

## SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Discretionary Review Abbreviated Analysis

HEARING DATE: JANUARY 23, 2014

Date:	January 16, 2014
Case No.:	2012.0818DDDDDDDV
Project Address:	4546 19th STREET
Permit Application:	2012.06.25.3387
Zoning:	RH-2 (Residential House, Two-Family)
	40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot:	2700/012
Project Sponsor:	Ferolyn Powell
	55 Caselli Street
	San Francisco, CA 94114
Staff Contact:	Michael Smith - (415) 558-6322
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Recommendation:	Do not take DR and approve as proposed

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#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposal is to significantly alter the building's exterior elevations, add a second dwelling unit, add a one-story vertical addition, develop the top of the rear garage with roof deck open space, and add a rear horizontal addition that would connect the residential building to the detached garage at the rear of the lot. The connection between the residential building and the garage would be located partially below grade. The proposed addition would add approximately 9.5' to the height of the building and 2,285 square-feet of habitable area to the existing building. The primary dwelling would have 2,967 square-feet of habitable area and the secondary dwelling unit would have 656 square-feet of habitable area. The project requires a rear yard variance for the roof deck and below grade connection between the structures. The project was originally noticed to the public as being tantamount to demolition but after staff's review of additional materials that were submitted by the project architect it was determined that the project was not tantamount to demolition.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The subject property is located on the north side of 19<sup>th</sup> Street, between Douglass Street and Lamson Lane, within the Eureka Valley neighborhood. The subject lot measures 25 feet in width and 116 feet in depth and slopes down towards the rear property line. The subject property is improved with a single-family dwelling that was constructed in 1923 and a detached one-story, garage located at the rear of the lot. The detached garage is a wood framed, flat roofed structure designed in a utilitarian style. The residence is a two-story, wood-framed, single-family dwelling with no discernible architectural style. According to the project architect, the dwelling has three bedrooms and one bathroom within 1,625 square-feet of habitable area. The subject building has had its original ornamentation removed and is clad in vinyl siding on its west and north elevations.

#### SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

The surrounding neighborhood is residential in nature and characterized by a mix of multi-story, singlefamily and multi-family dwellings. All of the lots on the 4500 block of Eureka Street are laterally sloping, following the slope of 19<sup>th</sup> Street as it rises to the west. The properties on the north side of the block slope down from the street. The properties on the south side of the block (across the street from the subject property) slope up from the street. The subject property is one in a row of 22 nearly identical buildings that were constructed by the same developer; however, there is no predominant architecture style on the subject block as many buildings within the grouping have been altered.

#### **BUILDING PERMIT NOTIFICATION**

TYPE	REQUIRED PERIOD	NOTIFICATION DATES	DR FILE DATE	DR HEARING DATE	FILING TO HEARING TIME
311 Notice	30 days	5/23/2013 – 6/22/2013	6/14/2013	1/23/2014	220 days

#### HEARING NOTIFICATION

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PERIOD	REQUIRED NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL PERIOD
Posted Notice	10 days	1/13/2014	1/13/2014	10 days
Mailed Notice	10 days	1/13/2014	1/9/2014	14 days

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

	SUPPORT	OPPOSED	NO POSITION
Adjacent neighbor(s)		1	
Other neighbors on the			
block or directly across		7	
the street			
Neighborhood groups		1	

The DR requestor submitted a petition signed by 21 neighbors who live within the 200 block of Eureka Street and who are opposed to the project because of its overall building scale.

The Eureka Valley Promotion Association (EVNA) has expressed opposition to the project.

#### DR REQUESTORS

John Kalucki, occupant at 98 Seward Street, located across the street and southwest of the subject property.

Nancy Ramamurthi, occupant at 4582 19<sup>th</sup> Street, located a few properties to the south of the subject property.

Kenneth Kalstein, occupant at 4565 19<sup>th</sup> Street, located across the street and southwest of the subject property.

Charnel Benner, occupant at 4552 19<sup>th</sup> Street, located across Lamson Lane to the west of the subject property.

James Carmody, occupant at 4529 19<sup>th</sup> Street, located across the street and southeast of the subject property.

Linda Tucker, occupant at 4547 19th Street, located across the street to the south of the subject property.

Bruno Olshausen, occupant at 4567 19th Street, located across the street to the south of the subject property.

#### DR REQUESTOR'S CONCERNS AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

See attached Discretionary Review Applications.

#### PROJECT SPONSOR'S RESPONSE TO DR APPLICATION

See attached Response to Discretionary Review, dated January 13, 2014.

#### 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**

RDT reviewed the project in preparation for the DR hearing and determined that the proposed addition is compatible with the character of the neighborhood because:

- The scale and massing of the building are appropriate and consistent with the surrounding development and the midblock.
- The front of the building reads as a two-story structure with a setback top floor (12' setback to the top floor overhand, 15' to the main wall). The proposed height is appropriate for the corner lot location and is compatible with other taller buildings in the area.
- Although contemporary in their expression, the façade alterations are consistent with the features found in the surrounding neighborhood and are of high quality design. The materials (wood siding, aluminum windows, glass railings, stone accents) are materials that are present in the surrounding neighborhood.

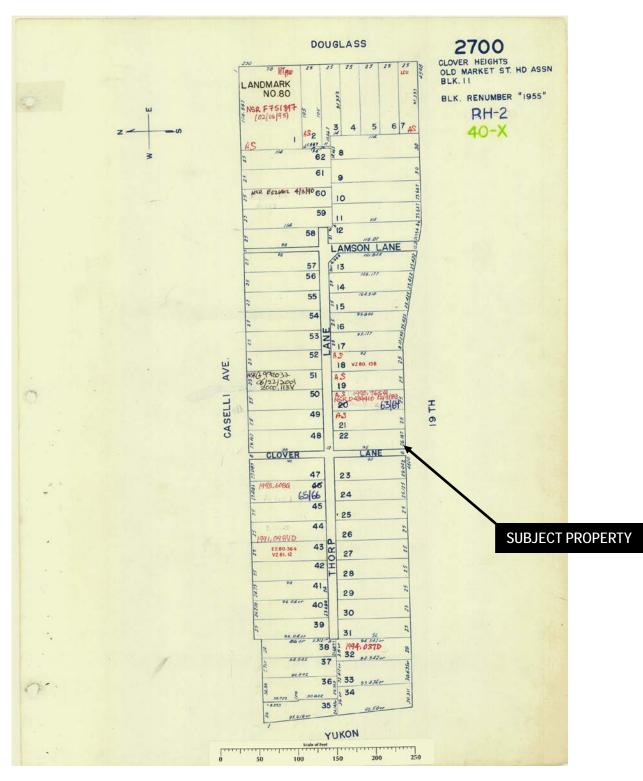
For these reasons the project does not create any exceptional or extraordinary circumstances.

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.

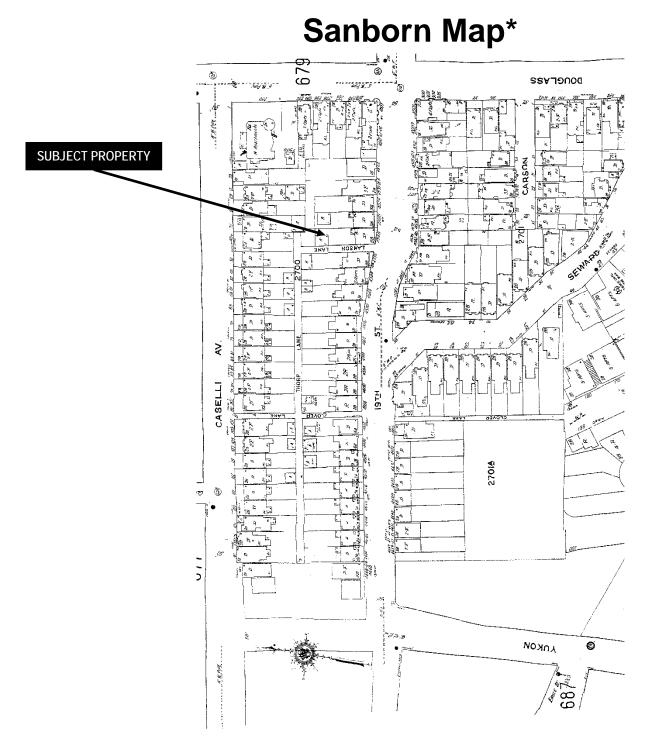
#### **RECOMMENDATION:** Do not take DR and approve project as proposed

Attachments: Parcel Map Sanborn Map Aerial Photographs Section 311 Notice DR Applications Response to DR Applications Context Photographs Project Renderings Reduced Plans

## **Parcel Map**



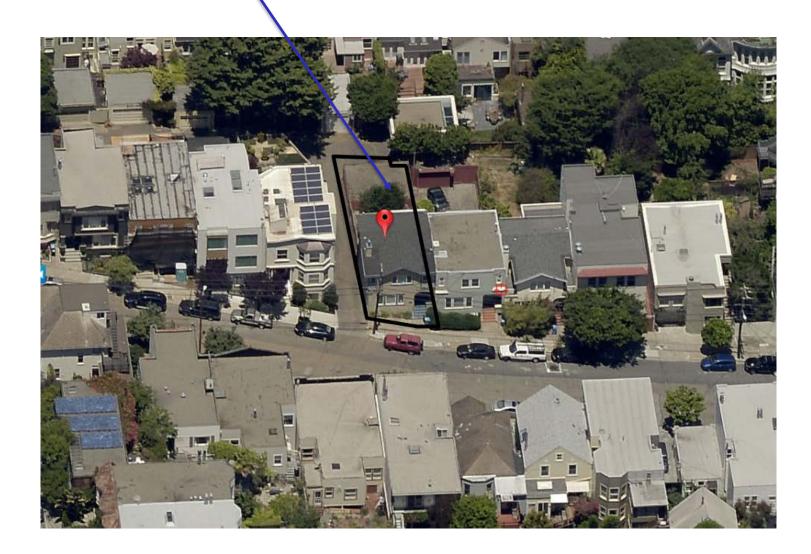




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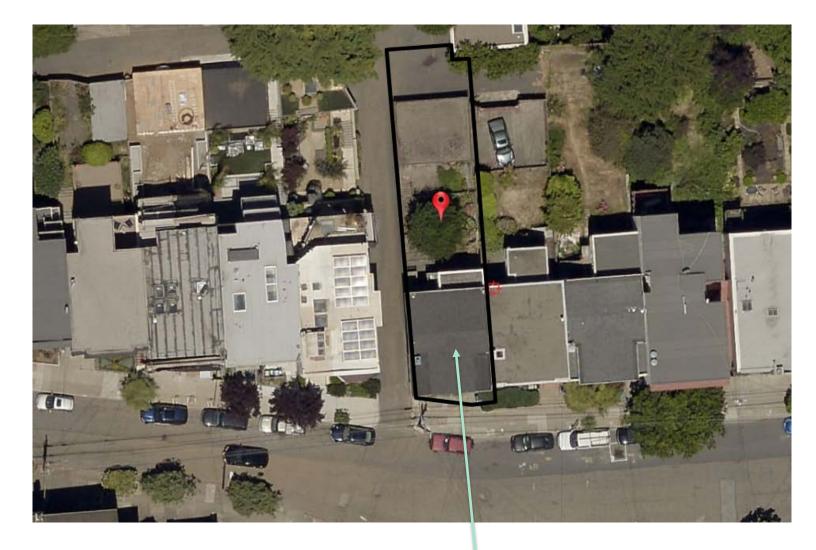
## **Aerial Photo**

SUBJECT PROPERTY





## **Aerial Photo**









# **CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination**

SAN FRANCISCO

Property Information/Project Description

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	Serpentine Rock: Does the project involve any excavation in a property			
	containing serpentine rock?			
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STEP 5 CEQA IMPACTS - ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW (To be completed by Preservation Planner)

If condition applies, please initial.

<u> </u>	1.	Project involves a Known Historical Resource (CEQA Category A conforms entirely to Scope of Work Descriptions listed in Step 4. (Pla	
	2.	Interior alterations to publicly-accessible spaces.	
		Window replacement of original/historic windows that are not "in-kind" but are is consistent with existing historic character. Façade/storefront alterations that do not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.	<b>NOTE:</b> If ANY box is initialed in STEP 5, Preservation Planner MUST review & initial below.
	5.	<b>Raising the building</b> in a manner that does not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.	Further Environmental Review Required.
	6.	<b>Restoration</b> based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.	Based on the information provided, the project requires an <i>Environmental Evaluation</i> <i>Application</i> to be submitted.
	7.	<b>Addition(s)</b> , including mechanical equipment that are minimally visible from a public right of way and meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.	GO TO STEP 6 Preservation Planner Initials
	8.	Other work consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties	<b>Project Can Proceed With</b> <b>Categorical Exemption Review.</b> The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and
*mes	9.	Reclassification of property status to Category C         a. Per Environmental Evaluation, dated:       3 - 20 - 2013         * Attach Historic Resource Evaluation Report         b. Other, please specify:	can proceed with categorical exemption review. GO TO STEP 6 Preservation Planner Initials
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## SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## **Historic Resource Evaluation Response**

Date	March 20, 2013 (Part I)
Case No.:	2012.0818E
Project Address:	4546 19th Street
Zoning:	RH-2 (Residential, House, Two-Family) District
	40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot:	2700/012
Staff Contact:	Michael Smith (Preservation Planner)
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#### PART I: HISTORIC RESOURCE EVALUATION

#### **Buildings and Property Description**

4546 19<sup>th</sup> Street is located on the north side of the street between Douglass and Yukon Streets in the Eureka Valley neighborhood. The subject building is located on an approximately 2,870 square-foot, irregularly shaped lot located within a RH-2 (Residential, House, Two-Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

The subject property is improved with a single-family dwelling that was constructed in 1923 and a detached one-story, garage located at the rear of the lot. The detached garage is a wood framed, flat roofed structure designed in a utilitarian style. The residence is a two-story, wood-framed, single-family dwelling with no discernible architectural style. The building's primary elevation features a recessed entrance with a flattened arch opening that is accessed a short run of concrete stairs. The entrance is located on the right side of the front façade and to the left of the entrance is tri-parte grouping of windows separated by wood mullions and surrounded by wood trim. At the second floor is another triparte window centered on the elevation and flanked by smaller sliding windows. The elevation is topped with a shallow gabled roof with a projecting eave flanked by small sections of flat roof. The west elevation faces Lamson Lane and is clad in aluminum siding and topped with an asymmetrical gable end on the left side and a flat roof on the right side. All of the building's windows are vinyl sash fixed and sliders.

#### Pre-Existing Historic Rating / Survey

The subject property is not included on any historic resource surveys or listed on any local, state or national registries. The building is considered a "Category B" property (Properties Requiring Further Consultation and Review) for the purposes of the Planning Department's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review procedures due to its age (constructed circa 1923).

#### **Neighborhood Context and Description**

The subject property is located on 19<sup>th</sup> Street within the Eureka Valley neighborhood which is generally considered to be bordered by 21<sup>st</sup> Street to the south, Market Street to the north, Market Street to the west and Noe Street to the east. The neighborhood originally represented the northern boundary of Rancho

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San Miguel which was owned by Jose de Jesus Noe, the last Mexican alcalde of Yerba Buena. During the Gold Rush, Jose Noe, like the other rancheros in San Francisco, had no reasonable means to preserve his rancho. Wages to police the ranchos were high, costs to litigate rancho claims were high, and a series of droughts and floods cut into rancho profits. These factors combined with the Financial Panic of 1852-59 forced Jose Noe to sell a portion of his rancho to John Meirs Horner. The area was comprised mainly of dairy farms, grazing land, and farm land but under Horner the neighborhood was plotted, names were given to its streets, and it became known as Horner's Addition.

John Meirs Horner, an ambitious Mormon arrived on the sailing ship *Brooklyn* in 1846 and purchased the eastern portion of Rancho San Miguel, from Jose de Jesus Noe, in 1853. The area was comprised mainly of dairy farms, grazing land, and farm land but under Horner the neighborhood was plotted, names were given to its streets, and it became known as Horner's Addition. Of all the Rancho San Miguel neighborhoods, those in Horner's Addition developed first because it was closer to downtown. As a result, the oldest buildings of any Rancho San Miguel neighborhoods can be found in Noe and Eureka Valleys. Because the area was spared in the aftermath of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, settlement in these neighborhoods boomed as Earthquake refugees settled in the area during the reconstruction period (1906 - 1914). The refugees that settled in Eureka Valley were primarily of Irish, German, and The neighborhood was developed as a working class one and its early Scandinavian decent. development reflected it. The neighborhood's primary commercial areas are Castro and Market Streets. In 1887 the Market Street Railway Company built a line linking Eureka Valley to downtown and a cable car line along Castro Street from Market Street to 29th St. in Noe Valley the result of lobbying efforts by the Eureka Valley Promotion Association which formed in 1905. Because the area was spared in the aftermath of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, settlement in Eureka Valley boomed as Earthquake refugees settled in the area during the reconstruction period (1906 - 1914) creating a housing boom and turning the village into a thriving working-class neighborhood. Development momentum in Eureka Valley continued after transit lines began servicing the neighborhood, establishing Eureka Valley's primary development period from 1880 - 1920, with build out by 1929, coinciding with the extension of Market Street. The higher more remote locations remained undeveloped until the middle of the century which resulted in newer development in these areas.

