

# Discretionary Review Abbreviated Analysis

**HEARING DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2010** 

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Date: September 30, 2010

*Case No.:* **2010.0754D** 

Project Address: 2645 Balboa Street

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

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot: 1617/032B Project Sponsor: John Lau

**Dickson Consulting** 

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Recommendation: Do not take DR and approve as proposed

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes construction of a two-story vertical addition and a rear addition to the existing two-story, single-family residence resulting in a four-story, two-unit building.

### SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The subject property contains a two-story, single-family residence constructed circa 1919 on a 25-foot wide by 90-foot deep lot with an area of 2,250 square feet. The subject lot is located on the south side of Balboa Street between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenues in the Outer Richmond Neighborhood.

#### SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

On the subject block-face, with the exception of the two-story building to the west of the subject property, the buildings on the block are all three-story, single-family residences located in the RH-2 Zoning District. The building to the west of the project is a tall two-story, mixed-use (residential over commercial ground floor) building located in an NC-1 (Neighborhood Commercial Cluster) District. Across the street, the character of the block-face is more varied with two, three-story, multi-unit buildings occurring mid-block. Toward each corner of the opposite block-face are two-story buildings. Directly across the street from the project are two, two-story mixed used buildings (each one unit over a commercial ground floor) that are located in an NC-1 District. The remainder of the opposite block-face is zoned RH-2.

### **BUILDING PERMIT NOTIFICATION**

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PERIOD	NOTIFICATION DATES	DR FILE DATE	DR HEARING DATE	FILING TO HEARING TIME
311/312 Notice	30 days	July 16, 2010 – August 15, 2010	August 12, 2010	October 7, 2010	56 days

### **HEARING NOTIFICATION**

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PERIOD	REQUIRED NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL PERIOD
Posted Notice	10 days	September 27, 2010	September 27, 2010	10 days
Mailed Notice	10 days	September 27, 2010	September 27, 2010	10 days

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

	SUPPORT	OPPOSED	NO POSITION
Adjacent neighbor(s)	1	0	0
Other neighbors on the block or directly across the street	3	2 (Both requestors are on the subject block facing 27th Avenue.)	0
Neighborhood groups	0	0	0

Including the four neighbors listed above in support of the project, the Department has received a total of nine letters in support of the project.

### DR REQUESTORS

The DR request is jointly filed by Jean Barish, 711 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Cheryl and Doug Schultz, 729 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Ms. Barish's residence is east of the subject property approximately four lots away. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz's residence is southeast of the subject property, approximately four lots to the east and three lots south of Ms. Barish's residence.

### DR REQUESTOR'S CONCERNS AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

See attached Discretionary Review Application, dated August 12, 2010.

### PROJECT SPONSOR'S RESPONSE TO DR APPLICATION

See attached Response to Discretionary Review, date-stamped received September 20, 2010.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

On September 27, 2010 under Case No. 2009.1094E, 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).

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#### RESIDENTIAL DESIGN TEAM REVIEW

**Demolition.** With regard to the DR requestors' concerns regarding demolition, the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) is charged with determining if a project should be reviewed under a demolition application or an alteration application. DBI has determined the appropriate permit application for the project is an alteration application. Per Section 317 of the Planning Code, the Planning Department has the ability to characterize a major alteration project filed as an alteration application as a "defacto demolition" project, also referred to as "tantamount to a demolition." The project sponsor has provided existing plans indicating the extent of demolition proposed as part of the project. Per Planning staff's review of the proposed demolition plans, the alteration does not meet or exceed the criteria pursuant to Section 317 to qualify the project as a "defacto demolition" project. As the necessary materials were submitted to review the project per Section 317, the demolition concern is not found to be exceptional or extraordinary.

**Building Scale/Height.** The building scale and height is appropriate in relation to other three-story buildings that exist within close proximity to the project. Directly south and to the west (to the rear) of the project are three-story residential buildings. The project is designed to emphasize the three-story scale and height, as the proposed fourth floor is set back 15 feet from the front façade and approximately 12 feet from the rear façade. To the west, while a tall two-story corner building exists, consideration for the corner building was given as it is considered to be underdeveloped due to its zoning (NC-1) and location. The neighborhood commercial zoning and the lot's location on a corner has the potential to "play a stronger in defining the character of the neighborhood than other buildings on the block face," *Residential Design Guidelines*, pg.19. Per the Residential Design Guidelines (RDGs) corner lots are considered special building locations, where buildings can provide greater visual emphasis. Through the subject building's design and the use of appropriate setbacks, the project's scale and height are not found to create exceptional or extraordinary circumstances, particularly with regard to the immediate neighborhood character.

Upon review by the Residential Design Team (RDT) and to further refine the appearance of the project's scale and height, the RDT suggested to the project sponsor that DBI be consulted regarding the open railing at the uppermost roof, and, if possible, that the railing be set back from the front façade of the 4th floor. The project sponsor has responded by revising the project to provide an approximately 5 foot front setback at the open railing, which provides a 3-foot path-of-travel, for the proposed roof hatch as required by Building Code.

**Potential Illegal units.** The project is consistent with the Zoning Administrator's bulletin with regard to development of rooms at the ground floor. For an alteration project, a full bath and wet bar can be allowed at the ground floor provided there is an open visual and spatial connection to the floor above. The proposed floor plans (Sheet A-2) show that the configuration of the stair access from the second floor to the ground floor provides an open railing and also the ability to see the ground floor from the second floor. As the project complies with the Zoning Administrator's bulletin on ground floor rooms, the potential for illegal units is not found to be exceptional or extraordinary.

**Historic Resources.** The concern regarding historic resources falls under the purview of the Environmental Review process and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It should be noted that Ms. Schultz had opposed the Department's CEQA determination (Case No. 2005.0142E) for a

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proposed alteration project at 733-27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and as a result of that appeal process, the Board of Supervisors identified an historic district in the area. As part of the Planning Department's further review of the historic district and potential impacts to the identified district, the subject property (2645 Balboa Street) was captured in the review and was found not to be an historic resource. A copy of the Categorical Exemption issued for the subject project (Case No. 2009.1094E) is attached.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

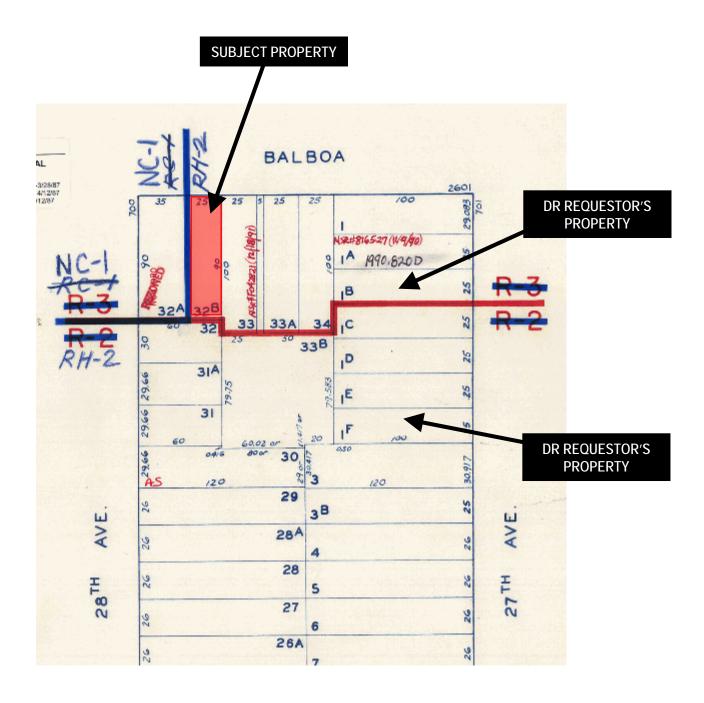
Do not take DR and approve project as proposed

#### **Attachments:**

Parcel Map
Sanborn Map
Zoning Map
Aerial/Context Photographs
Section 311 Notice
Categorical Exemption
DR Application, dated August 12, 2010
Response to DR Application date-stamped received September 30, 2010
Reduced Plans

