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REPORT TO THE HEARING OFFICER

DATE ISSUED:	November 7, 2024			
HEARING DATE:	November 19, 2024	AGENDA ITEM:	5	
PROJECT NUMBER:	PRJ2022-003300-(5)			
PERMIT NUMBER:	Oak Tree Permit No. RPPL2022011582			
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:	5			
PROJECT LOCATION:	2242 Del Mar Road, Montrose (Assessor's Parcel Number: 5807-003-013)			
OWNER:	Waltonia, LLC			
APPLICANT:	Hamlet Hovespyan			
PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD:	1 OF 1			
INCLUSIONARY ZONING ORDINANCE (IZO):	The Project is subject to the IZO.			
CASE PLANNER:	Anthony M. Curzi, Regional Planner acurzi@planning.lacounty.gov			

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing:

LA County Planning staff ("Staff") recommends **APPROVAL** of Project Number PRJ2022-003300-(5), Oak Tree Permit No. RPPL2022011582, based on the Findings (Exhibit C – Findings) contained within this report and subject to the Draft Conditions of Approval (Exhibit D – Conditions of Approval).

Staff recommends the following motion:

CEQA:

I, THE HEARING OFFICER, CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL CEQA GUIDELINES.

ENTITLEMENT:

I, THE HEARING OFFICER, APPROVE OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER RPPL2022011582 SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Entitlement Requested

Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree to allow the construction of a six-unit townhouse building in the R-3 (Limited Density Multiple Residence) Zone pursuant to County Code Section 22.174.030 (Applicability).

B. Project

The applicant requests to remove one non-heritage oak tree ("Project") to accommodate the construction of a six-unit (including one affordable unit), two-story townhouse building with a subterranean parking level containing six interior-partitioned garages with 12 standard parking spaces (two spaces per garage). The townhouse building which includes one affordable unit, will be reviewed separately under related Ministerial Site Plan Review No. RPPL2022010001 and Administrative Housing Permit No. RPPL2021008028 ("associated townhouse development").

The associated townhouse development, located at 2242 Del Mar Road ("Project Site"), consists of the following:

- Demolish an existing vacant (previously owner-occupied) single-family residence ("SFR") and detached garage;
- Construct a six-unit townhouse with a subterranean parking level. Each rental unit will consist of three bedrooms, two full bathrooms, powder room (half bathroom) and two assigned parking spaces. A 903-square-foot open area is provided in the rear yard;
- Set aside one proposed unit to be income-restricted for a lower income household (set at 80% of the Area Median Income level), as required by the County Inclusionary Housing Ordinance;
- Request two waivers for a reduction in the east side yard setback for subterranean parking garages (from a required 5 feet to provided 8 inches) and increase in the maximum height (from 35 feet to roughly over 39 feet) under the Density Bonus Ordinance.;
- Install five bicycle parking spaces (two short-term and three long-term); and
- Provide nearly 890 square feet of landscaping in the front and rear yard.

The impacted non-heritage oak tree is a dual-trunk oak measuring 25 and 27 inches at diameter at breast height ($4\frac{1}{2}$ feet above grade level) and is in the existing rear yard. There are no alternatives to removing the tree due to its location on the property, which is a relatively small and narrow lot that measures 46 feet 10 inches at its narrowest point and 50 feet at its widest. The lot is also 195 feet- $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep with a total lot size of 9,120

square feet. While the tree trunk is very close to the western property line, most of its canopy extends to one side, over the subject lot, covering approximately 1,700 square feet (19 percent) of the subject property. Therefore, to accommodate the type and density of development allowed as a by-right project, removal of the non-heritage oak tree is necessary. The footprint of the associated development would occupy most of the lot and conflicts with keeping the oak tree in place.

The associated townhouse development site plan/basement garage plan depicts the sixunit, two-story townhouses occupying 5,617 square feet of the 9,120-square-foot lot (approximately 62% lot coverage). The townhouse building will be 39 feet and 2½ inches at maximum height when measured from natural grade, above basement parking with each unit having an enclosed individual garages with direct stairway access to the townhouse units above. Unit sizes will range from 1,451 square feet to 1,749 square feet. All townhouse units will contain three bedrooms and two full bathrooms plus a powder room (half bathroom).

A 21-foot ½-inch-wide driveway leading to the basement parking is depicted. Basement level plans depict the six interior-partitioned two-car garages with 17-foot-wide doors. The dimensions of the garages are 19 feet 5 inches wide by 19 feet deep. Connected to the garages are staircases leading up to each individual unit. A 5-foot-wide concrete pedestrian walkway is depicted alongside the west side of the basement level leading to the rear of the property and then south to stairs up to a walkway that will run along the east side of the building, providing access to each unit's front door. A wheelchair lift is also depicted.

The first-floor plan depicts each of the six townhouse units with kitchen, living room, dining room, laundry room, and powder room (half bathroom) and stairs that lead up to the second floor. The second-floor plan depicts each unit with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

SUBJECT PROPERTY AND SURROUNDINGS

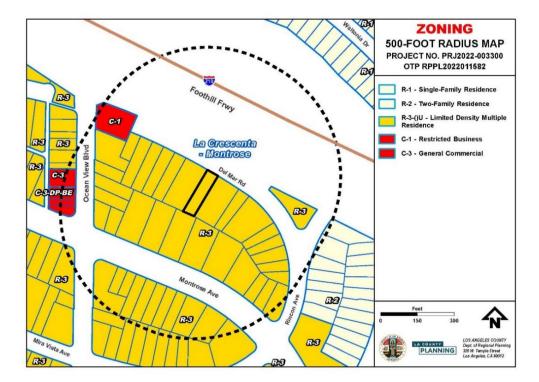
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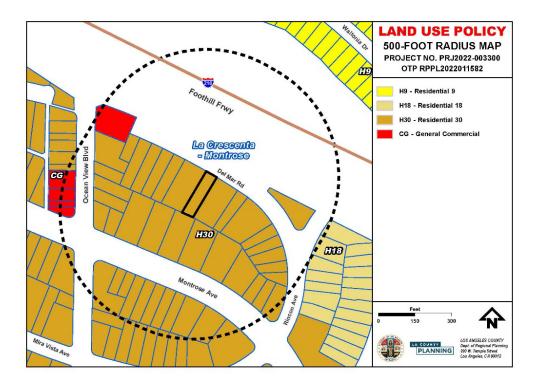
LOCATION	GENERAL PLAN LAND USE POLICY	ZONING	EXISTING USES
SUBJECT PROPERTY	H30 (Residential 30 - 20 to 30 dwelling units per net acre)	R-3	SFR
NORTH	I-210 Freeway	I-210 Freeway	Freeway
EAST	H30, H18 (Residential 18 – 0	R-3, R-2 (Two- Family Residence)	Multi-family residences ("MFRs")

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	to 18 dwelling units per net acre)		
SOUTH	H30	R-3	MFRs
WEST	H30, CG (General	R-3, C-1 (Restricted	MFRs, medical
	Commercial)	Business), C-3	offices, health club,
		(General	oxygen therapy,
		Commercial), C-3-	salon, hospice,
		DP-BE (General	laboratory.
		Commercial-	-
		Development	
		Program-Billboard	
		Exclusion)	

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PROPERTY HISTORY

A. Zoning History

ORDINANCE NO.	ZONING	DATE OF ADOPTION
Ordinance No. 2781	R-1 (Single-Family	April 15, 1936
	Residence)	
Ordinance No. 5290	R-3	March 15, 1949

B. Previous Cases

LA County Planning records were not found for the existing SFR and detached garage, but County building records show that those structures were built in 1947.

C. Violations

CASE NO.	VIOLATION	CLOSED/OPEN
NONE	NA	NA

ANALYSIS

A. Land Use Compatibility

While the Project is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated residential townhouse building use will be compatible with surrounding land uses as there are other MFRs in the immediate area, many built in the same townhouse style. The subject property is currently underutilized as an SFR. The designated R-3 zone allows for multifamily housing and the neighboring properties have already been established as similar townhouse or apartment buildings. Converting the existing use from an SFR into a six-unit townhouse development with the inclusion of one affordable unit, would be an infill development that is consistent with goals and policies of the General Plan.

B. Neighborhood Impact (Need/Convenience Assessment)

The associated townhouse building will be designed to efficiently make use of the shape and size of the lot while providing an attractively designed MFR. Due to the need for additional housing units, the continued existence of the oak tree at its present location would frustrate the planned development of the six-unit townhouse and not achieve the higher density planned for this area. While the Project requests to remove one ordinancesized non-heritage oak tree, two replacement oak trees will be planted onsite as required under the OTP and future monitoring by the County Forester will occur to ensure the survival of these replacement oak trees. As the replacement oak trees mature, the neighborhood will have one net increase in oak trees at the same Project Site.

Furthermore, one townhouse unit (17 percent of total units) will be set aside as affordable housing for lower-income households earning up to 80 percent Average Median Income while the other five units will be market-rate. The addition of a new modern townhouse building (leading to a net increase of five units) in developing an underutilized property would be an improvement for the area and meet the General Plan goals and policies.

C. Design Compatibility

While the Project is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated proposed townhouse development will be compatible with the surrounding area in terms of massing, bulk, density, height, and architectural design. The townhouse building will be designed in accordance with relevant County Code requirements for the R-3 Zone, including those in the La Crescenta-Montrose CSD pertaining to communal open space, landscaping, roof design, and placement of windows and a portico at the front façade of the building. Two waivers from development standards are sought as authorized by the related Administrative Housing Permit: (1) to exceed the 35 feet maximum height limit by 4 feet 2½ inches, at 39 feet 2½ inches proposed height (due to the measurement from natural grade), and (2) to allow an 8-inch side yard setback (along the southern property line) in lieu of a 5-foot setback to accommodate the upper 5-foot section of the basement retaining wall. Also, this placement of the upper portion of the basement walls into the side yards is a common feature of similar buildings on the subject street. The residential component of the building will meet the required 5-foot side yard requirement.

GENERAL PLAN/COMMUNITY PLAN CONSISTENCY

The Project is consistent with applicable goals and policies of the General Plan. Consistency findings can be found in the attached Findings (Exhibit C – Findings).

ZONING ORDINANCE CONSISTENCY

The Project complies with all applicable zoning requirements. Consistency findings can be found in the attached Findings (Exhibit C – Findings).

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS (FORMERLY BURDEN OF PROOF)

The applicant is required to substantiate all facts identified by Section 22.174.060 (Findings) of the County Code. The Statement of Findings with applicant's responses is attached (Exhibit E – Applicant's Statement of Findings). Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has met the burden of proof.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

For the purposes of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") compliance, the environmental analysis will cover both the oak tree removal and the associated townhouse development. Although the review of the associated townhouse development with one affordable unit and waiver requests are ministerial actions under the County's zoning regulations, Density Bonus Ordinance, and the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, and therefore are typically exempt from CEQA analysis, the removal of one oak tree associated with a MFR requires a discretionary OTP with a public hearing, which is a discretionary action subject to CEQA review. Pursuant to Section 15268(d) of the CEQA Statute and Guidelines ("CEQA Guidelines"), "where a project involves an approval that contains elements of both a ministerial action and a discretionary action, the project will be deemed to be discretionary and will be subject to the requirements of CEQA." Moreover, the term "Project" under CEQA, as specified in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, in this environmental analysis will mean the whole of an action and to the underlying physical activity being approved, and does

not mean each governmental approval. Under the CEQA context and the stated CEQA Guidelines above, the following will analyze the Project as a whole, including the associated townhouse development that triggered the OTP.

Staff recommends that the Project qualifies for a Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, categorical exemption under Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines and a Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, categorical exemption under Section 15304. Class 3 generally consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. In urbanized areas, this exemption applies to apartments, duplexes and similar structures designed for not more than six dwelling units. The proposed oak tree removal in conjunction with the associated six-unit townhouse development is located in an urbanized area, as defined by the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau. The Project Site is surrounded by qualified urbanized uses and is sited in a highly paved, developed urban setting. The six-unit townhouse development is a similar MFR construction to an apartment and meets the unit limit permitted under Class 3 for an urbanized area.

Class 4 would apply to the removal of one protected oak tree as well as the associated development because the Project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land and does not involve the removal of any healthy, mature, scenic trees. The oak tree to be removed is not a heritage oak and is not considered scenic in the community. It is similar to other urban trees in the area and does not pose itself as unique in the urban landscape. The Project would convert one qualified urban use (single-family residential) to another qualified urban use (townhouses). The oak tree is not part of any intact oak woodland. The Project Site does not have any value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species and can be served by public utilities and services as it is in a fully urbanized area. The Project will also not cause significant effects relating to transportation, noise, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, or water quality.