Though Eureka Valley was losing families to the newer neighborhoods west of Twin Peaks it remained a working-class neighborhood until the mid-1960s when it started to become a gay neighborhood following the Summer of Love in the neighboring Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. In 1977, this neighborhood elected the first openly gay politician (Harvey Milk) to public office (San Francisco Board of Supervisors).

The subject property is located within a subdivision of Eureka Valley named Clover Heights which was developed from 1912 to 1930. Clover Heights was developed by the Anglo-American Land Company (AALC) who purchased a small four block parcel of land consisting of 62 lots. The AALC prepared the land for development by grading streets, and installing sidewalks, stairs, and water and gas lines. The subdivision was marketed to individual property owners though it became more popular with speculative builders who purchased groups of lots. These types of development lead to small groupings of similar homes within the Clover heights subdivision.

#### CEQA Historical Resource(s) Evaluation Step A: Significance

Under CEQA section 21084.1, a property qualifies as a historic resource if it is "listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in, the California Register of Historical Resources." The fact that a resource is not listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in, the California Register of Historical Resources or not included in a local register of historical resources, shall not preclude a lead agency from determining whether the resource may qualify as a historical resource under CEQA.

Individual	Historic District/Context		
Property is individually eligible for inclusion in a	Property is eligible for inclusion in a California		
California Register under one or more of the	Register Historic District/Context under one or more		
following Criteria:	of the following Criteria:		
Criterion 1 - Event:       □ Yes ⋈ No         Criterion 2 - Persons:       □ Yes ⋈ No         Criterion 3 - Architecture:       □ Yes ⋈ No         Criterion 4 - Info. Potential:       □ Yes ⋈ No         Period of Significance:       □	Criterion 1 - Event:       Yes Xoo         Criterion 2 - Persons:       Yes Xoo         Criterion 3 - Architecture:       Yes Xoo         Criterion 4 - Info. Potential:       Yes Xoo         Period of Significance:       Yes Xoo         Contributor       Non-Contributor		

To assist in the evaluation of the subject property, the Project Sponsor has submitted a Historic Resource Evaluation dated March 2012, prepared by Tim Kelley Consulting (TKC). Based upon the evaluation prepared by TKC and found within the Planning Department's background files, Preservation staff finds that the subject property is not eligible for inclusion on the California Register individually and is not located within a potentially eligible historic district.

## Criterion 1: Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history, or the cultural heritage of California or the United States.

Constructed in 1923, the subject property was developed after Eureka Valley's primary development period. Furthermore, to be eligible under the event Criterion, the building cannot merely be associated with historic events or trends but must have a specific association to be considered significant. Staff finds that the subject building has no specific association with this period of development that would make it eligible for inclusion on the California Register under this Criterion. Additional research has not revealed that any significant events occurred on the property that would make it eligible for listing under this Criterion. Furthermore, there does not appear to be a cohesive collection of buildings from Eureka Valley's development period that represents a significant event or series of events. It is therefore determined that there is not a California Register-eligible historic district in the neighborhood, and that the subject property is not individually eligible for the California Register under this Criterion.

Criterion 2: Property is associated with the lives of persons important in our local, regional or national past.

Based upon the evaluation prepared by TKC, The property was originally owned by the Anglo-American Development Company and sold in 1922 to James C. Gibson, a developer and financial broker. Mr. Gibson constructed ten houses on the subject block including the two adjacent buildings to the east of the subject property. After the subject property was constructed its ownership was transferred to the Reinhart Lumber & Planning Mill. It appears that this property and others were seized by the Reinhart Lumber & Planning Mill presumably to pay off debt. In 1924, the subject property was occupied by Edgar L. and Eleanor E. Roseberry. Mr. Roseberry was an engineer at a lumber mill. In 1925, Reinhart Lumber & Planning Mill sold the property to the Roseberry family. It is likely that the Mr. Roseberry was an employee at the Reinhart Lumber & Planning Mill who first rented then bought the subject property from his employer. The Roseberrys owned and occupied the property until 1951 when they sold it to Joseph L. (a city fire fighter) and Evelyn D. Soanes who resided at the property until 1971. The property had several more owners and occupants before being purchased by the current owners in 2011. None of the people associated with the property were found to be significant persons in our local, regional, or national past, therefore, the property is not eligible for listing under California Register Criterion 2.

## Criterion 3: Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.

There are no extant original permit or water tap records for 4546 19<sup>th</sup> Street though the building is presumed to have been designed by R. R. Irvine, who is known to have designed similar buildings further west on the subject block. Irvine is a lesser known architect who designed several Art Deco apartment buildings in the Marina neighborhood. The building has been heavily altered over the years and is presumed to have been designed in the Mediterranean Revival style based upon the style of similar buildings further west on the subject block that were designed by Irvine. Although Irvine designed many buildings in San Francisco he is not considered a master architect. Furthermore, the building's design does not possess high artistic values and is not distinctive in any way. The detached garage at the rear of the property is similarly unremarkable in its utilitarian style. Though the immediate neighborhood contains groupings of similar buildings overall they lack a cohesive design aesthetic. It is therefore determined that there is not a California Register-eligible historic district in the neighborhood, and that the subject property is not individually eligible for the California Register under Criterion 3.

#### Criterion 4: Property yields, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Based upon a review of archaeological information in the Departments records, the subject property is not likely to yield legally significant resources are anticipated in excavated areas. Therefore, the subject property is eligible for listing under California Register Criterion 4.

#### **Step B: Integrity**

To be a resource for the purposes of CEQA, a property must not only be shown to be significant under the California Register of Historical Resources criteria, but it also must have integrity. Integrity is defined as "the authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's period of significance." Historic integrity enables a property to illustrate significant aspects of its past. All seven qualities do not need to be present as long the overall sense of past time and place is evident.

The subject property has retained or lacks integrity from the period of significance noted in Step A:

Location:	🗌 Retains	🗌 Lacks	Setting:	🗌 Retains	🗌 Lacks
Association:	🗌 Retains	Lacks	Feeling:	🗌 Retains	Lacks
Design:	Retains	🗌 Lacks	Materials:	🗌 Retains	Lacks
Workmanship:	Retains	Lacks			

Since 4546 19<sup>th</sup> Street was determined not to meet any of the criteria that would identify it as eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, an analysis of integrity was not conducted. However, it should be noted that the subject property has undergone many prominent alterations including removal of ornamentation, alteration to fenestration, replacement of cladding, replacement of window sashes, and replacement of the entry stairs that have significantly altered its original appearance.

#### **Step C: Character Defining Features**

If the subject property has been determined to have significance and retains integrity, please list the character-defining features of the building(s) and/or property. A property must retain the essential physical features that enable it to convey its historic identity in order to avoid significant adverse impacts to the resource. These essential features are those that define both why a property is significant and when it was significant, and without which a property can no longer be identified as being associated with its significance.

Since 4546 19<sup>th</sup> Street was determined not to meet any of the criteria that would identify it as eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, this analysis was not conducted.

#### **CEQA Historic Resource Determination**

Historical Resource Present

Individually-eligible Resource

Contributor to an eligible Historic District

Non-contributor to an eligible Historic District

No Historical Resource Present

#### PART I: SENIOR PRESERVATION PLANNER REVIEW

Signature: <u>UMUD</u>

Date: 4.5 - 2013

Tina Tam, Senior Preservation Planner

cc: Virnaliza Byrd, Environmental Division/ Historic Resource Impact Review File Ferolyn Powell, Property Owner Jeremy Paul, Project Sponsor Adrian Putra, Project Planner

### HISTORICAL RESOURCE EVALUATION

4546 19th Street San Francisco, California



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## SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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### NOTICE OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION (SECTION 311)

On **June 25, 2012**, the Applicant named below filed Building Permit Application No. **2012.06.25.3387** (Alteration) with the City and County of San Francisco.

C	ONTACT INFORMATION	PROJECT	SITE INFORMATION
Applicant: Address:	Jeremy Paul 1325 California Street	Project Address: Cross Streets:	4546 19 <sup>th</sup> Street between Douglass and Yukon Sts.
City, State:	San Francisco, CA 94109	Assessor's Block /Lot No.:	2700/012
Telephone:	(415) 552.1888	Zoning Districts:	RH-2 /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

[X] VERTICAL EXTENSION

[] NEW CONSTRUCTIONor[X] CHANGE # OF DWELLING UNITS

[] HORIZ. EXTENSION (SIDE)

[X] ALTERATION [X] FACADE ALTERATION(S) [X] HORIZ. EXTENSION (REAR)

[] HORIZ. EXTENSION (FRONT	[)
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PROJECT FEATURES	EXISTING CONDITION	PROPOSED CONDITION
BUILDING USE	Residential	No Change
FRONT SETBACK		
BUILDING DEPTH		
REAR YARD	77 feet	20 feet
HEIGHT OF BUILDING (measured above 19 <sup>th</sup> St.)	25 feet	34 feet, 6 inches
NUMBER OF STORIES (measured above 19 <sup>th</sup> St.)	2	3
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS	1	2
NUMBER OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES		No Change
		5

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposal is to significantly alter the building's exterior elevations, add a second dwelling unit, add a one-story vertical addition, develop the top of the rear garage with roof deck open space, and add a rear horizontal addition that would connect the residential building to the detached garage at the rear of the lot. The connection between the residential building and the garage would be primarily located below grade. The project requires a rear yard variance for the roof deck and below grade connection between the structures. The project has been determined to be a tantamount to demolition thus requiring a mandatory Discretionary Review (DR) hearing pursuant to Section 317 of the Planning Code. The combined variance and DR hearing will be noticed to the public at a later date under separate notice for case No. 2012.0818DV. Any member of the public with concerns regarding this project has the opportunity to request a separate DR before the expiration date on this notice.

PLANNER'S AME:	Michael Smith		
PHONE NUMBER:	(415) 558-6322	DATE OF THIS NOTICE:	5/23/13
EMAIL:	michael.e.smith@sfgov.org	EXPIRATION DATE:	6/22/13

### 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.

- 1. 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 <u>www.communityboards.org</u> 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 <u>each</u> permit that you feel will have an impact on you. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

An appeal of the 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**. Note:

All of the DR applications included the same response and visual attachments so only one complete DR application has been included with the front page of every application included. Also attached is the DR requestors updated correspondence in response to the latest plans.

1. Owner/Applicant Information

DR APPLICANT'S NAME;		
Linda Tucker		
DR APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:		TELEPHONE:
4547 19th Street, San Francisco, CA	94114	( 415 ) 434-2002
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Ferolyn T. Powell Living Trust		
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4552 19th Street Resident: Cassie Doyle, Consul General	94114	(415) 568-4310

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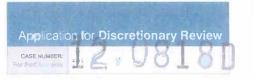
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#### 1. Owner/Applicant Information

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#### 1. Owner/Applicant Information

DR APPLICANT S NAME:		
James Carmody		
DR APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	TELEPHONE:
4529 19th Street	94114	(415) 552-1800

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## APPLICATION FOR Discretionary Review

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Ferolyn T Powell c/o Jeremy Paul		
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4546 19th Street, San Francisco, CA	94114
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#### 1. Owner/Applicant Information

Nancy Ramamurthi		
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4582 19th street	94114	(415) <sup>864-1602</sup>

PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS DOING THE PROJECT ON WHICH YOU A Ferolyn T. Powell Living Trust	RE REQUESTING DISCRETIONARY REVIEW NAME:		
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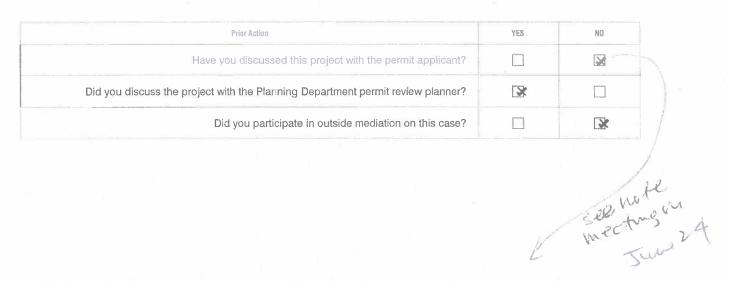
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4. Actions Prior to a Discretionary Review Request



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

If you have discussed the project with the applicant, planning staff or gone through mediation, please summarize the result, including any changes there were made to the proposed project. I am speaking with Ferolyn on Monday June 24th, 2013. Because the deadline for this DR is on the same day, I won't have an opportunity to chat with her ahead of time. I am aware that other neighbors with similar concerns have spoken with her after receiving the required city notice about 30 days ago.



## 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.

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.

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?

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## Applicant's Affidavit

Under penalty of perjury the following declarations are made:

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- 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: June 23, 2013

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

Nancy M. Ramamurthi

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)	DR APPLICATION
Application, with all blanks completed	4
Address labels (original), if applicable	9
Address labels (copy of the above), if applicable	°
Photocopy of this completed application	Ľ
Photographs that illustrate your concerns	K
Convenant or Deed Restrictions	
Check payable to Planning Dept.	P
Letter of authorization for agent	2
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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Date:

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## ANSWERS TO DR REQUEST QUESTIONS 1-3

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

The reason for this Discretionary Review for the proposed building at 4546 19<sup>th</sup> street are the following. We consider these exceptional and extraordinary circumstances that are in violation of Planning Code 134 and a number of SF residential guidelines (all cited below) that represent significant importance and amenities for home owners along Thorp Lane and 19<sup>th</sup> and Caselli streets as well as the public:

i) The building's scale and form are significantly incompatible with the height and depth of surrounding buildings. This is in conflict with SF Residential Guidelines (page 24). This is especially in regard to the depth of the building, which is in clear violation of rear yard requirements in Planning Code 134 for homes in zoning district RH-2.

Planning Code 134 states homes within RH2 (this property) have rear yards between 25% and 45% of the depth of the lot, with the exact depth dependent upon the depth of the two adjacent buildings.

If the plans are accurate in their depiction, this home does not comply with SF Residential Design Guidelines regarding averaging of the rear walls and breaks requirements regarding rear yard minimums of 25% (which would be 29 feet). Proposed yard is only 17% (20 feet).

ii) The proposed building is in violation of SF Residential Guidelines for designing the height and depth of the building to be compatible with existing building scale at the mid-block open space. (page 25) This mid-block open space, as noted in SF Residential Guidelines – is a "significant community amenity."

Rear yards contribute collectively to the strong mid-block open space that all residents along Caselli and 19<sup>th</sup> street enjoy along Thorp Lane. Indeed, walking tours of the Castro neighborhood stop along Thorp Lane (juncture of Clover Lane stairs and Thorp Lanes) to discuss the history of the neighborhood and enjoy the space and views.

The height and depth of this building is uncharacteristically deep and tall, and this out of scale rear and height change will leave residents feeling boxed in and cut off from the mid block open space. It sets a very negative precedent for destroying this significant amenity for all homes along Thorp Lane who live along Caselli and 19<sup>th</sup>.

iii) violates an unbroken pattern of two-story front facades on this side of the street -- a pattern that is a defining character of our street;

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### The proposal fails to meet the following General Plan Policies:

Objective 11: Support and Respect the Diverse and Distinct Character of San Francisco's Neighborhood

Although the Department has found the architectural and historic aspects of the existing building (and presumably the string of 2-story neighboring buildings) do not rise to the level of recognition under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the existing building is an integral part of a character-defining streetscape that is intended to be protected by the General Plan and the Residential design Guidelines. The project sponsor has interpreted the Department's finding of "no significance" related to CEQA to also mean "no importance" to neighborhood character. These are two separate and different standards.

The subject building is one of two sets of buildings on the north side of 19th Street (three in this block, and four in the upper block) that follow a common pattern of presenting two-story front facades with stucco finish, detailed wood trim and alternating low gable and flat roof forms, all of which were built and sold as a part of the Clover Heights subdivision in the 1920s. The height of the buildings is uniform and creates a gentle, visually continuous embrace of the street grade. See Figure 2.

Thus, the existing building fits, and in fact helps define the neighborhood character. By contrast, the proposed building does not fit the neighborhood character, but rather upsets it and attempts to redefine it.

#### Urban Design

# Objective 1: Emphasis of the Characteristic Pattern Which Gives to the City and Its Neighborhood an Image, a Sense of Purpose and a Means of Orientation.

As noted above, this part of 19th Street -- specifically the north side from 4534 to 4660 19th Street -- is a micro-environment with a small-scale character dotted with low-growing street trees and front set-back landscaping. Its materials (wood and stucco) and architectural detailing are warm and welcoming, creating an early 20th-Century cottage-like setting in the midst of a larger and more modern urban environment. Alleyways like Lamson Lane (on the west side of the subject site), provide public views and nature-based visual relief by virtue of their location thru the mid-block open space and back yards' landscaping. The introduction of a 35'-tall building (the maximum allowed under the code given the lot grade), resulting in an actual height of 45 feet at the rear of the building, would violate the otherwise unbroken string of low profiles lining this part of 19th Street and, after removal of a beautiful mature tree, create a veritable wall along Lamson Lane that

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will convert this open space into a boxed-in, urban canyon. See Figures 3a,b. Simply put, the proposal violates the essential characteristics of our street.

The proposal fails to meet the following policies of the City's Residential Design Guidelines. Some broken guidelines noted earlier are repeated below.

