

# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## **Discretionary Review Abbreviated Analysis** HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Date: February 6, 2017 Case No.: 2015-000254DRP, -02, -03 **68 RICHARDSON AVENUE Project Address:** Permit Application: 2014.1230.4697 RH-3 (Residential House, Three-Family) Zoning: 40-X Height and Bulk District Block/Lot: 0934/012A **Project Sponsor:** Jason Langkammerer AT6 Architecture 746 Natoma Street San Francisco, CA 94123 Ella Samonsky - (415) 575-9112 *Staff Contact:* Ella.Samonsky@sfgov.org *Recommendation*: Do not take DR and approve project as proposed 1650 Mission St. Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project proposes construction of a vertical addition and roof deck to a two-story single-family dwelling. The proposed third floor addition will match the footprint of the existing residence, and would be approximately 21 feet in depth, 24 feet in width and would result in a total building height of 31 feet. The residence would have a roof deck with an operable skylight for access.

The Project requires a rear yard variance. In the RH-3 Zoning District the lot is required to maintain a rear yard area equivalent to 45 percent of the total lot depth, which can be reduced to the average depth of the adjacent neighbors, but at no point can it be reduced to less than 25% or 15 feet, whichever is greater. The subject property, with a total lot depth of 25 feet, has a required rear yard of 15 feet. The proposed addition and roof deck would be located within the required rear yard and extend to within approximately 4.5 inches of the rear property line.

On July 27, 2016 the Project was granted a Rear Yard Variance. One of the DR Requestor's, Carmen Zell, filed an appeal of the Variance Decision, Appeal No. 16-168, on August 8, 2016. The Appeal was heard on October 26, 2016 by the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals granted the appeal and upheld the issuance of the variance by the Zoning Administrator with the condition that the rooftop glass parapet be made opaque rather than clear glass. A request for rehearing of the appeal was heard on December 7, 2016 and denied. The modification to the parapet was made to the plans to comply with the conditions.

## SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The Project is on the northern side of Richardson Avenue, between Chestnut and Lombard Streets, Block 0934, Lot 012A and located within the RH-3 (Residential House, Three-Family) Zoning District with a 40-X Height and Bulk designation. The Project site is an irregularly shaped pentagonal, 618 square-foot lot

that has 16.2 feet of frontage and a depth of 25 feet. The site is developed with an existing two-story single-family residence that is setback approximately 4.5 inches from the rear property line, 3 feet - 3 inches from the northern side property line and is built to the front and southern side property lines. The existing residence was constructed in 1940, after the creation of Richardson Avenue as a throughway to the Golden Gate Bridge.

## SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

The subject property is located in the Marina neighborhood within Supervisor District 2. The neighborhood is characterized by three- to four-story single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes, predominately constructed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. To the south of the Project Site are commercial uses on Lombard Street.

### **BUILDING PERMIT NOTIFICATION**

TYPE	REQUIRED PERIOD	NOTIFICATION DATES	DR FILE DATE	DR HEARING DATE	FILING TO HEARING TIME
311 Notice	30 days	August 23, 2016 – September 21, 2016	September 20, 2016	February 16, 2017	149 days

### **HEARING NOTIFICATION**

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PERIOD	REQUIRED NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL PERIOD
Posted Notice	10 days	February 6, 2017	February 6, 2017	10 days
Mailed Notice	10 days	February 6, 2017	February 6, 2017	10 days

### PUBLIC COMMENT

	SUPPORT	OPPOSED	NO POSITION
Adjacent neighbor(s)		3 ( DR Requestors)	
Other neighbors on the			
block or directly across			
the street			
Neighborhood groups			

### DR REQUESTOR

DR Requestor #1: Jonathan Wade, 2561 Chestnut Street, San Francisco CA 94123. The DR Requestor's property is located on the corner of Richardson Avenue and Chestnut Street and is located approximately 25 feet northerly of the Project Site on Richardson Avenue.

DR Requestor #2: Carmen Zell, 2541-2543 Chestnut Street and 2547-2549 Chestnut Street, San Francisco CA 94123. The rear property line of the DR Requestor's property at 2547-2549 Chestnut Street abuts the northern side property line of the Project Site. The side property line of the DR Requestor's property at 2541-2543 Chestnut Street abuts the rear property line of the Project Site.

DR Requestor #3: James Rubenstein, 2555 Chestnut Street, San Francisco CA 94123. The side property line of the DR Requestor's property abuts the western property line of the Project Site.

## DR REQUESTOR'S CONCERNS AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

See attached Discretionary Review Application -2015-000254DRP, dated September 20, 2016.

See attached Discretionary Review Application -2015-000254DRP-02, dated September 21, 2016.

See attached Discretionary Review Application -2015-000254DRP-03, dated September 21, 2016.

## PROJECT SPONSOR'S RESPONSE TO DR APPLICATION

See attached Response to Discretionary Review, dated February 1, 2017

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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

### **RESIDENTIAL DESIGN TEAM REVIEW**

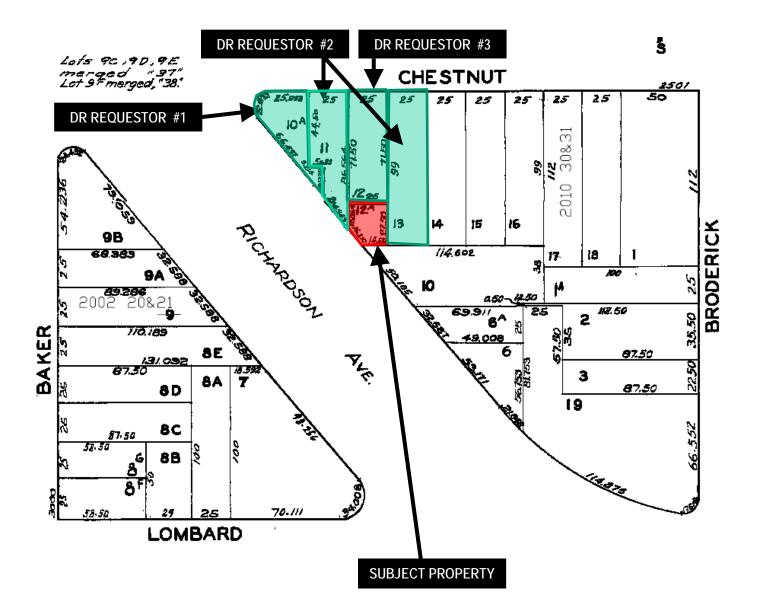
The Residential Design Team (RDT) reviewed the Project and the three DR Requests on November 2, 2016, and recommended, in response to the concerns raised by the DRs, that the proposed roof deck railing, exclusive of roof stair access, be set back at least 5 feet from the northern and eastern property lines and building envelope. With incorporation of the requested changes, the RDT supports the Project and finds that due to the existing conditions, the configuration of the lot, the adjacent open spaces and the proximity of adjacent buildings, neither the Project nor the Discretionary Review requests demonstrate exceptional or extraordinary circumstances with regard to the loss of privacy, midblock open space, and light and air.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Do not take DR and approve project as proposed

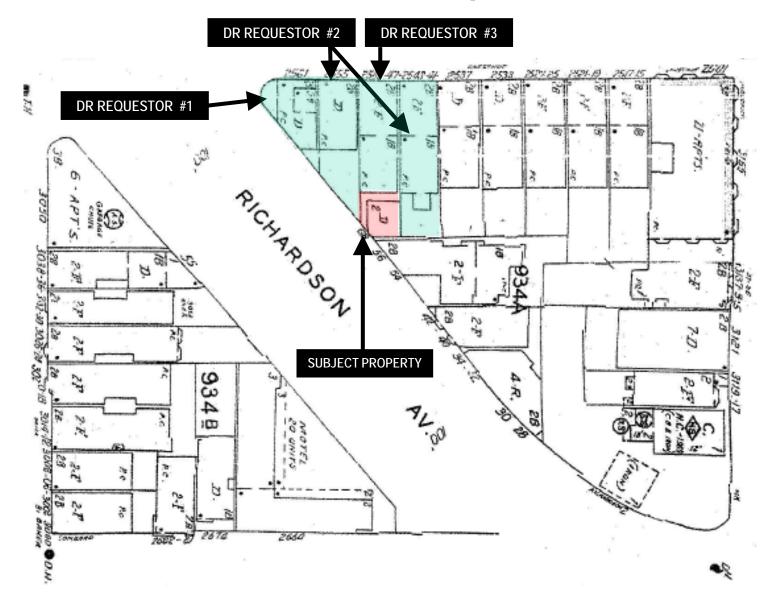
Attachments: Block Book Map Sanborn Map Zoning Map Aerial Photographs Context Photographs Section 311 Notice DR Application Response to DR Application dated February 1, 2017 Reduced Plans

# **Parcel Map**





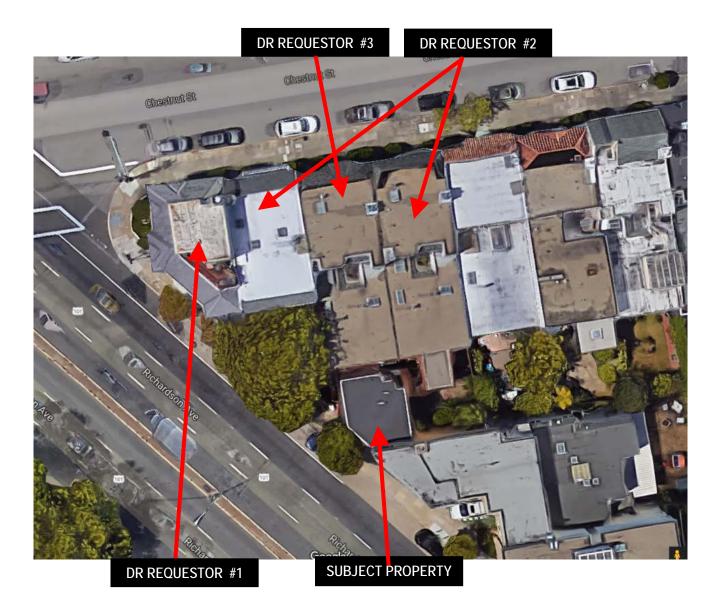
# Sanborn Map\*



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



# **Aerial Photo**



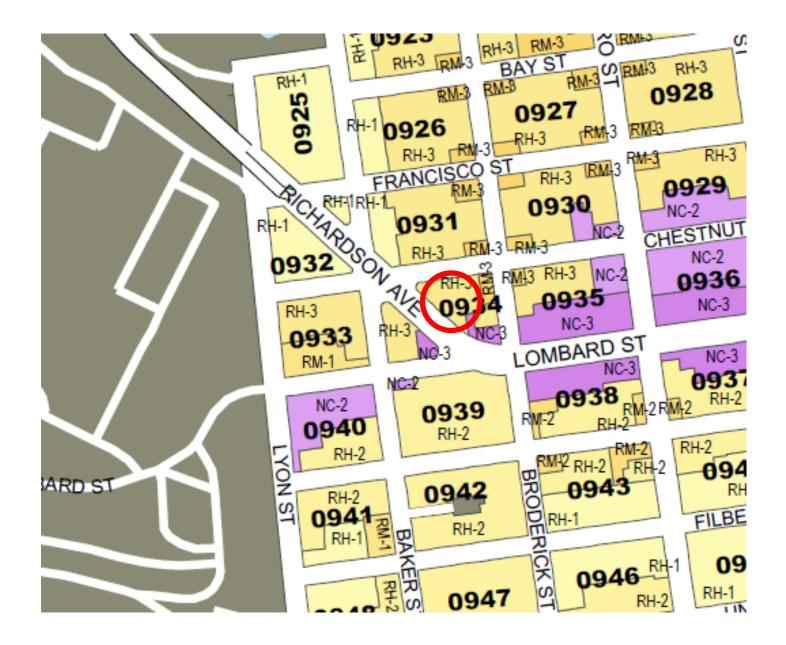


# **Aerial Photo**





# **Zoning Map**



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# **Site Photo**





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1650 Mission Street Suite 400 San Francisco. CA 94103

## NOTICE OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION (SECTION 311)

On **Decemebr 30, 2014**, the Applicant named below filed Building Permit Application No. **2014.1230.4697** with the City and County of San Francisco.

PROP	ERTY INFORMATION	AI	APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Project Address:	68 Richardson Avenue	Applicant:	Jason Langkammerer, AT6 Architecutre		
Cross Street(s):	Chestnut and Lombard Streets	Address:	746 Natoma Street		
Block/Lot No.:	0934/012A	City, State:	San Francisco, CA 94123		
Zoning District(s):	RH-3 / 40-X	Telephone:	(415) 503-0555		

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

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

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Rear Addition	□ Side Addition	✓ Vertical Addition			
PROJECT FEATURES	EXISTING	PROPOSED			
Building Use	Residential	No Change			
Front Setback	0 feet	No Change			
Side Setbacks	3 feet (north) / 0 feet (south)	No Change			
Building Depth	21 feet	No Change			
Rear Yard	0 feet	No Change			
Number of Stories	2	3			
Height	20 feet	31 feet ( roof)			
		38 feet (top of windscreen)			
Number of Dwelling Units	1	No Change			
Number of Parking Spaces	0	No Change			

The proposal is to construct a verticle addition (third floor) and roof deck that match the footprint of the existing building. The project includes interior remodel of the residence.

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

#### For more information, please contact Planning Department staff:

Planner:	Ella Samonsky
Telephone:	(415) 575-9112
E-mail:	ella.samonsky@sfgov.org

Notice Date: 8/23/2016 Expiration Date: 9/21/2016

# **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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

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

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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

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

	Application for Discretionary Review CASE NUMBER: For Staff Use only 20/5-600254DRP SEP 2 0 2016
APPLICATION FOR	
<b>Discretionary Review</b>	CITY & COUNTY OF S.F. PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Owner/Applicant Information DR APPLICANT'S NAME:	
DRAPPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	
2561 Chestnut St.	ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE: 94123 (415)640.5030
PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS DOING THE PROJECT ON WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING DISCRETIONA	NRY REVIEW NAME:
ADDRESS: 68 Richardson Ave. San Francisco CO	ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE: 94123 ( )
CONTACT FOR DR APPLICATION: Same as Above	7/8 0005
	ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE:
jonjwade & gmail.com	
2. Location and Classification	
STREET ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 68 Richardson Ave, San France CROSS STREETS:	isco, CA 94123
Chestnut and Lombard St.	
ASSESSORS BLOCK/LOT: LOT DIMENSIONS: LOT AREA (SQ FT): ZONING DISTRICT 0934/012A RH-3	HEIGHT/BULK DISTRICT:
3. Project Description	
Please check all that apply Change of Use Change of Hours New Construction Alt	terations 🗌 Demolition 🗌 Other 🗖
Additions to Building: Rear 🗌 Front 🗌 Height 🕅 Side	Yard 🗌
Present or Previous Use:	
Proposed Use:	
Building Permit Application No. 2014.1230, 4697	Date Filed: December 30th, 2014

# 4. Actions Prior to a Discretionary Review Request

Prior Action	YES	NO
Have you discussed this project with the permit applicant?	$\mathbf{X}$	
Did you discuss the project with the Planning Department permit review planner?		
Did you participate in outside mediation on this case?		

# 5. Changes Made to the Project as a Result of Mediation

If you have discussed the project with the applicant, planning staff or gone through mediation, please summarize the result, including any changes there were made to the proposed project.



CASE NUMBER: For Staff Use only

# **Discretionary Review Request**

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

1. What are the reasons for requesting Discretionary Review? The project meets the minimum standards of the Planning Code. What are the exceptional and extraordinary circumstances that justify Discretionary Review of the project? How does the project conflict with the City's General Plan or the Planning Code's Priority Policies or Residential Design Guidelines? Please be specific and site specific sections of the Residential Design Guidelines.

- Our daughters bedroom faces the property, 68 Richardson and will impact privacy, increase noise levels, and smoke will blow into her room and our home. There isn't an option to move our daughter into another room in our home.

2. The Residential Design Guidelines assume some impacts to be reasonable and expected as part of construction. Please explain how this project would cause unreasonable impacts. If you believe your property, the property of others or the neighborhood would be adversely affected, please state who would be affected, and how:

and Airplight is already an issue in all neighboring houses backyards and building upwards will only have a more negative impact on air 2549, 2555 Chestnut St., San Francisco, (A 94123

3. What alternatives or changes to the proposed project, beyond the changes (if any) already made would respond to the exceptional and extraordinary circumstances and reduce the adverse effects noted above in question #1?

IF 68 Richardson is going to build then do so without a varience.

# Applicant's Affidavit

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

Signature:

Date: 9/19/16

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

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**Discretionary Review Application** Submittal Checklist

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

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

NOTES:

Required Material.

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Optional Material.

