December 11, 2108

Re:1621 Diamond 2017-010630DRP

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Dear President Hillis and Planning Commissioners;

Please accept the following materials that were received after the publication of your packet:

- Letters opposing the project
- Additional material analyzing the DR requestor's concerns.

Thank you,

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DISCRETIONARY REVIEW (DRP)





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Project Information

Property Address: 1621 Diamond Street

Zip Code: 94131

Building Permit Application(s): 201708104463

Record Number:

Assigned Planner: Jeffrey Horn / David Winslow

Project Sponsor

Name: Paramount Estate LLC

Phone: (650) 239-9260

Email: PM@MAANGLOBAL.COM

Required Questions

1. Given the concerns of the DR requester and other concerned parties, why do you feel your proposed project should be approved? (If you are not aware of the issues of concern to the DR requester, please meet the DR requester in addition to reviewing the attached DR application.)

Please see attached.

2. What alternatives or changes to the proposed project are you willing to make in order to address the concerns of the DR requester and other concerned parties? If you have already changed the project to meet neighborhood concerns, please explain those changes and indicate whether they were made before or after filing your application with the City.

Please see attached.

3. If you are not willing to change the proposed project or pursue other alternatives, please state why you feel that your project would not have any adverse effect on the surrounding properties. Include an explaination of your needs for space or other personal requirements that prevent you from making the changes requested by the DR requester.

Please see attached.

Project Features

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

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Dwelling Units (only one kitchen per unit - additional kitchens count as additional units)	1	2, incl. ADU
Occupied Stories (all levels with habitable rooms)	2	3, plus basement
Basement Levels (may include garage or windowless storage rooms)	0	1
Parking Spaces (Off-Street)	1	2
Bedrooms	3	5
Height	18'-11"	29'-0"
Building Depth	39'-4"	69'-5"
Rental Value (monthly)	Unknown	Unknown
Property Value	Unknown	Unknown

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

Signature:	/ mgh/.	Date: 11/19/18
Printed Name: Anders	Fung	Property Owner Authorized Agent

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

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President Rich Hillis and Planning Commissioners San Francisco Planning Commission 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103-2414

Re: 1621 Diamond Street:

Response to Discretionary Review Request

President Hillis and Hon. Commissioners:

On November 29, 2018, the Planning Commission will consider whether to accept Discretionary Review (DR) for a proposed project located at 1621 Diamond Street, Block 6611, Lot 029 (the "Property"). The Property currently is improved with one single-family home. In response to concerns expressed by neighbors and to the City-wide need for housing, the project sponsor recently modified its plans to renovate and expand this single-family unit. Revised plans, which should be included in your hearing packet, call for renovating and expanding the existing structure (1) to create a more modestly-sized main unit than originally proposed that nonetheless will enhance its habitability as a family-sized residence, and (2) to add a new, attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (the "Project"). The most current plans are enclosed here for your review.

Next-door neighbors Judd Winick and Pamela Ling filed a DR request on the earlier plan to expand the single-family home on the Property. However, no exceptional or extraordinary circumstances exist that would justify acceptance of DR. The Project complies with all applicable zoning standards and adopted design guidelines. Application of these standards will ensure that the Project will conserve neighborhood character and minimize impacts on surrounding properties. Additionally, the Project will create a new dwelling unit that will help alleviate City-wide displacement pressures, and will ensure that an existing single-family residence remains attractive to San Francisco families.

I. Project Description

The Property currently is improved with one two-story single-family home of approximately 1,834 square feet. The Project would feature horizontal and vertical additions to the existing structure that would add a third story, a basement level, and decks. Due to the slope of the lot, the basement would be above ground at the rear of the building. The proposed four-bedroom main unit is approximately 3,088 square feet, while a new one-bedroom Accessory Dwelling

Unit would be approximately 824 square feet. A 568-square-foot garage with parking spaces for two cars and two bicycles also is part of the Project. The height of the building would be 29 feet.

II. Project Modifications To Address Neighborhood Concerns

In response to concerns identified by the DR requestor and neighbors, the Project sponsor has made significant changes to its previous proposal to minimize any impacts from the Project. Responsive modifications include:

- Massing on the third floor of the proposed structure was reduced by just over eight feet,
 which has aligned the Project's rear exterior wall on the third floor with the DR
 requestor's rear exterior wall. This change was made after the DR request was submitted,
 to reduce potential impacts on the DR requestor's privacy, exposure to natural light, and
 views.
- A proposed exterior staircase leading from the first floor to the ground level was moved
 from the northern to the southern side of the structure's rear/eastern face to reduce further
 any impacts on the DR requestor's privacy. The DR requestor's home is immediately to
 the Property's north. This change also was made after the DR request was submitted.
- The size of the proposed main unit was reduced from 3,574 square feet (excluding the garage) to 3,088 square feet. This change was made after the DR request was submitted.

The Project also was revised following the DR request to include an Accessory Dwelling Unit. The inclusion of this modest one-bedroom unit helps address community-wide concerns about the need to address displacement by expanding the City's housing supply.

At the time this letter was submitted, the DR requestor and other neighbors were reviewing recent modifications to the Project plans. The Project sponsor team has communicated with the neighbors and has made themselves available repeatedly to hear neighborhood concerns.

The DR requestor previously requested the erection of story poles, but taking this step would not have been safe or feasible. Story poles represent a significant liability to the Property owner in an urban neighborhood like the Property's, as they can fall on an adjacent property and cause damage or even personal injury. Story poles also can leak during the winter rainy season, which, in a typical year, already would have begun.

III. Discretionary Review Not Warranted

The DR requestor has failed to meet the high burden of showing that the Project can be subject to Discretionary Review. DR is available only where "exceptional and extraordinary circumstances exist." The Planning Commission has defined such circumstances as potentially arising "due to

complex topography, irregular lot configuration, unusual context or other conditions not addressed in the design standards."

The DR requestor has not identified any unusual context or conditions on the Property or associated with the Project that would justify DR, nor do any such conditions exist. The Planning Department determined that the previously-submitted plans for the Project meet all standards in the Planning Code and the Residential Design Guidelines. The revised plans also comply with all zoning and design requirements. The DR request fails to show that adherence to the City's adopted standards would not adequately accomplish their intended aims when applied to the Project. Accordingly, no exceptional or extraordinary circumstances are present, and the DR request should be denied.

A. Geotechnical Stability

The DR requestor alleges that the Project could have effects "on the safety and stability of the surrounding homes" because of the Project's excavation and rebuilding of the foundation in the rear of the Property. The request cites landslides on Diamond Street in 2005 and calls for further study of the Project.

There is nothing unusual about the proposed construction. The Property is located on a slope, as are countless other residential lots in San Francisco, including in the Property's RH-1 zoning district. Rebuilding the foundation during residential project improvements is common and is fully contemplated by City building regulations. The landslides referenced in the DR request occurred in 2005 on the other side of Diamond Street where a retaining wall collapsed. That issue was resolved years ago and, in any event, never affected the side of the street on which the Property and the DR requestor's parcel are located.

The Project will be engineered to comply with all applicable geotechnical regulations and to ensure that no problems arise. The Project team includes experienced civil engineers and soils engineers who have designed numerous projects in San Francisco without causing any geotechnical issues. Once the Project has progressed to the point where construction documents have been completed, the Department of Building Inspection may, or may not, require additional boring for soil samples. Any such analysis would be premature at present. The soil sample already taken was deemed fully adequate for the Project's environmental evaluation under CEQA, which now is complete. Should DBI require any additional soil sampling or geotechnical study at the construction document phase, the Project sponsor will comply with any and all additional requirements to secure a building permit. To the extent Project-related work is

¹ San Francisco Planning Department, *Discretionary Review Public (DRP)* (Aug. 2018), p. 3, available at http://forms.sfplanning.org/DRP_InfoPacket.pdf.

required beneath the DR requestor's foundation, the Project sponsor, as required by local law, will notify the DR requestor and will take all appropriate precautionary measures.

Finally, the Project will have the beneficial effect of improving the safety and stability of the area. By replacing the foundation and installing a new drainage system, the Project will represent an improvement over whatever outdated infrastructure currently exists on the Property. In sum, there are no unusual conditions associated with the Property's or the area's topography or soil conditions, and the Project will represent an improvement over existing conditions.

B. Neighborhood Character

The DR requestor alleges that proposed vertical and rear additions to the existing structure would undermine neighborhood character. To the contrary, these and other elements of the Project are consistent with the character of the neighborhood, and there certainly are no exceptional or extraordinary circumstances that would justify a departure from the City's adopted zoning and design standards.

The Project's vertical addition is in character with its surroundings. The Project complies with the Planning Code's height limit, proposes the vertical addition of only a single story (a third floor), and sets that floor back by 15 feet from the front lot line. Sheet A-0.3 of the enclosed revised plan set (Sheet A-0.2 in a previous version of the plans) shows that all three houses located directly across Diamond Street from the Property and adjacent properties, including the DR's requestor's lot, are three stories tall—1614, 1620, and 1626 Diamond Street. Numerous other nearby properties, both upslope and downslope from the Property, are of similar height. Moreover, Sheet A-0.1 shows that the 15-foot setback for the third floor would make the addition barely noticeable from the street.

The rear horizontal addition contemplated by the Project also is consistent with the surroundings, including recent development on the DR requestor's lot, as follows:

- As the DR requestor's own photograph shows (see second photograph attached to DR
 application), both houses adjacent to the Property extend significantly further toward the
 rear property line than does the existing structure on the Property. A horizonal addition,
 therefore, is fully consistent with existing neighborhood conditions.
- The Project retains the required rear yard in the RH-1 district of 25 percent of lot depth. (Averaging of adjacent neighbors' rear yards is not required in the RH-1 district.)
- As shown on Sheet A-0.3 and A-1.3, the DR requestor's property features an expansive, elevated rear deck located at the second-story level. The Project's horizontal building addition barely would extend further to the rear than does this existing deck structure,

which protrudes far beyond the rear limit of the Property's existing residential building and patio. The DR requestor applied for approval of the expansive deck in 2006 and received final inspection and approval in 2008 (permits #200606285277 and #200809292961). The work was estimated to cost \$150,000. The deck structure has allowed the DR requestor to make productive use of a substantial portion of the rear area of the lot. The Project similarly seeks to make use of a comparable segment of the Property.

- The proposed horizontal addition would terrace floors down, respecting the rear yards of neighboring properties.
- High-quality finishings on the structure's rear, including smooth stucco and vertical wood siding, would enhance the aesthetics of the vicinity.

In short, the Project has been designed in multiple ways to conform to the character of the neighborhood and is consistent with historical development patterns in the vicinity. No unusual conditions are present.

C. Privacy, Light, Air, and Views

The DR request alleges that the Project will affect the privacy of nearby residences. Yet the Project carefully was designed to minimize these effects. Proposed roof decks are set back five feet from property lines in multiple places to respect the neighbors' privacy. Additionally, as depicted on Sheet A-3.2, the north elevation of the proposed horizontal addition, on the side of the DR requestor's property, would feature no windows, only wood siding. Sheet A-1.3 shows that no windows or decks from the proposed vertical or horizontal expansions would have a clear view into the windows of the DR requestor's residence. As a result, there should not be privacy effects on the DR requestor's residence, and the Project design minimizes effects on other neighbors.

To the extent there are any minor privacy effects on the DR requestor's or others' property, note that the deck installed by the DR requestor just a decade ago long has limited the privacy available to the rear of the second floor at the Property and to neighboring properties, and will continue to have such effects under the proposed Project. However, the Project sponsor recognizes that minor effects on privacy like these are part of living in a vibrant city, and, therefore, the Project sponsor accepts the DR requestor's desire to maintain an expansive elevated deck to the rear of that property.

Any effects of the Project on access to light and air, another concern raised by the DR requestor, are substantially reduced by building setbacks on both sides. The proposed horizontal addition is

set back 4 to 5 feet from property lines on both sides where the addition extends beyond existing adjacent structures.

Finally, we understand that some neighbors across Diamond Street support the DR request because the addition of a third story could block part of their views. The City long has recognized that the preservation of existing views is not a justifiable basis for limiting the height of a new project where it complies with height limits established by the Planning Code. That is exactly the situation presented here. In any event, building setbacks and Diamond Street's width of approximately 82 feet combine to separate the proposed third floor from the property directly across Diamond Street by about 100 feet; any effect on views from the modest third-floor addition would be limited.