No exceptions to the categorical exemption also apply to the Project. No conditions, characteristics or circumstances are found to preclude the use of this categorical exemption under CEQA Statute and Guidelines Section 15300.2 for the following reasons:

a) Location: This exception applies to Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11, and not Class 1, where there is consideration of where the Project is to be located. It mainly concerns particularly sensitive environments with rich biological resources or "environmental resources of hazardous or criterial concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted under law by federal, state, or local agencies" (CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(a)). The Project is located on a property containing an existing SFR, in a fully developed, urbanized area. The Project Site is not in a Significant Ecological Area.

b) Cumulative Impacts: The Project is a minor intensification of use allowed under the General Plan, with a net increase of five residential units. The residential density is consistent with the underlying zoning and plan designation.

c) "Unusual Circumstances" or Significant Effects: The Project has a net increase of five residential use. Adequate utilities and roadway infrastructure exist to serve the planned density under the County's long-range plan, and no environmentally sensitive areas will be impacted by any additional development as no environmentally sensitive areas exist.

d) Scenic Highways: According to California's Scenic Highway Program, which is administered by the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans"), the Project Site is not located within or near an officially designated state scenic highway.

e) Hazardous Waste Sites: The Project Site is not located on a property which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. According to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's EnviroStor and State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker web databases, no active or open hazardous waste sites were identified at the Project Site. A review of the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List-Site Cleanup database also shows no records on the Project Site. There are no public drinking wells within the Project Site that may pose conflicts with the lists compiled by the State Department of Health Services. Finally, the Project Site is not included in any Water Board's list of solid waste disposal sites, list of "active" orders where necessary actions have not yet been completed (known Cease-and-Desist Orders and Cleanup and as Abatement Orders).

f) Historical Resources: The Project Site does not contain any historical resource listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources or included in a local register of historical resources. According to the County's Historic Resources Sites Policy mapping, there is no historic or cultural resource site within the vicinity of the Project Site. The property is not designated by the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance in the Registry of Landmarks and Historic District. The County also does not consider the Project Site to be a discretionary historical resource per Public Resources Code Section 21084.1. While the onsite existing SFR structure is over 50 years old, it does not meet the criteria to be considered an historic resource. The SFR is not associated with any historic events, lives of persons that are historically significant, and does not embody significant historic distinctive characteristics or distinctive construction method.

An environmental determination (Exhibit F – Environmental Determination) was issued for the Project.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

A. County Department Comments and Recommendations

The County Forester has issued a clearance letter for the OTP with conditions of approval.

B. Other Agency Comments and Recommendations

Staff has not received any comments at the time of report preparation.

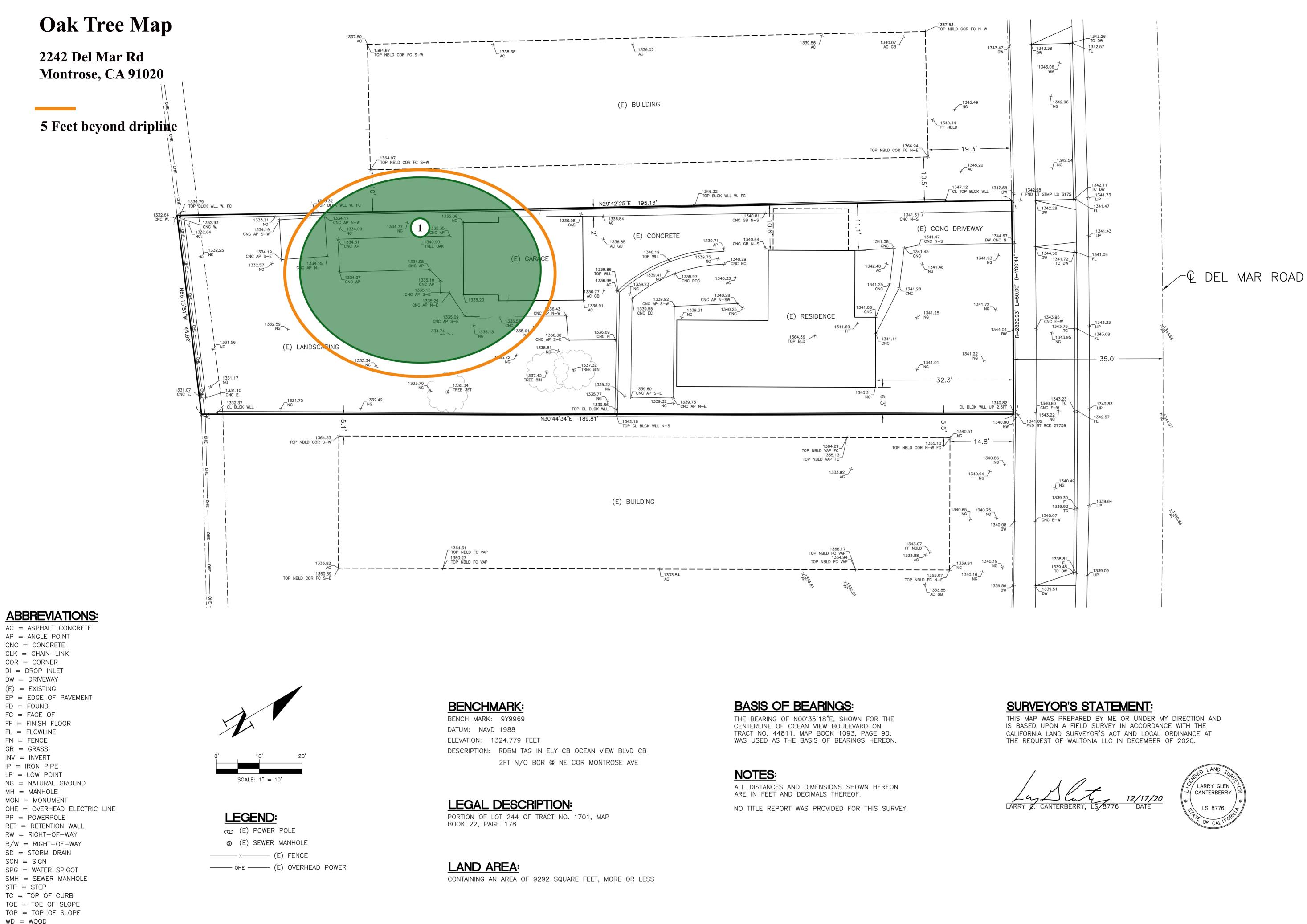
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C. Public Comments

Staff has not received any comments at the time of report preparation.

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	Michele R. Bush, Supervising Planner
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	Susan M. Tae, AICP, Assistant Deputy Director

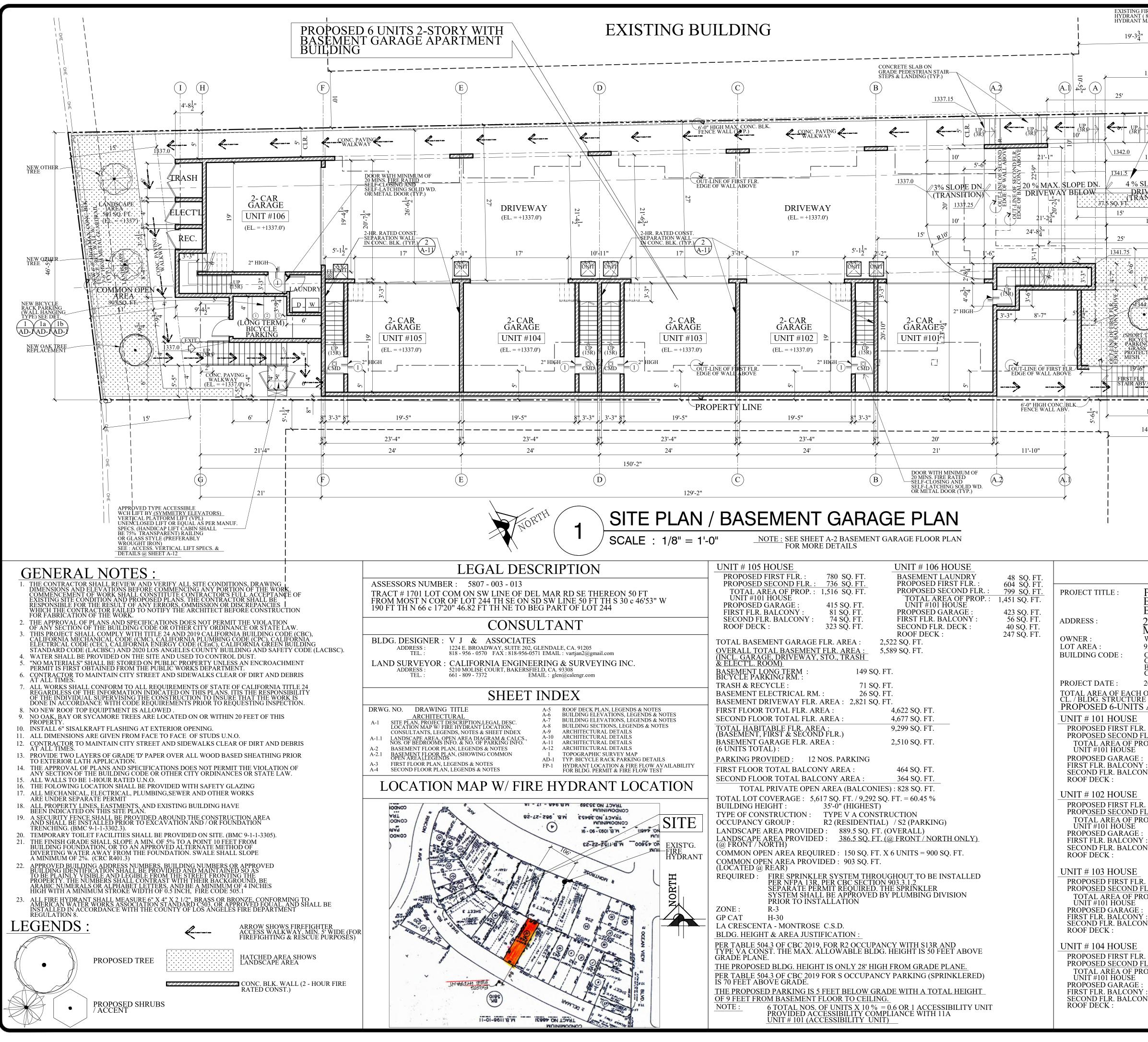
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EXHIBIT B	Project Summary Sheet
EXHIBIT C	Draft Findings
EXHIBIT D	Draft Conditions of Approval
EXHIBIT E	Applicant's Statement of Findings
EXHIBIT F	Environmental Determination
EXHIBIT G	Informational Maps
EXHIBIT H	Photos
EXHIBIT I	Agency Correspondence
EXHIBIT J	Oak Tree Report



