Memo to the Planning Commission

HEARING DATE: MARCH 2, 2017

Continued from September 8, 2016, September 29, 2016, and December 8, 2016

Date: February 14, 2017

2015-001277DRPVAR Case No.:

Project Address:

Zoning:

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot: 3598/138 Project Sponsor: John Kevlin

> Reuben, Junis, & Rose 1 Bush Street, Suite 600 San Francisco, CA 94104

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Recommendation: Take DR and approve the building permit with modifications

Fax: 3772 20th Street 415.558.6409 RH-3 (Residential House, Three-Family) Zoning District

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Reception:

BACKGROUND

On September 8, 2016, the Planning Commission continued this case to September 29, 2016. Staff met with the project sponsors and asked for revised plans. After discussion and reviewing the revised plans, staff determined this case was ready to be heard by the Commission.

In the September 8th staff report the Planning Department supported the project as proposed. However, the Department has since changed its recommendation. The Department now supports the project with modifications that includes removal of the garage allowing open space on the ground level and the rear stairway to be reconstructed as proposed.

This recommendation was decided upon because there was more information obtained since the September 8th hearing. This included further discussion with the Project Sponsor about the changes to the garage. This garage is the only encroachment of its kind in the vicinity and it provides and unsightly view for both the neighbors and the subject property. The proposed garage will cover the lot to nearly 100% if allowed to be reconstructed.

Furthermore, this reconstruction is not code-complying and requires a Variance from the Zoning Administrator. The existing rear garage appears to have been constructed originally with the main structure onsite based on research. Therefore, the rear garage appears to be legally nonconforming.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

The proposed project includes an alteration and a reconstruction both in the rear of the property. These will include the replacement of an existing multi-level stairway and deck and the demolition and reconstruction of a rear yard garage. A roof deck is proposed on top of the proposed garage.

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REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

Staff recommends Planning Commission take Discretionary Review and approve the building permit with modifications. Those modifications include:

- Allow the rear stairway, deck and landing to be reconstructed.
- Allow the demolition of the existing garage.
- Not allow the reconstruction of a garage in the rear yard.

The reason for this recommendation is because that new scope of work would provide ground level open space, eliminate a large, unsightly encroachment that is not common for this area, and make the subject property more consistent with the surrounding properties.

RECOMMENDATION: Take Discretionary Review and approve the building permit with modifications

Attachment:

DR Action Memo to disapprove Site Photos Revised Plan Set Staff Report Packet

Discretionary Review Action-xxx

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 Project Address:
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 Building Permit:
 2015.06.16.9131

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

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot: 3598/138 Project Sponsor: John Kevlin

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DR Requestors: Robert and Katherine Evans

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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO TAKING DISCRETIONARY REVIEW OF CASE NO. 2015-001277DRPVAR AND THE APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMIT 2015.06.16.9131 WITH MODIFICATIONS PROPOSING TO RECONSTRUCT THE EXISTING REAR MULTILEVEL STAIRWAY AND REPLACE THE EXTING REAR GARAGE WITH A NEW GARAGE WITH A ROOF DECK WITHIN THE REAR YARD. THE PROPOSED EXPANSION WOULD BE ROUGHLY 41 FEET IN DEPTH AND 14 FEET IN HEIGHT TO THE TOP OF THE RAILING ON THE NEW GARAGE. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS WITHIN THE RH-3 (RESIDENTIAL, HOUSE, THREE-FAMILY) ZONING DISTRICT AND A 40-X HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT.

PREAMBLE

On June 16, 2015 Jeff Levinsohn, represented by Steve Swason filed for Building Permit Application No. 2015.06.16.9131 proposing to replace an existing multistory stairway and demolish and reconstruct a garage. Both of these structures are located in the rear yard of a four-unit residential building. The proposed addition will have a depth of roughly 41 feet adding a new roof deck on the top of the new garage. This proposal requires a Variance because the proposed alteration encroaches into the rear setback deviating from Section 134 of the Zoning Code. Variance Case# 2015-001277DRP is being heard concurrently. The new deck will provide open space for the residents of the existing dwelling units in within the RH-3 (Residential House, Three-Family) zoning district and a 40-x height and bulk district.

Discretionary Review Action DRA-xxx Hearing Date: March 2, 2017

On April 27, 2016 Robert and Katherine Evans (hereinafter "Discretionary Review (DR) Requestors") filed an application with the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for Discretionary Review (2015-001277DRP) of Building Permit Application No. 2015.06.16.9131.

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3772 20th Street

The Project Sponsor has turned in a revised set of plans. This plan set clearly shows the existing and proposed conditions onsite. The DR Requestors have reviewed them. They still have concerns with this proposed project.

The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as a Class 1 categorical exemption. The Subject Site has been designated as a "Known Historic Resource" (Category A Resource). However, after reviewing this proposed scope of work with our Historic Preservation Staff, there are no concerns and the existing garage is not part of the historical significance of this site.

On March 2, 2017 the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") and the Zoning Administrator conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Discretionary Review and Variance Applications 2015-001277DRPVAR.

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

ACTION

The Commission hereby does take Discretionary Review requested in Application No. 2015-001277DRPVAR and approves the Building Permit Application 2015.06.16.9131 with modifications.

The reasons that the Commission took the action described above include:

- 1. There is an extraordinary or exceptional circumstance in this case. The subject site currently has a nonconforming garage in the rear yard. This is the only encroachment of this scale within the immediate vicinity. No other properties along the current block have this type of garage. Furthermore, the proposed replacement garage will occupy the entire rear yard and not provide ground level open space and will be used exclusively for vehicle parking.
- 2. The modifications to this project include:
 - The reconstruction of the rear multilevel stairway and landing.
 - The demolition of the existing rear yard garage.
 - Not allowing the reconstruction of a new rear yard garage.

APPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACTION: Any aggrieved person may appeal this Building Permit Application to the Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days after the date the permit is issued. For further information, please contact the Board of Appeals at (415) 575-6881, 1650 Mission Street # 304, San Francisco, CA, 94103-2481.

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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PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2 Discretionary Review Action DRA-xxx Hearing Date: March 2, 2017 Case No. 2015-001277DRPVAR 3772 20th Street

Code Section 66020. The protest must satisfy the requirements of Government Code Section 66020(a) and must be filed within 90 days of the date of the first approval or conditional approval of the development referencing the challenged fee or exaction. For purposes of Government Code Section 66020, the date of imposition of the fee shall be the date of the earliest discretionary approval by the City of the subject development.

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

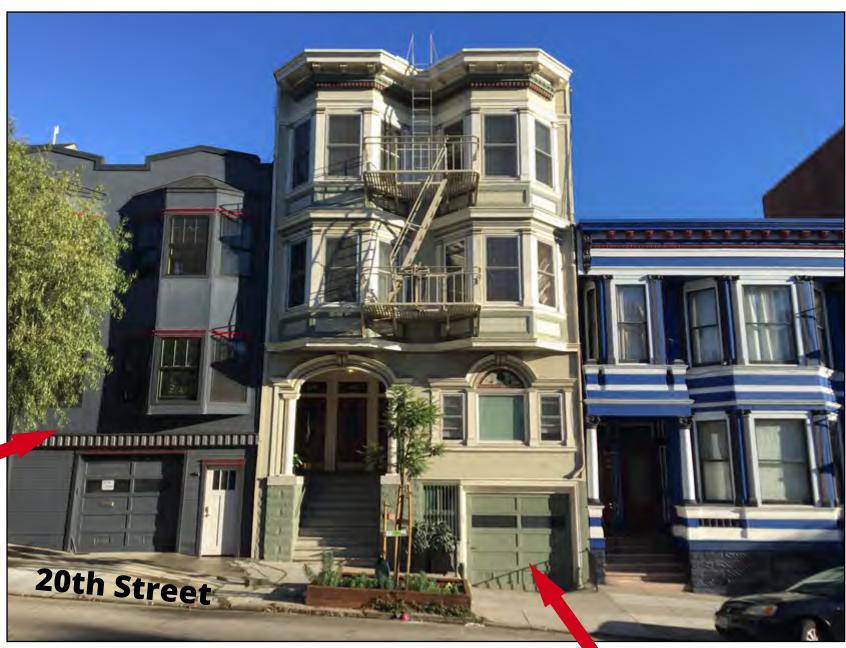
I hereby certify that the Planning Commission took Discretionary Review and denied the building permit as reference in this action memo on March 2, 2017.

Commission Secretary							
AYES:							
NAYES:							

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: March 2, 2017

Front of Building & Garage Entrance



DR Requestor

The building from 20th St., looking North

Project Site
Garage Door Entry

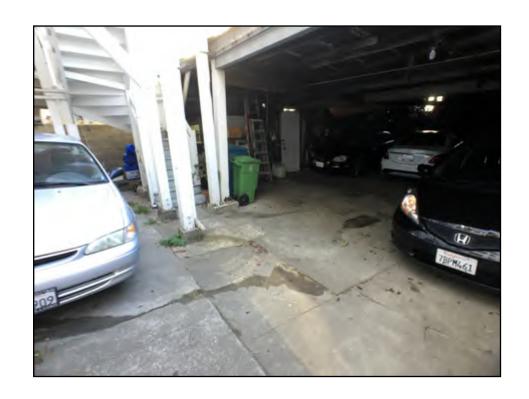


Looking north, as you enter the driveway "tunnel"

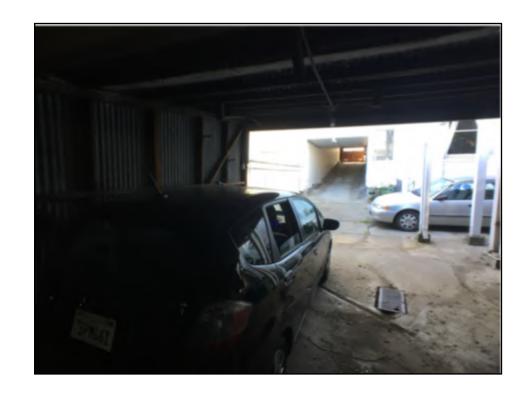


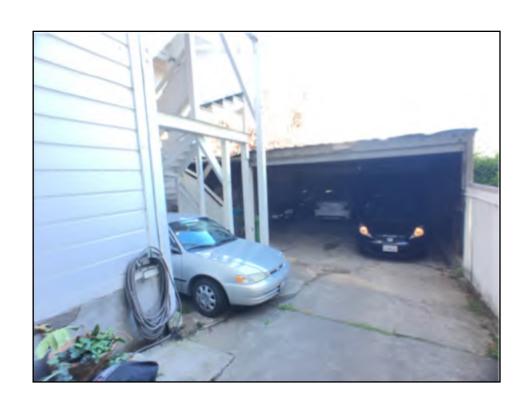
From the bottom of the covered driveway tunnel, looking north

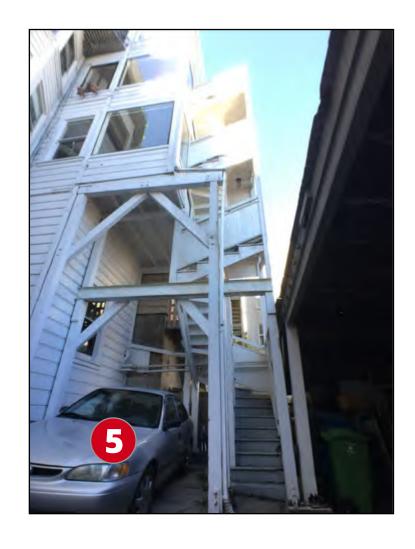
Ground Floor Garage Area













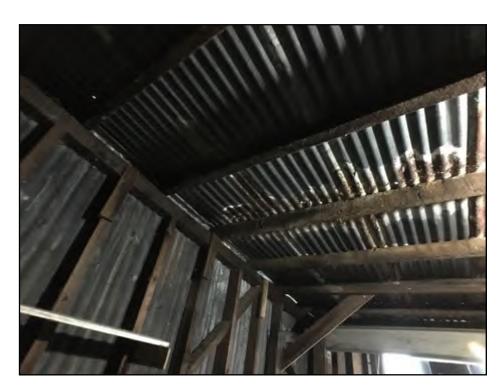
Numbering the 5 existing parking spaces, as also shown in the CAD drawings

Existing Garage Condition

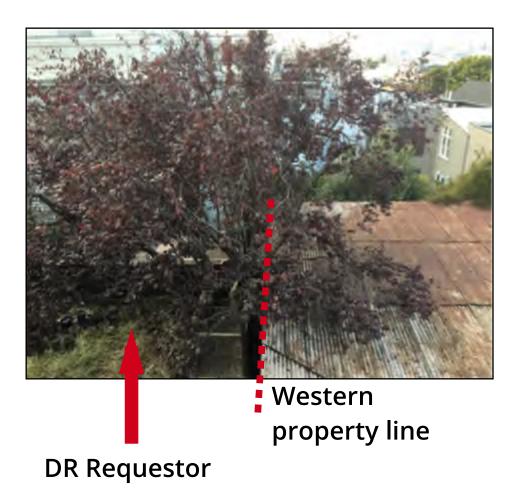












Project Vicinity - Satellite View

Approximate
Rear Yard
Lot Line

Other Nearby Legal,
Non-conforming
structures

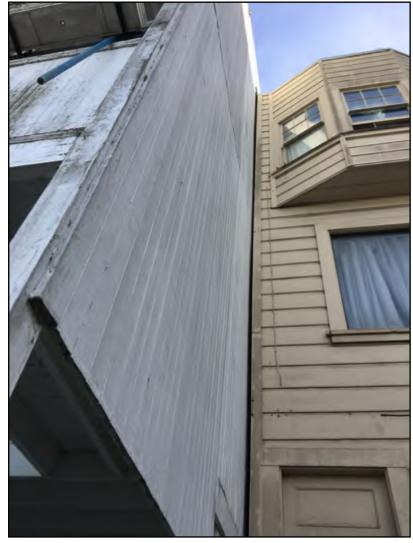


Project Site

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Rear Building & Stair Tower

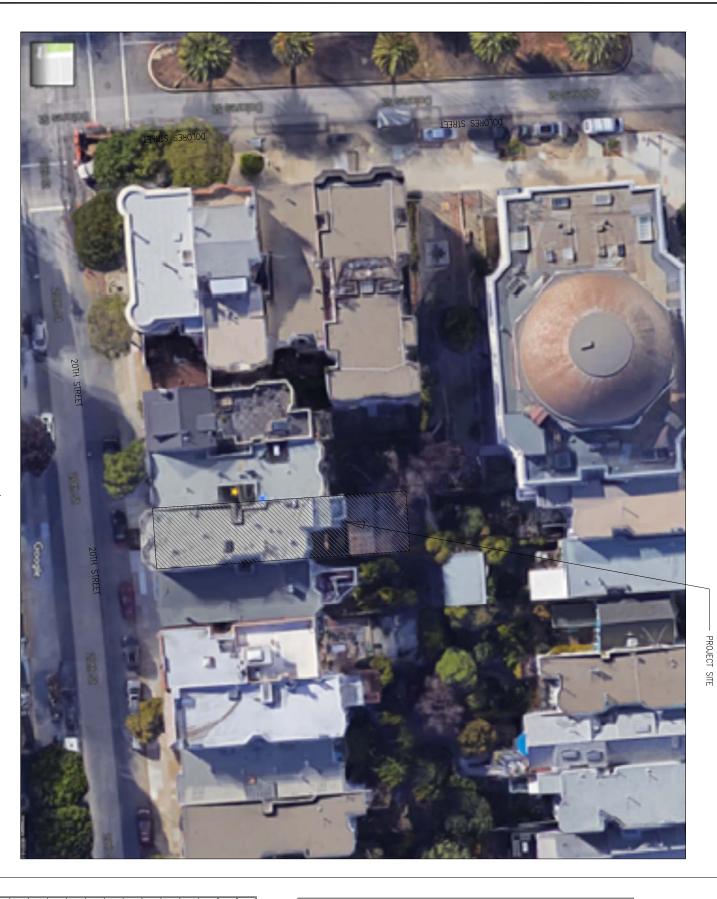




Western side of existing stair tower



Looking east, from the carport roof





ABBREIVATIONS:

...NO PROPOSED WORK

LEGEND:

DENOTES NO PROPOSED WORK (NPW), SEE 'SCOPE OF WORK'

NOTES PARKING STALL NUMBER, SEE 'NOT IN SCOPE OF WORK'

DENOTES PROPOSED NEW WORK ITEM (PNW), SEE 'SCOPE OF WORK'

VICINITY MAP

SCALE: NONE

SCOPE OF WORK:

20TH STREET HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION 3772-3776 20TH STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA #94110

PROJECT OWNER AND ADDRESS:

BLOCK LOT ZONING LISE DNITS STORIES CONSTRI 3598 138-141 RH3 R-2 4 4 ES 4 STRUCTION V-B

PROPERTY DATA:

