

Discretionary Review Abbreviated Analysis

HEARING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2016

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Date:October 27, 2016Case No.:2015-011540DRPProject Address:4538 25th StreetPermit Application:2016.08.28.5504

Zoning: RH-2[Residential House, Two-Family]

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot: 6503/016

Project Sponsor: Susan Soderstrom

4544 25th Street

San Francisco, CA 94114

Staff Contact: Sylvia Jimenez – (415) 575-9187

Sylvia.Jimenez@sfgov.org

Recommendation: Do not take DR and approve as proposed

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposal consists of a two-story horizontal addition at the rear of the existing one-story over garage, single-family dwelling. The project also proposes a balcony accessed from the main level on the east (right) side of the building. The existing building depth is approximately 39 feet 2 and the addition will reduce the overall building depth to 39 feet. The existing upper level projection at the rear of the residence currently has a shed roof with an interior ceiling height of 9 feet and the new addition is proposed to have a flat roof with an interior ceiling height of 9 feet. The number of stories and overall height of the building will not increase as part of this project.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The project is on the northern side of 25th Street, between Hoffman Avenue and Homestead Street, Block 6503, Lots 015 and located within the RH-2 (Residential House, Two-Family) Zoning District with 40-X height and Bulk designation. The 1,350 sq. ft. lot has 22 feet 6 inches of frontage, a depth of 60 feet and is developed with an existing one-story over garage single family residence on site.

SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

The project site is located in Noe Valley, District 8 and within the RH-2 Zoning District. Parcels within the immediate vicinity consist of residential single-family dwellings of varied design and construction dates.

BUILDING PERMIT NOTIFICATION

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PERIOD	NOTIFICATION DATES	DR FILE DATE	DR HEARING DATE	FILING TO HEARING TIME
311 Notice	30 days	April 27, 2016 – May 27, 2016	May 24, 2016	October 27, 2016	152 days

HEARING NOTIFICATION

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PERIOD	REQUIRED NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL PERIOD
Posted Notice	10 days	October 17, 2016	October 17, 2016	10 days
Mailed Notice	10 days	October 17, 2016	October 17, 2016	10 days

PUBLIC COMMENT

	SUPPORT	OPPOSED	NO POSITION
Adjacent neighbor(s)	1	1 (DR Requestor)	-
Other neighbors on the block or directly across the street	5	•	-
Neighborhood groups	-	-	-

DR REQUESTOR

Susan Soderstrom, 4544 25th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 Requestor lives at the adjacent property to the west of the subject property.

DR REQUESTOR'S CONCERNS AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

See attached Discretionary Review Application, dated April 24, 2016.

PROJECT SPONSOR'S RESPONSE TO DR APPLICATION

See attached Response to Discretionary Review, dated September 26, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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

RESIDENTIAL DESIGN TEAM REVIEW

The Residential Design Team (RDT) reviewed the project following the submittal of the Request for Discretionary Review and found that the proposed project meets the standards of the Residential Design

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Guidelines (RDGs) in that the addition does not extend beyond the neighbor's property at 4544 25th Street, and is limited to two stories in height. Additionally, the proposed addition maintains access to the midblock open space and is consistent with the neighborhood character. Further, the project does not present any exceptional or extraordinary circumstances that would justify further comments on the design as proposed.

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.

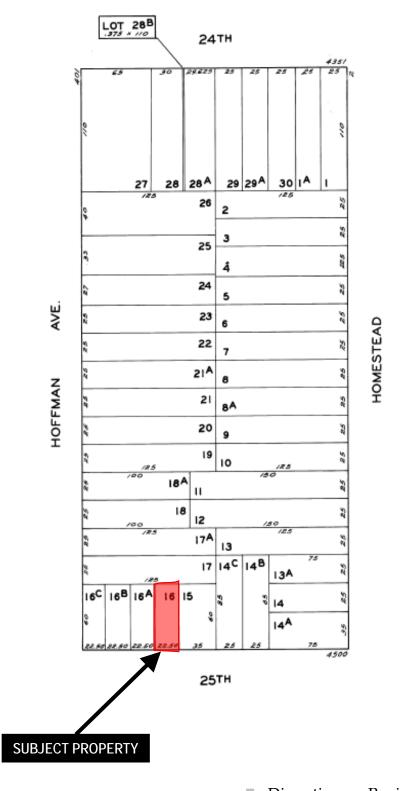
RECOMMENDATION:

Do not take DR and approve project as proposed

Attachments:

Parcel Map
Sanborn Map
Zoning Map
Aerial Photographs
Context Photographs
Section 311 Notice
DR Application
Response to DR Application dated September 26, 2016
Public Comment

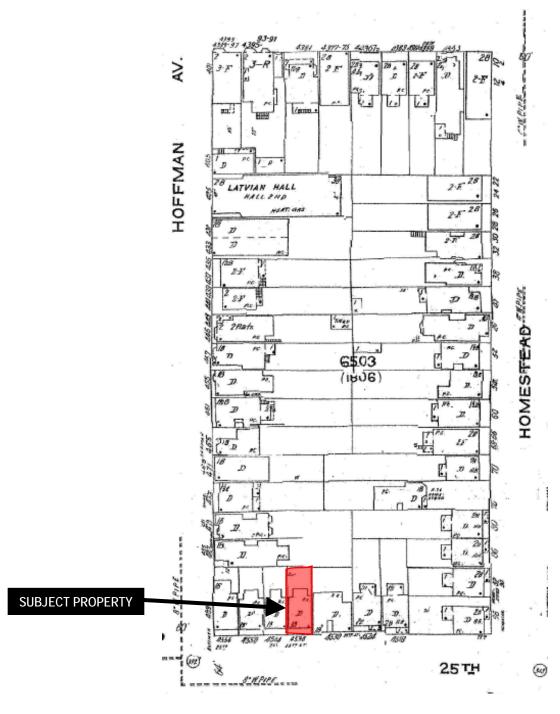
Parcel Map





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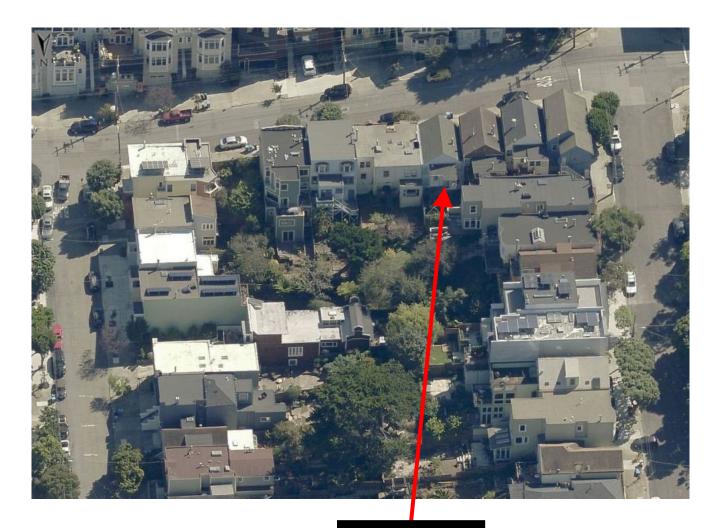
Sanborn Map*