1. GUIDELINE: In areas with a defined visual character, design buildings to be compatible with the patterns and architectural features of surrounding buildings. (RDG, p. 9)

The guidelines speak not only to large areas with a defined visual character but also to micro-areas as small as "block faces." The visual character we seek to preserve is the two-story string of circa 1920's homes lining the north side of 19th Street that extends 19 houses up and 2 more houses down 19th Street from the subject building. These buildings - most originating from the Clover Heights subdivision - all have the appearance of two stories at front, are clad in stucco with modest but detailed wood trim and alternate with flat and low gable roofs. Their height is typically under 25 feet. As a group, they step down with the street grade on 19th Street. Individually, most also step rear building walls down with the grade toward Caselli Ave. The proposed building will have the appearance of a 3-story, 35-foot structure at front and massive 45', four story wall at rear, the latter with no setbacks whatsoever. The wall is similarly massive and virtually unbroken on its face to Lawson Lane. The setback on the 3rd floor of the front facade is proposed as 12'11" feet -- not nearly far enough back to preserve the small-scale context of its surrounding neighbors. The 3rd story -- some 11 feet tall -- will be disruptively visible from virtually every vantage point on the block. See Figures 4a,b.

2. GUIDELINE: Respect the topography of the site and the surrounding area. New buildings and additions to existing buildings cannot disregard or significantly alter the existing topography of a site. (RDG, p. 11)

Figure 5 shows the current topography which consists of a descending pattern of rooftops as seen on 19th Street. The proposed building strongly violates this topography as it will 'pop out' of the existing descending pattern. As shown in Figure 4b, the proposed 3rd floor setback is not significant enough to maintain the character of the street. This deviation will be clearly visible from many vantage points along the sidewalk on 19th Street and will disrupt the pattern that has been so clearly preserved despite many recent renovations.

3. GUIDELINE: Articulate the building to minimize impacts on light and privacy to adjacent properties. ... When expanding a building into the rear yard, the impact of that expansion on light and privacy for abutting structures must be considered. (RDG, p. 16)

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Figures 6a,b show how the rear yards of adjacent properties downhill from the construction site will be impacted. The proposed building will tower above these rear yards, casting a broad shadow that will darken and cutoff almost all afternoon sunlight to two adjacent rear yards. The rear half of the third floor on this side is set back by a mere *four feet*, which given the immense height of the building (45 ft. above the rear yard of the adjacent residence) will have negligible effect in reducing its darkening and visual impact from the rear.

4. GUIDELINE: Design the scale of the building to be compatible with the height and depth of surrounding buildings.... and at the street. (RDG, pp. 23 and 24)

The sheer volume of this building is a clear outlier as compared to the current trend of height and depth of buildings on 19th Street. No other building on this or the upper section of 19th Street comes close to this one in terms of its combination of maximizing height *and* depth. The tallest building on this block, 4528 19th Street, is 30.5 feet. Most hover between 25-29 feet. The proposed house is **34.5 feet** (not including the solar panels protruding from the roof), making it a clear outlier. Its proposed building depth would massively overshadow its downhill neighbors. And its proposed rear yard garage expansion (requiring a variance) makes a mockery of the rear yard requirements.

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

The proposal creates a 4-story wall protruding far beyond its immediate neighbor's rear wall and fails to match side setbacks. It creates a new, roughly one-story wall all the way into the required rear yard to the garage. In summary, it terminates the contiguous mid-block open space as if rear yards are not required on corner lots.

6. GUIDELINE: Design the building's proportions to be compatible with those found on surrounding buildings.

The proposed floor heights are unnecessarily tall and appear awkward relative to neighboring buildings and on the proposed building. The window and door placement disregards the balance seen elsewhere on the block. The facade would become devoid of the charming porches, bay windows and architectural detail on this stretch of the street. Instead of providing a facade that benefits both the street and the property, street facade nuance has been sacrificed at the expense of interior square footage and lower construction cost.

2. Unreasonable impacts, who is affected and how.

As described above, the entire neighborhood would be adversely affected by this proposal -- everyone who lives on the street; everyone who walks on the street

As described above, the entire heighborhood would be adversely affected by this proposal -- everyone who lives on the street; everyone who walks on the street and even the general public that currently enjoy free public walking tours of the Castro neighborhood.

It is the disruption of the two-story character of the north side of 19th Street, the complete incompatibility of the proposed buildings height and depth as compared to neighboring structures, its violation of planning guidelines for rear yards, and its intrusion into the mid-block open space that all community neighbors and the public enjoy (recognized as a "significant community amenity" in the words of SF RG) that represent enormous problems with this proposal.

The rear yard variance and overall footprint of the property (and intrusion into the mid-block open space) sets a precedent that not only reduces the property value of immediately surrounding homes, but does the same for the entire neighborhood. It will result in setting a precedent that many builders will use to build extremely large homes that could completely remove the mid-block open space and essentially create a highly urbanized and dark (shadowed) canyon behind all homes.

Those closest to the proposed building will also suffer from a tremendous increase in shadow. The downhill neighbor at 4540 19th Street will additionally be impacted by a wall protruding into the required rear yard adjacent to her side property line and extending far beyond her rear building wall. The owner of this home is a frail and elderly woman not currently in the condition to mount an effort to protect her home.

#### 3. Alternatives/proposed changes...

We seek to find a middle ground -- one that:

- respects the significant community amenity found in the mid-block open space,
- is compatible the essence of the street and neighborhood. It is a
  residential area with open space, rear yards and light, not a highly
  urbanized portion of SF where buildings are constructed to maximize all
  possible square footage and indeed violate planning guidelines to deliver
  this (rear yard variances).
- yet allows the new owner to develop additional square footage and improved interior circulation.

First and foremost, we ask that the project be redesigned so it reduces its overall footprint and size in regards to depth and height, but especially its depth.

The rear yard variance is in violation of planning codes and sets a negative precedent for all future construction along 19<sup>th</sup> and Caselli streets with

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tremendous negative implications for the mid-block open space, nature, and light the entire neighborhood and many in and outside of our community enjoy.

Second, we ask that the third floor be set back approximately 25 feet from the front building wall. This will preserve the character-defining nature of this section of 19th Street.

Third, ask that the rear building wall be stepped to respect the topography between 19th Street and Caselli Ave.

Finally, the owner of the proposed project should provide full and accurate 2- and 3-D depictions of the proposal and revised proposal so the entire neighborhood may truly understand its implications.

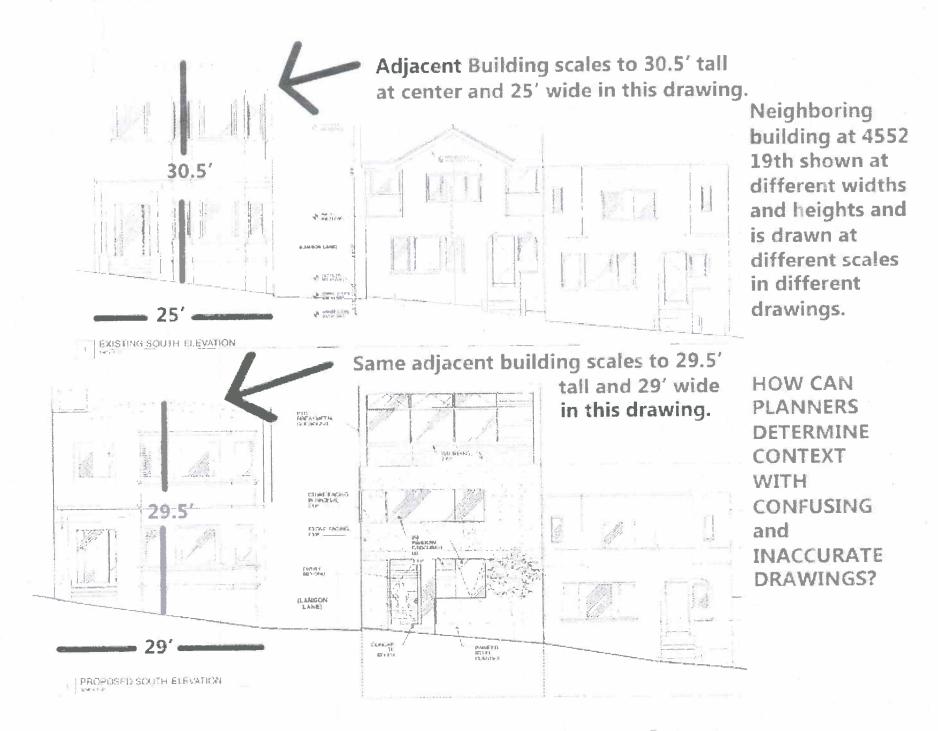


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Subject property \_

Subject property is one of two groups of existing homes on 19th Street following a common architectural pattern.

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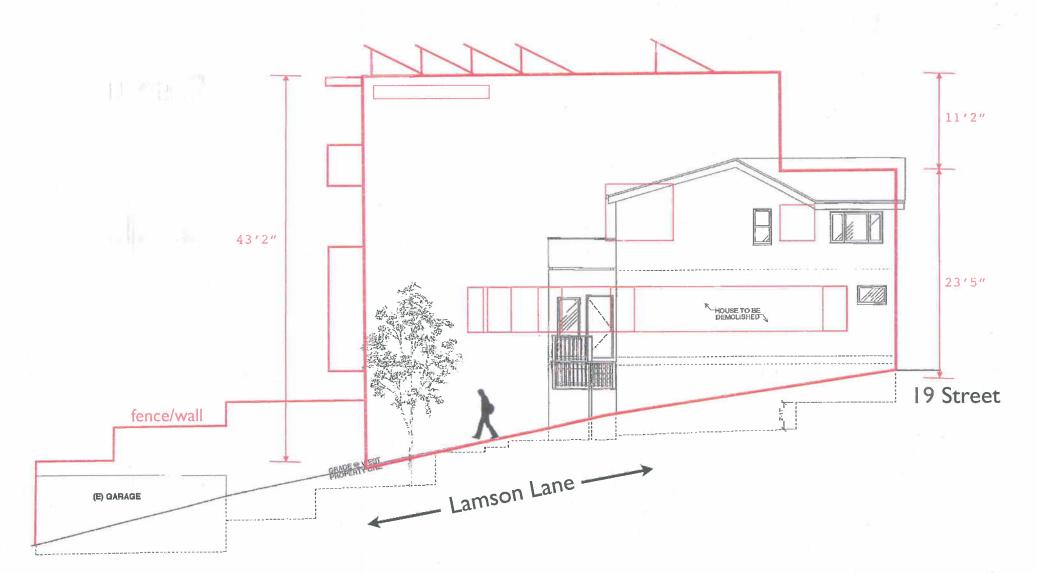


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Side view, facing Lamson Lane, of proposed structure (red) superimposed upon existing structure (black). All objects are drawn exactly to scale from plans provided. Walking man is 5'10".

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## Figure 3a



Lamson Lane, looking up toward 19 Street.



Entry to Lamson Lane viewed from 19 Street.

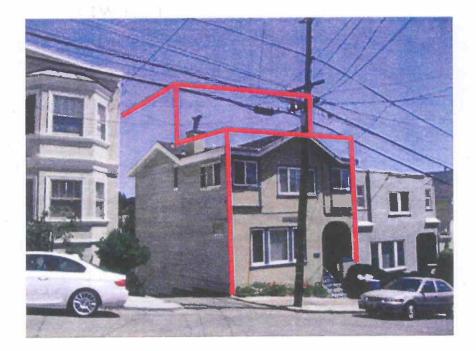
Rear wall of proposed structure will extend to the red line and tower higher than the adjacent home (4552 19th Street), boxing in Lamson Lane and blocking public views.

## Figure 3b 12.0818D



Front view from 19th Street of proposed structure (red) superimposed upon existing structure (black). All objects are drawn exactly to scale from plans provided. Walking man is 5'10".







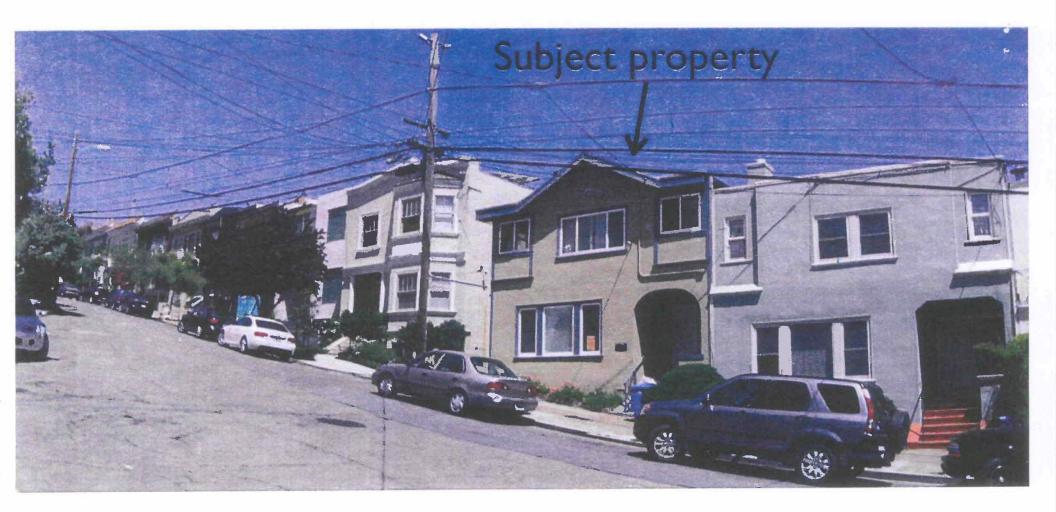


Front views of the subject property from three points along the sidewalk on 19th Street, with approximate\* outlines of proposed structure superimposed in red. The top floor setback of 12'11" is not sufficient. The full height of the building will be disruptively visible from virtually every vantage point on the block.

\*The sponsor has agreed to furnish 3D renderings of the proposed building in context, but these had not yet been provided at the time of filing. These line drawings, though approximate, are sufficiently accurate to convey the main point in the meantime. One may verify by comparing to Figure 4a.

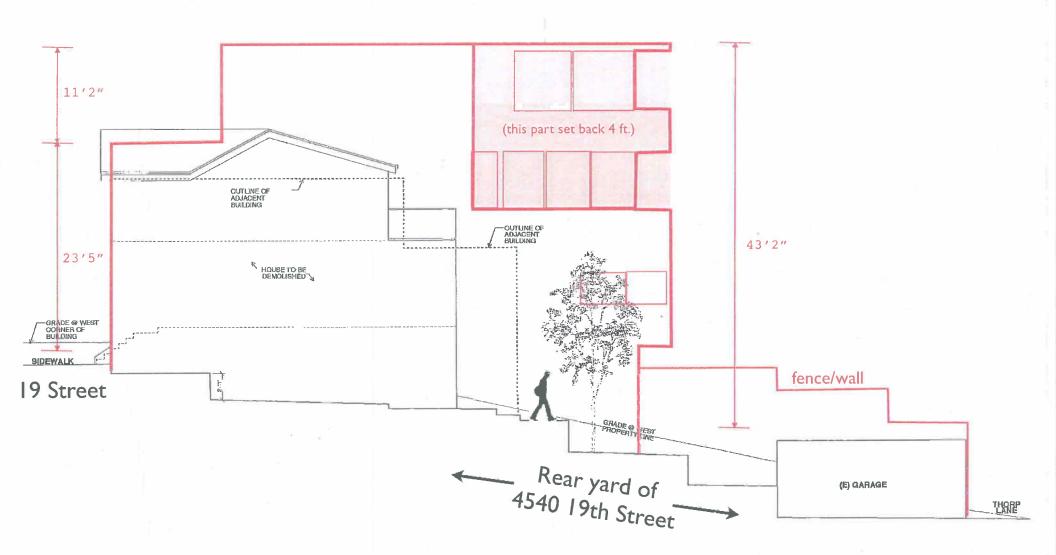
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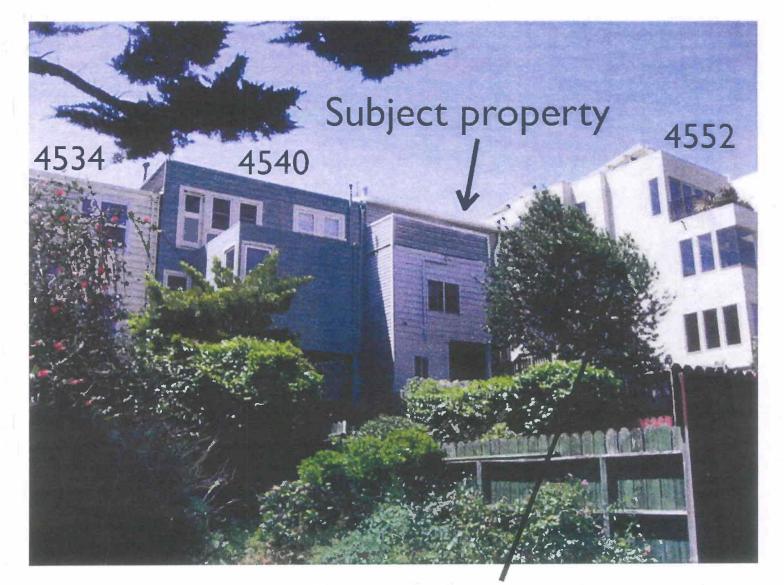
The existing topography on 19th Street consists of a unbroken pattern of descending rooftops extending from 4660 (well beyond the left boundary of this photograph) to 4534 (just off the right boundary of the photo). The proposed building will strongly disrupt this pattern (see Figure 4b).

# Figure 5 12.0318D



Side view, facing adjacent downhill lot at 4540 19th Street, of the proposed structure (drawn in red) superimposed upon the existing structure (black). All objects are drawn exactly to scale from plans provided. Walking man is 5'10".