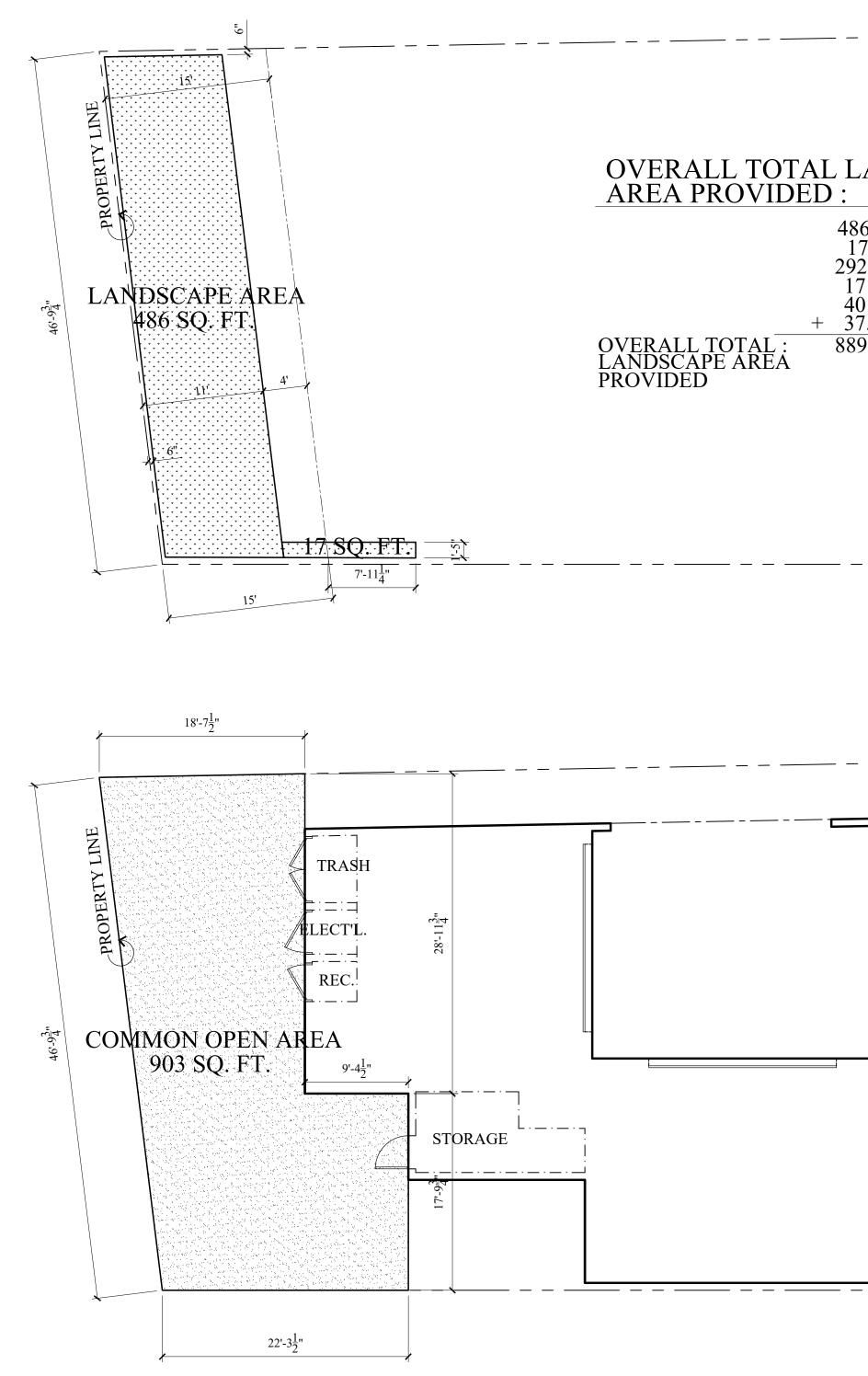
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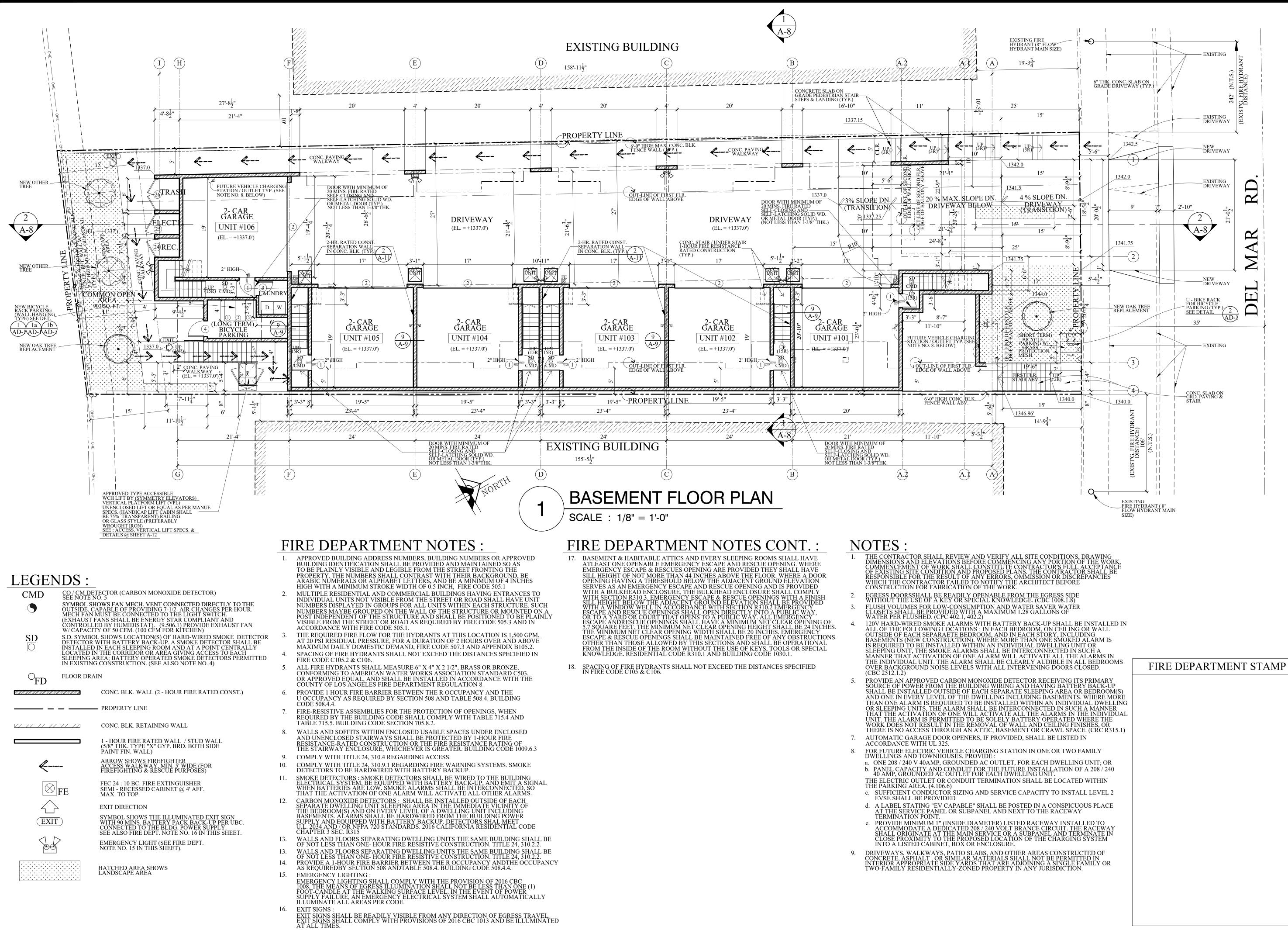
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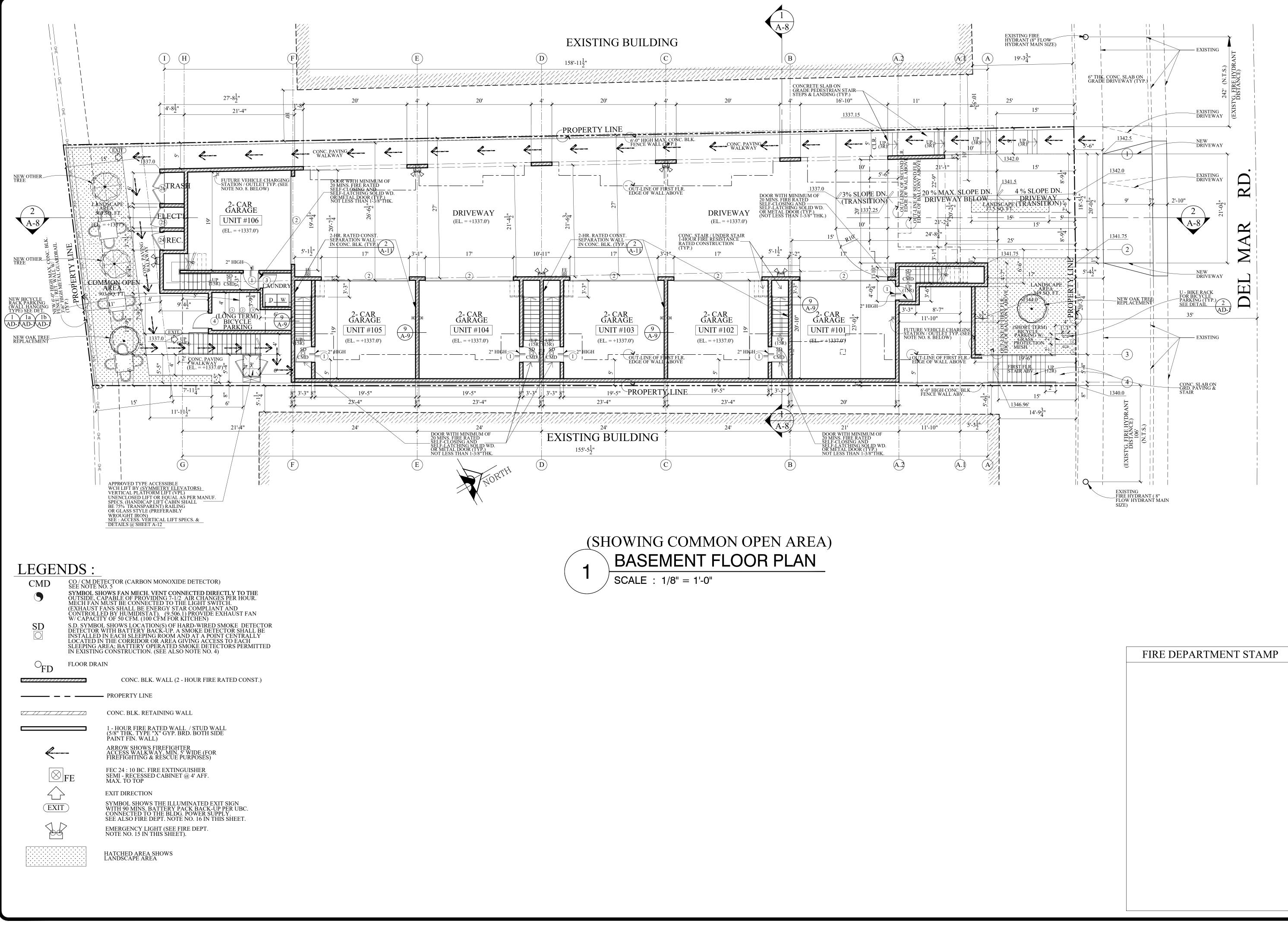
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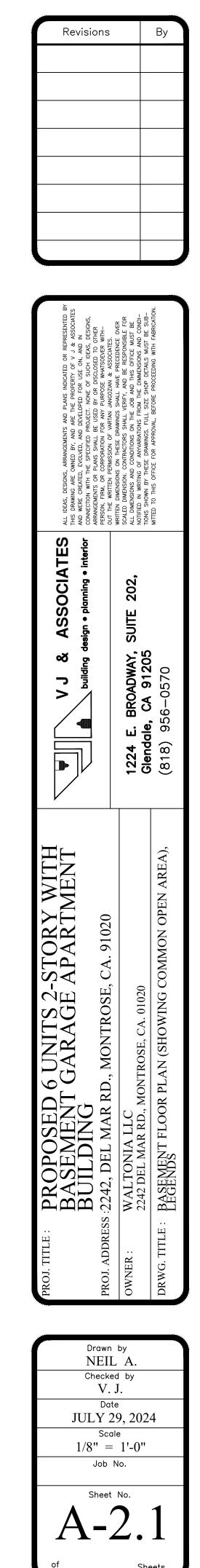
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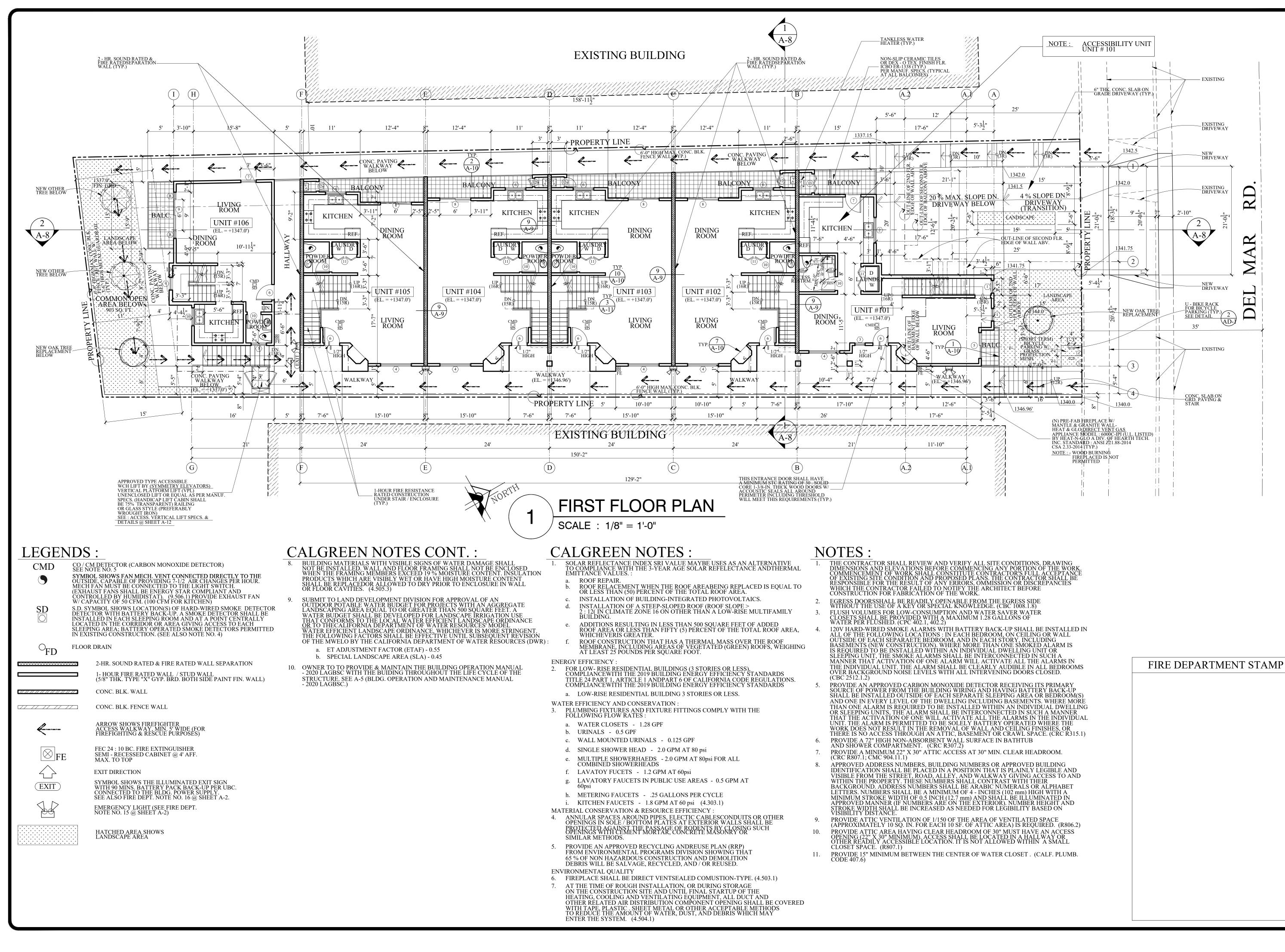
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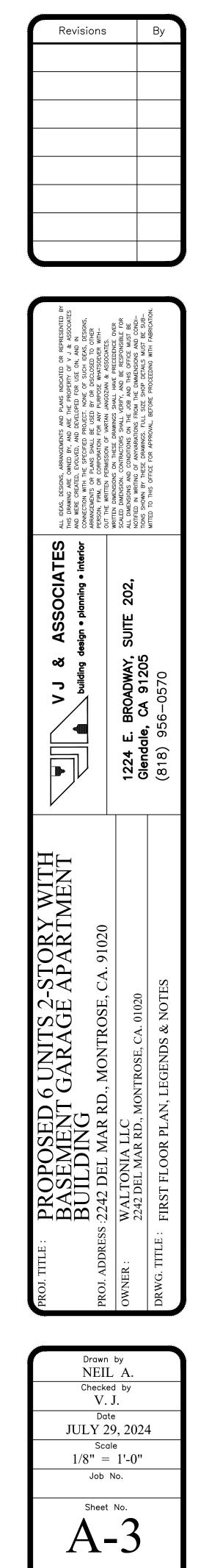


