in." There remains a wrap-around balcony. The balcony proposed on this floor again will look down into our home, with views into our family room, bedroom and our tenant's living space. The addition of this floor, in our view, is excessive and results in bulk and height that is entirely inappropriate to its surroundings. It is particularly a hardship on all of your neighbors who will lose significant light and privacy.

# 5th Floor Rooftop

We are not even sure what more to say about the rooftop balcony, other than what I have already said. The word "excess" comes to mind. We gather that you really like balconies. We do too, but not ones that look into our neighbors' homes.

# Next Steps

It would be really helpful if you could be more transparent with the neighbors and let us know where things stand with the planning process. You may or may not be aware that this has caused many of us anxiety and worry. At your convenience, Annette and I would like to meet with you in person and sit down to talk about the plans, if possible. I think it will also be helpful for you to see (literally) our perspective.

Also, we request that you could provide a 3-D model, showing your proposed structure and David and Tommi's existing house, next to our house. We have not yet received any notification from the City, nor the hard copy of the proposed drawings.

Please understand that we are not opposed to change and you have a right to develop your property. We have voiced our concerns and hope to work things out in a neighborly way with you, but the latest set of drawings doesn't address these. You are proposing to erect a very large, oversized structure on a narrow piece of property that is already densely occupied. We hope that you will consider smaller tasteful home, appropriate to the lot and the surrounding neighborhood, and considerate of your neighbors' homes.

Please give us a call if you would like to discuss this or if we can schedule a time for you to visit our house. We would welcome that opportunity.

Sincerely,

Loke and Annette

On Nov 4, 2015, at 11:02 AM, Ozzie Zehner <zehner@imagitrends.com> wrote:

Hello everyone,

I hope this finds you all well. I finally have an update on 4529 18th St – thank you for your patience! Kirsten drew up a new partial plan set - in essence, it shifts the 4th floor mezzanine toward the street and has a peaked roof. This does not resolve every issue but does address many of the concerns that everyone has brought up along the way and we hope it can serve as a compromise all around. We would need your help to get it approved, as it does not meet the planning code front setback requirement. However, we think it's within the spirit of the code and has a good chance of being granted a "variance" if all neighbors support it.

This concept is a 3 full story with the 4th fl. Mezz inside a peaked roof (with dormers). The peaked design would increase light to adjacent homes and would open Tommi and David's view of Corona Heights. The south side (rear) of the peak is cut off at an angle to expand Bill and

Barbara's dogleg and give privacy to Loki and Annette while also allowing light into the light wells. For Leo, this would be a mixed bag as it would raise the crest line of the roof 42-inches above the original flat-roof design to about 44-feet but it would also shift the roof line away from the view of Twin Peaks. I know the height has been of concern to many of you, but this is still well below the zoned height limit and would shift that height toward the front of the building.

I attached a PDF with a preliminary set of elevations and floorplan (please ignore the interior floorpans of floors 1-3, as those remain unaltered in this preliminary set - we can update those as we move forward). I know this won't fully satisfy every concern but it does address nearly all concerns. It does reduce our utility/light of the interior space and it eliminates a room for us, but I feel like this is a reasonable compromise that finds a middle ground. Of course, we can work on these plans to further adjust privacy glazing, materials, colors, handrail/privacy wall tradeoffs, keep/remove front balcony (small romeo and Juliet balcony in front elevation) and other appearance details. Please let me know if you have any initial thoughts or suggestions.

At this point, the peaked roof design would require a variance from the city and I would be happy to initiate that process if there is interest and full support from all of our adjacent neighbors. I can't predict the outcome of the variance request but I think we would have a reasonable chance of getting it approved.

To move forward, we should pull together a letter of support from each adjacent neighbor any anyone else who has been involved so far, stating support for the project and the reasons why this plan is preferable. We can set up a time to talk by phone or you may send me emails, or meet with Kirsten in person if you have questions about the plans. Or, if you have any thoughts or proposals, we can discuss those too. Please contact us and we'll coordinate!

Best wishes,

Ozzie, Aaron & Kirsten

<4529 18th St\_Preliminary peaked roof plans\_09.09.15.pdf>

Lord Leo Petroni

From: zehner <imagitrends@gmail.com> on behalf of Ozzie Zehner

<zehner@imagitrends.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:21 AM

To: Lokelani Devone; John Wilson; Lord Leo Petroni; Jackson, Erika; Bill Hume; Barbara

Hume; Annette Brands; Tommi West; David V; Doug Kirkpatrick; John Rosenzweig; fly@turboflip.com; karneson@sbcglobal.net; Gael Miller; Tammy & Hamid Otsmane

Cc: Aaron Norton

Subject: Re: Update on 4529 18th - peaked roof

# Dear neighbors,

I hope the new year is treating you all well. We have been working on revising the plans for our home at 4529 18th. and should have something to mail out soon. We are planning to fully meet or work toward a compromise on all of the points listed in Loke and Annette's two emails, which I know many of you supported. We are working from the original plans, not the peaked roof plans, as the majority of our neighbors requested that we not pursue the peaked roof design.

In brief, we plan to meet the following concerns:

1) Utility panel locations will be noted, 2) we are shifting the upper level south by three feet to be 15' back from the front property line and 18' back from the front bay, 3) we will indicate sheer walls in the drawings, 4) the new drawings will indicate proposed cladding materials, 5) the cost of the project will be adjusted after final bidding 6) we will have a designer develop 3D renderings 7) we will develop a typical shadow study on the winter solstice when maximum shadows occur and light is most limited, including shadow coverage at various times of the day, 8) the plans will show adjacent home skylight placements 9) the plans will have reduced deck sizes (see more below) 10) We are planning to add 2-3 bike parking spaces 11) we are attempting to greatly reduce and hopefully fully eliminate many cross views 12) we are adding a privacy screen to the third floor deck to eliminate southern light well cross views.

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We are hoping these changes will avoid the need for a discretionary review and remain open to discussing any specific concerns that these changes might bring up. If you have any remaining requests or concerns, please let me know. As always, one of us (Ozzie, Aaron, or Kirsten) will be available to meet with you if you have questions about the plans or would like us to see perspectives from your windows or decks.

Many thanks,
Ozzie and Aaron

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From: Bill Hume <billhume@comcast.net> Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 9:29 AM To: 'Annette Brands'; 'Ozzie Zehner' Cc: 'Lokelani Devone'; 'John Wilson'; 'Lord Leo Petroni'; Jackson, Erika; 'Barbara Hume'; 'Tommi West'; 'David Van der Voort'; 'Doug Kirkpatrick'; 'John Rosenzweig'; fly@turboflip.com; 'Karen Arneson'; 'Gael Miller'; 'Tammy & Hamid Otsmane'; 'Aaron Norton' Subject: RE: Update on 4529 18th - peaked roof Ozzie, Thanks for the update and the accommodations you are proposing. I do agree with Annette that many of these changes are difficult to visualize and would greatly appreciate seeing a preliminary plan. Light into the light wells, and keeping the building within the aesthetic of the neighborhood remain our largest concerns. Thanks. Best Regards; Bill 415.577.4522 ----Original Message-----From: Annette Brands [mailto:abrands@me.com] Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 12:44 PM To: Ozzie Zehner Cc: Lokelani Devone; John Wilson; Lord Leo Petroni; Erika Jackson; Bill Hume; Barbara Hume; Tommi West; David Van der Voort; Doug Kirkpatrick; John Rosenzweig; fly@turboflip.com; Karen Arneson; Gael Miller; Tammy & Hamid Otsmane; Aaron Norton Subject: Re: Update on 4529 18th - peaked roof Hi Ozzie, May we have an opportunity to see the latest set of plans with these changes and meet with you prior to you filing the 311? As we said in an earlier email, the changes you are laying out are difficult to visualize in relation to our property, without seeing the revised plans. **Annette Brands** abrands@me.com 415-640-4698 > On Jan 27, 2016, at 10:21 AM, Ozzie Zehner <zehner@imagitrends.com> wrote:

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- > Ozzie and Aaron

From:

John Rosenzweig <johnrsf@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 06, 2016 3:34 PM

To:

Karen Arneson

Cc:

Ozzie Zehner; Annette Brands; Devone Lokelani; Jackson, Erika; Bill Hume; Hume

Barbara; Tommi West; Van der Voort David; LP Petroni; Doug Kirkpatrick; Aaron Norton;

fly@turboflip.com; John Wilson; Gael Miller; Otsmane Tammy & Hamid

Subject:

Re: Plan revisions for 4529 18th

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In order that I and other neighbors can get a clear visual sense of what your project would look like when built (without having to make guesses for differences in grade, for example,) I have requested that you erect "story poles" that will show the outline of the project.

I am also concerned about efforts to get city approval for commercial use of the ground floor space, which may not be consistent with current zoning of your parcel.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming planning commission meeting.

Best regards,

John Rosenzweig 26 Caselli Ave.

On Tue, Apr 5, 2016 at 9:45 AM, Karen Arneson < <u>karneson@sbcglobal.net</u>> wrote:

Hi Ozzie.

Thanks for the update. Can you also please put up the "story pole" that was previously requested by another neighbor. That will provide the visual guideline we need to understand the true height of the proposed building relative to all of our houses.

Thanks,

Karen

Karen Arneson

Phone: <u>415-552-0308</u> Cell: <u>415-786-7413</u>

# ----Original Message----From: zehner [mailto:imagitrends@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Ozzie Zehner Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 10:34 PM To: Annette Brands <a href="mailto:abrands@me.com">abrands@me.com</a> Cc: Devone Lokelani <lokedevone@icloud.com>; Arneson Karen <karneson@sbcglobal.net>; Erika Jackson <erika.jackson@sfgov.org>; Bill Hume <br/> billhume@comcast.net>; Hume Barbara <barbarahume@comcast.net>; Tommi West <tommi@tommiwest.com>; Van der Voort David <eigenstates@gmail.com>; LP Petroni <lpenterprises2012@gmail.com>; Doug Kirkpatrick <a href="mailto:</a> <a href=" <atnorton54@gmail.com>; fly@turboflip.com; john@jbwilson.net; gaelatchcleaners@yahoo.com; Otsmane Tammy & Hamid < littlepinkhouses@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Plan revisions for 4529 18th Hello Annette.