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



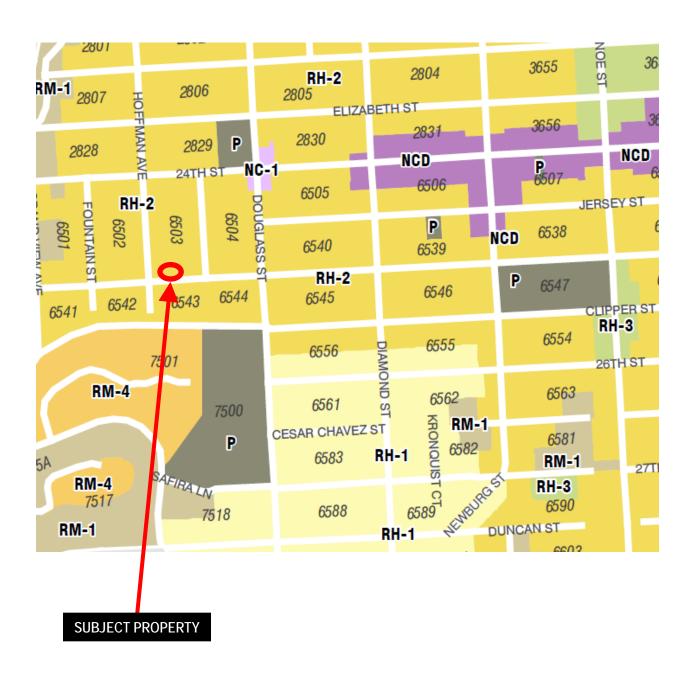
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SUBJECT PROPERTY



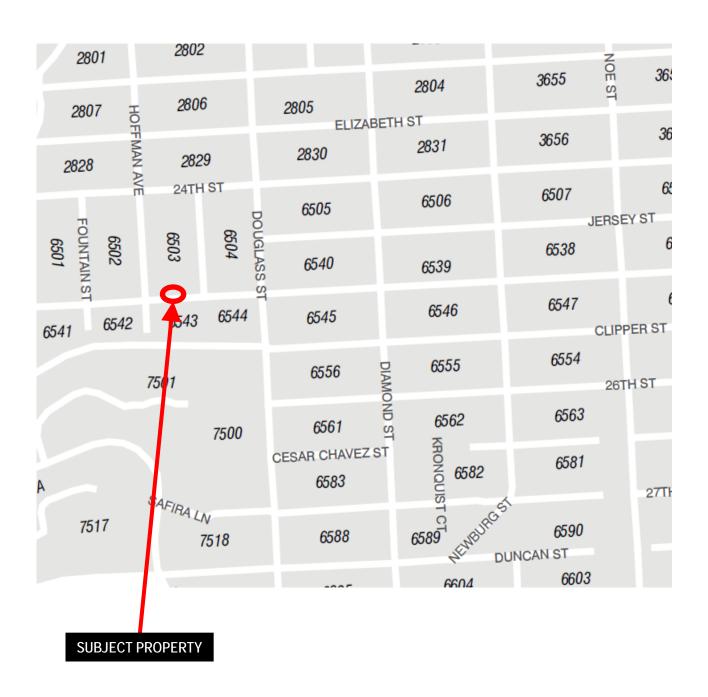
Zoning Map





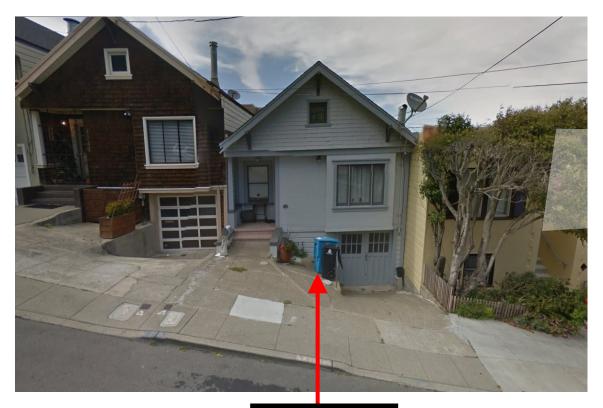
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Special Use District Map

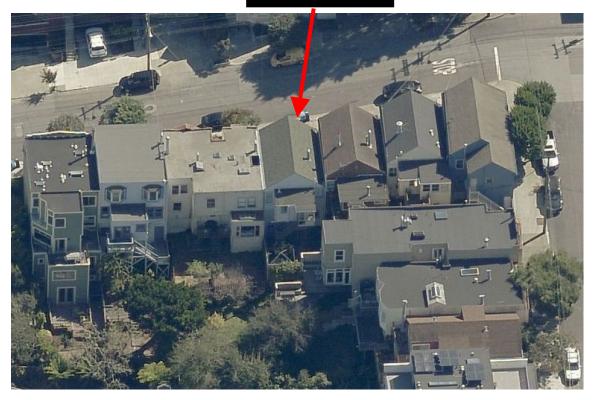




Site Photos



SUBJECT PROPERTY



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CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination

PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Address		Block/Lot(s)					
Case No.		Permit No.	Plans Dated				
Addition/		Demolition	New	Project Modification			
Addition/ Alteration		(requires HRER if over 45 years old)	Construction	(GO TO STEP 7)			
			Construction	(GO TO STEL 7)			
Project desc	cription for	Planning Department approval.					
STEP 1: EX	EMPTION	CLASS					
		BY PROJECT PLANNER					
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Note: If nei		1 or 3 applies, an Environmental Evaluation					
	Class 1 – I	Existing Facilities. Interior and exterior alter	ations; additions un	der 10,000 sq. ft.			
	Class 3 – I	New Construction/ Conversion of Small St	ructures. Un to three	e (3) new single-family			
	Class 3 – New Construction/ Conversion of Small Structures. Up to three (3) new single-family residences or six (6) dwelling units in one building; commercial/office structures; utility extensions;						
	change of use under 10,000 sq. ft. if principally permitted or with a CU.						
	Class_						
	CAUGO						
STEP 2: CE	•						
TO BE CON	MPLETED 1	BY PROJECT PLANNER					
If any box i	s checked l	below, an Environmental Evaluation Applic	cation is required.				
	Air Qual	ity: Would the project add new sensitive rec	eptors (specifically,	schools, day care facilities,			
		spitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities) within an Air Pollution Exposure Zone?					
		es the project have the potential to emit substantial pollutant concentrations (e.g., backup diesel					
		generators, heavy industry, diesel trucks)? Exceptions: do not check box if the applicant presents					
	_	ntation of enrollment in the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Article 38 program and					
		roject would not have the potential to emit substantial pollutant concentrations. (refer to EP _ArcMap >					
	, ,	ex Determination Layers > Air Pollutant Exposure Zo	•	_ ,			
		us Materials: If the project site is located on t		suspected of containing			
	hazardous materials (based on a previous use such as gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy						
		manufacturing, or a site with underground storage tanks): Would the project involve 50 cubic yards					
	or more of soil disturbance - or a change of use from industrial to residential? If yes, this box must be						
	checked and the project applicant must submit an Environmental Application with a Phase I						