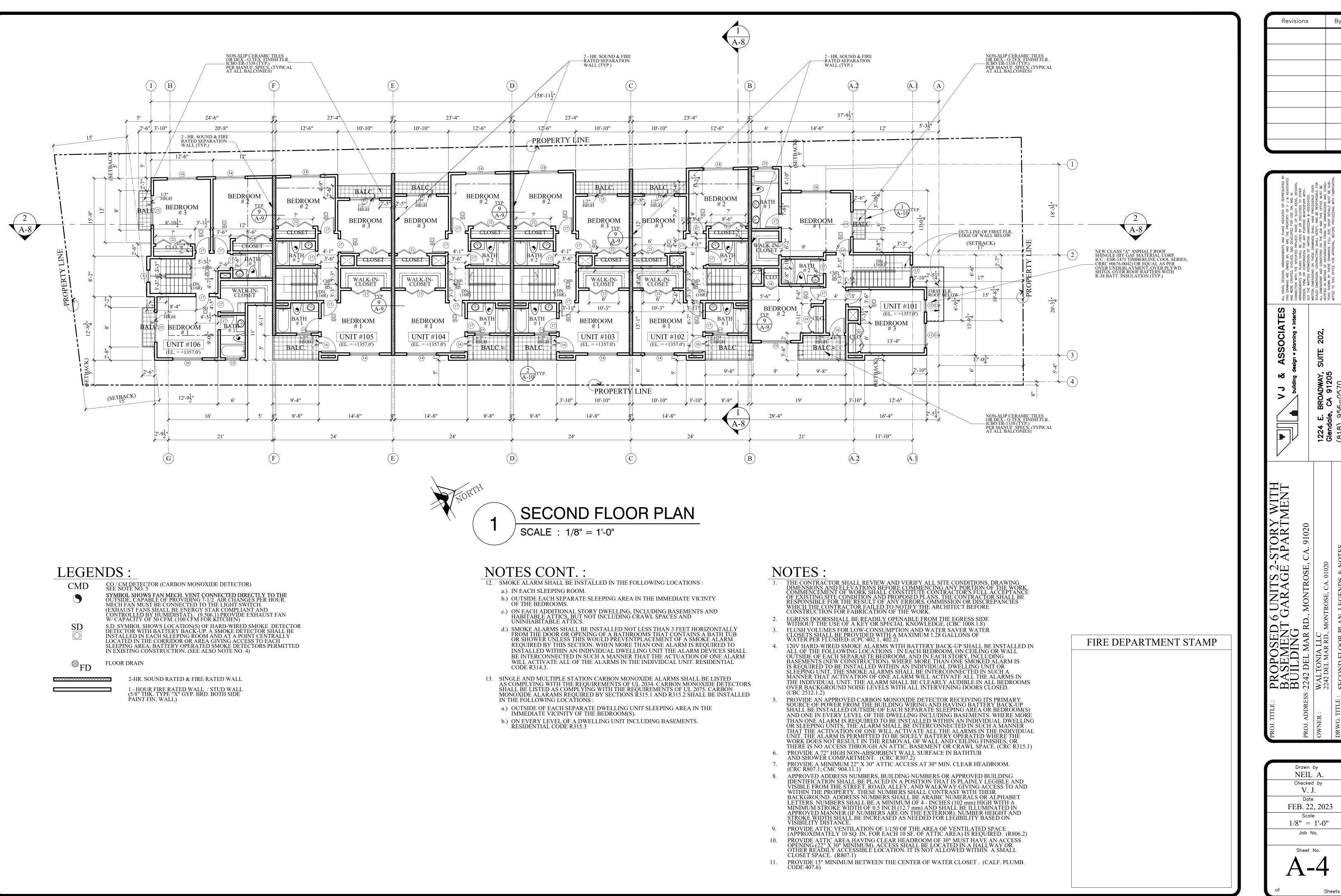
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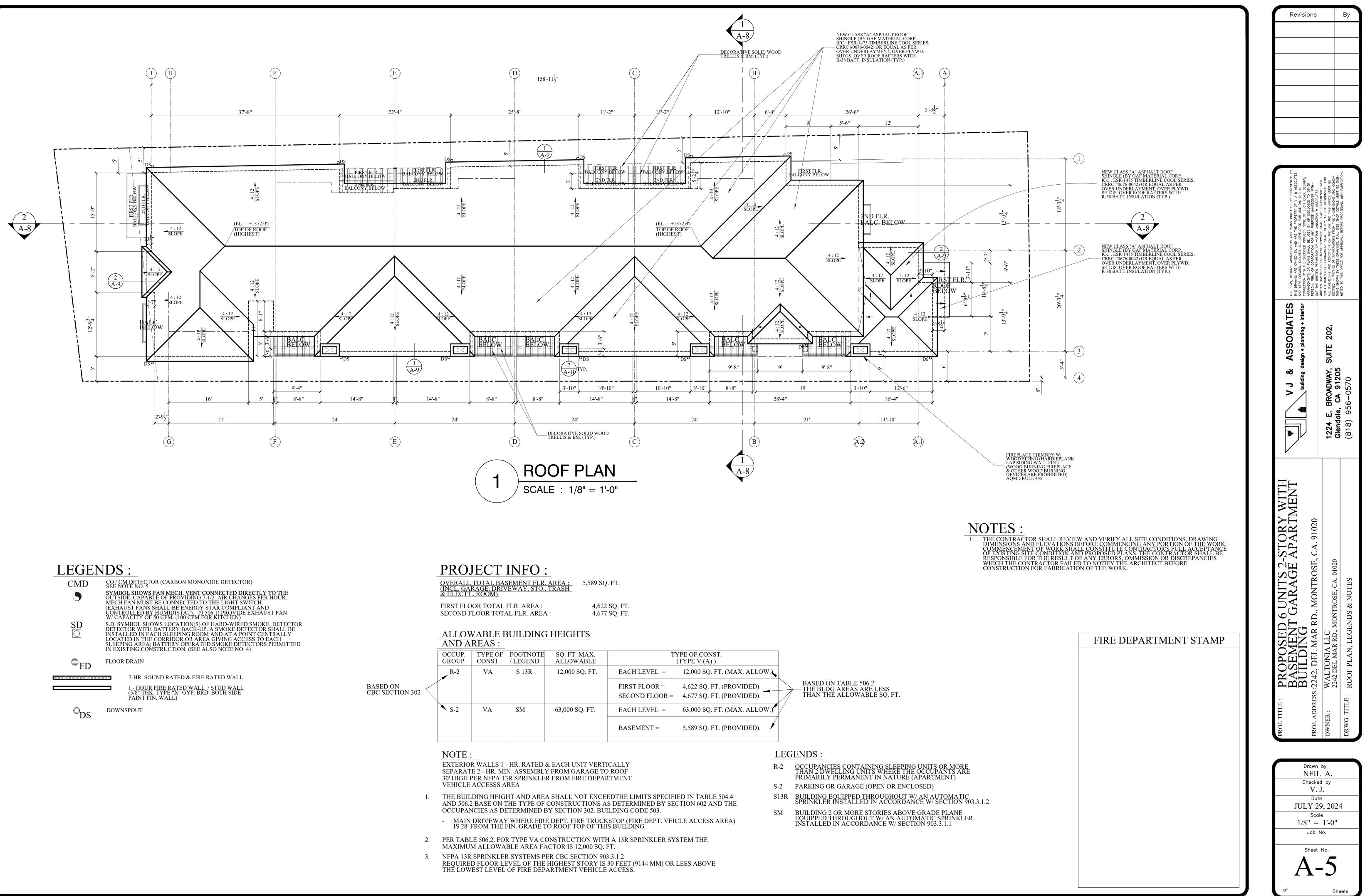