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

For Department Use Only Application received by Planning Department:

By:

9/20/16 Date:

# APPLICATION FOR Discretionary Review

1. Owner/Applicant Information

DR APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	TELEPHONE:	
2541-43, 2547-49 Chestnut Street	94123	(415) 956-8100	
PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS DOING THE PROJECT ON WHICH YOU ARE R	EQUESTING DISCRETIONARY REVIEW NAME:		
Bryan Carter			
ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	TELEPHONE:	
68 Richardson Avenue	94123	(415) 503-0555	
CONTACT FOR DR APPLICATION:			
	ecture		
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2. Location and Classification

STREET ADDRESS OF PROJECT:	ZIP CODE:
68 Richardson Avenue	94123
CROSS STREETS:	
Chestnut and Lombard Streets	

ASSESSORS BLOCK/LOT:	LOT DIMENSIONS:	LOT AREA (SQ FT):	ZONING DISTRICT:	HEIGHT/BULK DISTRICT:
0934 /012A	25' x 27'-6"	618 sq. ft.	RH-3	40-X

#### 3. Project Description

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Please check all that apply Change of Use Change of Hours New Construction	Alterations 🛛 Demolition 🗌 Other 🗌
Additions to Building: Rear Front Height Side Residential	e Yard 🗌
Proposed Use: Residential	· ·
2014.1230.4697 Building Permit Application No.	Date Filed:12/30/14

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Prior Action	YES	NO
Have you discussed this project with the permit applicant?	×	
Did you discuss the project with the Planning Department permit review planner?	×	
Did you participate in outside mediation on this case?		X

5. Changes Made to the Project as a Result of Mediation

If you have discussed the project with the applicant, planning staff or gone through mediation, please summarize the result, including any changes there were made to the proposed project. A staircase was removed from the project during the variance hearing, but the staircase was not code-

compliant to begin with. The Project Sponsor has not made any changes at the neighbors' request.

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The project will create a high wall on the property line, directly in front of neighbors' bedrooms. It will have a

severe impact on the neighbors' privacy, light, and air. The project's roof-deck (including hot tub and fire pit)

will create a source of noise emanating into the common mid-block open space and the neighbors' bedrooms.

2. The Residential Design Guidelines assume some impacts to be reasonable and expected as part of construction. Please explain how this project would cause unreasonable impacts. If you believe your property, the property of others or the neighborhood would be adversely affected, please state who would be affected, and how:

The rear wall of the proposed three-story + roof-deck structure is located 3'-3" from the property line. It will be directly against the neighboring units' bedrooms, and it will wall off the common mid-block open space.

3. What alternatives or changes to the proposed project, beyond the changes (if any) already made would respond to the exceptional and extraordinary circumstances and reduce the adverse effects noted above in question #1?

The third floor and roof-deck should not be added.

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<u>Ryan J. Patterson / Zacks, Freedman & Patterson</u> Owner / outhorized Agent circle one)

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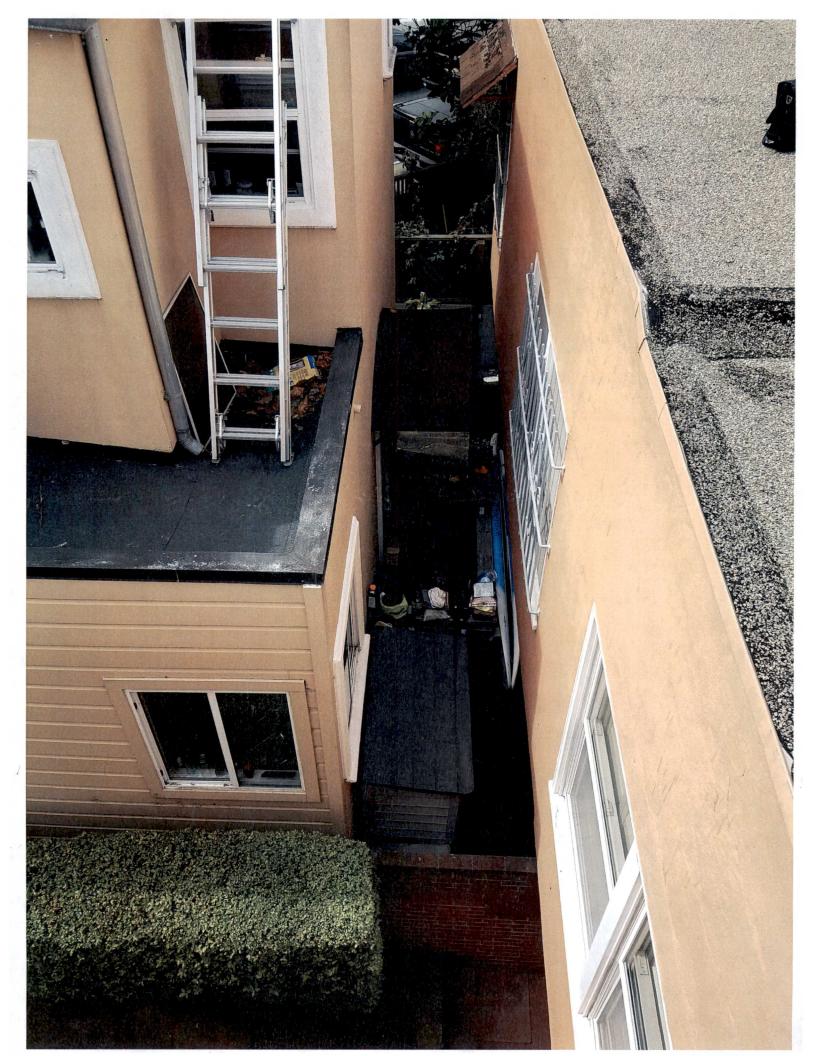


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September 16, 2016

I, Carmen Zell, hereby authorize Zacks, Freedman & Patterson, PC to file a request for Discretionary Review on my behalf for BPA No. 2014.1230.4697 (68 Richardson Avenue).

Signed,

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Carmon Lea Zell

Carmen Zell



#### SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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If, after exhausting the procedures outlined above, you still believe that exceptional and extraordinary circumstances exist, you have the option to request that the Planning Commission exercises its discretionary powers to review the project. These powers are reserved for use in exceptional and extraordinary circumstances for projects which generally conflict with the City's General Plan and the Priority Policies of the Planning Code, therefore the Commission exercises its discretionary Review by the Planning Commission, you must file a Discretionary Review application prior to the Expiration Date shown on the front of this notice. Discretionary Review applications are available at the Planning Information Center (PIC), 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor, or online at <u>www.sfplanning.org</u>). You must submit the application in person at the Planning Information Center (PIC) between 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday, with all required materials and a check payable to the Planning Department. To determine the fee for a Discretionary Review, please refer to the Planning Department Fee Schedule available at <u>www.sfplanning.org</u>. If the project includes multiple building permits, i.e. demolition and new construction, a <u>separate request</u> for Discretionary Review must be submitted, with all required materials and fee, for <u>each</u> permit that you feel will have an impact on you.

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

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

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

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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

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



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#### Date: 8/23/2016

The attached notice is provided under the Planning Code. It concerns property located at **68 Richardson Street - BPA (2014.12.30.4697)**. A hearing may occur, a right to request review may expire or a development approval may become final by 9/21/2016.

To obtain information about this notice in Spanish or Chinese, please call (415) 575-9010. To obtain information about this notice in Filipino, please call (415) 575-9121. Please be advised that the Planning Department will require at least one business day to respond to any call.

#### 附上的是三藩市城市規劃的法定通告。

此通告是與位於 68 Richardson Street - BPA (2014.12.30.4697) 的建築計劃有關。如果在 9/21/2016 之前無人申請聽證會來檢討這一個建 築計劃,這計劃最終會被核准。

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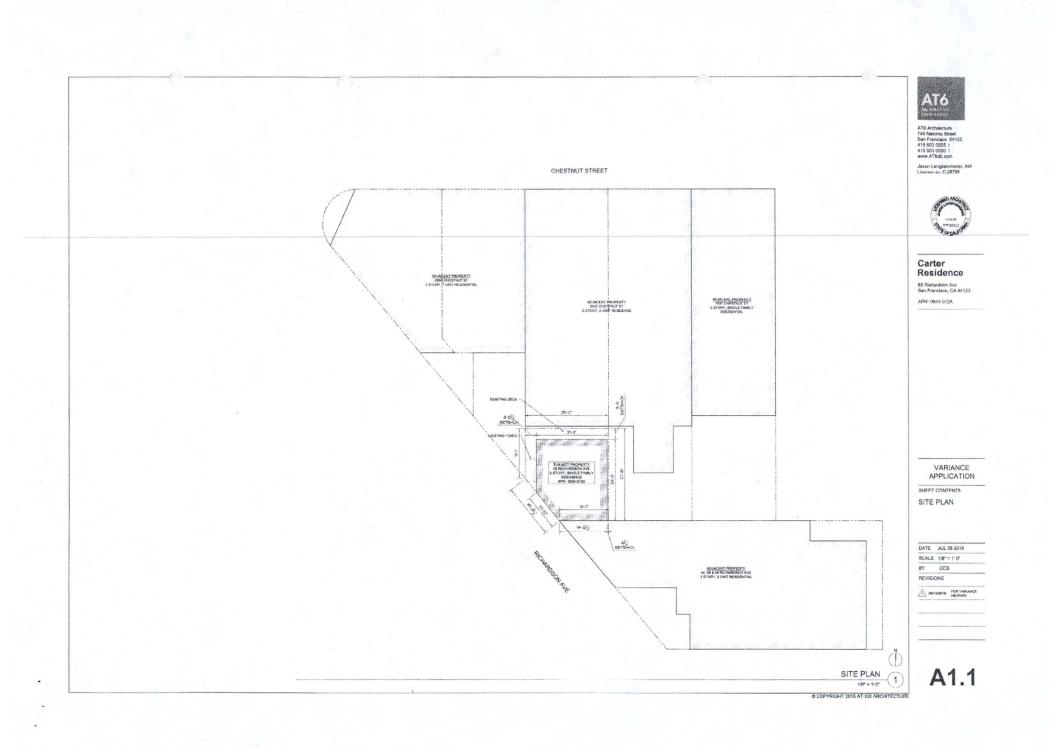
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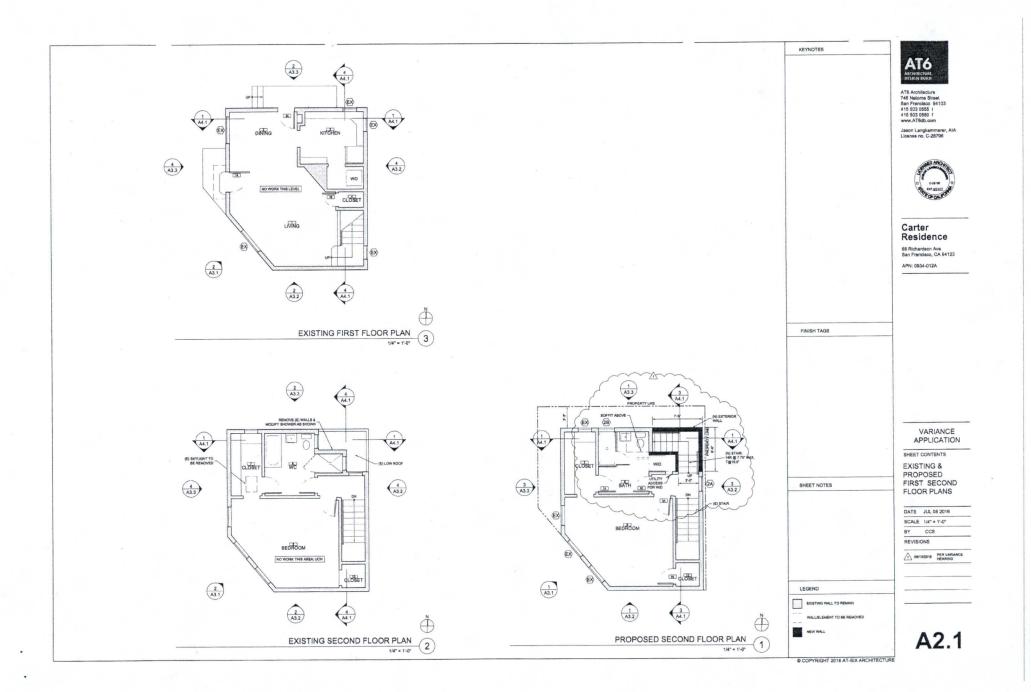
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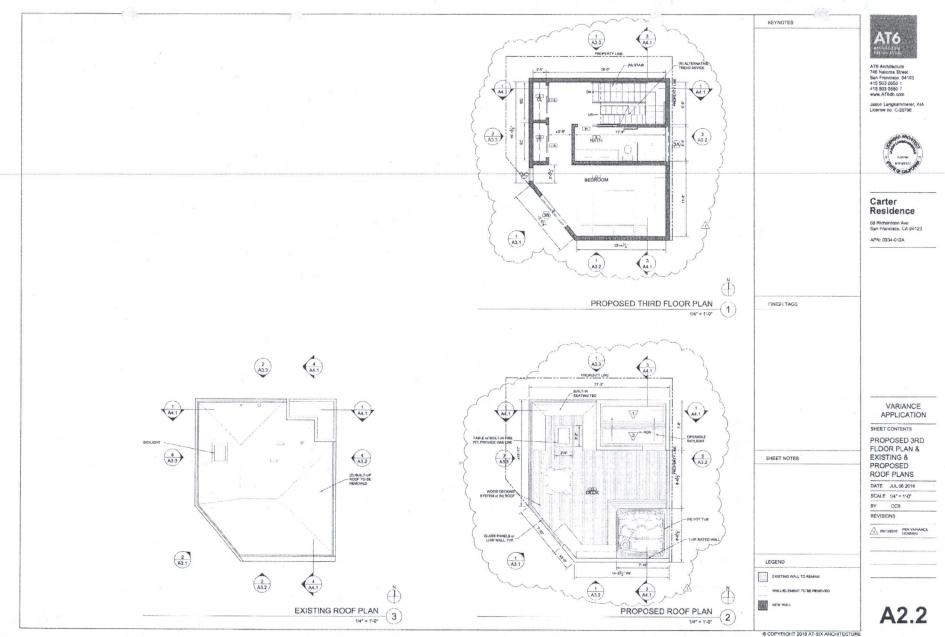
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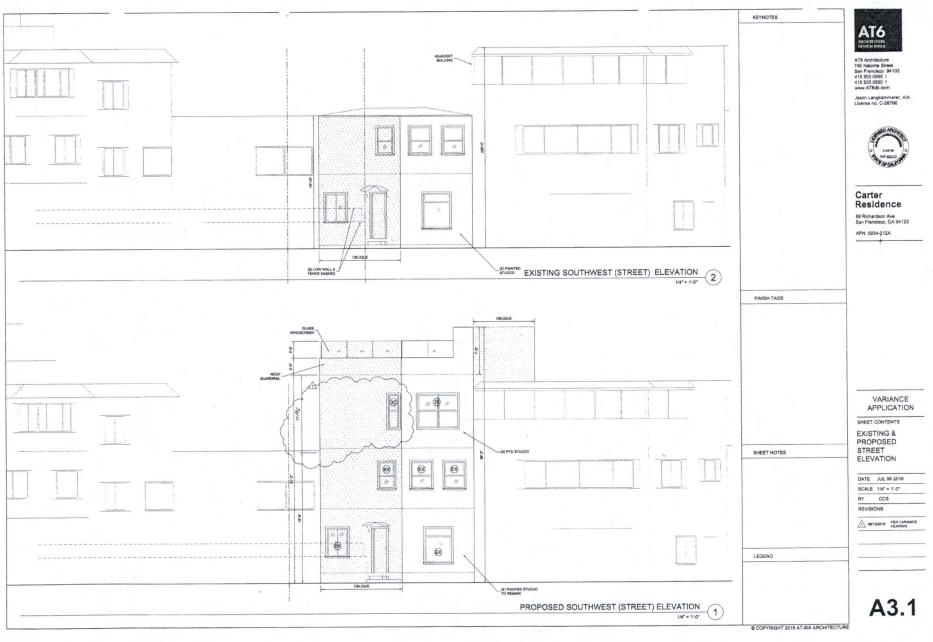
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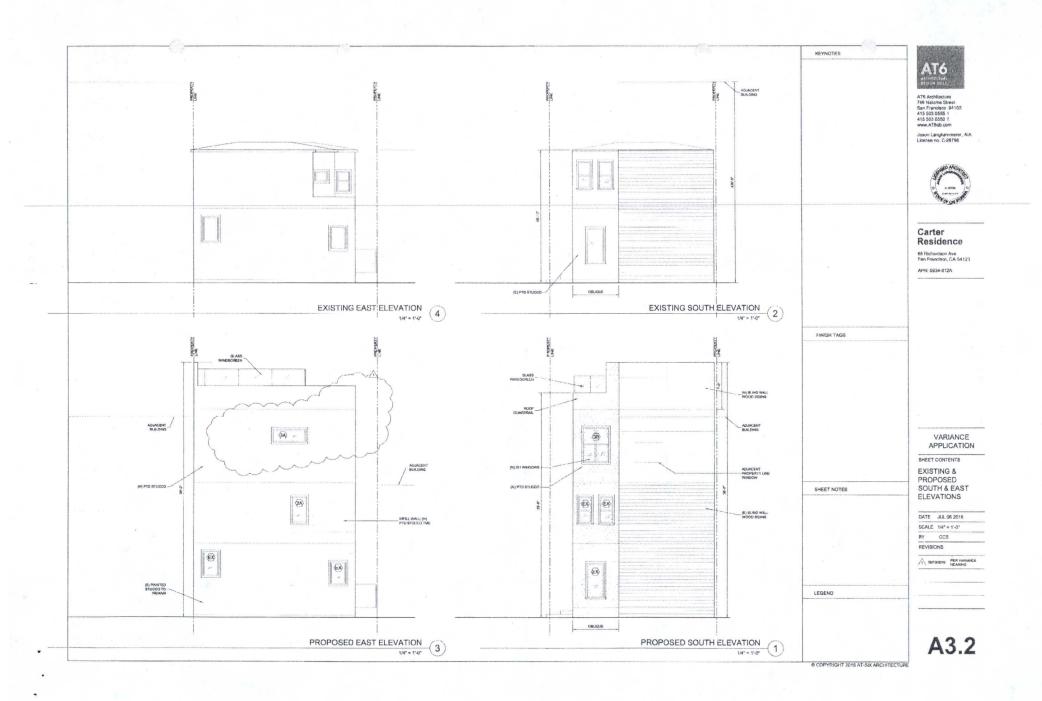
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# APPLICATION FOR Discretionary Review

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1. Owner/Applicant Information

DR APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	TELEPHONE:
2555 Chestnut St. San Francisco, California	94123	(415) 271-2061
PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS DOING THE PROJECT ON WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING D	DISCRETIONARY REVIEW NAME:	
Carter		
ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	TELEPHONE:
68 Richardon Avenue San Francisco, California	94123	( )
CONTACT FOR DR APPLICATION:		
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### 2. Location and Classification

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Chestnut	and Lombard				
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## 4. Actions Prior to a Discretionary Review Request

Prior Action	YES	NO
Have you discussed this project with the permit applicant?	M	
Did you discuss the project with the Planning Department permit review planner?	X	
Did you participate in outside mediation on this case?		X

## 5. Changes Made to the Project as a Result of Mediation

If you have discussed the project with the applicant, planning staff or gone through mediation, please summarize the result, including any changes there were made to the proposed project.