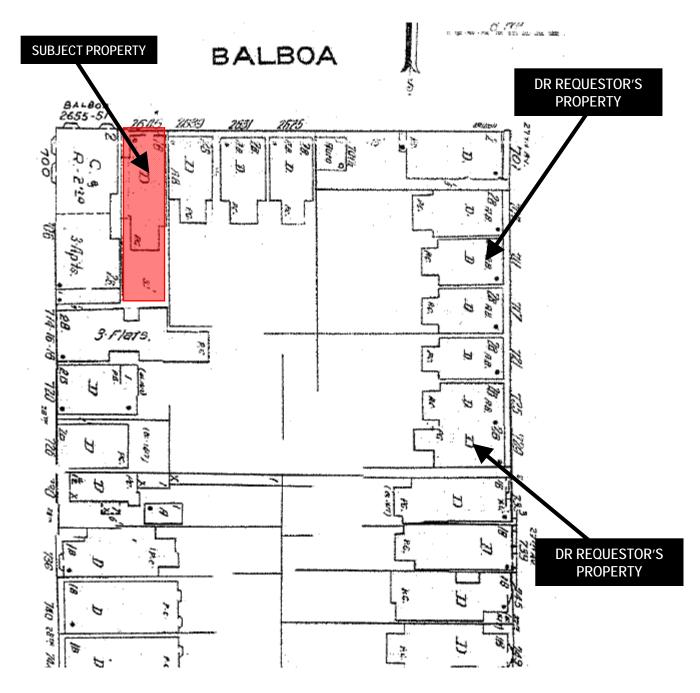
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# **Parcel Map**





# Sanborn Map\*



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



# **Zoning Map**





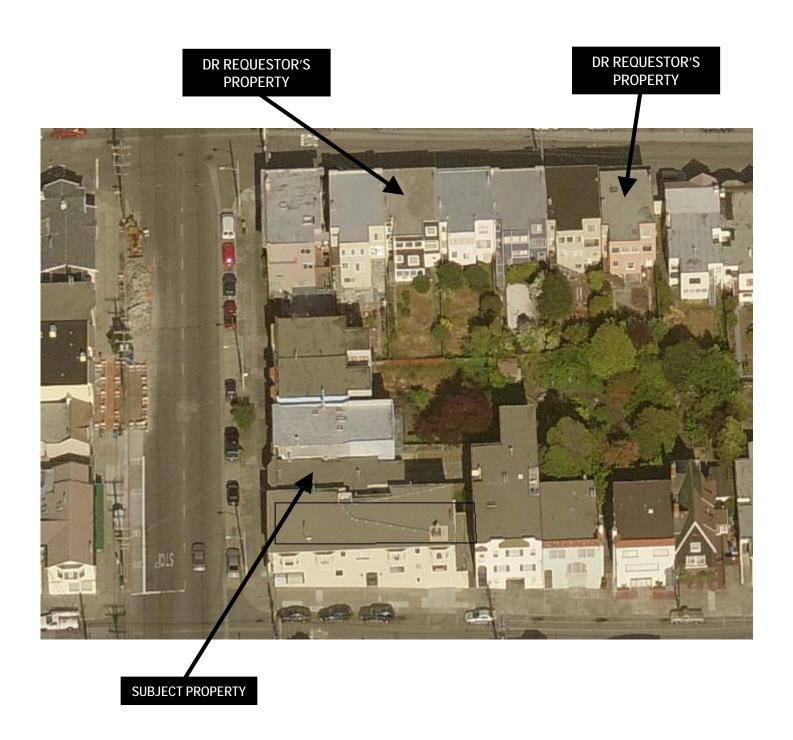


DR REQUESTOR'S PROPERTY















Discretionary Review Hearing Case Number 2010.0754D 2645 Balboa Street



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

On November 19, 2009, the Applicant named below filed Building Permit Application No. 2009.11.19.1706 (Alteration) with the City and County of San Francisco.

С	ONTACT INFORMATION	PROJECT	SITE INFORMATION
Applicant: Address:	John Lau, Dickson Consulting 5616 Geary Blvd., Suite 201	Project Address: Cross Streets:	2645 Balboa Street 27 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> Avenues
City, State:	San Francisco, CA 94121	Assessor's Block /Lot No.:	1617/032B
Telephone:	(415) 831-7180	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 your concerns are unresolved, you can 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	DVI ALTERATION
[ ] DEMOLITION and/or	[ ] NEW CONSTRUCTION or	[X] ALTERATION
[X] VERTICAL EXTENSION	[X] CHANGE # OF DWELLING UNITS	[X] FACADE ALTERATION(S)
[ ] HORIZ. EXTENSION (FRONT)	[ ] HORIZ. EXTENSION (SIDE)	[X] HORIZ. EXTENSION (REAR
PROJECT FEATURES	EXISTING CONDITION	N PROPOSED CONDITI
BUILDING USE	Single-Family Dwelling	Two-Unit Dwelling
FRONT SETBACK	2 feet	No Change
SIDE SETBACKS	None	No Change
BUILDING DEPTH	59 feet	67 feet
	30 feet	
	19 feet	
	2	
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	SPACES1	

The proposal is to construct vertical and rear additions to the existing two-story, single-family residence resulting in a fourstory, two-unit building. The fourth floor is proposed to be setback 15 feet from the front façade and 12 feet from the rear façade. See attached plans.

PLANNER'S NAME:

Glenn Cabreros

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DATE OF THIS NOTICE:

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**EXPIRATION DATE:** 

7-16-10



### **Environmental Evaluation Application**

Environmental review under CEQA is administered by the Major Environmental Analysis (MEA) division of the Planning Department. The environmental review process begins with the submittal of a completed Environmental Evaluation (EE) Application to the Planning Department. Only the current EE Application form will be accepted. No appointment is required but staff is available to meet with applicants upon request.

The EE Application will not be processed unless it is completely filled out and the appropriate fees are paid in full. Checks should be made payable to the San Francisco Planning Department. See the current *Schedule of Application Fees* and contact the staff person listed below for verification of the appropriate fees. Fees are generally non-refundable. **Documents in italics are available online at sfgov.org/planning.** 

The EE Application is comprised of four parts. Part 1 is a checklist to ensure that the EE Application is complete; Part 2 requests basic information about the site and the project; Part 3 is a series of questions to help determine if additional information is needed for the EE Application; and Part 4 is a project summary table.

The complete EE Application should be submitted to the Planning Department staff as follows: For projects greater than 10,000 square feet in size and where Part 3 Questions #3, #8, or #10 are answered in the affirmative, or for projects that require mitigation measures, please send the application materials to the attention of Ms. Kienker. For all other projects, please send the application materials to the attention of Mr. Bollinger.

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		Not
PART 1 – EE APPLICATION CHECKLIST	Provided	Applicable
Two copies of this application with all blanks filled in	$\boxtimes$	
Two sets of project drawings	$\boxtimes$	
Photos of the project site and its immediate vicinity, with viewpoints labeled	$\boxtimes$	
Fee		
Supplemental Information Form for Historical Resource Evaluation and/or Historic Resource Evaluation Report, as indicated in Part 3 Questions 1 and 2	$\boxtimes$	
Geotechnical Report, as indicated in Part 3 Questions 3a and 3b		$\boxtimes$
Tree Disclosure Statement, as indicated in Part 3 Question 4	$\boxtimes$	
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, as indicated in Part 3 Question 8		$\boxtimes$
Additional studies (list)		$\boxtimes$

Applicant'	s Affidavit.	I certify t	the accuracy	of the fo	llowing d	leclarations:
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- a. The undersigned is the owner or authorized agent of the owner(s) of this property.
- b. The information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- c. I understand that other applications and information may be required.