	Environmental Site Assessment. Exceptions: do not check box if the applicant presents documentation of enrollment in the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Maher program, a DPH waiver from the Maher program, or other documentation from Environmental Planning staff that hazardous material effects would be less than significant (refer to EP_ArcMap > Maher layer).
	Transportation: Does the project create six (6) or more net new parking spaces or residential units? Does the project have the potential to adversely affect transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle safety (hazards) or the adequacy of nearby transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities?
	Archeological Resources: Would the project result in soil disturbance/modification greater than two (2) feet below grade in an archeological sensitive area or eight (8) feet in a non-archeological sensitive area? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Archeological Sensitive Area)
	Noise: Does the project include new noise-sensitive receptors (schools, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities) fronting roadways located in the noise mitigation area? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Noise Mitigation Area)
	Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment: Does the project site involve a subdivision or lot line adjustment on a lot with a slope average of 20% or more? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Topography)
	Slope = or > 20%: Does the project involve excavation of 50 cubic yards of soil or more, new construction, or square footage expansion greater than 1,000 sq. ft. outside of the existing building footprint? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Topography) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required.
	Seismic: Landslide Zone: Does the project involve excavation of 50 cubic yards of soil or more, new construction, or square footage expansion greater than 1,000 sq. ft. outside of the existing building footprint? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Seismic Hazard Zones) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required.
	Seismic: Liquefaction Zone: Does the project involve excavation of 50 cubic yards of soil or more, new construction, or square footage expansion greater than 1,000 sq. ft. outside of the existing building footprint? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Seismic Hazard Zones) If box is checked, a geotechnical report will likely be required.
	are checked above, GO TO STEP 3. If one or more boxes are checked above, an Environmental
<u>Evaluation</u>	Application is required, unless reviewed by an Environmental Planner.
	Project can proceed with categorical exemption review. The project does not trigger any of the CEQA impacts listed above.
Comments	and Planner Signature (optional):
	OPERTY STATUS – HISTORIC RESOURCE IPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER
	(IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (refer to Parcel Information Map)
	Attegory A: Known Historical Resource. GO TO STEP 5.
-=-	Itegory B: Potential Historical Resource (over 45 years of age). GO TO STEP 4. Itegory C: Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under 45 years of age). GO TO STEP 6.
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STEP 4: PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

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

	8. Other work consistent with the Secretary of the Interi (specify or add comments):	or Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
	9. Other work that would not materially impair a history	oric district (specify or add comments):
	(Requires approval by Senior Preservation Planner/Prese	
	10. Reclassification of property status to Category C. <i>Planner/Preservation Coordinator)</i>	Requires approval by Senior Preservation
	a. Per HRER dated: (attach HRE	R)
	b. Other (specify):	
Note	e: If ANY box in STEP 5 above is checked, a Preservation	Planner MUST check one hov below
7100	Further environmental review required. Based on the	
	Environmental Evaluation Application to be submitted. G	1 , 1
	Project can proceed with categorical exemption revier Preservation Planner and can proceed with categorical	1 ,
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Com	ments (optional):	
Prese	ervation Planner Signature:	
	6: CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION	
TO B	E COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER	
	Further environmental review required. Proposed project	t does not meet scopes of work in either (check all that
	<i>apply)</i> : ☐ Step 2 – CEQA Impacts	
	Step 5 – Advanced Historical Review	
	STOP! Must file an Environmental Evaluation Applicati	on.
	No further environmental review is required. The project	ct is categorically exempt under CEQA.
	Planner Name:	Signature:
	Project Approval Action:	
	If Discretionary Review before the Planning Commission is requested, the Discretionary Review hearing is the Approval Action for the project.	
	Once signed or stamped and dated, this document constitutes a categorial Administrative Code.	cal exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the
	In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Cod days of the project receiving the first approval action.	e, an appeal of an exemption determination can only be filed within 30

STEP 7: MODIFICATION OF A CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

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

PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Address (If different tha		nn front page)	Block/Lot(s) (If different than front page)	
Case No).	Previous Building Permit No.	New Building Permit No.	
Plans D	ated	Previous Approval Action	New Approval Action	
Modifie	d Project Description:			
DETERMI	NATION IF PROJECT CO	DNSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL MODIF	ICATION	
Compai	red to the approved pro	ject, would the modified project:		
	Result in expansion of	of the building envelope, as defined in the Planning Code;		
		of use that would require public n	otice under Planning Code	
	Sections 311 or 312;			
	Result in demolition	as defined under Planning Code S	Section 317 or 19005(f)?	
	5	ing presented that was not known and could not have been known		
	-	-	e originally approved project may	
	no longer qualify for	•		
If at lea	st one of the above box	es is checked, further environme	ntal review is required.	
DETERMIN	NATION OF NO SUBSTANT	IAL MODIFICATION		
	The proposed modifi	cation would not result in any of	the above changes.	
			er CEQA, in accordance with prior project	
		ental review is required. This determination		
		ailed to the applicant, City approving entities, and anyone requesting written notice. Signature or Stamp:		
Planner Name:		orginiture or oranip.		

1650 Mission Street Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103

NOTICE OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION (SECTION 311)

On **August 28, 2015**, the Applicant named below filed Building Permit Application No. **2015.08.28.5504** with the City and County of San Francisco.

PROPERTY INFORMATION		APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Project Address:	4538 25 th Street	Applicant:	Serena Lam
Cross Street(s):	Hoffman Ave and Homestead St	Address:	4538 25 th Street
Block/Lot No.:	6503/016	City, State:	San Francisco, CA 94114
Zoning District(s):	RH-2/40-X	Telephone:	(415) 973-7610

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 acclose of business on the Expiration Date shown below, or the next business day if that date is on a week-end or a legal holiday. If no Requests for Discretionary Review are filed, this project will be approved by the Planning Department after the Expiration Date.