Figure 6a 12.0818D



The proposed building will extend beyond **this tree** and *higher* than 4552. It will tower 45-50 feet over the rear yards of adjacent, downhill residences (4540 and 4534), casting a broad shadow that will darken and cutoff almost all afternoon sunlight from these yards.

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Bruno A. Olshausen 4567 19th Street San Francisco, CA 94114 email: baolshausen@berkeley.edu

January 12, 2014

San Francisco Planning Commission c/o San Francisco Planning Department 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94013

RE: 4546 19th Street, Permit Application 2012.06.25.3387 2012.0818DDDDDDDV, for hearing on January 23, 2014 Zoning: RH-2

President Fong and Commissioners:

We (myself and six neighbors) have each requested Discretionary Review for this project because we feel that it does not fit the prevailing neighborhood character of 19th Street. Specifically, we are concerned about the overall size and bulk of the project which far exceeds the norm on our street. By combining the proposed doubling of footprint and square footage in the house with the rear yard variance for expansion of a garage and introduction of storage and decks in the required rear yard, the project will occupy nearly all of the lot, setting a horrendous precedent for this neighborhood of modest c. 1920's family homes.

Since applying for DR, the planning department mandated several changes to the proposal which partially address our concerns. But even with these changes the project remains too big. It exceeds the dimensions of other residences on 19th Street in both height *and* depth — the latter substantially so — and it strongly deviates from the existing topography - i.e., the uninterrupted pattern of descending rooftops extending from 4660 to 4534 19th St. The overall mass and size of the project is further exacerbated by the fact that its side wall is fully exposed on Lamson Lane, a narrow public alley with an open feel, frequented by pedestrians as well as Castro historical tour groups, and it is the site of a sweeping public vista of downtown. The unarticulated side facade will wall-in and darken Lamson Lane as well as remove its public vista. The building's proposed 19th Street facade is harsh and modern in a way that fails to respect materials, details and fenestration patterns characteristic of the prevailing pattern of buildings on the street, most originating from the ca. 1920's Clover Heights subdivision.

We love our neighborhood, its small-scale feel and its historic character. In the midst of such overwhelming and unprecedented construction in The City, our goal is to support change and growth that fits family needs while also preserving the essence of architectural character and scale that defines our street and, in essence, our City.

#### **Requested changes**

We ask that the sponsor reduce the size of the proposed project by taking the following steps:

- 1. Reduce height by 3' (from 33'4" to 30'4") to mitigate its disrupting the existing topography on 19th Street;
- 2. Decrease total depth by 7'2" (from 63' to 55'10") to mitigate the impact on Lamson Lane and be more consistent with other residences on 19th Street;
- 3. Increase front 3rd floor setback by 5'3" from the current proposal (from 12'11" to 18'2" i.e., the distance from the 2nd floor front facade to the 3rd floor outer shell) to help mitigate impact on topography and walling in Lamson Lane;
- 4. Step down the rear wall on 3rd and 2nd floors by increasing rear 3rd floor set back by 4'8" (from 7'4" to 12') and including a 2nd floor set back of 6'. This will help to mitigate walling in of Lamson Lane, and will be more consistent with the Design Guidelines;
- 5. Reduce height of rear fence/wall to 8' along Lamson Lane, or step it down so as to preserve as much as possible the open feeling and public views of the downtown skyline and surrounding Eureka valley residences that people currently enjoy when walking down this lane.

Drawings of the sponsor's current proposal and the DR applicants proposed alternative are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, respectively.

#### Attempts to compromise

The DR applicants have made efforts to compromise and engage in dialogue with the sponsor on multiple occasions:

- After the Sponsor's plans were initially disclosed to the immediately adjacent neighbors at the pre-application meeting in April 2012, two DR applicants engaged with the sponsor to express concerns about the size of the project. The sponsor was unresponsive to their concerns.
- After the Sponsor's plans were disclosed to a wider group of neighbors through the 311
  notice in May 2013, and before the DR applications were filed, several additional DR
  applicants expressed concerns to the sponsor about the size of the project. The sponsor
  was asked for renderings, a shadow study, and story poles that would help to better
  delineate how the neighborhood would be impacted. The sponsor was unresponsive to
  concerns and did not respond to any of these requests prior to the DR filing deadline.
- Several months after the DR applications were filed, the sponsor responded to changes mandated by the planning department (rear and side setbacks), and also made a 14" reduction in height to address concerns raised by the DR applicants. It is important to note the former changes came about because they were required by the Planning Department. A meeting was held at the owner's home on November 13, 2013 where the DR applicants explained that despite these changes the project is still too big. We reiterated our concerns and presented drawings of an alternative plan that attempts to provide the owner with the additional space she seeks while mitigating its impact on the surrounding neighborhood. The owner was strongly dismissive of our concerns and was unresponsive to the proposed alternative.
- In a generous attempt to mediate, planner Michael Smith met with the sponsor on December 16, 2013 to present revised drawings of an alternative proposal of the DR applicants. The sponsor suggested a possible revision to the rear fencing that would

mitigate its impact to Lamson Lane by lowering the concrete wall and using glass fencing, but was otherwise unresponsive to any changes in size.

The architect's written response from the last meeting argues that our proposed changes in height would necessitate 7'6" ceilings on the third floor and are therefore an unreasonable request. However a careful analysis of their own drawings shows that this conclusion is based on faulty assumptions. In fact our proposal could be accommodated with 8'4" ceilings on both second and third floors. And it should be kept in mind that the existing structure currently has 8' ceilings on the second floor.

#### Unresponsiveness to RDT concerns and requests

Upon reviewing the public file on the project, we were gratified to learn that many of our concerns regarding the overall size and bulk of this project and its deviation from the existing topography are shared by the planning department and were expressed repeatedly in three previous Residential Design Team reviews under Adrian Putra, who was the planner previously assigned to the project. Specifically,

- "Project concerns: Proposed mass and scale of project. The project will exceed the depth and height of the adjacent buildings to the east. RDT Comments: RDT is concerned the building height does not respect the sloping of street and the stepped pattern of building forms along the block face. The RDT also has concerns about the appropriateness of the massing at the rear of the building." (RDT, 7/19/12, emphasis added)
- "Project concerns: Proposed mass and scale of project. The project will exceed the depth and height of the adjacent building to the east." (RDT, 11/7/12)
- "Project concerns: Proposed mass and scale of project. The facade of the building has been revised in response to RDT comments, but the project still exceeds the depth and height of the adjacent building to the east." (RDT, 1/24/13)

However the repeated warnings would seem to suggest that *the RDT's concerns and suggestions regarding the size of the project are going unheeded.* Indeed this is the case:

RDT comment (11/7/12)	Action taken
"Please reduce the depth of the top two floors by 11' in order to create a transition in building depth between the adjacent two properties."	This request remains unfulfilled.
"Please provide a 5' side setback at the top three floors along the east side of the proposed addition."	The plans that went out with the 311 notice on 5/23/13 show only a 4' east side setback.
"Please setback the third floor 15' from the front building wall."	The current proposal shows only a 12'11" setback to the opaque outer shell, which for all practical purposes defines the visible boundary of the building.

The subsequent RDT review on 1/24/13 states simply: "The RDT stands behind all prior comments."

The fourth and final RDT review under Michael Smith continues this pattern of unheeded recommendations:

RDT comment (8/21/13)	Action taken
"Please provide a 9' wide by 18' long side setback at the NE corner of the first floor in order to limit the addition to one-story above grade."	The current proposal shows only a 7' wide by 17' long side setback at the NE corner.

Thus, there appears to be a long and consistent history of the sponsor either completely ignoring or only partially fulfilling requests for changes made by the planning department. To us this raises an even more disturbing question: Why is this being allowed to happen? It appears that the project sponsor adopted a strategy to respond to miniscule portions of repeated direction from the Planning Department and that through the reassignment of planners and likely change in RDT staff, the bulk of the Department's requests fell through the cracks. If a strategy of multiple revisions with only minimal change, largely ignoring Department direction, is effective in this case, it sends a message to all sponsors to do the same.

## On what grounds was the project ultimately judged to be "appropriate," "consistent" or "compatible" with the neighborhood?

The fourth and final RDT review under Michael Smith on 8/21/13 concludes that if the change listed above (side setback) is made that "the scale and massing of the building are *appropriate* and *consistent* with the surrounding development and the midblock." It also concludes that "the proposed height is *appropriate* for the corner lot location and is *compatible* with other taller buildings in the area." We beg to differ with these conclusions, and we are perplexed as to how they were arrived at, especially when this conclusion starkly contrasts the comments of a previous planner and RDT review on essentially the same project. And in fact there is no data provided about the height or size of surrounding buildings to support the most recent conclusions.

Our own measurements of surrounding residences on 19th Street show that most are less than 25' in height, with the very tallest reaching 30'. Building depths typically range from 35' to 55'. By contrast the sponsor's proposed building stands at 33'4" in height and 63' in depth. Thus it is an outlier in *both* dimensions! How can that possibly be judged appropriate, consistent, or compatible? The reference to "corner lot" presumes Lamson Lane is a standard-sized street and not a narrow alley largely used by pedestrians.

When one considers this project is also asking for a rear yard variance, it is inconceivable that the proposal is compatible or appropriate. One would think if a variance were to be granted it would be in conjunction with a smaller front building, not one that is vastly larger in depth than its neighbors.

For those of us who live on 19th street, who walk up and down it every day and appreciate its low-rise, unimposing character, and the stepped pattern of rooftops descending down the north side of the street (Figure 3) we are dismayed that the planning department does not recognize how incompatible this building will be with our street. As Figure 4 clearly shows, the proposed building will pop out and create an imposing presence from nearly every vantage point along 19th Street. The height combined with the modest 12'11" third floor setback is clearly not sufficient. The Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association - the oldest continuously operating neighborhood association in San Francisco - has also stated in a letter to Michael Smith that they find the project incompatible with the neighborhood. Thus further changes as outlined

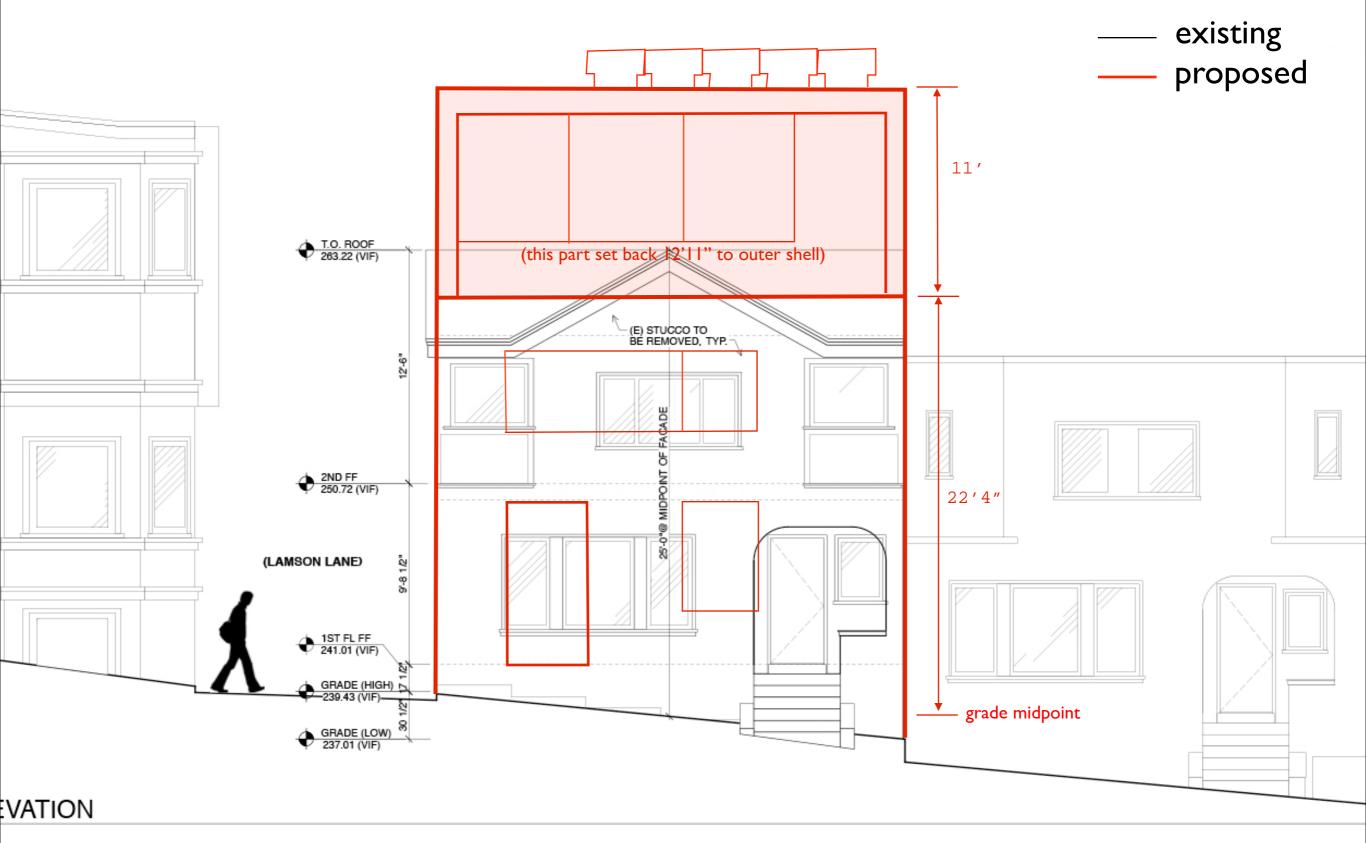
above are needed before it can be deemed appropriate, consistent, or compatible with the neighborhood.

We look forward to presenting our case at the hearing on January 23, and we hope that you will help us preserve the character of our neighborhood on 19th Street.

Sincerely,

Bruno A. Olshausen on behalf of DR Applicants: Wendy and Jim Carmody (4529 19th Street) Linda Tucker (4547 19th Street) Charnel Benner, on behalf of Canadian Consulate (4552 19th Street) Ken Kalstein and David Meyer (4565 19th Street) Self (4567 19th Street) John Kalucki and Anne Ellis (98 Seward) Nancy Ramamurthi (4582 19th Street)