Signed (owner or agent):	Date:	11/19/09
(For Staff Use Only) Case No	<b>074E</b> Address:	2645 Balloa St
v.10.07.2008	Block/Lo	t: 1617/052B

PART 2 - PROJEC	T INFO	RMATIC	ON							
Ovanier/Agent Inf		on			4.0					
Property Owner	John	Huang				Teleph	one No.	415-812-	-1739	
Address	566 3	66 34th Avenue			Fax. No.					
	San I	an Francisco, CA 94121			Email	_john@go	o2construction	.com		
Project Contact	John	W. Lau	ı			Teleph	one No.	415-831	-7180	
Address	5616	Geary	Boulevard	l, #201	<u> </u>		Fax No.	415-831	-7181	
	San I	Francisc	co, CA 941	21			Email	dickson	group@ yahoo	.com
Ske talomation										
Site Address(es):		2645 I	Balboa Stre	eet						
Nearest Cross Stre	eet(s)	28th A	venue, an	d 27 <sup>th</sup>	Avenue					
Block(s)/Lot(s)		1617 /	032B			Zo	ning Dist	trict(s)	RH-2	
Site Square Footag	ge	2,250				Не	eight/Bull	k District	40-X	
Present or previou	us site	use	Single Fa	amily	Dwelling	g				
Community Plan any)	Area (	if	None							
Project Denemots	one pi	ease ch	est all the		l <b>y</b> .					-
☐ Addition		Chang	ge of use		Zoning	change	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR		New construc	tion
		Demo	lition		Lot spli	t/subdiv	ision or lo	ot line adju	ıstment	
☐ Other (descri	be)					Es	timated (	Cost	\$400,000	
Describe propose	d use	2-uni	it residen	tial					·	
Narrative project	descri	ption. F	lease sum	mariz	ze and de	escribe th	e purpos	e of the pr	oject.	
The project is a vertical and horizontal extension of a two story single family residential building and converts it to a four story two-unit residential building in the RH2 District.										

PART 3 – ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION					
1.	Would the project involve a major alteration of a structure constructed 50 or more years ago or a structure in an historic district?	$\boxtimes$			
	If yes, submit a Supplemental Information Form for Historical Resource Evaluation. Instructions on how to fill out the form are outlined in the San Francisco Preservation Bulletin No. 16 (see pages 28-34 in Appendix B).				
2.	Would the project involve demolition of a structure constructed 50 or more years ago or a structure located in an historic district?				
	If yes, a Historic Resource Evaluation Report (HRER)* will be required. The scope of the HRER will be determined in consultation with the Department's Preservation Coordinator.				
3a.	Would the project result in excavation or soil disturbance/modification greater than 10 feet below grade?				
	If yes, how many feet below grade would be excavated?				
	What type of foundation would be used (if known)?				
3b.	Is the project site located in an area of potential geotechnical hazard as identified in the San Francisco General Plan or on a steep slope or would the project be located on a site with an average slope of 20% or more?		$\boxtimes$		
	If yes to either Question 3a or 3b, please submit a Geotechnical Report.*				
4.	Would the project involve expansion of an existing building envelope, or new construction, or grading, or new curb cuts, or demolition?				
	If yes, please submit a Tree Disclosure Statement.				
5.	Would the project result in ground disturbance of 5,000 gross square feet or more?		$\boxtimes$		
6.	Would the project result in any construction over 40 feet in height?		$\boxtimes$		
	If yes, apply for a Section 295 (Proposition K) Shadow Study. This application is available on the Planning Department's website and should be submitted at the Planning Information Center, 1660 Mission Street, First Floor.				
7.	Would the project result in a construction of a structure 80 feet or higher?				
	If yes, an initial review by a wind expert, including a recommendation as to whether a Wind Analysis* is needed, may be required, as determined by Department staff.				
8.	Would the project involve work on a site with an existing or former gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing use, or a site with underground storage tanks?				
	If yes, please submit a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA).* A Phase II ESA (for example, soil testing) may be required, as determined by Department staff.				
9.	Would the project require any variances, special authorizations, or changes to the Planning Code or Zoning Maps?				
	If yes, please describe.				
10.	Is the project related to a larger project, series of projects, or program?		$\boxtimes$		
	If yes, please describe.				
11.	Is the project in a Community Plan Area? If yes, please identify the area (for example,		$\boxtimes$		
	Market/Octavia).				
	If the project is an addition of more than 10,000 square feet or demolition/construction of more than six dwelling units, please submit a <i>Community Plan Area Supplemental Information Form</i> .				

<sup>\*</sup> Report or study to be prepared by a qualified consultant who is contracted directly by the project sponsor.

PART 4 - PROJECT SUMMARY TABLE

If you are not sure of the eventual size of the project, provide the maximum estimates.

Gross Square Footage (GSF)	Existing Uses	Existing Uses to be Retained	Net New Construction and/or Addition	Project Totals
Residential	1472	1472	3313	4785
Retail	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Office	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parking	648	591	-57	591
Other (specify use)	none	none	none	none
Total GSF	2120	2063	3256	5376
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Dwelling units	1	1	1	2
Hotel rooms	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parking spaces	2	2	0	2
Loading spaces	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of buildings	1	1	0	1
Height of building(s)	19'	19'	20'	39'
Number of stories	2	2	2	4

Please describe any additional project features that are not included in this table:

None

Additional Information: Project drawings should include existing and proposed site plan, floor plans, elevations, and sections, as well as all applicable dimensions and calculations for existing and proposed floor area and height. The plans should clearly show existing and proposed off-street parking and loading spaces; driveways and trash loading areas; vehicular and pedestrian access to the site, including access to off-street parking and parking configuration; and bus stops and curbside loading zones within 150 feet of the site. A **Transportation study** may be required, depending on existing traffic conditions in the project area and the potential traffic generation of the proposed project, as determined by the Department's transportation planners. **Neighborhood notification** may also be required as part of the environmental review processes.

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### **Historic Resource Evaluation Response**

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Reception:

**MEA Planner:** 

**Brett Bollinger** 

Project Address:

2645 Balboa Street

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1617/032B

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PROPOSED PROJECT

Demolition

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The subject 2,250 sq. ft. property contains one 1,472 sq. ft., two-story, single-family building. The proposed project includes constructing a two-story vertical addition, a rear horizontal addition, infilling a recess at the front façade and front façade alterations. The resulting structure will be a four-story, twounit, 4,785 sq. ft. building.

### PRE-EXISTING HISTORIC RATING / SURVEY

The subject building was constructed in 1922 by the construction and development firm the Meyers Brothers and designed by the architect H. C. Baumann. 2645 Balboa is not included on any surveys and is not located within a designated historic district. The building's recorded date of construction makes it a "Category B" building for the purposes of CEQA review by the Planning Department.

#### HISTORIC DISTRICT / NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

The subject parcel is located on the south side of Balboa Street between 27th and 28th Avenues in the City's Outer Richmond District. The neighborhood is residential in character and made up of two- and three-story stucco clad buildings predominantly constructed between 1921 and 1940.

In its January 13, 2006 ruling (Motion Number: M06-11), the Board of Supervisors established a historic district located on 27th Avenue and Balboa Street consisting of nine properties (i.e., 701-703, 705-707, 711, 717, 721, 725 and 729 27th Avenue and 2625 and 2631 Balboa Street). The Board found that these buildings were:

"... constructed in 1916 from plans by architect Edward Eyestone Young, who is presumed to be a master architect, that nearly all of these structures retain integrity and have a design and scale that creates a cohesive block face, and, therefore, are eligible to compose an historic district for the purposes of CEQA by California Register Criteria 3."

A Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) prepared by Carey and Company in response to the Board of Supervisors' action included a survey of the other homes in the area. The survey conducted by Carey and Company identified an Area of Potential Effect (APE) that included the subject property at 2645 Balboa Street. The conclusion of the HRE found that, other than the area identified by the Board of Supervisors, there was no potential historic district in the APE. The HRE states that the homes surveyed "were built in spurts over four decades: the 1910s, 1920s, mid to late 1930s and 1940s. By 1950 the survey area was fully developed." The HRE found that the APE "lacks a shared relationship among the properties as required by the California Register of Historical Resources." Therefore, the subject property is not located within a potential historic district, but is approximately 30 feet away from the nine-property historic district identified by the Board of Supervisors in Motion Number: M06-11.

ı.	California Register C	riteria or	Significa	nce: Note, a building may be an historical resource if it			
	meets any of the California Register criteria listed below. If more information is needed to make sucl a determination please specify what information is needed.						
	E-cent. on	∏Yes	⊠ No	Unable to determine			
	Event: or	i res	M NO				
	Persons: or	Yes	⊠ No	Unable to determine			
	Architecture: or	Yes	⊠ No	Unable to determine			
	<b>Information Potential:</b>	Further investigation recommended.					
	<b>District or Context:</b>	Yes, may contribute to a potential district or significant context					
	If Yes; Period of signifi	cance:					

Notes: Below is an evaluation of the subject property against the criteria for inclusion on the California Register; it appears that the subject property is not eligible for the California Register as an individual resource or contributing under any of the following criteria.