2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
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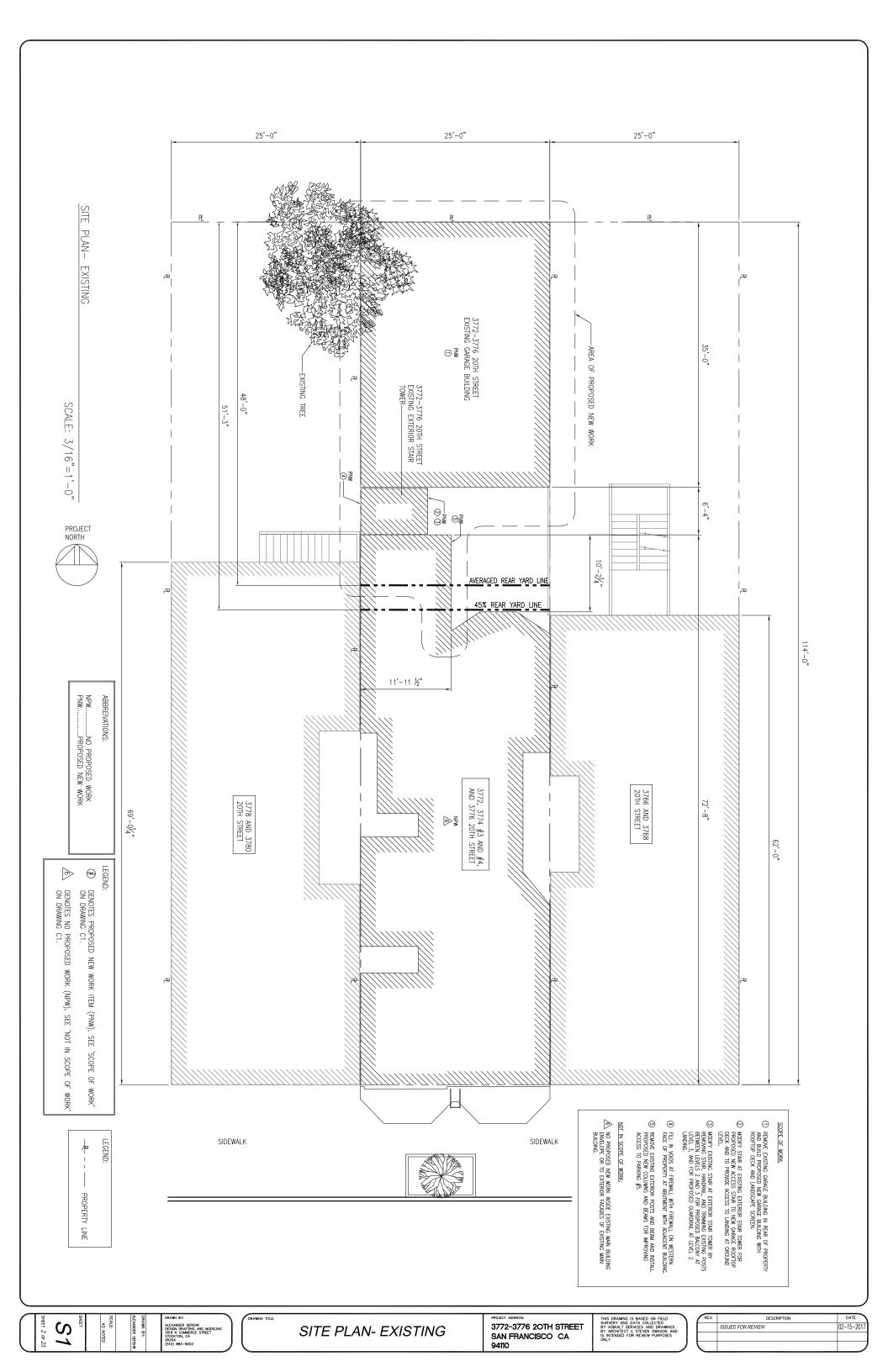
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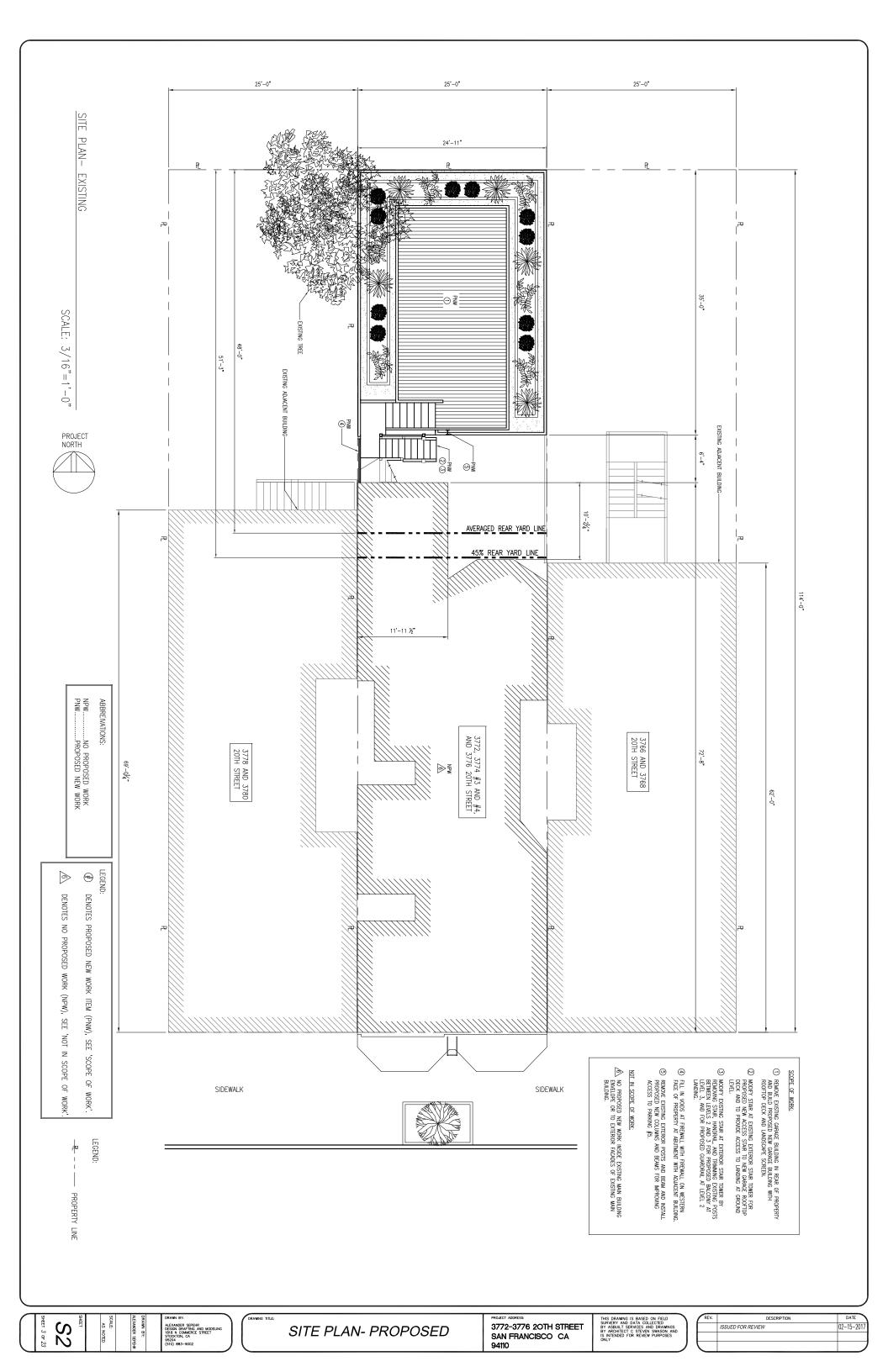
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- 4) FILL IN VOIDS AT FIREWALL WITH FIREWALL ON WESTERN FACE OF PROPERTY AT ABUTMENT WITH ADJACENT BUILDING
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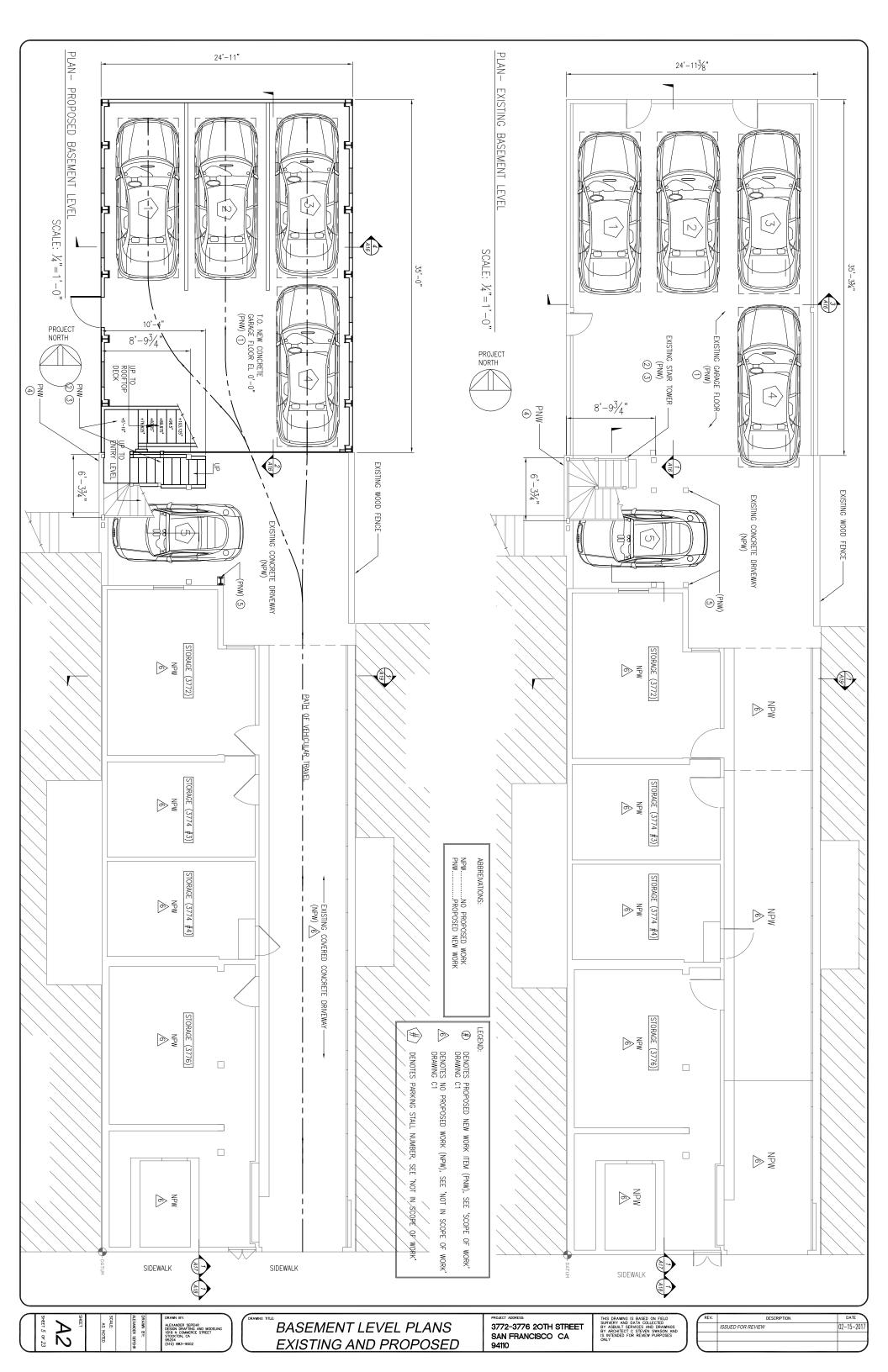
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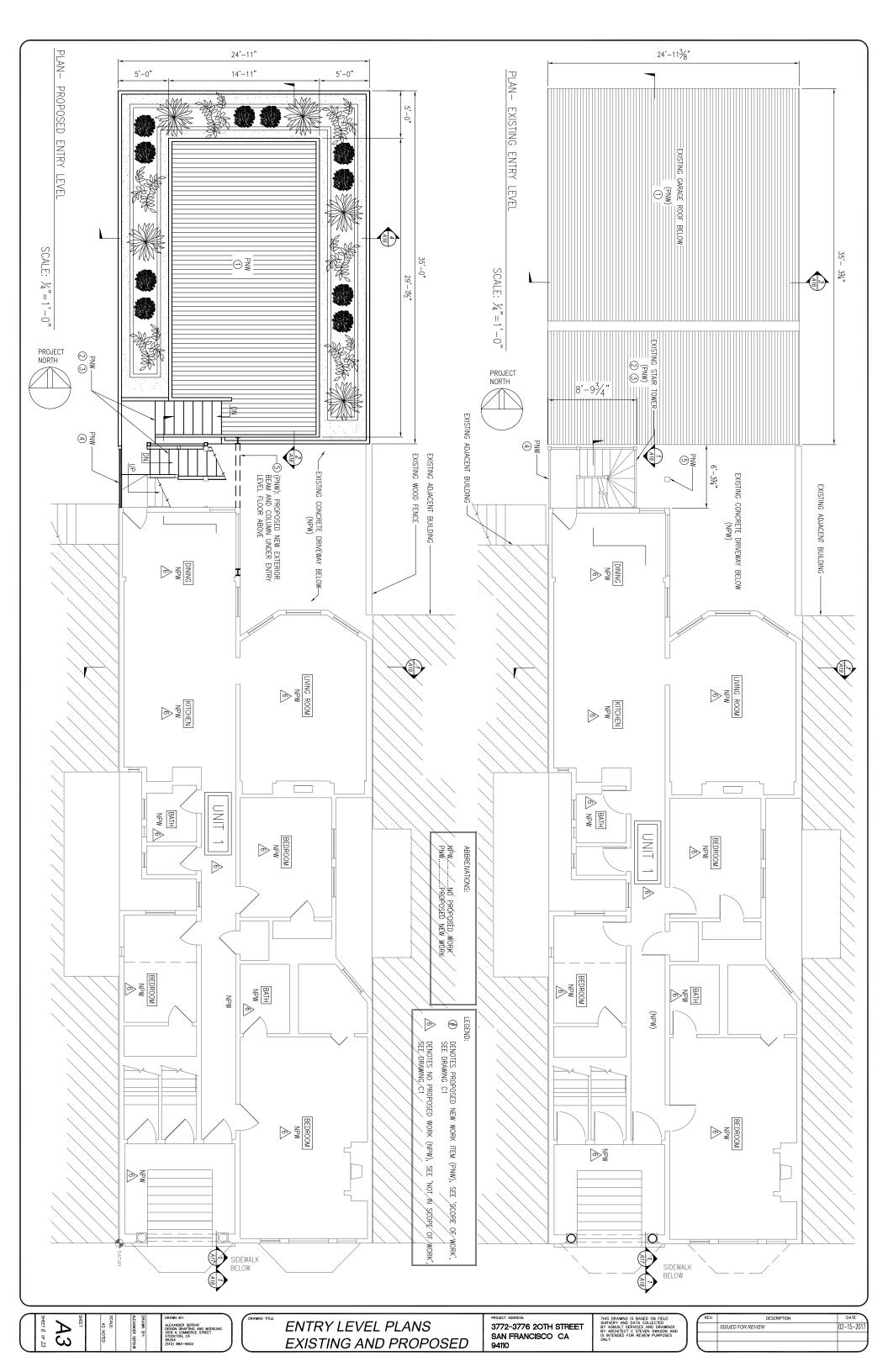
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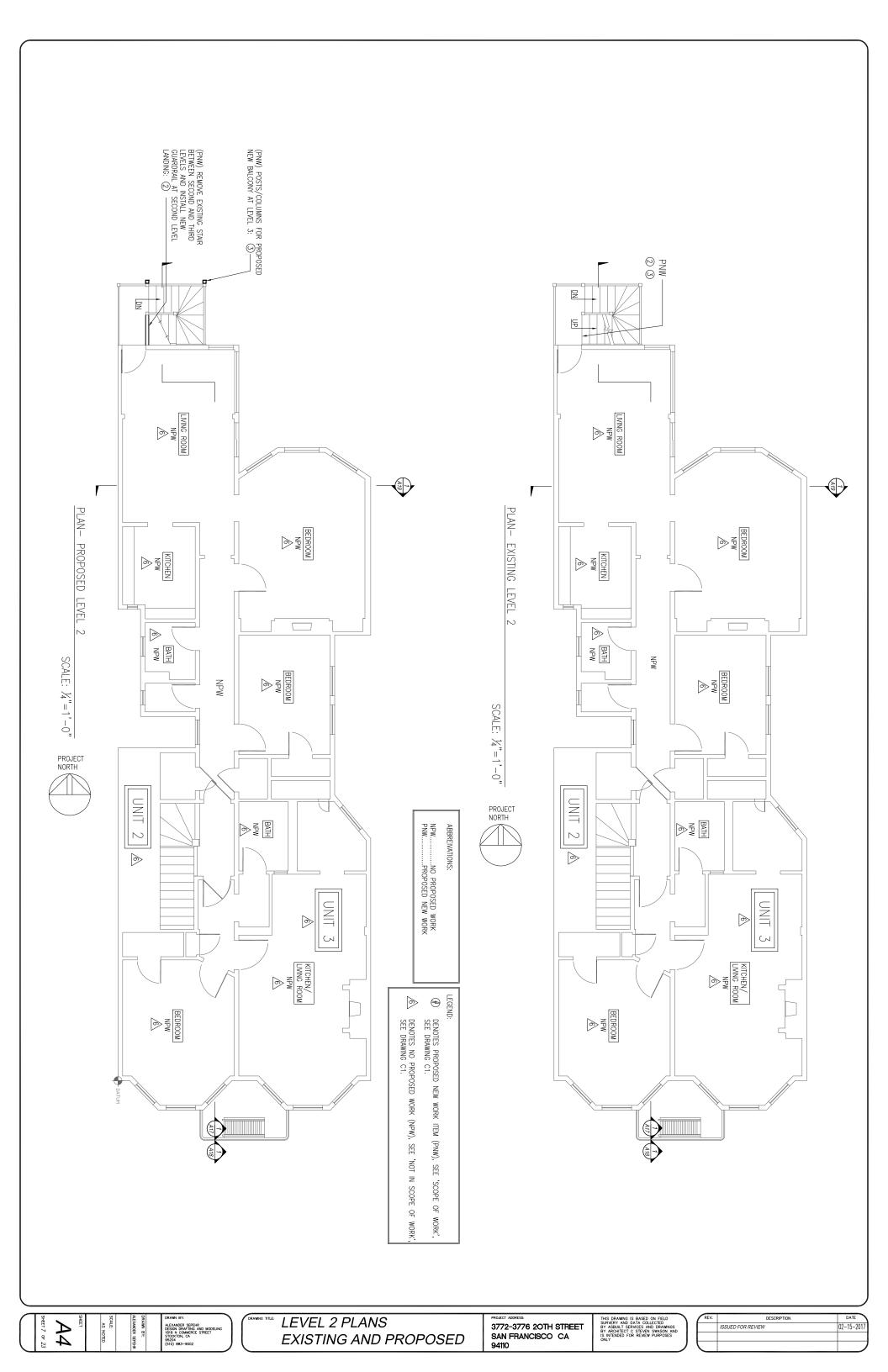
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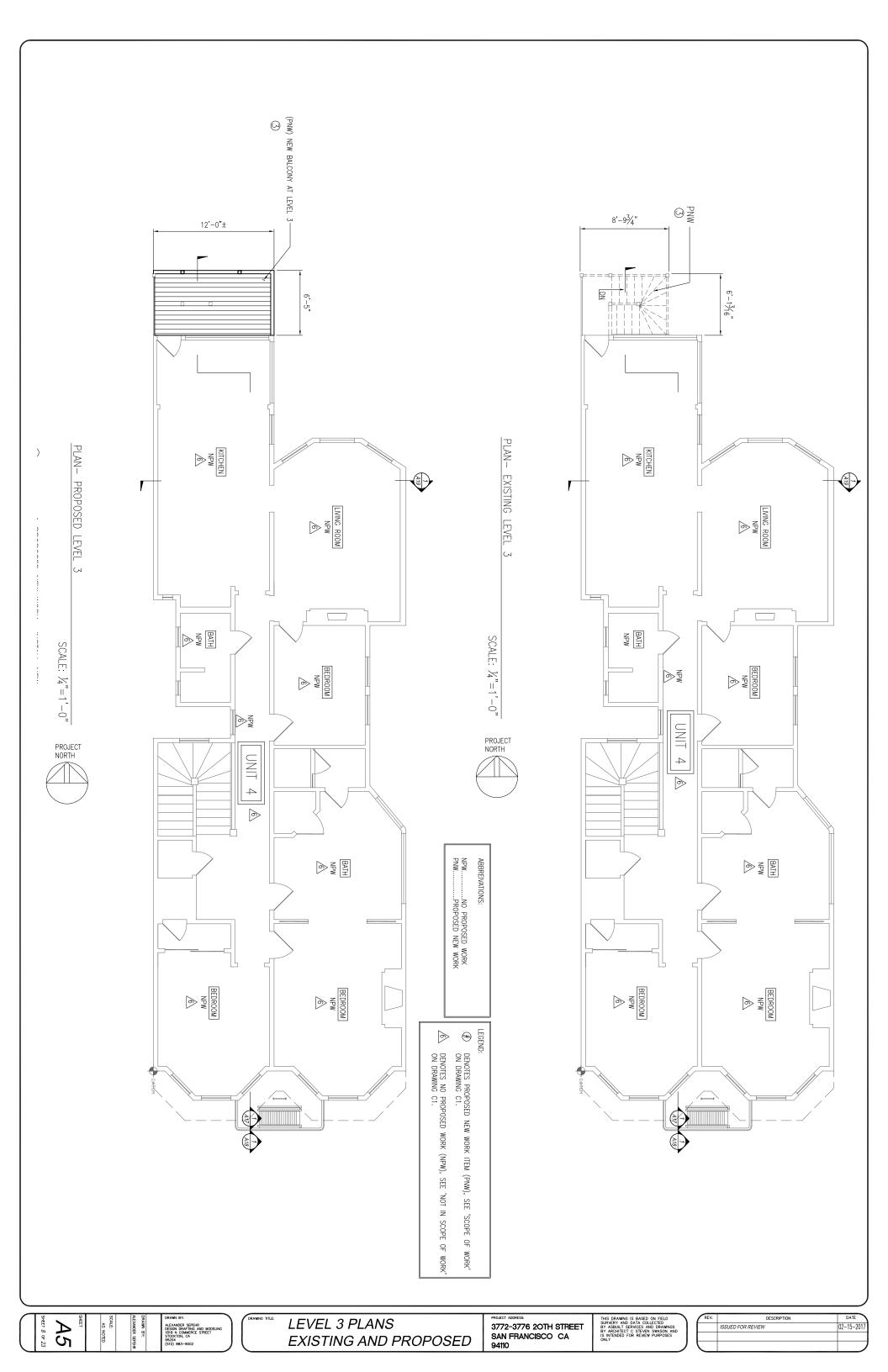