The revisions are taking a little longer than expected but once we have those dialed in, we can create the shadow and 3D drawings. I'll be in touch once we have something ready. I'm not sure of our timeline but we will have those completed in advance of the planning commission meeting so everyone can review them. Best,

Ozzie

>> Ozzie

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> On Mar 30, 2016, at 12:33 PM, Annette Brands <abrands@me.com> wrote:
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> Ozzie,
> In February, per your email below, you promised a shadow study and 3D drawings including adjacent
properties. When can we see those?
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> Annette Brands
> abrands@me.com
> 415-640-4698
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>> On Feb 16, 2016, at 10:25 AM, Ozzie Zehner <zehner@imagitrends.com> wrote:
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>> Good morning everyone,
>> It was nice to see many of you at the two meetings. I hope your weekends went well. Kirsten will be
outputting a PDF of the plans to send out by email asap. There are some alignment issues in the PDF I have but
we'll get it figured out.
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>> Also, we are starting the shadow and 3D drawings this week - I will be outside taking/checking some
measurements for the shadow study over the next few days. I'm not sure how long the modeling will take but
I'll stay in touch as we make more progress.
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>> Best.
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>>> On Feb 12, 2016, at 10:08 AM, Lokelani Devone <lokedevone@icloud.com> wrote:
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>>> Ozzie,
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>>> If you could share the plans via email, that would help us to view them in more detail. Thanks again.
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>>> Loke
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>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>> On Feb 11, 2016, at 7:48 AM, Ozzie Zehner < <u>zehner@imagitrends.com</u>> wrote:
>>>> Hello everyone,
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>>>> Thank you for your patience with scheduling. We'll have the revised plans to show tonight at 6:30-
7:30pm as planned. Then again tomorrow morning at 10:30am. If you are interested in seeing the revised plans
and can't make either of those appointments, let me know.
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>>>> Also, I believe you should all receive copy in the mail once the 311 period begins but I'm not sure yet
when those will be sent out.
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>>>> Hope to see you soon,
>>>> Ozzie
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>>>> On Feb 9, 2016, at 6:27 PM, Karen Arneson < karneson@sbcglobal.net > wrote:
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>>>> Hi Ozzie,
>>>> I am currently in Wisconsin visiting my father and I do not get home until late Thursday night. I would
like to also come by on Friday morning to see the plans. Is there a specific time that would be best to
meet? Please let me know. My preference would be to meet around 10 or 10:30 a.m., at the earliest.
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>>>> Thanks.
>>>> Karen
>>>> 22 Caselli Ave.
>>>> San Francisco, CA 94114
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>>>> Karen Arneson
>>>> Phone: 415-552-0308
>>>> Cell: 415-786-7413
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>>>> From: zehner [mailto:imagitrends@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Ozzie Zehner
>>>> Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 12:21 PM
>>>> To: Lokelani Devone <lokedevone@icloud.com>
>>>> Cc: Erika Jackson <erika.jackson@sfgov.org>; Bill Hume <br/>
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>>>> Subject: Re: Plan revisions for 4529 18th
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>>>> Dear Loke,
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>>>> Yes, Friday morning would be a good backup for me if you and Annette are unable to attend on
Thursday (we could also adjust the time on Thursday if that helps?).
>>>> And, if anyone would like to meet separately a more convenient time this week, let me know.
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>>>> Thanks.
>>>> Ozzie
>>>> 415-501-0073
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>>>> On Feb 8, 2016, at 8:26 PM, Lokelani Devone <lokedevone@icloud.com> wrote:
>>>>> Dear Ozzie,
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>>>>> Thank you for making the new plans available for our review in advance of filing them with the
City. Unfortunately, this is very short notice. Annette and I will try to make it but if we cannot, are you
available to show us and discuss the plans on Friday morning?
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>>>>> Best.
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From:

Karen Arneson < karneson@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 06, 2016 6:52 PM

To:

'Ozzie Zehner'

Cc:

'Ozzie Zehner'; 'Annette Brands'; 'Devone Lokelani'; Jackson, Erika; 'Bill Hume'; 'Hume Barbara'; 'Tommi West'; 'Van der Voort David'; 'LP Petroni'; 'Doug Kirkpatrick'; 'Aaron Norton'; fly@turboflip.com; 'John Wilson'; 'Gael Miller'; 'Otsmane Tammy & Hamid';

'John Rosenzweig'

Subject:

RE: Plan revisions for 4529 18th

### Ozzie,

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Regards, Karen

Karen Arneson 22 Caselli Ave.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 3:34 PM
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Cc: Ozzie Zehner <zehner@imagitrends.com>; Annette Brands <abrands@me.com>; Devone Lokelani

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4529 18th Street Project

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I live at and own 4517 18th street just three properties down from 4529 18th street. I want to first start off by saying that I am a realtor here in San Francisco and I am all for development but, what the owner of 4529 18th street, Ozzie Zehner, is proposing is completely out of character with the neighborhood. I don't know what Ozzie is telling you about neighborhood concerns but, he is definitely not addressing them. The height, bulk, and mass of the structure is excessive for the lot size. The loss of privacy and light to his neighbors will be immense. If you look on our block there are no other dwellings that are this height and on top of that there are no homes that are over 3 stories. I think that sums it up right there.

The three story building he is proposing doesn't even have parking which is a huge concern for the neighborhood as well. Not everyone is able to ride bikes or walk where they need to go. I battle this on a daily basis with people parking over into my drive way.

There is also a dwelling in the back of the lot which will completely lose all of their privacy and light. The proposed building will look directly down on them and this of course will effect there quality of life and not to mention the value of their home. This proposal is completely one sided in that the other tic unit has absolutely no say. That is not right.

Furthermore, the commercial unit that is there now is not permitted and the neighbors are opposed to allowing it in the future.

This is not South Beach or Soma, this is a neighborhood and a community. If you pass this, can you imagine how many angry neighbors

you will have in the future with people wanting to build up. I think the decision you make here will set a precedent for future construction in this neighborhood. I appreciate your time and efforts in this tough decision. If you would like to discuss this with me I am happy to do so.

Best,

Leo Petroni

Mobile 415.710.6631

From:

Annette Brands <abrands@me.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 26, 2016 2:32 PM

To: Cc: Jackson, Erika Lokelani Devone

Subject:

SF Planning Commission - 2015-006857CUA

Dear Erika,

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Lokelani Devone

To:

Jackson, Erika

Cc:

Karen Arneson; Annette Brands

Subject:

Re: SF Planning Commission - 2015-006857CUA (4529 18th St)

Date:

Friday, May 27, 2016 12:21:01 PM

# Dear Erika,

Further to Annette's email regarding the illegal commercial use at 4529 18th Street, here are some photos showing why it has been a problem for us. Our driveway is often blocked by the shop's clients or delivery vans. The woman who operates the cleaners across the way complains that the New Deal shop clients use her green zone space.

After taking deliveries, the shop owner leaves the discarded packing materials and cardboard outside on the sidewalk, often days before the scheduled garbage/recycling day. In addition to being unsightly, it often creates a mess that I or others must clean up.

Here are some photos depicting what pretty much happens every week:







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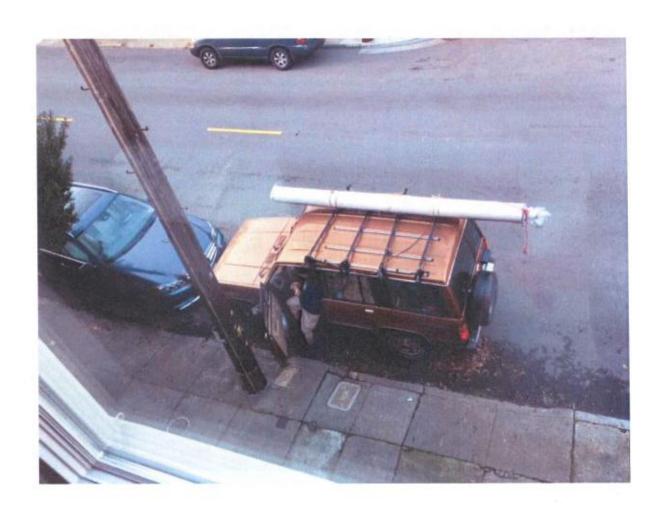














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Annette Brands abrands@me.com 415-640-4698

#### Jackson, Erika

From:

Annette Brands <abrands@me.com>

Sent:

Friday, June 03, 2016 5:15 PM

To:

Ozzie Zehner; Jackson, Erika

Cc:

Lokelani Devone

Subject:

4529 18th 5/25/16 plans, shadow studies and 3D- comments and concerns

#### Ozzie,

We have noted specific issues related to your final plan set dated 5/26/16 as well as the 3D rendering and shadow studies we finally received this past Tuesday. Receiving the shadow studies and 3D renderings at such a late date has left us with very little time to respond or ask for changes.

We remain adamantly opposed to your 4th floor. If the Planning Commission approves it, we would request, for the sake of all your neighbors, to remove your south facing 4th floor deck which will provide you with an imposing perch from which to look down on all your adjacent neighbors. Its location is intrusive to the peaceful enjoyment of backyards for many of us, including neighbors on Caselli.