Criterion 1: It is associated with the 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.

2645 Balboa Street does not appear to be eligible for listing in the California Register as an individual resource under Criterion 1 (Events). There is no information that would indicate that any historic event took place at this site that is significantly associated with California's or San Francisco's history or cultural heritage.

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

2645 Balboa Street does not appear to be a resource under Criterion 2 (Persons). While research into the name of one of the previous owners, Leo Stein, returned several references in the San Francisco Chronicle, it is unlikely that the Leo Stein who lived at 2645 Balboa Street is the same Austrian born playwright and librettist Leo Stein that wrote "The Merry Widow" and other operas. Further Leo

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Carey & Co., Inc.. 733 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) Report, May 23, 2007. A copy of this report is on file with the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor and is available for public review by appointment as part of the project file 2005.0142E.

Stein wrote "The Merry Widow" before the subject building was constructed. The other information obtained about Leo Stein specific to San Francisco, such as his involvement with "the Pyramid" fraternal organization and stock transactions, would not make him a person significant pursuant to the California Register or National Register criteria. No other information was obtained about the previous owners that would make them significant pursuant to the California Register or National Register criteria.

Criterion 3: It 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;

2645 Balboa Street does not appear to be eligible for the California Register under Criterion 3 (Architecture). The subject property is a modest two-story stucco clad Mediterranean revival style house-sometimes referred to as a "Junior 5"- that was constructed by the prolific construction firm the Meyer Brothers and designed by the prolific architect H. C. Baumann. The Meyer Brothers constructed many homes in the Richmond District, and they made a significant contribution to the development of San Francisco. However, their significance appears to lie in how prolific they were and not in any one particular building or unique style. H. C. Baumann was a prolific architect in San Francisco mainly in the 1920s and 1930s. Between 1927 and 1928, he designed 137 apartment buildings. In a career summary he wrote in 1952, he listed more than 400 apartment buildings or hotels, 250 pairs of flats, and 500-single family homes. His best known works include 620 Jones Street (1920), the Gaylord Hotel (SF Landmark #159, constructed in 1930), the Bellaire Tower at 1101 Green Street (1930), 1950 Clay Street (1930), and 1895 Pacific Avenue (1931). Clearly he was an important architect for San Francisco, but his importance lies with his prolific output and the larger apartment and hotel building that he designed.

2645 Balboa is a modest single-family house, done in a style and form found throughout the City and not unique to this particular architect. Were 2645 Balboa part of a larger tract of homes all constructed by Meyer Brothers and designed by H. C. Baumann exhibiting similar characteristics such as typology, style, massing, form, ornamentation and fenestration pattern, this building might have significance as a contributing resource to a larger potential historic district. However, as a standalone building, it lacks distinction and does not qualify as an individual resource or a contributing resource to a potential district pursuant to the California Register or National Register criteria.

Criterion 4: It yields, or may be likely to yield, information in prehistory or history;

It does not appear that the subject property is likely to yield information important to a better understanding of prehistory or history.

**2. Integrity** is the ability of a property to convey its significance. To be a resource for the purposes of CEQA, a property must not only be shown to be significant under the California Register criteria, but it also must have integrity. To retain historic integrity a property will always possess several, and usually most, of the aspects. The subject property has retained or lacks integrity from the period of significance noted above:

	Location: Retains Lacks   Association: Retains Lacks   Design: Retains Lacks   Workmanship: Retains Lacks    Setting:  Retains  Retains  Retains  Lacks  Materials:  Retains  Lacks  Lacks			
	The subject building is not eligible for the California Register; therefore an investigation into the subject buildings integrity was not conducted.			
3.	Determination if whether the property is an "historical resource" for purposes of CEQA			
٠	No Resource Present (Go to 6. below) Historical Resource Present (Continue to 4.)			
4.	. If the property appears to be an historical resource, whether the proposed project would materially impair the resource (i.e. alter in an adverse manner those physical characteristics which justify the property's inclusion in any registry to which it belongs).			
	The project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of the resource suct that the significance of the resource would be materially impaired.			
	The project is a significant impact as proposed. (Continue to 5. if the project is an alteration)			
5.	Character-defining features of the building to be retained or respected in order to avoid a significant adverse effect by the project, presently or cumulatively, as modifications to the project to reduce or avoid impacts. Please recommend conditions of approval that may be desirable to mitigate the project's adverse effects.			
6. Whether the proposed project may have an adverse effect on off-site historical resources, s adjacent historic properties.				
	Yes No Unable to determine			
	Notes: As stated in the Historic District/Neighborhood Context section above, there is a nine-property historic district that was identified by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in Motion M06-11 that includes a series of buildings along 27 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Balboa Street. However, the subject building is not located within in this or any other potential historic district.			
	The proposed project would not have an adverse impact on the adjacent historic district because the			

proposed project's massing, fenestration pattern, materials, and detailing are consistent with what is

found within the district and on the subject block face so that the setting of the district will not be significantly changed. While the proposed structure is one story taller than the majority of the buildings on the block, the fourth floor is sufficiently set back from the front façade - approximately 15 feet - so that its impact on the street wall as seen from the public right-of-way will be minimized and thus will not have an adverse effect on any off-site historic resources.

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Signature: Sma &	Date:	9-2	7-2010
Tina Tam, Preservation Coordinator		-	

cc: Linda Avery, *Recording Secretary*, Historic Preservation Commission Virnaliza Byrd / Historic Resource Impact Review File Beth Skrondal / Historic Resource Address File

### **APPLICATION REQUESTING DISCRETIONARY REVIEW ("D.R.")**

This application is for projects where there are exceptional and extraordinary circumstances that justify further consideration, even though the project already meets requirements of the Planning Code, City General Plan and Priority Policies of the Planning Code.

		Jean Barish and Cheryl and Do	oug Schultz4	15-752-0185 and
D.R.	Applicants Name_			415-831-4229
D.R.	Applicant's Addre	ss 711 27th Avenue and		
		Number & Street		
		San Francisco CA City	Zip Code	a de la companya de l
If you	u are acting as the a	ne number (for Planning Depart gent for another person(s) in ma son(s) (if applicable):	ment to contact): same as ab king this request please indica	ove ate the name
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		City	Zip Code	and a photography and deprive a second
Revi Nam D.R. Build	ew: ne and phone numbe : John Jir ding Permit Applicati	that you are requesting the Con 2645 Balboa Street or of the property owner who is do azhang Huang and Rocky Jinyon on Number of the project for wh	oing the project on which you are g Huang	- Annual China de Annual d
D.R.	2009.11.19.1706			
Whe	re is your property I South East of	ocated in relation to the permit a Property	applicant's property?	
A.	Citizens should ma	TO A DISCRETIONARY REVIE ake very effort to resolve disputed d resources to help this happen	s before requesting D.R. Listed	d below are a
1.	Have you discussed	this project with the permit applicant	nt? YES $\mathbf{G}$ NO $\mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{X}}$	
2.	Did you discuss the	project with the Planning Departme	nt permit review planner? YESX	G NO G
3.	Did you participate it	n outside mediation on this case?	Community Board <b>G</b> Other <b>(</b>	G NO G Not yet

4.	If you have discussed the project with the applicant, planning staff or gone thorough mediation, please summarize the results, including any changes that were made to the proposed project so far.				
	Jean Barish spoke with the Planner. Cheryl Schultz left a message for the Planner but did not bear				
	back from him. Neither neighbors were invited to the Pre-311 Hearing and the Schultzs' did not				
	receive notice of this Project even though the proposed project will impact each neighbors' privacy.				
	Cheryl Schultz spoke with the architect for the project.				
В.	DISCRETIONARY REVIEW REQUEST				
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?				
	This project is one of a disturbing trends of de facto demolitions disguised as "alterations"				
	or "additions." The proposed addition destroys affordable housing in violation of the City's				
	General Plan and the Priority Policies. The project also violates numerous provisions of the				
	Residential Design Guidelines. It reaches far higher than any building in the surrounding area,				
	impacts privacy and has a negative impact on historic resources.				
2.	If you believe your property, the property of others or the neighborhood would be adversely affected, please state who would be affected, and how:				
	et forth above, the proposed addition is actually a de facto demolition of the sound house at the project				
site.	The addition will tower over neighboring homes and the fourth floor addition will impact the privacy				
	of the adjoining and nearby homes. The proposed project is completely out of scale with the entire				
	hborhood. There is also a strong potential for an illegal unit at the site in addition to possible illegal				
hedr	ooms disguised as "office," "library," "study," and "computer" rooms. Such overbuilding on one lot				
	reduces the quality of living for the entire neighborhood.				
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 B1)?				
The	e addition should be drastically reduced to match the scale of the neighborhood and to preserve the				
	resent home, which is sound and relatively affordable. The current home is 2,120 sq. feet and the				
	roposed project is 5,326 sq. feet. Reduce the size of the project. The preservation of the historic				
	block face and scale of homes on the block should be maintained.				