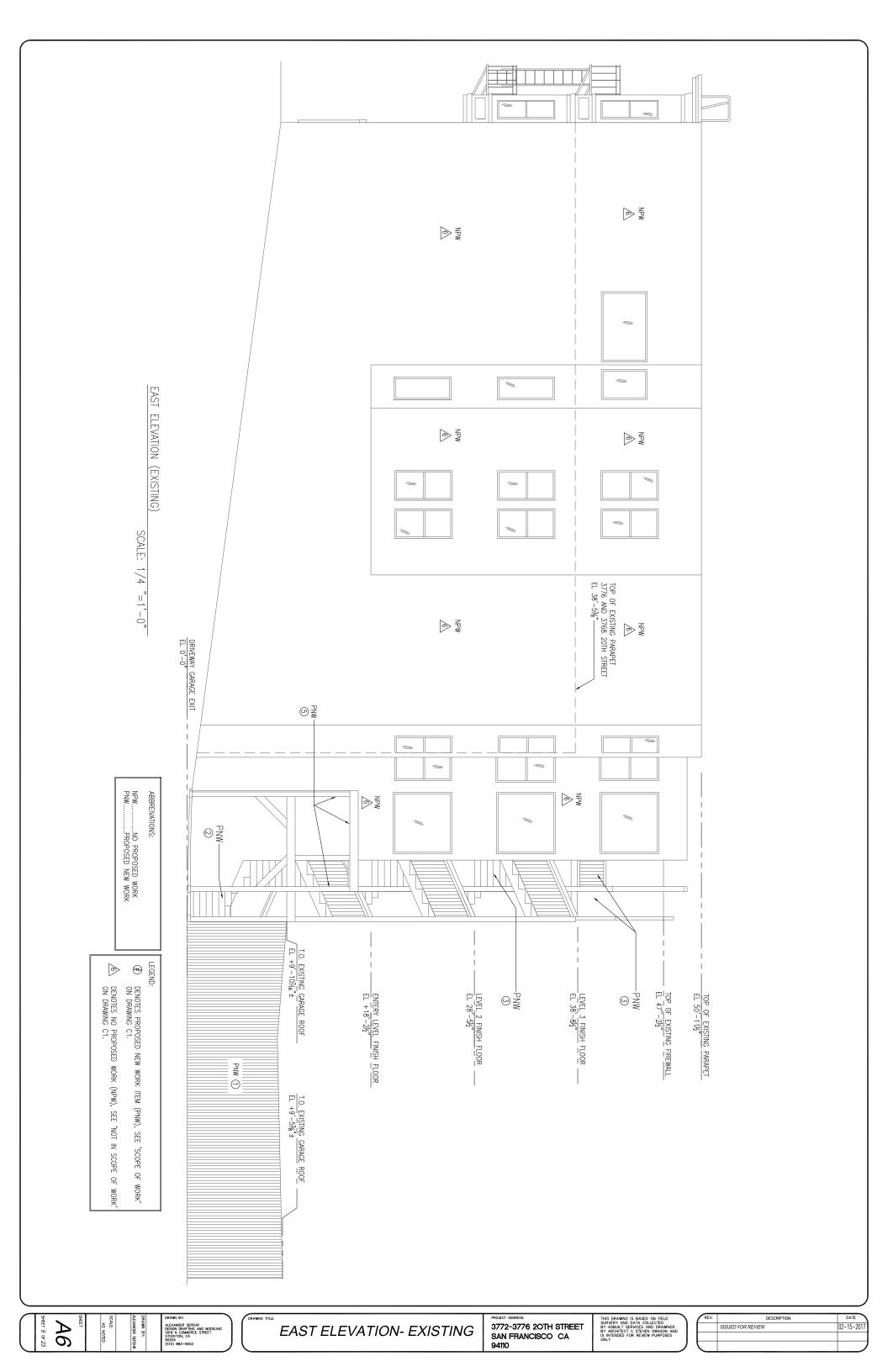


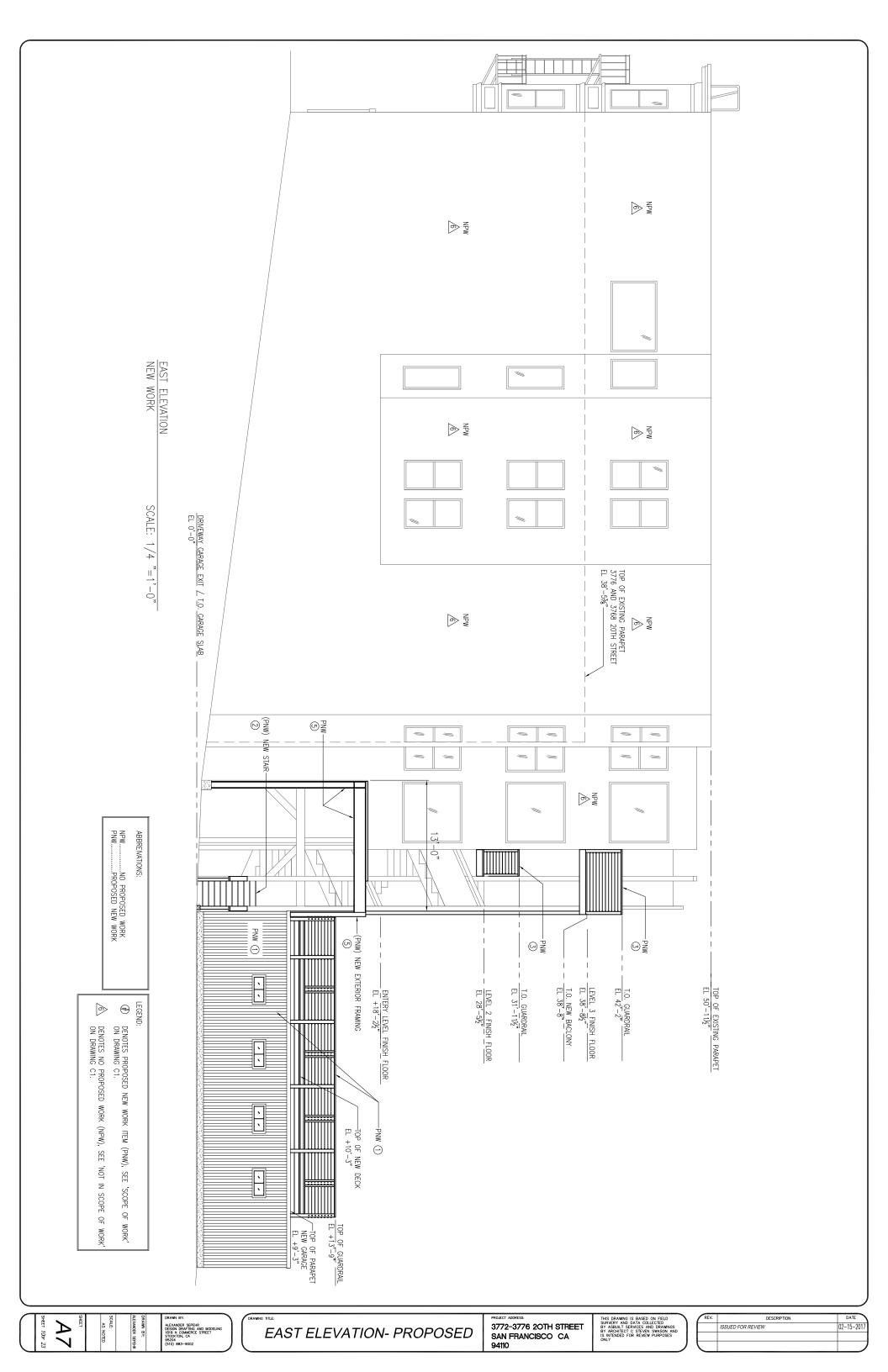


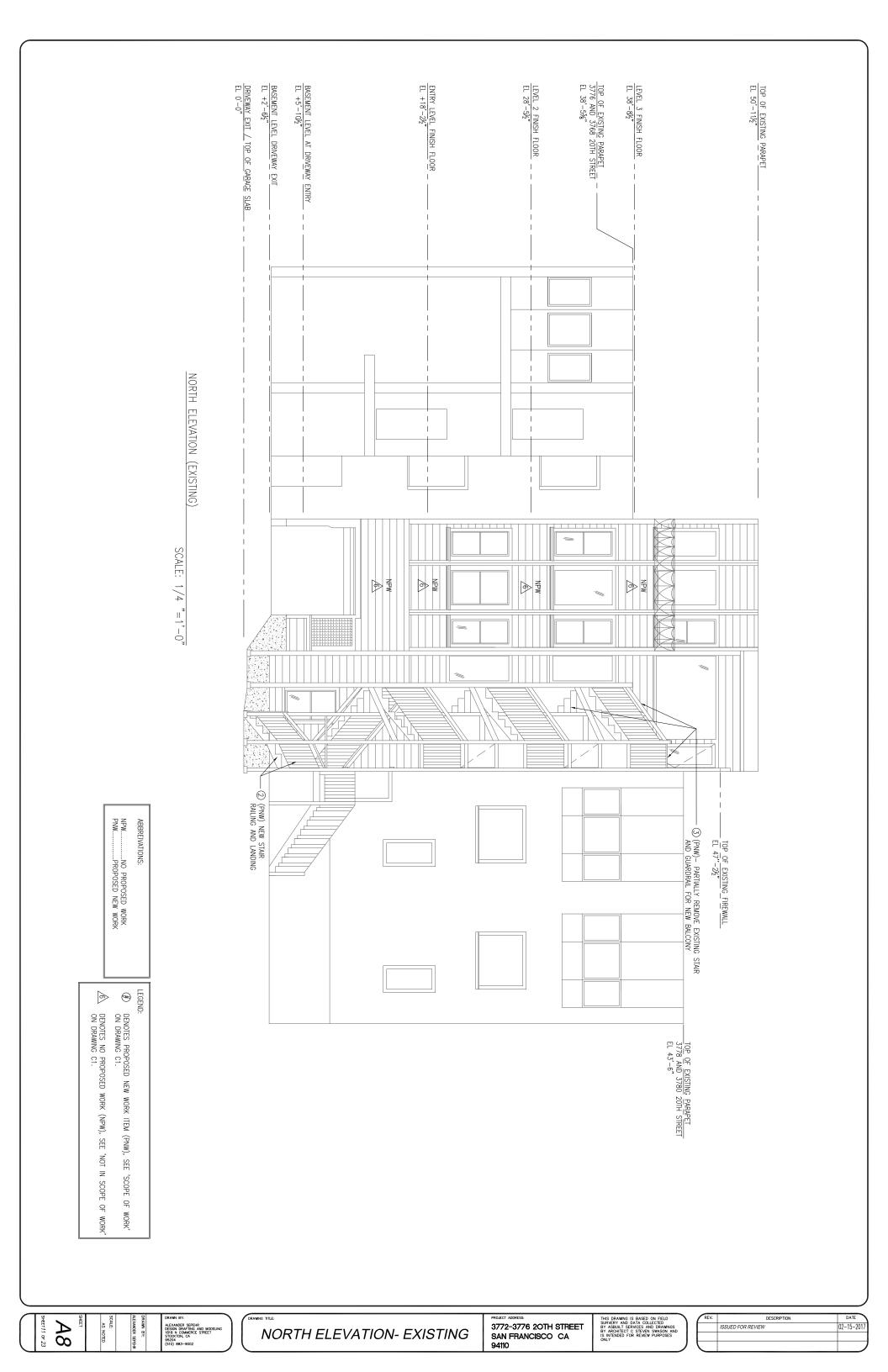


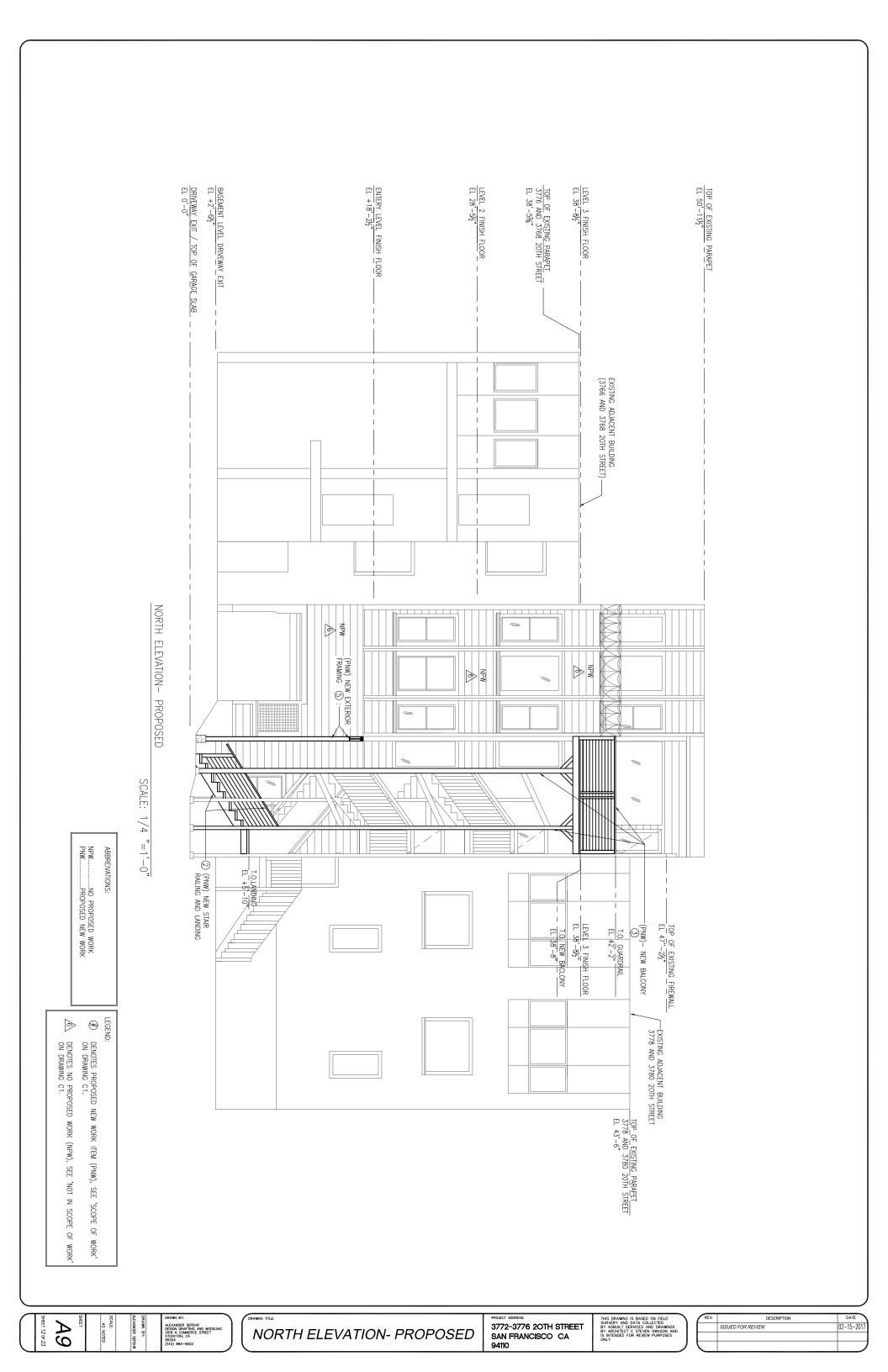


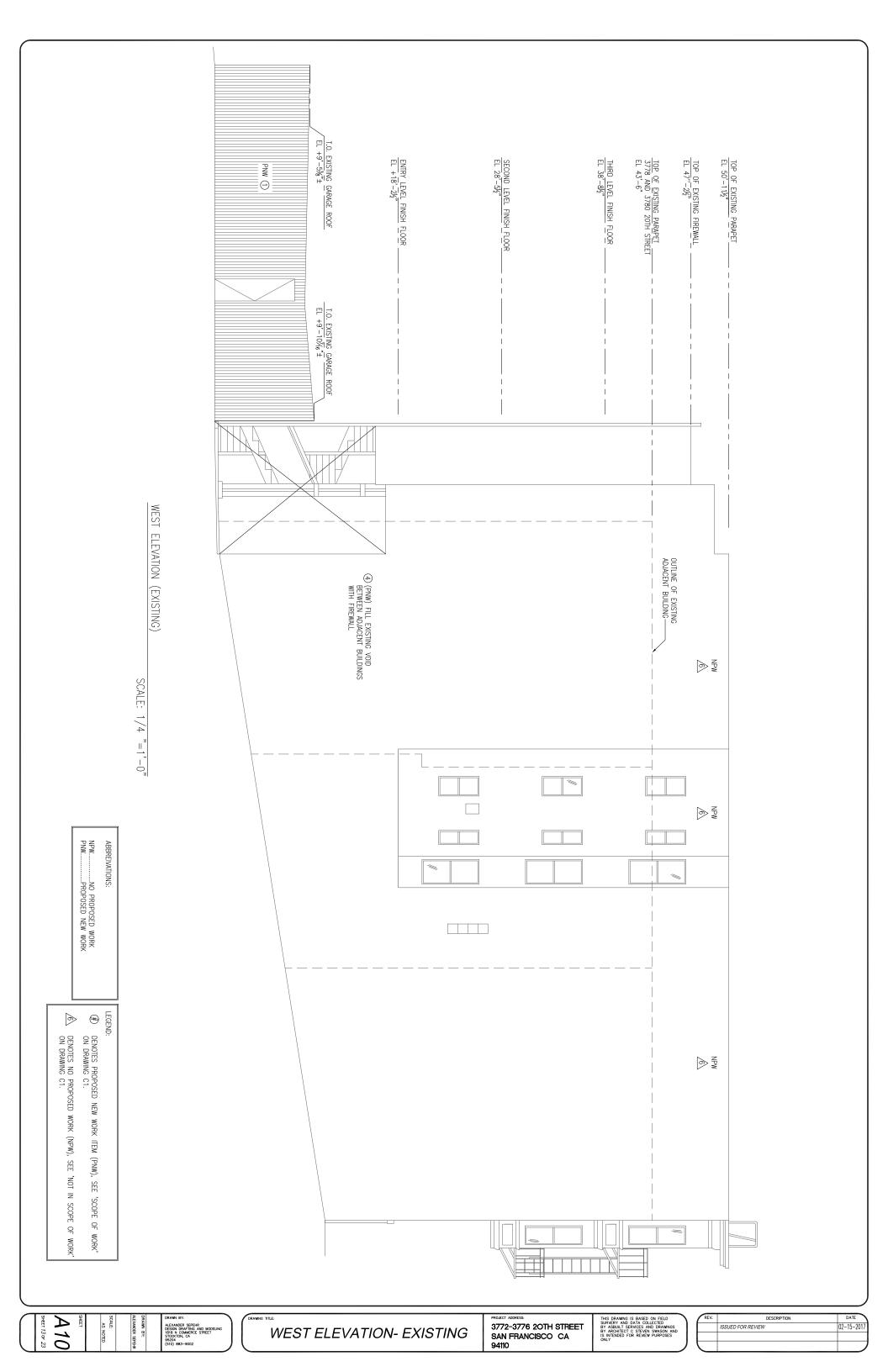


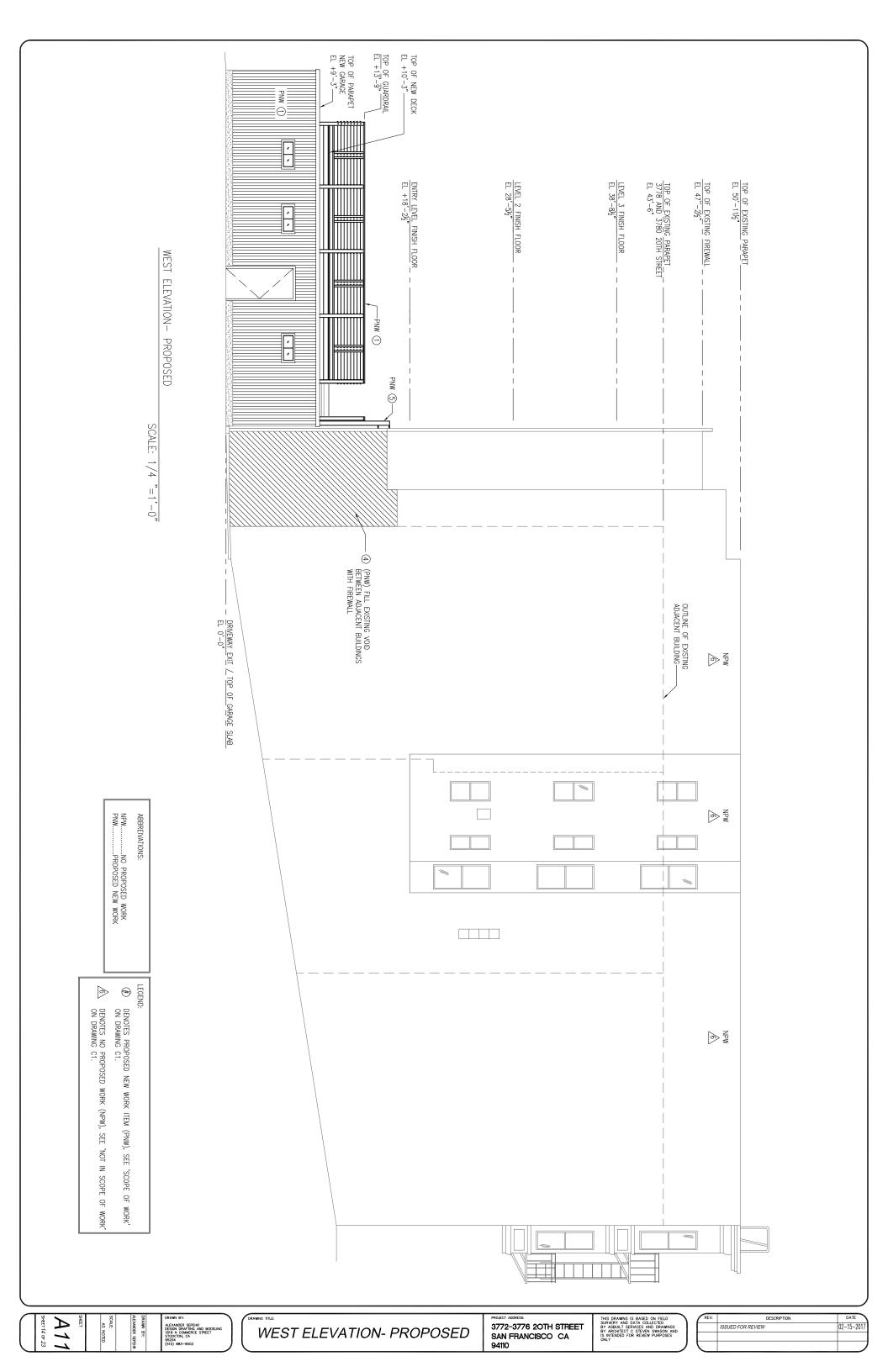


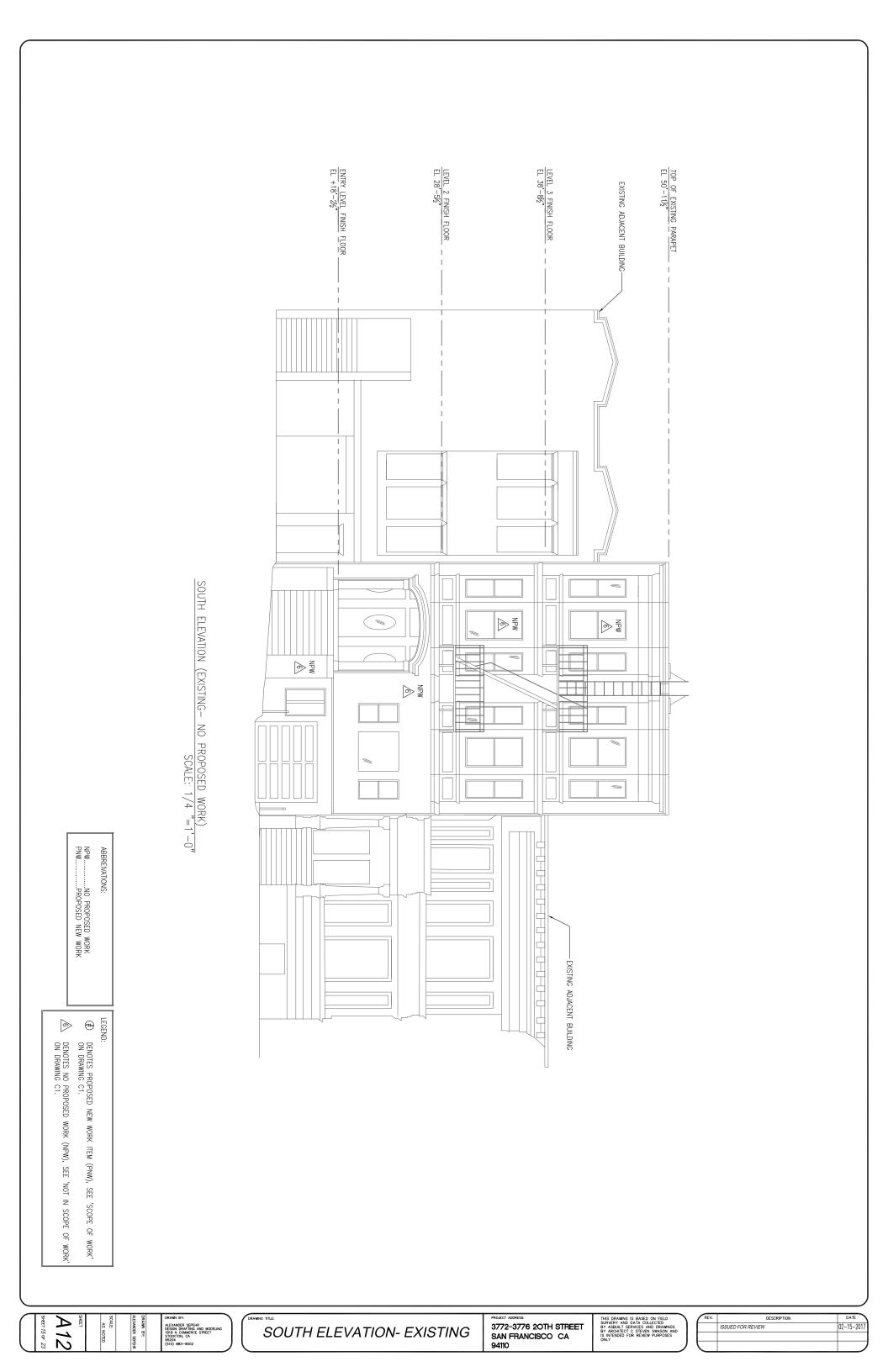




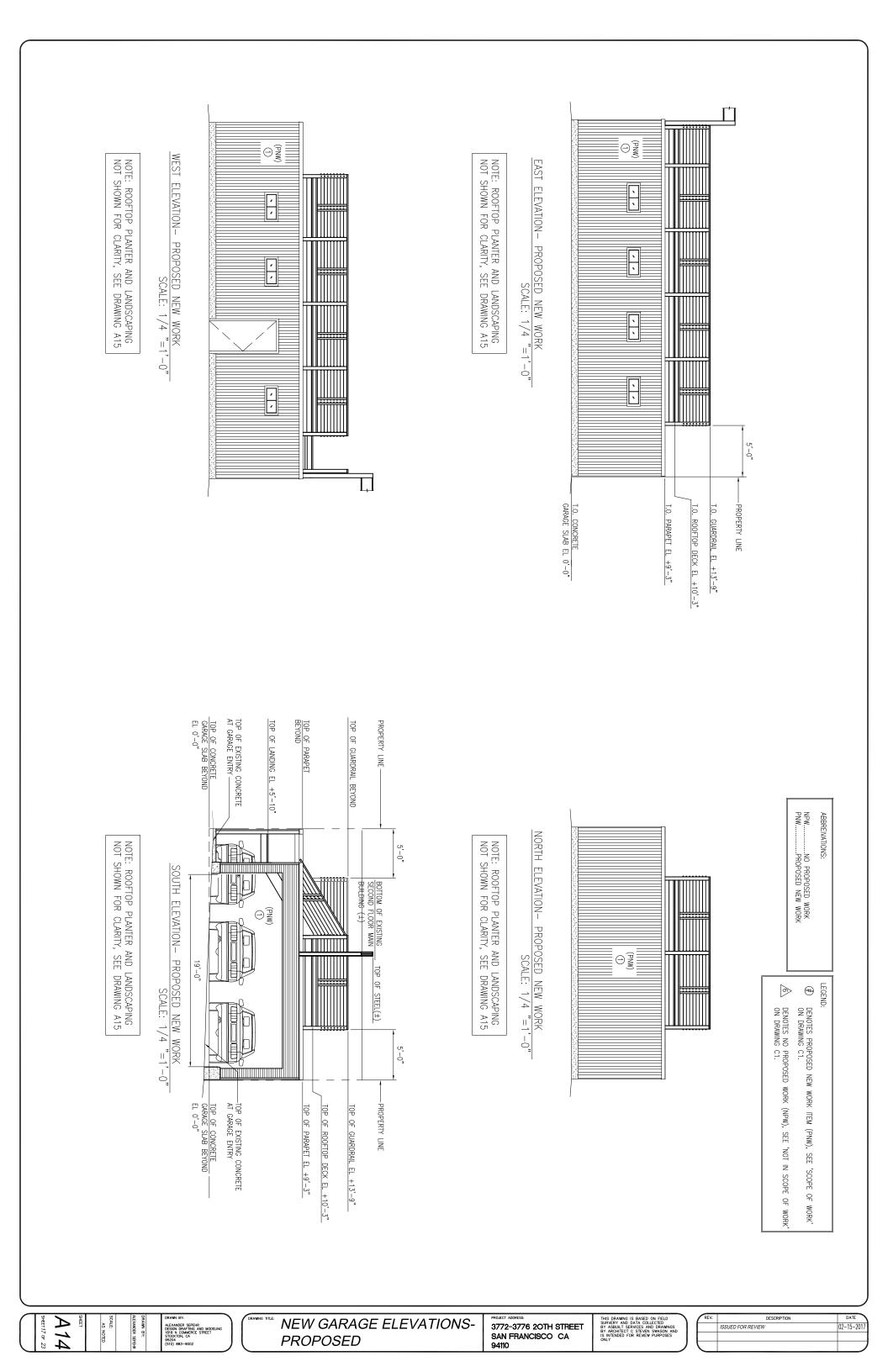


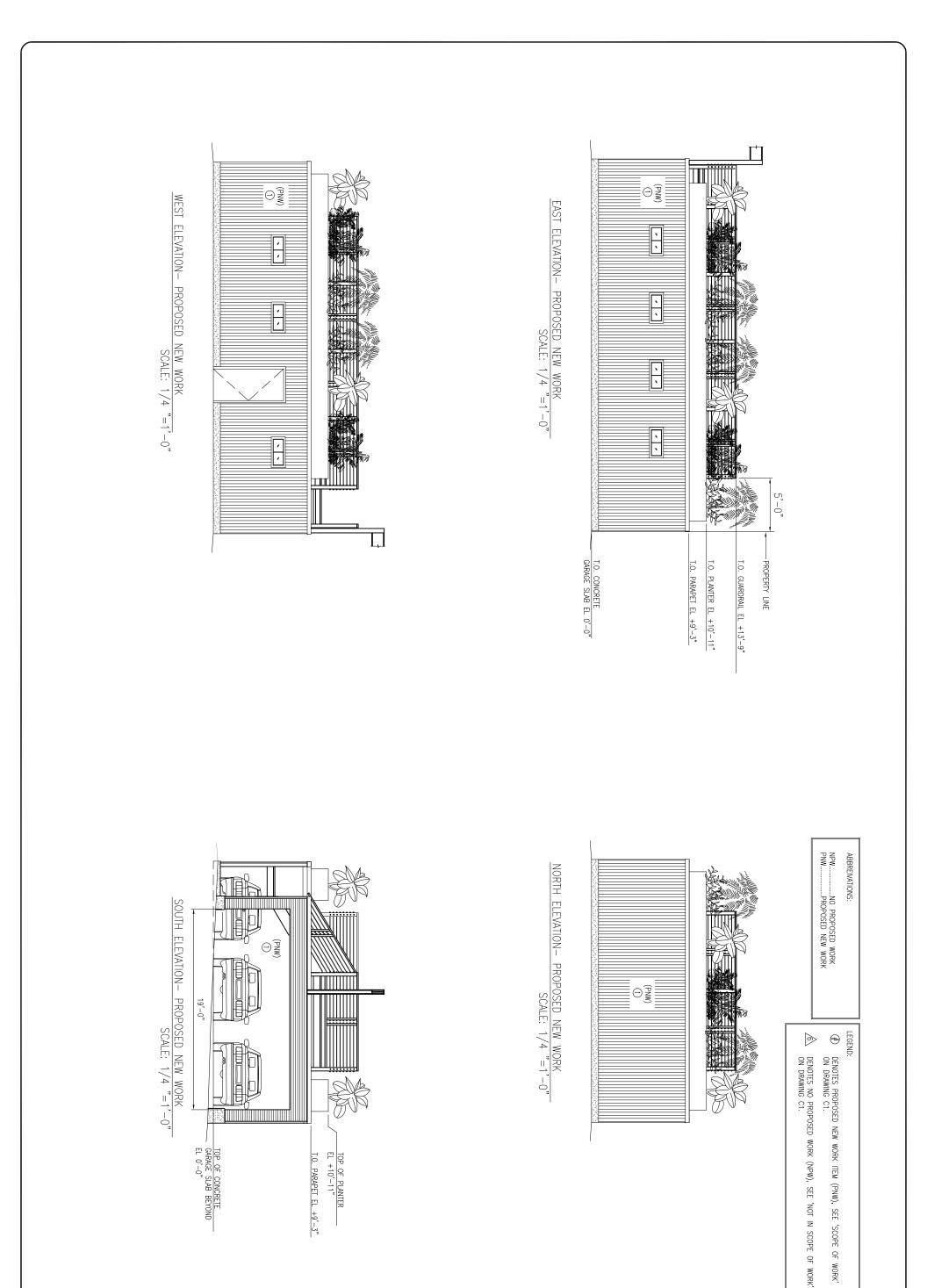












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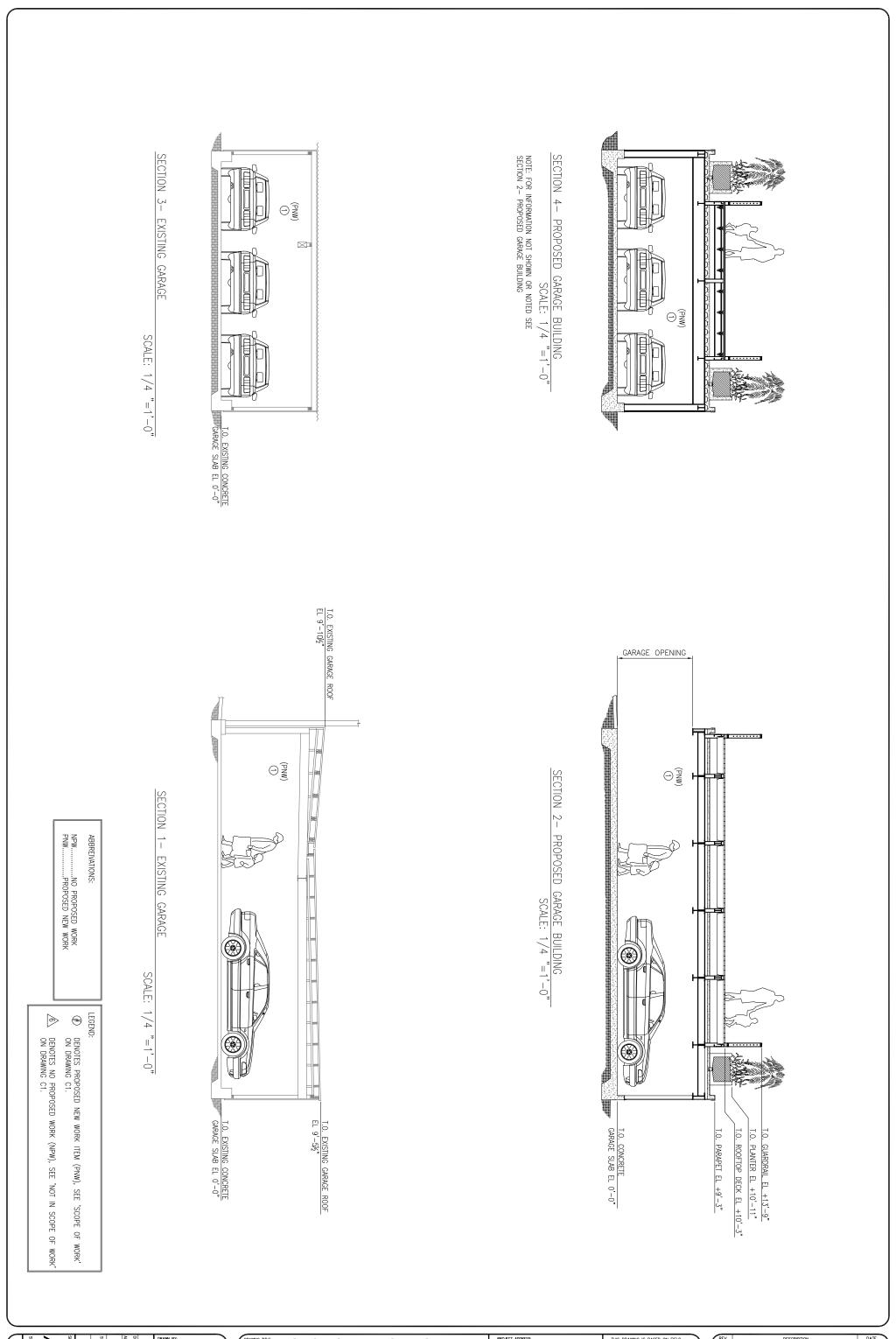
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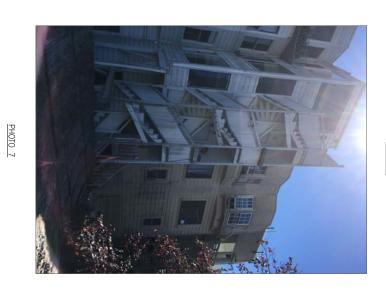