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

PROJECT SCOPE					
□ Demolition	□ New Construction	☐ Alteration			
☐ Change of Use	☐ Façade Alteration(s)	☐ Front Addition			
■ Rear Addition □ Side Addition		☐ Vertical Addition			
PROJECT FEATURES	EXISTING	PROPOSED			
Building Use	Residential	No Change			
Side Setbacks	0	No Change			
Building Depth	39 feet 2 inches	39 feet			
Rear Yard	15 feet	15 feet 2 inches			
Building Height	30 feet	No Change; 23 feet 5 inches to top of rear addition			
Number of Stories	2	No Change			
Number of Dwelling Units	1	No Change			
PROJECT DESCRIPTION					

The proposed project includes to alter the existing two-story single family dwelling by demolishing an existing laundry and bath projection at the rear of the residence and constructing a new two-story horizontal expansion. The project also proposes to develop the ground floor and the addition of a new upper level balcony at the northeast corner 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: Sylvia Jimenez Telephone: (415) 575-9187

Telephone: (415) 575-9187 Notice Date: 4/27/16 E-mail: sylvia.jimenez@sfgov.org Expiration Date: 5/27/16

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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

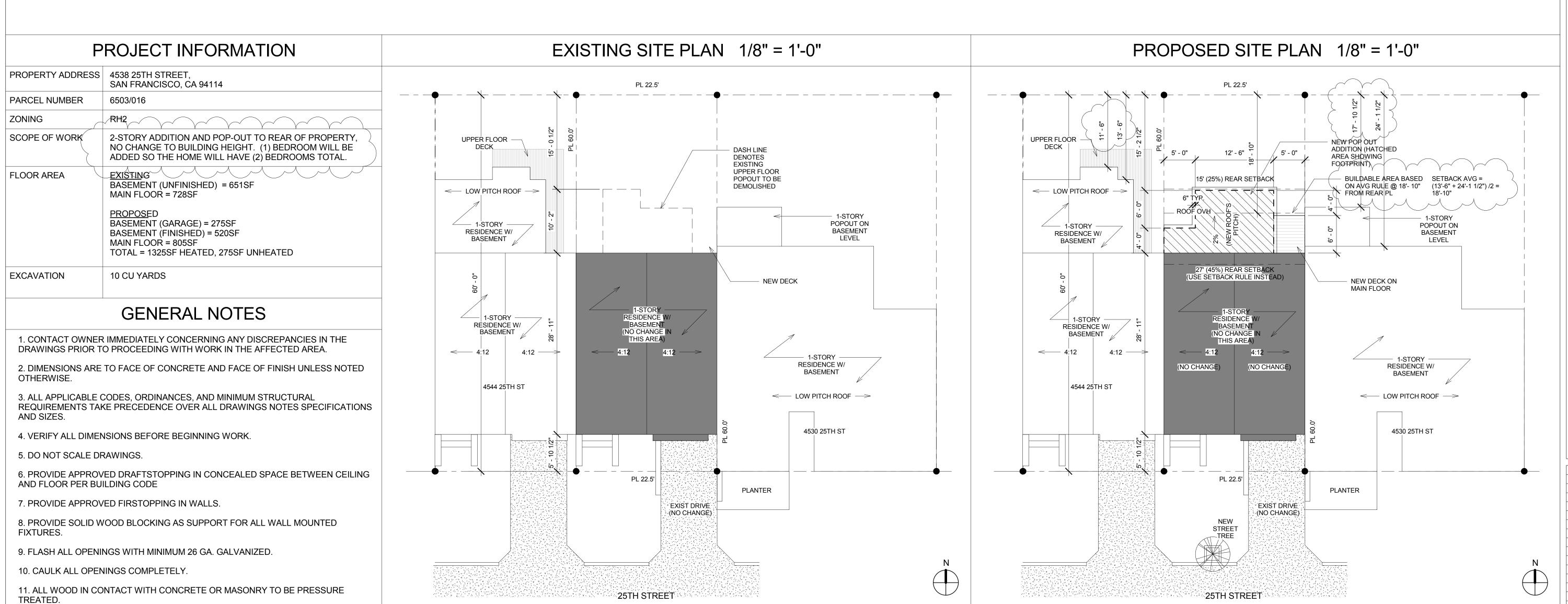
BOARD OF APPEALS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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

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



Contact:
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milton@mlarc.com

Client Name SERENA LAM

Project Address 4538 25TH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114