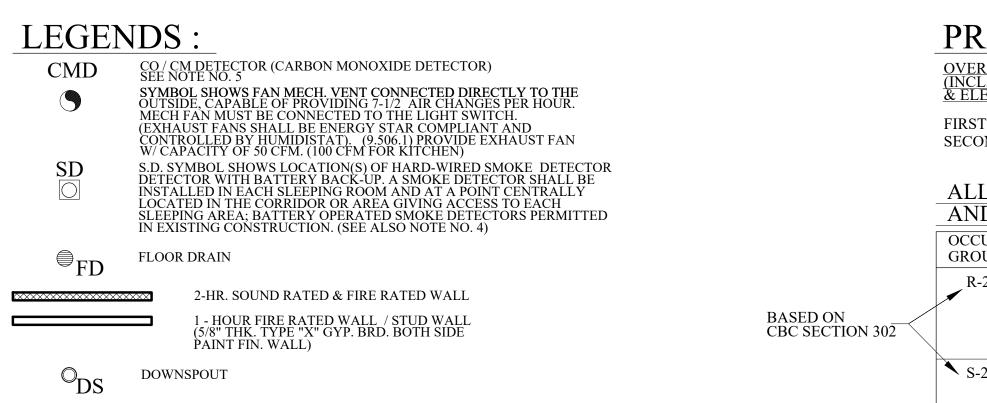




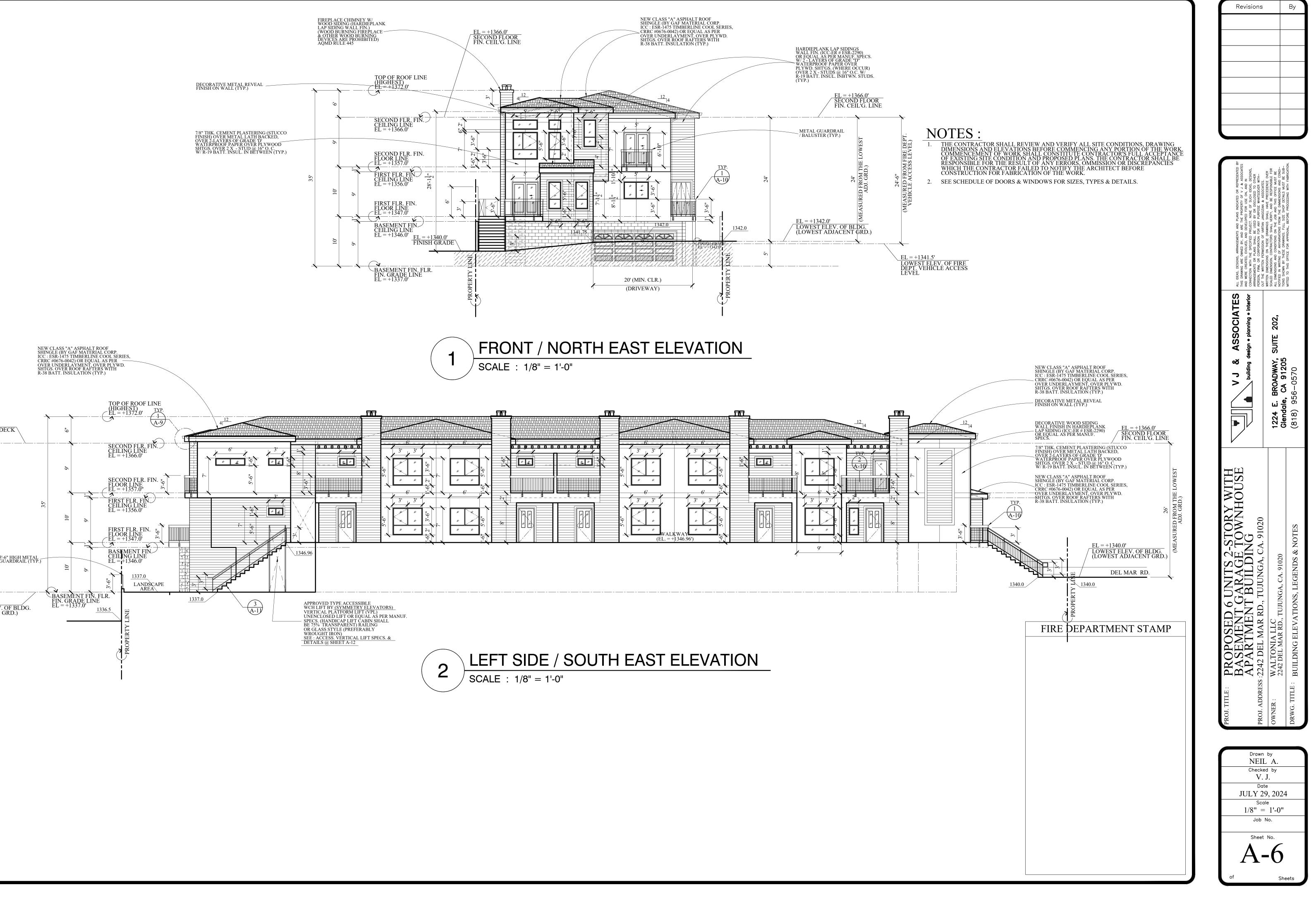


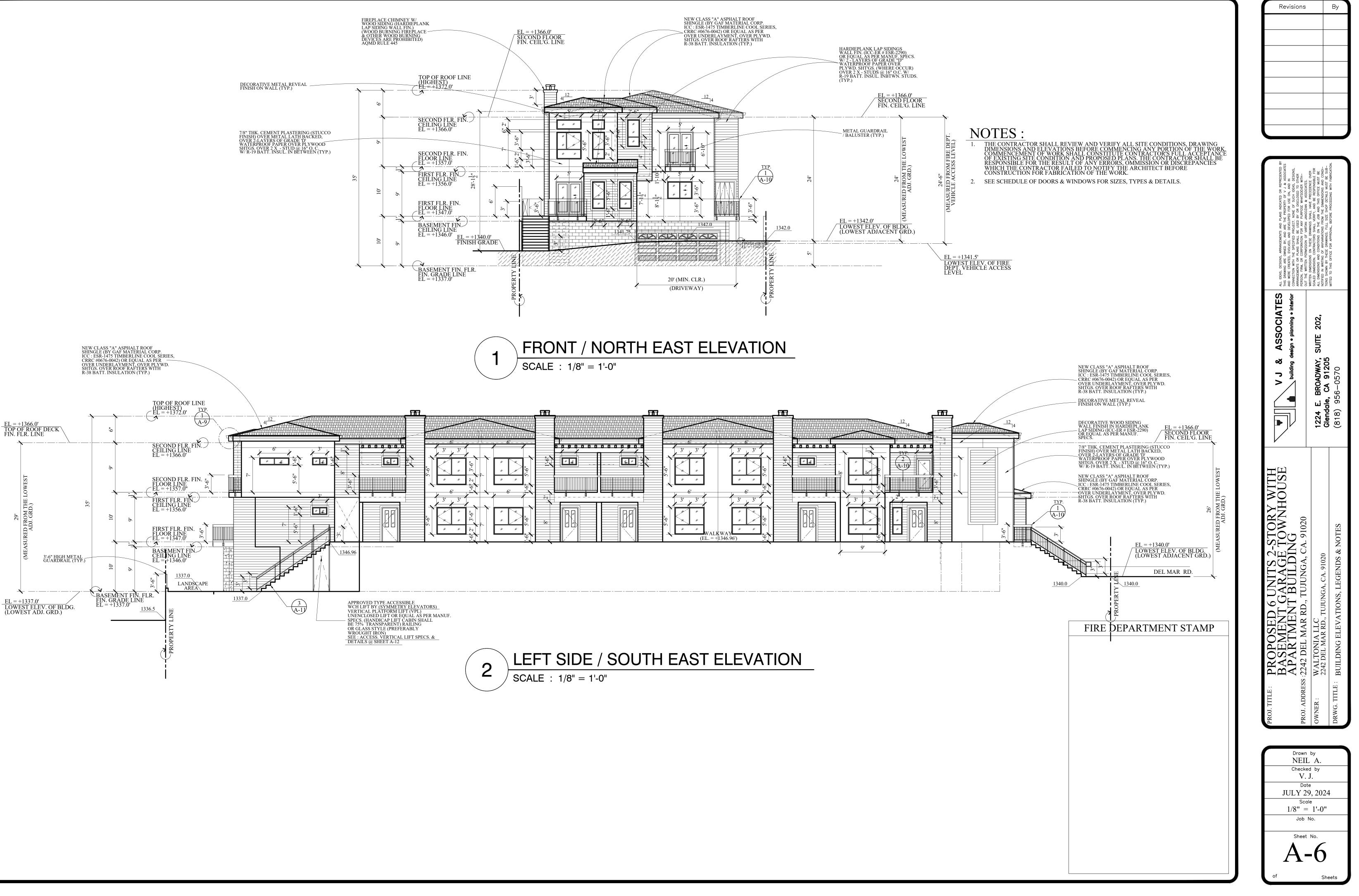
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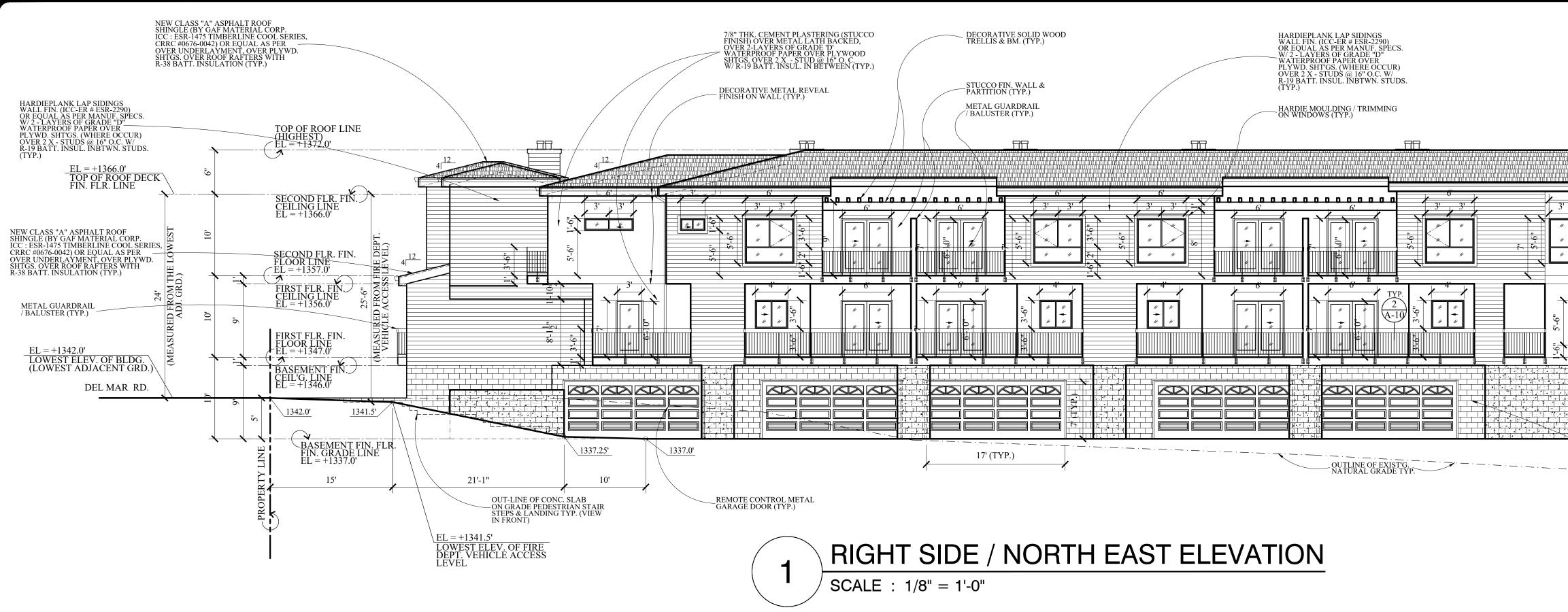