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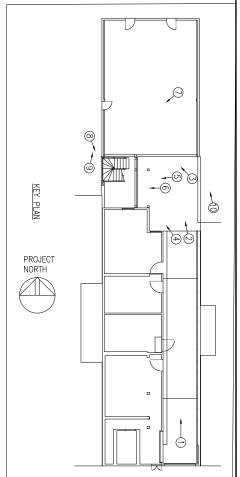


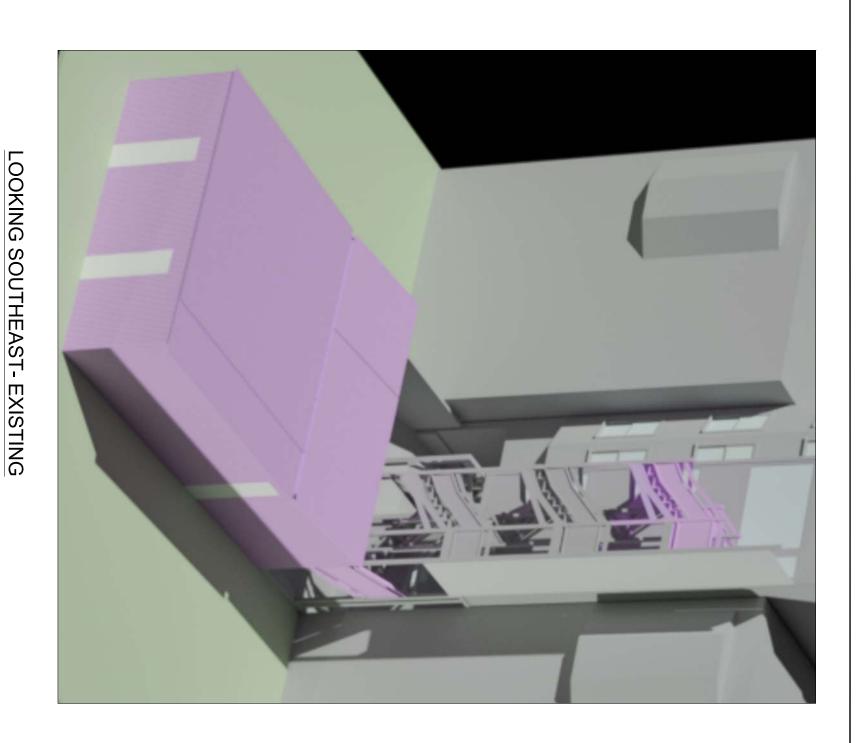




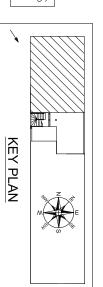








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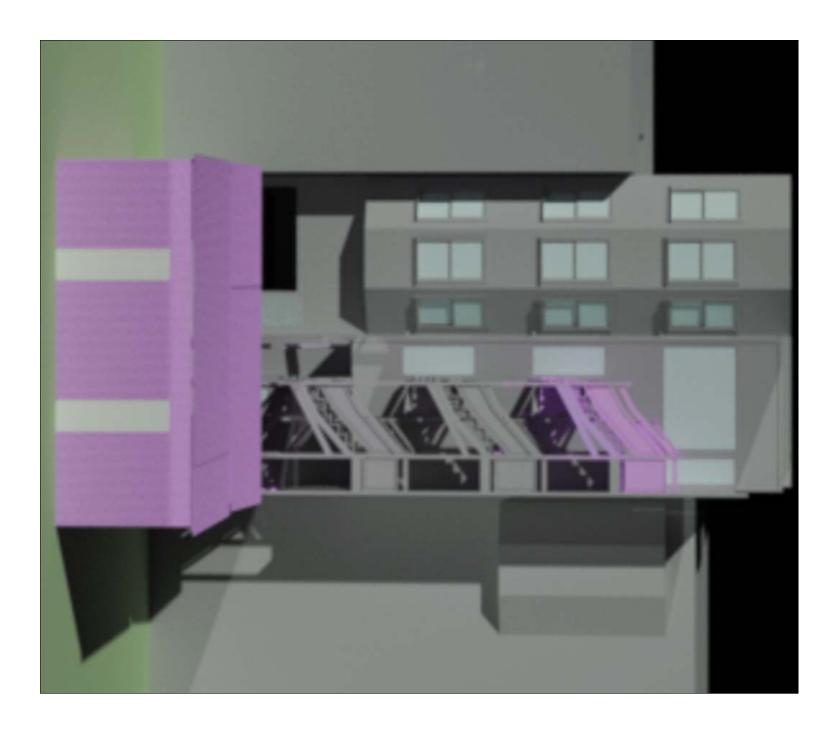
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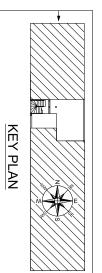
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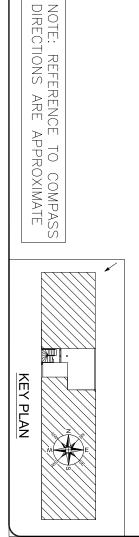
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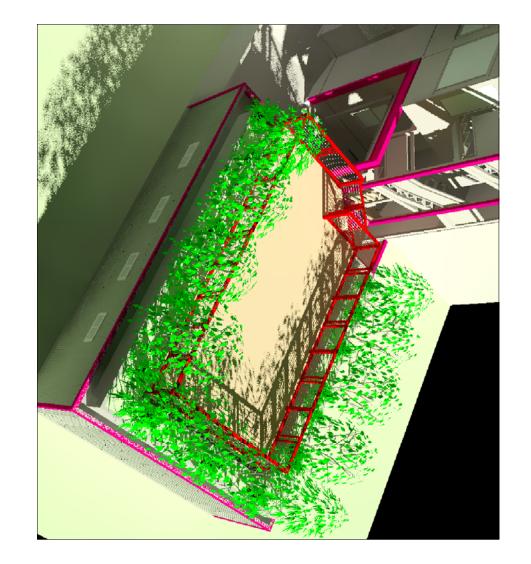
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EXHIBIT B