## Sponsor proposal (Front - facing 19th Street)



# Figure Ia

## Sponsor proposal (Side - facing Lamson Lane)

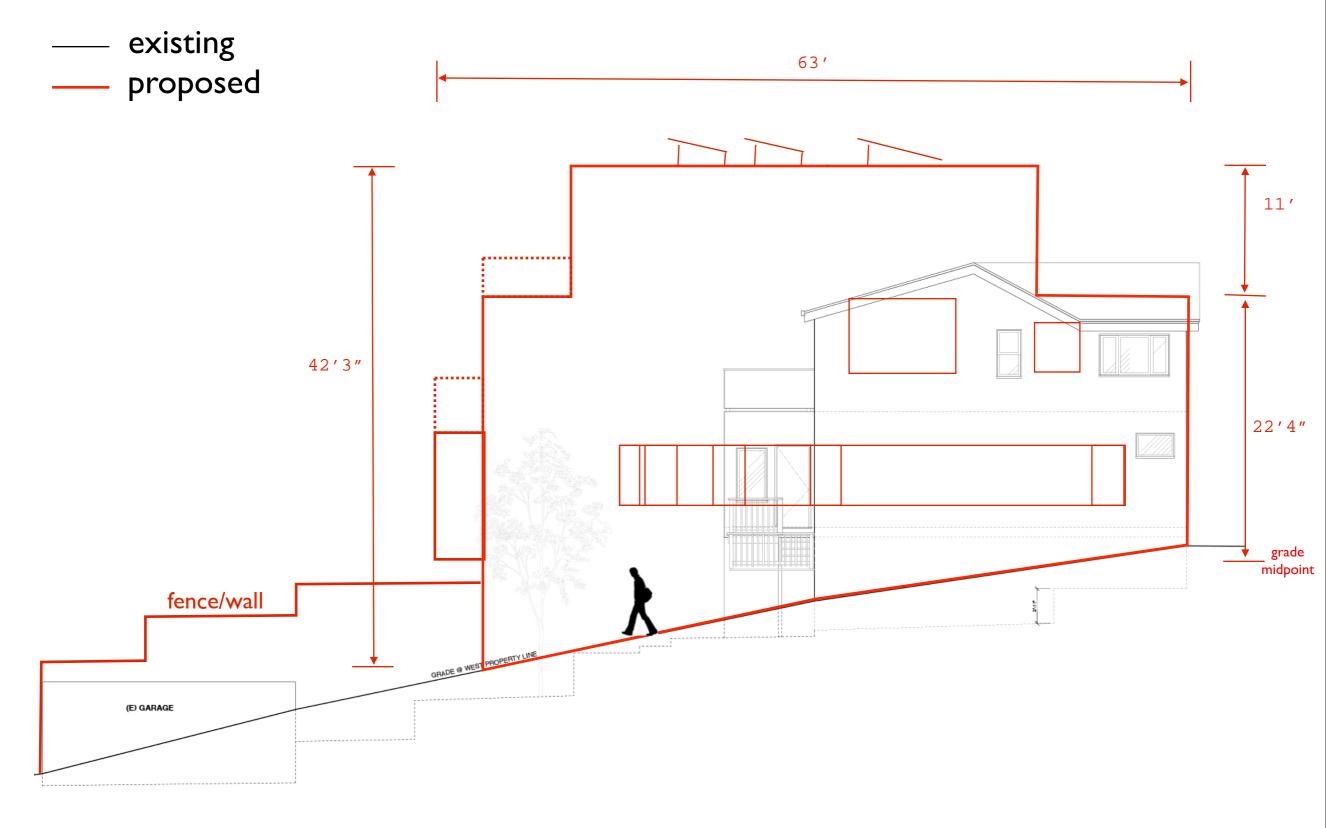
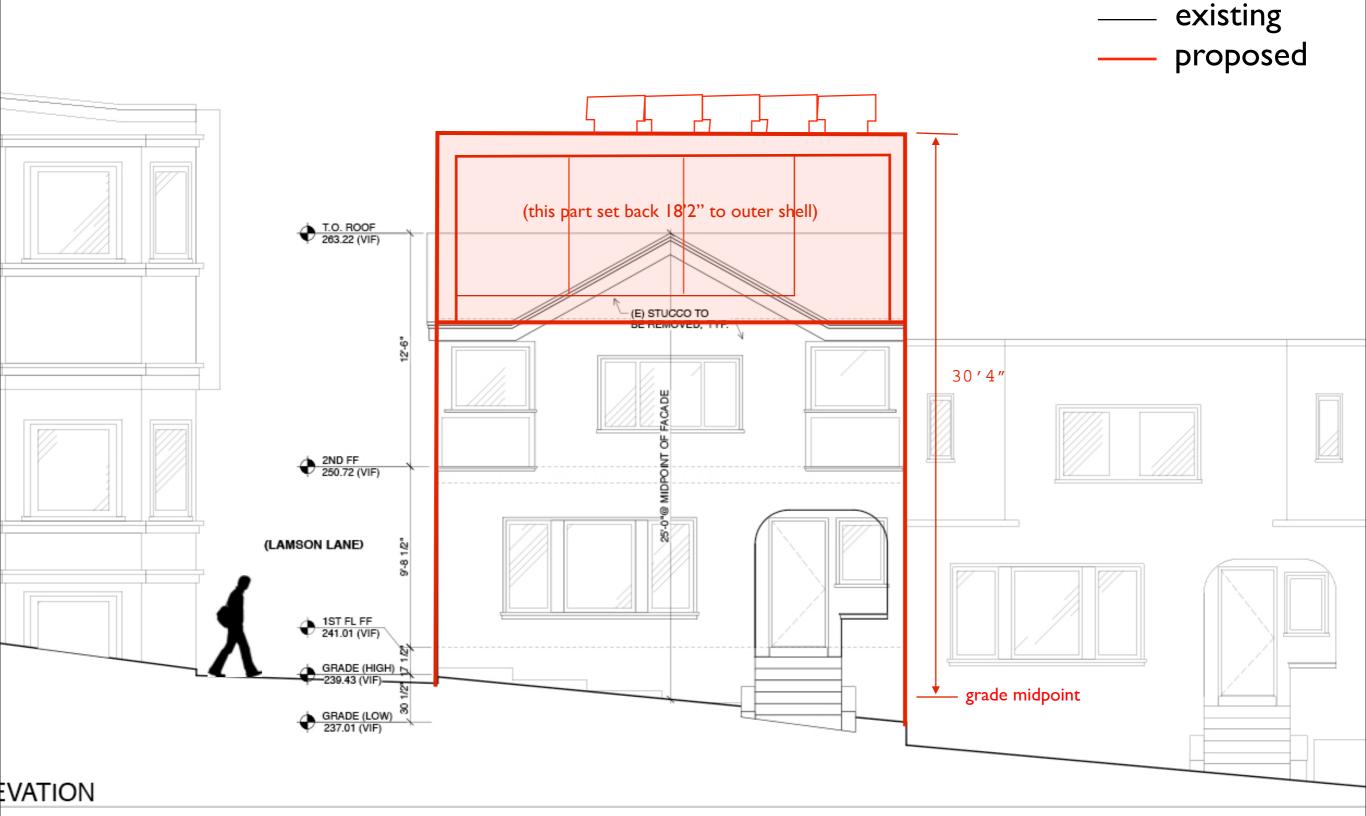


Figure 1b

## DR applicants proposed alternative (Front - facing 19th Street)



# Figure 2a

## DR applicants proposed alternative (Side - facing Lamson Lane)



Figure 2b



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# Figure 3







Front views of the subject property from three points along the sidewalk on 19th Street, with outlines of proposed structure superimposed in red. The top floor setback of 12'11" is not sufficient. The full height of the building will be disruptively visible from virtually every vantage point on the block.

# Figure 4

#### 4546 19th Street

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Project Sponsor:	Ferolyn Powell



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#### Ferolyn Powell 55 Caselli Street San Francisco, CA 94114

January 11, 2014

Pres. Rodney Fong San Francisco Planning Commission 1650 Mission St. Fourth floor San Francisco, California

Re: 4546 19<sup>th</sup> St., Building Permit Application Number 2012.06.25.3387 Application for Discretionary Review 2012.0818D

Dear Pres. Fong and Honorable Planning Commissioners,

We have lived at 55 Caselli St., behind the subject property for 16 years. We love this neighborhood and are deeply committed to it for all sorts of reasons too numerous to list, but you are all San Franciscans, so you know what I'm talking about when I express my love for my neighborhood.

About five years ago we were feeling the lack of space in our current home and began exploring architectural solutions through expansion and remodeling. We filed our building permit applications and Planning staff was very resistant to the exterior changes we were proposing. Our house on Caselli is part of a long row of nearly perfectly maintained craftsman style Eureka Valley homes, and our planner wisely suggested that we needed to reevaluate this project; that we might not ever make it work quite right.

I was in my backyard watching several homes behind me undergo major transformation and expansion when the thought first occurred to me: We really could stay on our block and keep my neighbors but move to a home more in line with our need for space and contemporary design.

We were so pleased to be able to buy the rundown home diagonally behind us at 4546 19<sup>th</sup> Street from the previous owner occupant. We met with architects and the Planning Department and found we had an excellent opportunity to improve a distressed property to accommodate modern family living. Thus began the journey that led to the design you have before you.

I want to thank Michael Smith of Planning Staff Southwest team for all his guidance in this process and his assistance in improving our design, ensuring that we complied with every element of the Residential Design Guidelines and brought forward the best building possible for this site on 19<sup>th</sup> Street. With his help, I'm very proud of the proposal for our remodel and expansion that is before you under Discretionary Review.

There is virtually one single request for Discretionary Review that has been duplicated, signed and submitted seven times. There are inaccuracies and inconsistencies in this document that suggest that several signatories have never even read it. I find this really disappointing when we have spent so much time meeting with all of my neighbors and undergoing redesigns to address their concerns.

Please follow staff recommendations and do not take Discretionary Review, approve these plans as submitted and help us move forward with our project to stay in our neighborhood.

Most Sincerely,

Ferolyn Powell

#### **RESPONSE TO DISCRETIONARY REVIEW**

Case Number: Building Permit Number: Address: Project Sponsor:

2012.0818D 2012.06.25.3387 4546 19<sup>th</sup> Street Ferolyn Powell

## 1. Given the concerns of the DR requester and other concerned parties, why do you feel your proposed project should be approved?

My project is carefully conceived and designed in close consultation with Planning staff to assure both code compliance and incorporation of all elements of the Residential Design Guidelines of the San Francisco Planning Code.

This home in its current condition is not habitable due to extensive mold infestation and will require considerable investment to return it to a state of habitability.

Following an extensive series of revisions and design modifications my proposed addition has received full support of the Residential Design Team and of Planning Staff.

We have acted in good faith and made respectful and responsive efforts at modifications to our project to address the concerns of these DR requesters. There will be some view blockage and thus we are unable to fully meet the wishes of the DR requesters.

The project should be approved because it is a sensitively designed response to the need for a safe and modern home for family living at 4546 19th Street.

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 indicate whether the changes were made before filing your application with the City or after filing the application.

We have minimized the projection and the mass of our addition to the point where it cannot be further reduced and still be economically viable for our family. This home is in desperately poor condition and requires removal and replacement of nearly all interior surfaces to address a hazardous mold infestation.

In response to concerns raised by our neighbor to the west across Lamson Lane prior to our Building Permit Application we modified the west facing façade and the projection at the rear which affected their view. At that time we also increased the significant setback on the East side to benefit our adjacent neighbor on that side.

The modifications and revisions following the Building Permit Application have been extensive and numerous. The entire street façade character has been reevaluated and modified to more fully reflect neighboring architectural styles. Our second and third floor setback from the street frontage 15 feet, the top floor sets back at the rear by more than 17 feet from the building face.

Most recently, in response to the DR requesters comments we have revised our frontage along Lamson Lane adding planting and more relief and texture then now exists as an ugly vinyl siding wall.

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. Please explain your needs for space or other personal requirements that prevent you from making the changes requested by the DR requester.

Our proposed addition has been found by the Planning Staff and Residential Design Team to be in full compliance with the Residential Design Guidelines of the Planning Code. We have adopted numerous changes for the benefit of the DR Requesters that have been well received, but it seems that so long as we include a vertical addition there will be project opposition.

We are restoring this home to habitable condition, adding a fully independent dwelling unit and creating a home for modern family living, with improved private spaces and a usable family room. This is a well designed alteration that will have a significant effect on our quality of life in San Francisco, and will be a beautiful addition to our block.

Please support staff recommendations and deny the requests for Discretionary Review and approve this project without further delay.



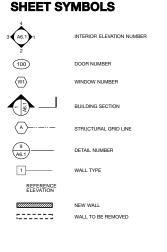
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2. Do not scale drawings. Written dimensions and notes to take precedence over scaled dimensions. Large scale drawings take precedence over small scale drawings.

3. New walls or footings to be aligned with existing walls. Any work relating to but not aligning with existing conditions shall be brought to the Designer's attention by the Contractor.

4. Contractor to notify Designer of discrepancies before starting work or as they arise.

5. Designer will not be responsible for any changes in plans, details or specifications unless approved in advance of construction.

6. Coordinate exact location of all electrical fixtures and outlets with Designer in field. 7. All Mechanical equipment including, but not limited to, grills, ducts, vents, registers,

flues etc.. to be coordinated with Architectural drawings

Contractor is responsible for locating and protecting all on site utilities and conditions as necessary. CALL BEFORE DIGGING 1-800-227-2600 (Underground Service Alert)

#### CODE COMPLIANCE

Zoning Data Address: 4546 19th Street Block + Lot: 2700/012 Zoning District: RH-2 Residential- House, Two Family Height + Bulk District: 40-X Parcel 270012 Neighborhood: Castro/Upper Market Neighborhood Planning Team: SW Team Historic Designation: B- Potential Historic Resource **Building Data** Existing Construction Type: Frame, Type VN Stories- 2 + Basement Use Type: Single Family Dwelling Units: 1 Proposed Construction Type: Frame, Type VN Stories- 3 + Basement + Sub-Basement Levels Use Type: Multi-Family Dwelling

Units: 2 Zoning Compliance Existing Proposed Setbacks 0"

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Rear	77'6"	53'1"		45% Min
Side	0"	0"		0"
Lot Width	25'0"	25'0"		25' Min.
Open Space	933	551		167 SF Min.
Building Height	25'0"	33'-3 1/2"		35' Max
Building Depth	38'10"	62'9"		63'0" Max
Building + Site Data	Existing	Proposed	Additional	Allowed/Required
Lot Area	2934	2934	No Change	2500 SF Min
Building Area	1625	3910	2285	5.166 SF Max
FAR	0.6	1.3	0.8	1.8 (5,166 SF)
Lot Coverage	51%	80%	29%	N/A
Upper Unit		2967 SF	2070	
Lower Unit		656 SF		
Parking	2 (Garage)	2 (Garage)	No Change	N/A
Permeability Calculations	SF	Permeable	% of Total	% Permeable
Building Footprint	1438	N	0.49	0
Rear Alley (Thorp Lane)	483	N	0.16	0
Hardscape	46	N	0.02	0
Garage Roof (unplanted)	479	N	0.16	0
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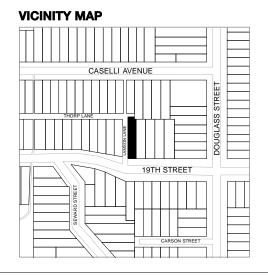
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# LOCATION MAP

#### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

LOCATION 4546 19th Street San Francisco, CA 94114

#### SCOPE OF WORK

 
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 1. Renovation of a 1,625 SF single family dwelling.

 2. Creation of a two-family building:

 - Upper Unit
 2,967 SF; 3 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath

 - Lower Unit
 656 SF; Studio Apartment, 1 Bath

 - Common Area
 287 SF; Foyers + Stairs

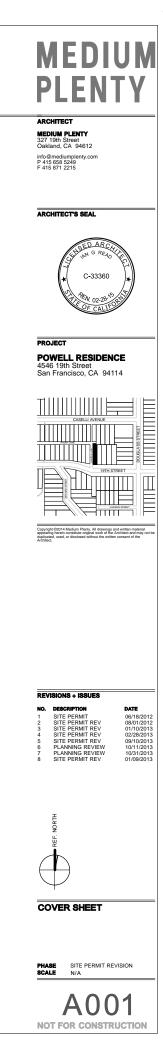
 3. Renovation/excavation of garage and roof deck w/planting.
 Existing foundation/framing to be modified as shown.
 Site work at rear yard per plans including yard and a deck.

#### PROJECT TEAM

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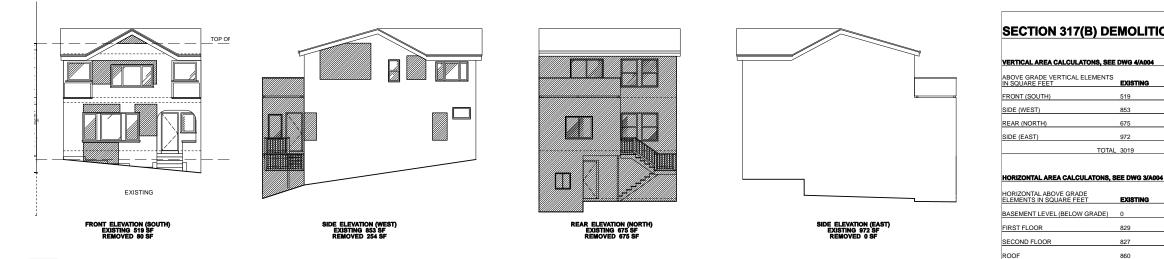








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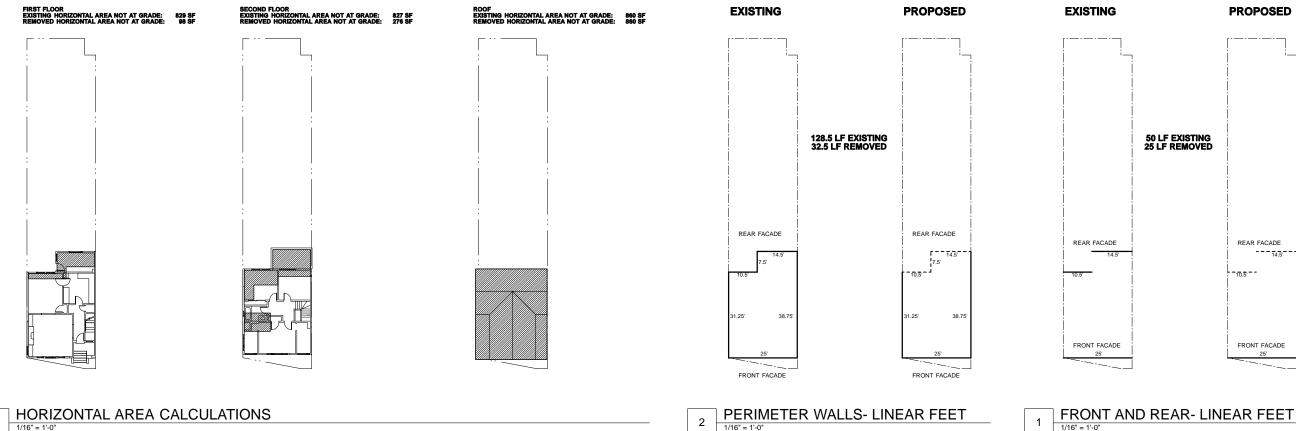
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SECOND FLOOR	781	109	890	FRONT FACADE
THIRD FLOOR	0	820	820	REAR FACADE
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REAR FACADE	25	25	100%		
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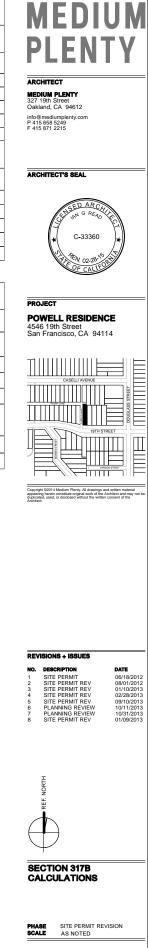
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3019	1009	33%	50%	YES	