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## **Discretionary Review Request**

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

1. What are the reasons for requesting Discretionary Review? The project meets the minimum standards of the Planning Code. What are the exceptional and extraordinary circumstances that justify Discretionary Review of the project? How does the project conflict with the City's General Plan or the Planning Code's Priority Policies or Residential Design Guidelines? Please be specific and site specific sections of the Residential Design Guidelines.

It is highly likely that the proposed additions will significantly restrict sunlight exposure to my backyard and to my interior rear of my house, including upstairs bedrooms. Additionally the proposed project will likely negatively impact my ability to expand and develop my backyard garden.

- In particular, the proposed project including roofdeck will significantly impact the overall privacy at 2555 Chestnut St. Ultimately these changes will negatively impact quality of life in the house, beauty and potential property value.
- 2. The Residential Design Guidelines assume some impacts to be reasonable and expected as part of construction. Please explain how this project would cause unreasonable impacts. If you believe your property, the property of others or the neighborhood would be adversely affected, please state who would be affected, and how:

The additions would have a direct negative impact on access to sunlight in my backyard at 2555 Chestnut St, in particular to the garden area (see attached photos). Sunlight in the interior rear of my house will also be adversely impacted by the additions.

The proposed additions would also have a major negative impact on privacy at 2555 Chestnut St, in particular to the backyard, the upstairs bedrooms kitchen and dining room. I am particularly concerned about the proposed roofdeck which would substantially diminish privacy and potentially sunlight exposure to my property. Of note, the roof deck at 2561 Chestnut St does not affect privacy or light exposure at 2555 Chestnut St.

3. What alternatives or changes to the proposed project, beyond the changes (if any) already made would respond to the exceptional and extraordinary circumstances and reduce the adverse effects noted above in question #1?

Further reductions to the dimensions of the additional floor at 68 Richardson would minimize impact on sunlight exposure and privacy at 2555 Chestnut. In particular, elimination of the proposed roof deck would substantially reduce my loss of privacy at 2555 Chestnut. Elimination of windows with the additional floor at 68 Richardson that would face my house and backyard would also attenuate my loss of privacy. The owner at 68 Richardson has discussed removing the tree in my backyard as a solution to the problem of diminished light exposure (see email) caused by the project. This is NOT an option: the tree provides beauty for the neighborhood, enhances privacy and improves air quality on a busy street.

# Applicant's Affidavit

Under penalty of perjury the following declarations are made:

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

Signature: A Cuberes

Date: 09/21/2016

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

Owner Authorized Agent (circle one)

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Date: 9.21.16

# **Discretionary Review Application** Submittal Checklist

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

REQUIRED MATERIALS (please check correct column)	DR APPLICATION
Application, with all blanks completed	
Address labels (original), if applicable	0
Address labels (copy of the above), if applicable	( )
Photocopy of this completed application	
Photographs that illustrate your concerns	
Convenant or Deed Restrictions	· · · ·
Check payable to Planning Dept.	
Letter of authorization for agent	D N/A
Other: Section Plan, Detail drawings (i.e. windows, door entries, trim), Specifications (for cleaning, repair, etc.) and/or Product cut sheets for new elements (i.e. windows, doors)	

NOTES:

Optional Material.

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

For Department Use Only Application received by Planning Department:

By

Approved Planning Dept. Ella Samonsky



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## RE: <no subject>

Bryan Carter [bryan.carter@ibiscp.com] Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 5:04 PM To: Jason Langkammerer [jason@at6db.com]; Rubenstein, James Cc: Michael Garibay [michael@at6db.com]

To be clear James, as it relates to your last point, we are in an appeal process initiated by Carmen on a variance that was approved and ready to move toward finalized building permit. We are doing this out of respect for you, your property and your concerns, but your issue and other claims made by Carmen at the variance hearing in February were

dismissed by the planning administration as invalid points of contention (relative to the code, and thus our property rights). If you want to talk more about the process or the code feel free to come by or call. I just want you to have a clear understanding of what we are doing and what our and your rights are because we have been at this for over 2 years and have been working within the code and making adjustments to appease fluidity with the process at a financial and stylistic cost.

Check out suncalc.net - and type in 68 Richardson and it should ease your concerns, albeit ones that have already been addressed and dismantled.

To be honest, we are trying to start a family and this is draining us. We are not doing anything outside of the code and we have been standing at the altar for quite some time.

Have a good weekend.

Bryan & Erin Carter

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7 edge.

------ Original message ------From: Jason Langkammerer <jason@at6db.com> Date: 9/16/16 7:25 PM (GMT-05:00) To: "Rubenstein, James" <James.Rubenstein@ucsf.edu> Cc: Michael Garibay <michael@at6db.com> Subject: Re: <no subject>

James-

I was just about to email you. I contacted my client yesterday and we are going to prepare a shadow study of the proposed project and how it will affect your property, specifically your rear yard. We should be able to have something to you next week. Thanks.

#### Jason Langkammerer

AT6 Architecture : Design Build 746 Natoma Street San Francisco, CA 94103 415-503-0555 office 415-385-2150 cell

www.at6db.com

On Fri, Sep 16, 2016 at 4:16 PM, Rubenstein, James <<u>James.Rubenstein@ucsf.edu</u>> wrote: Dear Jason,

I believe that we spoke by phone yesterday. I own the property at 2555 Chestnut Street and expressed to you my concerns regarding the planned third floor addition and roof deck for the adjacent property at 68 Richardson. As we discussed, I am concerned how this addition would decrease significantly the light exposure in my backyard. I would like more information regarding the the next steps in this evaluation.

Thank you,

James Rubenstein MD PhD 2555 Chestnut St 415-271-2061 415-502-4430 jamesr@medicine.ucsf.edu From: Bryan Carter [bryan.carter@ibiscp.com] Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2016 10:23 AM To: Rubenstein, James; Jason Langkammerer Cc: Michael Garibay Subject: RE: <no subject>

Your concerns are reasonable and we have already moved forward with the study. I wanted to highlight keys of the code regarding how the city defines property rights relating to the space above one's property. I also was trying to illuminate the longevity of the process for you so that if you are interested in removing your tree in your back yard - you might want to get the paperwork with the city started. Lastly, to be fair, we have already ratcheted the height down from a code maximum of 40 feet to 31 as a sign of goodwill toward working with our neighbors. John to your left is higher.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7 edge.

------ Original message ------From: "Rubenstein, James" <James.Rubenstein@ucsf.edu> Date: 9/16/16 8:36 PM (GMT-05:00) To: Jason Langkammerer <jason@at6db.com> Cc: Michael Garibay <michael@at6db.com>, Bryan Carter <bryan.carter@ibiscp.com> Subject: Re: <no subject>

Dear All:

I am being entirely reasonable here, however suncalc.net does not at all alleviate my concerns.

I agree with the architect's plan to prepare the shadow study of the proposed project and how it affects my property.

Thank you and best regards,

James Rubenstein

## Relevant Addresses:

Bryan Carter 68 Richardson Avenue San Francisco, California 94123

Jon Wade 2561 Chestnut St San Francisco, California 94123

Carmen Zell 2549 and 2547 Chestnut St San Francisco, California 94123 Before the San Francisco Planning Commission

# PROJECT SPONSORS' SUBMITTAL IN OPPOSITION TO APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW REGARDING VERTICAL ADDITION TO SINGLE FAMILY HOME

**68 Richardson Avenue** 

**Project Sponsors:** 

**Bryan and Erin Carter** 

**Building Permit Application 2015.000254** 

Hearing Date: February 16, 2017

Attorneys for Project Sponsors:

# **REUBEN, JUNIUS & ROSE**, LLP

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## A. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Bryan and Erin Carter ("**Project Sponsors**"), the Owners of an 898 sq. ft. single family home at 68 Richardson Avenue ("**Project Site**") propose to add a vertical addition with roof deck ("**Project**").

The Carter's home was constructed 77 years ago, prior to current rear yard requirements, but after the creation of Richardson Avenue as a throughway to the Golden Gate Bridge. Since the lot is 618 sq. ft. and the building is a non-complying structure located partially within the space that would be set aside for a rear yard under today's Planning Code, the home could not be expanded without a rear yard variance.

Therefore, the Planning Department scheduled a variance hearing prior to the DR hearing. The variance hearing was held on February 24, 2016. The Zoning Administrator approved the rear yard Variance and issued a written Variance Decision on July 27, 2016. (See <u>Exhibit A</u>). A transcript of the public hearing on the Variance is attached as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

DR Requester Carmen Zell appealed the Variance Decision. The Board of Appeals held a public hearing on Ms. Zell's appeal on October 26, 2016, at which all of the three DR Requesters appeared and presented the same arguments that are set forth in their DR Requests. After careful consideration, the Board of Appeals by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Wilson was absent) rejected the appeal and upheld the Variance on the condition that the glass rail around the roof be changed to an opaque parapet on the basis that this revision would allow the Variance to meet the findings required under Planning Code Section 305(c). (See Exhibit C).

DR Requester Carmen Zell requested a rehearing of the Board's decision. (See <u>Exhibit D</u>). On December 7, 2016, the Board of Appeals held a public hearing on the request for rehearing. The Board rejected the request for rehearing by a vote of 5-0. (See <u>Exhibit C</u>).

The DR applications revisit the same arguments that were made by the DR Requesters at three public hearings to date.

## B. <u>SITE INFORMATION</u>

Street Address:	68 Richardson Avenue
Cross Streets:	Chestnut and Lombard Streets
Assessor's Block/Lot:	0934/012A
Zoning District:	RH-3 (Residential – three-family)
Height and Bulk District:	40-X
Proposed Use:	Residential, single-family
Proposed Addition:	One-story vertical addition to total height of 31 feet in 40 foot height district

## C. <u>THE DR APPLICANTS HAVE FAILED TO SATISFY THE MINIMUM</u> <u>STANDARD OF REVIEW - THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONAL OR</u> <u>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT JUSTIFY DISCRETIONARY</u> <u>REVIEW</u>

The Planning Commission's authority to review permits on a case-by-case basis under "Discretionary Review" (Municipal Code of the City and County of San Francisco, Part III, Section 26(a)<sup>1</sup> must be carefully exercised. In 1943, the California Supreme Court held that the San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals, pursuant to the above-referenced Section 26(a), had the authority to exercise its "sound discretion" in granting or denying building permits (See <u>Lindell</u> <u>Co. v. Board of Permit Appeals</u> (1943) 23 Cal.2d 303). In 1954, then San Francisco City Attorney Dion R. Holm issued Opinion No. 845, in which he opined that the Planning Commission has similar discretion to grant or deny building permits. However, the City Attorney cautioned the Planning Commission with respect to the judicious exercise of this discretion. In his opinion, the City Attorney stated as follows:

"I think it is entirely plain, on the authority of the above-enunciated general principles, that the reservation of authority in the present ordinances to deal in a special manner with exceptional cases is unassailable upon constitutional grounds . . . this is, however, a sensitive discretion and one which must be exercised with the utmost restraint." (City Attorney Opinion No. 845, p. 8, emphasis in original).

The discretionary review handout provided to the public by the Planning Department reiterates this underlying foundation of the discretionary review power. That publication provides that "discretionary review is a special power of the Commission, outside the normal building permit application approval process. It is supposed to be used only when there are exceptional and extraordinary circumstances associated with a proposed project. The Commission has been advised by the City Attorney that the Commission's discretion is sensitive and must be exercised with utmost constraint." In this case, the Planning Commission should exercise such constraint by approving the Project.

There are no exceptional and extraordinary circumstances in this case that would justify the Planning Commission's exercise of its discretionary review powers. Each of the issues raised by the DR Applicants is meritless. The professional planning staff (Residential Design Team or "RDT") has approved the project twice, the Zoning Administrator has approved the necessary rear yard variance at a public hearing, and the Board of Appeals has upheld the Variance on appeal by DR Requester Carmen Zell, and rejected a subsequent request for rehearing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 26(a) provides that "[I]n the granting or denying of any permit, or the revoking or the refusing to revoke any permit, the granting or revoking power may take into consideration the effect of the proposed business or calling upon surrounding property and upon its residents and inhabitants thereof; and in granting or denying said permit, or revoking or refusing to revoke a permit, may exercise its sound discretion as to whether said permit should be granted, transferred, denied or revoked."

## D. RESPONSE TO DISCRETIONARY REVIEW APPLICANTS' CONCERNS

The proposed Project is sensitively designed, and will significantly improve the living space, the interior design, and the structural integrity of the home. The proposed Project is consistent with the policies and objectives of the General Plan and the Planning Code. The Project will upgrade the home to comply with current Building Code standards, and add livable space at the top.

The proposed Project meets the standards of the Residential Design Guidelines, per Planning Department RDT Review. No changes are proposed to the front of the property. Nothing in the proposed Project is extraordinary or has an extraordinary impact on anyone.

The DR Applicants allege that the Project does not meet the Residential Design Guidelines with regard to access to light. In fact, the proposed addition of 517 sq. ft. will bring the Project Sponsors' home to a smaller size (1,452 sq. ft.), than that enjoyed by each of the D.R. Applicants. Carmen Zell is the landlord of 2541-43 Chestnut Street (2,425 sq. ft.); Jonathan Wade is the owner of 2561 Chestnut Street (2,336 sq. ft.). James Rubenstein is the owner of 2555 Chestnut Street (2,550 sq. ft.). There is nothing out of scale about the proposed Project, and there is no material impact to the DR Applicants.

Slight and reasonable impacts to neighbors are to be expected for any building or alteration project. Any impacts to neighbors would be ordinary and acceptable in an urban environment.

The Zell building at 2547-49 Chestnut is a three-story, two unit building that looms over the Carter's home, which is adjacent at the rear.

The Zell lot area is approximately 3,540 sq. ft. This is 5.7 times the area of the Carter's lot. The Zell building is built virtually lot line to lot line. The Zell building is one-story taller than the Carter home.

At the Board of Appeals hearing, the Zoning Administrator stated that the infill of the existing notch on the second floor of the Carter home did not pose any problem; any impact on the Zell rear window is not significant (See <u>Exhibit B</u>, Board of Appeals transcript, Pg. 9). The Zell rear window is non-compliant under the current Planning Code because it is located on the rear lot line. Just prior to the Board of Appeals hearing, Mrs. Zell hired a contractor to remove iron bars from the window. (See <u>Exhibit E</u>). The window has its shades drawn continuously. In response to a concern expressed by Ms. Zell's Attorney at the Board of Appeals, the Project Sponsor submitted a letter to the Department of Building Inspection ("**DBI**") stating that they would not interfere with the continued use of the rear property line window, nor construct any fence that would block such window. (See <u>Exhibit F</u>).

Ms. Zell also relies on a notation on a 1946 building permit application that her attorney and engineer both discussed at length at the Board of Appeals hearing. Senior Building Inspector Joe Duffy testified that the requirement referred to in the 1946 application no longer exists and does not impact the Project in any way. (See Board of Appeals transcript, <u>Exhibit B</u>, Pgs. 10-11).

Responding to Ms. Zell's concerns about her tenants' privacy, the Zoning Administrator testified that the proposed addition has minimum windows and there are no windows that face north toward Ms. Zell's property. (See Board of Appeals transcript, <u>Exhibit B</u>, pg. 8).

With reference to the roof deck, the Zoning Administrator testified that the roof deck could be constructed on top of the building today without any need for a variance, and is not considered to be significant. (See Board of Appeals transcript, <u>Exhibit B</u>, Pg. 18).

## James Rubenstein – 2555 Chestnut Street

Mr. Rubenstein's concerns center on privacy. However, his home at 2555 Chestnut Street is separated from the Project Site by both his rear yard and a large tree, which is approximately 25 ft. in height and forms a large canopy that occupies virtually the entire rear yard. The Project is at least 25-30 feet away from the rear of Mr. Rubenstein's home and will be barely visible due to the large tree that lies between the two. In a dense urban environment, the comparatively large buffer zone enjoyed by Mr. Rubinstein is a luxury that most people do not have. In addition, a first floor dining room window has been reduced in size subsequent to the Board of Appeals hearing from four feet wide to 2 ft. 6 in. wide.