UNIT DIAGRAMS FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN OF 3772-3776 20TH STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA MAY 2014

GENERAL NOTES:

- THE SUBDIVISION DEPICTED HEREON IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE DAVIS-STIRLING COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENT ACT.
- 2. UNIT MEANS THE AREAS SO DESIGNATED ON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED ON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN, EACH UNIT CONSISTS OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE INTERIOR UNFINISHED SURFACES OF ITS PERIMETER WALLS, BEARING WALLS, FLOORS, FIREPLACES, CEILINGS, WINDOWS AND INTERIOR PORTIONS OF WINDOW FRAMES AND TRIM, DOORS (INCLUDING WINDOWS IN DOORS) AND INTERIOR PORTIONS OF DOOR FRAMES AND TRIM, AND INCLUDES BOTH THE PORTIONS OF THE BUILDING SO DESCRIBED AND THE AIRSPACE SO ENCOMPASSED. A UNIT INCLUDES (I) THE PAINT ON ALL INTERIOR SURFACES LOCATED OR EXPOSED WITHIN THE UNIT, (II) WINDOW SASHES OR OTHER ELEMENTS THAT DIRECTLY CONTACT THE GLASS PORTION OF THE WINDOW, (III) DOOR AND WINDOW HARDWARE AND ALL MECHANICAL ELEMENTS OF DOORS AND WINDOWS, AND (IV) PORTIONS OF THE ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HVAC, AND OTHER SYSTEMS SERVING ONLY THE UNIT. A UNIT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PORTION OF THE FRAMES OF WINDOWS OR EXTERIOR DOORS WHICH IS NOT EXPOSED WITHIN A UNIT INTERIOR, OR ANY STRUCTURAL COMPONENT OF WALLS, CEILINGS, AND FLOORS.
- 3. THE COMMON AREA CONSISTS OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY EXCEPT FOR THE UNITS.
- 4. A CONDOMINIUM IS A UNIT TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON AREA.
- 5. THE DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATIONS ON THE UNITS SHOWN ON THESE SHEETS ARE INTENDED TO BE THE UNFINISHED FLOORS, WALLS, AND CEILINGS OF THE UNIT.
- 6. ALL ANGLES ARE 90 DEGREES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- 7. ALL LEVEL ONE WALLS ARE 0.6' THICK AND ALL OTHER WALLS ARE 0.5' THICK UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- 8. ALL DISTANCES ARE MEASURED IN FEET AND DECIMALS THEREOF.
- 9. THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN ON THESE SHEETS ARE BASED ON CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO DATUM. THE BENCHMARK FOR THIS SURVEY IS THE LETTER "O" IN "OPEN" ON TOP OF THE HPFS HYDRANT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF DOLORES STREET AND 20TH STREET. ELEVATION = 112.262 FEET
- 10. THE AREAS LABELED S-3772, S-3774#3, S-3774#4 AND S-3776, SHOWN ON SHEET 2, ARE STORAGE AREAS. AN EASEMENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF SAID STORAGE AREAS SHALL BE GRANTED AS AN APPURTENANCE TO THE UNIT WITH THE CORRESPONDING UNIT NUMBER.
- 11. THE AREAS LABELED G-3772, G-3774#4 AND G-3776, SHOWN ON SHEET 3, ARE GARAGE AREAS. AN EASEMENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF SAID GARAGE AREAS SHALL BE GRANTED AS AN APPURTENANCE TO THE UNIT WITH THE CORRESPONDING UNIT NUMBER.
- 12. THE AREA LABELED P-3774#3, SHOWN ON SHEET 3, IS A PARKING SPACE. AN EASEMENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF SAID PARKING SPACE SHALL BE GRANTED AS AN APPURTENANCE TO UNIT 3774#3.

SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT:

THESE UNIT DIAGRAMS WERE PREPARED BY ME, OR UNDER MY DIRECTION, AND ARE BASED UPON A FIELD SURVEY, AT THE REQUEST OF ROSS FUBINI IN APRIL OF 2013. IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE DAVIS—STIRLING COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENT ACT, SECTION 1351(E)(2), THESE UNIT DIAGRAMS ARE THE "THREE—DIMENSIONAL DESCRIPTION" PORTION OF THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN.

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DATE: MAY 23, 2014

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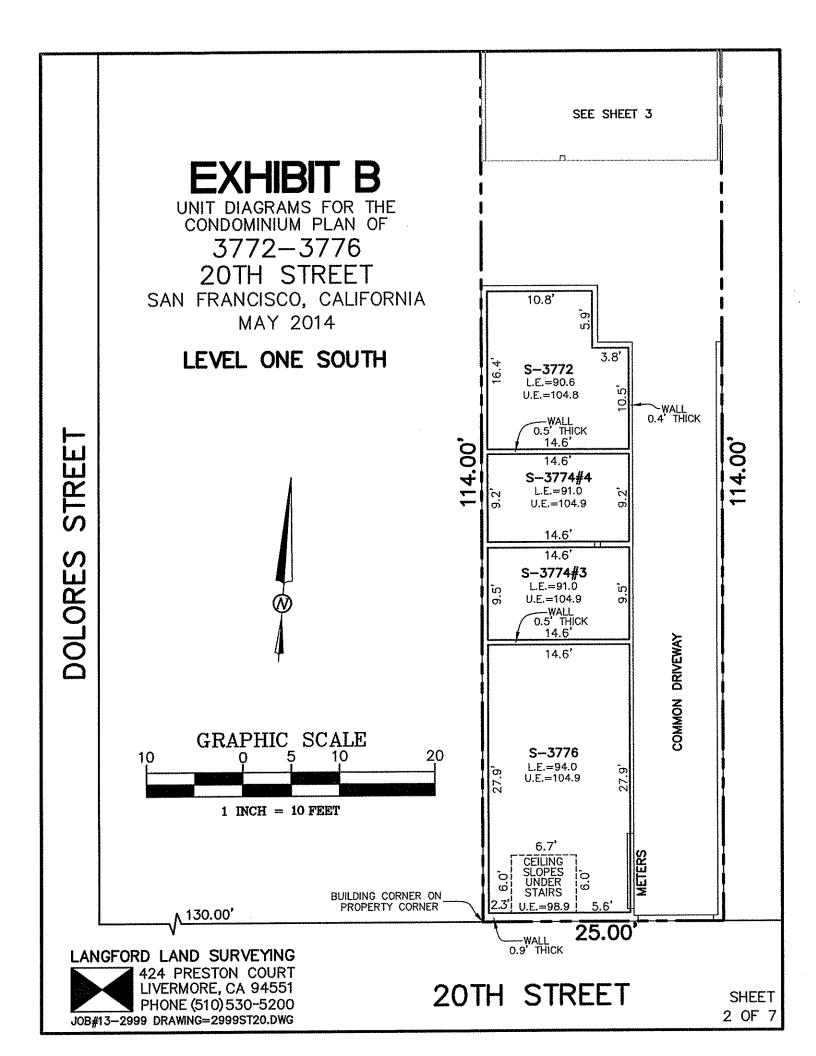
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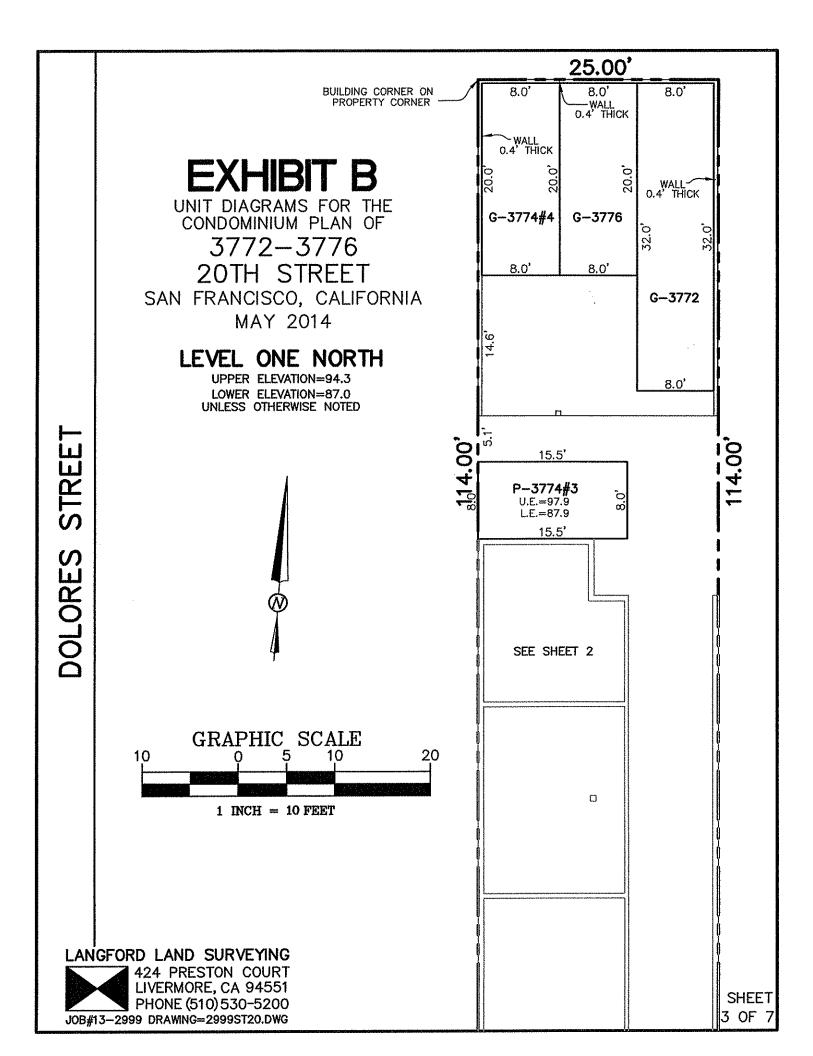


EXHIBIT B

AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN FOR 3772-3776 20TH STREET

SCHEDULE OF UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN COMMON AREA

THE PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF EACH OWNER AS A TENANT IN

COMMON IS AS FOLLOWS:

ASSESSOR'S LOT NUMBER	UNIT NUMBER	FLOOR AREA RATIO	PERCENTAGE INTEREST
138	3772	0.31	29.5%
139	3774#3	0.14	13.5%
140	3774#4	0.19	19.0%
141	3776	0.36	38.0%
TOTAL		1.00	100%

3772-3776 20TH STREET

ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 3598, LOT 21 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Discretionary Review/Variance Full Analysis

HEARING DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

 Date:
 September 8, 2015

 Case No.:
 2015-001277DRP-VAR

Project Address: 3772 20th Street Permit Application: 2015.06.16.9131

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

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot: 3598/138

Project Sponsor: C. Steven Swason

12800 Shenandoah Road Plymouth, CA 95669

Staff Contact: Todd Kennedy – (415) 575-9125

todd.kennedy@sfgov.org

Recommendation: Do not take DR and approve the project as proposed

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes a horizontal addition to the rear of the property. The addition will include the replacement of an existing multi-level stairway and deck and will include a roof deck on top of a garage located within the rear yard. These additions are proposed to improve the quality of the property and to provide a second means of egress and access to the roof deck from all levels in the building.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The subject property is a multi unit building with 4 units – 3772, 3774 #3 and 4, and 3776 20th Street. The project is located on the north side of 20th Street, between Guerrero and Dolores Streets in Assessor's Block 3598, Lots 138-141, and is located within the RH-3 (Residential House, Three-Family) District and the 40-X Height and Bulk District.

SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

The area surrounding the project site is residentially zoned and residential in use. Properties along 20th Street are zoned both RH-3 (Residential House, Three-Family) and RH-2 (Residential House, Two-Family). They are developed with both single and multifamily residences.

20th Street runs east and west and is located in the Mission District. The subject site is surrounded by predominately residential uses and is just east of Mission Dolores Park.

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BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

TYPE	REQUIRED PERIOD	NOTIFICATION DATES	DR FILE DATE	DR HEARING DATE	FILING TO HEARING TIME
311 Notice	30 days	March 29, 2016 – April 28, 2016	April 27, 2016	September 8, 2016	135 days

HEARING NOTIFICATION

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PERIOD	REQUIRED NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL PERIOD
Posted Notice	10 days	August 30, 2016	August 30,, 2016	10 days
Mailed Notice	10 days	August 30, 2016	August 19, 2016	21 days

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

The Department has received feedback from one of the adjacent neighbors, who did not file a DR application, but turned in a written statement expressing his concern of the construction and privacy issues. His letter is attached and he lives at 3768 20th Street, which is on the east side of the subject property.

DR REQUESTOR

Robert and Katherine Evans who reside at 3778 20th Street. The Evans's property is adjacent to the subject property on the west side.

DR REQUESTOR'S CONCERNS AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

The concerns of the DR Requestor include light, views, privacy, yard, and property value. This Discretionary Review was requested because it is believed the drawings are inaccurate and do not reflect the situation on the ground. Also, it is believed the requested Variance is not necessary in order to meet the project goal.

Issue 1: The applicants are attempting to alter a rear building by constructing a roof deck. The real building covers the entire rear setback. The main building on the subject site already encroaches into the rear yard setback. The existing rear building occupies the entire rear yard. The rear non-complying building should be not allowed to remain, but rather torn down.

The plans submitted with the 311 notice misrepresent the size of the current shed. The plans show a roof height of 13 feet and level with the top of the stair railing on our building to the west. The roof is actually 8 feet high. The slope onsite needs to be shown on the plan as well. The slope does affect the indicated height of the rear building.

The rear external staircase is intended to be rebuilt and brought up to code. It is understood and supported, but a Variance is requested to preserve their view at the expense of a neighbors view. It is understood that views are not protected by the Planning Code. A Variance should not be granted to enable this. It is feasible to rebuild their staircase to code without the need for further rear setback Variances.

Issue 2: There is already a large structure running next to the DR Requestor. The proposed changes to this rear building will make the DR Requestor's yard further isolated. These new changes will block light, air and privacy.

The alterations to the stairway and garage are along the side property line and will require a firewall. This would impact our views. A Variance should not be granted to allow these impacts. Furthermore, the proposed construction will cause harm to a plum tree located in the rear of the DR Requestor's property.

Issue 3: The project sponsor was reached out to during this process. No changes have been agreed to but discussions have been continuing. Since no alternatives or compromises were proposed or considered by neighbors or their architect, it was decided to file a Discretionary Review Request.

An architect was consulted with to create alternative designs. It is preferred that the garage be torn down and replaced with a parking area. If the garage is kept and altered, then the roof line should be lowered to match the existing shed. This would reduce the looming aspect that is currently presented in the 311 plans. The stairs can be rebuilt where the firewall does not have to be extended. A creative solution can be found that can meet the project goals while minimizing negative impact on neighbors.

Reference the *Discretionary Review Application* for additional information. The *Discretionary Review Application* is an attached document.

PROJECT SPONSOR'S RESPONSE

Issue 1: The proposed design has not increased the massing or the footprint of the existing structure. The original stairs will be maintained so as to not encroach further into the rear yard.

Issue 2: The existing ceiling height at the entry to the garage is 9 feet, 4 inches. This will be revised to 8 feet and that will lower the massing significantly. These changes were made after the initial filing and double checking the garage onsite.

Issue 3: The current design does respond to the requests of the DR Requestor.

See attached revised plans from the Project Sponsor

PROJECT ANALYSIS

Issue 1: Upon receipt of the DR Application, staff has worked with both the Project Sponsor and DR Requestor. The rear building was permitted and constructed in 1921. Therefore, it is legal, but legally non-conforming because the zoning codes have changed since that time. Any alteration to this structure must go through the necessary permitting process.

This project proposes an improvement to this rear building, which will improve its integrity and enhance its quality and aesthetics. The Project Sponsor rechecked the roof height and determined it was incorrectly drawn on the plans. He has made plan corrections and is proposing to lower the roof height to 8 feet.

The reconstruction of the rear staircase and the proposed roof deck require a Variance. The current zoning District of RH-3 requires a 50-foot setback. The entire scope of work encroaches into the rear setback coming to within 5 feet of the rear property line. Therefore, a Variance is required.

Issue 2: The project sponsor has agreed to lower the roof height for the rear building. This change was agreed upon to lessen the impacts on views and privacy. Also, the DR Requestor has agreed to have their arborist to trim the plum tree back so it is not to be impacted by the construction.

Issue 3: Following the filing of the Discretionary Review, the project sponsor has made changes to the plans that meet the DR Requestor's concerns. The plans were revised so the proposed stairway is setback 5 feet away from the side property line. Therefore, no firewall extension is necessary. Also, the garage roof will be lowered and the deck will be setback 5 feet on all property lines. Therefore, the project meets the DR Requestor's concerns.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Department has determined that the proposed project is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guideline Sections 15301(1) (4) and 15303(a).

RESIDENTIAL DESIGN TEAM REVIEW

The Residential Design Team (RDT) reviewed the project on June 2, 2016. The RDT requested that the proposed staircase be oriented so it does not create new depth to the existing firewall along the western property line. By making that revision, the Department was supportive of this project. The project sponsor has made that revision and has strived to meet the DR Requestor's requested changes and answered their questions.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Do not take Discretionary Review and Approve as proposed.

- The project meets all applicable requirements of the Planning Code.
- The project sponsor has agreed to make the revisions that meet the concerns of the DR Requestor.
- This project will benefit the property and make a significant improvement on an existing building.
- Open space will be created for the existing units onsite without having to demolish any existing structures.

RECOMMENDATION:

Do not take DR and approve the project as proposed.