Please write (in ink) or type your answers on this form. Please feel free to attach additional sheets to this form to continue with any additional information that does not fit on this form.

### **CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANT:**

Indicate which of the following are included with this Application:

### REQUIRED:

- $_{
  m X}$  G Check made payable to Planning Department (see current fee schedule).
- $\mathbf{x}$  G Address list for nearby property owners, in label format, plus photocopy of labels.
  - Letter of authorization for representative/agent of D.R. applicant (if applicable).
- X G Photocopy of this completed application.

#### **OPTIONAL:**

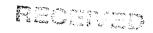
- G Photographs that illustrate your concerns.
- G Covenants or Deed Restrictions.
- Other Items (specify).

File this objection in person at the Planning Information Center. If you have questions about this form, please contact Information Center Staff from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Plan to attend the Planning Commission public hearing which must be scheduled after the close of the public notification period for the permit.

Signed Daug and Chyl Schultz august 12, 2010
Applicant Date

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# SAN FRANCISCO

### PLANNING DEPARTMENTIY & CORRE

1650 Mission St.

#### RESPONSE TO DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

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Building Permit No: 2009.11.19.1706	Reception: <b>415.558.6378</b>
Address: 2645 Balboa Street	Fax:
	415.558.6409
Project Sponsor's Name:	Planning Information:
Telephone No: 415-831-7180 for Department of City Planning to contact)	415.558.6377

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

The DR requesters' first concern on the project is a matter of personal opinion that the project is one of a disturbing trend of de facto demolitions disguised as "alternation" or addition. This project follows and meets the Planning Department's as well as the Department of Building Inspections' policies and guidelines regarding de facto demolition and it was ruled as not a de facto demolition.

The second concern is that the proposed addition destroys affordable housing in violation of the City's General Plans and the Priority Policies. The proposed project conforms to the Proposition M, Findings required to justify for this project. Furthermore, the existing 2 bedrooms single family room is in a very run down condition sold for \$675,000.00. In order to bring it back to reasonable living conditions as a 2 bedroom single family home compatible with other homes in the Richmond District will cost a minimum of \$150,000, a total cost for the building as \$825,000.00. Therefore, this building of only 2 bedrooms could not be classified as affordable housing in San Francisco.

The third concern is that the project also violates numerous provisions of the Residential Guidelines. However, the Project Plans have been reviewed by the Project Planner as well as the Planning Department's Residential Design Team and found that it meets current Planning Codes and Policies, and approved the project for 311 notifications.

The last concerns are that the project reaches far higher than any building in the surrounding area, impact privacy, and has a negative impact on historical resources. Again, this matter about the project may impact the surrounding area was addressed in the PROPOSITION M Findings. The matter of privacy is very hard issue to address with the closeness of houses in San Francisco especially the requirement of matching light wells. In my first telephone conversation with Mrs. Cheryl Schultz, She expressed the concern that the tenants of the project will looks into her bedroom. This may be possible, but her bedroom window is at least 106 feet away at a 45 degree angle with intermittent building and trees in between. The lost of privacy should be minimal. The last concern expressed is about the project may have a negative impact on the historical resources. A Historical Resource Evaluation and an Environmental Evaluation were prepared for the project. Furthermore, a Department's Cultural Resource Planner has done additional study on the project and made a Historical Determination that this project has no negative impact of historical resource in this area.

Therefore, we conclude that the DR requesters' concerns were taken care of during the Planning Application Process, and no changes are necessary.

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.

During the Planning review process, we have made numerous revisions as suggested by the Project Planners and recommendations of the Residential Design Team (RDT). We concluded that the impacts of the project on the neighbors are minimal and no additional changes should be required.

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 and other personal requirements that prevent you from making the changes requested by the DR requester.

We believe that our project has minimal impacts on the surrounding properties. There is no major adverse effect. Currently, the property is under utilized. Only a small single family dwelling is in it, and the zoning for the property is RH2. The lot is smaller than other lots in the area, and it is only 90' long. The property owners intend to build this

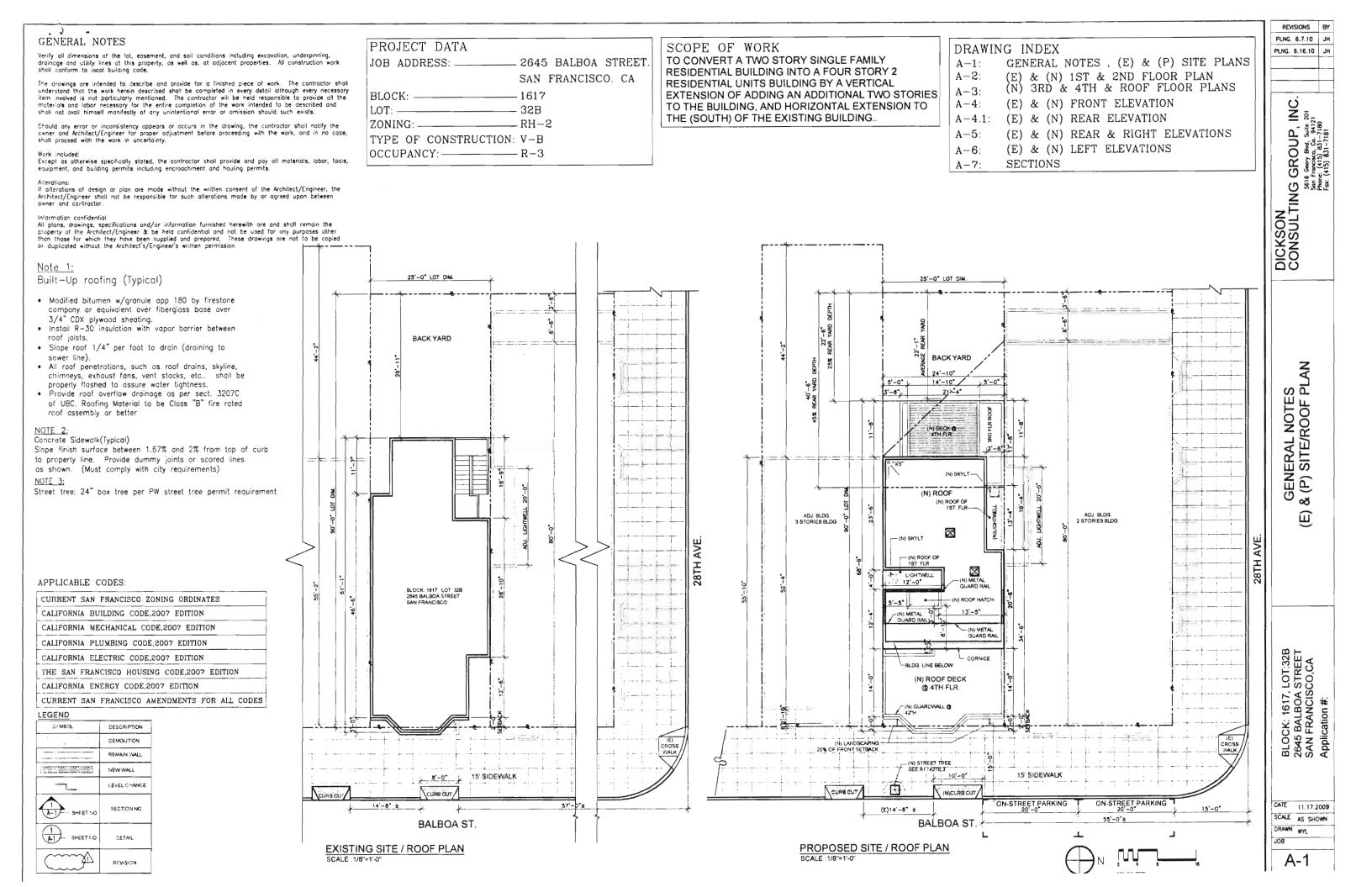
project with their own labors because they are working in the construction industry. When it is finished, it will house 3 generations of the Huang Family which includes a pair of grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huang, and 2 grown sons who pooled their resources to purchase this property. This is a total of 6 adults. However, that will change shortly because both sons are taking their brides in the next year or two, and each new family will take a main floor and adding children in the near future, and the parents will live in the penthouse, and the grand parents will live in the rooms behind the garage and take care of the great grand children while their parents are at work. The Huangs have saved for a long time, and searched for a long time to find this property to build their dream home. It has public transportations with Muni Buses on Balboa Street, 2 blocks away on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on Geary Boulevard, and on Fulton Street. It is perfect for the grand parents and Mrs. Wong because they do nor drive and depend mostly on public transportations. Therefore, they hope that no major change to the current project plans is necessary. This will meet their needs for a long, long time.