## Jonathan Wade – 2561 Chestnut Street

Mr. Wade's property is located on the corner of Chestnut Street and Richardson Avenue and is farther away from the Project Site than Mr. Rubenstein's property. The Wade property is buffered by the same tree that occupies Mr. Rubenstein's rear yard. Separated by a larger distance from the Project, as well as Mr. Rubenstein's large tree, Mr. Wade's three-story home will not be significantly impacted by the Project.

## E. <u>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S FINDINGS.</u>

The Zoning Administrator has made the following findings with respect to the proposed project (See Exhibit A):

The Variance allows the subject property owner to add a second bedroom and bathroom to the home, which would allow for a size of home typically permitted of other properties in the same class of district which have a standard lot.

The Variance allows the subject property owner to construct a roof deck that will enable the residents to enjoy outdoor space, a substantial property right possessed by other properties in the same class of district. [Note: The residents currently do not have access to any outdoor space].

The variance improves the livability of the subject property and would not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to the neighboring properties. The proposed addition will have the same foot print as the existing home, which is in the required rear yard, and has been in that configuration for many years with no apparent adverse effect or impact on the neighborhood.

<u>The Planning Department is aware of opposition from adjacent properties with</u> <u>concerns about impacts on privacy and light/air. The Project has been revised to remove a</u> <u>proposed expansion of the building towards the north side property line to provide stair</u> <u>access to the proposed roof deck. The revised Project provides stair access within the</u> <u>existing building footprint and reduces potential impacts on the neighbor to the north.</u>

This development is consistent with the generally stated intent and purpose of the Planning Code to promote orderly and beneficial development. Planning Code Section 101.1 establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of applications for consistency with said policies. The Project meets all relevant policies, including conserving neighborhood character, and maintaining housing stock.

1. Existing neighborhood retail uses will not be adversely affected by the proposed Project as the property is a residential lot.

2. The proposed Project will be in keeping with the existing housing and neighborhood character. The proposal will preserve the existing single-family dwelling unit on the property.

3. The proposed Project will have no effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.

4. The proposed Project does not adversely affect neighborhood parking or public transit.

5. The Project will have no effect on the City's industrial and service sectors.

6. The proposed Project will have no effect on the City's preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

7. The Project will have no effect on the City's landmarks or historic buildings as no historic resource is present on the Project Site.

8. The Project would not affect any existing or planned public parks or open spaces.

## F. <u>THE PROJECT SPONSORS' HARDSHIP IS NOT SELF-INDUCED</u>

Ms. Zell has previously argued that the small size of the subject lot and property is a "self-induced hardship", because the Carters bought the property in its current size. Ms. Zell's argument is refuted both by the applicable decisional law, and by the Board of Appeals decision.

Longtin's California Land Use, Third Edition (2013), cites a 2008 California Court of Appeal decision, Committee to Save Hollywoodland Specific Plan v. City of Los Angeles (2008) 161 CA 4th 1168, as follows:

3.70[5] Standard – Hardship.

The hardship suffered by an applicant for an exception to a neighborhood's specific

plan was not "self-inflicted," as would require denial of the application. Even though the applicant bought the property knowing of an ongoing dispute with objectors over a proposed fence, the fact that the property sat below the grade of the road, requiring construction of a fence, focused on the topography of the property and did not change with ownership. Committee to Save Hollywoodland Specific Plan v. City of Los Angeles (2008) 61 CA 4th 1168, 74 CR3d 665.

Similarly, the undersized, 618 sq. ft. irregularly shaped pentagonal lot at the Property, with a nonconforming, 898 sq. ft house, is a circumstance that existed 75 years before the Carters purchased the Property, and the Property has changed hands numerous times over that period. Not unlike the property at issue in Committee to Save Hollywoodland Specific, Id., the size, shape, and orientation of the Property presents a hardship that is not "self-inflicted" by the Carters. Oddly shaped lots and undersized lots are the most common properties to receive relief from the Zoning Administrator from the strict requirements of the Planning Code.

The Board of Appeals likewise affirmed this doctrine. (See Exhibit B, page 7).

#### G. CONCLUSION

The Project Sponsors' proposed alterations are appropriately sized, are in context with the block, and will improve the design and functionality of the single family home. The Project will upgrade the home to comply with current Building Code standards, and to add livable space at the top of the home. The front facade of the home will be preserved as is.

The DR Applicants have failed to demonstrate any exceptional or extraordinary circumstances that would justify discretionary review. The additions will bring the Project Sponsors' home to approximately the same height as the large apartment building to the south. The massing of the Project Sponsors' home will be substantially smaller than any other building on either Richardson Avenue or Chestnut Street, or any other home on the block. There will not be any material impact to anyone.

Accordingly, the Project Sponsors respectfully request that the Planning Commission deny the requests for discretionary review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted, REUBEN, JUNIUS & ROSE, LLP By: David Silverman, Attorneys for Project Sponsors

Bryan and Erin Carter

Dated: January 3/, 2017

## Exhibit List

- A. Variance Decision for the Project, date July 27, 2016.
- B. Transcript of Public Hearing at Board of Appeals on October 20, 2016, on Ms. Zell's Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's Variance Decision.
- C. Board of Appeals Notice of Decision and order dated October 26, 2016, and Order of Denial of Rehearing dated December 7, 2016.
- D. Rehearing Request filed by Ms. Zell dated November 7, 2016.
- E. Photograph of Ms. Zell's contractors removing steel bars from the rear window of the Zell building.
- F. Letter from Reuben, Junius & Rose, LLP to Senior Building in Inspector Joe Duffy/DBI dated December 12, 2016.
- G. Plans, Elevations, Photos of Project Site and Project Block, and Rendering.



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# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

# Variance Decision

Date:	July 27, 2016
Case No.:	2015-000254VAR
Project Address:	68 RICHARDSON AVENUE
Zoning:	RH-3 (Residential-House, Three-Family) District
	40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lots:	0934/012A
Applicant:	Lorin Laiacona Salem, Architect
	1270 Webster Street
	Alameda, CA 94501
Owner:	Bryan Carter
	68 Richardson Avenue
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## DESCRIPTION OF VARIANCE - REAR YARD VARIANCE SOUGHT:

The proposal is to construct a vertical addition, roof deck and exterior stairs that will extend into the required rear yard of the lot, which is developed with a two-story, single-family dwelling at 68 Richardson Ave. The proposed addition will match the footprint of the existing residence, which extends to within 4.5 inches of the rear property line and is setback 3 feet – 3 inches from the north side property line.

Section 134 of the Planning Code requires a rear yard area in an RH-3 Zoning District to be equivalent to 45 percent of the total lot depth or average of adjacent neighbors. If averaged, no less than 25% or 15 feet, whichever is greater. The subject property, with a total lot depth of 25 feet, has a required rear yard of 15 feet. The proposed addition and roof deck will be located within the required rear yard and extend to within approximately 4.5 inches of the rear property line.

## **PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:**

- 1. The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as a Class 1 categorical exemption.
- 2. The Zoning Administrator held a public hearing on Variance Application No. 2015-000254VAR on February 24, 2016.
- 3. Planning Code Section 311 notification will be performed for Building Permit Application No. 2014.1230.4697.

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### DECISION:

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CASE NO. 2015-000254VAR 68 Richardson Avenue

**GRANTED**, in general conformity with the plans on file with this application, shown as EXHIBIT A, to construct a third floor addition (approximately 21' in width and 24' in depth) and roof deck that will extend into the required rear yard of the single-family dwelling, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Any future physical expansion, even in the buildable area, shall be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator to determine if the expansion is compatible with existing neighborhood character and scale. If the Zoning Administrator determines that there would be a significant or extraordinary impact, the Zoning Administrator shall require either notice to adjacent and/or affected property owners or a new Variance application be sought and justified.
- 2. The proposed project must meet these conditions and all applicable City Codes. In case of conflict, the more restrictive controls apply.
- 3. Minor modifications as determined by the Zoning Administrator may be permitted.
- 4. The owner of the subject property shall record on the land records of the City and County of San Francisco the conditions attached to this Variance decision as a Notice of Special Restrictions in a form approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- 5. This Variance Decision and the recorded Notice of Special Restrictions shall be reproduced on the Index Sheet of the construction plans submitted with the Site or Building Permit Application for the Project. This Index Sheet of the construction plans shall reference the Variance Record Number.

### **FINDINGS:**

Section 305(c) of the Planning Code states that in order to grant a variance, the Zoning Administrator must determine that the facts of the case are sufficient to establish the following five findings:

#### **FINDING 1.**

That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances applying to the property involved or to the intended use of the property that do not apply generally to other properties or uses in the same class of district.

#### **Requirement Met.**

A. The subject property has a lot depth of approximately 25 feet and is an undersized, irregularly shaped pentagonal lot. The existing building is setback approximately 4.5 inches from the rear property line, 3 feet - 3 inches from the northern side property line and is built to the front and southern side property lines. The lot is 618 square feet in area and the residence covers 78 percent of the lot. The subject building was constructed in 1940, prior to current rear yard requirements, but after the creation of Richardson Avenue as a throughway to the Golden Gate Bridge.

## FINDING 2.

That owing to such exceptional and extraordinary circumstances the literal enforcement of specified provisions of this Code would result in a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship not created by or attributed to the applicant or the owner of the property.

## **Requirement Met.**

A. Since the existing lot is 618 square feet area and the building, constructed circa 1940, is a noncomplying structure partially within the required rear yard, the residence cannot be expanded vertically or horizontally without the granting of a variance. The practical difficulty in improving the rear yard areas was not created by or attributed to the current owner.

## FINDING 3.

That such variance is necessary for preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the subject property, possessed by other property in the same class of district.

## **Requirement Met.**

- A. Granting the variance will allow the subject property owner to add a second bedroom and bathroom to the residence, which would allow for a size of home typically permitted of other properties in the same class of district which have a standard lot.
- B. Granting the variance will allow the subject property owner to construct a roof deck that will enable the residents to enjoy outdoor space, a substantial property right possessed by other properties in the same class of district.

### **FINDING 4**.

That the granting of such variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity.

## **Requirement Met.**

- A. Granting the variance would improve the livability of the subject property and would not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to the neighboring properties. The proposed addition will have the same foot print as the existing residence, which is in the required rear yard, and has been in that configuration for many years with no apparent adverse effect or impact on the neighborhood.
- B. The Planning Department is aware of opposition from adjacent properties with concerns about impacts on privacy and light/air. The project has been revised to remove a proposed expansion of the building towards the north side property line to provide stair access to the proposed roof deck. The revised project provides stair access within the existing building footprint and reduces potential impacts on the neighbor to the north.

### FINDING 5.

The granting of such variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Code and will not adversely affect the General Plan.

#### **Requirement Met.**

- A. This development is consistent with the generally stated intent and purpose of the Planning Code to promote orderly and beneficial development. Planning Code Section 101.1 establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of variance applications for consistency with said policies. The project meets all relevant policies, including conserving neighborhood character, and maintaining housing stock.
  - 1. Existing neighborhood retail uses will not be adversely affected by the proposed project as the property is a residential lot.
  - 2. The proposed project will be in keeping with the existing housing and neighborhood character. The proposal will preserve the existing single-family dwelling unit on the property.
  - 3. The proposed project will have no effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.
  - 4. The proposed project does not adversely affect neighborhood parking or public transit.
  - 5. The project will have no effect on the City's industrial and service sectors.
  - 6. The proposed project will have no effect on the City's preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.
  - 7. The project will have no effect on the City's landmarks or historic buildings as no historic resource is present on the project site.
  - 8. The project would not affect any existing or planned public parks or open spaces.

The effective date of this decision shall be either the date of this decision letter if not appealed or the date of the Notice of Decision and Order if appealed to the Board of Appeals.

Once any portion of the granted variance is utilized, all specifications and conditions of the variance authorization became immediately operative.

The authorization and rights vested by virtue of this decision letter shall be deemed void and cancelled if (1) a Building Permit has not been issued within three years from the effective date of this decision; or (2) a Tentative Map has not been approved within three years from the effective date of this decision for Subdivision cases; or (3) neither a Building Permit or Tentative Map is involved but another required City action has not been approved within three years from the effective date of this decision. However, this authorization may be extended by the Zoning Administrator when the issuance of a necessary Building Permit or approval of a Tentative Map or other City action is delayed by a City agency or by appeal of the issuance of such a permit or map or other City action.

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

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## CASE NO. 2015-000254VAR 68 Richardson Avenue

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.

APPEAL: Any aggrieved person may appeal this variance decision to the Board of Appeals within ten (10) days after the date of the issuance of this Variance Decision. For further information, please contact the Board of Appeals in person at 1650 Mission Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (Room 304) or call 575-6880.

Very truly yours,

Scott F. Sanchez

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT TO COMMENCE ANY WORK OR CHANGE OCCUPANCY. PERMITS FROM APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS MUST BE SECURED BEFORE WORK IS STARTED OR OCCUPANCY IS CHANGED.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016

>> the wednesday, October 265, 2016, of the san francisco board of appeals. The presiding officer is commissioner honda and we are joined by commissioner fong and commissioning commissioner wilson will be absent to my left is brad the deputy city attorney and prides the board with any legal advice and at the controls gary and I'm cynthia goldstein the board's executive director. And joined by sacramento the city zoning administrator and representing the planning commission and planning department devices are prohibited. Out in the hallway. Permit holders and others have up to 7 minutes to present their case and 3 minutes for rebuttal. People affiliated with these parties must conclude their comments within 7 minutes, participants not affiliated have up to 3 minutes-no rebuttal. To assist the board in the accurate preparation of the minutes, members of the public are asked, not required to submit a speaker card or business card to the clerk. Speaker cards and pens are available on the left side of the podium. The board welcomes your comments. There are customer satisfaction forms available. if you have a question about the schedule, speak to the staff after the meeting or call the board office tomorrow we are located at 1650 mission street, suite 304. This meeting is broadcast live on sfgovtv cable channel 78. Dvds are available to purchase directly from sfgovtv. Thank you for your attention. We'll conduct our swearing in process. If you intend to testify and wish to have the board give your testimony evidentiary weight, please stand and say I do. Please note: any of the members May speak without taking if you're going to testify please standard you're about to give will be the whole truth and nothing but the truth? >> I do. >> okay. Thank you commissioner President Honda this is is a housekeeping item four on tonight calendar regarding a building permit on twin peaks board of that case has been withdrawn and not heard this evening. >> regarding item number one that is general public comment this is the opportunity for anyone who wants to address the board on a matter within the jurisdiction that is an item not on tonight calendar any general public comment tonight okay. Seeing none move to item 2 commissioners questions or

comments and still crying being

at last night's warriors game other than that I'm okay.

>> item 3 the consideration of

the minutes of the board meeting

of the October 19, 2016,

additions, deletions, or changes can I have a motion?

>> to accept the minutes. >> so moved. >> the motion from commissioner lazarus any public comment on the minutes.

>> seeing none, then on that

motion from commissioner lazarus commissioner fung commissioner President Honda commissioner swig 0 e thank you that item passes

with a vote of 4 to zero

commissioner wilson absent we'll

take our item 5 appeal carmen versus the zoning administrator

on richardson avenue protest

protesting the issuance of a

rear yard variance constrict a 3 floor and roof deck for the rear yard of a single-family dwelling

and we'll start with the appellant. >> good evening and welcome. >> I guess you didn't release I

ordered a private hearing this evening.

>> yes. This is so rare actually.

>> I feel like I'm at the end

of the >> welcome reuben, junius & rose I need to make a disclosure. I wish to disclose I've hired reuben, julius & rose on a on a

project of my own the handling the board will not have an effect on my decision. This evening.