IV. Conclusion

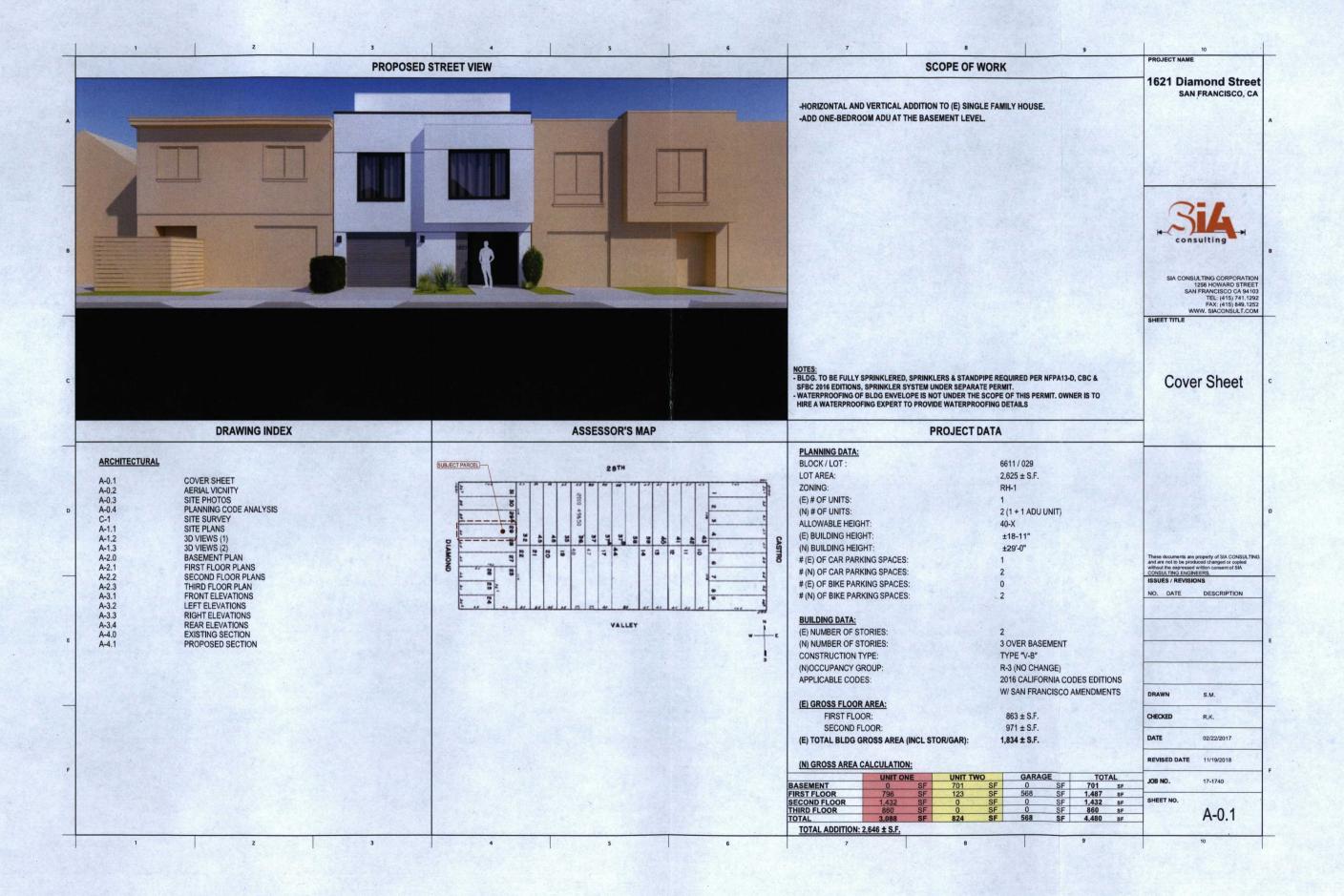
As the discussion above indicates, the DR requestor has identified no exceptional or extraordinary circumstances that would justify the Planning Commission's exercise of discretionary review. The Project would respect the character of the neighborhood and minimize any impacts to neighbors. The Project also would have the significant benefits of modifying an existing dwelling unit to ensure its continued appeal to families and adding a much-needed new unit to the City's housing stock. We urge the Planning Commission, therefore, to deny DR and approve the Project.