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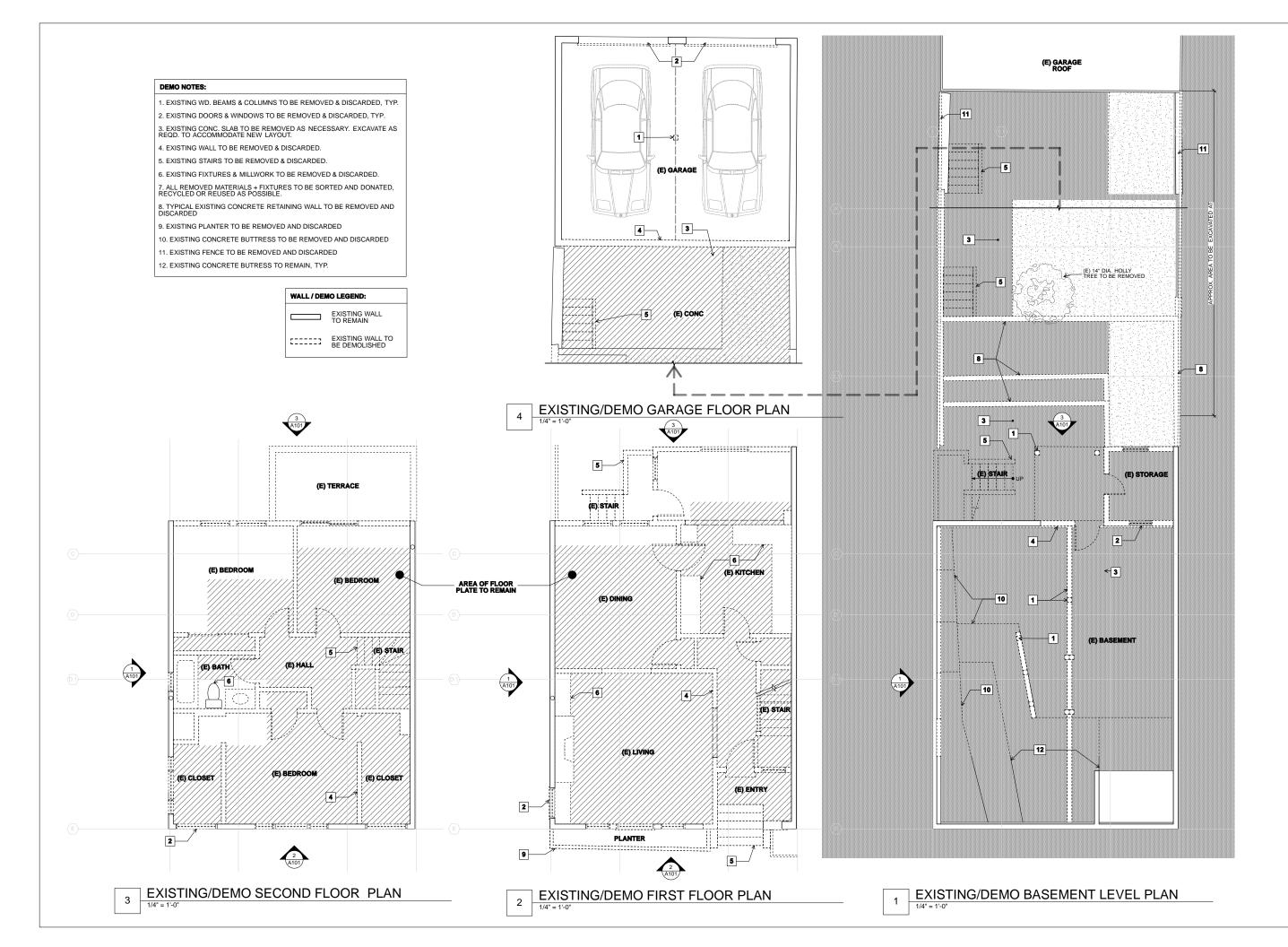
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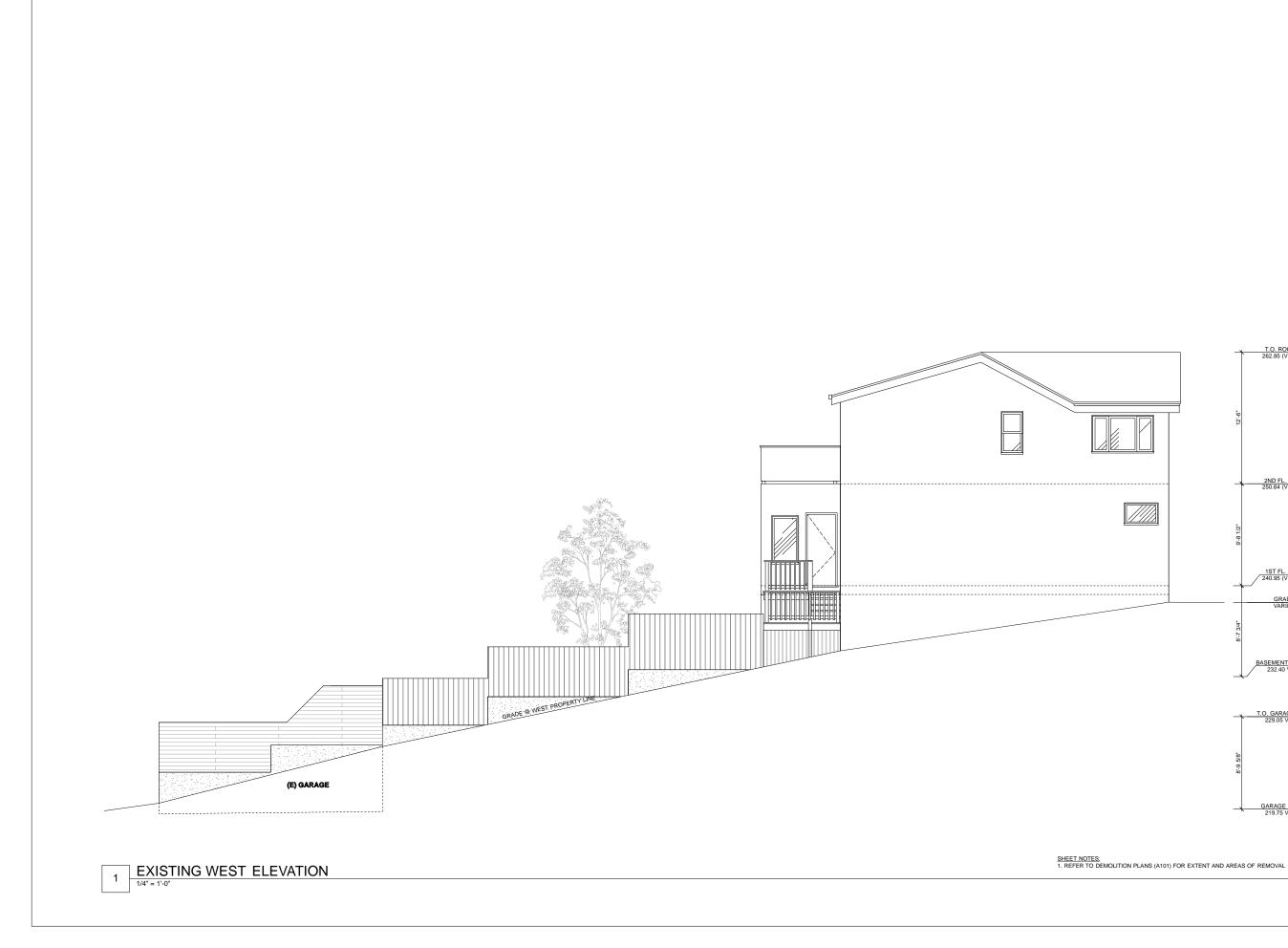
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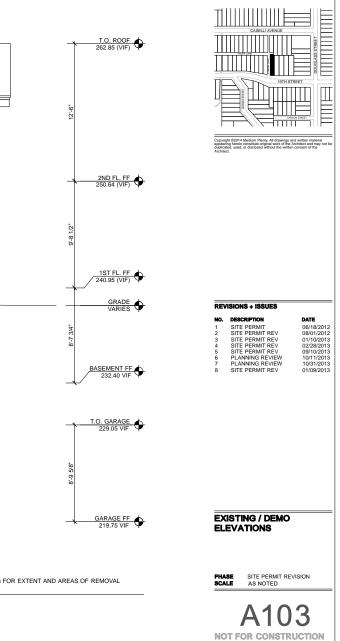
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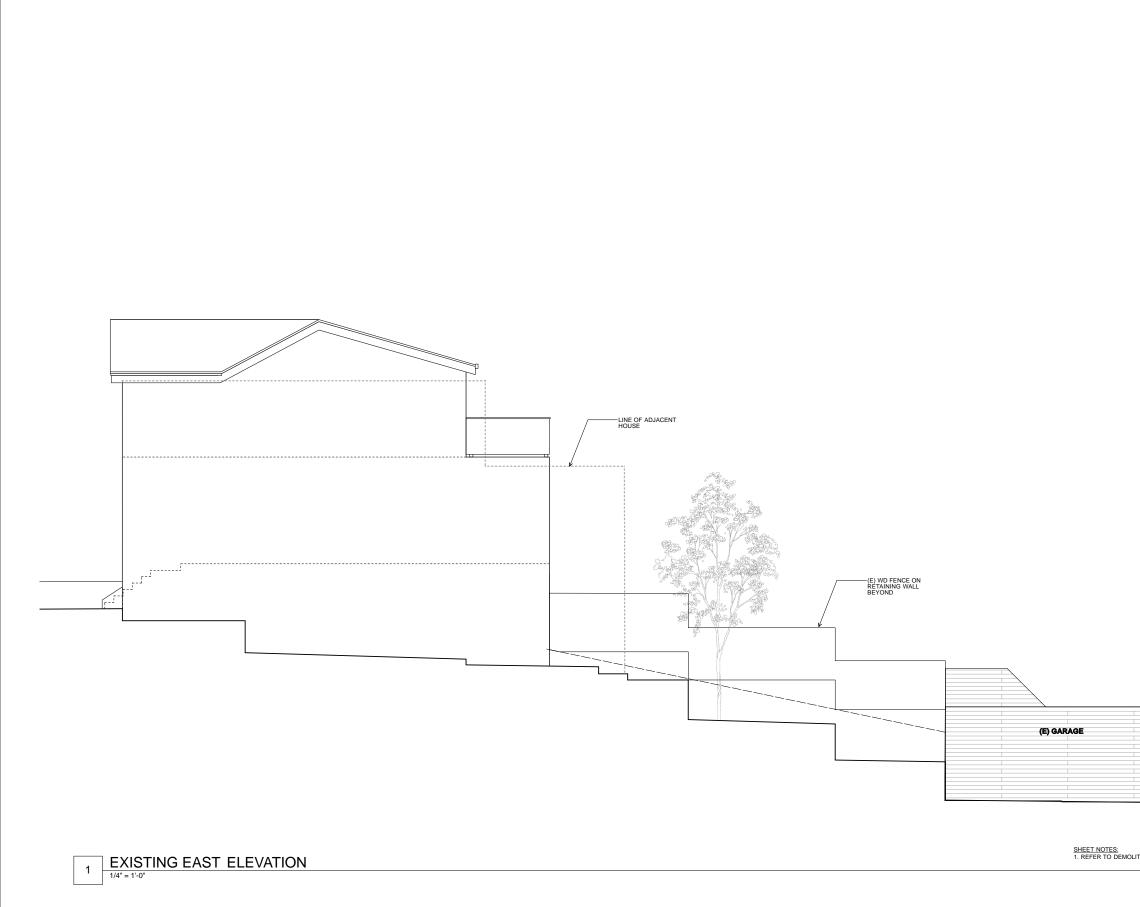
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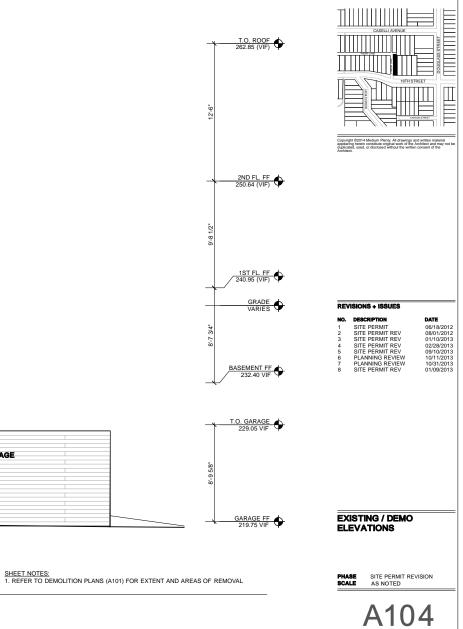
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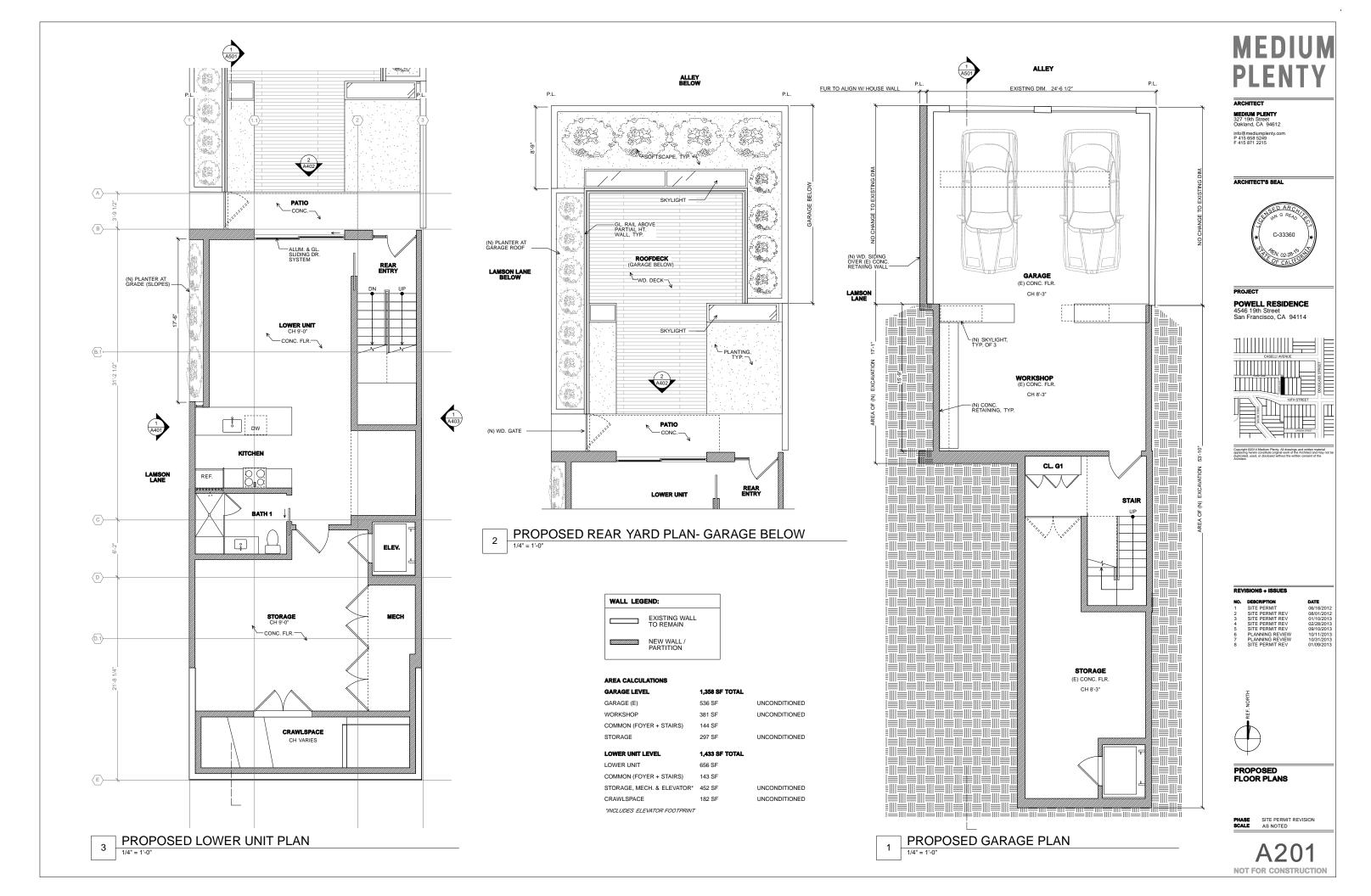