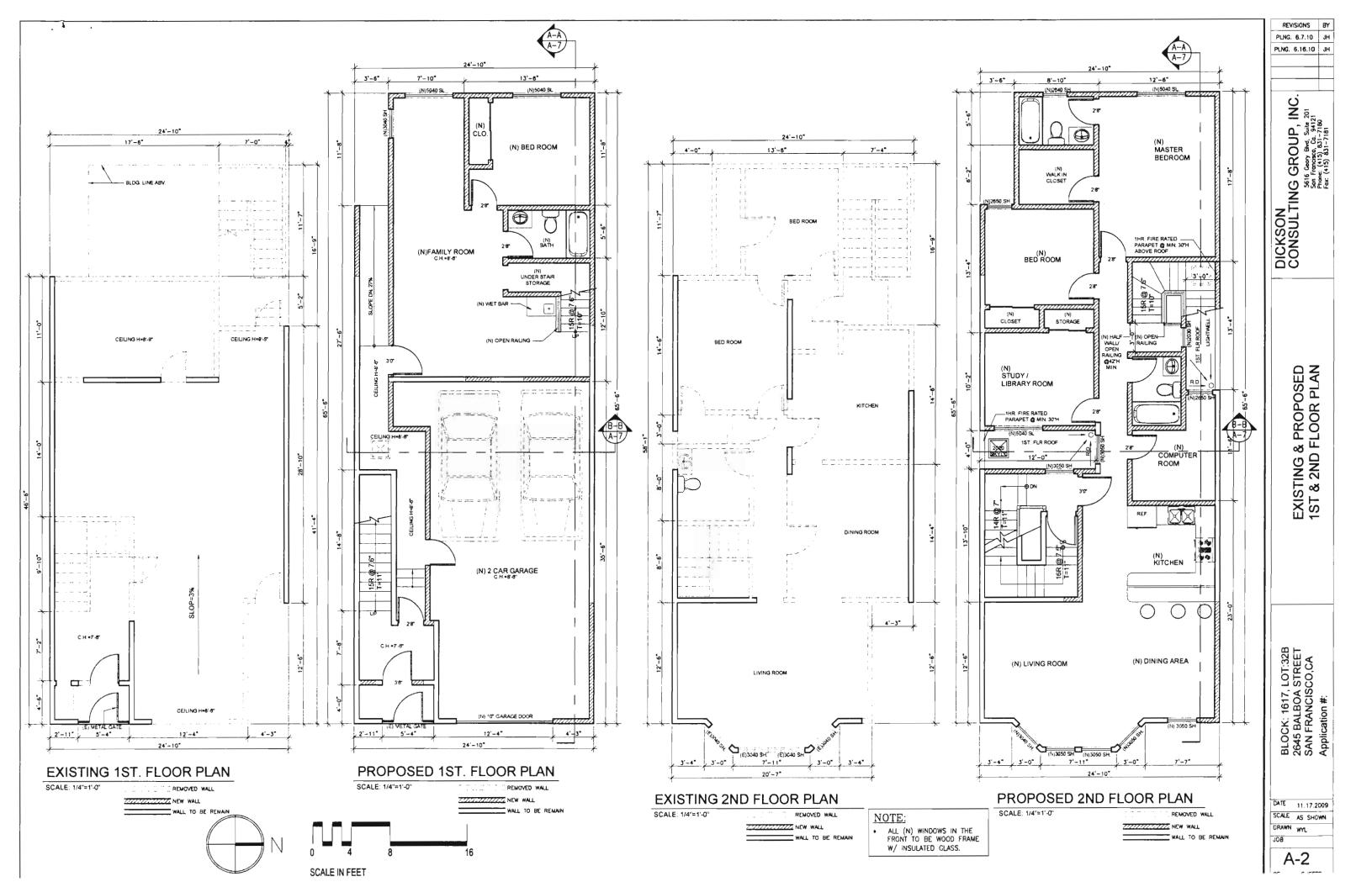
4.	Please supply the following information about the proposed project and the
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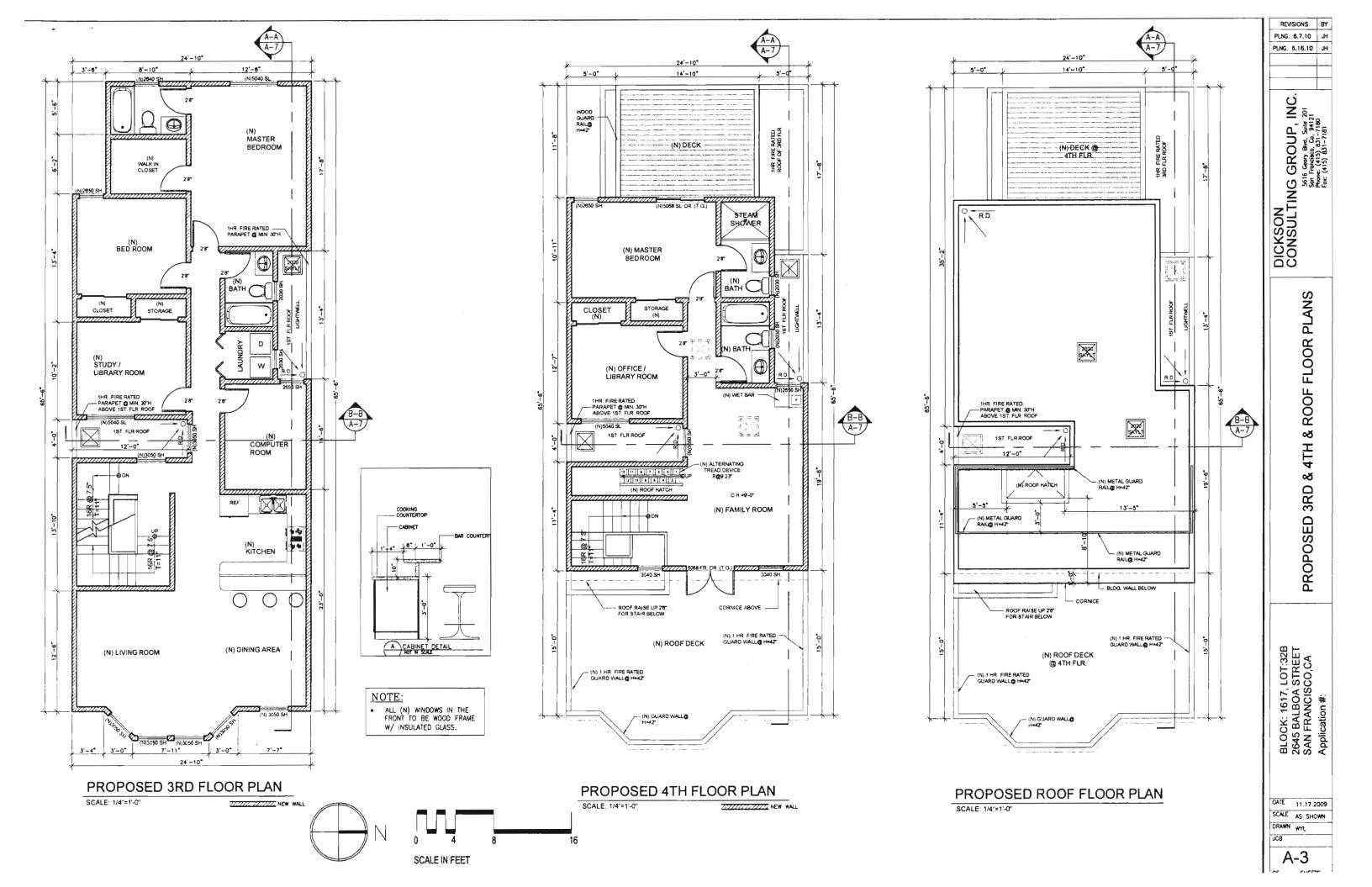
Number of	Existing	Proposed	
Dwelling units (only one kitchen per unit - additional			
Kitchens count as additional units)	l	2	
Occupied stories (all levels with habitable rooms)		4	
Basement levels (may include garage or windowless			
Storage rooms)	0	0	
Parking spaces (off-street)	_1_		
Bedrooms	2	9	
Gross square footage (floor area from exterior wall to exterior w	all),		
not including basement and parking areas	2,341 SF	_5,501 SF_	
Height	19'-0''	39'-0"	
Building Depth	61'-1"	_66"-6"	
Most Recent rent received (if any)	N/A	N/A_	
Projected rents after completion of project	N/A	N/A_	
Current value of property	.\$ <u>675,000.00</u>	unknown	
Projected value (sale price) after completion of project  (if known)unknownunknown			
I attest that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.			
Jel w. La 9-29-10 John W. LAW			