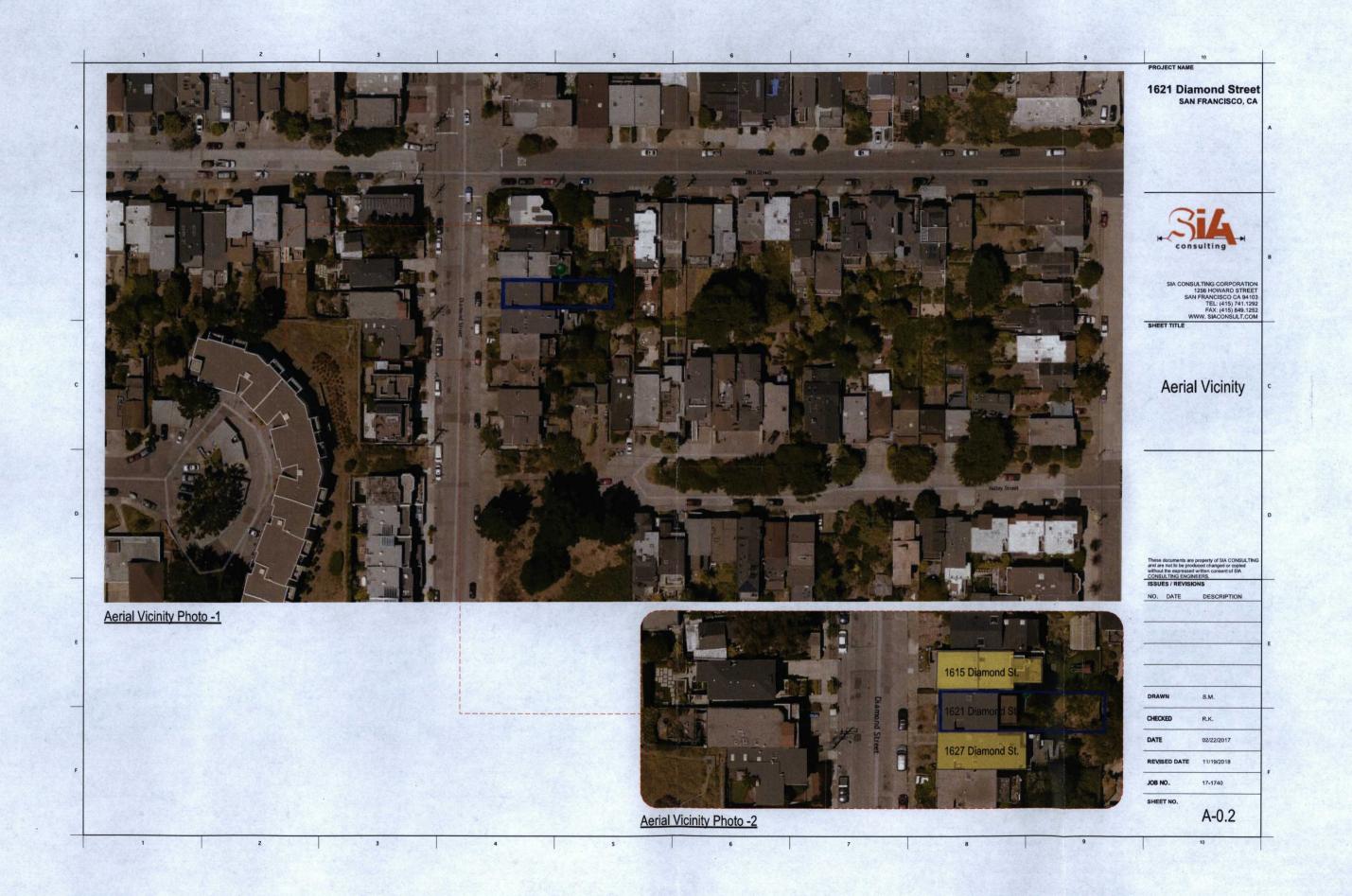
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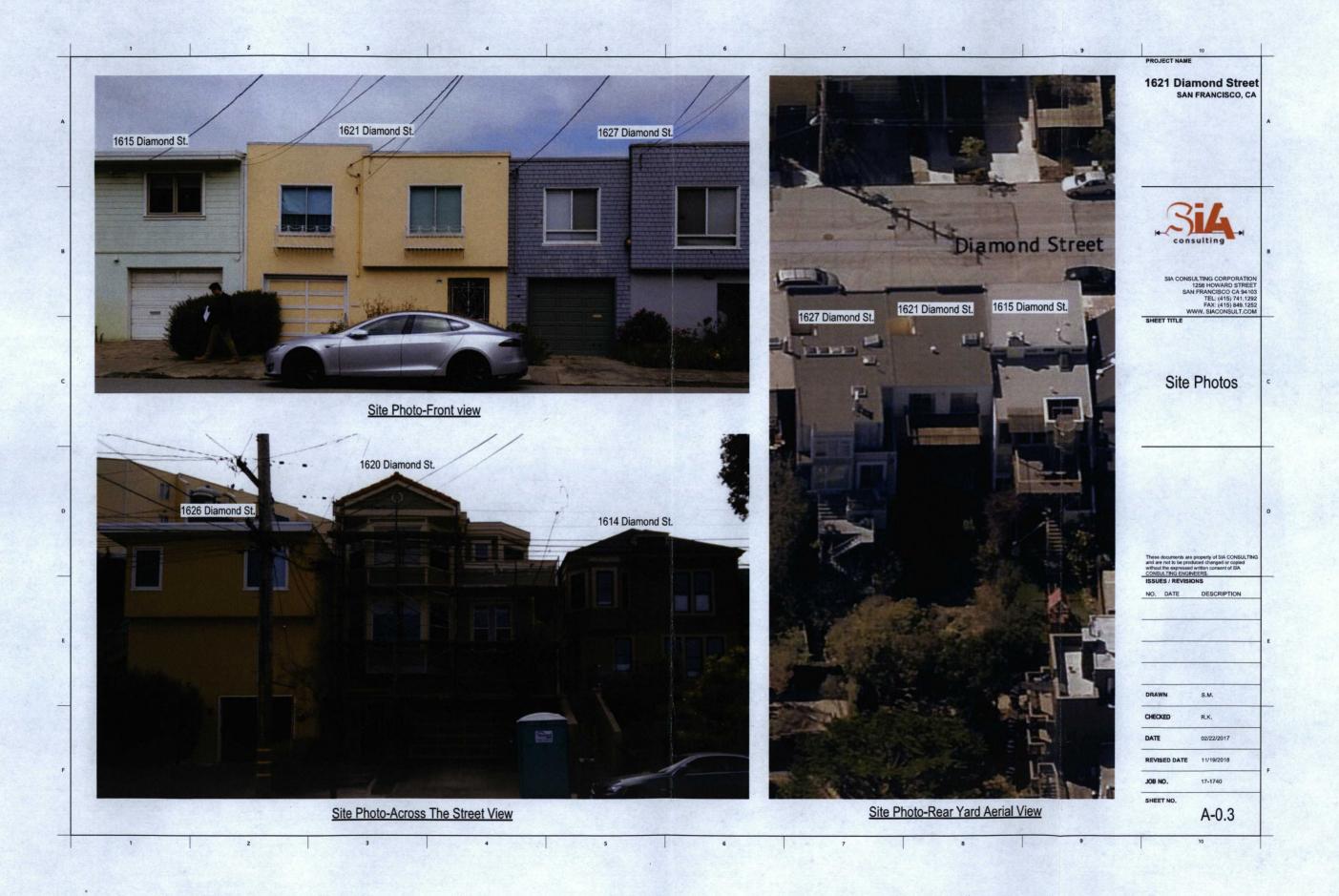
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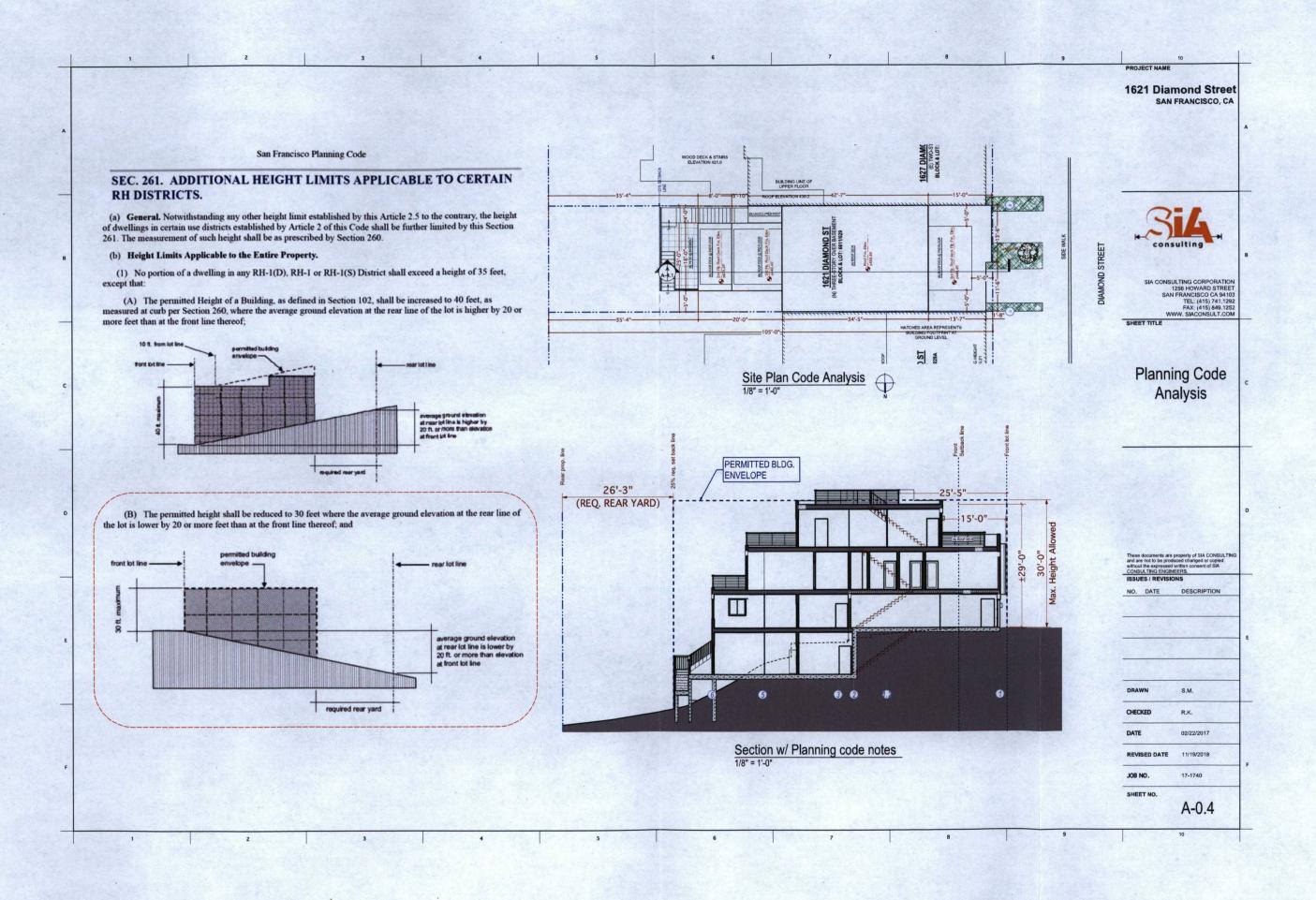
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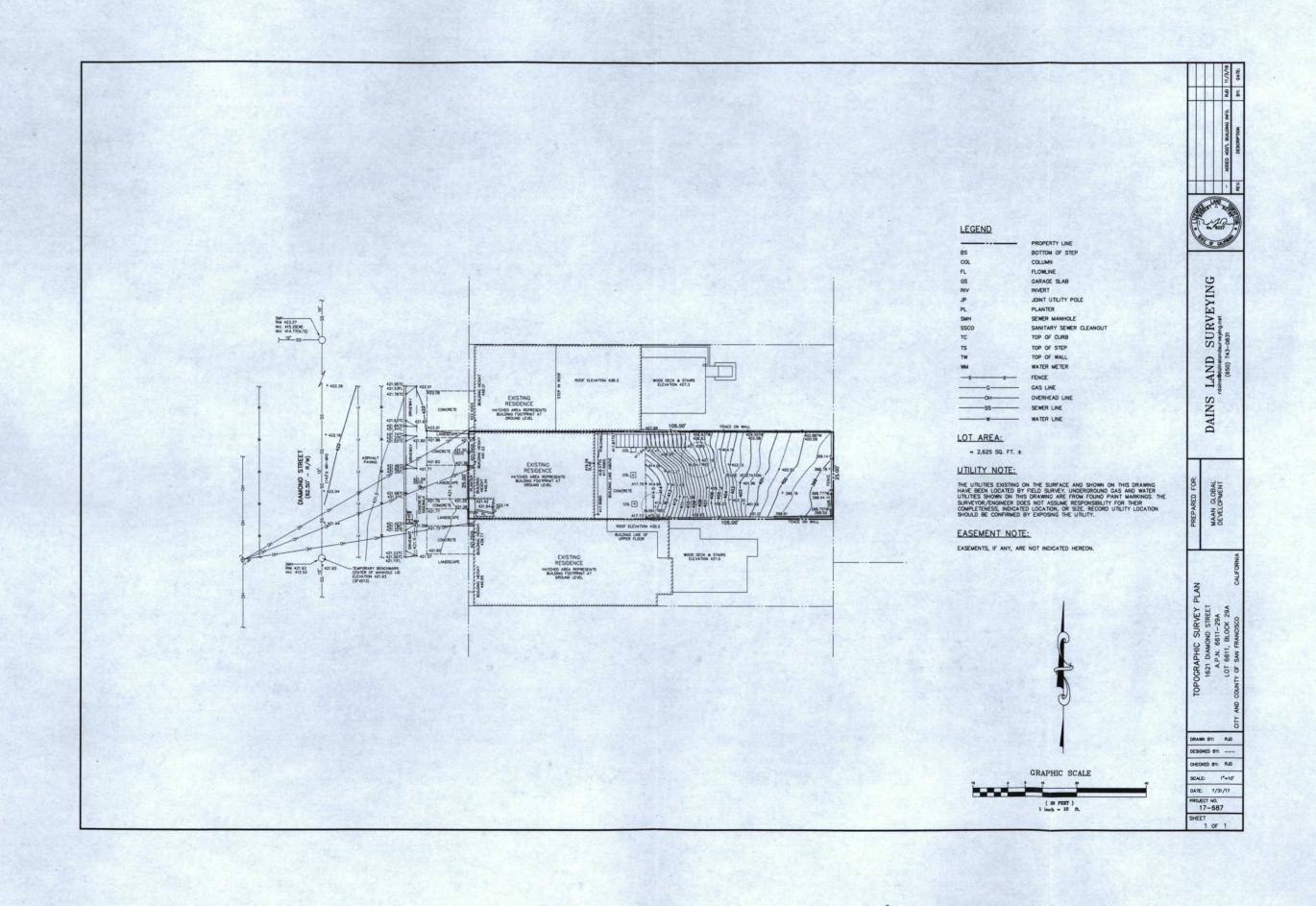
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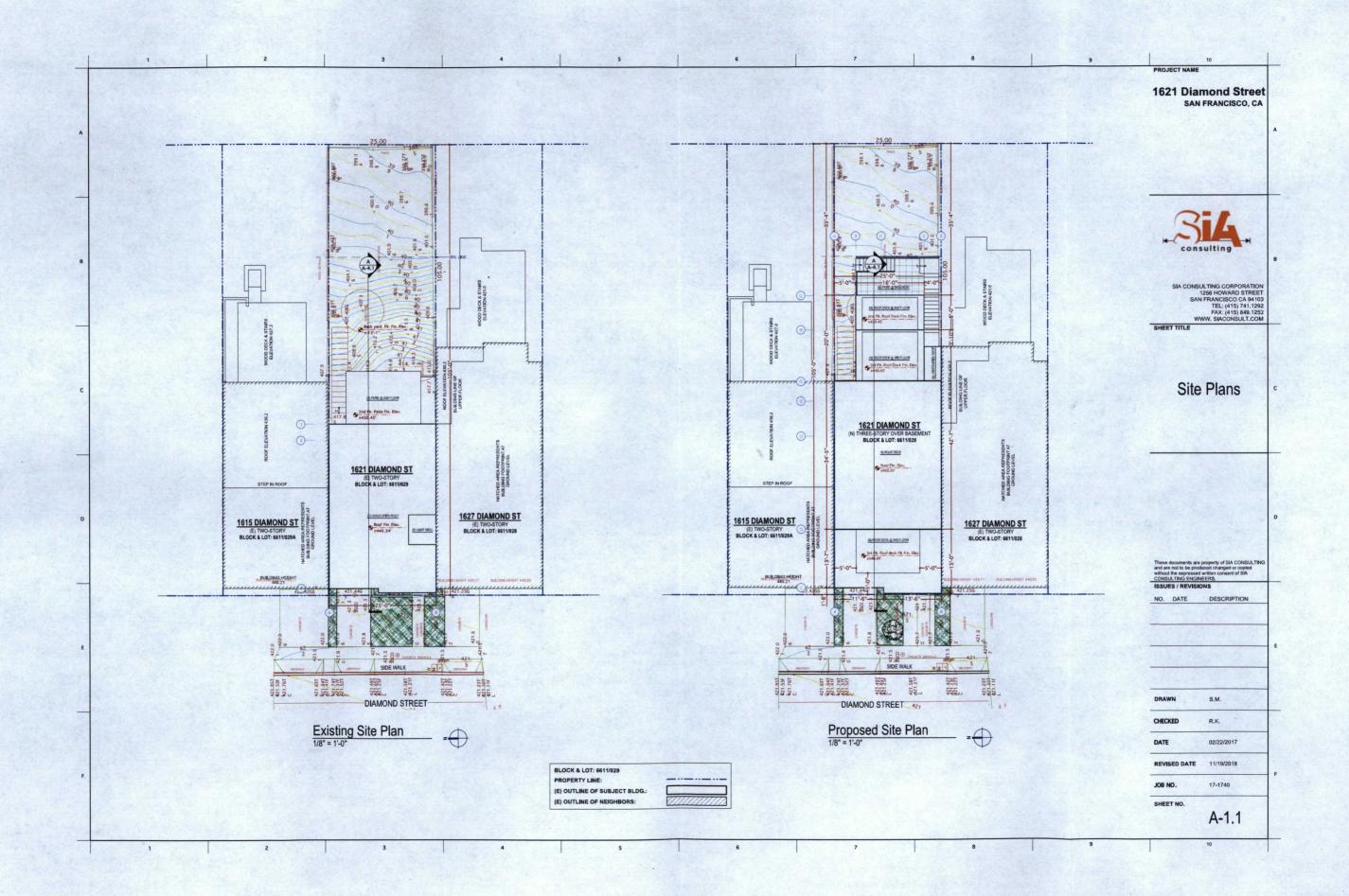