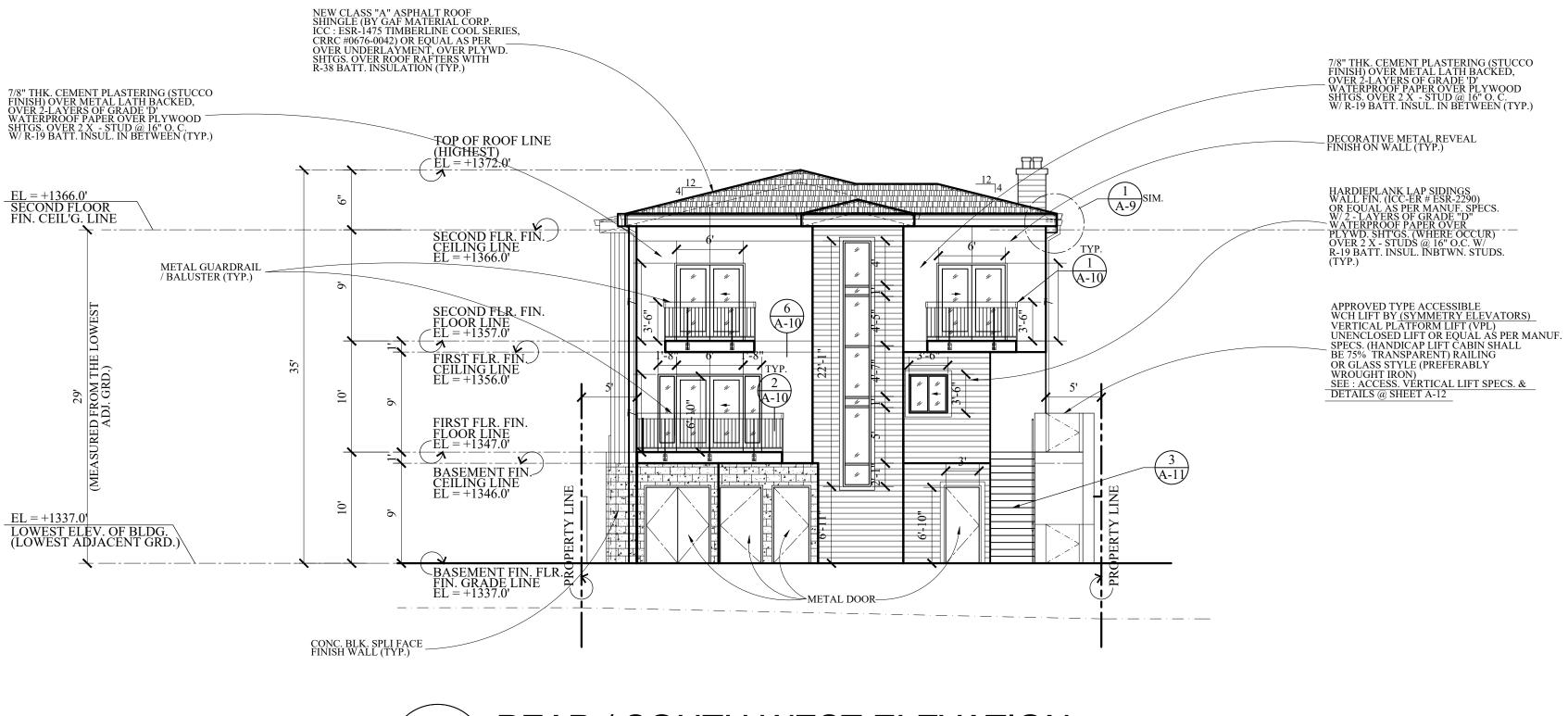


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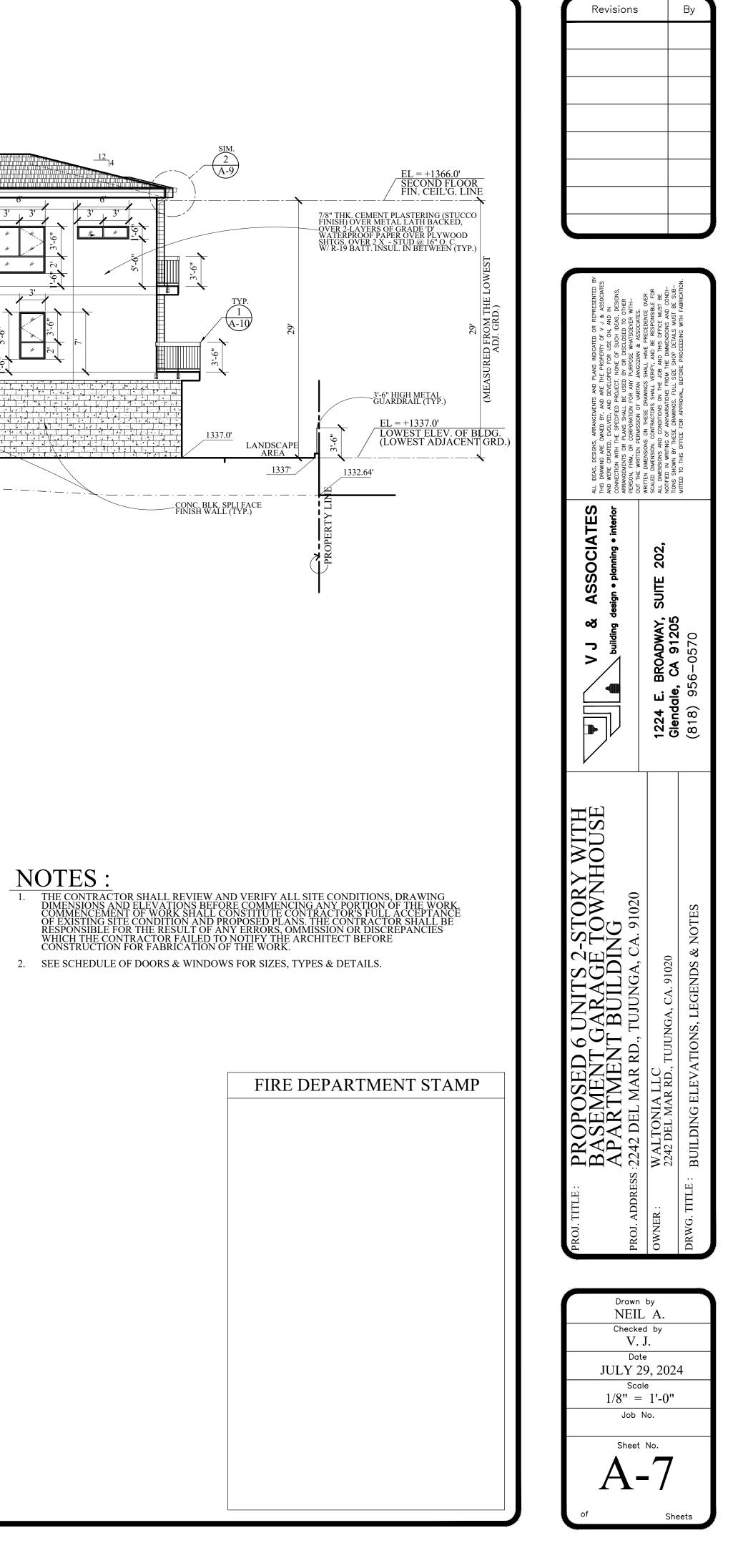


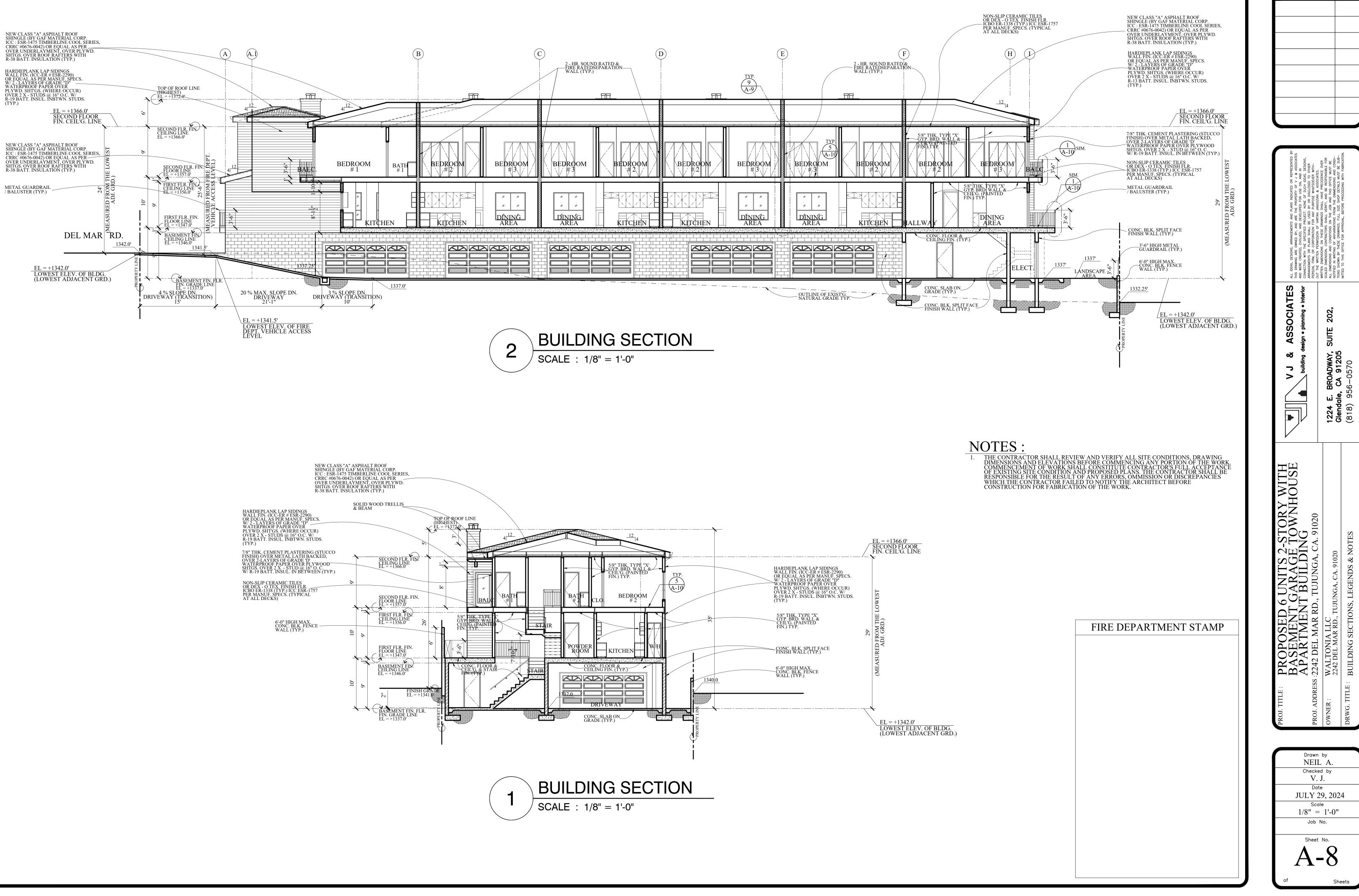
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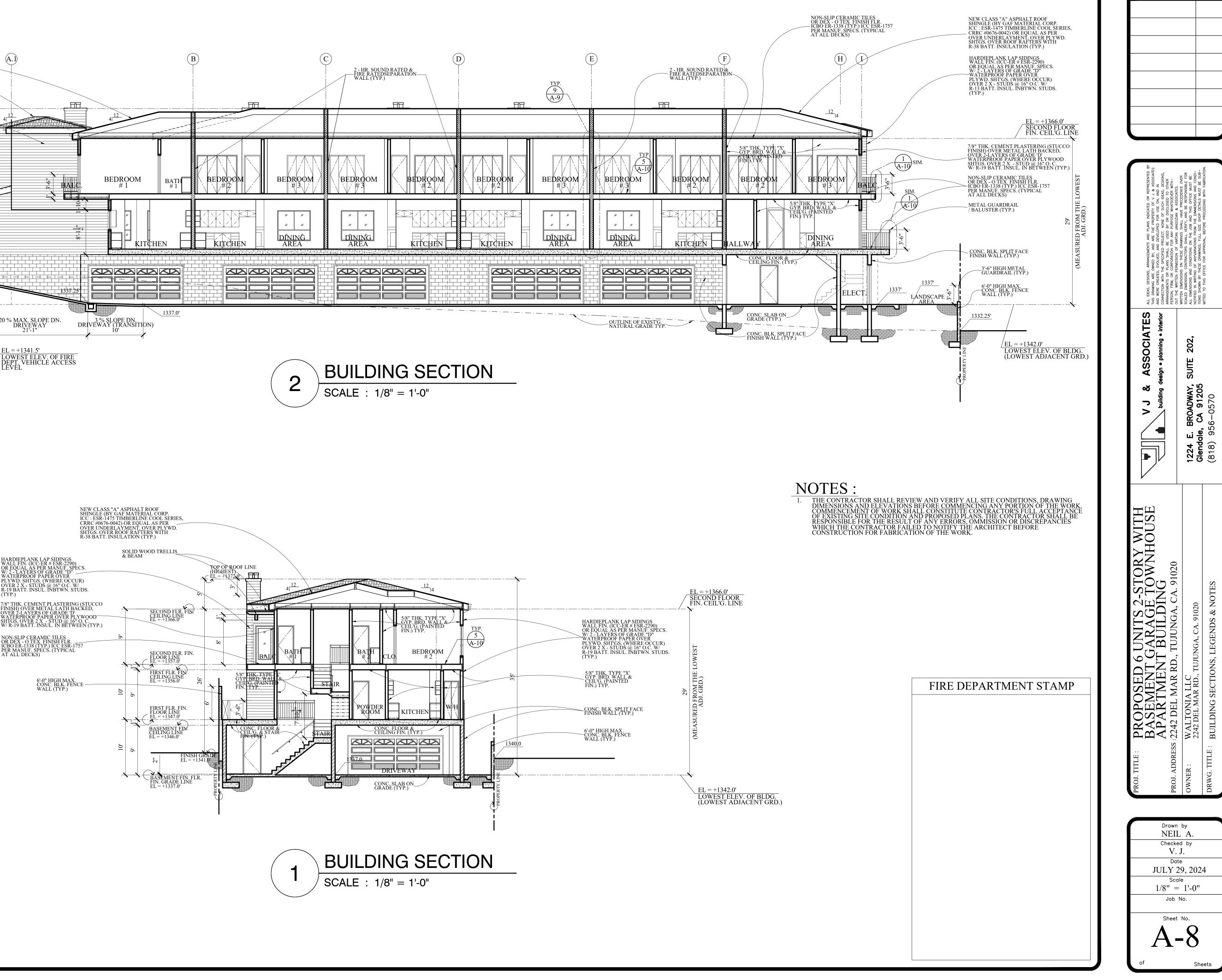
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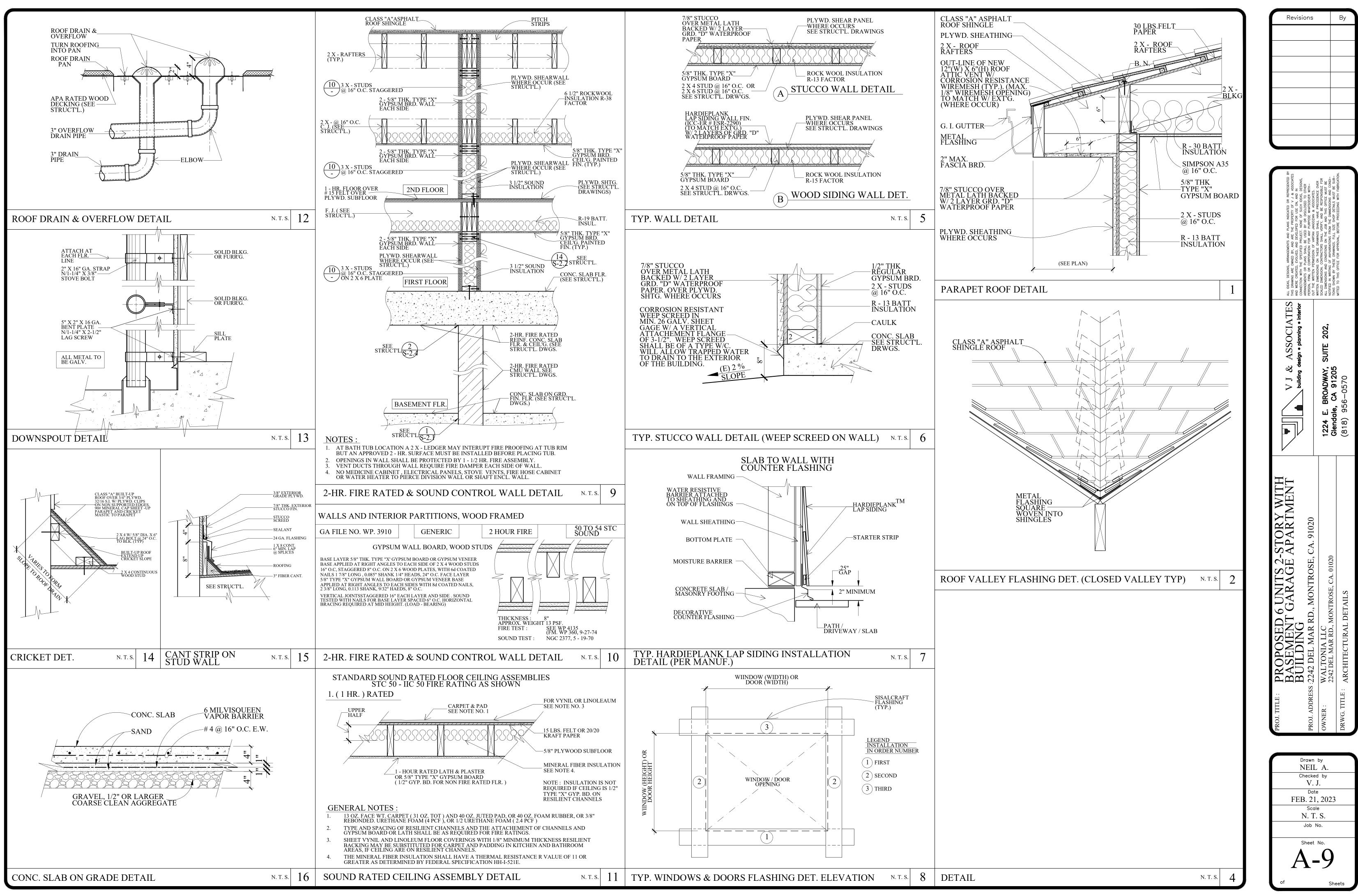
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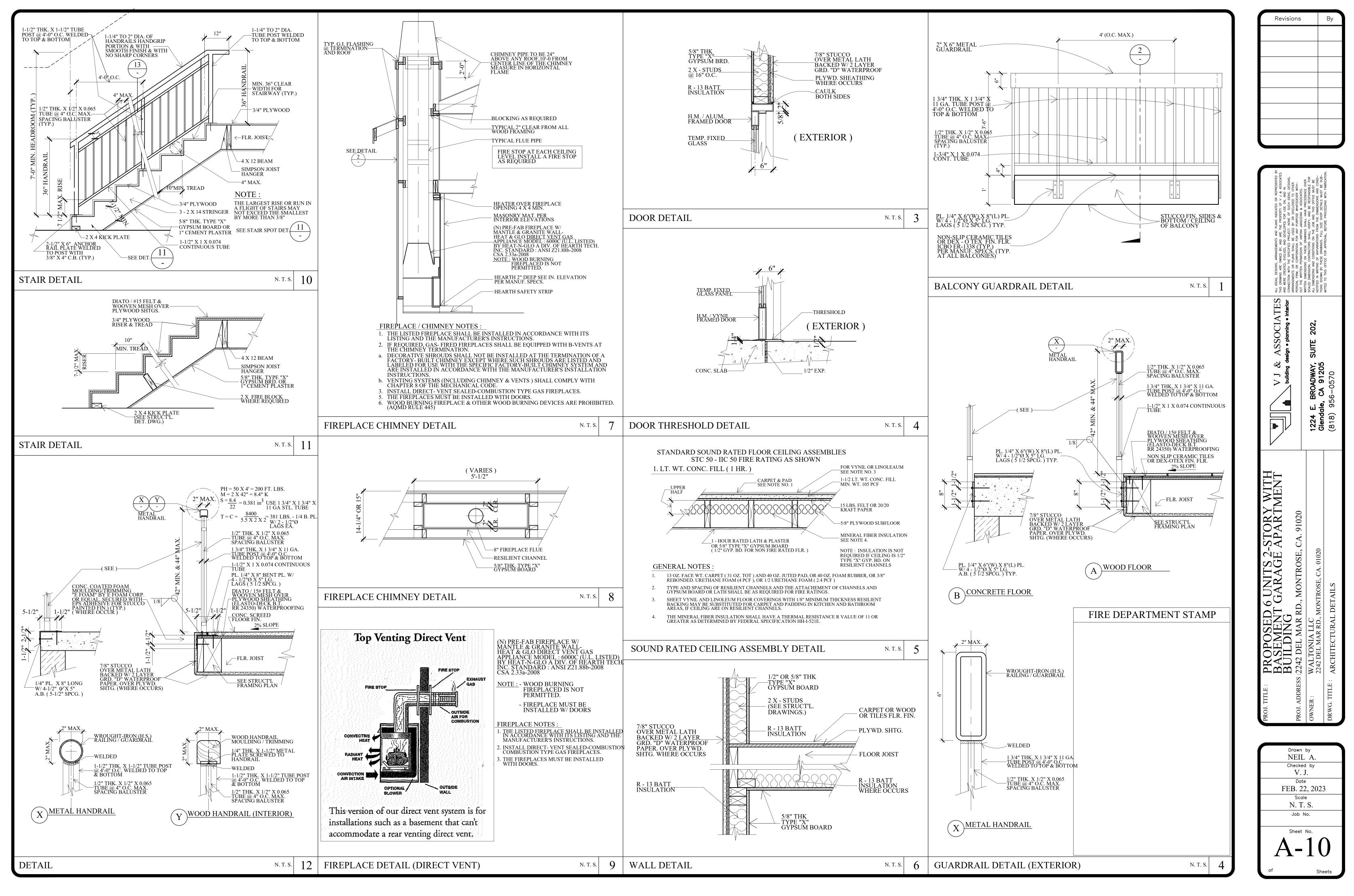