Attachments:

Residential Design Checklist Block Book Map

Sanborn Map

Zoning Map

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Aerial Photo

Site Photo

Section 311 Notice

DR Application

Written Statement from Neighbor

Response from Project Sponsor

Reduced Plans

Residential Design Checklist

Note: This checklist is provided as a tool to aid planners when plan checking residential buildings against the Residential Design standards. Please check the applicable boxes below. Included in this checklist are the quantifiable triggers that require Residential Design Team (RDT) review. These specific questions are within shaded boxes with bold print. If the proposal exceeds the triggers, RDT review is required. The other questions are taken from the Residential Design Standards. If those standards are not meet with the current design, please consult with the project sponsor and request the relevant changes in the Notice of Planning Department Requirements. If you need additional guidance, please take the project to the RDT.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER (PAGES 7-10)

QUESTION	
The visual character is: (check one)	
Defined	
Mixed	\boxtimes

SITE DESIGN (PAGES 11 - 21)

QUESTION	YES	NO	N/A
Topography (page 11)			
Does the building respect the topography of the site and the surrounding area?			
Lateral Slopes along block-face			
1. If 50-percent of the buildings along the block-face create a pattern that			
steps down with the lateral slope AND the project is between buildings	\boxtimes		
that make up the stepped pattern, does the project maintain the stepped			
pattern along the block-face for at least the first 15' of the subject			
building? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)			
Is the building placed on its site so it responds to its position on the block and to	\square		
the placement of surrounding buildings?			
Front Setback (pages 12 - 15)			
Does the front setback provide a pedestrian scale and enhance the street?	\boxtimes		
In areas with varied front setbacks, is the building designed to act as transition			
between adjacent buildings and to unify the overall streetscape?			
Side Setback at Front			\square
1. If an adjacent building has a side setback, does the project provide a	Ш		
side setback of at least 3 feet wide and of a matching depth or 10 feet,			
whichever is less? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)			
Does the building provide landscaping in the front setback?		\boxtimes	
Side Spacing (page 15)			

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Does the building respect the existing pattern of side spacing? Note: this guideline is for side spacing not side setbacks. 1. (Quantify "pattern".) Does the project exist within a groupin structures that have similar side spacing? At minimum, two structures to one side of the project and one adjacent structure opposite side with similar side spacing must exist. (If no, no payes, see #2 below.)	adjacent are to the		
2. (Quantify side setback measurements.) Does the project provi space at the same width as the pattern? (If yes, meets threshold continue to #3.)			
3. If the side spacing pattern is not uniform, is the side setback feet wide or of an average width of the two adjacent side whichever is greater? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RD	spacings,		
Rear Yard (pages 16 - 17)			
Is the building articulated to minimize impacts on light to adjacent proper Lightwells 1. When providing a matching lightwell, does the proposed lightware a width of 3 feet from the side property line AND a length equivalent the matched lightwell (if the adjacent light well is 10 feet or good length, the proposed lightwell must be at least 10 feet long or 7 of the adjacent lightwell's length whichever is greater.) AND the floor above the basement/ground floor? (If yes, meets three no, consult RDT. NOTE: If project is a vertical addition, the shall be matched per #1 above only at the level(s) of the addition.	well have ivalent to greater in 5-percent begin at shold. If lightwell		
Depth of Addition 1. Is the rear addition the average of the two adjacent buildings meets minimum standard. If no, see next question.)	? (If yes,		
2. If the rear addition is greater than the average of the adjacent I AND does not exceed the depth of the longer building, is a min foot side setback provided at the second floor and above for the length for the rear addition that faces the open area of the adjustic contains the shorter building? (If yes, meets threshold consult RDT.)	nimum 5- he entire jacent lot		
3. For adjacent buildings of uniform depth and height at the reat the rear addition is greater than the average of the two buildings is the addition equal to or less than 12 feet deep an tall OR equal to or less than 12 feet deep, 2-stories tall wis setbacks on either side? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult R	adjacent d 1-story th 5 foot		

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Height of Addition 1. If the depth of the rear addition projects beyond one adjacent building is the addition more than two stories tall? (If no, meets threshold. If yes, consult RDT.)	IXI	
Side Setback at Rear		
1. If the project abuts a side setback of an adjacent building, is a side setback provided at a minimum depth of 5 feet at the second level on higher (as measured from the level of the rear yard)? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)		
2. If the project abuts an adjacent rear yard area that is fully open from both side property lines, is a side setback provided at a minimum depth of 5 feet at the second level or higher (as measured from the level of the rear yard)? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)		
Is the building articulated to minimize impacts on privacy to adjacent properties? 1. Do all of the windows of the proposal face onto an adjacent deck or an adjacent rear yard? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, see #2 below.)		
2. (Quantify "privacy.") If a window faces a building along the side property line or is located within a lightwell, is the proposed window at least 3 feet from the shared side property line AND not directly aligned with the transparent glazing of an adjacent window that is also 3 feet from the shared property line? (If yes, meets threshold, if no, consult RDT.)		\boxtimes
Views (page 18)		
Does the project protect major public views from public spaces?		
Reference the maps in the General Plan for "Street Areas Important to Urban Design and Views", "Quality of Street Views".		
Special Building Locations (pages 19 - 21)		
Is greater visual emphasis provided for corner buildings?		
1. Does the proposed corner building exceed the height of either adjacent building by more than one story? (If yes, consult RDT. If no, project meets threshold but may need setbacks depending on immediate context. The thought is encourage appropriate development of anchor buildings at corner lots, particularly if multi-unit housing.)		
Is the building facade designed to enhance and complement adjacent public	2	
spaces?		
1. Does the front façade finish material wrap around to the side façade for at least 15 feet or to the first change in plane at the side façade? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)		

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2. Are finished exterior materials proposed along the exposed side façade? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)			\boxtimes
Is the building articulated to minimize impacts on light to adjacent cottages? 1. Is a 3-foot wide minimum setback provided from all facades of the adjacent cottage? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)			
BUILDING SCALE AND FORM (PAGES 23 - 30)			
QUESTION	YES	NO	N/A
Building Scale (pages 23 - 27)			
Is the building's height and depth compatible with the existing building scale at the street? 1. If the vertical addition is at least one story greater than both adjacent			\boxtimes
buildings, is the addition setback at least 15 feet from the front façade? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)			
2. If the vertical addition is at the same height as 50% of the block-face without a front setback, is the vertical addition at least two stories taller than the adjacent buildings on either side? If yes, does the vertical addition provide a front setback of a least 15 feet beginning at the second level of the vertical addition? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)			
Is the building's height and depth compatible with the existing building scale at the mid-block open space?			
(Same as directly above but with a setback of 5 feet (instead of 15 feet). Building Form (pages 28 - 30)			
Is the building's form compatible with that of surrounding buildings?			\square
Is the building's facade width compatible with those found on surrounding buildings?			
Are the building's proportions compatible with those found on surrounding buildings?			\boxtimes
Is the building's roofline compatible with those found on surrounding buildings?			
ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (PAGES 31 - 41)			
QUESTION	YES	NO	N/A
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QUESTION	YES	NO	N/A
Building Entrances (pages 31 - 33)			
Does the building entrance enhance the connection between the public realm of			
the street and sidewalk and the private realm of the building?			

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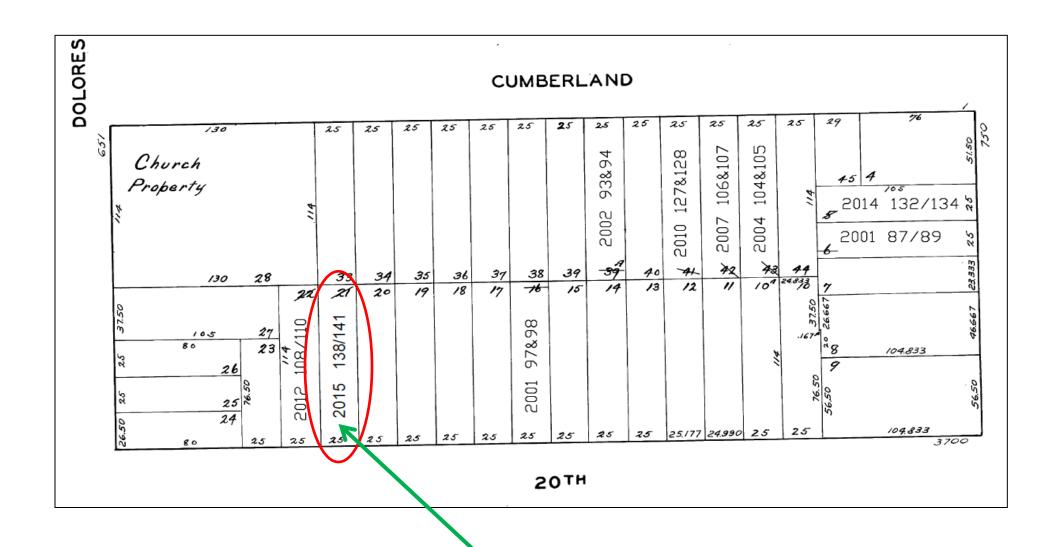
Does the location of the building entrance respect the existing pattern (see below) of building entrances? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.) 1. Pattern defined as 50% of the block-face AND the pattern existing at the adjacent buildings on either side of the project.		\boxtimes
Is the building's front porch compatible with existing porches of surrounding buildings?		\boxtimes
Are utility panels located so they are not visible on the front building wall or on the sidewalk?		
Bay Windows (page 34)		
Are the length, height and type of bay windows compatible with those found on surrounding buildings?		\boxtimes
Garages (pages 34 - 37)		
Is the garage structure detailed to create a visually interesting street frontage?		\boxtimes
Are the design and placement of the garage entrance and door compatible with the building and the surrounding area?		\boxtimes
Is the width of the garage entrance minimized?		
1. Is the garage door greater than 10 feet wide? (If yes, require the width of the garage door to be reduced to 10 feet per the Residential Design Guidelines or consult RDT if a unique situation exists.)		
Is the placement of the curb cut coordinated to maximize on-street parking? 1. Is the curb cut greater than 10 feet wide including curb returns? (If yes, require the width of the curb cut be reduced to 10 feet per the Zoning Administrator's Guidelines or consult RDT if a unique situation exists.)		\boxtimes
Rooftop Architectural Features (pages 38 - 41)		
Is the stair penthouse designed to minimize its visibility from the street? 1. Is the stair penthouse required by Building Code?		\boxtimes
2. If yes, is the stair penthouse of minimum size and setback 15 feet from any exposed façade or lightwell and only one story above the main roof of the residence? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)		
Are the parapets compatible with the overall building proportions and other building elements?		\boxtimes
Are the dormers compatible with the architectural character of surrounding buildings?		\boxtimes
Are the windscreens designed to minimize impacts on the building's design and on light to adjacent buildings? 1. Are open railings or transparent material proposed at the windscreens? (If yes, meets threshold. If no, consult RDT.)		

BUILDING DETAILS (PAGES 43 - 48)

QUESTION	YES	NO	N/A
Architectural Details (pages 43 - 44)			
Are the placement and scale of architectural details compatible with the building and the surrounding area?			\boxtimes
Windows (pages 44 - 46)			
Do the windows contribute to the architectural character of the building and the neighborhood? (Refer to pending Window Standards. In the interim, below shall be applicable.) 1. Is a window detail provided that illustrates the glazing of the window to be setback 2 inches from the face of façade exclusive of trim?			
2. If an alteration, are the proposed windows compatible with the presumed original windows of existing building and each adjacent structure?			
3. If new construction, are the proposed windows of high quality and compatible with the character of the block-face?			
Are the proportion and size of the windows related to that of existing buildings in the neighborhood?			
Are the window features designed to be compatible with the building's architectural character, as well as other buildings in the neighborhood?			
Are the window materials compatible with those found on surrounding buildings, especially on facades visible from the street?			
Exterior Materials (pages 47 - 48)			
Are the type, finish and quality of the building's materials compatible with those used in the surrounding area?			\boxtimes
Are the building's exposed walls covered and finished with quality materials that are compatible with the front facade and adjacent buildings?			
Are the building's materials properly detailed and appropriately applied?			

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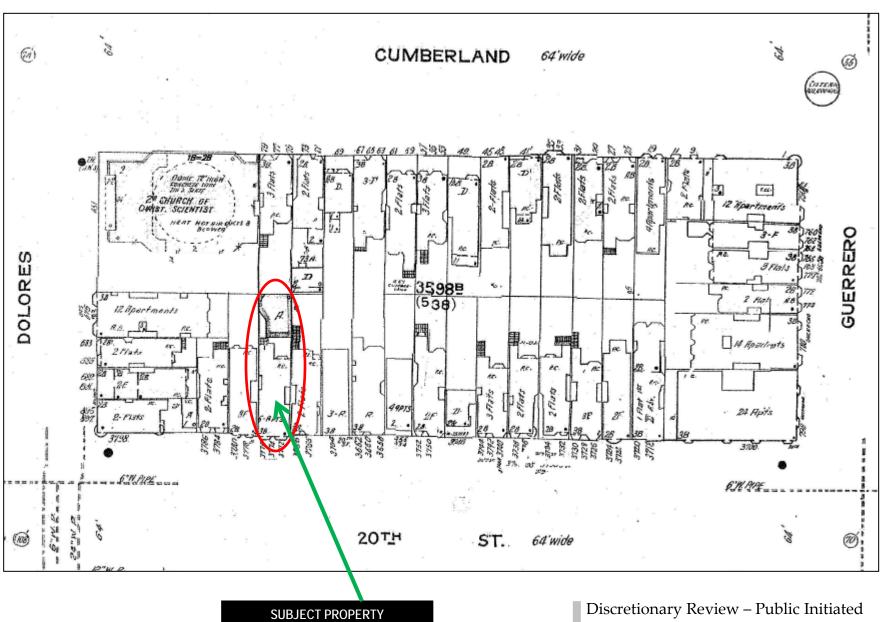
Block Book Map



SUBJECT PROPERTY

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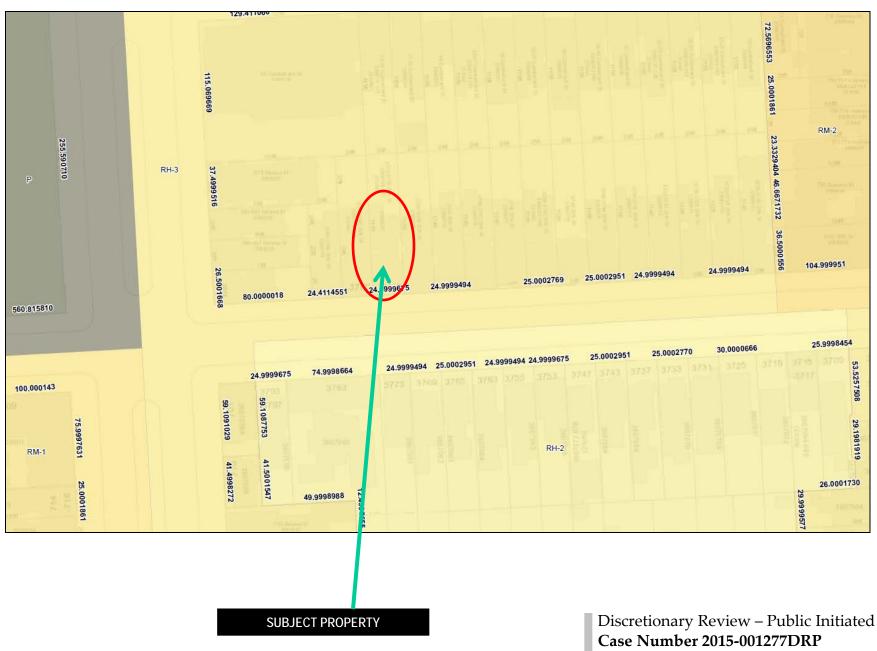
Sanborn Map*



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Zoning Map



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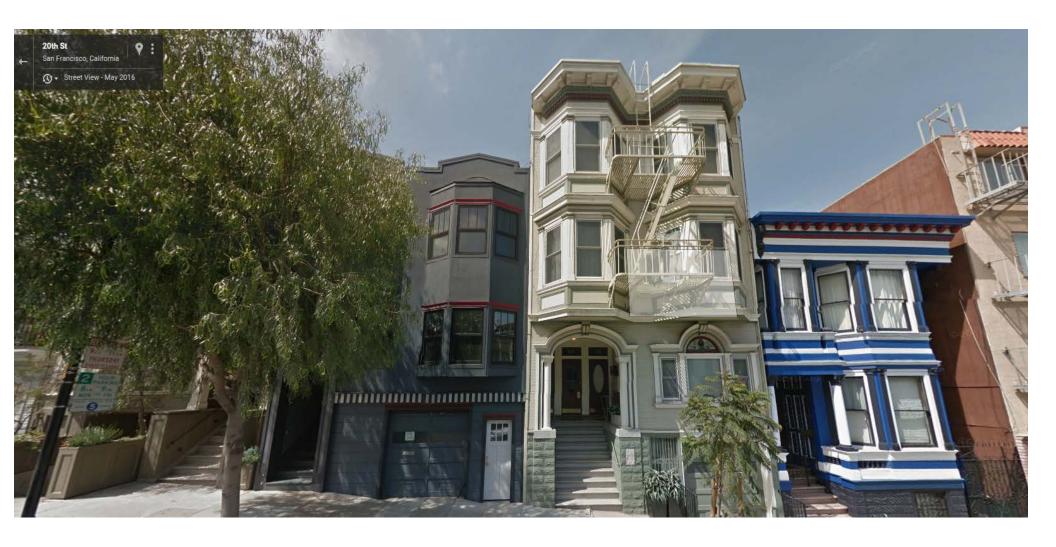
Aerial Photos

Rear View



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Site Photo



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SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION (SECTION 311)

On June 16, 2015 the Applicant named below filed Building Permit Application No. 2015.0616.9131 (Rear Addition) with the City and County of San Francisco.

C	ONTACT INFORMATION	PROJECT	SITE INFORMATION
Applicant: Address: City, State: Telephone:	Steve Swason 12800 Shenandoah Road Plymouth, CA 95669 (209) 245-4376	Project Address: Cross Streets: Assessor's Block /Lot No.: Zoning Districts:	3772 20 th Street Dolores Street 3598/138 RH-3/40-X

Under San Francisco Planning Code Section 311, you, as a property owner or resident within 150 feet of this proposed project, are being notified of this Building Permit Application. You are not obligated to take any action. For more information regarding the proposed work, or to express concerns about the project, please contact the Applicant 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.

	PROJECT SCOPE	
[] DEMOLITION and/or	[] NEW CONSTRUCTION or	[X] ALTERATION
[] VERTICAL EXTENSION	[] CHANGE # OF DWELLING UNITS	[] FACADE ALTERATION(S)
[] HORIZ. EXTENSION (FRONT)	[] HORIZ. EXTENSION (SIDE)	[X] HORIZ. EXTENSION (REAR)
PROJECT FEATURES	EXISTING CONDITIO	N PROPOSED CONDITION
BUILDING USE	Four-Family Dwelling	No Change
FRONT SETBACK	No Front Yard Setback	No Change
SIDE SETBACKS	No current side setbacks.	No Change
	+/- 78 feet	
	No Rear Yard	
	+/- 51 feet	
NUMBER OF STORIES	3	No Change
	44	
	S SPACES5	
	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

This proposal is a renovation of the existing rear yard garage. The existing rear stairway will be rebuilt and that serves as a second means of ingress and egress.

PLANNER'S NAME:

Todd Kennedy

PHONE NUMBER:

(415) 575-9125

DATE OF THIS NOTICE:

EMAIL:

todd.kennedy@sfgov.org

EXPIRATION DATE:

3/29/16

NOTICE OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES

Reduced copies of the site plan and elevations (exterior walls), and floor plans (where applicable) of the proposed project, including the position of any adjacent buildings, exterior dimensions, and finishes, and a graphic reference scale, have been included in this mailing for your information. Please discuss any questions with the project Applicant listed on the reverse. You may wish to discuss the plans with your neighbors and neighborhood association or improvement club, as they may already be aware of the project. Immediate neighbors to the project, in particular, are likely to be familiar with it.

Any general questions concerning this application review process may be answered by the Planning Information Center at 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor (415/558-6377) between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please phone the Planner listed on the reverse of this sheet with questions specific to this project.