1 PERMIT APPLICATION

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REMODEL

PERMIT DRAWINGS

Scale

Project number 1316

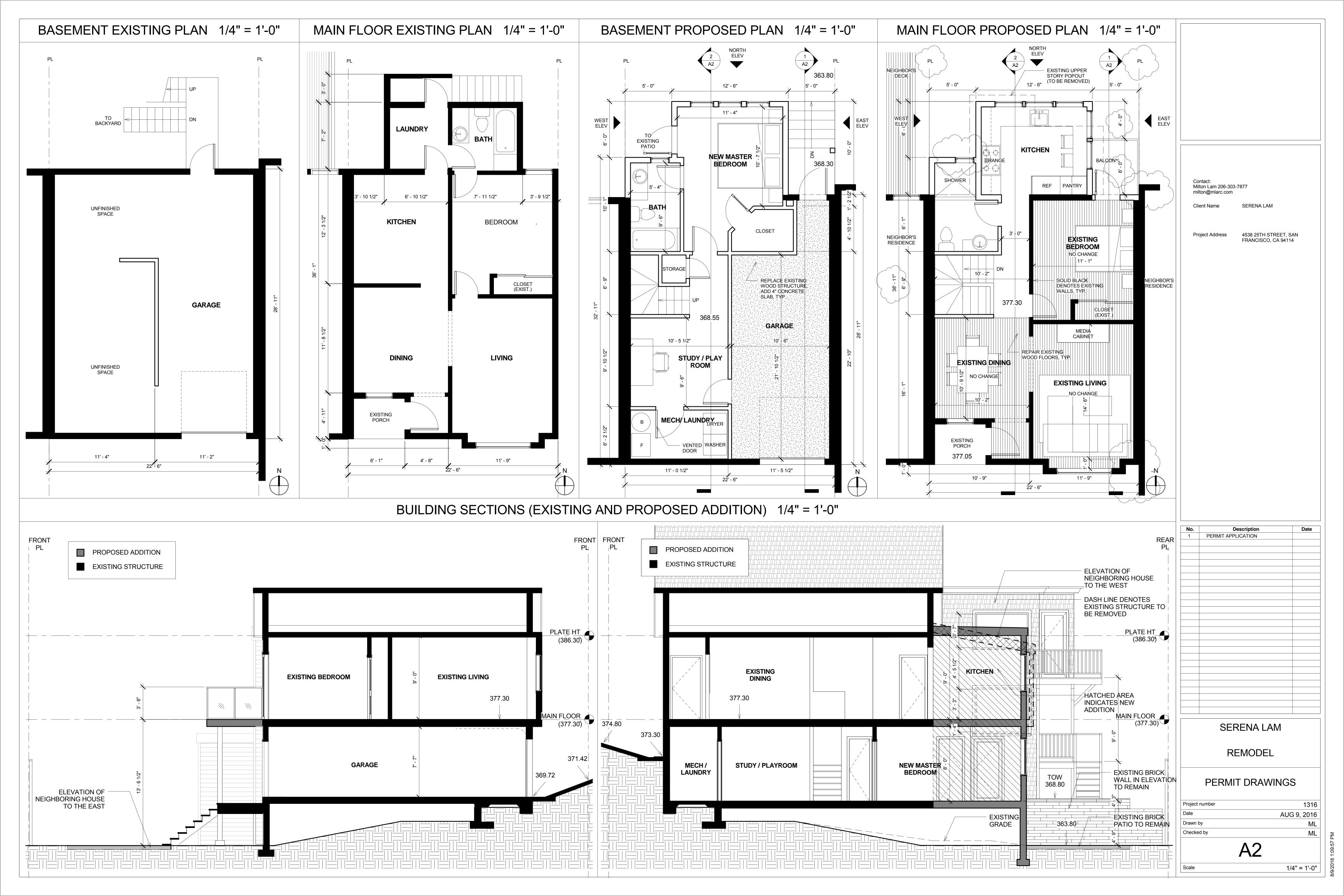
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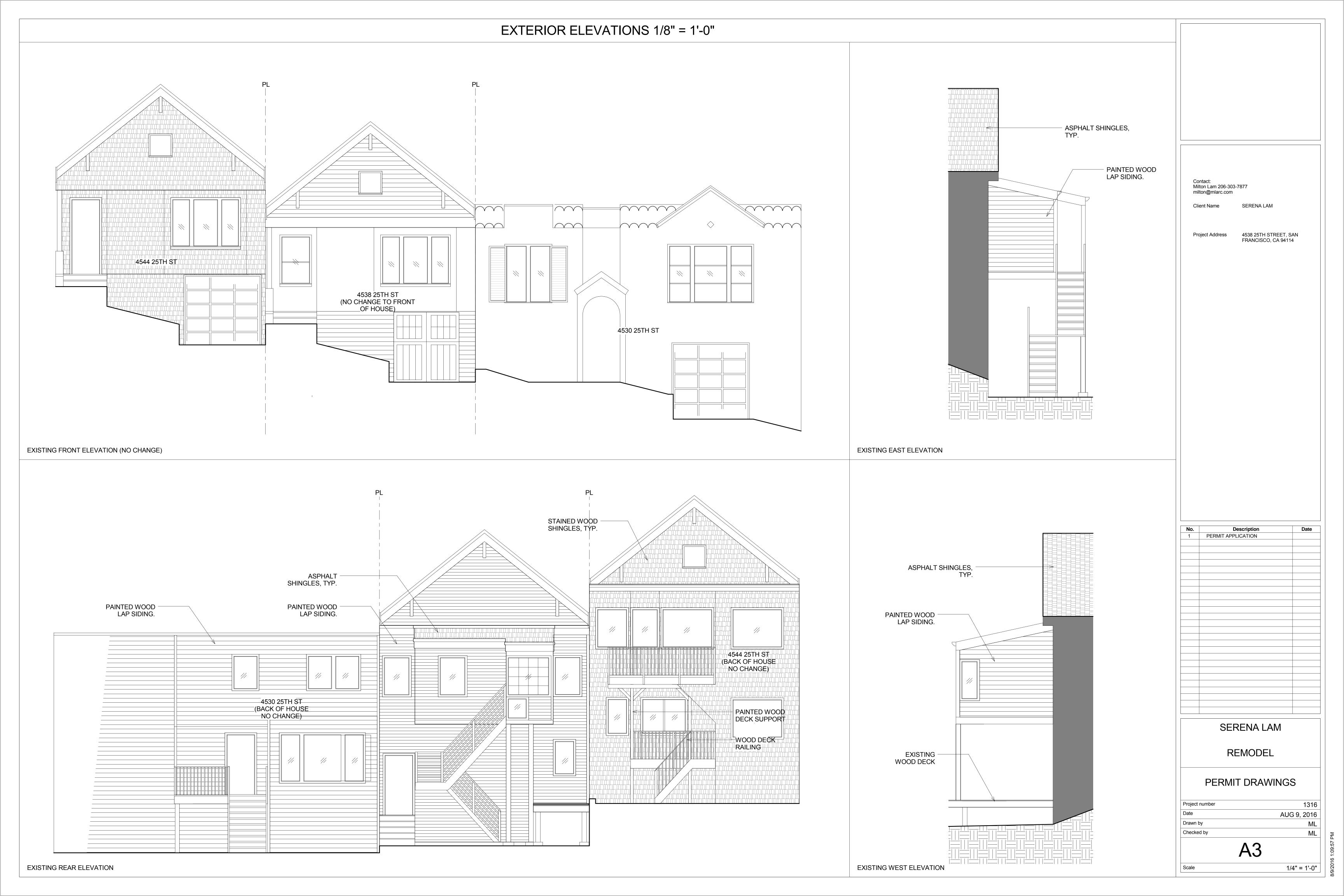
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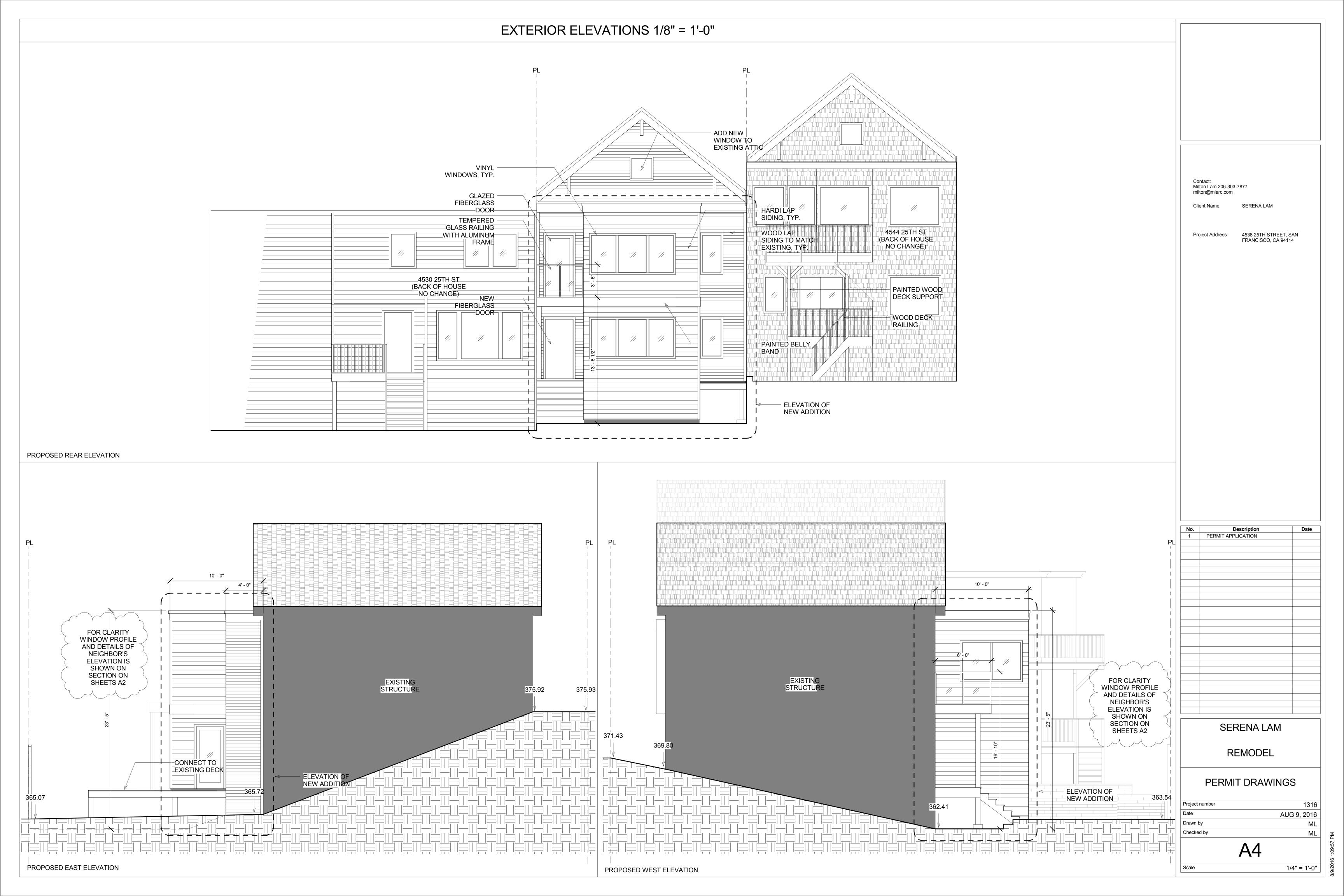
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APPLICATION FOR Discretionary Review