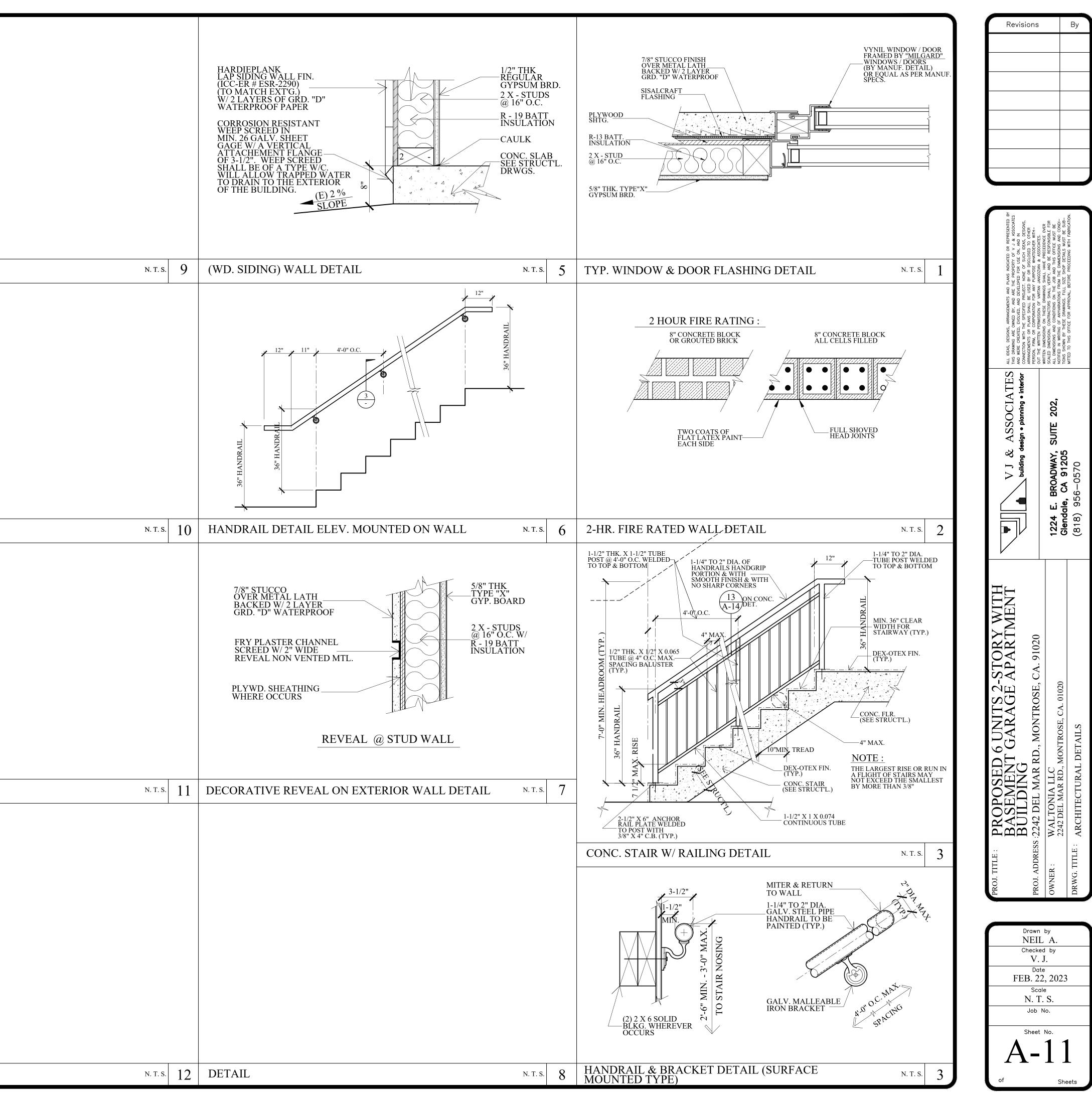


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WDW. NO.	WIDTH	HEIGHT	THICK	ТҮРЕ	MATERIAL	LOCATION	REMARKS	
$\langle 1 \rangle$	2' - 6"	5' - 6"	PER MANUF.	CASEMENT / SWING W/ FIXED@ BOTTOM B	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS, TEMP @STAIR	(UNIT # 101) LIVING ROOM & STAIR LEADING TO 2ND FLR. •(FIRST FLR.) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FRONT / NORTH EAST ELEVATION @ 1/A-6 FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	
$\langle 2 \rangle$	5' - 0"	3' - 6"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING D	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS	(UNIT # 101) KITCHEN @ (FIRST FLOOR) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FRONT / NORTH EAST ELEVATION @ 1/A-6 FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	
3	2' - 0"	5' - 6"	PER MANUF.	CASEMENT / SWING W/ FIXED@ BOTTOM B	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS	(UNIT # 101) ENTRY (FIRST FLR.) LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST @ 2/A-6 FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	
<u>(</u> 4)	6' - 0"	5' - 6"	PER MANUF.	CASEMENT / SWING W/ FIXED@ BOTTOM B	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS	(UNIT # 101 TO # 105) LIVING ROOM (FIRST FLR.) LEFT SIDE / SOUTH- EAST THE BLDG.	SEE LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST @ 2/A-6 FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	
(5)	3' - 0"	1' - 6"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. OBSCURED GLASS	UNIT # 106 POWDER ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) LEFTSIDE / SOUTH- EAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST @ 2/A-6 FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	
6	4' - 0"	3' - 6"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING D	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT #102 TO #105 KITCHEN SINK AREA (FIRST FLR.) RIGHT SIDF / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE RIGHT SIDE / NORTEAST @ 1/A-7 FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	
$\langle 7 \rangle$	3' - 0"	5' - 6"	PER MANUF.	CASEMENT / SWING W/ FIXED@ BOTTOM (B)	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS	UNIT # 106 LIVING ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE RIGHT SIDE / NORTEAST @ 1/A-7 FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	
(8)	1' - 6"	7' - 0"	PER MANUF.	FIXED	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 106 LIVING & DINING RM. (FIRST FLOOR) REAR / SOUTHWEST OF THE BLDG.	SEE REAR / SOUTHWEST @ 2/A-7 FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	
<u>(9)</u>	2' - 6"	22' - 1"	PER MANUF.	FIXED	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	REAR STAIR LOCATED AT REAR / SOUTWEST OF THE BLDG.	SEE REAR / SOUTHWEST @ 2/A-7 FIRST & SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3 & 1/A-4	
$\langle 10 \rangle$	3' - 6"	3' - 6"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING D	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 106 KITCHEN (FIRST FLOOR) REAR / SOUTHWEST OF THE BLDG.	SEE REAR / SOUTHWEST @ 2/A-7 FIRST & SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3 & 1/A-4	
(11)	5' - 0"	5' - 6"	PER MANUF.	CASEMENT / SWING W/ FIXED@ BOTTOM (A)	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS	(UNIT # 101) BEDROOM # 3 (SECOND FLOOR) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FRONT / NORTH EAST ELEVATION @ 1/A-6 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4	
(11a)	5' - 0"	2' - 0"	PER MANUF.	FIXED	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	(UNIT # 101) BEDROOM # 3 (SECOND FLOOR) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FRONT / NORTH EAST ELEVATION @ 1/A-6 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4	
(12)	2'- 0"	5' - 6"	PER MANUF.	CASEMENT / SWING W/ FIXED@ BOTTOM (B)	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS	(UNIT # 101) BEDROOM # 3 (SECOND FLOOR) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FRONT / NORTH EAST ELEVATION @ 1/A-6 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4	
(12a)	2'- 0"	2' - 0"	PER MANUF.	FIXED	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	(UNIT # 101) BEDROOM # 3 (SECOND FLOOR) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FRONT / NORTH EAST ELEVATION @ 1/A-6 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4	
(13)	2'- 6"	5' - 6"	PER MANUF.	FIXED	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	(UNIT # 101) STAIR LANDING (SECOND FLOOR) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FRONT / NORTH EAST ELEVATION @ 1/A-6 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4	
(14)	6' - 0"	5' - 6"	PER MANUF.	CASEMENT / SWING W/ FIXED@ BOTTOM (B)	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS	(UNIT # 101 & # 106) BEDROOM #2 (UNIT #102 TO #106) BDRM. #1 & #2 2ND FLR.) LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST OF BLDG	SEE LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST @ 2/A-6, RIGHT SIDE / NORTEAST @ 1/A-7 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4	
(15)	3' - 0"	1' - 6"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING E	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. OBSCURED GLASS	(UNIT # 101 TO # 106) BATH # 1 (2ND FLR.) LEFT SIDE / SOUTH- EAST & RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST @ 2/A-6, RIGHT SIDE / NORTEAST @ 1/A-7 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4	
(16)	6' - 0''	1' - 6"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING	FIBERGLASS W/ DUAL GLASS	(UNIT # 106) BEDROOM # 1 & # 3 (2ND FLR.) LEFT SIDE / SOUTH- EAST OF THE BLDG. (UNIT # 101) BEDRM. # 1 (2ND FLR.) RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST OF BLDG	SEE LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST @ 2/A-6, RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST @ 1/A-7 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4	

DOORS & WINDOWS NOTE :

THE NFRC TEMPORARY LABEL DISPLAYED ON WINDOWS & SKYLIGHTS (INCL. TUBULAR) MUST REMAIN ON THE WINDOW UNTIL FINAL INSPECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

ALL NEW WINDOWS ARE TO BE IN FIBERGLASS TYPE DUAL GLASS, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. (SEE WINDOW SCHEDULE ABOVE).