Your shadow study demonstrates a dramatic impact on our west facing windows and our skylights (including the skylight to the 1st floor unit on the south light well) throughout the year and even to our deck at the height of summer. I won't even go in to how difficult and confusing the shadow studies were to interpret-typically licensed architects provide either an animated study or provide still images of each hour throughout these 4 quarters to see how it impacts. That criticism aside, we are deeply concerned by how much light we will actually lose (not to mention potential home value). All of our west facing windows and skylights will be shaded at 1pm on Dec 21; by 2pm on Mar 21; by 2:45 on June 21 and by 2pm on Sep 21. While the Residential Design Guidelines state that some loss of light should be anticipated with building expansion, we are losing much more then "some" light. Meanwhile, you have maximized light to your proposed residence, including more windows and glass doors then we can count, while denying significant loss of light to your adjacent neighbors. Unless you are open to making some modifications on this count, we fully intend to take it up with the Planning Commission on the 16th.

#### Light

In areas with a dense building pattern, some reduction of light to neighboring buildings can be expected with a building expansion. However, there may be situations where a proposed project will have a greater impact on neighboring buildings. In these situations, the following design modifications can minimize impacts on light; other modifications may also be appropriate depending on the circumstances of a particular project:

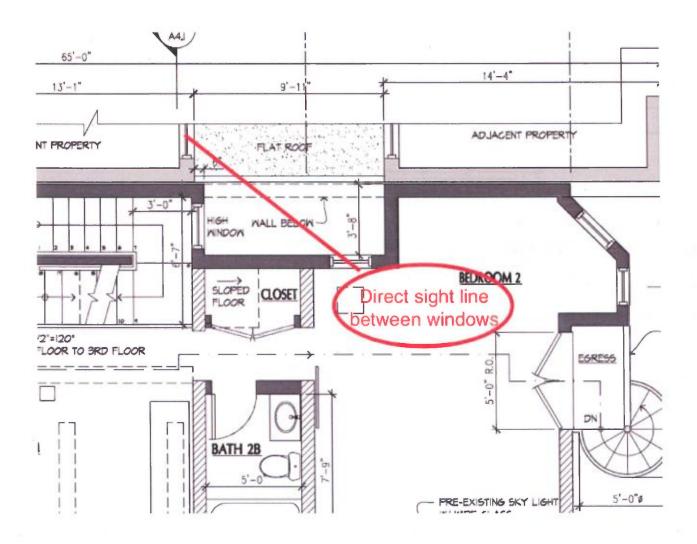
- · Provide setbacks on the upper floors of the building.
- Include a sloped roof form in the design.
- Provide shared light wells to provide more light to both properties.
- · Incorporate open railings on decks and stairs.
- Eliminate the need for parapet walls by using a firerated roof.

Planning Code Section 101 states that one of the purposes of the Planning Code is to provide adequate light, air, privacy and convenience of access to property in San Francisco.

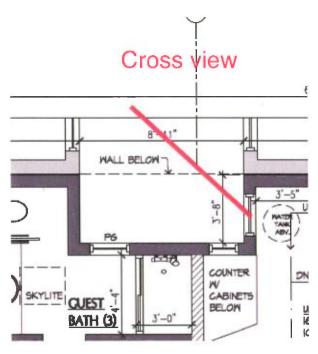
### Shadow study indicate dramatic loss of light to our skylights and light wells

16 Residential Design Guidelines: December 2003

**Bedroom #2 window** that faces our south light well is problematic and has a direct cross view to our Master bedroom. In a previous email, you offered that if after it was in place and if it was a problem, you would put up curtains or a privacy strip. It is a problem for us now and we ask that you eliminate the window or use privacy glass. You have additional windows for this room, facing south, that will provide plenty of light-lots more light than what you propose to leave us with. Our window is large- 4x5' and we currently are able to look out at a 90 degree angle over your existing 1st floor.

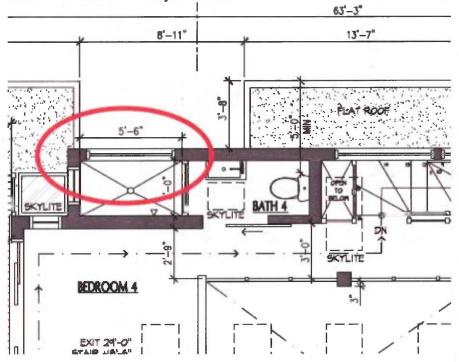


**3rd floor stair landing window** has the same problem. Again our window here is quite large, again approx 4 x 5' and easy to see into at a 90 degree angle. Please add privacy glass here as well.

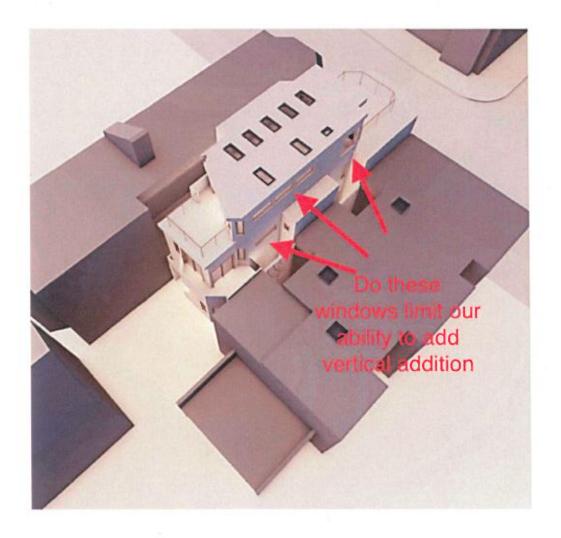


We would also ask that you make the window over the kitchen counter with privacy glass.

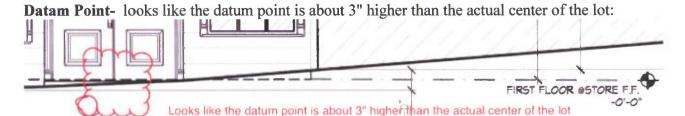
**4th Floor Shower Window-** appears to be at normal height. One could look straight down to 2 of our north light well windows (again both are 4 x 5'). We ask that you eliminate this window. Do you really need yet another window here in your shower?



We had previously asked how high you proposed to place your east facing "high windows" on the 3rd and 4th floors and you stated 5'5". Given the length of those windows on both the 3rd and 4th Floors- we have several concerns. A tall person could walk up to those windows and look down into our windows and skylights. Also given the east facing property line location, we would be limited in our ability to add a 3rd story to our building (or reduce the value to someone interested in expanding up). Often in San Francisco, buildings are not able to even put windows on property lines to allow for this vertical expansion. Your design limits what we or a future owner would be able to do. We would like you to raise your "high" windows higher then 5'5" to a more traditional transom window height and also to only place windows on the east side, to the light well area so as to allow a potential 3rd floor addition to our building.



**Windows within 5' of property line.** We noticed several operable windows within 5' of the property line on the west side. Are there any on the east side and if so are any within 3' of the property line as these would need to be fire rated windows?



Lastly, we would also want to see where our windows and 4533's windows are in relation to what you are showing on the street elevation (and rear for that matter).

We were mistaken regarding the alignment of the lightwells. we realized our west facing windows are not centered within our light well. Our apologies- it has been very difficult to review these plans, window alignment etc on a laptop screen.

Annette Brands and Lokelani Devone 4525 and 4527 18th Street

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#### Jackson, Erika

From:

Hume, Bill <bill.hume@emc.com>

Sent:

Sunday, June 05, 2016 5:42 PM

To:

Jackson, Erika

Cc:

bill Hume; Barbara Hume

Subject:

RE: 4529 18th Street - SF Planning Commission

Importance:

High

Follow Up Flag:

Follow up

Flag Status:

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Erika Jackson and the SF Planning Commission;

We are the owners of the property (4533 18th Street) to the west of the proposed construction project at 4529 18th Street, and provide the following statement in strong opposition to approving the structure as proposed. Although we were provided with the latest plans only recently, it is clear that there are several critical aspects that the out-of-state developer has not accommodated in his proposed plans. Although we are not opposed to a larger structure being built on the current site, being out-of-state, he has limited knowledge of the neighborhood and has made limited accommodations to the neighbor's clear and strong objections.

Significant Loss of Light—the proposed structure will directly impact the quality and quantity of light into the 9 operating windows in the living space of three separate units that are east facing. This has been validated with his light and shadow study that directly demonstrates that light will be impacted and shadows will become dominant. The out-of-state developer recognized this by designing half of his proposed 4th floor with a modified light well to maximize the light flowing into his lower living space. He wants the light, while taking it away from his neighbors. Removing the 4th floor would help mitigate this issue. In addition, he has not matched in position his proposed 2nd and 3rd floor window/light wells with our existing window/light well (refer to Diagram A) as is clearly stated in the Residential Design Guidelines. We ask that his proposed structure be modified to match our existing window/light well, as this would also mitigate the direct impact on our quality and quantity of light. Finally he has not accommodated any privacy concerns with his proposed clear west facing windows into our existing living space (refer to Diagram B). We ask that privacy glass windows be installed in all west facing windows and doors.

Density – the proposed density on this non-conforming parcel is inappropriate for the neighborhood. The already non-conforming parcel should not have to accommodate the potential of 14 people on the property, 5 separate units, very limited green space between the two structures, and no off street parking. This has a direct impact on neighborhood parking, cars and delivery trucks blocking driveways, traffic, noise and other neighborhood nuisances. Again, removing the 4th floor and creating a mindfully sized structure with appropriate density and off street parking, consistent with the neighborhood, is requested and seems appropriate.

Mass – the proposed 4 bedroom 5 bathroom mini-mansion with separate living, dining, family, media, study, arts/family and guest quarters is simply not a single family home in the character of the

neighborhood, impacting the aesthetic character of the neighborhood and as a result property values. This is true not only aesthetically but visually. His proposal is higher than any other single family structure including our egress exit to the roof (refer to Diagram C). There are no other single family 4 story structures in the immediate area, and his proposed structure would stick out like a sore thumb.