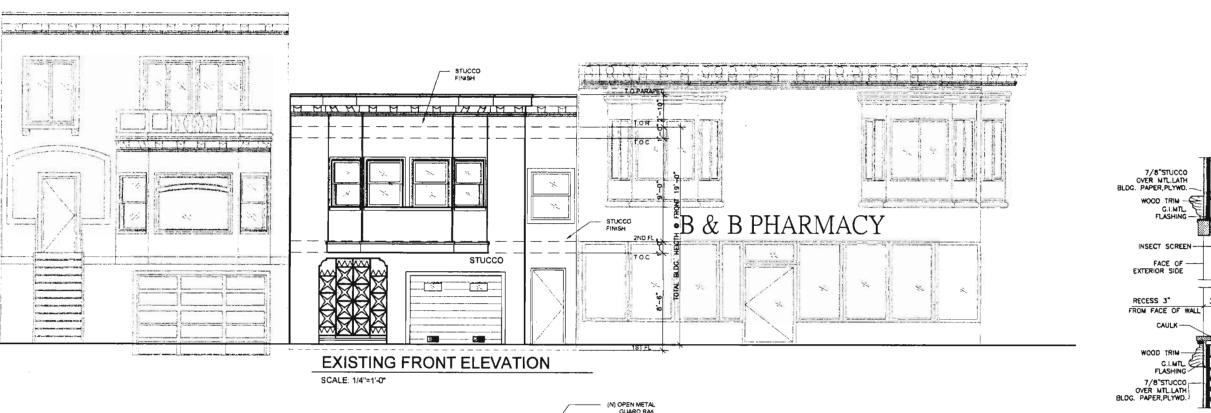
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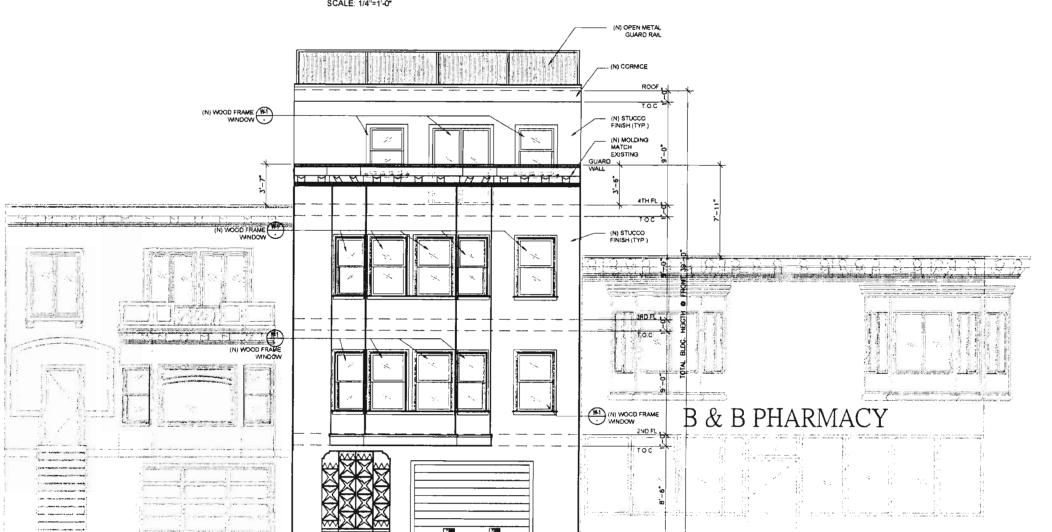
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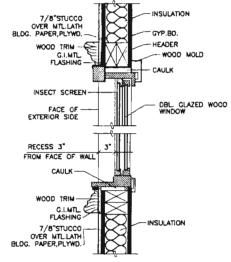








STREET LEVEL



WI WINDOW DETAIL (TYP.)

### NOTE:

• ALL (N) WINDOWS IN THE FRONT TO BE WOOD FRAME W/ INSULATED GLASS.