1. Owner/Applicant Information		
DR APPLICANT'S NAME:		
Susan Soderstrom		
DR APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:		
4544 25th Street	94114	(415) 731-4343
PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS DOING THE PROJECT ON WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING DISCR	ETIONARY REVIEW NAME:	
Serena Lam		
ADDRESS:		
4538 25th Street	94114	(415) 973-7610
CONTACT FOR DR APPLICATION:		
Same as Above 🗹		
ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	TELEPHONE:
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STREET ADDRESS OF PROJECT:		
4538 25th Street		94114
CROSS STREETS: Hoffman Avenue and Homes	the property of the control of the c	
ASSESSORS BLOCK/LOT: LOT DIMENSIONS: LOT AREA (SQ FT): ZONING I	DISTRICT:	HEIGHT/BULK DISTRICT:
	t - 2	40-x
3. Project Description Please check all that apply Change of Use □ Change of Hours □ New Construction □	Alterations 🏿	Demolition ☐ Other ☐
□ □ □ □ Height □	Side Yard 🔀	
Present or Previous Use: Single family dwelling	5	
Proposed Use: Single family dwelling	1	
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CASE NUMBER: For Staff Use only

Discretionary Review Request

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

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

In the Residential Design buildelines two of the Design Principles state: maintain light to adjacent proporty by providing adequate setbacks and to ensure that the building respects the mid-block open space. The main light sources into my home are the east and noath facing windows to the rem of the house. The proposed building project impacts all these light sources through my windows significantly by reducing light by 50-90%.

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 current building plans do not show existing adjucent homes to the north on Hoffman Avenus so the impacts are hidden. Our homes on 25th Street are unique in the way our rear yards abut the adjucent proporty. Please see attached photo of 483 Hoffman Aue with 19 ft extension and upper deck granted in 1998. With this addition and the proposed plan ton 4538 25th St my light source as well as the mid-block open space are being dramatically impacted. Please see additional photos.

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?

In meeting with my neighbor Serena and her architect my main focus has been an protecting my remaining light. In regards to the roof line in the papout. I was assured by the architect that the roof line would be at the level of my window sill or below. This is not the case as shown on the existing plans. My hathroom window (facing north downstairs) will be blocked almost IWD by the side yard extension on the western portion of her proporty. I am asking for a ceiling height reduction of 9 ft to 8 ft for the kitchen and bathroom onen thus lowering the roof line. Also, for the Side yard extension being reduced from 4 ft to 3 ft. thous increusing the light exposure to the downstairs window. I will be providing additional photos and explanations in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

4. Actions Prior to a Discretionary Review Request

Prior Action	YES	NO
Have you discussed this project with the permit applicant?	X	
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
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If you have discussed the project with the applicant, planning staff or gone through mediation, please summarize the result, including any changes there were made to the proposed project.

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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: Susan Do deistron	Date: 5-23-16
Print name, and indicate whether owner, or authorized agent:	
Susan Sodersmom, owner	
Owner / Authorized Agent (circle one)	

RESPONSE TO DISCRETIONARY REVIEW (DRP)





SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Pr	ect Information	
Pro	erty Address: Zip Code:	
Bu	ng Permit Application(s):	
Re	rd Number: Assigned Planner:	
Pr	ect Sponsor	
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Re	uired 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 equester in addition to reviewing the attached DR application.)	
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 neet neighborhood concerns, please explain those changes and indicate whether they were made bor after filing your application with the City.	
3.	f you are not willing to change the proposed project or pursue other alternatives, please state why you hat your project would not have any adverse effect on the surrounding properties. Include an explair of your needs for space or other personal requirements that prevent you from making the changes equested by the DR requester.	

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

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

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

Signature:	Date:		
Printed Name:	Property Owner Authorized Agent		

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

Project Features

DR Response

Property Address: 4538 25th street, San Francisco

Question 1 Response

- Proposed project is not extraordinary or exceptional. It is to replace an existing pop out with a 2-story rear horizontal expansion, developing the ground floor space and adding an upper level balcony at the northeast corner of the house.
- DR requester's main concerns are light and view of her upper sitting window facing east. To accommodate her, west side extension reduced to 4ft and a rooftop deck was removed from plans.
- The design complies with planning code and RDT requirements. Plans were reviewed and approved by Elizabeth Watty (assistant director of DRT) and planning staff; no design changes were required.
- The house is the only 1bed/1bath single family home on the block. With the proposed expansion, it is still smaller than 60-70% of the houses on the same block. (See Exhibit A.1)
- The house has not had any major update since 1919s (see: http://propertymap.sfplanning.org/). The house needs improvement.
- My fiancé and I are getting married this year. In order for us to start a family, we really need the additional space.
- Just like many others, we are priced out of the current housing market. So, we opted to expand
 versus relocation because our lives and work are in the city, especially for my fiancé who was born
 and raised in the city.

Question 2 Response

- Before submitting plans, we met with DR requester to discuss the project. The DR requester stated that the "most important window" is the "upstairs window in the sitting room facing due east." (See exhibit B.4) and she is concern the changes will block her light and view.
- Because the side extension could block her window, DR requester has asked to make the side
 extension smaller. Thus, to unblock the window, the extension was reduced to 4ft and ends near the
 edge of her "most important window." This was omitted in the DR request; instead, an additional
 reduction of 1ft was requested. (See Exhibit B.4)
- DR requester also requested to remove the rooftop deck because it blocks her view and light. Per residential design guidelines, "solid railings on decks, translucent glazing glass block or frosted glass on windows" can be used to mitigate privacy/light concerns. So removing the deck is not necessary especially views are not protected. However, we still removed the deck from the design to accommodate the DR requester. This was a tough decision to make because it is our favorite feature; also, given our lot size is substandard, yard space/outdoor space is very limited.