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

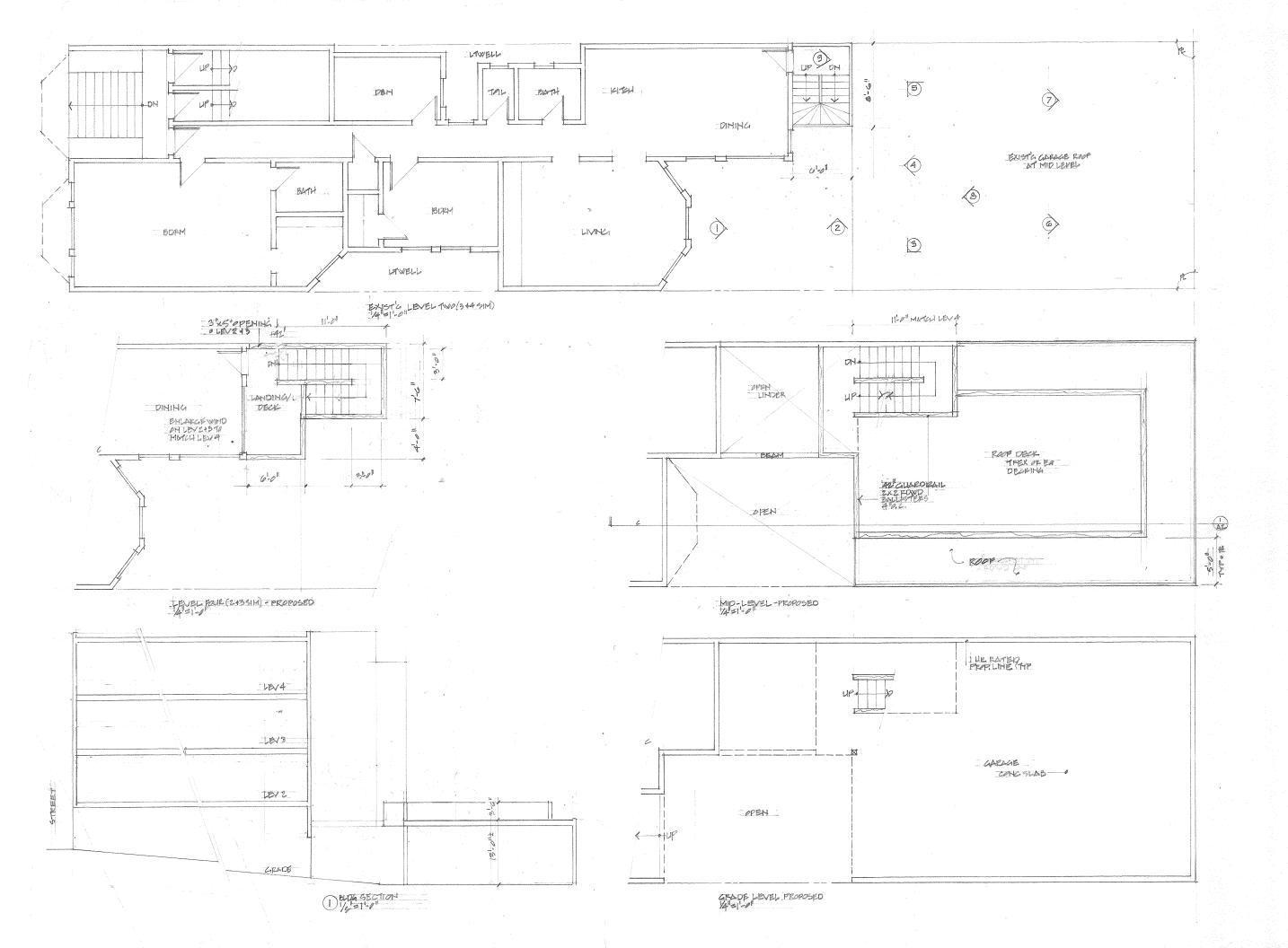
- Seek a meeting with the project sponsor and the architect to get more information, and to explain the project's impact on you and to seek changes in the plans.
- 2. Call the nonprofit organization Community Boards at (415) 920-3820, or online at www.communityboards.org for a facilitated discussion in a safe and collaborative environment through mediation. Community Boards acts as a neutral third party and has, on many occasions, helped parties 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, call the assigned project planner whose name and phone number are shown at the lower left corner on the reverse side of this notice, to review 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 over the permit application, you must make such request within 30 days of this notice, prior to the Expiration Date shown on the reverse side, by completing an application (available at the Planning Department, 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor, or on-line at www.sfplanning.org). You must submit the application to the Planning Information Center (PIC) during the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with all required materials, and a check, for each Discretionary Review request payable to the Planning Department. To determine the fee for a Discretionary Review, please refer to the Planning Department Fee Schedule available at www.sfplanning.org or at the PIC located at 1660 Mission Street, First Floor, San Francisco. For questions related to the Fee Schedule, please call the PIC at (415) 558-6377. If the project includes multi building permits, i.e. demolition and new construction, a separate request for Discretionary Review must be submitted, with all required materials and fee, for each permit that you feel will have an impact on you. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS

An appeal of the approval (or denial) of the permit application by the Planning Department or Planning Commission may be made to the **Board of Appeals within 15 days** after the permit is issued (or denied) by the Superintendent of the Department of Building Inspection. Submit an application form 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 their current fees, **contact the Board of Appeals** at **(415) 575-6880.**



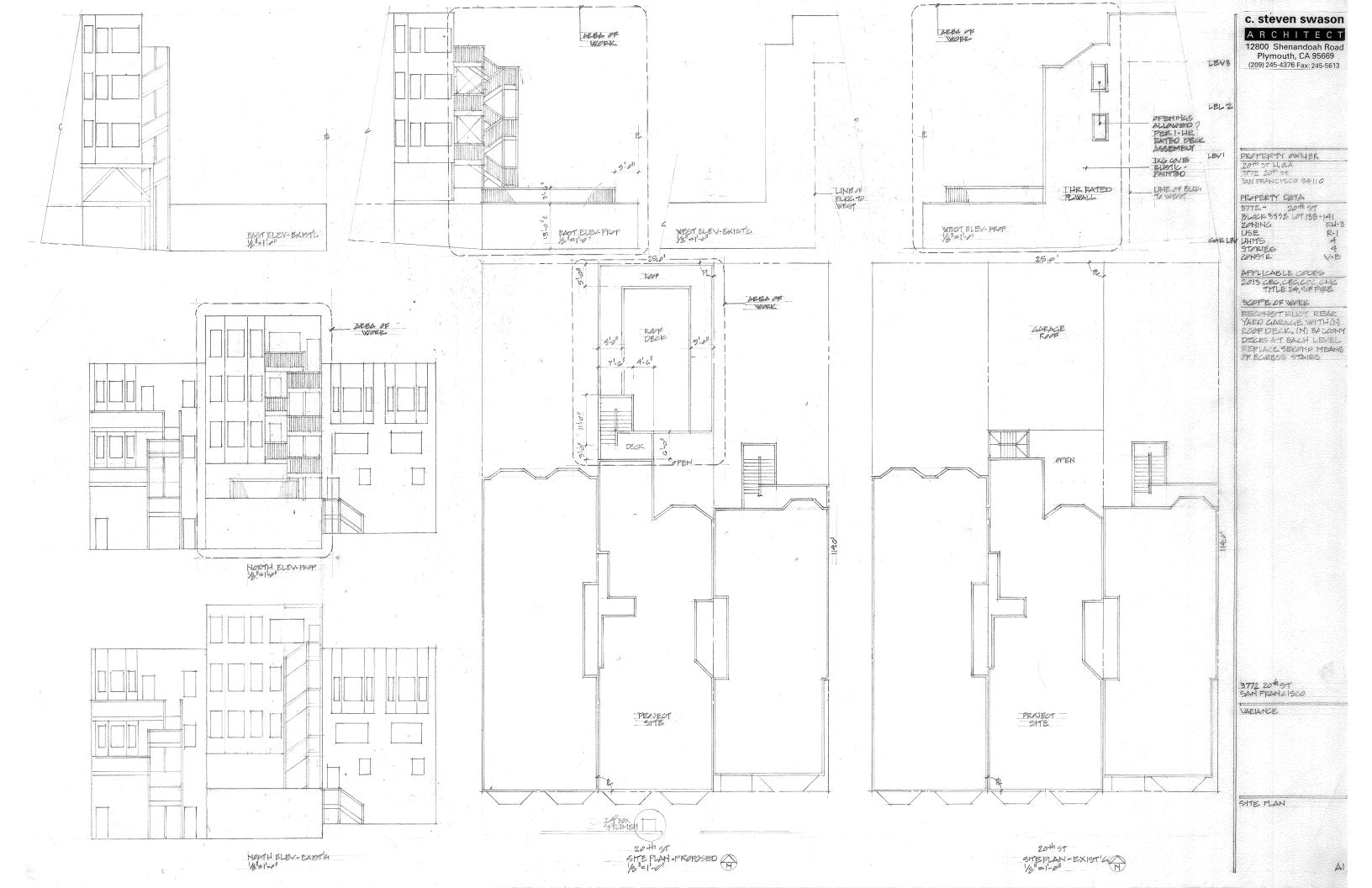
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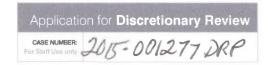
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APPLICATION FOR Discretionary Review

1. Owner/Applicant Information

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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?	S	
Did you discuss the project with the Planning Department permit review planner?	3	
Did you participate in outside mediation on this case?		3

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you have discussed the project with the applicant, planning staff or gone through mediation, please
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o changes have been made yet. We hope to continue discussions with our neighbors and their rehitect but felt we needed to submit this DR application before the deadline to register our objections.

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.
	Please see attached pages.
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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:
-	Please see attached pages.
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? Please see attached pages. We are working with an architect familiar with San Francisco design challenges to sketch more detailed alternative proposals. We will submit those drawings when available.
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Applicant's Affidavit

Under penalty of perjury the following declarations are made:

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

Signature:

Date:

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

Katherine Robin Wong Evans

Owner Authorized Agent (circle one)

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) Application, with all blanks completed	DR APPLICATION
Address labels (original), if applicable	Ø
Address labels (copy of the above), if applicable	0
Photocopy of this completed application	
Photographs that illustrate your concerns	
Convenant or Deed Restrictions	NA
Check payable to Planning Dept.	
Letter of authorization for agent	NA
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.

Optional Material.

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

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CITY & COUNTY OF S.F.

Date: 4 17 11

For Department Use Only
Application received by Planning Department:

By:

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#1 – What are the reasons for requesting Discretionary Review?

We own and live in the property at 3778 20th Street immediately to the west of the proposed project. As drawn the project requests planning variances that would have a negative impact on our light, our yard, our privacy, our views, and our property value.

We request Discretionary Review as we believe the drawings shared with the Planning Department are purposefully inaccurate and do not reflect the situation on the ground. Furthermore, we believe that the variances requested for the project are not necessary in order to meet the goal of the project. This goal has been defined to us by our neighbors as bringing their rear staircase up to code.

Specifically:

- 1. The applicants are attempting to describe building a large garage and roof deck as the "rebuilding" of an existing metal shed that covers the entire rear yard. The main building at 3772 20th Street already encroaches past the required rear yard setback. The existing metal shed ignores the required rear yard setbacks and occupies the entirety of the rear yard. It is in fact a rusted slap-dash corrugated metal shed built without permit and never to code. We argue that it should not be "grandfathered" as an allowable structure and instead should be torn down and replaced with a rear yard.
- 2. The drawings submitted with the Section 311 notice misrepresent the size of the current shed relative to the neighboring buildings. The plans show the roof height as 13' and level with the top of the stair railing on our building to the west. In actuality, the roof of the shed is ~5' lower than the top of the railing and so is only ~8' high at this end. Our yard slopes downwards away from 20th Street and so the rear (North) end of our yard is significantly lower than the near (South) end.

The shed roofline dips and then raises to approximately 11'6" at the far north end but is effectively level with the 8' height at the near end given the lower ground level. Note that this 8' height does not consider the additional height implied by the flooring, railing, and other structures required for the roof deck.

3. The applicants desire to rebuild their external staircase to bring it up to code. We understand and support this. However, they are requesting additional variances to code in order to preserve their view at the expense of our view. We understand that neither view is protected by the planning code, but do not believe that additional variances should be granted in order to enable this. It is quite feasible to rebuild their staircase to code without the need for further rear setback variances.

#2 – Please explain how this project would cause unreasonable impacts.

- 1. In this residential neighborhood the planning code creates an inner "park" of rear yards aligned with one another to create a large visually shared space. Due to the existing metal shed we already have a large structure immediately next to and running the entire length of our rear yard. The revised garage plans will increase the height of said structure and thus further isolate our yard from the commons while impinging upon our light and our views. This is made worse by the fact that our yard is the corner yard in the block and so is in a "canyon" faced on the opposite and rear sides by a four-story apartment building and a large church.
- 2. By placing the garage and stairs structure alongside the property line, our neighbors are required by code to build a fire wall. This four story fire wall would extend ~17' beyond our building's rear wall (and 8 to 10' beyond the existing stair structure) and thus cut dramatically into our light and our views. Again, we do not believe that planning variances should be granted when they have such significant impact on their neighbors and are not required to meet the project goals.
- 3. Additionally, we are concerned that the proposed construction will inevitably cause harm to a large flowering plum tree situated in the rear of our yard alongside the shared property line.

#3 – What alternatives or changes to the proposed project would reduce the adverse effects

Despite the fact that there was no neighborhood outreach to us before we received the Section 311 notice, we reached out to our neighbors to begin discussions. No changes have been agreed to but we hope to continue neighborly discussions regarding this project.

We have also reached out directly to our neighbor's architect but that attempt was unproductive as he was neither helpful nor open to any discussion of alternative solutions.

Since no alternatives or compromises were proposed or considered by our neighbors or their architect, we feel that we must file this Discretionary Review request in order to put our concerns on record before the deadline.

On our own we have spoken with a local architect who readily proposed several possible alternative solutions. Sarina Bowen Kennerly of Kennerly Architecture and Planning is drafting alternative proposals which we will submit before the variance hearing.

- 1. The metal shed could be torn down and replaced with a parking patio to restore the sightlines across rear yards. (To be frank, we do not understand why this structure is allowed at all and believe it should be torn down and replaced with a yard as is required of every other building on the block.)
- 2. If the garage is built, the roof line should be lowered to match the existing shed. This would reduce the looming aspect and adverse impact of the proposed project on our yard.
- 3. The roof deck should be eliminated from the project to reduce the

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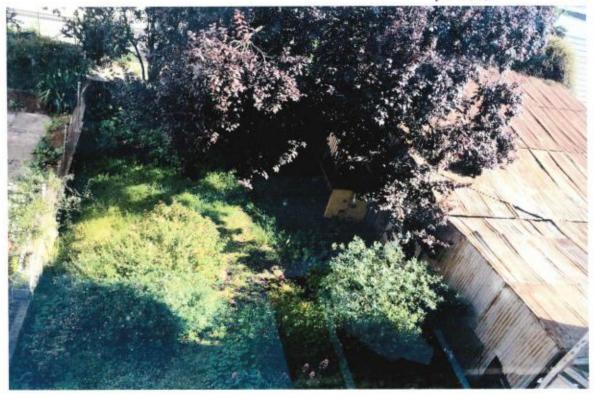
additional height requirements and variances as well as adverse impact on our property.

- 4. The current rear stairs already encroach on the allowable rear setback. Rather than grant variances to allow for an even greater setback the architect should be required to find solutions which meet the existing code.
- 5. The stairs could be rebuilt to extend in parallel along the rear wall of the property rather than perpendicularly out into the yard. Doing so would avoid the need for additional setback variances and reduce the adverse impact on our property.
- 6. The stairs could be rebuilt five feet off the property line. This would eliminate the requirement for a four story firewall extending ~17' past our rear wall which would in turn greatly reduce the adverse impact of this project on our property.

We note that these options at less "plug and play" than the applicant's proposal and would require more creative design and engineering. A creative solution can be found which will meet the project goals while minimizing negative impact on neighbors.

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DUR YARD AT 3778 SHOWING SUNLIGHT FROM WEST, WHERE NEW FIREWALL WOULD BE BUILT





VIEW OF EXISTING
SHED TO BE REPLACED
WITH CHRONEWITH
ROOF DECK



EXISTING STAIRS AND SHED, SHOWING SHED HEIGHT RELATIVE TO NEIGHBORING STAIRS.

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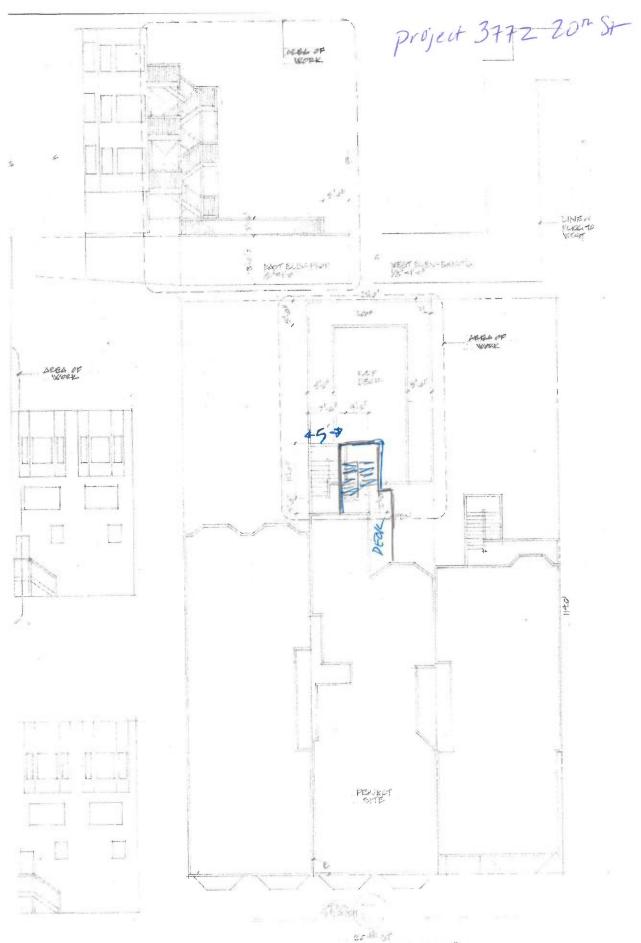
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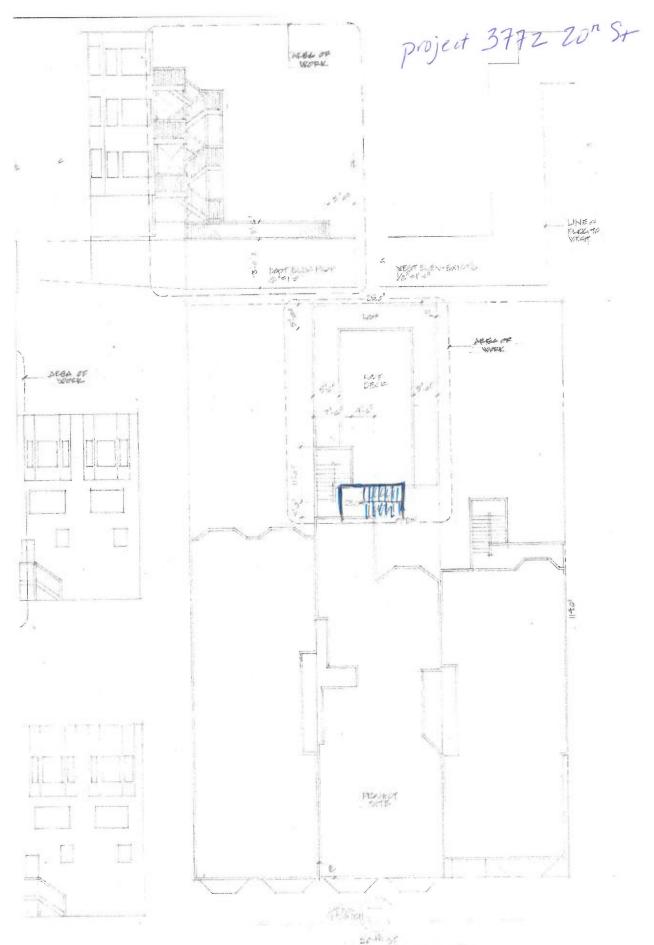