>> thank you, commissioners

ryan patterson on behalf of the

appellant an appeal to construct

a third floor on top of a 2

story in the marina my client

owns the adjacent property

directly to the north at the

2547 to 49 cellist nut street

and owns the rental property on chestnut street renderings and we're here because the variance

that was granted will have a

terrible impact on the

properties destroying an existing bedroom as you May know

the board of appeals has wide discretion in hearing the

deliberations with the power and

the board thinks that vaurnsz are not to be granted whether

when there is a harding park on

the property that is hardship

variance law and other things

not met including that is a qualifying hardship that makes

the variance necessary not the

run of mill normal circumstance

with a small lot and someone needs the lots in order to

develop it, it is a small lot

but created by others

predecessor in fact, the owners predecessor used to own both properties the appellants property to the north. >> can I have the overhead? >> this is the the subject property and the appellants home here this is lot 12 and this is lot 12 a and the history is in 1940 after a road was cut to the golden gate bridge these lots were divided but not until after the the subject property u subject structure was built one owned the lot and built the existing appellants property long before in 1939, 1940 built the structure after that was dub after the same owner that happened to design this property that owner decided to split the walk intentionally creating the sub standard conditions for both properties this tina separation between the two now they were allowed to do this because the building department imposed a asking 40 permit to construct this property there's a restriction and on the overhead you see it note on the permit to construct Mr. Boskovich will talk about that requiring the separation is between the properties so the applicant comes here to destroy that decoration was the condition of constructing their house this is the old adage ask for a cookie instead of a crone I'm happy to address that I'll mention the variance are holder counsel pointed out one thing that super seated didn't talk about a legal citation I can give us other citations pointed out one citations is inplausible to this situation I'll ask her to say a word or two thank you. >> someone reminded me, you can't fight city hall yet here he am asking for an appeal thank you for your time my name is carmen I've lived on 2547 chestnut street lived here my whole life and own rental unit on cellist nut the building next door to my home in 40 years I've never formally opposed anything any of my neighbors wanted to do

by that project will effect any

home and the two homes of high neighbors the addition of a third floor to a roof deck walls in my two properties filling in the small setback brings richard southern closure to my building only a few feet between the building and and setback notch that separates that richardson from my home and the neighbors building those buildings are tight like puzzles pieces we're able to live side to side because 68 richardson a 2 story building by upholding your deoperating us of privacy and the quiet enjoyment of all our bedrooms on the back all of this so 68 richardson a building that defies city code can have a hot tube and fire pit so I ask you to take a look at this project and overturn this variance decision thank you. >> good afternoon, commissioners I'll be very quick the 1939 code when this main building was built here basically said do you want you want to do when they got a permit to build the permit application referenced the housing act required a 4 feet separation and 8 feet separation to two building it is in the brief verbatim to the housing act from that window to the bedroom to the average of that preschools no such if they in fill that puzzle we're effecting this permit when they permitting this building it was on the same lot and if you read the description on the application it calls out separation from one building and the other building both the buildings are tried together to this notch you remove the notch our opening up that window and have to revisit that issue. >> thank you okay.

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>> we can hear from the

variance holder.

>> welcome.

>> good evening commissioner President Honda and commissioners david silver had

an on behalf of the carter

family can I have the overhead?

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just to orient everyone to the

site this is richardson right here

this is congest nut

hestnut over here this pink dot it the carter's

property quite a way from the

property this is a 5 thousand

square feet property with two houses

lot line to local 104 line 100

percent coverage

we're over here

6 hundred and 18 square feet

5 thousand, 6 hundred and 18

you'll notice that every house

loan richardson is 3 stories including our adjacent you'll

notice all the houses along

chestnut 3 stories

now their chief complainant as I

understood their testimony is

about a window

this is the window

this window is on the second

story of the rear of the sdelz

property you'll notice up still

yesterday it had bars across it,

it is also inoperable on the lot

line and had the shades drawn

100 percent of the time it is my opinion that they're raising

this to try to over turn the

variance there is no, no impact

the window is not used for light

and air it gets plenty of light

from the south and west and

continue to get it same light

after the addition is built

I'll mention those workers who

were hired by Mrs. Diesel to tear down the bars yesterday

didn't give any, no, sir, to the

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caterers this is their stairway

no notice.

>> the lot depth 80 is 25 feet

the average lot depth is one

hundred an irregular parcel severely undersized their

crammed and like to stay in the

city and have a family only the

two of them with such a small

footprint of 6 hundred feet with

another story to provide an

extra bedroom or two have their

kids and stay where they are

hoping we'll chief that. >> now the zoning

administrator as we know has

great lad it is the duty to

exercise his discretion to deverbiage from the rear yard

requirements he deems it

appropriate he's experienced his board discretion appropriately

in the face of reasons I've explained

the 3 stories will be consistent with every other house on the

block of richardson and also

with chestnut no impact on the

window as I showed you

and the deck on the on top of

roof is intended to provide a

little bit of open space for the

carters they have no rear yard

the only ones on the block with

no rear yard so hopefully with

that deck they can benefit from

a little bit of outdoor space and I'll remark that the

architect for the carters made a

change to the project as requested by the zoning administrator

and we will ask that you uphold

the variance thank you.

>> thank you good afternoon scott sanchez planning department. The the subject property on

richardson within an rh3

district that allows up to 3

unit and the lot as known is

substandard 25 wide by-it is

generous a large section that is

sliced out of it when they

created richardson to create assess to the golden gate bridge

this relates to a proposal to

expand the existing building as stated the single-family

dwelling has within bedroom one

vertical addition it provides a

roof deck and given the size of

lot very little open space and

little habitable space that

provides more ample space for families living on the the subject property as well as the

open space on the roof it relate to a building permit application

that was submitted at the end of

2014 it does trigger a variance

the variance application was

filled the hearing to be held

earlier on February 24th the

original scheme was the stairs

while stills interior to

projection more to the adjacent pertaining to the north we received comments from the

neighbor to the north with

concerns of the impact on their property as is applicant look at

a scene to look at it is within the footprint and provided the

project to keep it within the

footprint of the building on the ground level to the the subject

property and in terms of history

of the lot yes I mean this was

created it was legally created it was created at some point

between 1940 and 46 it appears

on 1946 block that is important

because 1946 minimum lot requirement so after that time

it could be only created with a

variance but it was lawfully

created has the legal single-family dwelling on the the subject property in terms of the hardship there is a hardship

with regards to the lot and the

appellant August's it is

something while not of the applicant making of the

predecessors making section 305 whether or not it is a hardship

created by them this is not the case

and it following the logic of

the appellant none will find a hardship because someone

responsible for the creation of the lot at some point in time

and always a predecessor that created the situation that is

there today with the appellants

argument you'll not be able to

define that or reject that

notation if you find the 55 unit

have been met they made the changes responded to the

concerns we had the level of

this this is 1re78d above at the level it is developed a substantial separation within

the buildings the main issue is the interpretation of the notch

and how it May impact that

window it is not going closer to

the footprint at the hearing the

concerns that were raised by the neighbor in regards the impacts

on the windows that are quite a

bit further away towards the

chestnut frontage of the property but still have the

project sponsor we issued the decision letter by January 27th

and it is appealed

there is as I mentioned the

permit application the section

317 was noticed and that is the

states not heard by the placing not that I'm aware of it is scheduled at this point

those are the main points that I

wanted to raise from for the

boards consideration. >> and I'll be happy to answer any questions you May have. >> thank you.

>> so do I go ahead. >> no, go ahead.

>> Mr. Sanchez you stated that

the changes you required made them keeping it within the

existing footprint but filling

in the notch is expanding beyond the footprint.

>> the notch is only the

second story the ground level thank you. >> I understand they're

intending to fill from the notch

above the first building. >> that's correct.

>> on the rear yard is 45 percent.

>> 45 for that and 15 feet or 25 percent whither is greater.

>> the impact on the window is not significant.

>> because it is maintaining a separation the initial proposal

there say, I think about a 3 and a half 3 foot 3 separation

within the property line and the

subject this wall that is

maintained the previous proposal so you get to build within that

area in terms of the stairs that

connected the 2 story to the proposed 3 story had them keep

it within the footprint and not expand beyond the footprint of the existing building.

>> that didn't change from the current time.

>> right for the project a we've heard. >> commissioner swig.

>> so I'll concerned about the

owner of hardship and hardship

goes both ways I'm a homeowner and have bought

and sold a couple of homes in any life

one of the things when I buy a

home you do due diligence and do

cc&rs and add ones to previous

permits and something like that.

richardson but looking at to the

chestnut street neighbors they

bought their homes probably

could have don't know wasn't

there but if it was me would

have looked at and saw that

house was closed and feeling

comfortable I was protected by a

permit when the house was built

so I go ahead and buy the house

so is there not a hardship

created when someone who has

owned a house for a period of

time whether or not one or four judge's doesn't matter bought

the house because a permit was

in place to say that will not move further from this what is

the argument and the issue of hardship with regards to appreciation owner and current

owner again if I buy the house

on richardson I look at the cc&rs I look at previous permits

I see on the previous permit it

says I know there as restriction

here so if I go ahead and decide

to do this I'm creating the

hardship for myself it seems is

that right where am I going wrong.

>> we can blame this whoever built this in 1940.

>> it was wrong in the in the first place.

>> on chestnut.

>> I live 5 blocks away.

>> on chestnut is not

compliant and the window of the

property line is non-compliant

they bought that knowing that

was adjacent to the building in

regards to 68 richardson a special refresh my recollection no setting back must be a setback no planning restriction

not a setback requirement of any

planning approval that was part

of building permit approval for

the building permit itself

this-so that's not the things

that of enforced by any planning regulations it is subject to

change this will have to be

reviewed by the department of building inspection and if it causes an impact that needs to be addressed at that stage of

the process it didn't appear to

be in violation of any building

permit requirements as now I

believe those requirements exist

they've superseded by current requirements not that I'm aware

of that will prevent the subject proposal into moving forward.

>> I'm bother by something you

just said because it undermines

it seems to nine things that go

on here on occasion we have found the project sponsor tagged

on something a tag on something

is in perpetuity you have it

I've seen it in our brief

imperpetuity ones you build it

forgot about coming back and

asking again so it was what you

just said you kind of dismissed

a ruling any ruling we make is

contact dismissed because you choose to.

>> with regards to something

as a permit.

>> from the laws change in this case, the requirements no

longer exists can't enforce a

requirement that no longer

exists and that will enforce the perpetuity we've been presented

with I mean part of it is to the

property who guess buying if no bead restrictions talking about what the requirements are and the building permit allows them

to do this I mean it is a sargent issue in the variance.

>> due to the change in the

law and the codes that the 3

feet or that 3 foot setback that

was required in 1946 was

dismissed for or. >> least.

>> an 8 foot spraegs is no longer required that's my understanding. >> are you finished. >> yeah.

>> that was along the lines so

Mr. Boskovich showed a documents

on the overhead indicating that

there was some type of special

restrictions in the past lots of

restrictions you knew current

laws radio over ridden is that the case.

>> not a notice of special requirements on the property

noted as a condition of approval

by the building department a health code requirements for the

property we do this approved per planning code xyz if it planning section changes in the future

the property will be subject to

those future requirements down

the line just because it is

noted on the application didn't mean that. >> set in stone. >> exactly.

>> okay. Next question is the

appellant mentioned did window

is that a lot line 2021.

>> it is within closely

proximity to the lot line it

looks like a foot or two of the property line.

>> is that a conforming or non-conforming window.

>> with the you'll have to ask the department of building

inspection about those matters.

>> okay. Thank you.

>> commissioners do you want

to ask the question of the

building inspection we don't

call them up usually.

>> we have rebuttal.

>> we'll take public comment anyone wish to comment under

public comment?

>> hi, I'm a dell lawrence I

represented any client for a

tenant in 2541 and 43 chestnut

street I wanted to know I didn't

get is the lawyer for the people

with the variance or with the people from the planning department.

>> advocating any attorney I

didn't get it the attendance I'm advocating

for one is a young family with

an 8-year-old child that lived

in the apartment for the past 5 years

and a young couple that is

rented the apartment they're in

rent-controlled apartments

having they have no money to

move it will block pair light

and fresh air when I represented

- the apartment he highlighted how
- light and airy those two flats
- were for them to raise their
- families in and had a lovely
- garden Ms. Diesel didn't have
- any backyard as well the same
- configuration but this iowa's
- one as a lovely the yard I want
- to read a letter.
- >> amends are you employed by
- the parapet at this time are you
- the project manager and. >> I maintained the lots for the tenants the tenants
- submitted a letter and asked me to read it.
- >> who are you paid for that
- in renting those flats.
- >> I was paid by Ms. Diesel
- for renting the flats and.
- >> I think she shouldn't be
- allowed to give testimony open
- her own behalf but allowed to read the letter.
- >> she wrote this letter to
- the city and county and board of appeals
- it, it is dated October 24,
- 2016, we've lived on chestnut
- street for 3 years and have
- truly enjoyed our apartments our
- master bedroom it has a nice amount of light and air the only
- serious of light is from the backyard as a low building
- allows the sun to shine in this
- the richardson area is allowed
- inform construct this we'll lose the ventilation into our bedroom
- our source of light will essentially be a light shaft not be able to see any sky and the
- ability for air to flow through
- the window and described the
- value of our apartment as good neighbors we've not done
- anything to invite this into our
- lives our bedroom looks into the
- bedroom of richardson avenue and
- shuts on the windows our
- neighbors leave their kitchen
- lines and the light penetrates
- if it is allowed to have their
- way there will be more untuition
- into our daughters bedroom the

roof deck will greatly diminish the enjoyment and we'll receive

more noise from the deck we can

often hear the occupant from the

house screaming foul language

and we I can only imagine what will happen.

>> your time is up.

>> who's bedroom backs up to

the backyard we're copyrighted

that will evening fringe on the quiet and we driver's license are legal restrictions and

respectfully ask that the board of appeals deny the requested variance I have copies with. >> thank you

so you can see it is their words

and not mine.

>> okay. Thank you any public comment on this item.

>> step forward.

>> good evening jonathan wade thank you for letting me speak I

live on chestnut on the corner

of richardson and chestnut I

have two children a 12-year-old daughter any daughters bedroom

faces 68 richardson at the back of the house

my daughter is going through a

rough part of her life a

teenager and the last thing she

needs is the additional noise

and privacy encroached on with a

hot tub and we can anticipate

what will happen to that deck

I'm trying to protect my

daughter as any father will do

this is my daughter

so I humbly respectfully ask you

turn down the variance to

protect any daughter thank you for your time.

>> thank you any other public comment?

>> my name is james the

homeowner on 2555 chestnut and

been there since 2001 I want to emphasize whatever the

determination he am hopeful we

can get along ultimately and I

do want to emphasize I'm fair late in the process on this hearing about it in the last

month and during that time I'm

concerned of the impact of this

project on my backyard one of

the aspects of with my wife in

2001 we had a nice backyard a

small amount of sunlight providing a nice environment that is the enjoyment of the property I am concerned about the additional story as well as the roof deck on the light in my backyard and determined through a shadow studies that was provided by the architect it impacts significantly the light in the backyard in the morning and potentially impacts the windows in my house those are the concerns besides there is concerns about loss of privacy as well so I'm concerned about impact on quality of life and the property value of my own property on 2555 chestnut street thank you. >> thank you. >> any other public comment. >> hi I live on chestnut and richard son is friendly and neighboring I think that since this happened the things have changed and very concerned about again, the things that my husband brought up about privacy and noise it is simple a noisy street we're obviously on route to the golden gate bridge and even with the earplugs our daughter is woke even up I 3wu78gd into the street I had friendly relationships with the owners and you know said hey wanted to let you know those are our concerns and not received well, I understand that everybody is upset effecting all of us but we're all trying to protect your best interests and given the comment that basically we'll get steam rolled over and last week to think we can all be heard and both sides as commissioner swig mentioned impacts yeah take into consideration there were other words said I wouldn't want to say I hope we as a neighborhood can get along after this as well. >> would you would you care to state your name. >> thank you.

>> any other public comment? Seeing no other public comment

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rebuttal starting with the appellant >> thank you, commissioners ryan patterson for the appellant very quickly and then I'm going to turn it over to to the architect to speak to the technical impacts first there was a quotation from the planning code about hardship created by the owner that was a personal quotation the full quotation correlate hardship not created or attributable to the owners property unquote that is a lot broader and speaks to basic tenants of the zoning law for the previous owners the property the hardship is passed from owner to owner with the understanding that the hardship is either a future of the land and if it is self-imposed it is knocked down second there is an exception and reliance by the buyers of this property and the properties that the built in safety measures and setback will be preserved this is a lot line window if they're built up in 3 feet the planning code requires the best case scenario put in very expensive \$50,000 sprinkle system a major impact on this property and lastly there is an mention we're removing the stairs so alleviate the impacts the zoning administrator letter reduces the impact but not limits is this impact is still there good evening mike of architecture can I have the overhead? Please. We do know, of course, a reduction in sunlight and ambiance try to deal with that so we did a sunshine study and found a reduction in the south facing bedrooms in both of the buildings going to be over 1/3rd increase in the mass creating a boxed in feeling for the tight constraints that exist that think that is important to think about the 1940 building permit allowed there in a stand point there is a difference situation and san francisco building code number 9 talks about the property line windows

6 feet is the number that comes

up in the building code and there are issues of get rid of the building code when the configuration change these are natural air with the market >> go ahead and finish that thought your time is up. >> to potentially cut the windows off and make a significant impact on the just a minute properties thus, this question about the 1940s building code and that co-existence a peaceful albeit it an older creation but today a new code that could trigger eliminating these windows the building department will have to define that is it is too calculated under the circumstances. >> I have a question for Mr. Patterson. >> yes, sir. >> you made the statement it something modesty trigger the installation of a \$50,000 sprinkle you're talking about the clients property. >> it is a mandatory bedroom property line window if it had to be sealed up we'll preserve that bedroom requires you're familiar with the requirements the only potential option we see perhaps can be poling to very expensive sprinkler system talking about a lot of money if it is even an option May not be and but it was barred so not is an egress window. >> egress is not the only requirement. >> of course. >> of course. >> and Ms. Zeller removed those bars not a safe condition didn't mean the window is legally extinguished in any way. >> okay. >> I'd like to ask the timing of the removal of bars over the last two days and what promoted that. >> that was last week and as we are knowledgeable about those things looked at the conditions and we felt not a safety sleeping in that room. >> how long where those bars on the window. >> probably 20 years. >> thank you. >> those bars are changed. >> Mr. Patterson thank you. >> thank you.