Question 3 Response

This project isn't extraordinary or exceptional. It complies with planning code and RDT requirements. In fact, RDT reviewed the project twice, before and after DR was filed. Project was approved both times and no design changes were requested. The project doesn't impact neighborhood in a dramatic way either; with the exception of the DR requester, all neighbors are in support or have no concerns on the project (please see letters of support). Furthermore, we already mitigated the DR requester's concerns by reducing the side extensions and removing a rooftop deck. We can't compromise our needs further and we need the space for our family.

DR requester's request: Lowering ceiling height from 9ft to 8ft

We considered this option in the beginning, but at the end we didn't move forward with it because:

- Current ceiling height of the property (living room, bedroom and etc.) is approx. 9ft. Reducing just a portion of the house to 8ft does not make sense.
- Existing pop out ceiling height slopes from +/-9ft to +/-7.2 ft. Since the majority of the ceiling is already greater than 8ft the changes are actually minimal. (See Exhibit B.2 & B.3)

• To make the space code compliant for a kitchen, the ceiling height needs to be up to standard. It is reasonable to keep the ceiling height at 9ft to match the rest of the house.

<u>DR requester's request:</u> Reducing side extension from 4ft to 3ft to "[increase] the light exposure to the downstairs window."

DR requester's concern: Light source impacted by 50-90% or blocks her bathroom window by 100%

Per Residential Guidelines, "in areas with a dense building pattern, some reduction of light to neighboring buildings can be expected with a building expansion."

- DR requester has plenty of light sources at the rear of her house there is at least 7+ (north and east facing) glass windows/doors. Majority of these sources aren't impacted by the project.
- While extension will be on the east of DR requester's bathroom window, bathroom window is north facing, so there's still plenty of natural light for a non-habitable room.
- Side extension was already reduced to 4ft.

<u>DR requester's concern:</u> 483 Hoffman extensions & the proposed plan "dramatically" affects ... midblock open space"

Per Residential guideline, "rear yards provide open space for the residences to which they are attached, and they collectively contribute to the mid-block open space that is visible to most residents of the block."

- Proposed design respects the rear yard requirement of 15ft for RH-2 zone.
- Proposed rear-building wall is consistent to neighborhood's rear building walls. (See Exhibit C.2)
- In terms of mid-block space contribution, proposed design contributes more than DR requester's property. Per planning department report on a variance denied in 1982, DR requester property "extends deeper into the lot than most others in this block of 25th street, even those of full standard-size lots." The "resulting rear yard on the property is only 10ft" and thus contributes the least to the neighborhood mid-block space.
- 483 Hoffman's extension was done in 1998, and not relevant to this project. Any issues regarding their extension should be discussed then and not now.

Exhibit List

- Exhibit A Neighborhood study, proposed project is relatively small.
- Exhibit B.1 Majority of DR requester's light source isn't blocked.
- Exhibit B.2 & B.3 Proposed ceiling height does not block DR requester's upper sitting window
- Exhibit B.4 DR requester's main concern is upper sitting area window
- Exhibit B.5 Deck limits sunlight from above.
- Exhibit C.1 483 Hoffman extension is directly across from 4538 25th
- Exhibit C.2 Proposed project does not block neighborhood mid-block space
- **Exhibit C.3** Photos submitted by DR requester.

EXHIBIT A - Neighborhood Study

Exhibit A.1

- o 60-70% single family home on 25th street is 1300 sq ft or more (one at 1250sq ft)
- All single family homes on 25th street has 2+ bed rooms, EXCEPT #4538 (our property)
- Most properties on same side of our property has similar pop-out

*Info below was obtained via http://propertymap.sfplanning.org, redfin, and confirmations from owners.

Single family houses above 1300sq ft+ Single family houses below 1000 sq ft #4530 - 1365 sq ft, 2+bed 499 Hoffman ave - 870 sq ft, 2 bedroom #4524 - 1440 sq ft, 2+bed #4550 - 710 sq ft, 2 bedroom #4518 – 2577 sq ft, 2+bed #4547 - 1370 sq ft, 2+ bed DR Requester's property #4545 - 3824 sq ft, 2+bed #4544 – 878 sq ft, 2bed/2 bath (Sq ft does not include downstairs bedroom/bath #4529 – 4021 sq ft, 2+bed room, if it does, estimated to be 1000+ Sq ft) #4537 - 1876 sq ft, 2+Bed #4563 - 1250 sq ft, 2+Bed **Proposed Project Property** #4538 – 735 sq ft. 1 bedroom Proposed new footage: 1325 sq ft



Exhibit B.1 – DR requester has at least 7 windows/glass door; plenty of light source.

Exhibits B

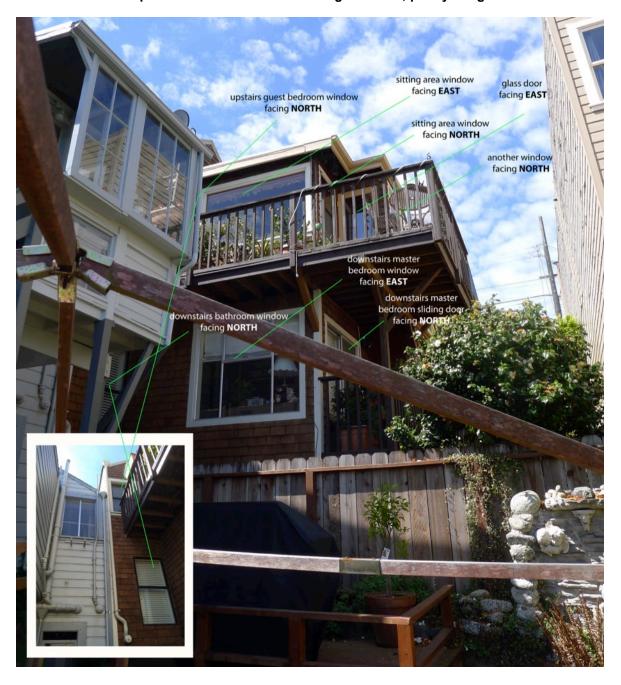
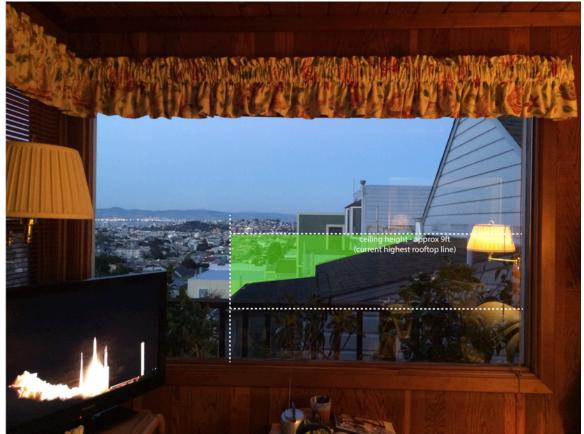


Exhibit B.2 - Proposed ceiling height does not block DR requester's upper sitting window



*Photo was taken standing in front of window. Green = rough mock up of pop-out changes

Exhibit B.3 - Rooftop is barely visible. 9ft ceiling height impact on light source is negligible.