As far as we can surmise, he has no intention of living in his proposed mini-mansion, and has demonstrated minimal willingness to compromise with his neighbors. His proposed changes have resulted in the size of the structure being reduced by only 200 sq ft, minimal changes to the setbacks, and failure to show code-compliant fire-rated windows that are within 3 feet of the property line. The changes he claims to have made appear to be mostly code or design modifications required from the planning dept. I also strongly encourage you to speak confidentially with the TIC co-owners in the rear structure as they are also directly impacted by this proposed structure and due to a contractual agreement can't publicly oppose this structure.

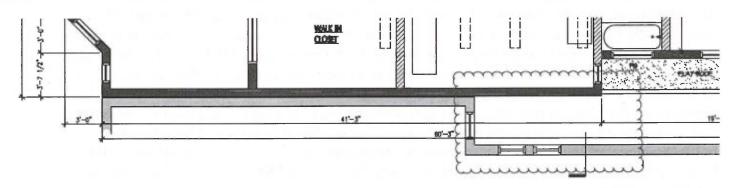
For these reasons and more, we strongly encourage the Planning Department to deny approval for building the proposed structure and require modifications be made so that a 3 story structure of less mass, a smaller structure with less density, and a modified structure accommodating neighbor quality of life concerns and meets documented city guidelines be approved to be built.

Respectfully,

Bill Hume

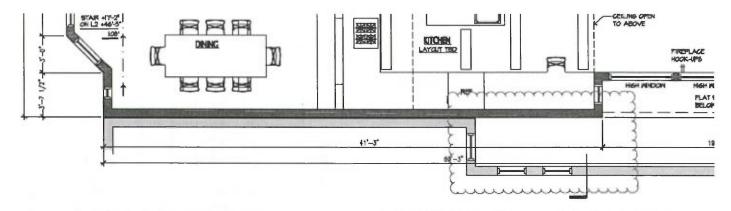
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#### Diagram A



PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Scale



### PROPOSED THIRD FLOOR PLAN

Sea

### Diagram B

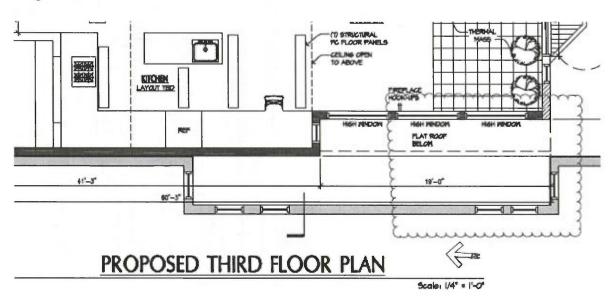


Diagram C



### PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION

#### Jackson, Erika

From:

Karen Arneson < karneson@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 5:36 PM

To:

Jackson, Erika

Subject:

Project at 4529 18th St - Letter to Planning Commission

#### Hi Erika,

The following is a letter to the members of the Planning Commission from my husband, Charles Pfalzer, and me regarding our objections to Ozzie Zehner's proposed project at 4529 18<sup>th</sup> St. Please include this email/letter in your packet to the Planning Commission when you submit your Departmental recommendation.

Thanks very much for your assistance.

May 31, 2016

To:

President Fong and Members of the Planning Commission

Cc:

Erika Jackson, Planning Department

From:

Karen Arneson and Charles Pfalzer

22 Caselli Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94114

RE:

4529 18th Street Proposal

Dear Commissioners,

My husband and I have owned and lived in our home at 22 Caselli Ave. for 28 years. We are writing to express our **opposition to** the **current proposal** for the above referenced project which seeks to add three stories to the existing one story building and reinstatement of limited commercial use at this location.

A decision to allow a 4-story structure on that block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street (which currently has no other 4-story buildings) would create a structure that is totally out of character with the rest of the buildings on the block. As a neighbor directly to the south of the project, the height, mass and scale of the building would be especially apparent to those of us on Caselli Ave. We note that the project sponsor, Ozzie Zehner, has made adjustments in his plans to minimize the impact of the 4<sup>th</sup> story from across 18<sup>th</sup> Street through the use of front set-backs on the top floor, but nothing has been done to minimize the impact of the height, scale and mass of the building to his neighbors from the south on Caselli Ave. We feel that a 4-story building simply does not conform to the character of the neighborhood and the 4<sup>th</sup> story should not be allowed.

In addition to the foregoing, we are concerned about the density of the proposed development. The plans call for building a 4-story building including ground floor commercial use with a 3-story residence above on an abnormally narrow lot (22 ft. wide) that already has a grandfathered, non-conforming, 2-story residence on the rear of the lot. There will not be any parking provided for any of the structures. Three separate uses on a single lot creates a density that is, in general, incompatible with residential neighborhoods and, more specifically, inconsistent with the surrounding residences on 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

Related to the foregoing is our opposition to the request to approve reinstatement of limited commercial use at that location. The front portion of the existing building is currently an illegal commercial unit in violation of the RH-2 zoning for that block. A zoning determination letter from 2002 states that use of the building for commercial storage terminated in 1965 and any subsequent use of the building for commercial purposes would be in violation of the Planning Code. In fact, the subject property had been converted from a garage to a commercial storefront in the early/mid-1990's — an event the Planning Department was not aware of in 2002, therefore we can only assume the conversion was completed without permits. In any event, we feel that approval for continued use of this space for any commercial purpose is, by itself, not appropriate for the neighborhood. When considered together with approval of a 3-story residence above the ground floor storefront space, we firmly believe the resulting project would have a height, mass, scale and density that is totally out of character with the rest of the neighborhood and therefore approval for limited commercial use of the space should not be granted.

Another related concern about the development is that the front building currently contains a small residential rental unit (in addition to the illegal commercial space) that is now occupied by an elderly (age 60+) man with health problems. This rental unit was reportedly added in the early/mid-1990's at the same time as the former garage was converted into a storefront. Based on the plans that have been provided to neighbors, this rental unit will be eliminated as part of the re-development. Is this not inconsistent with San Francisco's concern about the reduction in affordable housing units?

Finally, we must comment about the timing of notices for this significant development. As I mentioned in the beginning, my husband and I have both lived in and owned our home since 1988. The southeast corner of 4529 18<sup>th</sup> Street is directly adjacent to the northwest corner of our lot at 22 Caselli Ave. Despite this proximity, we did not receive the initial notices about the development in March/April 2015 that some of our neighbors received nor were we informed of the "311" meetings that apparently were held in March/April 2015 and possibly again in November 2015. It was only after getting looped in by our neighbors and after we personally reached out to Mr. Zehner about our objections to the proposed development plans that Mr. Zehner started including us on his communications in November 2015. Now we are at the point that a formal Planning Commission hearing will take place on 6/16/2016, but we didn't receive the final plans and the official notice of the meeting wasn't posted until late Thursday, 5/26/2016, just before the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Furthermore, we only received the 3D drawings and shadow studies (very critical documents given the magnitude of this development project) at 10 p.m. on Monday, 5/30/2016. As far as I know, many people within the 300 ft. notification radius had no idea prior to the notice being posted in front of 4529 18<sup>th</sup> Street that this development is happening. How is it possible that all affected neighbors were not properly notified throughout the entire process? In recent years, we have regularly received notice about projects from Douglass St. and 19<sup>th</sup> St. – i.e., locations that are much further away than our location relative to this project on 4529 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Overall, we feel that there have been many communication missteps on this project, which are only compounded by the limited notice we have received for the upcoming Planning Commission meeting. Given the short notice plus the late receipt of final plans, 3D drawings and the shadow study, we are concerned that affected neighbors will not have sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the proposed design and communicate their concerns about the project to the Planning Commission.

Please note that my husband and I fully support development of this property with a residence that is reasonable, consistent and compatible with neighboring homes, and considerate of the neighborhood in general. We are not opposed to the property being developed, but feel it should be in alignment with the planning commission guidelines set forth in the Residential Design Guidelines, which we feel that this proposed structure clearly does not follow. We also believe that neighborhood input is important and should not be ignored, and we therefore request that the Planning Commission consider our concerns. In the final analysis, we trust that the Planning Commission will do the right thing for all parties involved.

We therefore respectfully ask that the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> story be removed from the plans and that the request to permit limited commercial use be rejected.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Arneson and Charles M. Pfalzer 22 Caselli Ave. San Francisco, CA 94114

Karen Arneson

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# SITE PERMIT SUBMITTAL

4529 18TH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114

#### PROJECT NOTES

MICHAEL ZEHNER

4529 18TH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114 PHONE: 415-501-0073

CODES USED:

2013 SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING CODE 2013 SAN FRANCISCO PLUMBING CODE 2013 SAN FRANCISCO MECHANICAL CODE 2013 SAN FRANCISCO ELECTRICAL CODE 2013 SAN FRANCISCO FIRE CODE

ZONING:

RESIDENTIAL BLOCK / LOT:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

OCCUPANCY TYPE:

THE FRONT I-STORY BUILDING, THE FOCUS OF THIS PROJECT, CONSISTS OF A STOREFRONT WITH AN ATTACHED RESIDENCE.

WE WILL RECONFIGURE THE FIRST FLOOR TO WIDEN THE EXISTING 2'-3" WIDE WALKWAY TO BE 3'-0" WIDE MINIMUM TO ACCESS THE RESIDENTIAL ENTRY. WE WILL ADD  $2\,$ STORIES PLUS A 4th FL LOFT WITH APPROPRIATE SIDE SETBACKS ALIGNED WITH SIGNED FLOS A WITE LOT IN A PROPORTIALE SIZE SECRETARY AND REAR SETBACKS, RESPECTING SIGHT WELLS AND APPROPRIATE FRONT AND REAR SETBACKS, RESPECTING STREET CHARACTER, LIGHT AND AIR REQUIREMENTS. THE 4TH FLOOR LOFT WILL BE SET BACK FROM THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING FAR ENOUGH TO BE MINIMALLY VISIBLE FROM OPPOSITE SIDE OF 18TH STREET.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE 356 SF OF DECKS AND AN EXPANDED REAR YARD.