>> Mr. Silverman rebuttal time.

http://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/TranscriptViewer.php?view\_id=6&clip\_id=26461

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>> thank you, commissioners can I have the overhead? Again. >> very quickly I wanted to respond just to the new points that were raised I'm not going to go over the things that were discussed Mr. Wade lives on the corner the equivalent of 5 or 6 house separation between the carters house and here I didn't find the comments about the hot tub per successful you as you can see the tree is obtain secured a big tree in the backyard no additional shading there I didn't find that persuasive finally on the owner of the window again, this is the window in question where the man is trying to you remove the bars it is I understand this is approximately the lot line it is barred-constantly shaded and not operable this is approximately here off the screen where the bars remain they only took the bars off this one I find that curious and also, this is the walls of the caterer house and the notch that was referred to say further up here up the page so, so not going to be my building closure to the window this is above that man's head thank you. >> I got a question for you counselor. >> yes. >> how long have your clients been at the property. Inaudible: . >> okay. >> thank you thank you. >> this is a technical question. >> sort of like a ships ladder up to the roof but how do you assess the roof. >> how do the access the roof now. >> no, no based on. >> under the new plan. >> yeah. >> I'll ask 9 architect to answer. >> good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I'm michael a

designer other 6 architecture

we're the firm that took over

the project after the variance hearing a question how to access

the roof it does have a ships

ladder that will have sliding

basically like a sliding glass

door that is flat it slides over.

>> the drawing shows looks like

a rail along there.

>> there is a parapet that will come up.

>> there is built in seeking yes.

>> okay.

>> I have a couple of notes

about the shading.

>> no, no my question was answered thank you. >> okay.

>> rebuttal from Mr. Sanchez.

>> thank you scott sanchez

planning department. A couple of points in regards to

the privacy that were related

there are minimum windows on the proposed addition actually on

the proposed level there are no windows that face north of the

properties the windows on the

lower level from closest so the

bathrooms on the north wall so

privacy issue from the constructionists the roof deck

roof deck could be constructed on top of the building today

without need for a variance not considered a significant

expansion that will trigger a

variance the means of access

triggers a permit but they can

be added to the code and the

amenities a fire put a gas fire

pit not a smoke issue with a gas

fire pit they show a hot tub

area and then in regards to the

required variance finding yes. The appellant has correctly restated in the planning code

section 305 that it does look to

the whether or not the hardship was contributed to the applicant

or the owner of property it was

not created or attributable to

the building constructed well been before the property owner

bought the property in 2012, the situation was a created lawfully

at the planning code has changed

over the years the buildings are

now non-complying and in terms of of the impacts on the neighbors I stated I had

concerns with the project as it was previously proposed and building that has a negative

impact that was significant on

the neighbors the code dpa call

for a variance to mitigate all

the impacts from development but whether or not a detrimental

impact and given how they've

provided the project my

understanding it is 3 feet away

from the property line not the

triggering the closing of the property line window non-conforming and on the

appellants property that is my understanding

and perhaps joe duffy dbi can add further information to that I'm available to answer any questions.

>> I'd like to carry one of

our thoughts through

that if those hardships sort of

westbound pass on or hereditary

and you never make in any

changes and what was the point of variance hearing.

>> good question that's why i

have trouble with the logic by the appellant they're not attributable to the owner of the

property because the language

has attributable that somehow.

>> you choose to buy.

>> they choose to buy it not creating the hardship the hrpts

existed when they bought the knowledge but I - I don't know

how one will find that hardship

if that was the case we're

looking back to as they're

creating a path and lawfully as we can tell. >> thank you.

>> Mr. Sanchez

are all the blocks in the arena non-conforming like this one.

>> no, it's more.

>> no building conforms to

current the entire block.

>> it is difficult and more

challenging on this block

because of the angle of richard

so that yeah. A fair number of

non-compliant buildings along richardson. >> because of angle.

>> yeah. And post some building were moved as part of the

widening of lombard and the cut

over of richardson to access the

bridge the buildings were moved

but not non-conforming not because of building code. >> are you done.

>> you look at the beginning

of lombard it supermarkets r interseconds lombard they were planning on going down the

blafid with the understanding a legal non-conforming structure your according to a planning

code claiming it is not a

hardship of the prophet or the property owner but given the

build and the angle of the

street and it's close prompt I didn't to four or five neighbors you don't consider that a

hardship on the other neighbors.

>> that's how to make the

changes that reduces the impacts

I mean certainly those buildings

are they stepped to they're building walls and tried to

address that and reduce the

impacts by having them segment within the 15 footprint.

>> I mean, I understand the other buildings are

non-conforming they're not trying to add stories.

>> not adding two stories one and a roof deck.

>> only two stories. >> okay.

>> and then-I was under the

understanding the property line

was 4 feet and combrours were required.

>> my understanding that maybe I'll let the inspector joe duffy

answer that. >> commissioners would you

like inspector duffy to come up.

>> we want to make that worth

his while we're paying that department. >> good evening, commissioners

joe duffy I was on my way home.

Laughter: .

>> so that's the question you know considering that a lot of

properties in san francisco what

we call attached and have

properties

unattached but when you put lot line windows the planning codes

says within 3 feet you don't

have to have them like fire

protected and their expensive; is that correct. >> for that occupancy it will

be 3 feet for the single-family

dwellings so the property via

the property is single-family dwelling

so it is two units 3 feet you

can have to do with 3 feet 3

foot 3 to the property line and

because when the window is

existing in the 1940s I don't think we'll tell them.

>> are tree grandfathered in. >> pretty much normally what happens if their are windows closer sometimes the planning code will make them notch to protect the light and the reminded for that but I can't see any fire rating if it is 10 feet 3 away not an issue the ab 9. >> it is on the property line. >> I'm looking at 8 to one from the property line. >> wall. >> so the new construction is 3 foot 3 the appellants property near the property line and that's what I said and on a that one is grandfathered in. >> those people suddenly come out and make a complaint there is a windows on the property line we'll not go back there it was there in the 1940s what they're talking about an administrative building code in the 1940s if you want to put if property line windows on the property line you can do that they have to be 4 windows with the surprisingly head you're giving up the right to the building and a document it is notarized and can't suddenly say the windows are there. >> that's like in the code now but it wouldn't have been there in the 1940s I can't say something it was a variance case I didn't research as much if I do there is a building code and maybe that probable we'll be dealing with that then and the project has not been approved by the dbi and hadn't reached us yet so okay. >> thank you for explaining that inspector. >> and you might be in agreement whatever happened whether with that project under construction they'll never interfere with the windows or file a window on the windows on the neighbors property line and your saying not grandfathered in. >> so does that mean you said they'll not complain why what we complain.

>> they could complain anyway.

>> you said it window was grandfathered in so why will they complain.

>> it was part of the original

construction we uniform usually
don't go there.
>> thank you.
>> your presence are requested.
>> the other point that we
have to be concerned is changing the character of the
neighborhood and also goes into hardship again, I know the neighborhood
really well, because I lived
there for now 20 years
and the, of a roof deck and on
the roof deck building of a fire
pit and on the building of a hot
tub i don't know i don't know of
house in the marina residence that has that condition I mean
in my own house I have a deck
that extends off a second floor over any living room the house
was built in 1926 but I don't
know of this would be consistent
with the concern of changes with the character the neighborhood I
don't know of a house in the
marina with that type of condition whether a roof deck
hot tub and fire pit and all that stuff
and that also goes to hardship the neighbors because-
>> do you have a question. >> what about that.
>> I think that is a good
point. One we hear at that
board and often in particular in this district
about people having a lot of
roof deck we've seen a lot of them on the south side of cal
hallow and lombard and gotten to
the point the district supervisor asked about development guidelines for a
roof deck and questions about
notification for roof decks,
etc. I understand that point and
the permit holder attorney
passed me a photo of with an the
adjoining building has a hot tub not a full floor roof deck like
this would be it is more but
there is habitual area and hot
tibia deck off of that area I think that is at some point I
mean whether you you know the board feels that is there are issues with the character of the
deck that should be reduced in terms of the occupancy or capacity I'll understand that in terms of neighborhood character
in the size of the building the

adjacent property is on 3 stories the overall height is

- less but a 3 story building.
- >> don't worry about the
- height swuchs as the intrusion.
- >> this is before the board I
- mean, you're hearing 24 the
- variance decision and be able to
- justify that but I understand
- there are a lot shown on the roof deck
- just honestly we've seen people
- -to add those features you
- don't need the permit maybe no notification
- so we are asking people that put minimum things open their roof
- deck and add more features after they go through notification but
- no trigger of a notice in this
- case they were very open been
- the amenities they wanted and
- mrirld for that what they're seeking and the matter is totally before the board.
- >> the roof deck is intended to be open space otherwise not on the property. >> otherwise the nullification
- on the property is the 3 feet
- passageway and this would be
- actually usable open space for the residents you know at the hearing that was compelling
- argument about the desire to
- have something that is more
- usable for a family and
- something they can grow into and
- certainly found those arguments compelling in meeting other
- properties in similar sdriblgs that are able to have.
- >> for which not other options on that property; right? >> last question Mr. Sanchez
- and so there's a rear yard
- variance and nothing required
- for a front yard setback.
- >> no, no requirements in this case. >> thank you thank you.
- >> commissioners, the matter is submitted.
- >> now the-I think Mr.
- Sanchez was referring to me when
- he was referring to discussions on residential design.
- >> everyone was referring to you when discussions on roof decks commissioner.
- >> no, I think I'll refer to
- bring up a couple of things because I don't consider them as
- important as the issue of
- hardship
- as an example you know the
- shadow studies done but the
- appellant yes probably correct

they're in the summertime I doubt there is much different impacts the rest of the year your question here is have they demonstrated hardship. >> it is clear that the it is a property right enjoyed by other people around the area I mean every building there is non-conforming so I don't want to get into a question of whether one persons hardship is different than another persons hardship because we are looking at this whether that has criteria of the finding were satisfied when I first look at it was some double park in my mind that all 5 were satisfied especially where they filled in the notch I supported I think the idea that the zoning administrator brought forth that anything they do to the property will require a variance because there's no doubt about that I'll support the fact they maybe needing more space contextually the 3 stories are fine I made that agreement why they should have a transparent screening at the roof that perhaps that should be a obtaining absurd. >> I'm trying to come to a decision a variance that allowed them to make the notch was totally justified. >> can you explain that. >> I believe the variance in general in terms of allowing them to build to a certain extent was justified. >> normally I would have said when we deal with other areas in the area non-conforming structures like telegraph hill you know I've been against some of these variances which allow an expansion beyond existing envelope and in this case I'm probably leon towards. >> with restrictions or allowing it? >> allowing it I think I will ask that the. >> obscure glossary I'll support that.

>> I'm not 100 percent

convinced the feeling's we're

meat a convincing stance from

the department and the hardship

of the property is the hardship

of the property at the same time, we don't want people fleeing from san

francisco and 6 hundred and 18 I believe square feet is really

not much you can do to the

property equip go up and take

out that notch you don't get much

and since this is probably not

the last time we'll hear this

case I'll be willing to join my two fellow commissioners. >> batter up.

>> I consider the hardship

continued no hardship to you

know the I believe that the

project sponsor bought the house

should have recognized that

there was this condition. >> yep.

>> and therefore suffers no

hardship therefore your 5 fksdz

are not met so I think the

hardship is to the other

neighbors so-I'd like have to

be convinced more.

>> make a motion with a condition that requires 4 votes.

>> I wanted to ask a question about the condition you're

considering which is to place a

certain type of glass in the

railing for the roof deck; is that right. >> make the parapet. >> parapet.

>> didn't have to be obtain I'm not sure.

>> sorry to interrupt-

>> if they don't put it in there. >> yeah. >> then, yes.

>> at this time are you saying basically materials are not under the purview of the variance.

>> no, I guess I'm curious if this element of the design is

within the context of this variance.

>> I think that expands into.

>> what if it requires 4 votes.

>> let me finish it expands

into areas that are beneficial of the variance. >> excuse me-benefits of

the variance.

>> I think that is equally part of it.

>> I agree portions of railing are within the rear yard as well

as the fact that in order to get

access to the roof deck you need

to encroach into the rear yard

I'll consider that is as

acceptable condition as part of surveillance letter. >> thank you.

>> I'll make a motion I'll

move to grant the appeal and

condition the variance on

changing the glass rail around

those roofs to an opaque parapet

and that I find with that then

the 5 findings of a variance met.

>> let me clarify seeking a

solid parapet or some 0 page

thing that provides privacy. >> it is their choose. >> okay.

>> sorry of the same height as

currently proposed.

>> yes. >> okay. So the motion from the vptsdz is to grant the appeal with condition the variance think changing the glass rail around the roof to an obtain page parapet and by

making that motion you'll find

the 5 fltsdz has been met. >> correct.

>> okay. On that motion commissioner lazarus

commissioner President Honda commissioner swig. >> okay. That that motion

carries with a vote of 4 to zero and commissioner President Honda. >> there's no further business.

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### BOARD OF APPEALS, CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Appeal or	
CARMEN ZELL	
	Appellant(s)
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Appeal No. 16-138

Respondent

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on August 08, 2016, the above named appellant(s) filed an appeal with the Board of Appeals of the City and County of San Francisco from the decision or order of the above named department(s), commission, or officer.

The substance or effect of the decision or order appealed from is the ISSUANCE on July 27, 2016, to Bryan Carter, of a Rear Yard Variance (to construct a third floor addition and roof deck that will extend into the required rear yard of a single-family dwelling) at 68 Richardson Avenue.

#### CASE NO. 2015-000254VAR

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

#### FOR HEARING ON October 26, 2016

Address of Appellant(s):	Address of Other Parties:
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#### NOTICE OF DECISION & ORDER

The aforementioned matter came on regularly for hearing before the Board of Appeals of the City & County of San Francisco on OCTOBER 26, 2016.

**PURSUANT TO §** 4.106 of the Charter of the City & County of San Francisco and Article 1, §14 of the Business & Tax Regulations Code of the said City & County, and the action above stated, the Board of Appeals hereby **GRANTS THE APPEAL AND ORDERS** that the ISSUANCE of the subject variance by the ZONING ADMINISTRATOR is **UPHELD** on the condition that the glass rail around the roof be changed to an opaque parapet on basis that this revision will allow the variance to meet the findings required under Planning Code Section 305(c).

BOARD OF APPEALS CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Darryl Honda President

Last Day to Request Rehearing: November 07, 2016 Request for Rehearing: December 07, 2016 (denied) Rehearing: None Notice Released: December 08, 2016

Cynthia G. Goldstein, Executive Director

If this decision is subject to review under Code of Civil Procedure § 1094.5, then the time within which judicial review must be sought is governed by California Code of Civil Procedure, §1094.6.

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### City & County of San Francisco REHEARING REQUEST

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Date Filed:

BOARD OF APPEALS

NOV 0 7 2016 APPEAL # RP of 16-138

Carmen Zell, Appellant seeks a rehearing of Appeal No. 16-138, which was decided on October 26, 2016. This request for rehearing will be considered by the Board of Appeals on Wednesday, December 07, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 416, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place.

Pursuant to Article V, § 9 of the Rules of the Board of Appeals, the **response** to the written request for rehearing must be submitted by the opposing party and/or Department no later than **10 days from the date of filing, on or before November 17, 2016** and must not exceed six (6) double-spaced pages in length, with unlimited exhibits. Eleven (11) copies shall be submitted to the Board office with additional copies delivered to the opposing parties on the same day.

You or your representative **MUST** be present at the hearing. It is the general practice of the Board that only up to three minutes of testimony from each side will be allowed. Except in extraordinary cases, and to prevent manifest injustice, the Board may grant a Rehearing Request only upon a showing that new or different material facts or circumstances have arisen, where such facts or circumstances, if known at the time, could have affected the outcome of the original hearing.

Based on the evidence and testimony submitted, the Board will make a decision to either grant or deny your request. Four votes are necessary to grant a rehearing. If your request is denied, a rehearing will not be scheduled and the decision of the Board will become final. If your request is granted, a rehearing will be scheduled, the original decision of the Board will be set aside, and after the rehearing, a second decision will be made. Only one request for rehearing and one rehearing are permitted under the Rules of the Board.