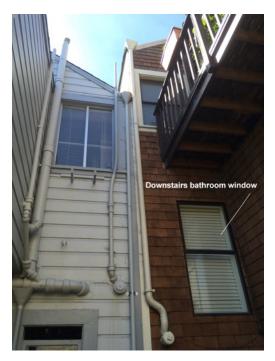
* Photo was taken sitting down at DR Requester's sitting area.

Exhibit B.4 – DR requester's main concern is the upper sitting area window's light and view.

5/28/2015	Me -> DR Requester (email) *(notifying DR requester about the side extension reduced to 4ft)	"The proposed shower area has already been reduced. The potential buildable area is up to approx. 6 feet. To address your light/view concern, we are extending by 4 ft only . The proposed shower area should end where your window is and not block your window."
8/25/2015	*(request to reduce ceiling height but did not mention reduction needed on side extension)	"I have made it very clear from the very beginning that the most important window for me was the upstairs window in the sitting room facing due East. I would appreciate you re-exploring the lowering of the back room (kitchen) to 8 ft. instead of the 9 ft. thus ensuring a better chance that you will not be impacting my upstairs window from light and view."
5/10/2016	Planner Sylvia Jiminez -> me (email) *(Request to reduce ceiling height again but did not mention reduction need on side extension.)	"Addition Ceiling Height – In an effort to mitigate privacy concerns (blocking her window), Ms. Soderstrom suggested a lower ceiling height (8') as a potential mitigation measure. While the current proposal has been found to be code compliant and meets our Residential Design Guidelines, is this something you considered?"

Exhibit B.5

- Non-permitted deck? 3ft wide and 14+ft long, way beyond buildable area & rear yard set back requirement. It also limits sunlight from above.
- While extension will be on the east of DR requester's bathroom window, bathroom window is north facing, so there's still plenty of natural light for a non-habitable room.



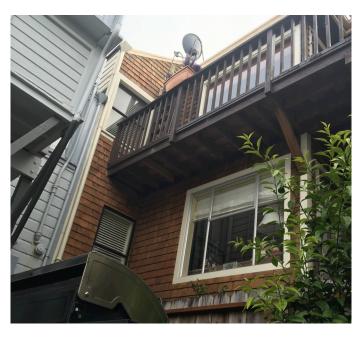




Exhibit C.1 – 483 Hoffman's extension was approved in 1998.



DR requester subject property

Exhibit C.2 - Proposed project does not impact neighborhood mid-block space dramatically

- Proposed pop up/rear building wall is consistent with adjacent neighbor design.
- Pink shows the difference between old and new proposed footprint.

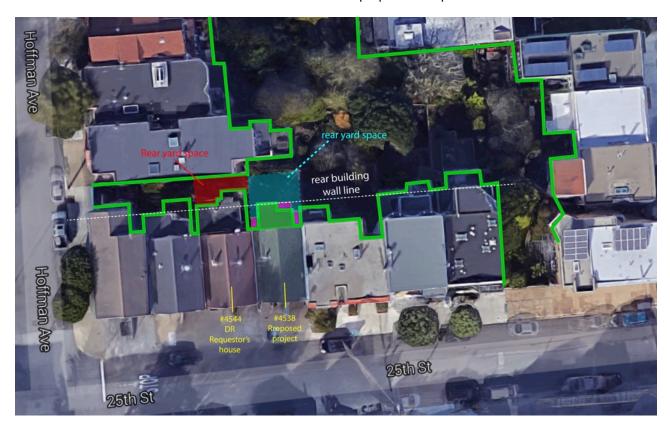
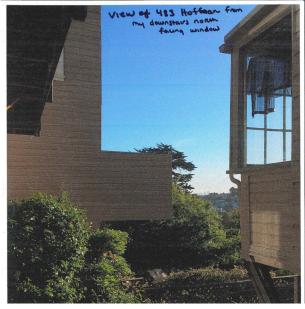


Exhibit C.3 – Photos submitted by DR requester







These photos were submitted by DR requester:

- The Hoffman extension is at least 15-20 ft away from the DR requester's window. It only blocks view and not light.
- Since Window faces north and there is still sunlight available for non-habitable room.
- "Direct sunlight comes through the porch window" – this is not relevant because neighbors shouldn't rely on their neighbor's windows as light source. Curtains or any kind of hanging objects can easily obstruct windows.
- The proposed pop out is also at least 9ft away from DR requester's window. There's still plenty of light available in this dense city.

RE: 4538 25th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 Discretionary Review

Dear Planning Commissioners,

We are writing to support the proposed project at 4538 25th street, San Francisco, CA 94114. We have spoken with Serena and Darren about their project on multiple occasions. Their proposed project's design and architecture is consistent and compatible with the neighborhood character. We have no concerns and excited for them!

Sincerely,

Signature

PAUL LAPUNZINA

PRINT NAME

RE: 4538 25th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 Discretionary Review

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I attended the pre-application meeting held on May 21st, 2015.

I spoke with Serena and Darren about their project on multiple occasions. Their proposed project's design and architecture is consistent and compatible with the neighborhood character. I have no concerns and I am excited for them!

Please accept this letter as my full support for their project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shalley Temanolog Signature

DR. SHELLEY FERNÁNDEZ

PRINT NAME

475 HOFFMAN AVENUE SANF NONCIES 94114

RE: 4538 25th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 Discretionary Review

Dear Planning Commissioners,

We live at 4530 25th street, next to Serena and Darren (east of their property). We have spoken with Serena and Darren about their project on multiple occasions. Their proposed project's design and architecture is consistent and compatible with the neighborhood character. We have no concerns and I am excited for them!

Please also accept this letter as my full support for this project. Thank You.

Sincerely,

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Francisco Franco

PRINT NAME

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4537 25TH ST, S.F.

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Signature

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4547 25th ST, SF CA 94114

RE: 4538 25th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 Discretionary Review

Dear Planning Commissioners,

We are writing to support the proposed project at 4538 25th street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

We live across from Serena and Darren at 4545 25th street. We have spoken with them about their project on multiple occasions. Their proposed project's design and architecture is consistent and compatible with the neighborhood character. We have no concerns and excited for them!

Sincerely,

Signature

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4545 25th ST SANFRANCISCO, CA 94114 Address