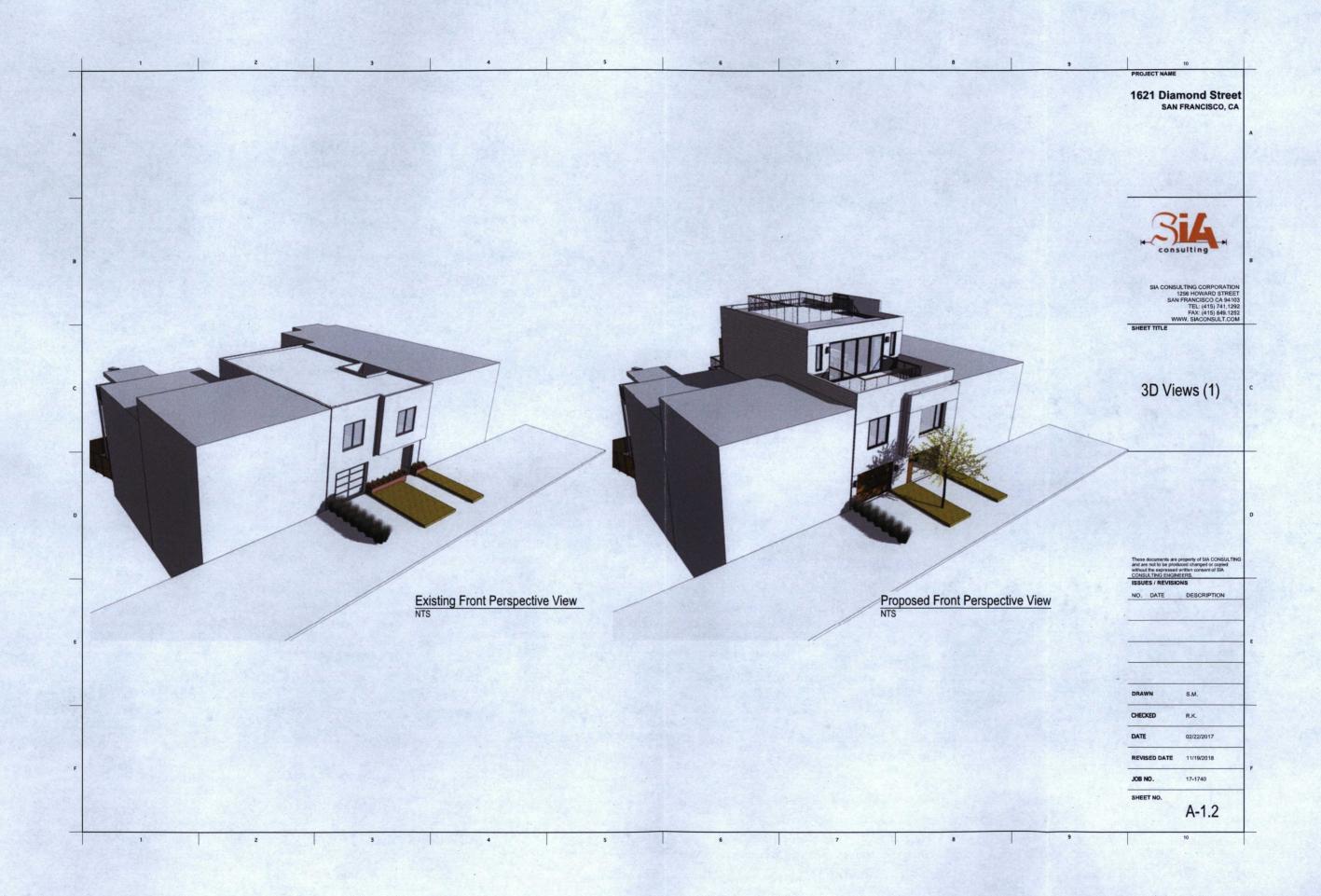


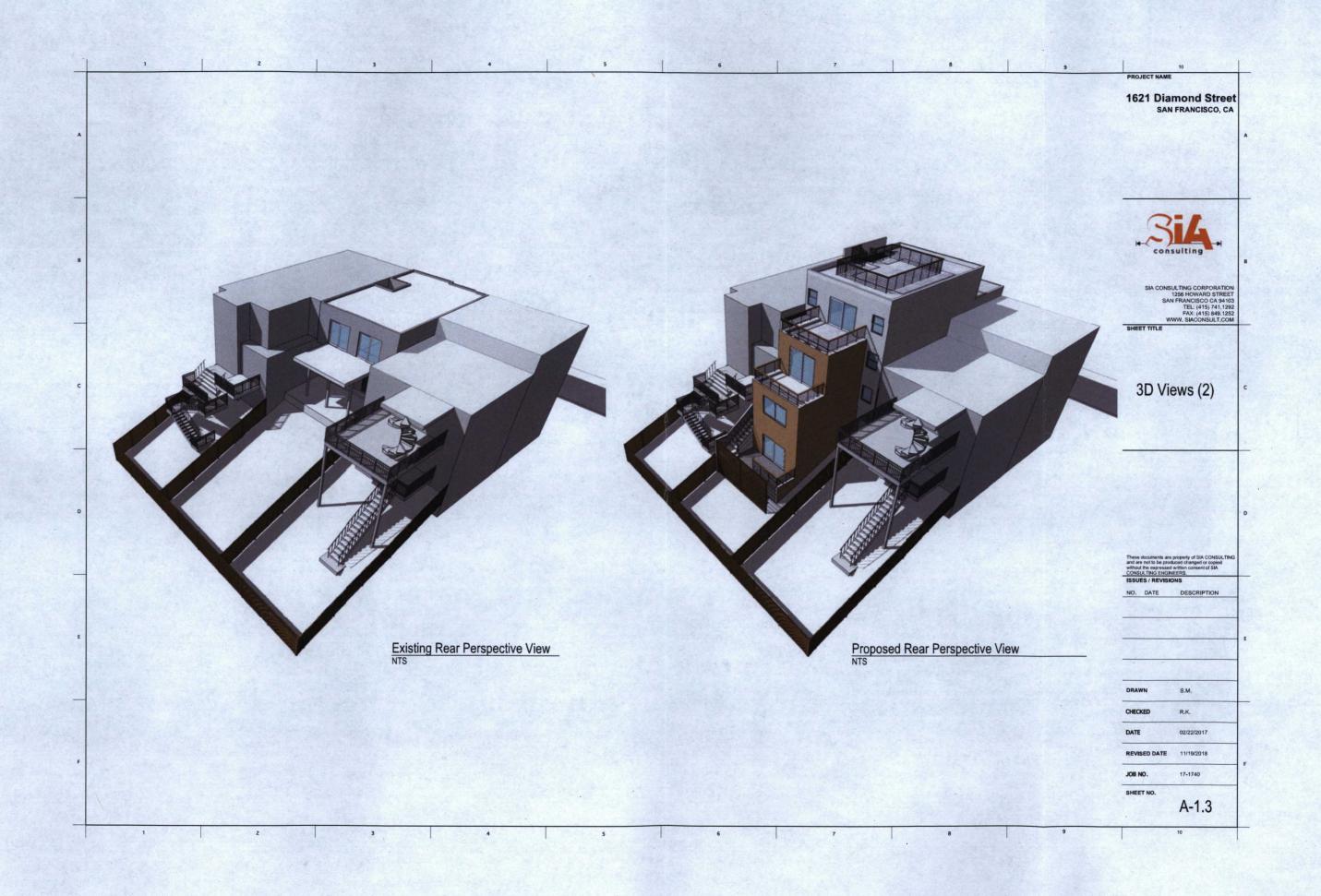


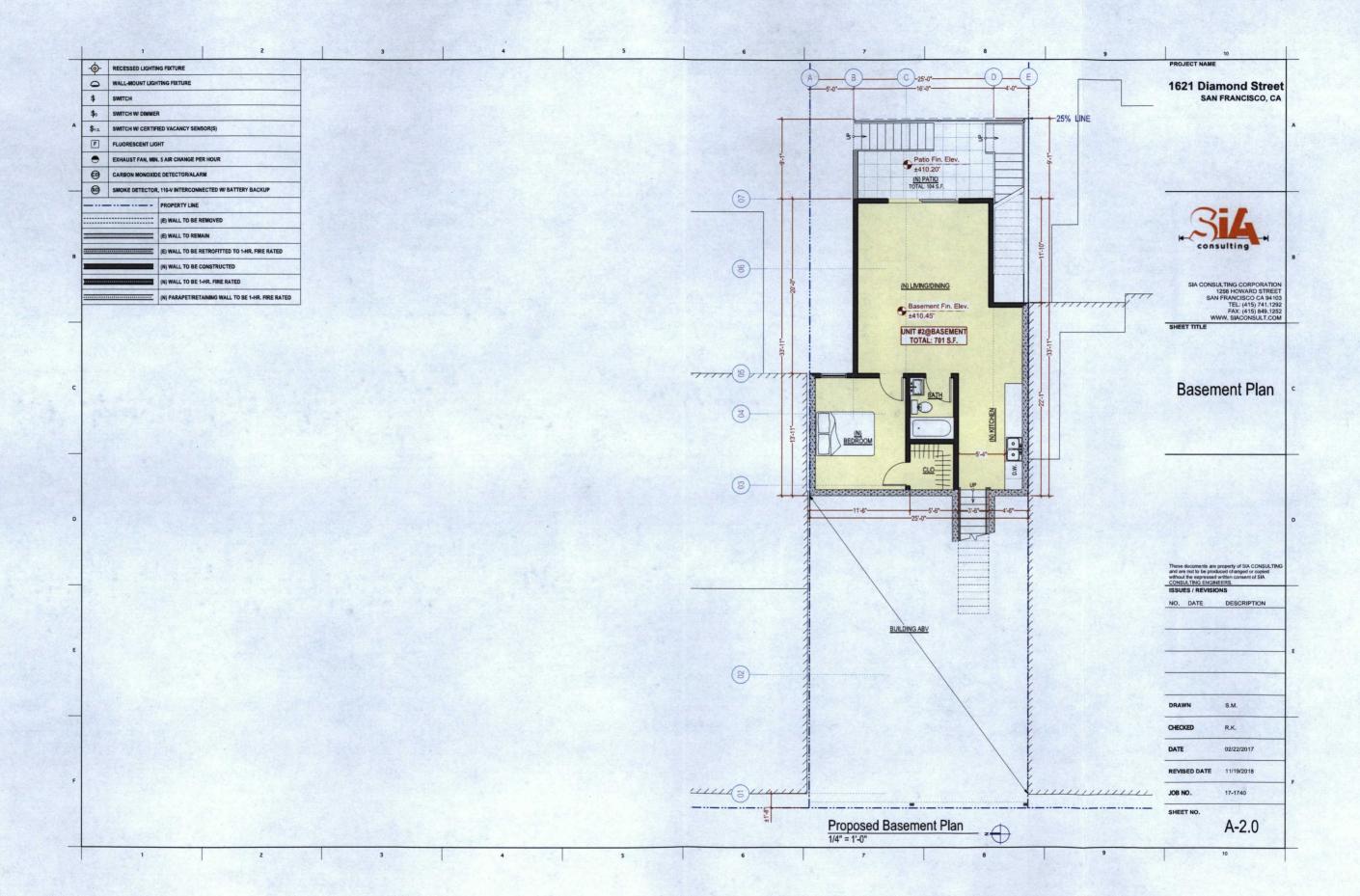


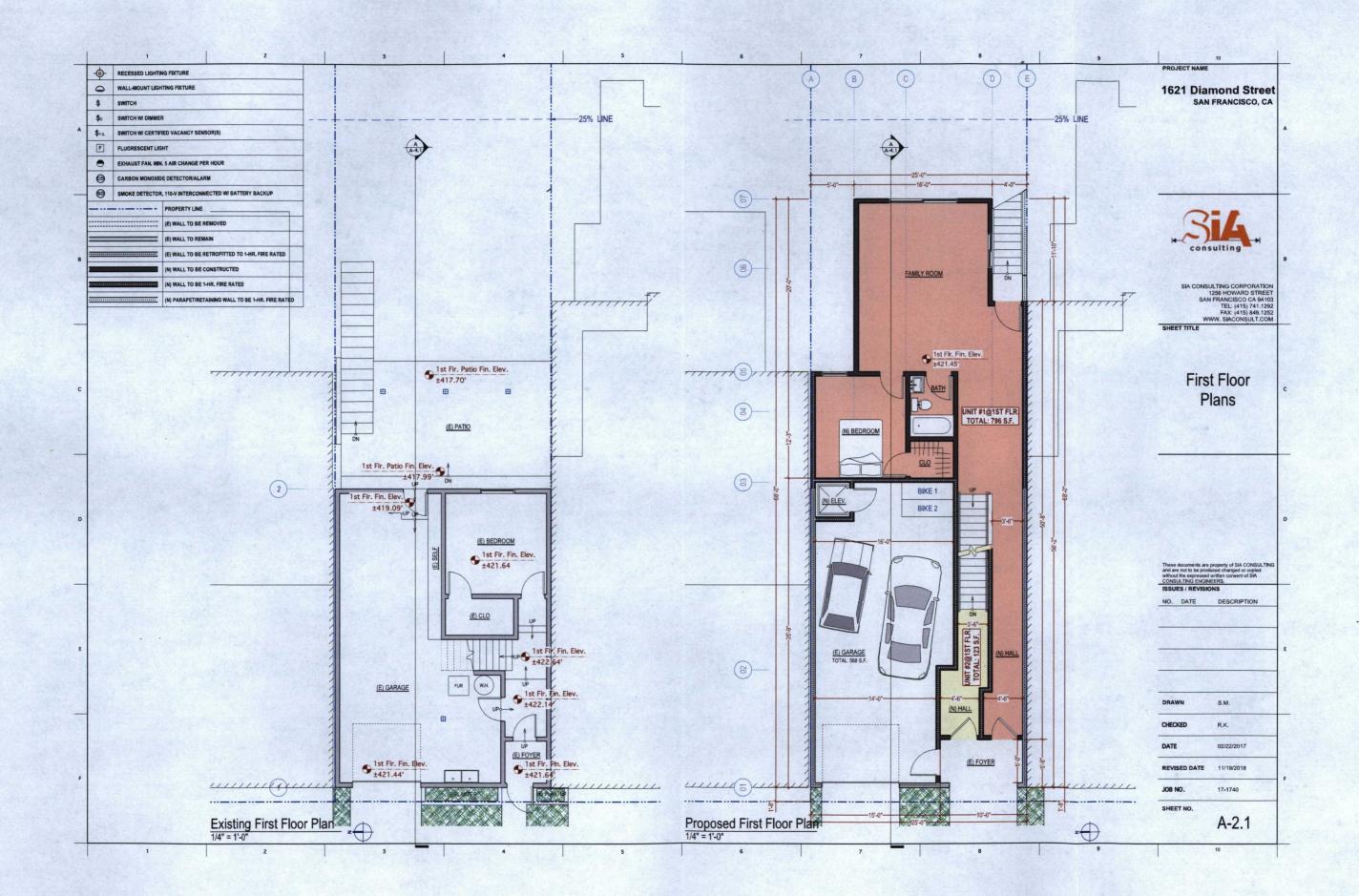


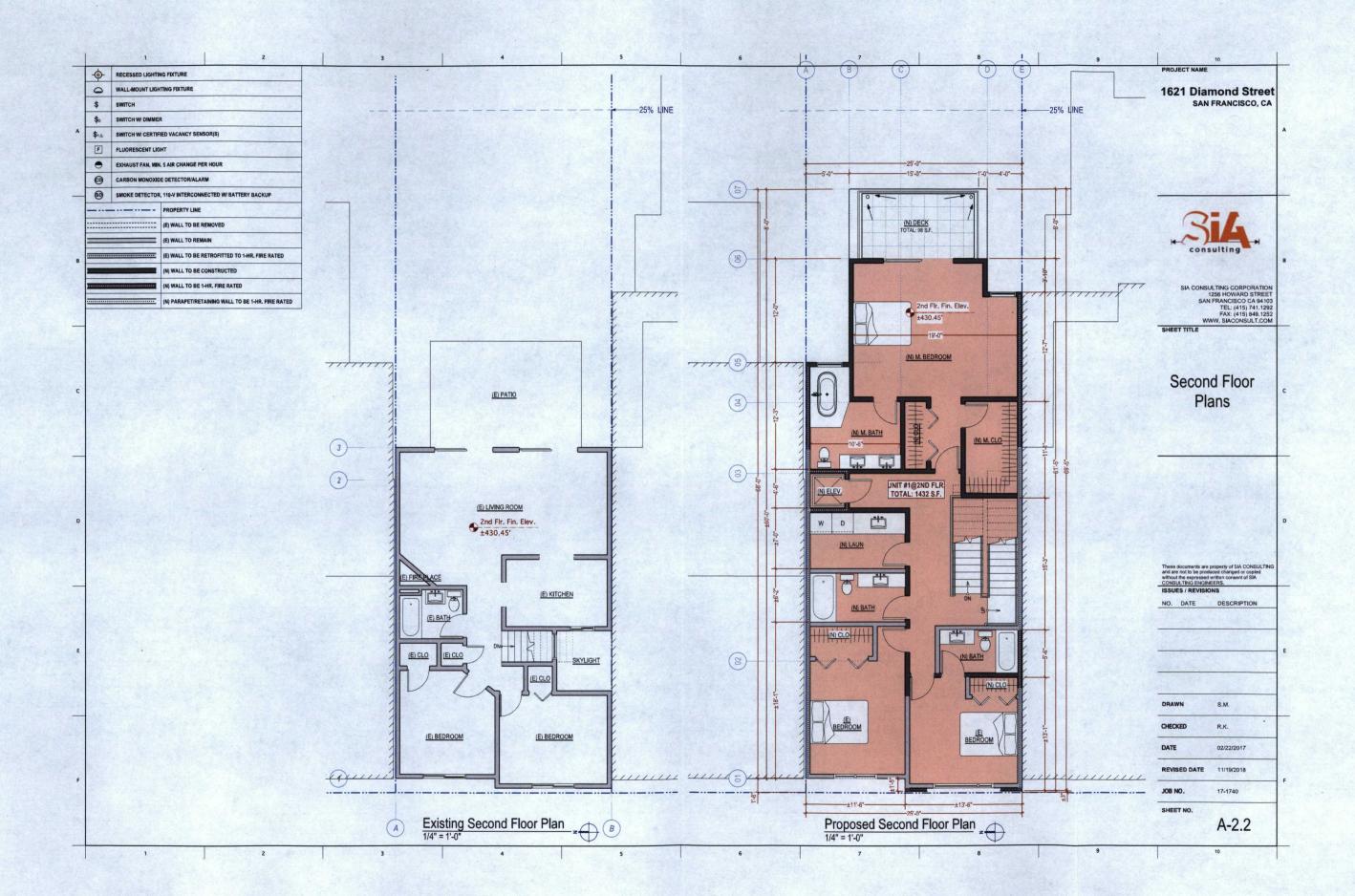


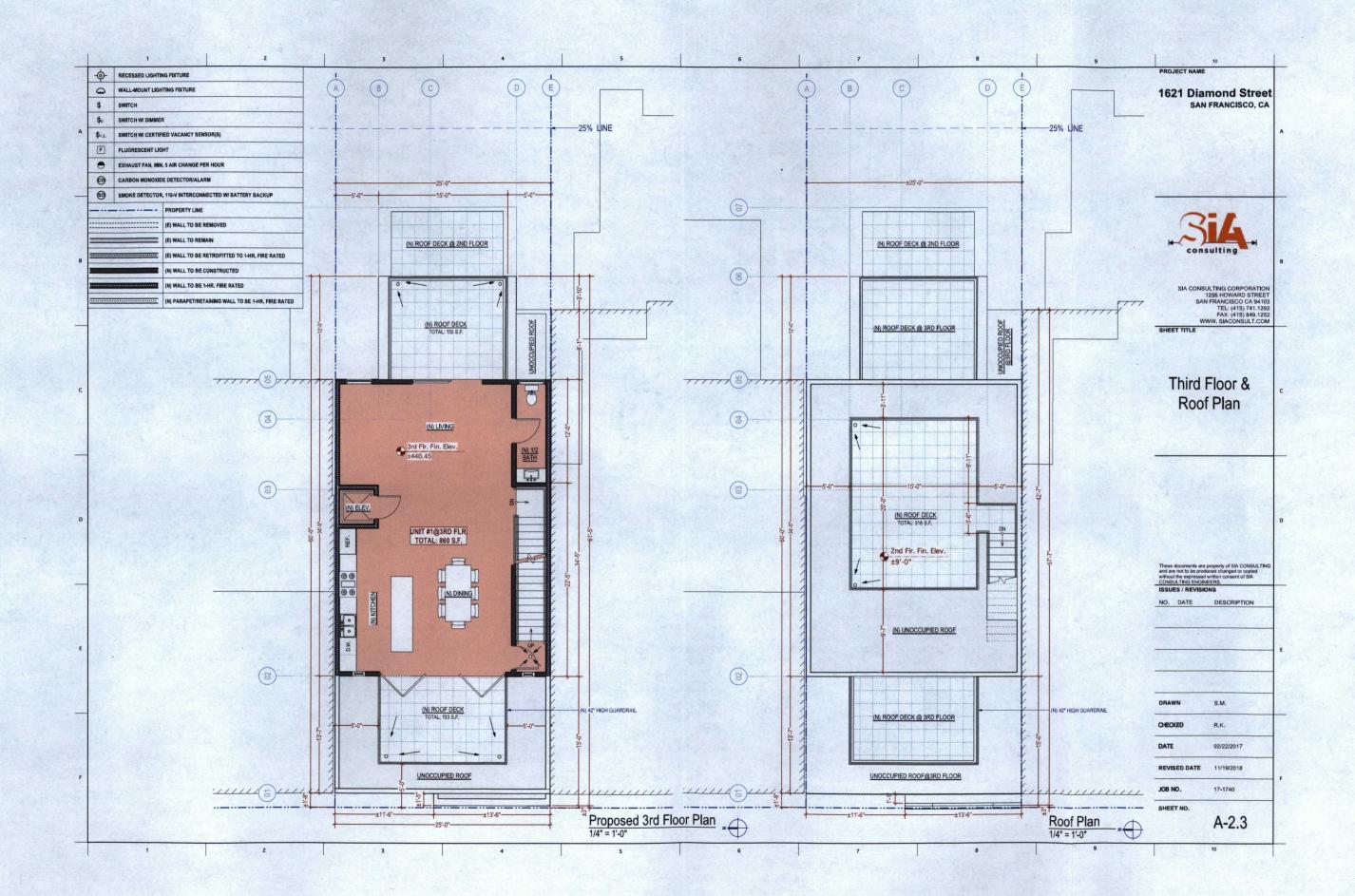


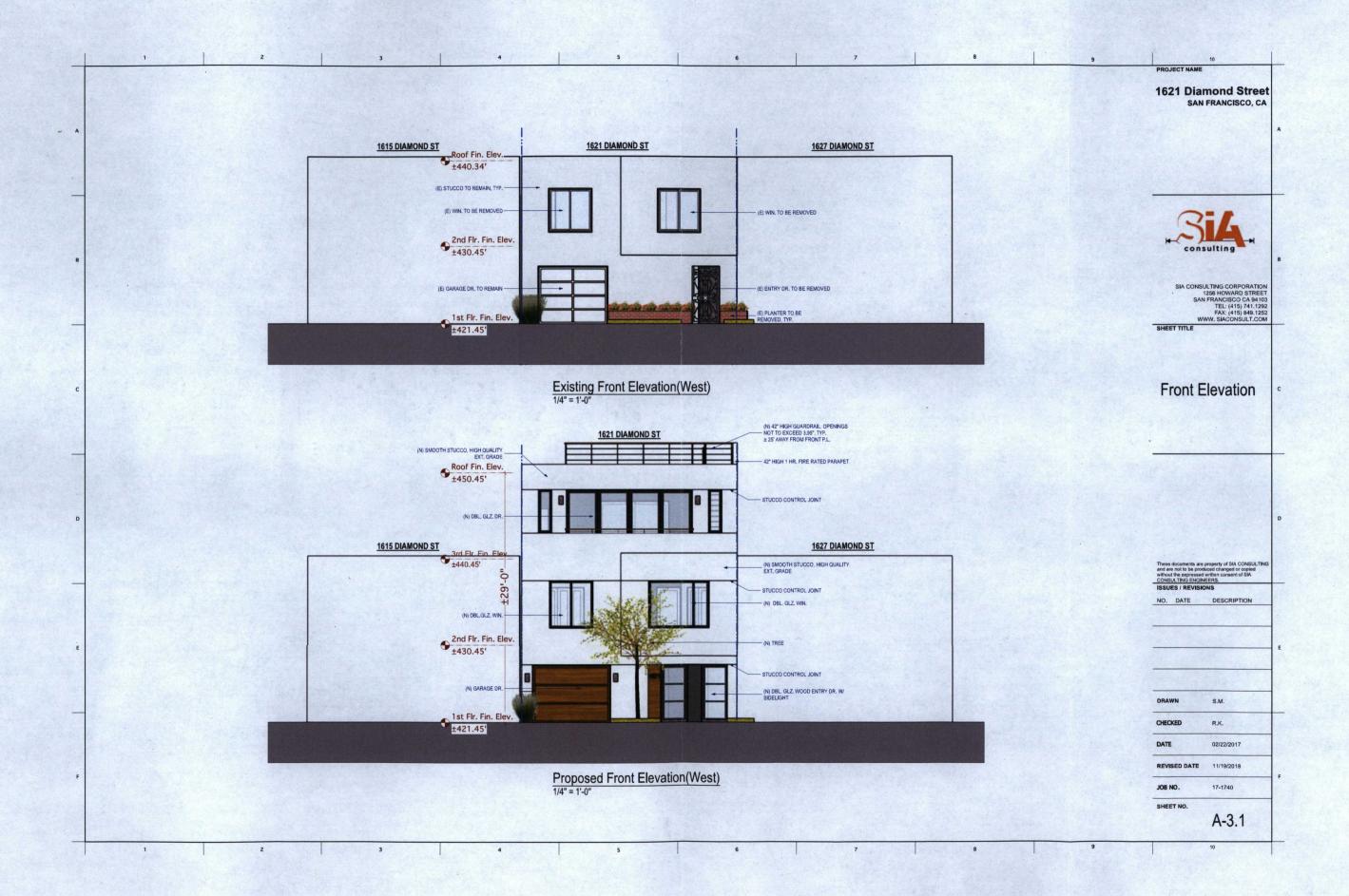


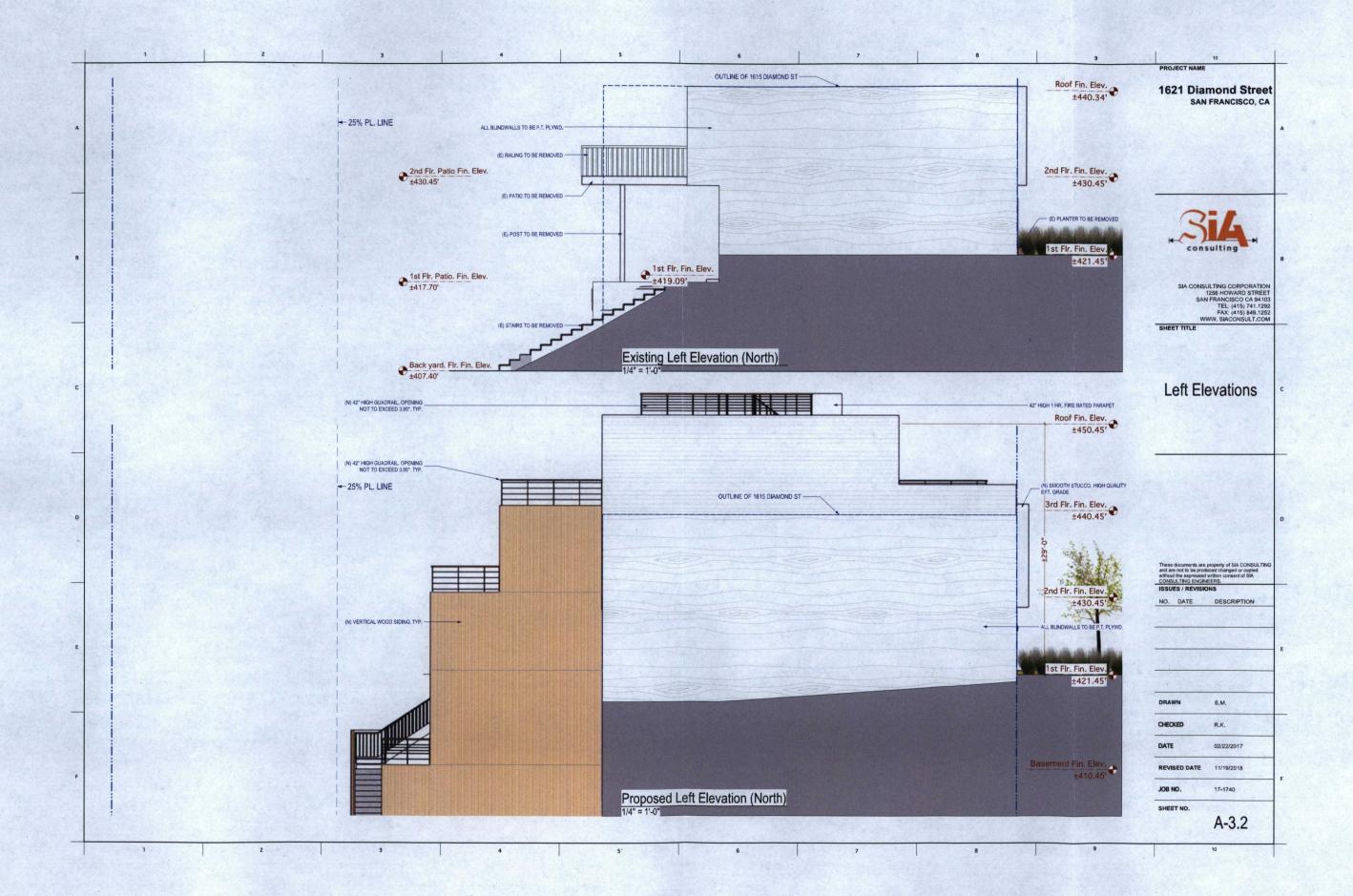


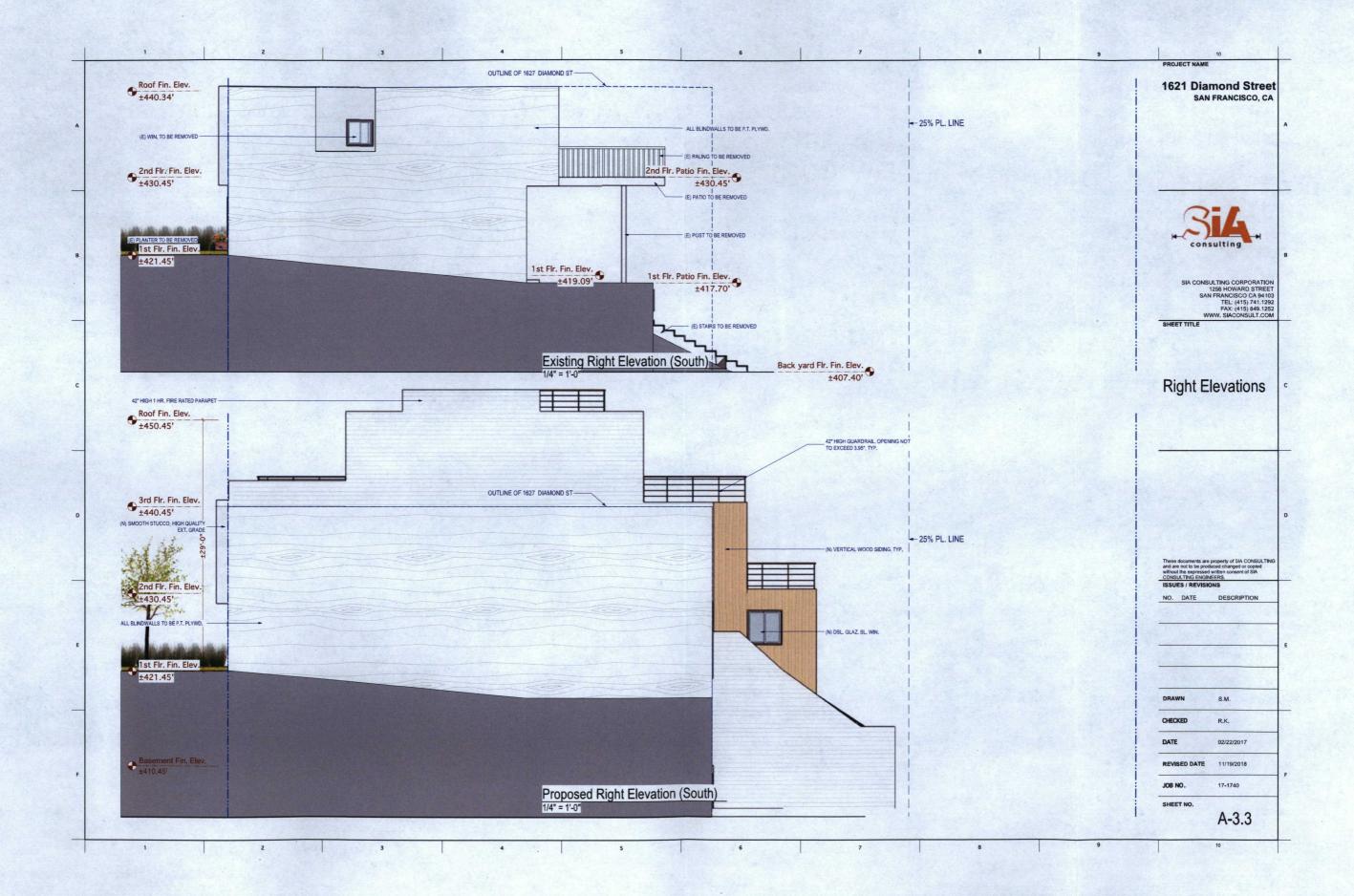


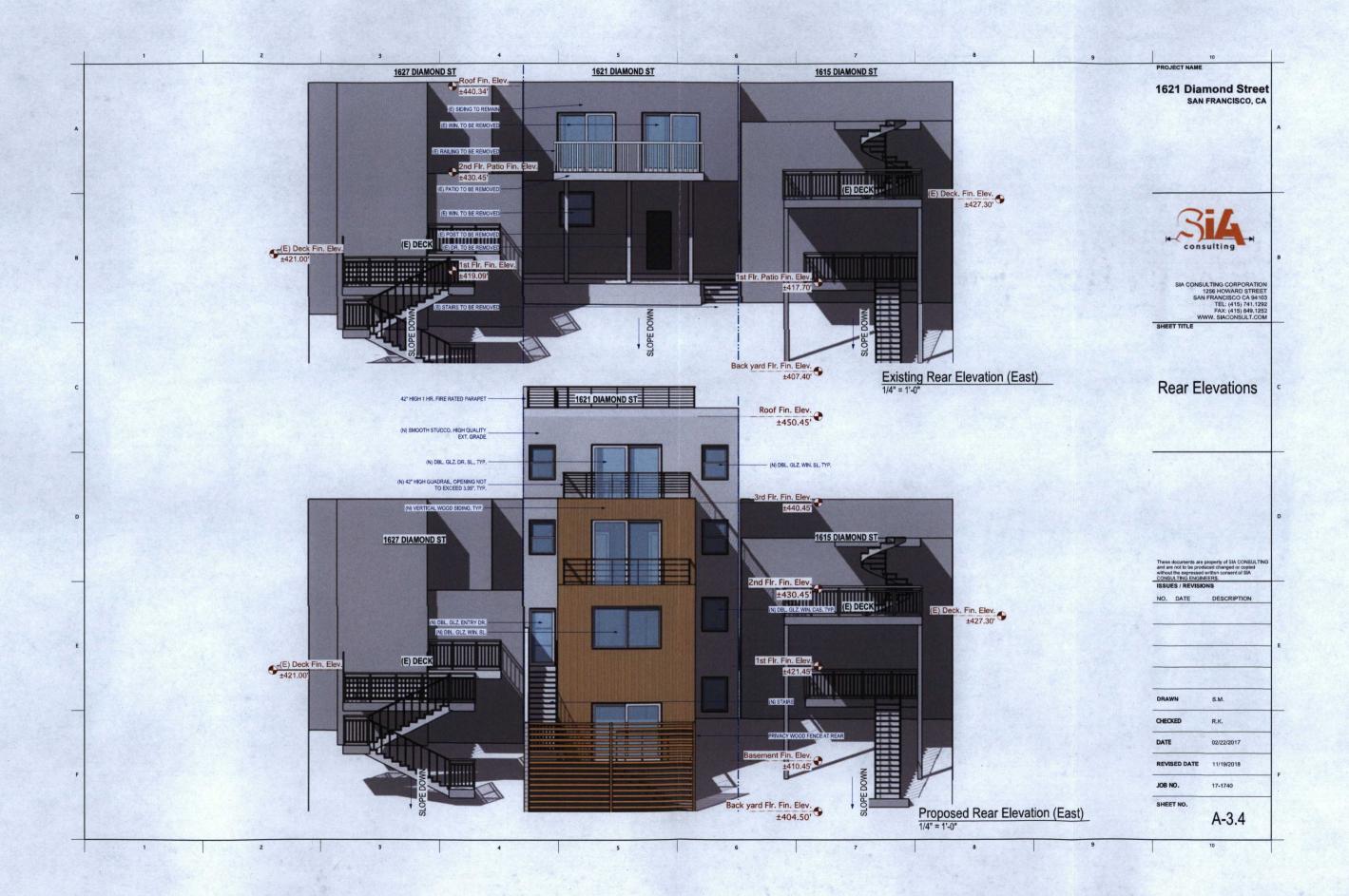


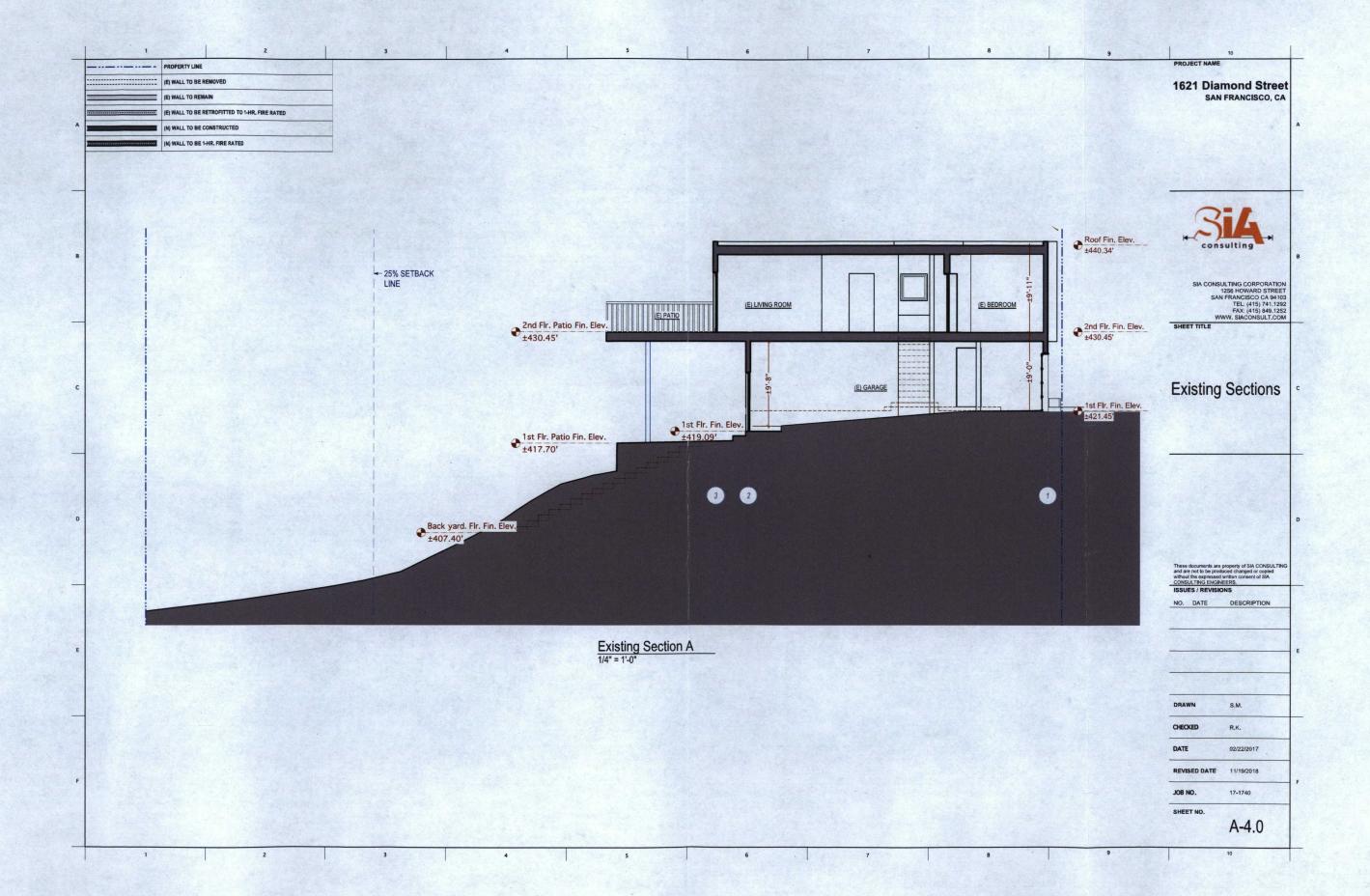


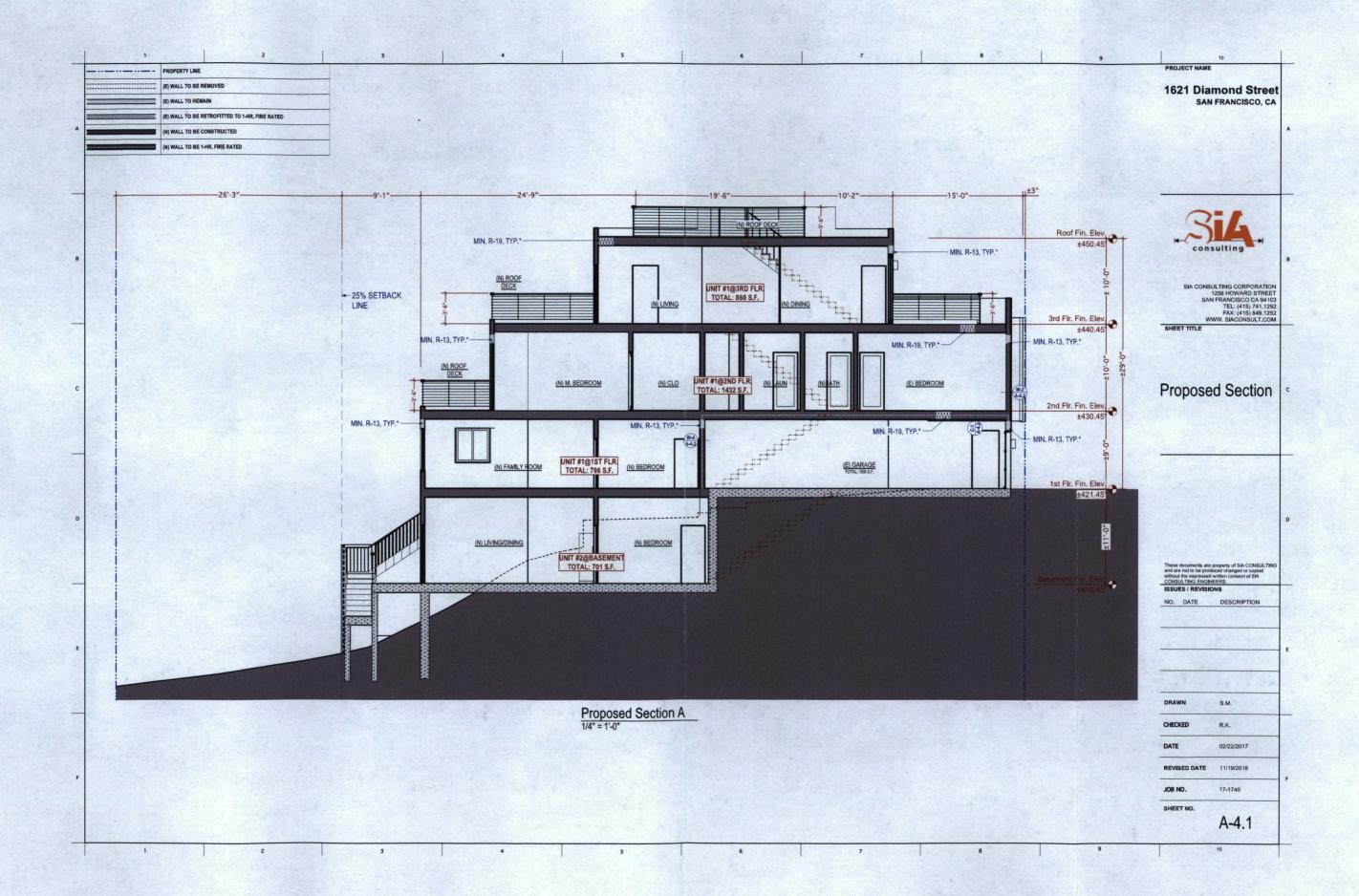












December 5, 2018 RE: 1621 Diamond Street

Dear Commissioners.

For the last 15 years we have owned a home at 1615 Diamond Street, and as you know developers are rebuilding a house next to us at 1621.

All we want is what's reasonable. All we want is what's fair. We aren't opposed to a developer building a house or even a larger house, we just simply ask that it be slightly smaller. That's it. That's all we want. A smaller but still a huge house.

It was over a year ago we were first presented with the plans for 1621 Diamond Street. The proposed development is twice the size of the current house, and will dwarf every house on the block. With the addition of a third