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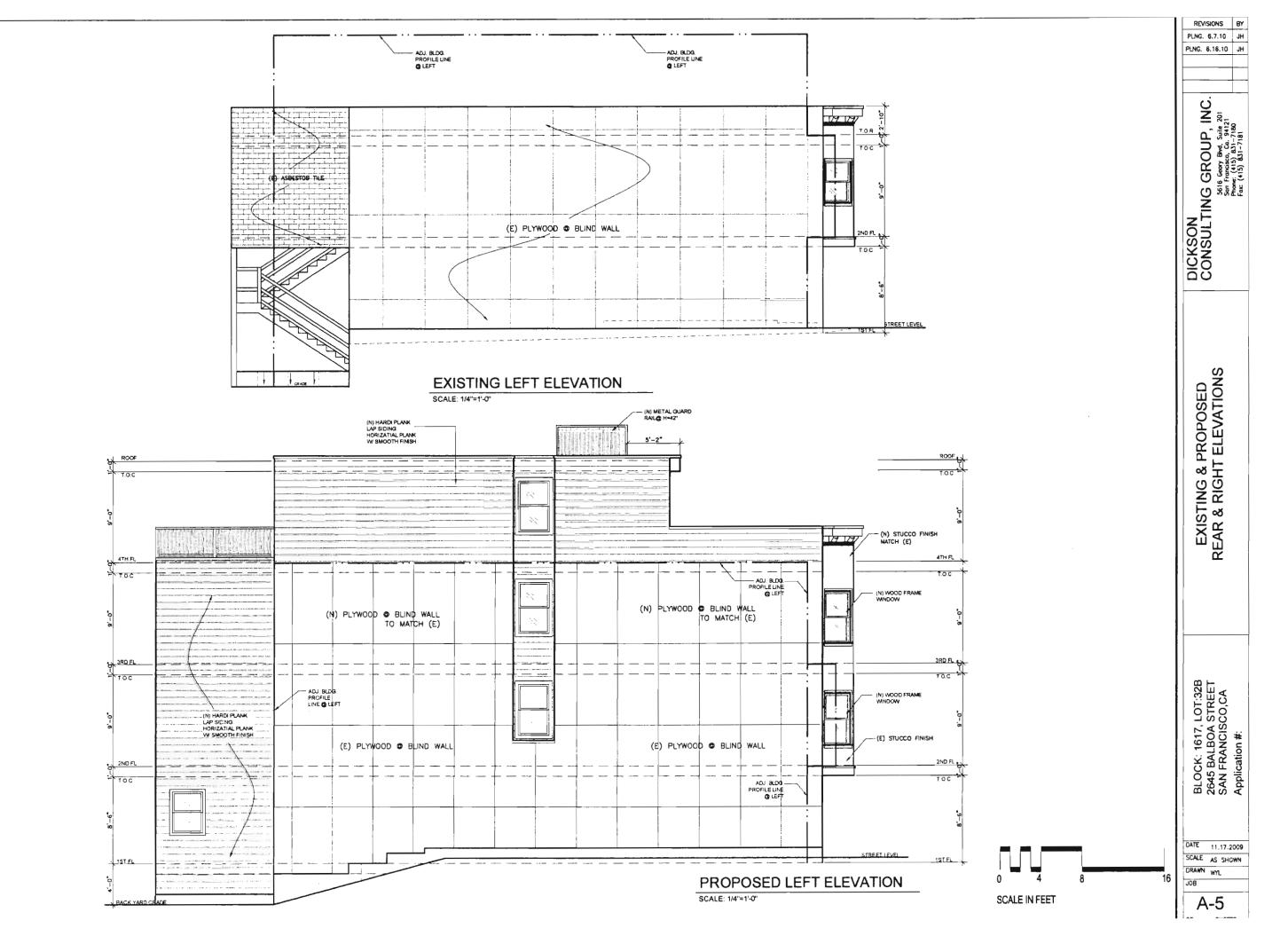
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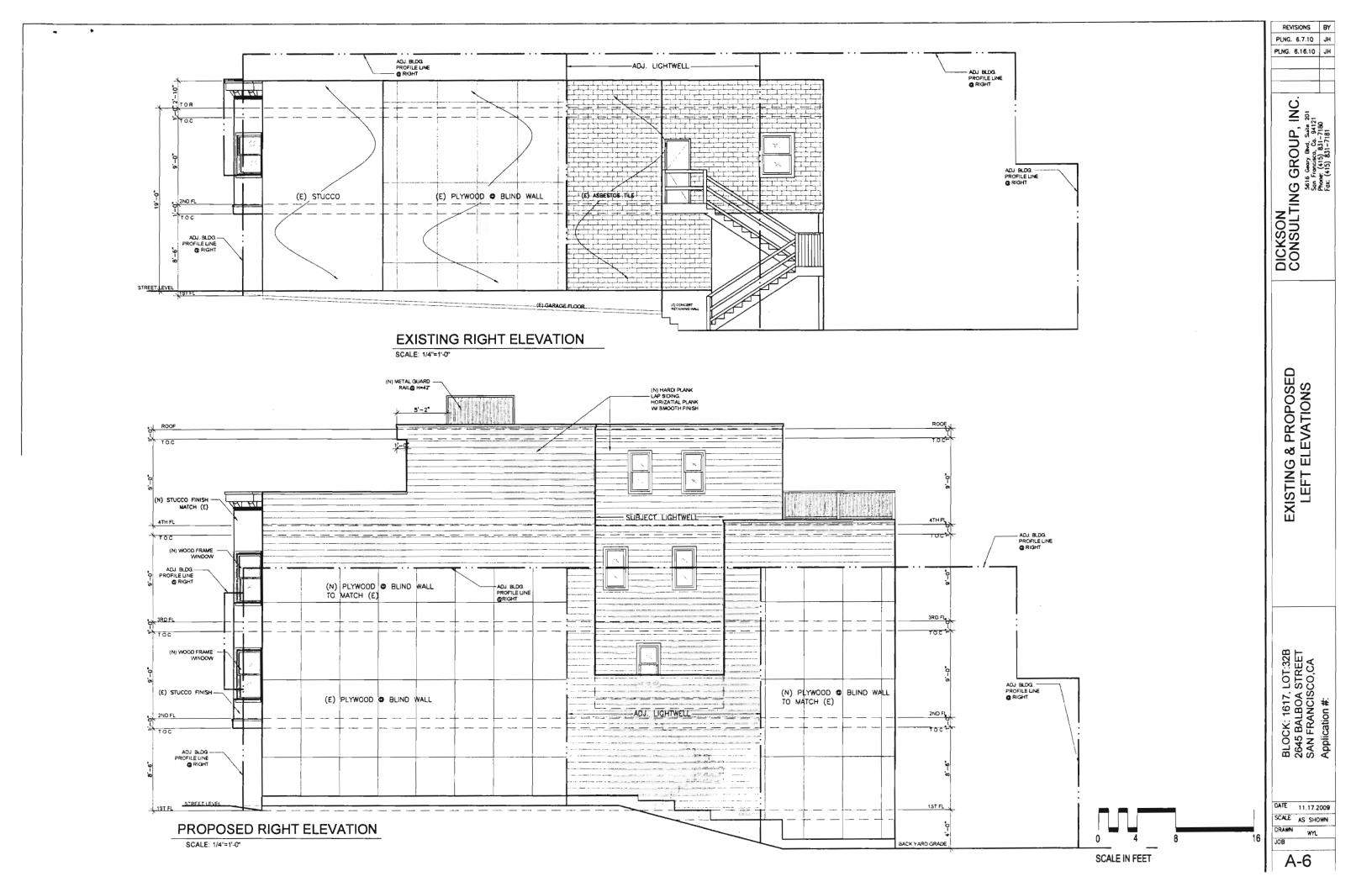
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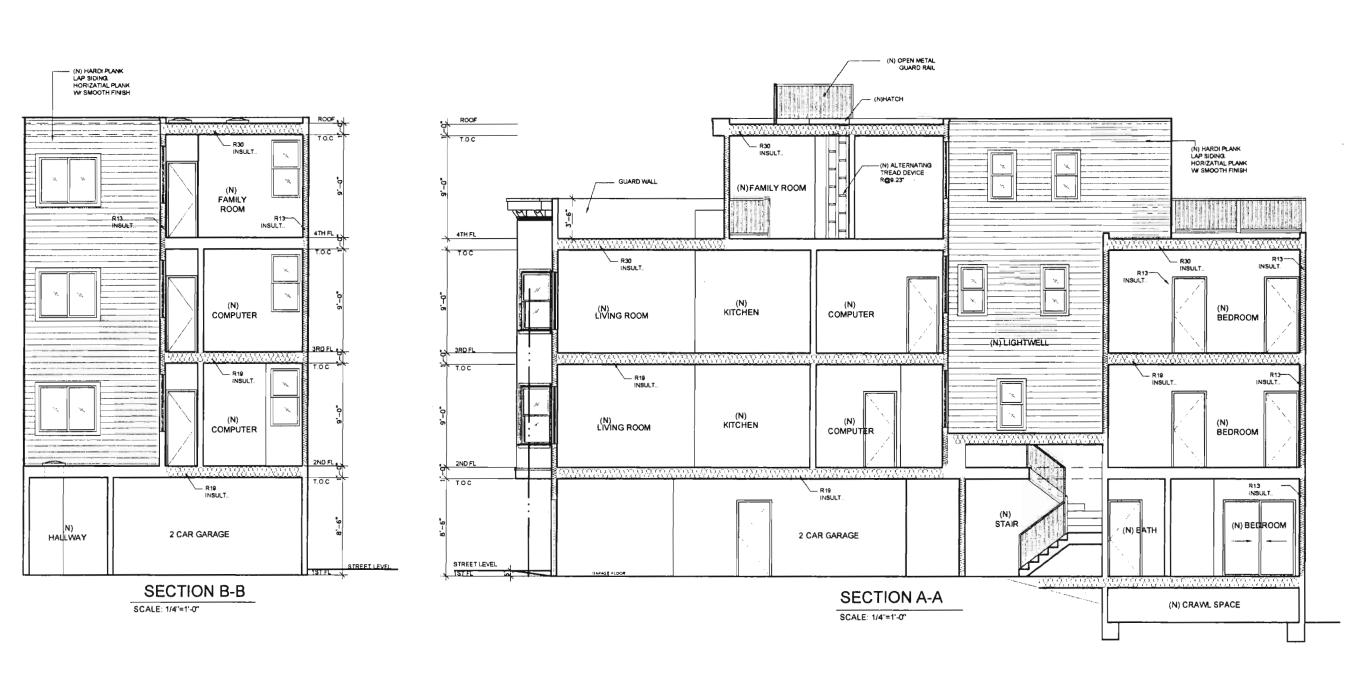
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PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"







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