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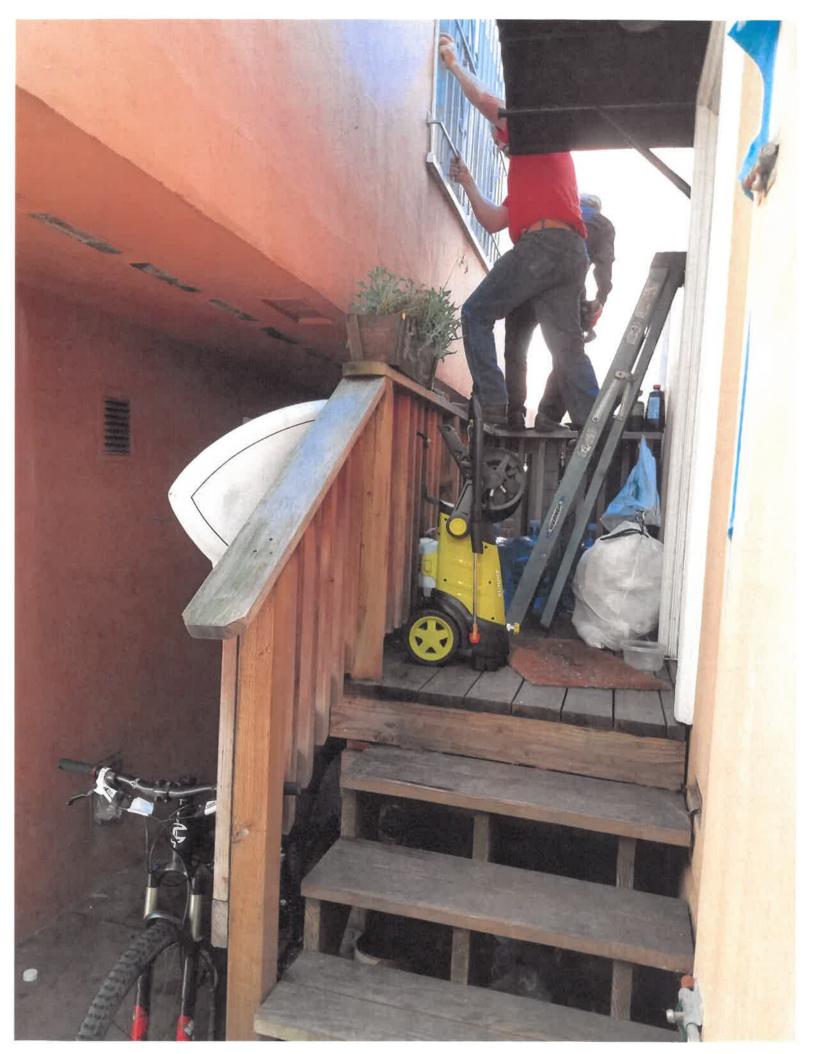


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## REUBEN, JUNIUS & ROSE, LLP

December 12, 2016

Joe Duffy Senior Building Inspector Department of Building Inspection City and County of San Francisco 1660 Mission Street, Third Floor San Francisco, CA 94103

#### Re: 68 Richardson Avenue/ 2547-2549 Chestnut Street Board of Appeals No. 16-138 Our File No.: 10514.01

Dear Mr. Duffy:

We represent the owners of 68 Richardson Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Carter. By this letter, and at your request, the Carters confirm, acknowledge, and agree that they shall not take any action at any time to interfere with the continued use of the operable property line windows at 2547-2549 Chestnut Street. Owners agree that they shall not construct a fence that blocks the windows within 3 feet of the shared property line with 2547-2549 Chestnut Street, so as to preserve such operable windows at 2547-2549 Chestnut Street. It is further agreed that this letter shall not interfere with the proposed construction at 68 Richardson Avenue pursuant to the plans on file at the Department of Building Inspection.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything further relative to the foregoing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours, REUBEN, JUNIUS & ROSE, LLP David Silverma

cc: Mark Walls, DBI Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Carter Ryan Patterson

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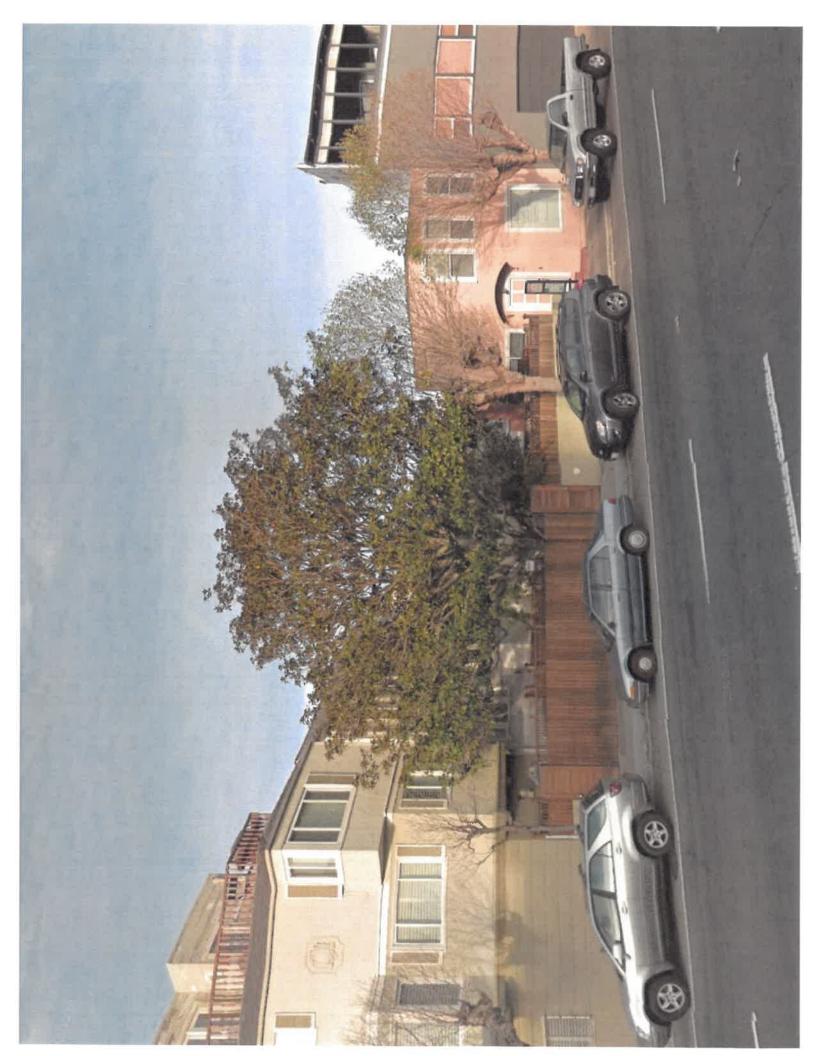
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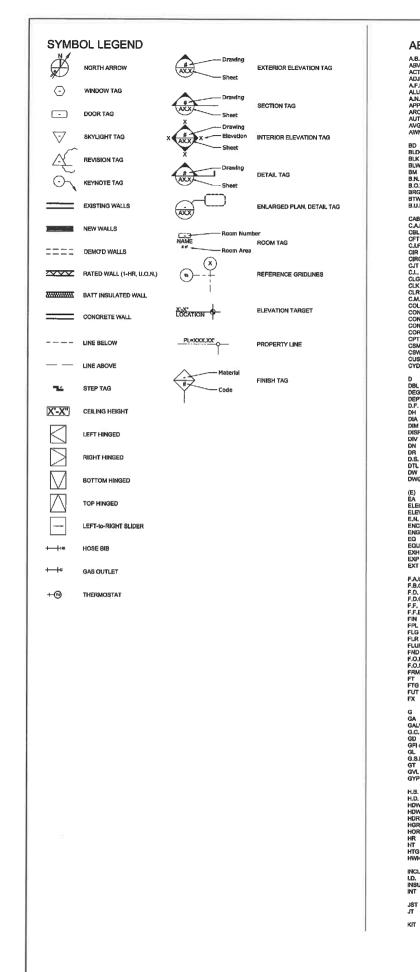
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BBRE	VIATIONS
3. V	Anchor Bolt
v T	Above Acoustical Ceiling Tile
J 1.F.	Adjust(able) Above Finished Floor
UM	Alumbrum
l.G. PX	Average Natural Grade Approximate(ly)
CH	Architect(ure)
TO G	Automatic Average
AN .	Awning
-	Board Building
DG K (G)	Block/ing
N' İ	Below Beam
l.	Blind Nall
S.W. G	Bottom of Wall Bearing
WN I.R.	Between
	Built Up Roofing
B LR.	Cabinet Cold Air Return
L	Cable
F .P. ₹	Cubic Foot Cast-In-Place
	Circle Circumference
r	Control Joint
G	Center Line Celling
K (G) R	Caulit/Ing
1.U.	Clear(ance) Concrete Masonry Unit
L NC	Column Concrete
NSTR	Construct(ed), (ion)
nt RR	Continue(ous) Corrucated
т	Carpet(ed), (ing) Casement
MT WK	Casework
ST D	Custom Cubic Yard
L	Dryer Double
G	Degree Department
	Douglas Fir
	Double Hung Diameter
	Dimension
P	Dispenser Divider, Division
	Cown Door
	Downspout
Ļ	Detall Olshwasher
G	Drawing
	Existing
	Each Electric(al)
EC EV	Elevation End Nall
L.	End Nall Enclose, Enclosure
G	Enclose, Enclosure Engineer(ed), (ing) Equal(ivalent)
UIP	Equipment
H	Exhaust Exposed
Г	Exterior
.U.	Forced Air Unit
.U. .O.	Forced Air Unit Fumished By Othera Floor Drain
ic.	Fire Dept Controls Finished Floor
.E.	Finished Floor Finished Floor Elevation
	Finish
3	Fireplace Flashing
2	Floor(ing) Fluorescent
JR D	Foundation
.F. .S.	Face of Finish Face of Studs
N.	Frame(d), (Ing)
3	Foot Footing
r	Future
	Gas Gauge
LV	Galvanized General Contractor
	Garbage Disposal Ground Fault Circuit Interruptor
or GFCI	Ground Fault Circuit Interruptor Glass(zing)
.м.	Galvanized Sheet Metal
L	Grout Gravel
PBD	Gypsum Board
	Hase Bibb
N	Hold Down Hardware
WD R	Hardwood Header
R	Hanger
RIZ	Horizontal Hour
2	Height
3 H	Heating Hot Water Heater
L	Include(d), (Ing)
	Inside Dlameter
UL	Insulate(d), (ion) Interior
	Joist
	Joint
	Kitchen

LAM	Laminate(d)
LAV	Lavatory
L.B.	Lag Bolt
LF	Linear Foot
L/H	Left Hand
LT	Light
LTWT	Lightweight
MAS	Mesonry
MATL	Matafal(a)
MAS.	Madrinu Dot
M.G.	Madrinu Cabinet
MECH	Manufactured
MFD	Manufactured
MFR	Manufactured
MFR	Manufactured
MISC	Manufactured
MMB	Manufactured
MTD	Manufactured
MTD	Meanthane
MTL	Meanthane
MTL	Metal
MULL	Metalon
MW	Microwave
N	North
(N)	New
N/A	Not Applicable
N.I.C.	Not In Contract
N.T.S.	Not To Scale
o/	Over
OBSC	Obscure
O.C.	On Center
O.D.	Outside Dimension
O/H	Overhead
OPG	Opening
OPP	Opposite
O.S.B.	Opposite
OSCI	Oriented Strand Board
OVHG	Owerhang
PART	Partition
PERF	Perforate(d)
PL,	Plate
PLAM	Property Line
PLY	Plastic Laminata
PNL	Plywood
PNT or PTD	Parel
PR	Parel
PREFAB	Parel
P.T.	Pressure Treated
PVMT	Pavement
r Rad Rdwd Refr Reinf Rem Rec RFG RH RM RM R.O.	Riser Radius Redwood Refrigerator Reinforce(d) (ing) Remove Require(d) Revise(d), (ion) Roofing Right Hand Room Rooping Rugh Opening
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W	Venical Grain
W	Water Closet
WC	Wood
WD	Window
WIN	Window
WO	Without
WP	Without
WSCT	Waterproot(Ing)
WWF	Welded Wire Fabric
YD	Yard

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	PROJECT DESC	RIPHON
	ADDITION TO SINGLE FAM ROOF DECK	ILY RESIDENCE CONSISTING OF NEW THIRD FLOOR AND
	PROJECT DATA	l l
	A.P.N.:	0934-012A
	ADDRESS:	68 RICHARDSON AVE SAN FRANCISCO CA 94123
	BUILDING CODES:	2013 CA Building Code, w/ Local Amendments 2013 CA Mechanical Code, w/ Local Amendments 2013 CA Plumbing Code, w/ Local Amendments 2013 CA Electrical Code w/ Local Amendments 2013 CA Energy Code
	BUILDING INFO	
	OCCUPANCY TYPE: CONSTRUCTION TYPE: (E) GROSS FLOOR AREA:	R-3 V, NON-RATED
erd	Level 1	484 sf
ontractor Installed	Level 2	451 sf
	Total	935 sf
		898 sf per Assessor
	(N) GROSS FLOOR AREA;	
	Level 1	484 sf (NO CHANGE)
	Level 2	484 sf
	Level 3	484 sf
	Total	1,452 sf
	NET CHANGE:	+517 sf +564 sf per Assessor
	ZONING DATA	
lings	ZONING:	RH-3
	LOT SIZE:	618 sf
	BUILDING FOOTPRINT: Existing	484 sf
awinga	Proposed NO. OF STORIES:	484 sf (NO CHANGE)
	Existing Proposed	2 3
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vinga	Existing Proposed	34'-8"
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SYM	TYPE	APPROX. R.O. (W x H)	MFR	MODEL	GLAZING	REMARKS
EX	$^{\vee},^{\vee}$		-		-	EXISTING TO REMAIN
1A	CASEMENT	30 x 50	-		-	
-2A	FIXED	28 x 48	-	-	-	45-MIN RATED MTL
2B	CLERESTORY	28 x 24		<i>2</i>	-	
ЗA	FIXED	60 x 24	-		TEMPERED OBSCURE	45-MIN RATED MTL
3B	COMBO	72 x 64	-		-	EGRESS, 2x DOUBLE HUNG
3C	DOUBLE HUNG	24 x 64	-	-	-	

NOTES: EGRESS WINDOWS SHALL HAVE MIN, NET CLEAR OPENING OF 5,7 SQ. FT. MIN, NET CLEAR OPENING HEIGHT DIMENSION SHALL BE 24 INCHES. MIN. NET CLEAR OPENING WIDTH DIMENSION SHALL BE 20 INCHES. MAX. HEIGHT ABOVE FLOOR SHALL BE NOT GREATER THAN 44 IN ABOVE FLOOR. SEE 2013 CBC 1029.2, 1028.3 AND 1029.4.

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2A	SWING	-	-	-	1	-	EXISTING
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1B	SWING	-		-		-	EXISTING
5A	SWING	-	-	-	-	-	EXISTING
6A	SWING	-	2.00	· •		-	EXISTING
7A	SWING	-	200			-	EXISTING
8A	POCKET	36 x 80	5 <b>3</b> 3	34 - C	-	-	-
11A	BYPASS PAIR	58 x 80	۲	5	-	-	•
11B	BYPA\$\$ PAIR	58 x 80	-	Ξ.	-	-	-