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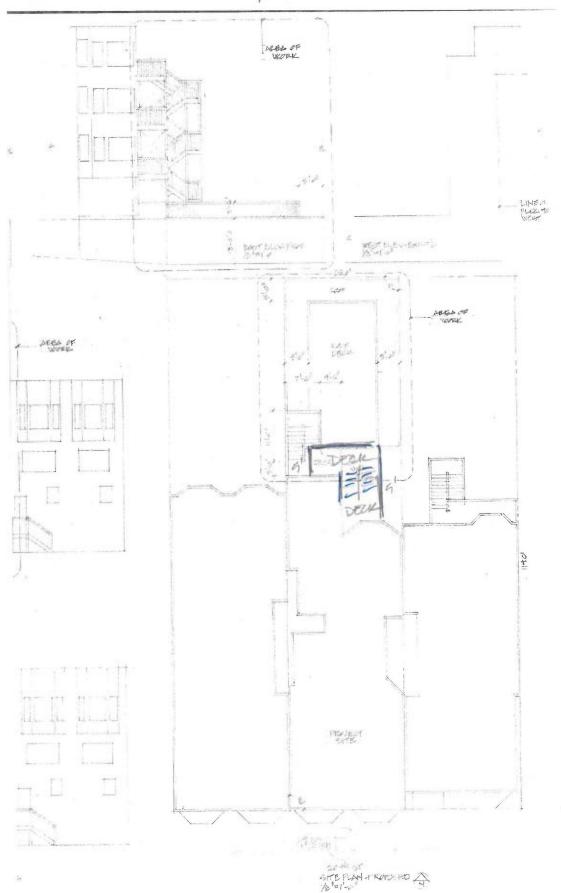
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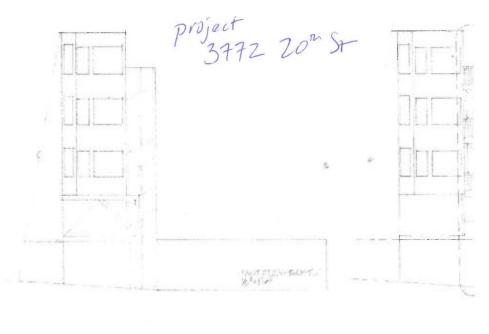
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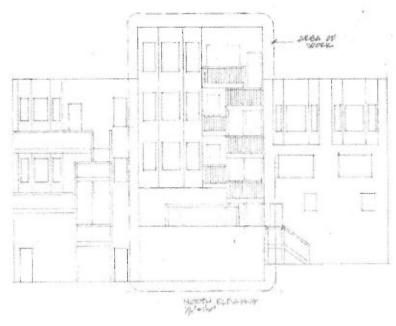
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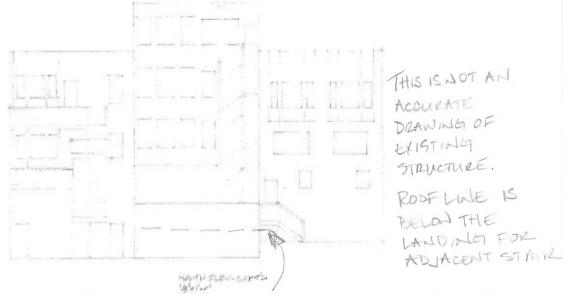
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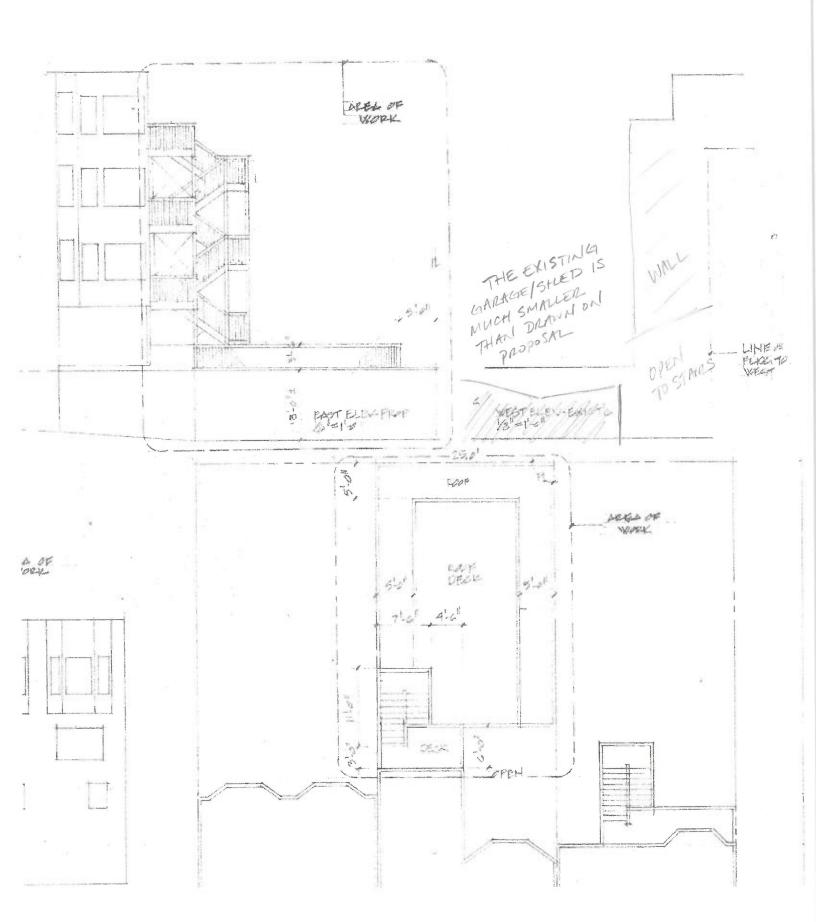






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Dear Sins, My name is David Henry and I live next to 3772-20TH St. I was concerned over the proposed large deck on the roof of the new garage they want next door. I was worried that such a large raised deck in the real area extending the whole length of our bockyard would impede on our privacy as they would beable to see eight into our back windows. My wife has some dementia problems and the constant noise from constriction and loss of privacy would definitely bother her. There has been so much construction in The neighborhood lately and now there could be many months more I realize The neighbors want to upgrade Their properly but no one else that I know of in the neighborhood or even elsewhere has a deck like this. Thank you so much for your concern

Ketpertfully, Davil Flowing 3768 20TH ST. 415-648-0157

RESPONSE TO DISCRETIONARY REVIEW (DRP)





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Project Information

Property Address:

3772 20th GT

Zip Code: 04110

Building Permit Application(s): Z015,06.16.9151

Record Number:

Assigned Planner: TODD KENNEDY

Project Sponsor

Name: STEVE SWASOH

Phone: 4 15-297-1946

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Required Questions

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

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

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

Project Features

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

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Dwelling Units (only one kitchen per unit - additional kitchens count as additional units)	- 4	4
Occupied Stories (all levels with habitable rooms)	3	3
Basement Levels (may include garage or windowless storage rooms)		
Parking Spaces (off-street)	- 4	4
Bedrooms	9	9
Height	43	43
Building Depth	114	114
Rental Value (monthly)	MA	·HA
Property Value		-

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

Signature: C. Swason	Date: 8.26.16
Printed Name: C. SWASON	Property Owner Authorized Agent

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

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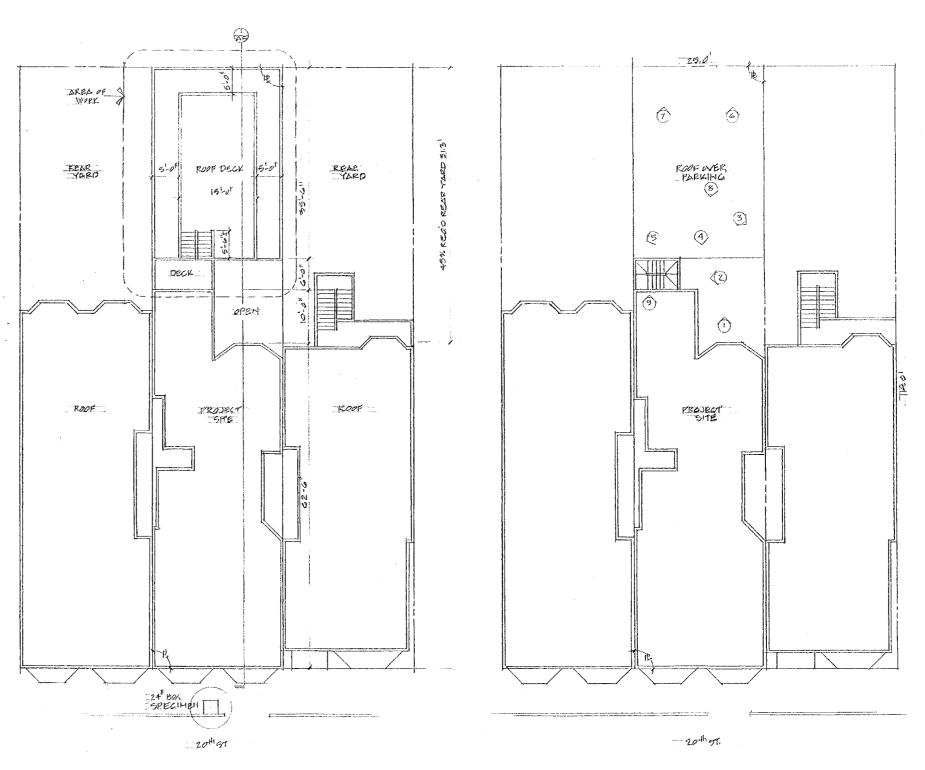
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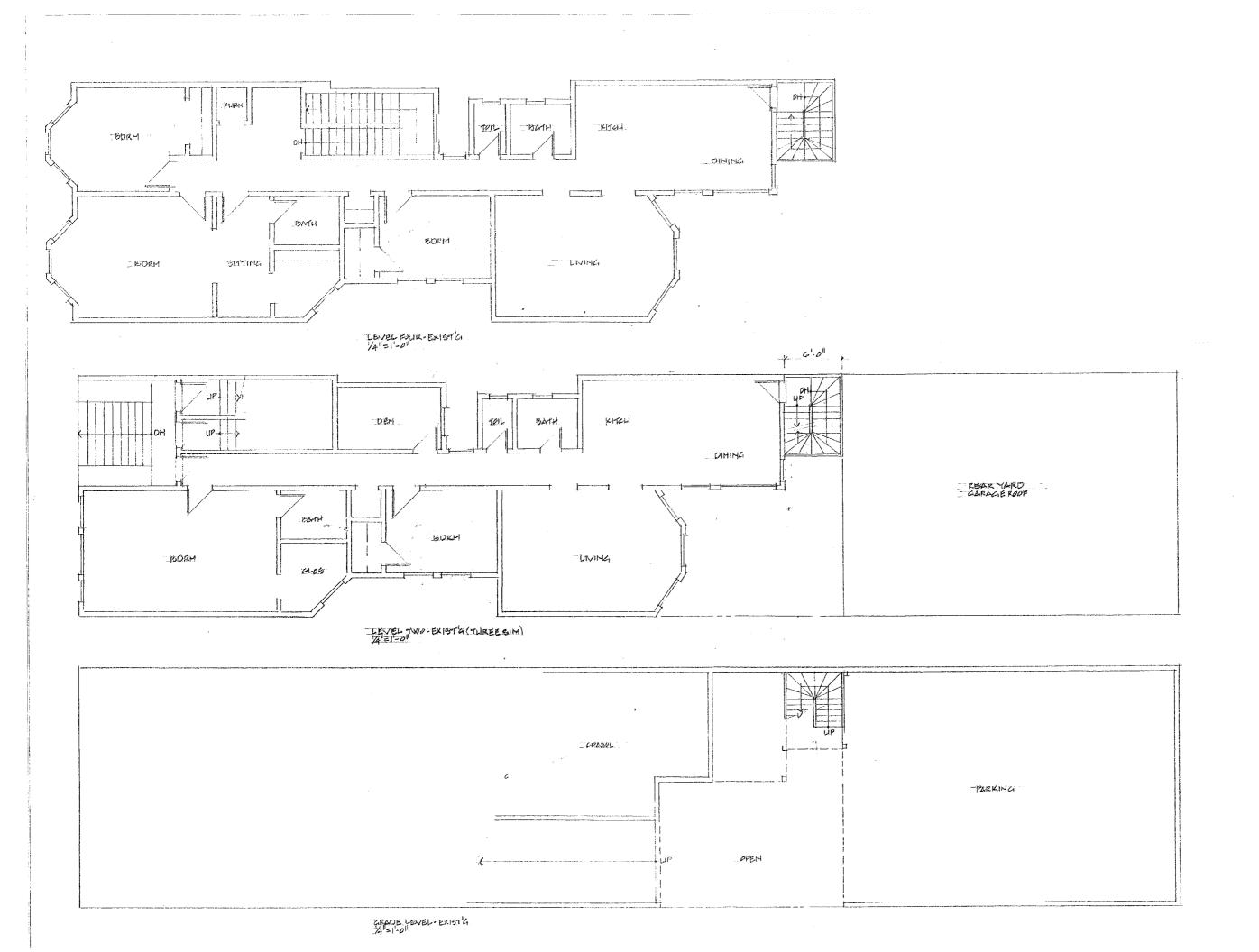
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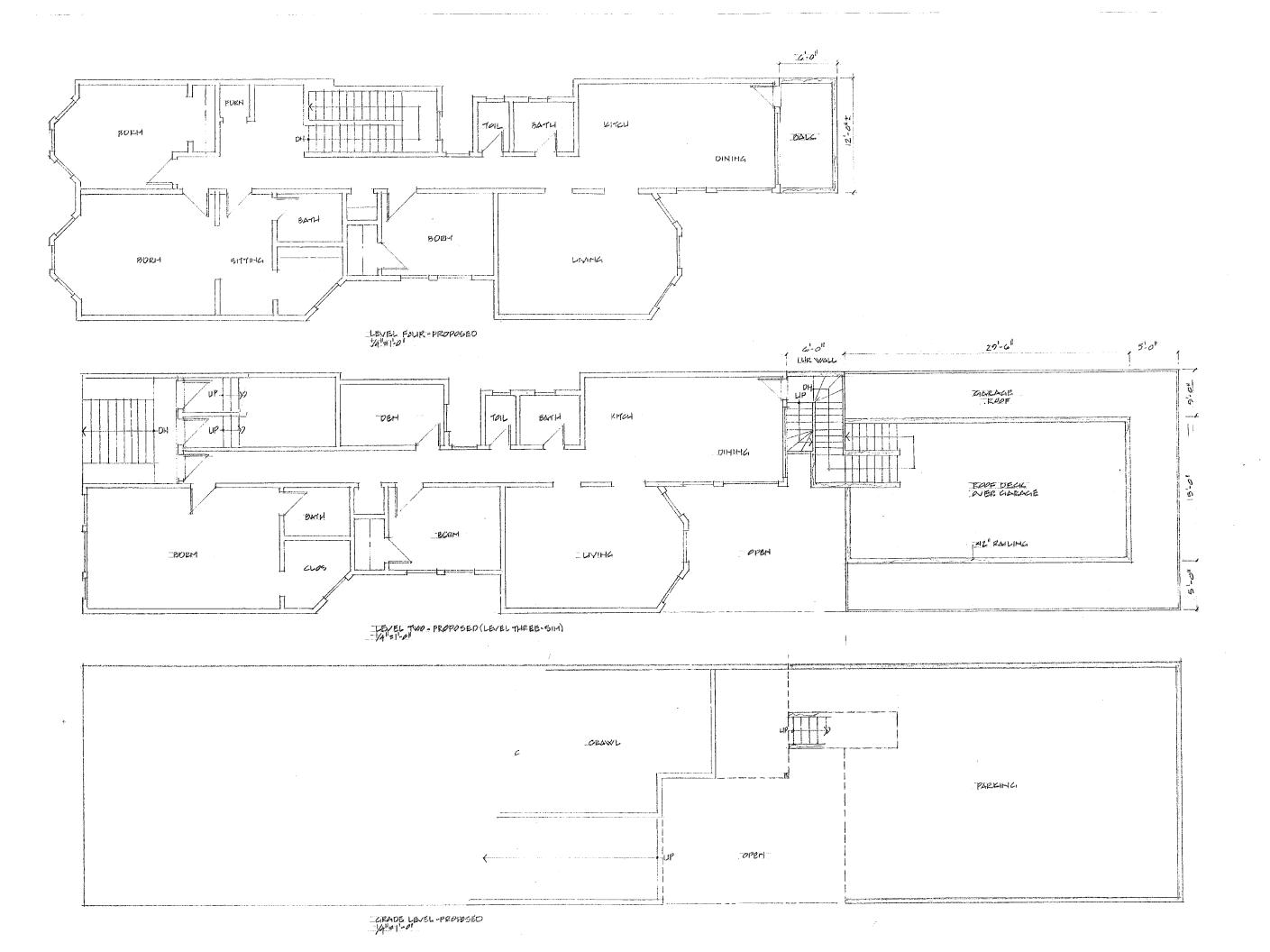
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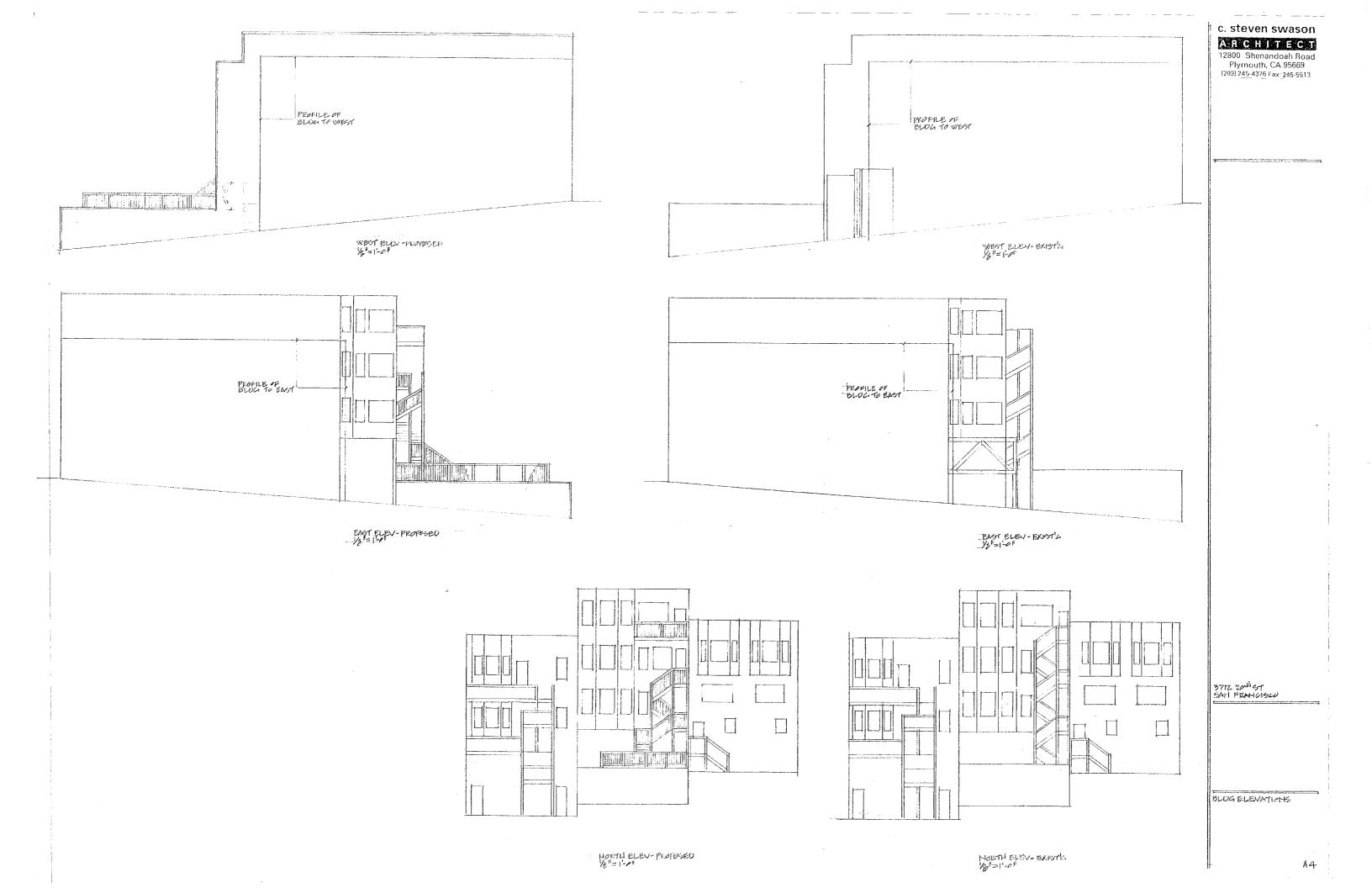


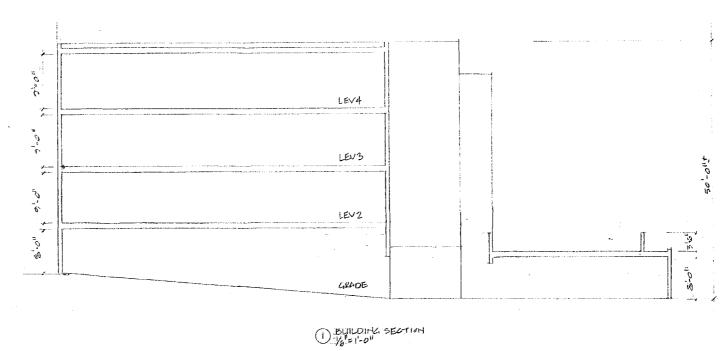
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