floor (which no other house on the block has), and the rear floors of the house protruding 20 feet past the next door neighbors on either side, it completely disregards the character of the sister houses as well as the neighborhood. All we wanted as home owners was that:

For this house to honor the character of the neighborhood.

Despite our best efforts and requests for changes, the plans have barely changed. A year ago nearly 30 neighbors had a "meeting" with one of the developers, which they held outside the house on the curb. We had requests.

Story poles. A reduction in the size of the house by pulling in the rear of the house, eliminating the third floor, or at least the roof deck.

We heard nothing for a year, and then were presented with nearly identical plans.

Developer Anders Fung then began coming door to door in our neighborhood, unannounced, at dinner time, "to address our concerns." We said that our concerns and requests were the same. Story poles. Pulling in the rear of the house, eliminating the third floor. Mr. Fung told us he would look into it and get back to us.

Then, Mr. Fung proceeded to tell each neighbor that he had met with us (Pam Ling and Judd Winick) and that our concerns had been addressed and we were happy. And with **each** neighbor that he met after that, he would claim that every previous neighbor had their concerns met and were satisfied. By the time he knocked on the door of our last neighbor he was now claiming to have addressed the concerns of the entire neighborhood.

For unfortunate clarity: Mr. Fung went around the neighborhood lying to everyone. He even told our neighbor Peter Kanter that he had bought the house, and that he and his family were moving in. (Mr. Fung is a developer. He's not planning on living there.)

To say the least, our neighborhood's frustration, trepidation and anxiety escalated.

We repeatedly made our same requests, story poles, pulling in the rear of the house, eliminating the third floor. We never got a response.

We hoped to meet and discuss changes with the developers but we were all very leery and nervous about them. We had been lied to. We're not experts in this field. We're just home owners. We felt out of our depth.

So, we applied for a Discretionary Review, and it was only then that we seemed to gain the attention of the developers.

After many, many neighborhood meetings and soliciting advice, we and 4 of our neighbors finally got an opportunity to meet with Mr. Fung and the developers from SIA. We all met at the Planning Commission offices with David Winslow facilitating. Once again we made our requests. Pulling in the rear of the house, eliminating the third floor. (We had abandoned the story poles request.) It seemed fruitful.

We left there with an understanding that they would redo the plans and bring the rear of the house in. They would make the house smaller. We were elated. Unfortunately, after several weeks we received the new plans and with the exception of bringing in the third floor by 8 feet (that was <u>required</u> by the Planning Commission after an evaluation) the plans were nearly identical. A staircase was moved. And 400 square feet of living space was added to the interior. They actually made the house bigger.

You may hear from the developers how much they've reached out to our neighborhood, how they've made every effort to embrace with our community, but to be blunt, it's at best been theatre.

They haven't been honest with us. At nearly every turn there's been another lie. They've done very little and been deceptive while doing it.