#### **DRAWING LIST**

EXISTING SITE PLAN WITH PHOTOGRAPHS
PHOTOGRAPHS
EXISTING & PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN AO.2 AO.3 AI.I

PROPOSED SECOND & THIRD FLOOR PLAN
PROPOSED FOURTH FLOOR & ROOF PLAN EXISTING & PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATIONS EXISTING & PROPOSED REAR ELEVATIONS

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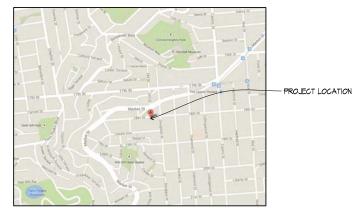
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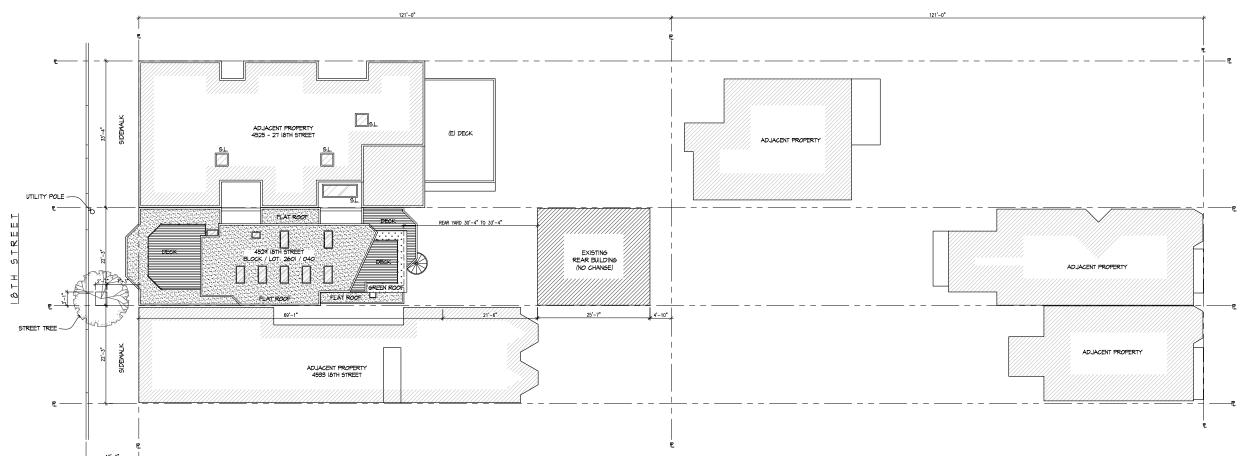
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POLYCARBONATE PROPERTY LINE RETAINING WALL REFRIGERATOR

SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS TYPICAL



VICINITY MAP



Scale: |" = 10'-0"

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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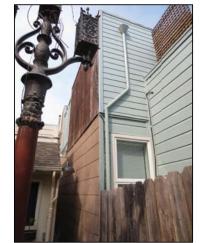
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FRONT ELEVATION W/ NEIGHBORING PROPERTY TO THE WEST





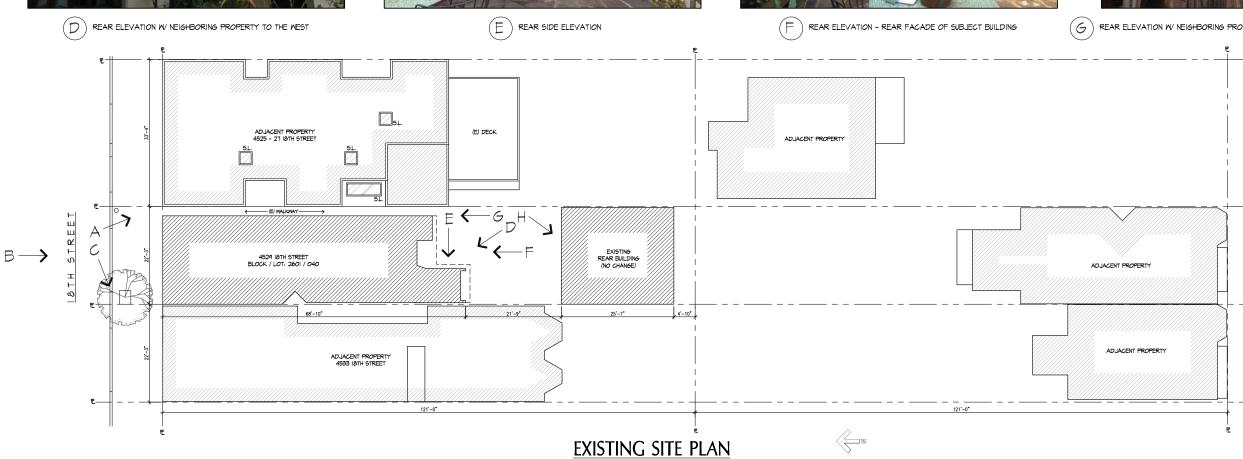


(G) REAR ELEVATION W NEIGHBORING PROPERTY TO THE EAST



Scale: |" = 10'-0"





**EXISTING SITE PLAN** 

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### EXISTING SITE PLAN W/ PHOTOGRAPHS

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### **BUILDINGS ON FACING SIDE OF THE STREET**







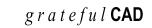


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EXISTING \$ PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLANS

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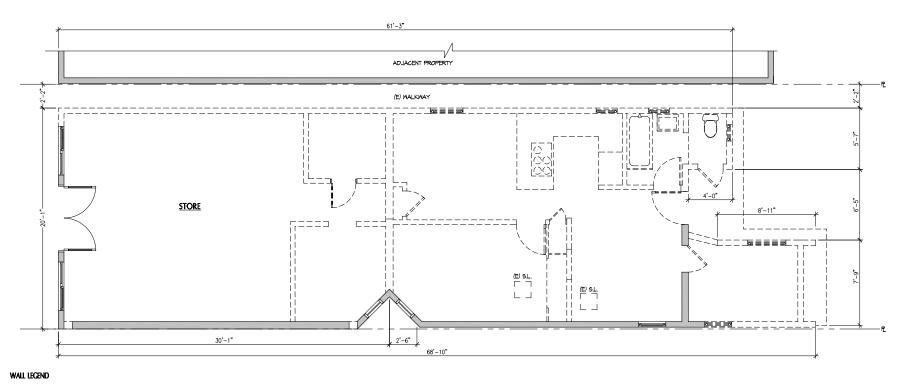
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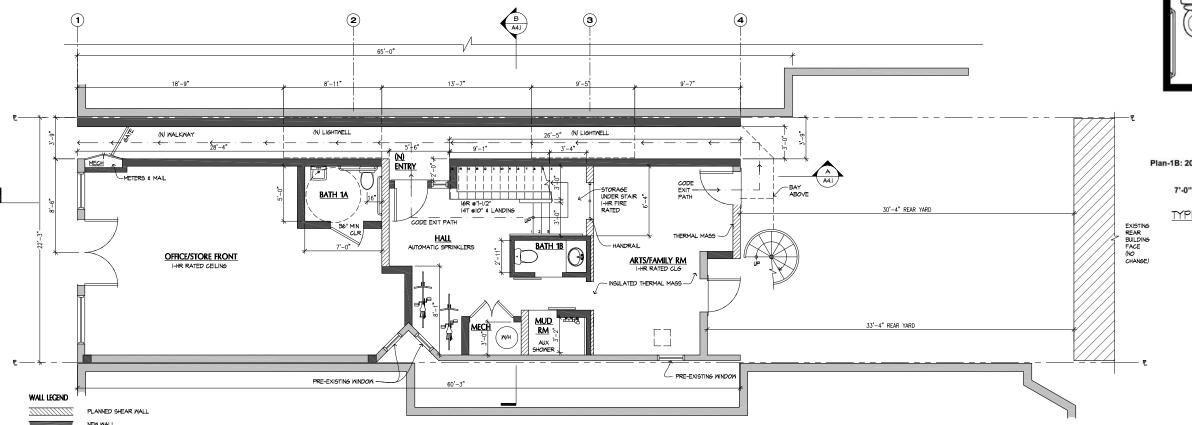
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EXISTING WALL