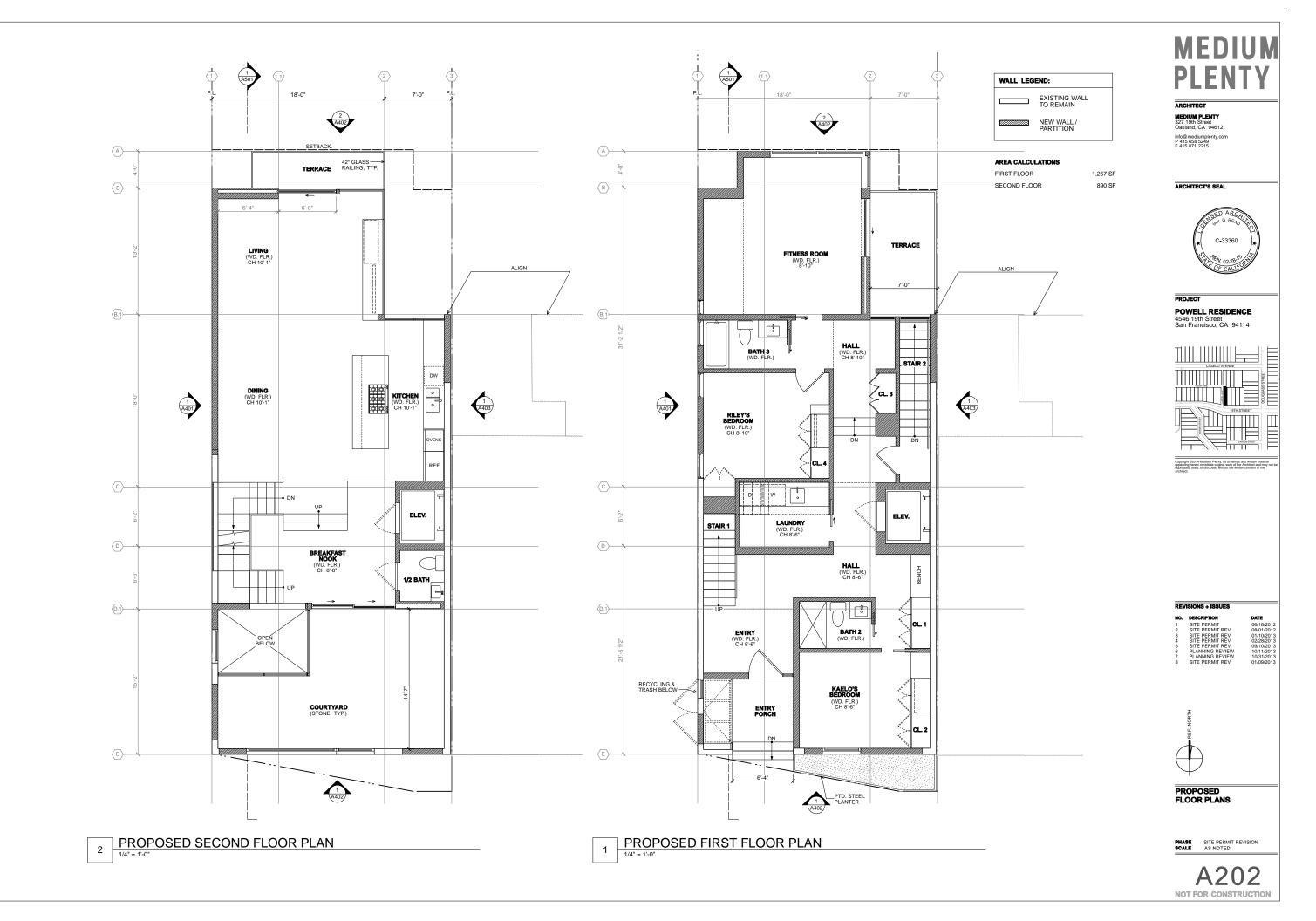
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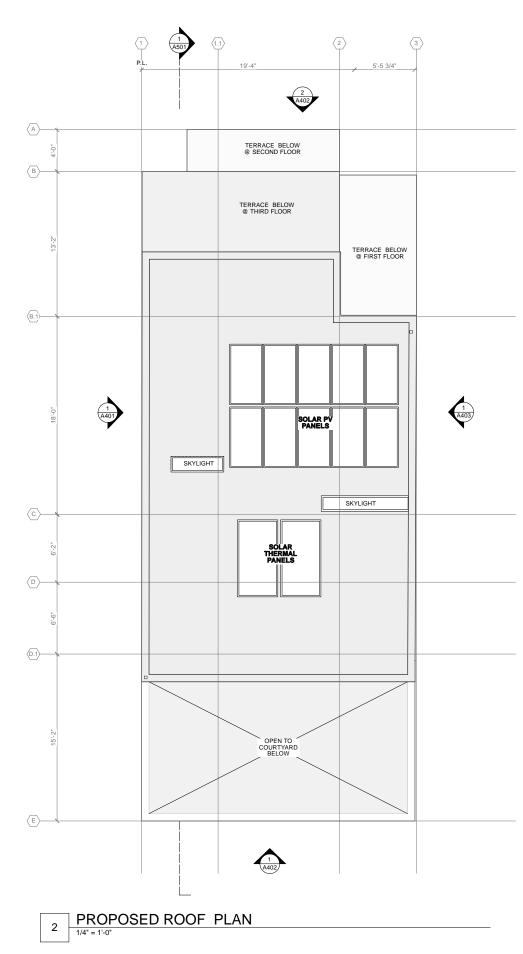
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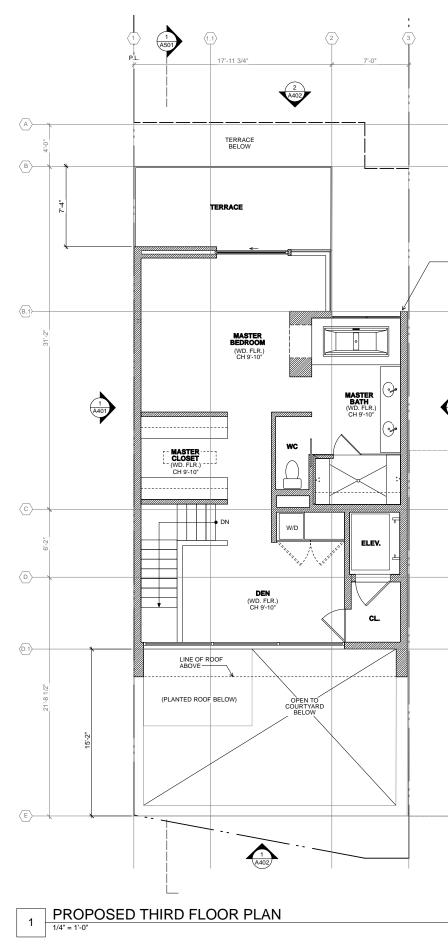
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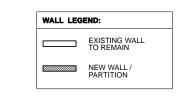












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REVISIONS + ISSUES		
NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	SITE PERMIT	06/18/2012
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3	SITE PERMIT REV	01/10/2013
4	SITE PERMIT REV	02/28/2013
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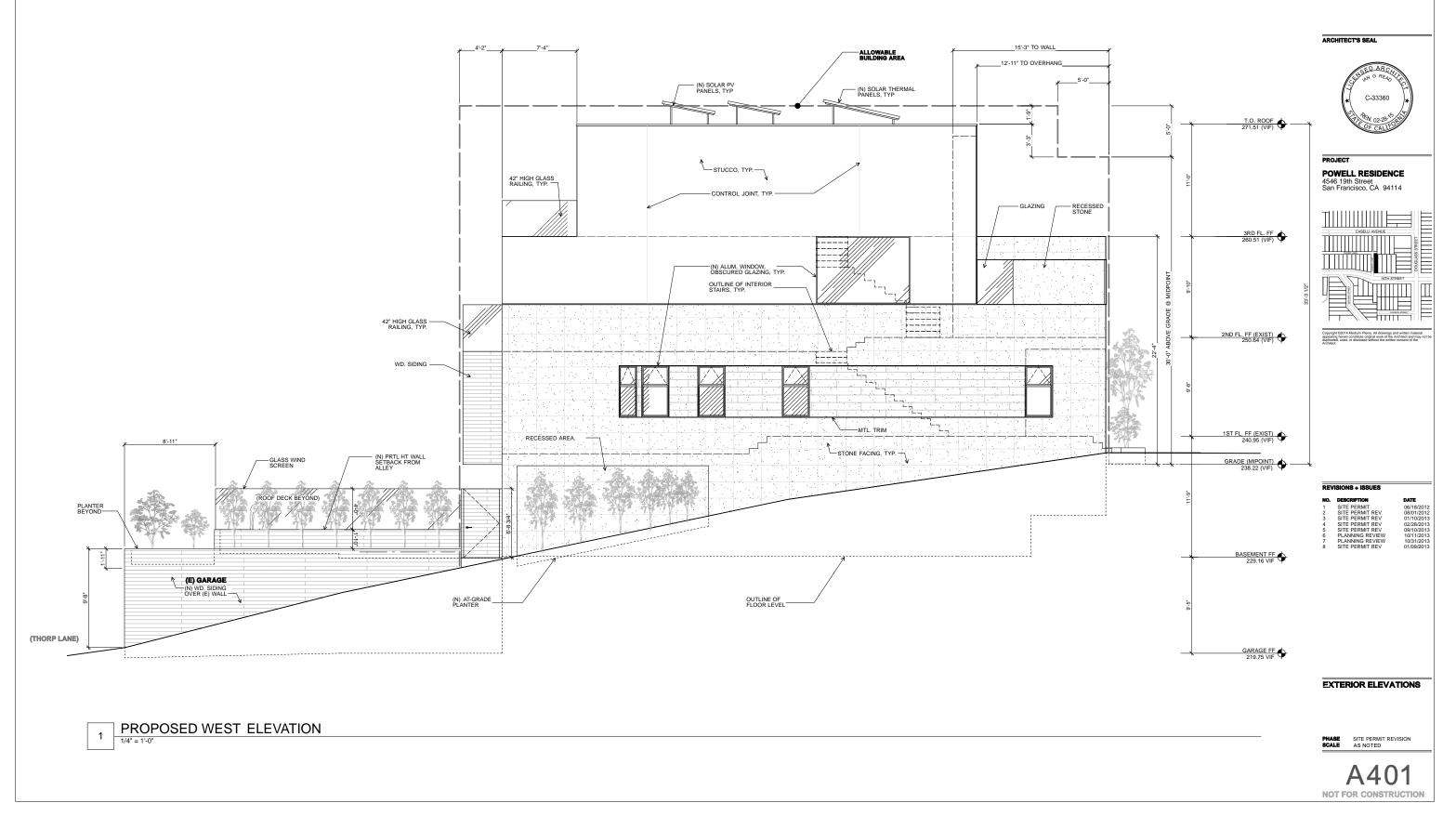
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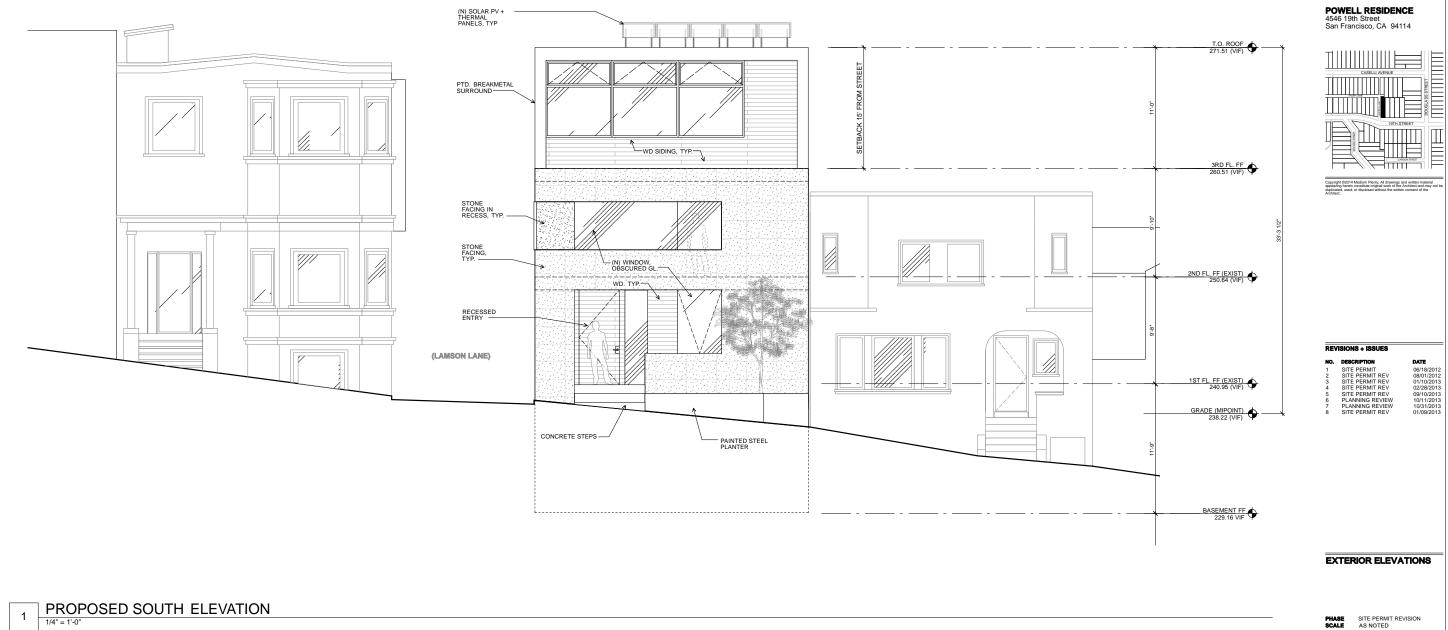
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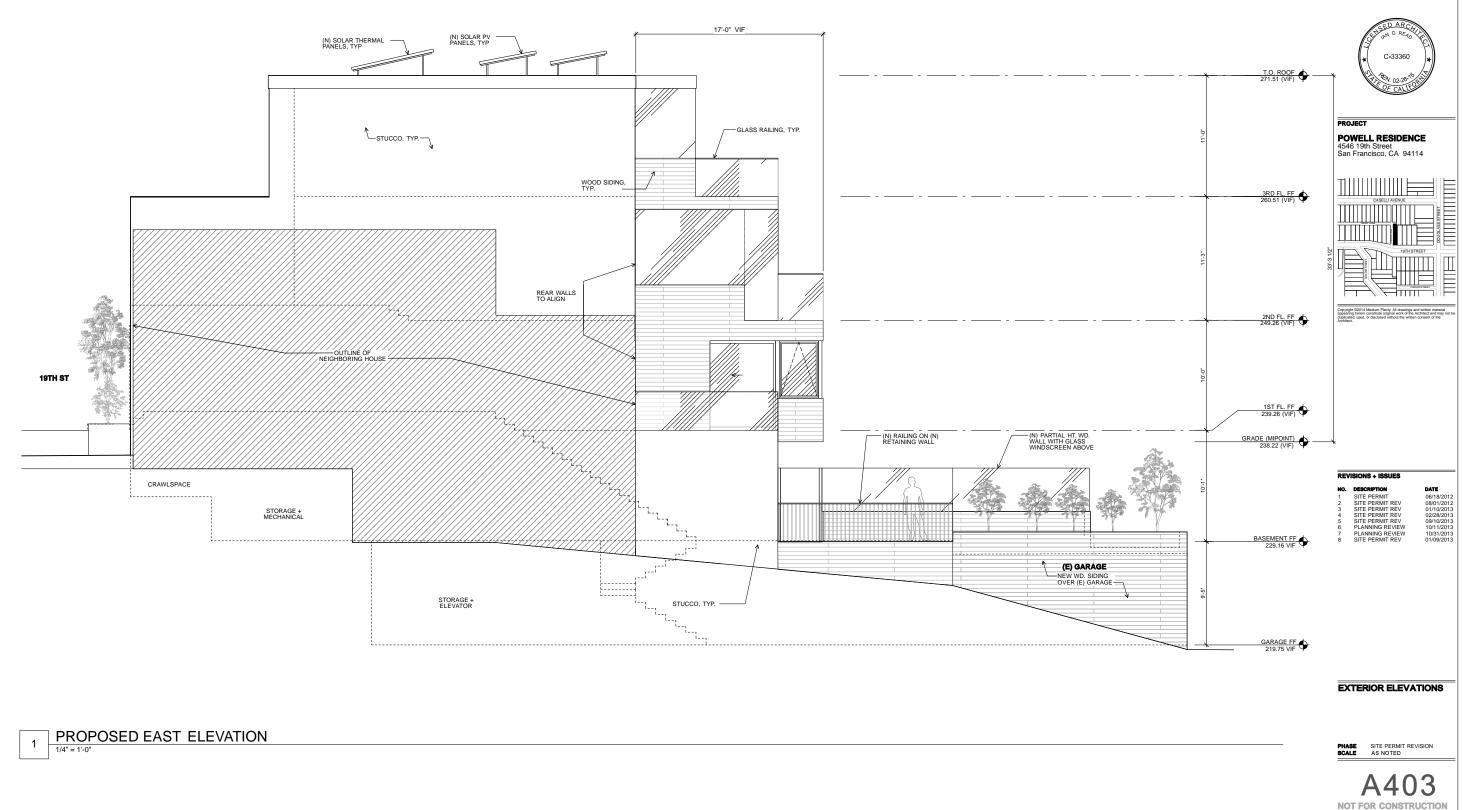
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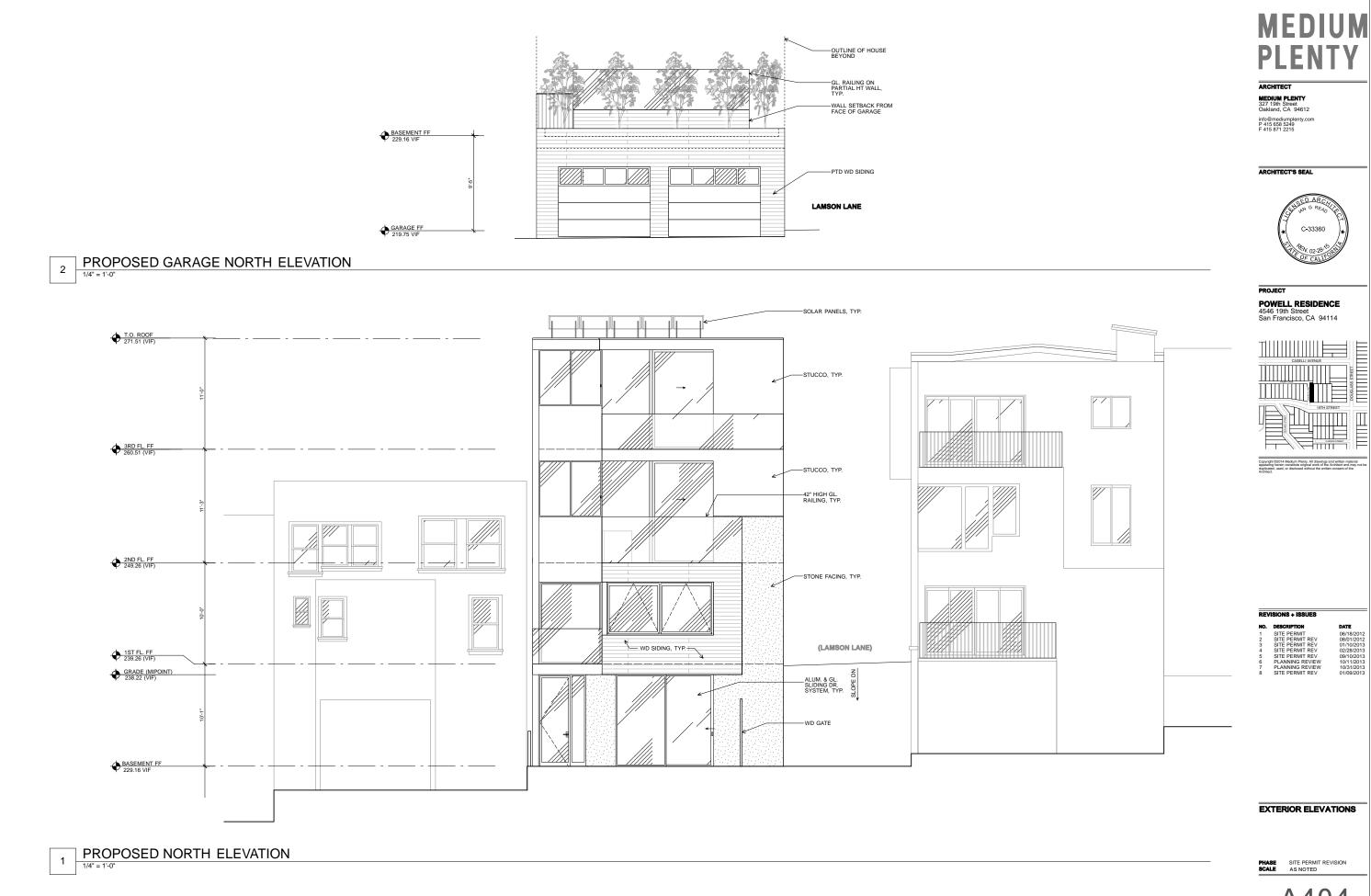
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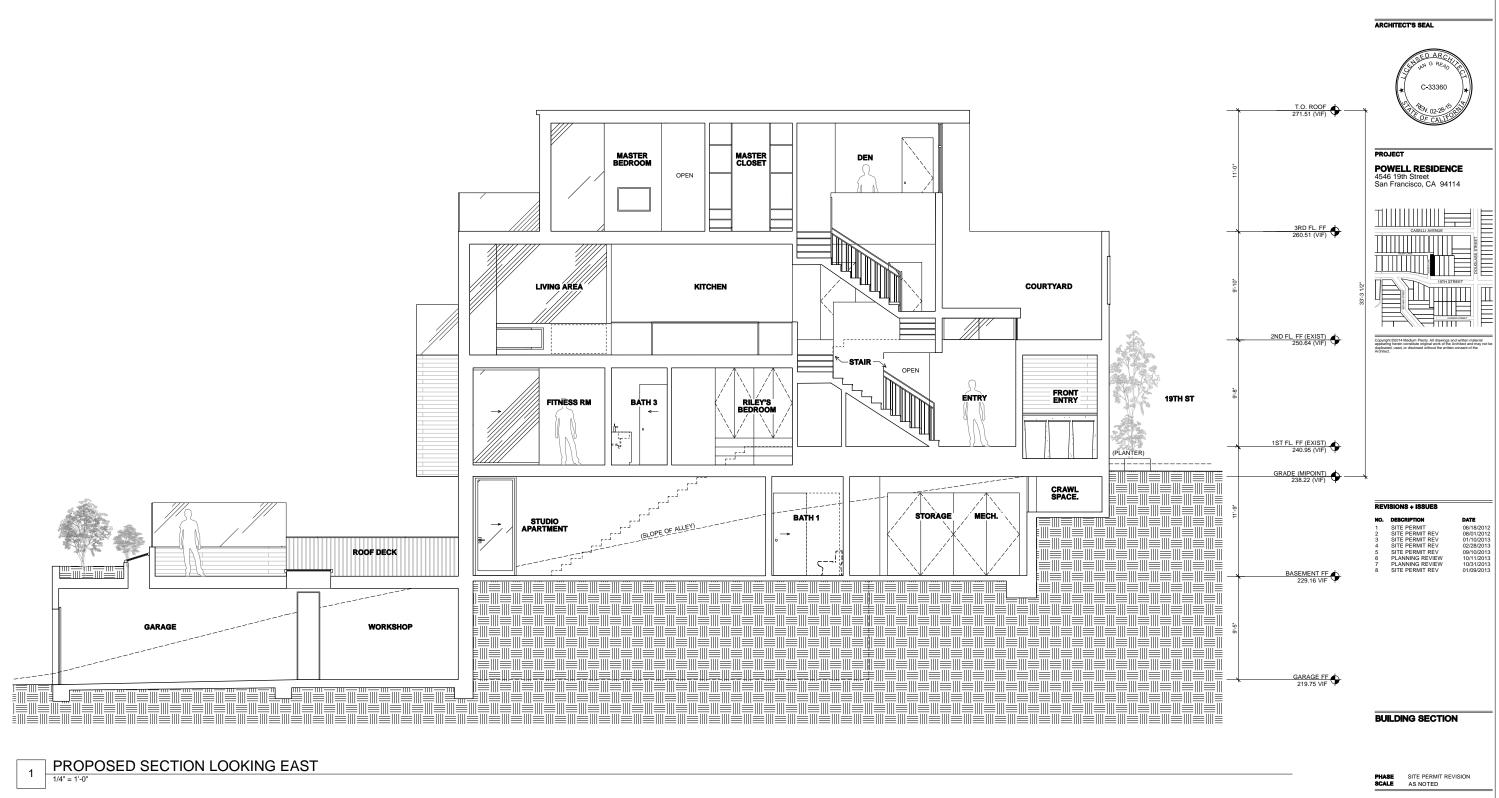
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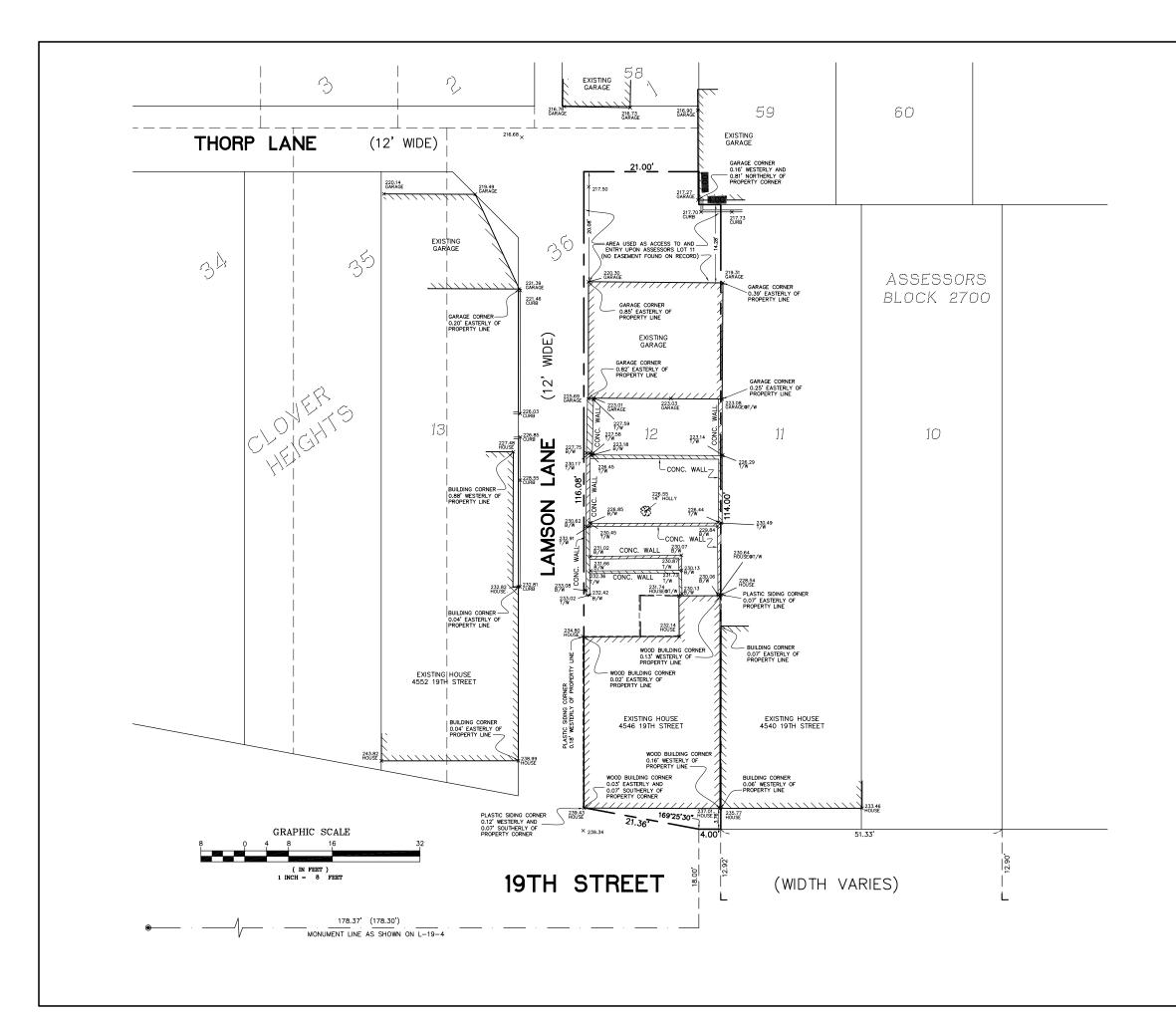
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#### BENCHMARK