\* NOTE: ALL GLAZING IN DOORS, SIDELITES & TRANSOMS TO BE TEMPERED

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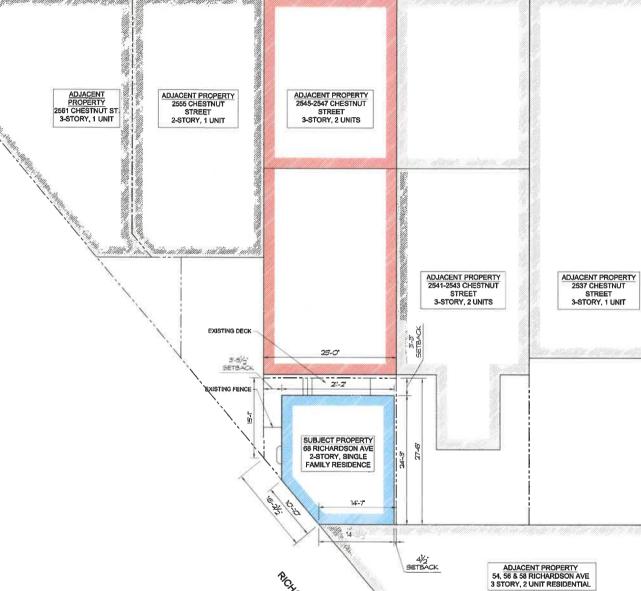
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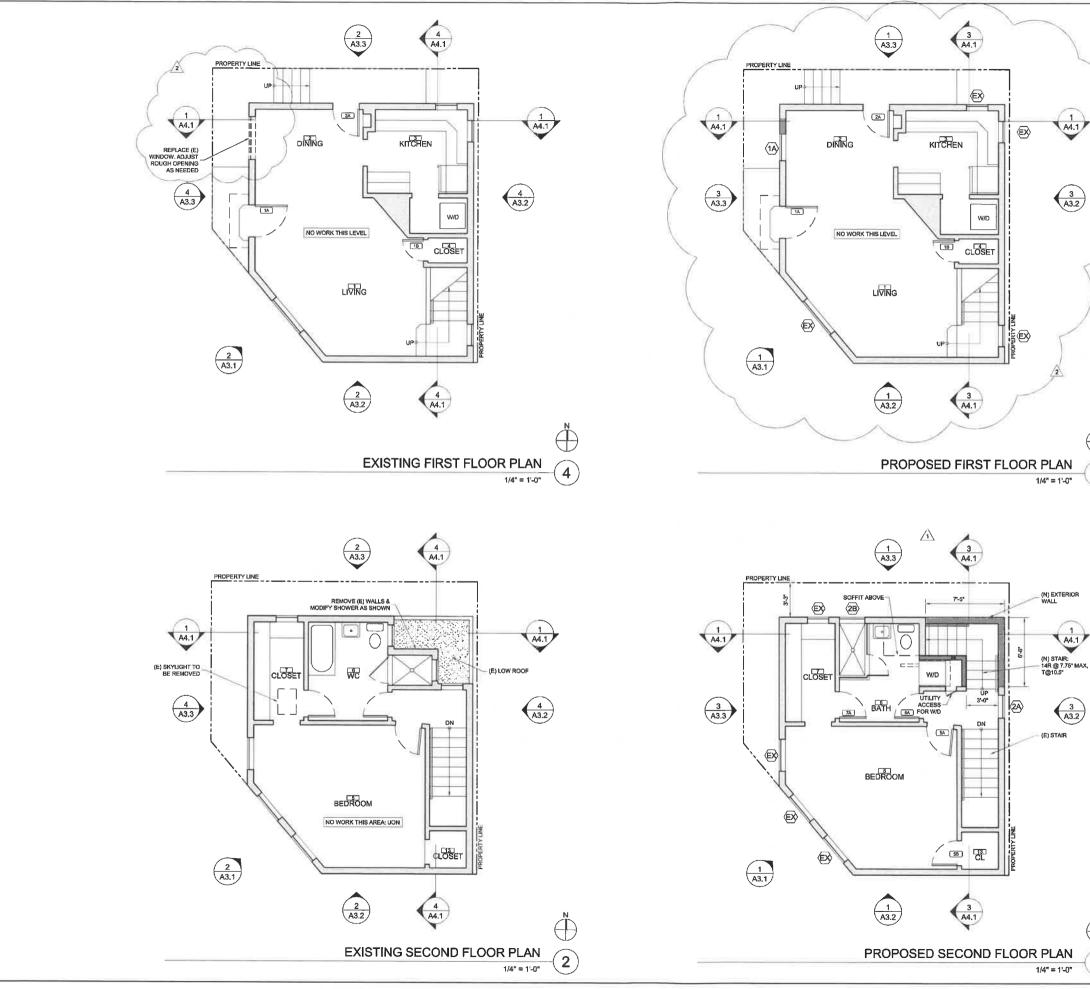
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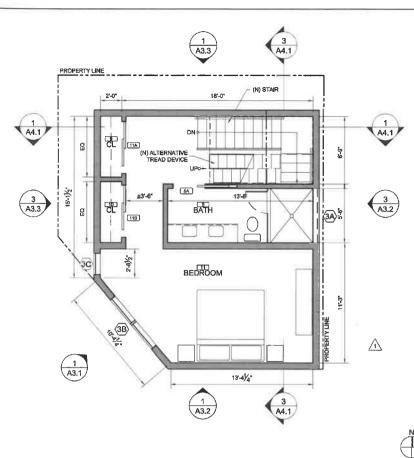
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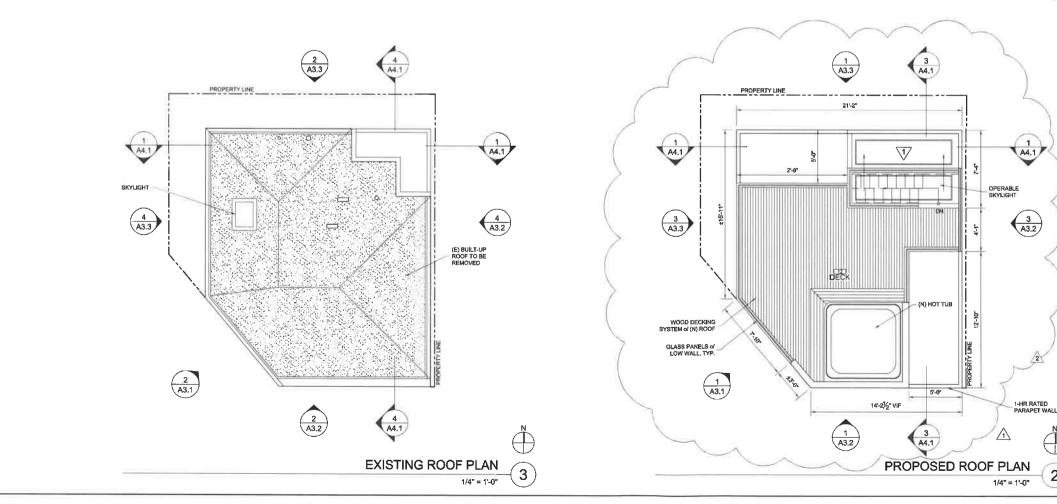
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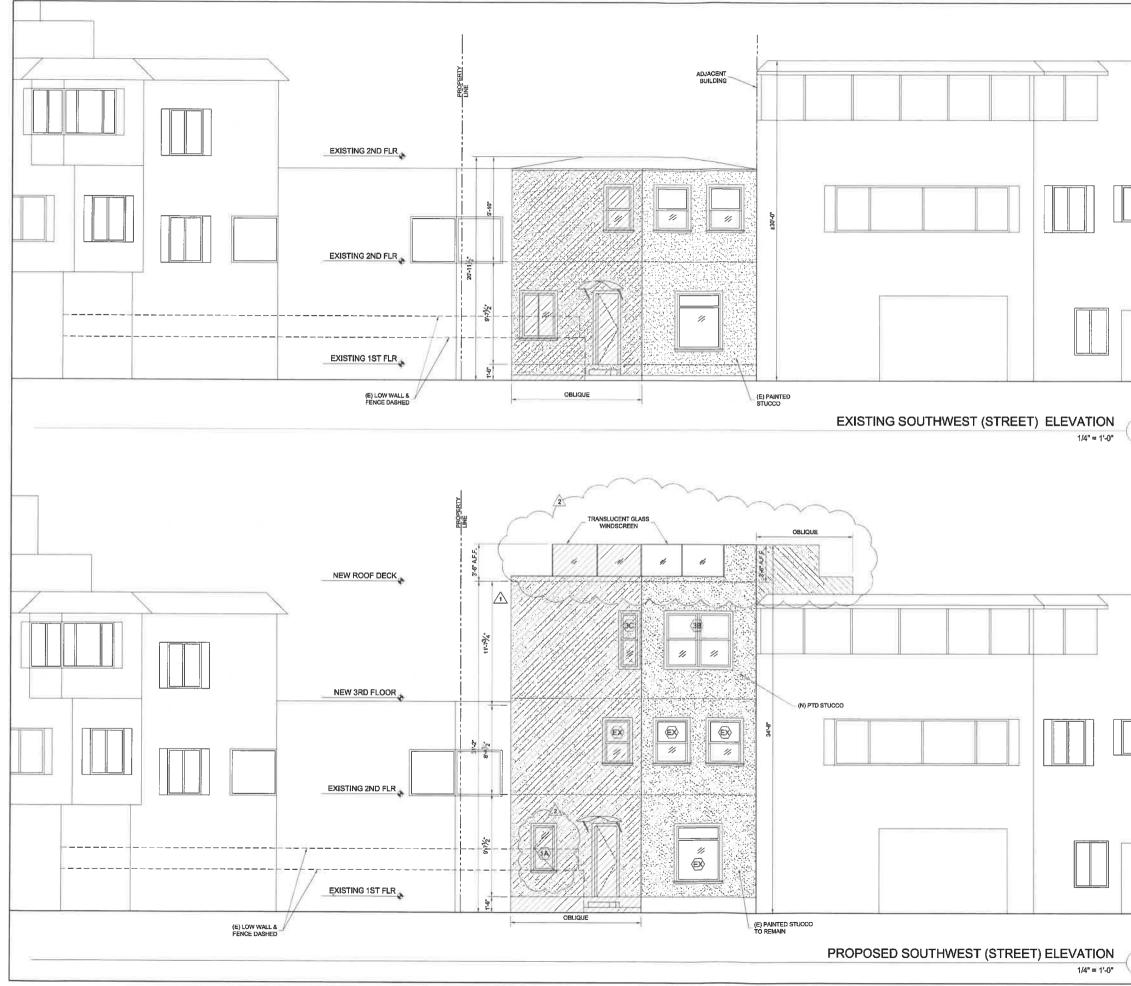
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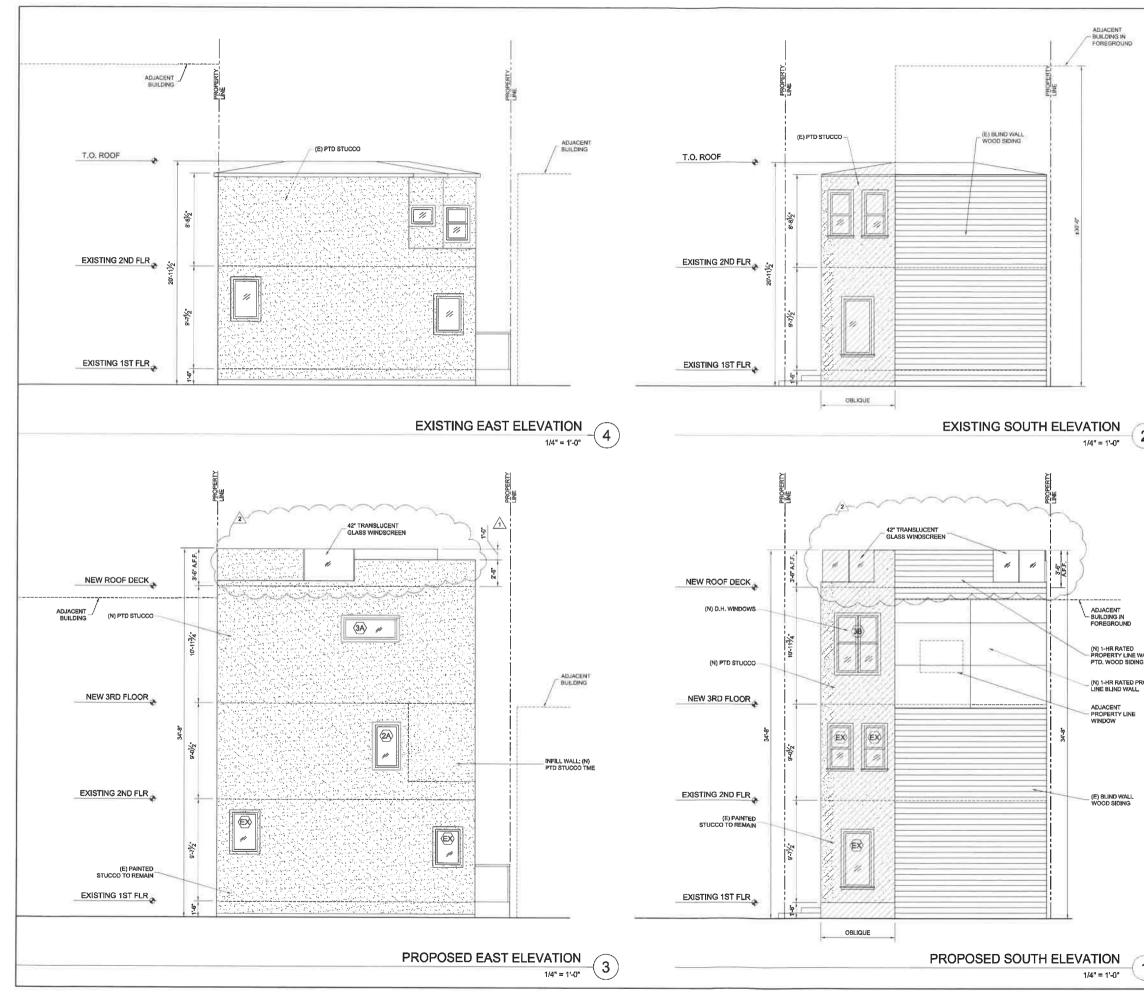
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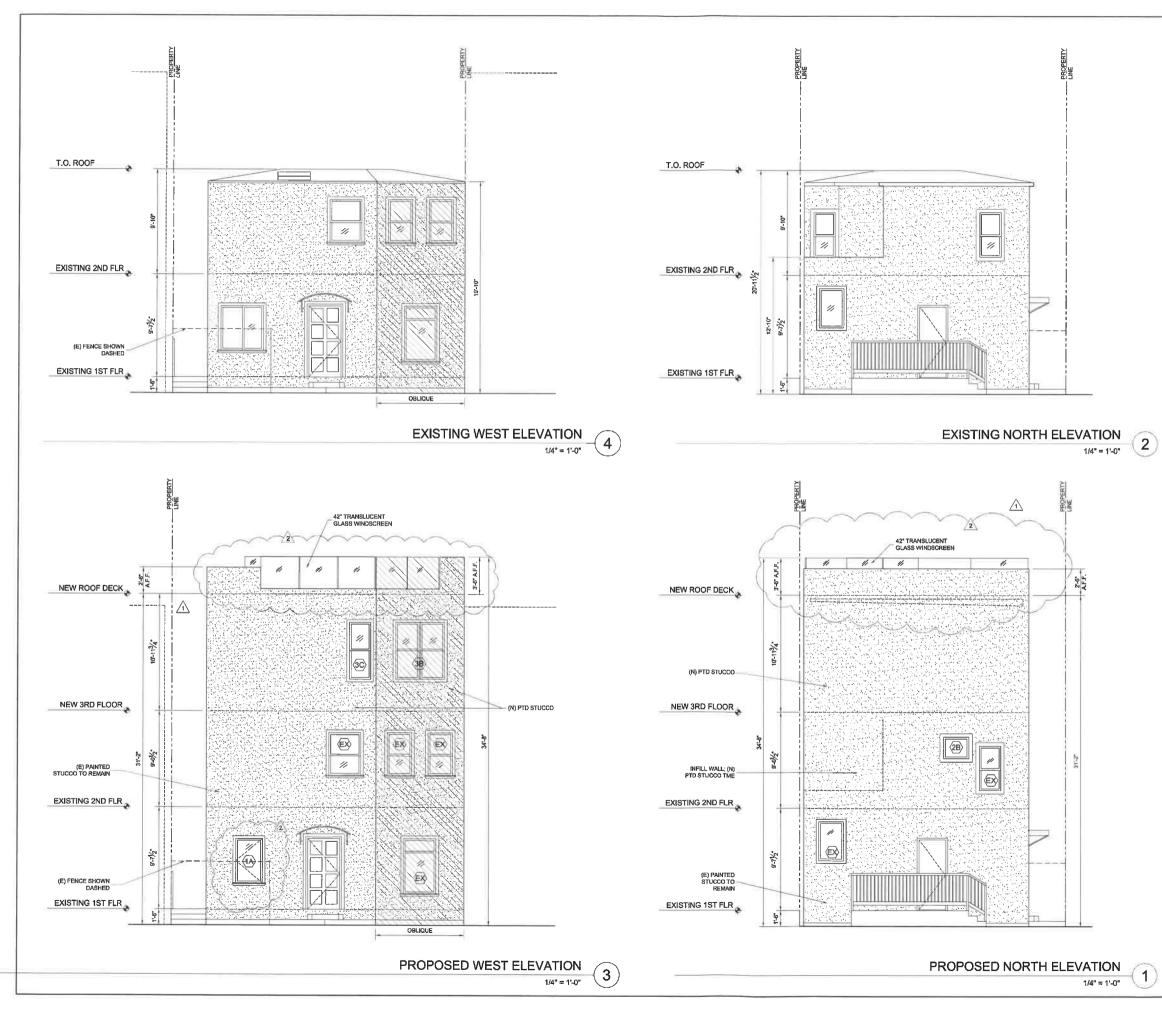
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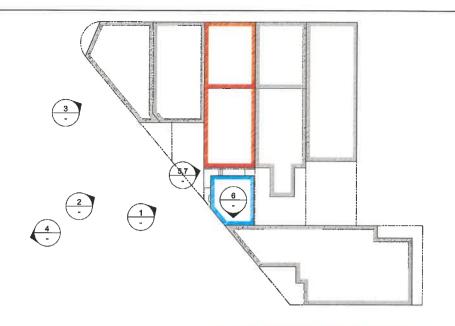
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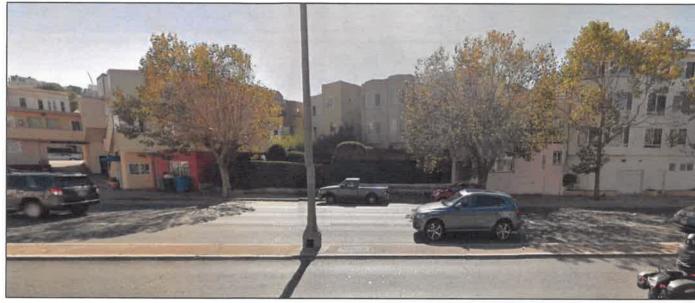


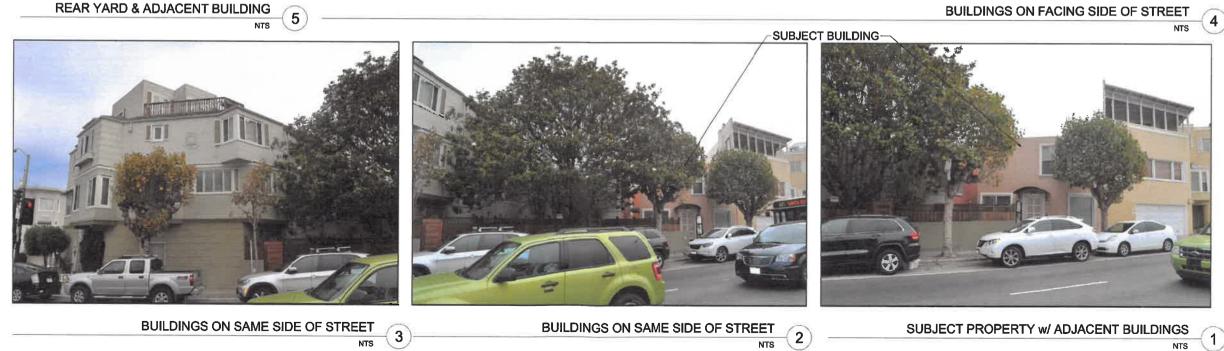
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