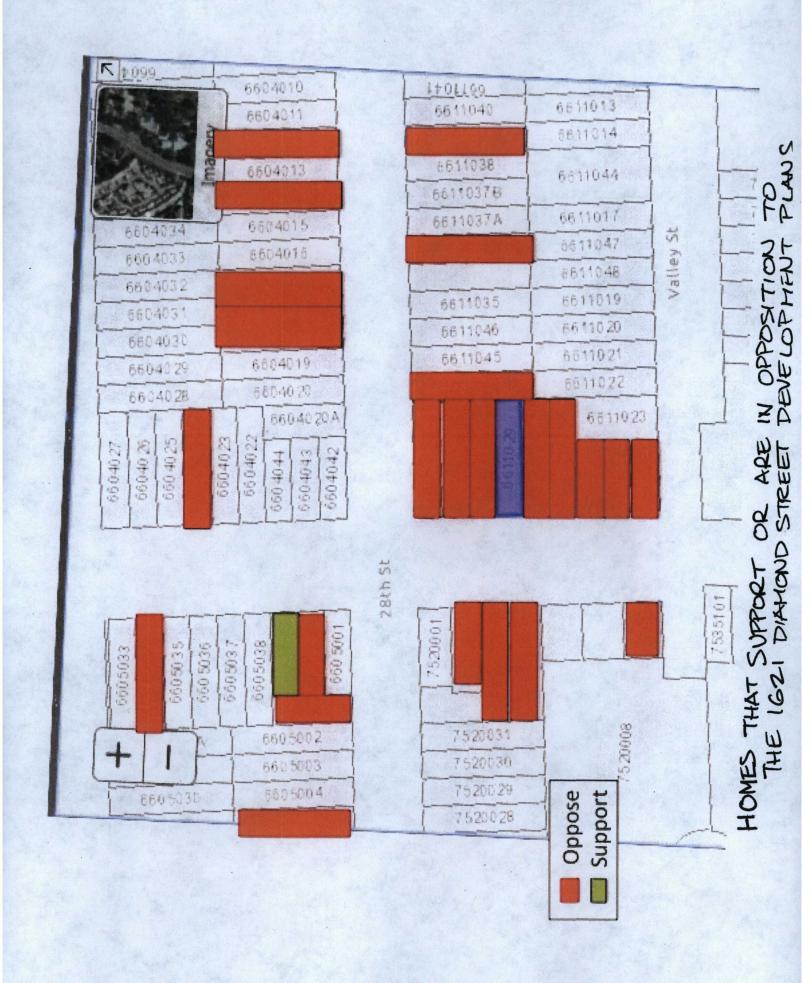
Lastly, this is our home.

This is the last house we will ever own. We just feel that it's unfair that our lives be so irrevocably changed.

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Thank you for you time,

Best Judd Winick and Pam Ling



GUIDELINE: Design the height and depth of the building to be compatible with the existing building scale at the mid-block open space.

- Proposal fails to respect the character of the neighborhood in height and scale
- Height is greater than any other house on the block
- Rear decks and extension are 20 feet beyond all the rear property lines of all the houses on the block. This significantly affects the privacy and quality of life of neighbors sharing the mid-block open space.
- Decks and rear extensions significantly impact our light and privacy, particularly our main living area (floor 2 of proposal) and Judd's artist studio (basement level)
- 3D shadow studies and projections show our home will be in shadow most of the day.

PROPOSED for ALTERATIONS:

- 1. Eliminate roof deck. (Reduces incompatible height somewhat)
- 2. THIRD FLOOR, (the floor that goes above our house and all others on the block)

 eliminate this floor (Reduces incompatible height)
- 3. SECOND FLOOR, (our top floor). The proposed extension is a total of 20 feet beyond our property line and far beyond all the other houses. We ask to reduce the extension of each element by half:
 - House + deck TOTAL no more than 10 feet past our house.
 - Reduce Floor 2 house rear extension by 6 feet. This would be a dimension of 55'-8" from the front property line (which is 1'-8" in front of our front street walls) to the extension's rear wall.
 - Reduce the deck to 4 feet.
- 4. FIRST FLOOR. The house extends 20 feet beyond our rear wall.
 - reduce house extension to 10 feet instead of 20. This would be a dimension of 59'-8" from the front property line to the extension's rear wall.
- BASEMENT. Similar to the floor above, reduce house extension to 10 feet instead of 20. This would be a dimension of 59'-8" from the front property line to the extension's rear wall.

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11/15/2018

Dear David Winslow,

Re: Development at 1621 Diamond street

Case No.: 2017-010630DRP

I am writing this letter to express my great concern regarding the above housing development at 1621 Diamond street. I live across the road and very concerned about how this will change and affect our block.

The proposed plans are unreasonable and are transforming an 1800 square foot home to a home of over 4000 square feet. This turns an affordable starter home into a dwelling out of the reach of many San Franciscans.

This house will be an eyesore, it would be the only house on the block with 2 stories above street level (with an additional roof deck). Additionally it extends further back and further down than any of its neighboring dwellings. This will block the light to both neighboring dwellings, as well as seriously affecting the privacy of many neighbors on the block.

The sheer scale of this project is unreasonable and not consistent with neighborhood guidelines.

This is a very unique block in San Francisco with many of residents having lived here for over 30 years. We have all been united in trying to get reasonable dialogue with the contractors, but to very little avail.

Sincerely,

Benedict Ancock, MD, MPH

Dr Benedict Ancock

Date: 12/5/18

Name: Chris Staus

Address: 566 78 St

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I respectfully ask that you include this letter in the package sent to the Planning Commission.

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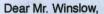
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From: Nik Reed nik_reed@yahoo.com & Subject: Proposed project at 1621 Diamond St. Date: December 5, 2018 at 9:14 PM

To: david.winslow@sfgov.org

Cc: Ling, Pamela Pamela.Ling@ucsf.edu, Judd Winick judd@juddspillowfort.com, David Howard davidhoward1@gmail.com



Attached is a letter in opposition to the current planned project on my block, Diamond St.

Thank you for taking this into consideration, Anthony

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Anthony Tamaribuchi and I live at 1645 Diamond St. I am writing in opposition to the proposed remodel at 1621 Diamond St.

The house does not seem to be consistent with the neighborhood and the other homes on our block. Our neighbors have shared that it is going to take away their light and privacy. It is also very big as compared to the rest of our street.

My parents and I moved when I was in high school, from Glen Park to Diamond St. We love living on this block, in large part because of the neighborhood's character. We hope that you will help us preserve while allowing for growth in a reasoned manner.

Thank you for your consideration,

Anthony Tamaribuchi

1644 Diamond street, San Francisco CA 94131 | 415-298-4498 | pam.vig@gmail.com 11/18/2018

Dear David Winslow,

Re: Development at 1621 Diamond street

Case No.: 2017-010630DRP

I would like to express my concern about the proposed development at 1621 Diamond street.

This proposal is not in keeping with the current houses on the 1600 block of Diamond street. This gargantuan project more than doubles the square footage of the current house. Noe valley is not in need of another 4000 square foot home.

This would be the only property on the block with 3 stories above street level and this is not even including the proposed roof deck. This will affect the privacy of us and many on the street. The unnecessarily large extension backwards and up will seriously affect the light of the surrounding homes.

The size of the proposed structure will dwarf all the homes on the east side of the street and is completely inconsistent with neighborhood guidelines.

We have, as a neighborhood, tried to engage the developers in reasonable discussion, but have been unsuccessful. I would urge for further consideration before approving such extensive and ill conceived plans.

Sincerely,

Pam Vig, PhD

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Nik Reed and I am a resident of Diamond St, living at 596 Valley St., at the intersection of Diamond and Valley. I am writing to you about the proposed structure at 1621 Diamond St.

The project, in its current form, is truly a large departure from that which makes up our neighborhood. I moved here with my family in 2013, having been born and raised in the Castro and Noe Valley, and very excited to be able to move back. In fact, my uncle lived on this very street while I was in high school in the Fillmore. Part of the reason we were so excited to move to this street, and to this neighborhood was the type of housing, the families that lived here, and the fact that we would be raising our family around other families that also respected the neighborhood for what it is, and treat it accordingly.

And we have been delighted getting to know our neighbors. We even hosted the local police chief not long ago, with a turnout of neighbors on a cold Saturday morning that numbered in the twenties. This is the San Francisco I grew up in, and sadly not the San Francisco that most experience any longer. The reason I think this has been lost for so many is projects like the one currently being proposed at 1621 Diamond.

It is simply not consistent with the neighborhood and the other homes on our block. It is twice the size of existing adjacent homes and changes a house that is part of a series. In speaking and getting to know our neighbors, it is also going to take away their light and privacy. These are all elements that need not be part of a remodel, that is surely warranted. Yet, it isn't too much to ask that these remodels been done with thought toward the neighbors, and the neighborhood.

Our block, like our city, is going through lots of changes. However, it is the fact that San Francisco navigates these changes thoughtfully and with consideration that makes it the city we all love so much. We hope that you will consider the character of our neighborhood, the values that so many of us moved here to have, and provide adequate guideline to the anyone seeking to build in our neighborhood such that this character is preserved.

Sincerely.

Nicholas Reed

Date: 12/5/2018

Name: KRISTINE HERNANDEZ

Address: 562 28th St

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Date: 10-5-7018

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From: Patti Martin pattimartin4@gmail.com

Subject: Objection to proposed plan for construction at 1621 Diamond St.

Date: December 5, 2018 at 10:39 AM

To: david.winslow@sfgov.org

Cc: Pam Ling ling.pam@gmail.com, Judd Winick judd@juddspillowfort.com, David Howard davidhoward1@gmail.com



Dear Mr. Winslow:

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed plan for construction at 1621 Diamond Street. I have lived at 1637 Diamond Street since 1987 and consider myself to be very lucky to be among the small number of native San Franciscans that can remain residing in Noe Valley. We are a close-knit community on this block and have held neighborhood meetings to discuss our common interests over most of these 30 plus years. Though the neighborhood and the block has changed in these years our fundamental character has not changed.

The proposed construction at 1621 Diamond is not keeping within the established scale and feel of the pre-existing structures. In fact, the plans would more than double the size of the existing house! All the homes on the east side of our street are modest in height and do not impinge on the light available to our neighbors. This proposed construction would stick out as an eyesore on the street and would block the light of the effected neighbors. This is not right! In addition to blocking light the proposed construction would also impinge on the neighbors' privacy. Living in close-quarters with good neighbor relations in a city as densely planned as San Francisco requires there to be architectural limits established to guard against infringement on the interests of one's neighbors. It is important that you respect and support these guidelines to ensure harmony amongst neighbors.

I am counting on you to make decisions that support our community. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards, Patti Martin December 4, 2018

Case No.: 2017-010630DRP Project Address: 1621 Diamond Permit Application: 2017.0810.4463

Dear Mr. Winslow

My wife Ellen and I are members of the DSNA, "Diamond Street Neighborhood Association" and are joining our neighbors on the 1600 block of Diamond Street in communicating to you our concerns about the proposed redevelopment of 1621 Diamond Street, and hope that you may be able to offer some assistance in reviewing these plans for a more restrained design more in keeping with the neighborhood character and with less environmental impact on the surrounding neighbors.

The proposed plans by the developers have not addressed previously raised concerns and issues in obtaining their planning permission, is a massive reconstruction and major upward and outward expansion of the existing house to more than double its current size, which currently sits in the middle of a row of cottage houses currently all of similar age, size and height.

This plan is completely out of character with the surrounding neighborhood and this incompatible expansion will destroy the architectural symmetry of the whole east side of the block.

Our neighbors Judd and Pam Winick at 1615 Diamond Street have filed for a discretionary review, now on December 20, 2018, they will be directly impacted by this development being next door and negatively affected not just by the scale and scope but also on their quality of life, and we plan on supporting their opposition and attending the review if this isn't resolved fairly before hand.

As for the impact on our property at 1601 Diamond Street our concern is that the addition of an extra storey and large scale expansion of the building in back will impact the light availability for our basement living space and our yard, which is heavily planted with flowers, shrubs and trees. In addition the overshadowing effect will potentially affect generation capability for our rooftop solar panels - we depend on the generation capability to offset our electric bills, being seniors on fixed incomes.

Also of concern is the impact of all that major excavation and expansion in back and how that will affect us and the surrounding neighbors' drainage, soil stability and privacy.

Lastly, the scale of this construction project will affect all of our block for months with noise, dirt, dust, drilling, hammering, cranes, backhoes, bus and traffic disruption, parking disruption, utility work. The impact of all of this is way out of proportion to the average remodeling and construction work in the neighborhood.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns and as City Architect we hope you are able to help establish some reasonable constraints and fair compromise on the proposed plans.

Sincerely

Simon Pargeter and Ellen Dorsey Pargeter

1601 Diamond Street, San Francisco, CA 94131

Date: 12 | 5 | 2018

Name: SAMES J. CURREN

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David Howard 1614 Diamond Street San Francisco, CA 94131

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- -The house will impact the privacy and light of numerous neighbors.
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December 5, 2018

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Date: Dec 6th 2018

Name: Vipul Ved Prakash & Vanessa Hsu

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