DELIVORMARKA THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN ON THIS SURVEY ARE BASED UPON CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO DATUM. THE BENCHMARK FOR THIS SURVEY IS THE SURVEY MONUMENT FOUND IN THE SIDEWALK 15' WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CASELLI AVENUE AND CLOVER STREET. ELEVATION = 226.017 FEET

B/W	LEGEND BASE OF WALL
CONC.	CONCRETE
T/W	TOP OF WALL
L	FOUND "L" CUT, ORIGIN UNKNOWN
۲	FOUND BRASS PIN MONUMENT

### HOUSE LOCATION SURVEY

A PORTION OF LOT 36 MAP OF CLOVER HEIGHTS (G M 113) LOT 12, ASSESSORS BLOCK 2700 LOCATED AT 4546 19TH STREET CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 6, 2011 SCALE: 1" = 8'

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Site Photographs

# **SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



**EXISTING 19TH STREET FRONTAGE** 

SUBJECT PROPERTY



# **SITE PHOTOGRAPHS** EXISTING REAR FACADES





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Response to DR Requesters' Submittal (December 2013)

## **Response to DR Requesters' Submittal (December 2013)**

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19th St. Neighbors' proposal - Dec. 2013

The goal of these proposed changes is to provide the owner with extra space and the 3rd floor addition she seeks with the renovation, while bringing the new structure more in line with the existing topography and the predominate size and form of other residences on 19th Street. Another consideration is to mitigate the impact on Lamson Lane, which is a public walkway and driveway that currently has an open feeling and views of the city and Eureka Valley. The combined reductions in height and depth will help to prevent the "walling in" and darkening of Lamson Lane, in addition to helping to preserve the existing character of 19th Street.

Specifically, the proposed changes are as follows:

- Reduce total height by 3' from the current proposal (from 33'4" to 30'4"). This is sufficient to 1 allow for 9' ceilings on all floors. This will help to prevent the new structure from disrupting the current topography - an uninterrupted pattern of descending rooftops extending all the way from 4660 down to 4534 on the north side of 19th Street.
- Decrease total depth by 7'2" from the current proposal (from 63' to 55'10"). This will help to 2 mitigate the impact on Lamson Lane, as mentioned above.
- Increase front 3rd floor set back by 5'3" from the current proposal (from 12'11" to 18'2" i.e., 3 the distance from the 2nd floor front facade to the 3rd floor outer shell). This will help to mitigate impact on topography and walling in Lamson Lane. It is also more consistent with the existing roofline.
- Increase rear 3rd floor set back by 4'8" (from 7'4" to 12'), including a 2nd floor set back of 6'. This will help to mitigate walling in of Lamson Lane, and will be more consistent with articulation on the neighboring Canadian Consulate residence.
- Reduce height of rear fence/wall to 8' along Lamson Lane so as to preserve as much as 5 possible the open feeling and public views of the downtown skyline and surrounding Eureka valley residences that people currently enjoy when walking down this lane.

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Item

- 1 current topography.
- 2 will not enhance the experience of the building from Lamson Lane.
- 3 of the home.
- 4 articulation.
- 5 in wall height at our rear yard and planters stepping down towards the street.

Proposed height reductions are not feasible without causing a de facto demolition of the home. The new third story is set significantly back from the street and will cause no disruption to the

Impacts on Lamson Lane of the remodel are significantly positive. The existing vinyl siding and fencing are unattractive and unwelcoming. The remodeled structure will add plantings, greenery and an attractive sculptural relief to its western facade. An additional decrease in building depth

The third floor setback of 15'-2" as proposed provides generous view corridors and does not visually impose on the 19th St. or Lamson Lane pedestrian experience. Setting the top back further will not contribute to the architectural presence and will significantly reduce the functionality

The very first revisions made to this design prior to the building permit application (April 2012) were made in consultation with the Canadian Consulate residence to ensure maximizing their view corridors and the attractiveness of the facade facing their building. Working with the Residential Design Team great care has been taken to create an appropriate setback and façade

We have recently revised our design along the lower portion of Lamson Lane including a reduction

## **ITEM 5** EXISTING VIEWS ALONG LAMSON LANE



**EXISTING** VIEW DOWN LAMSON LANE TOWARD THORP LANE



**EXISTING** VIEW UP LAMSON LANE TOWARD 19TH ST

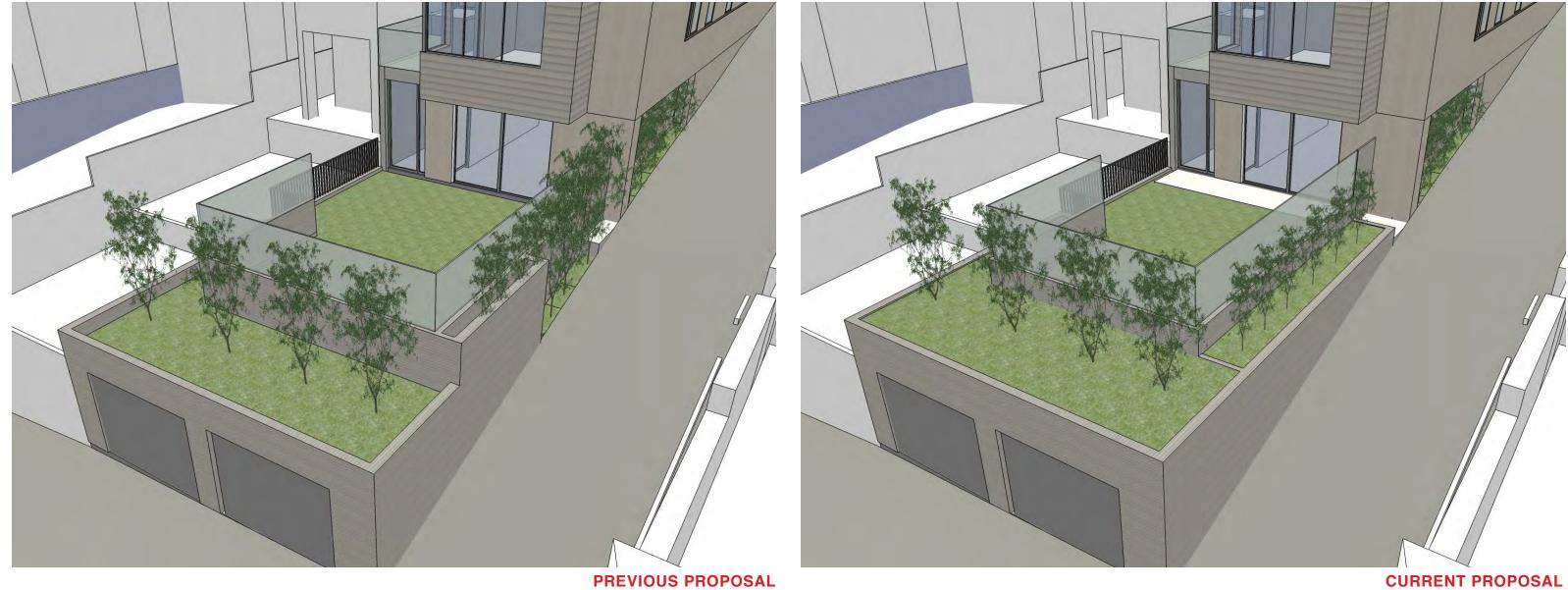
## ITEM 5 PROPOSED VIEWS DOWN LAMSON LANE



PREVIOUS PROPOSAL

CURRENT PROPOSAL

## **ITEM 5** LAMSON LANE FRONTAGE VIEWED FROM REAR (AERIAL)



## **ITEM 5** LAMSON LANE FRONTAGE- CURRENT PROPOSAL