**EXISTING FIRST FLOOR PLAN** 

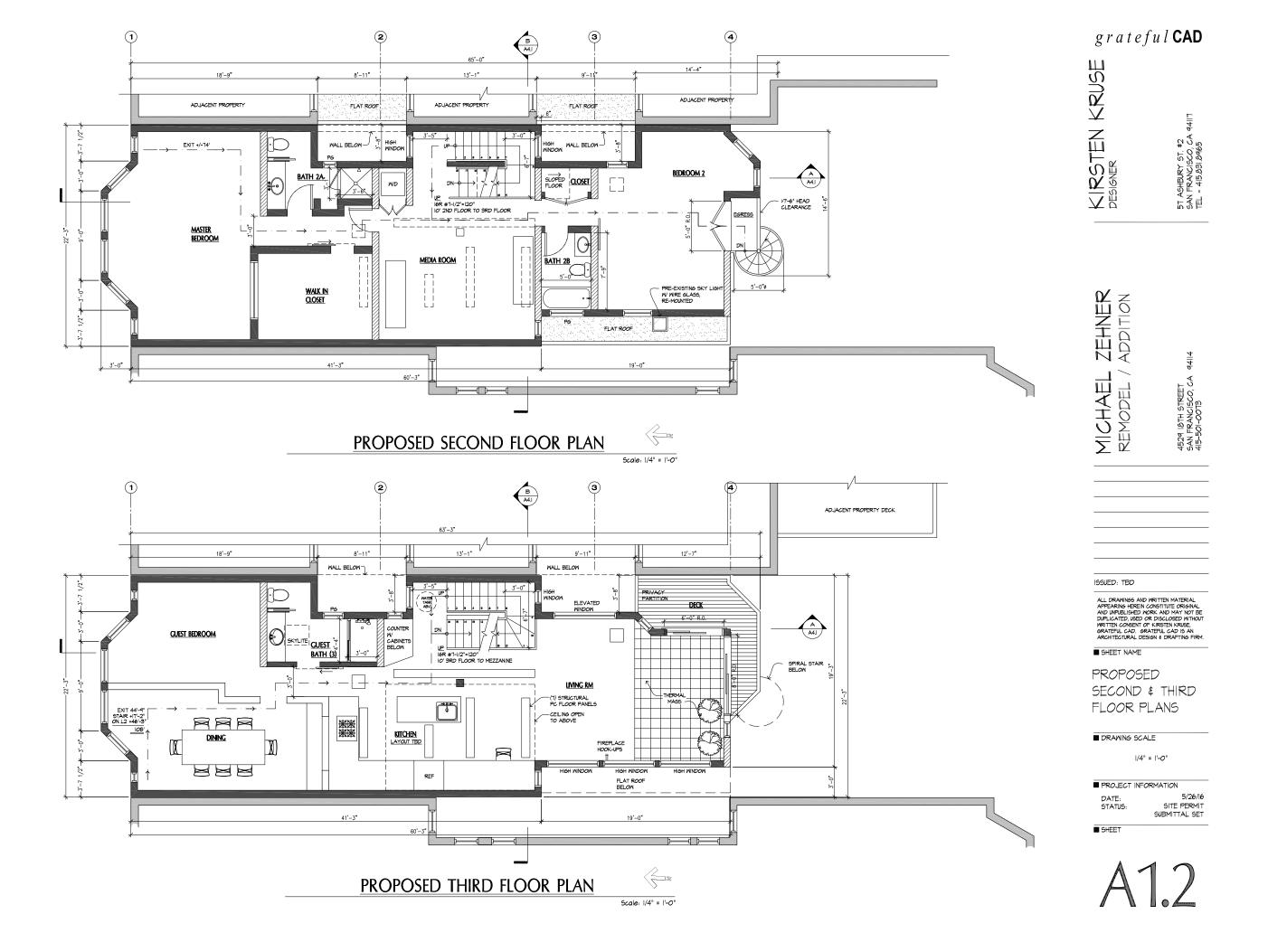


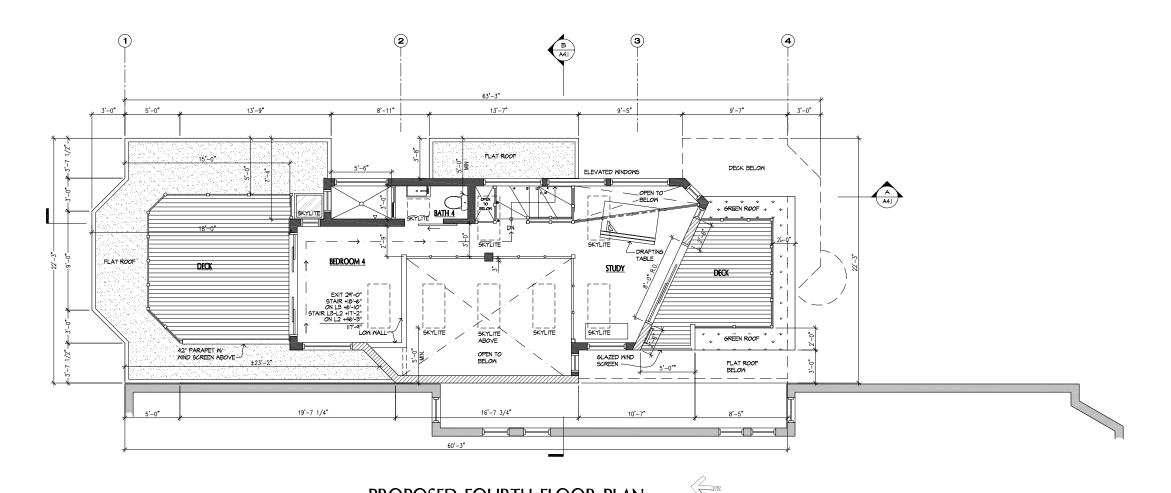


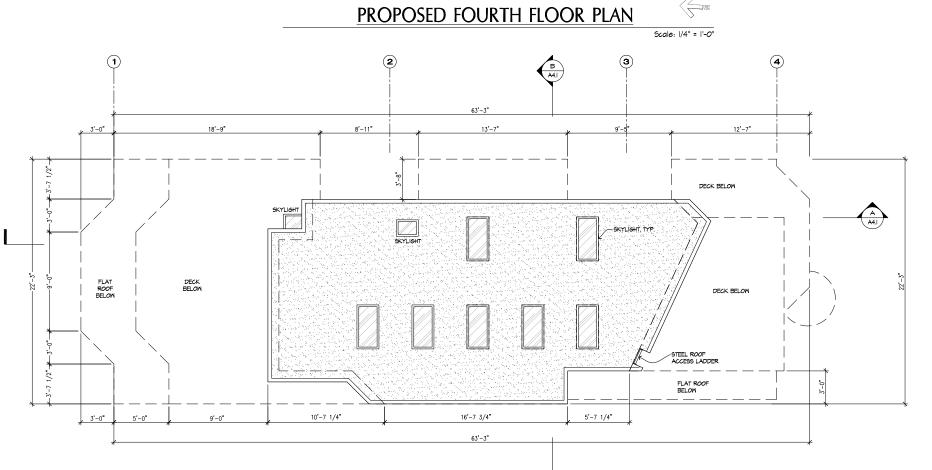
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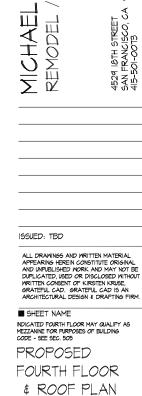
PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN











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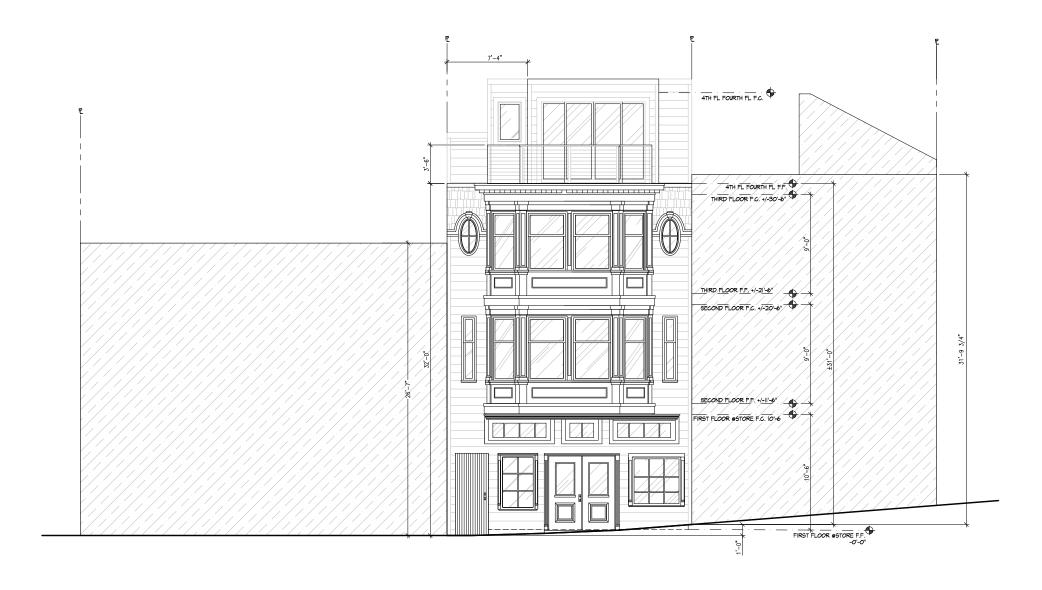
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PROPOSED ROOF PLAN



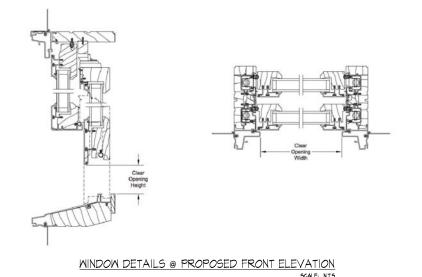
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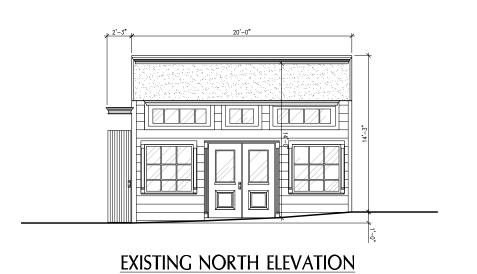


### PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION

Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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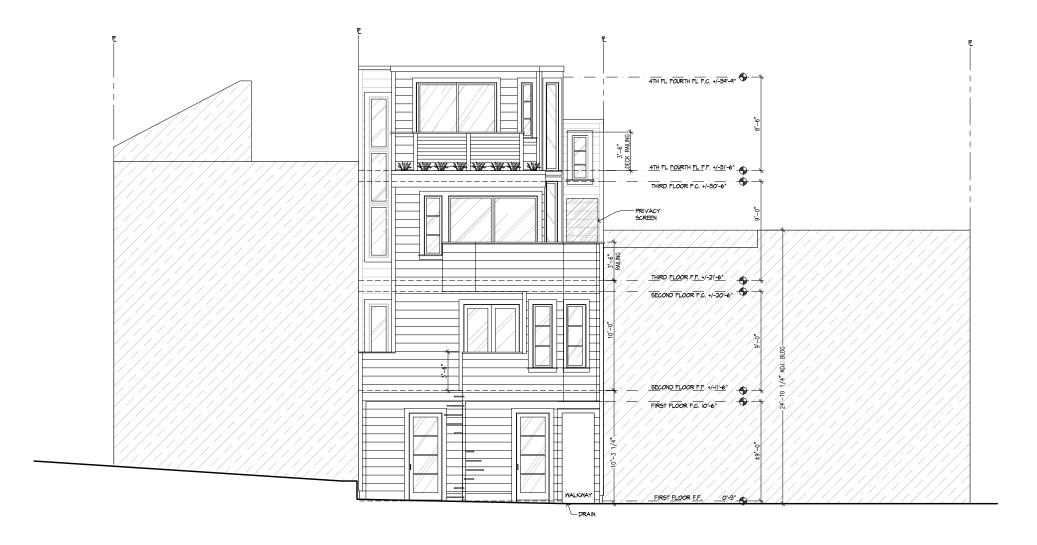
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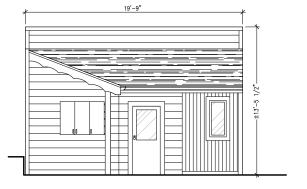
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### PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION

Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"



**EXISTING SOUTH ELEVATION** 

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EXISTING & PROPOSED REAR ELEVATIONS

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EXISTING & PROPOSED EAST ELEVATIONS

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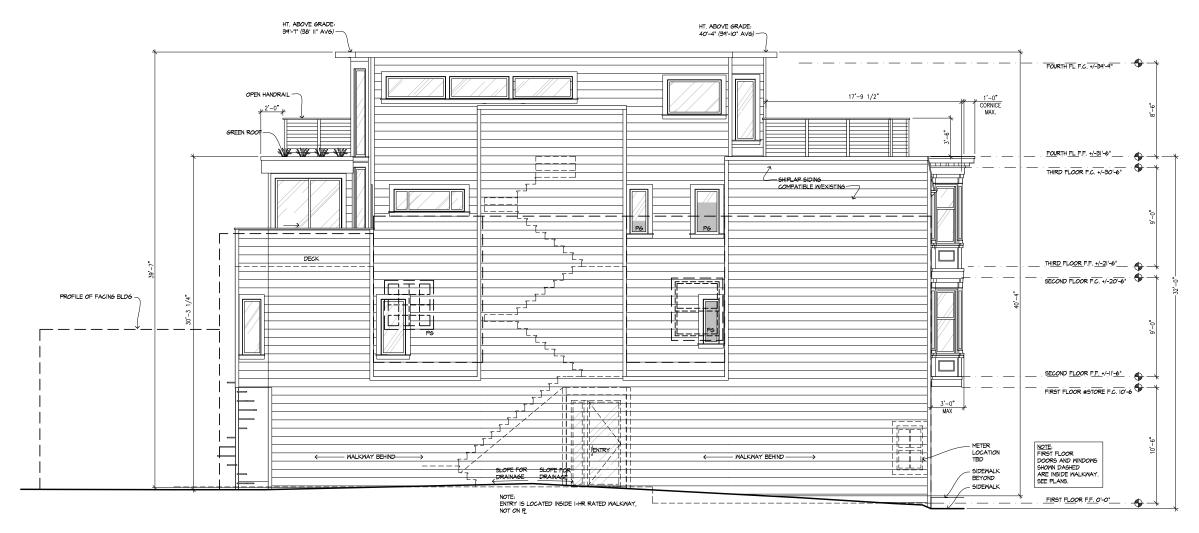
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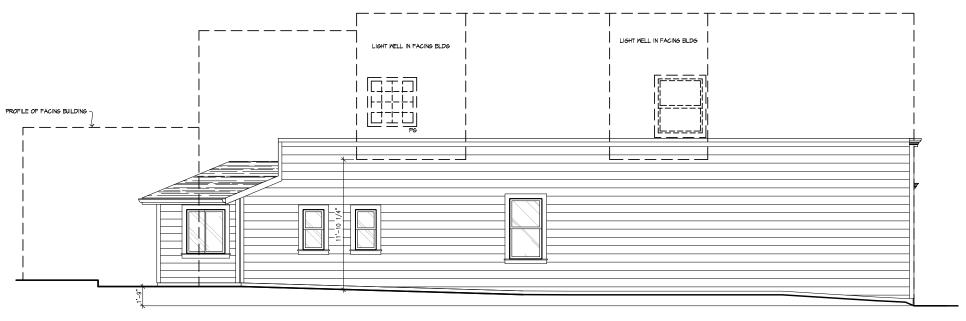
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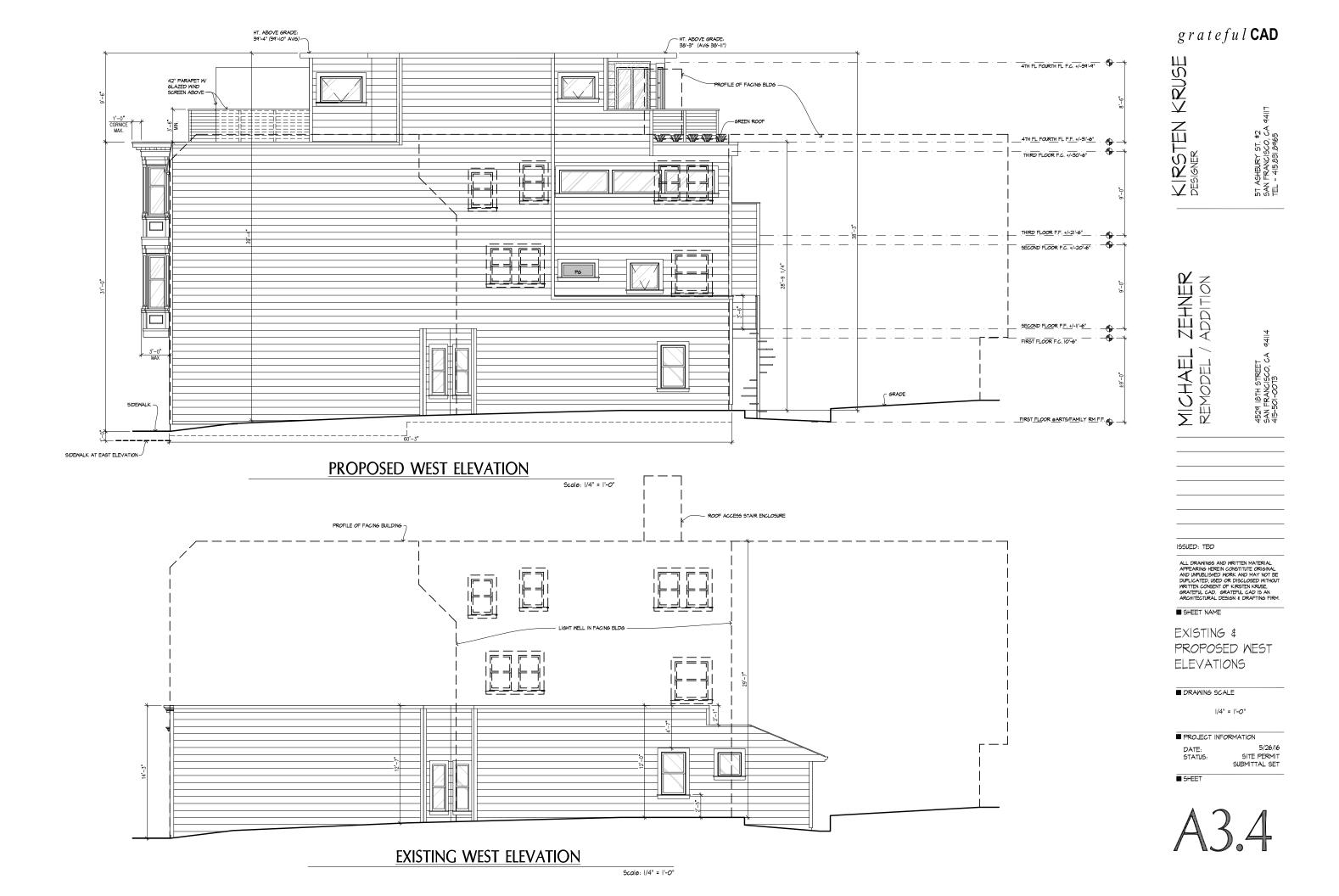


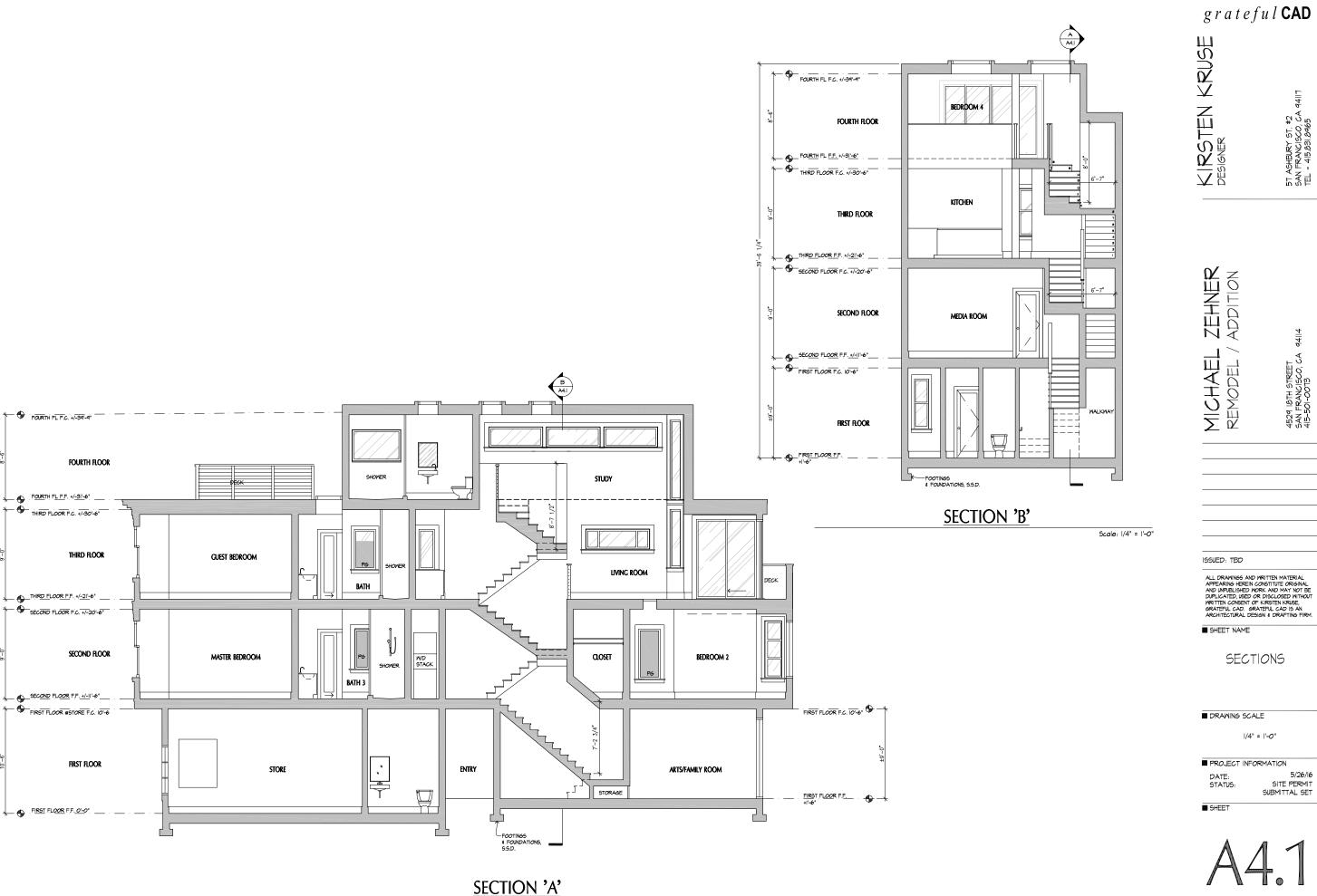
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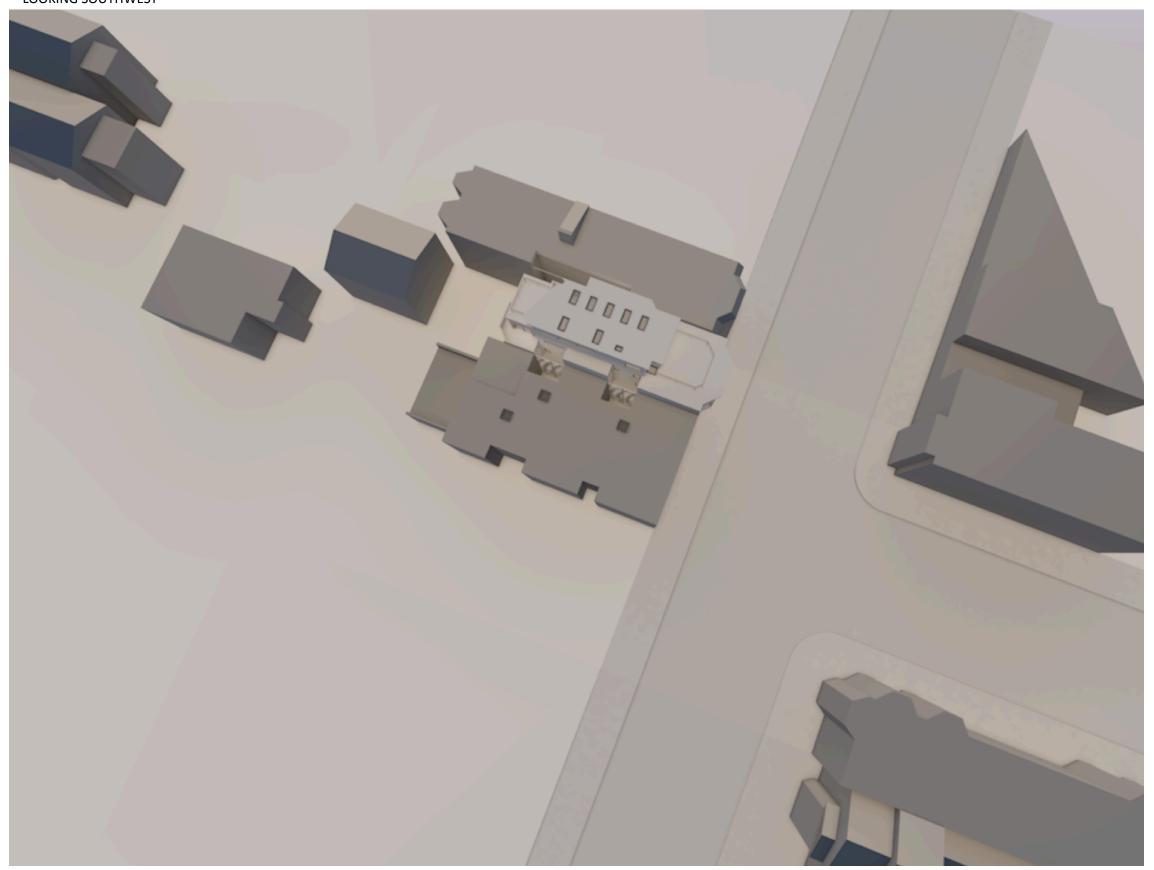


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# PROPOSED STREET VIEW 18th STREET LOOKING SOUTHWEST



# PROPOSED STREET VIEW 18th STREET LOOKING SOUTH



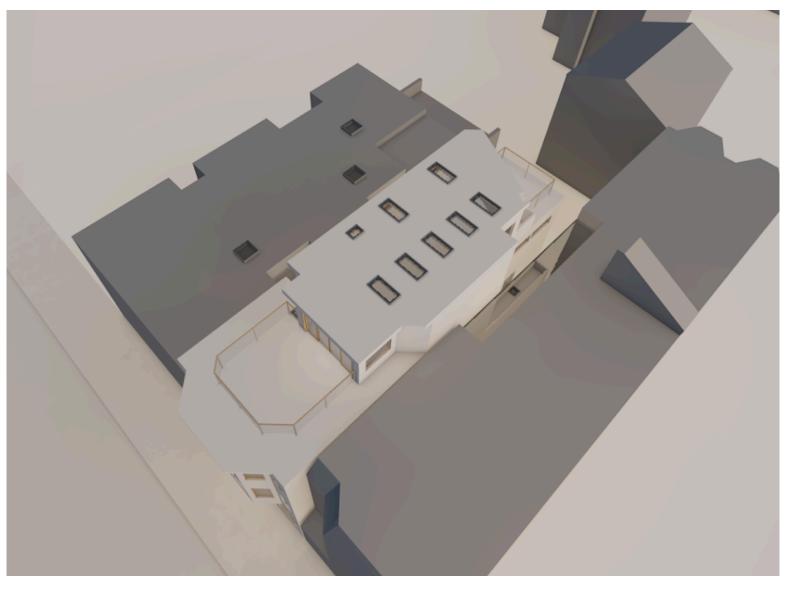
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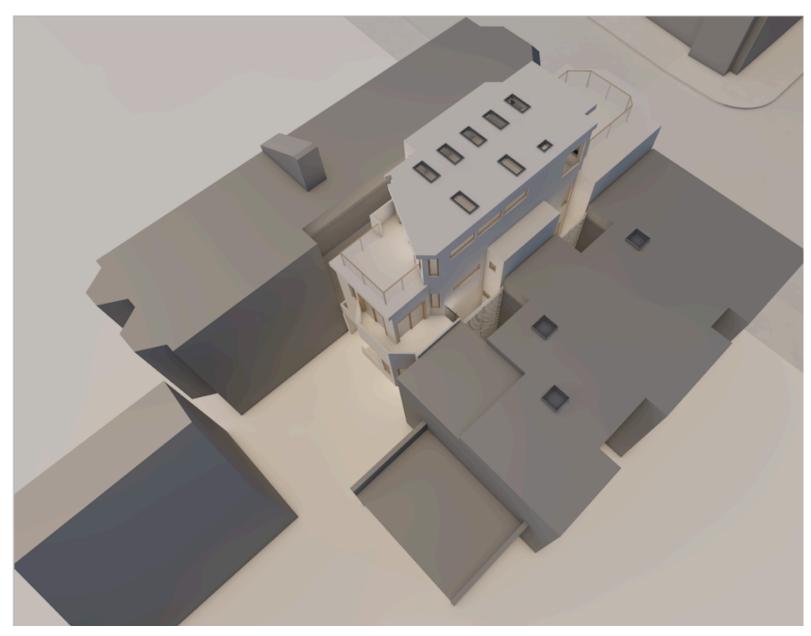


# AERIAL 4<sup>TH</sup> FL VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST



# AERIAL 4<sup>TH</sup> FL VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST





AERIAL REAR VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST

# AERIAL REAR VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST



# LIGHTWELL VIEW PLAN



LIGHTWELL VIEW WESTERN DETAIL