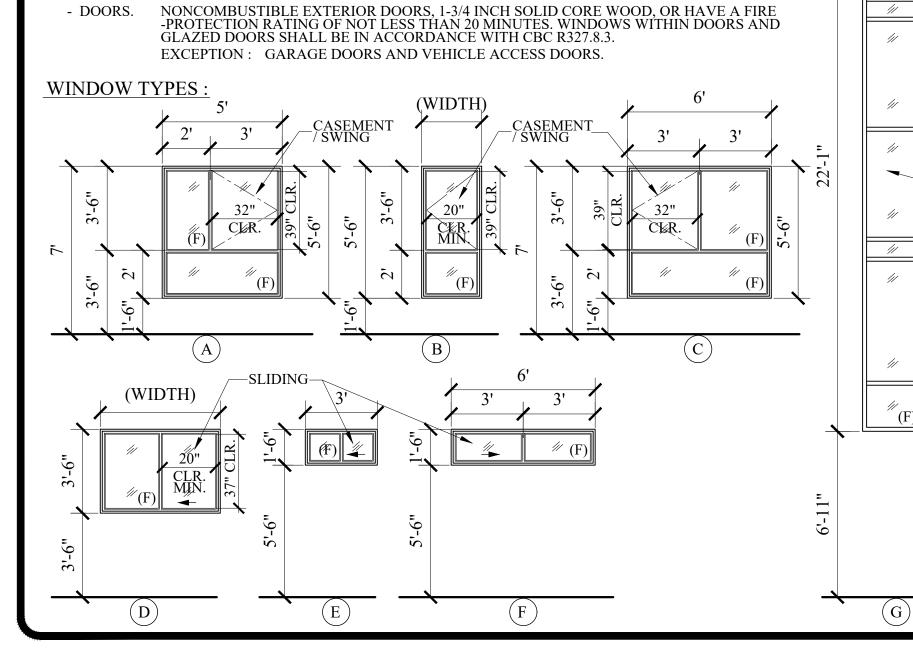
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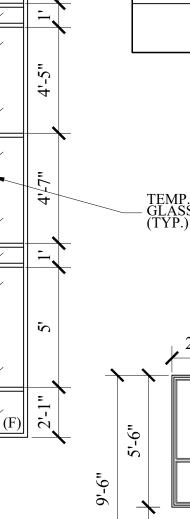
. ALL DOORS & WINDOWS SHALL MEET CITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SECURITY ORDINANCE. ALL ENTRANCE DOOR TO RESIDENTIAL UNITS FROM INTERIOR CORRIDOR SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM STC RATING 0F 30. SOLID CORE 1-3/8-IN. THICK WOOD DOORS. WITH ACCOUSTIC SEALS ALL AROUND PERIMETER INCLUDING THRESHOLDS WILL MEET THIS REQUIREMENTS. (BCM 1207 A1)

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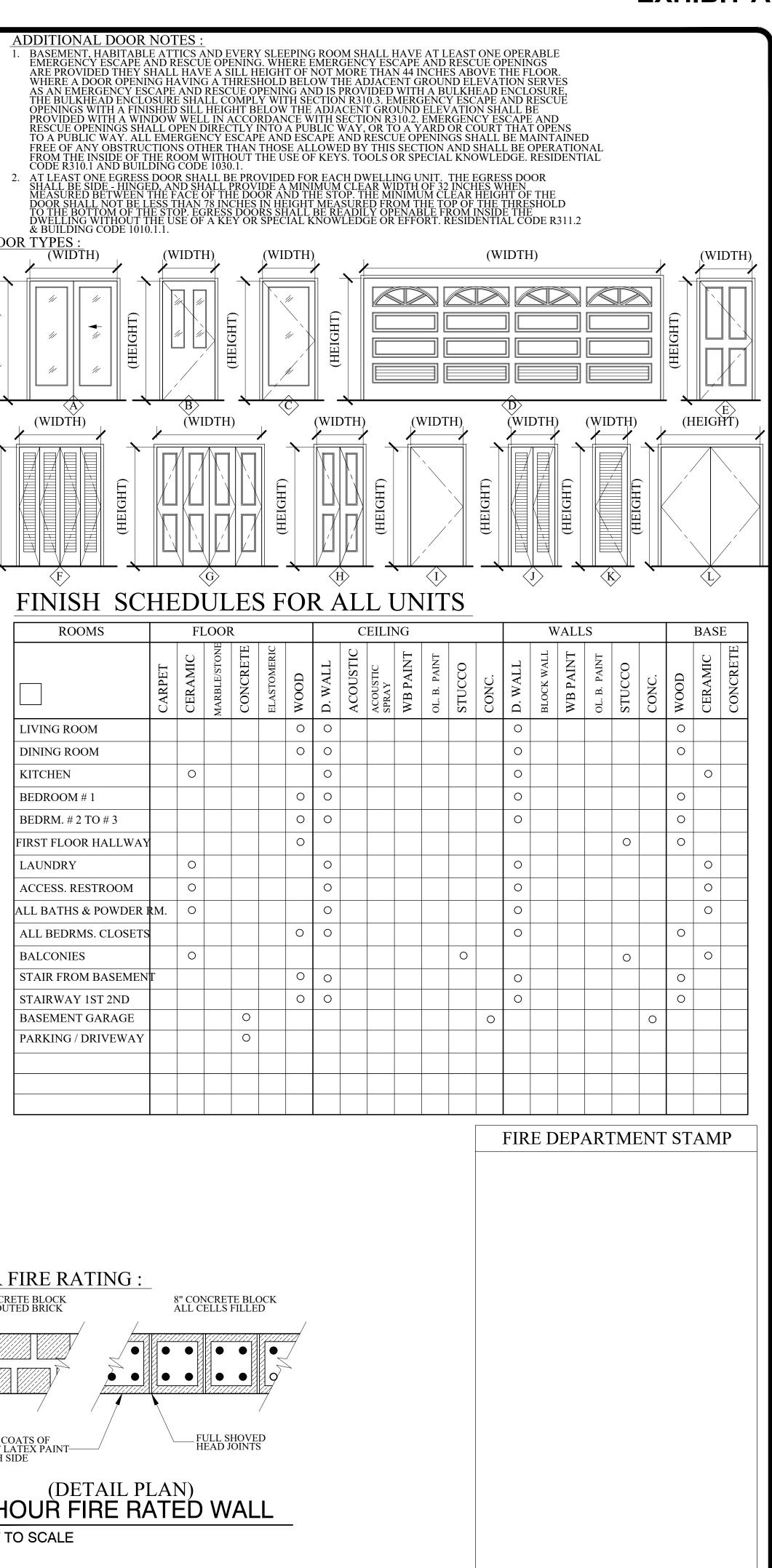
PROVIDE EMERGENCY EGRESS FROM SLEEPING ROOMS. MINIMUM 24" CLEAR HEIGHT, 20" CLEAR WIDTH, 5.7 SQ. FT. MINIMUM AREA AND 44" MAXIMUM SILL. GLAZING IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS SHOULD BE SAFETY GLAZING MATERIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2406.4 : EXTERIOR WINDOWS, WINDOW WALLS AND GLAZED DOORS, WINDOWS WITHIN EXTERIOR DOORS, AND SKYLIGHTS SHALL BE TEMPERED GLASS, MULTI-LAYERED GLASS PANELS, GLASS BLOCK, OR HAVE A FIRE PROTECTION RATED OF LESS THAN 20 MINUTES. - GLAZING. EXCEPTION : STAINED- GLASS PANEL MAY BE INSTALLED PROVIDED A BACK PANEL OF TEMPERED GLASS IS INSTALLED BEHIND THE STAINED-GLASS PANEL.



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DOOR NO.	WIDTH	HEIGHT	THICK	TYPE	MATERIAL	LOCATION	REMARKS		
1	3' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	SOLID WOOD	UNIT # 101 TO # 106 ENTRY FROM BASEMENT GARAGE TO UNIT, STAIR LEADING TO FIRST FLOOR	20 MINS. FIRE RATED CONST. DOOR. SELF-CLOSING & SELF-LATCHING BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN @ 1/A-2		
2	17' - 0"	7' - 0"	PER MANUF.	LIFT- UP REMOTE CONTROL	ALUM.	(UNIT # 101 TO # 106) BASEMENT. GARAGE ENTRY	BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN @ 1/A-2		
3	2' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	H.C. WOOD	UNIT # 106 LAUNDRY (BASEMENT FLOOR) REAR / SOUTHWEST OF THE BLDG.	BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN @ 1/A-2		
4	3' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	METAL	STORAGE (BASEMENT FLR.) REAR / SOUTHWEST OF THE BLDG.	BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN @ 1/A-2 & REAR / SOUTHWEST ELEV. @ 2/A-7 (PROVIDE LOCK)	DC	
5	5' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 101 LIVING (FIRST FLR.) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3, FRONT / NORTHEAST @ 1/A-6	-	
6	3' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING B	SOLID WOOD W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 101 LIVING ENTRY (FIRST FLR.) LEFT SIDE / SOUTH- EAST THE BLDG.	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3, LEFT SIDE / SOUTHEAST @ 2/A-6	(TH	
7	3' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 101 KITCHEN (FIRST FLR.) RIGHT SIDE / NORTH- EAST THE BLDG.	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3, RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST @ 1/A-7	(HEIGHT)	
8	6' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 101 TO # 105 DINING AREA (FIRST FLR.) RIGHT SIDE / NORTH- EAST THE BLDG.	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3, RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST @ 1/A-7	_	
9	6' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 106 DINING AREA (FIRST FLR.) REAR / SOUTHWEST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3, REAR / SOUTHWEST ELEVATION @ 2/A-7		
10	2' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	H.C. WOOD	UNIT # 101 ACCESS. RESTRM., UNIT #102 TO #106 POWDER ROOMS (FIRST FLOOR)	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3		
11	4' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING FOLDING	H.C. WOOD W/ LOUVER	UNIT # 101 TO # 105 LAUNDRY (FIRST FLOOR)	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	(HEIGHT)	
12	2' - 6"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING FOLDING	H.C. WOOD W/ LOUVER	UNIT # 102 TANKLESS WATER HEATER RM. (FIRST FLOOR)	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	(HEI	
12a)	1' - 10"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	H.C. WOOD W/ LOUVER	UNIT # 103 & # 105 TANKLESS WATER HEATER RM. (FIRST FLOOR)	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3	<u></u>	
12b	1' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINCLE	H.C. WOOD W/ LOUVER	UNIT # 104 TANKLESS WATER HEATER RM. (FIRST FLOOR)	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3		
13)	3' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING FOLDING	H.C. WOOD W/ LOUVER	UNIT # 101 TANKLESS WATER HEATER RM. (FIRST FLOOR)	SEE FIRST FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-3		
14)	5' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.		FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 101 BEDROOM # 1 ACCESS TO BALCONY (2ND FLR.) FRONT / NORTHEAST OF THE BLDG.	SEE FRONT / NORTH EAST ELEVATION @ 1/A-6, SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
15)	6' - 0''	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.		FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 102 TO # 106 BEDROOM # 3 & UNIT # 106 BEDROOM # 1 RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST & REAR / SOUTH WEST OF THE BLDG	SEE RIGHT SIDE / NORTHEAST ELEV. @ 1/A-7, REAR / SOUTHWEST ELEV. @ 2/A-7, SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
16)	3' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	FIBERGLASS W/ TEMP. GLASS	UNIT # 102 TO # 106 LEFTSIDE / SOUTHEAST OF THE BLDG. (SECOND FLOOR)	SEE LEFTSIDE / SOUTHEAST ELEV. @ 2/A-6 SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
17)	2' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	H.C. WOOD	UNIT # 101 TO # 106 BEDRM. #1, #2 & #3, BATH #1 & #2, UNIT#101 & #106 WALK-IN-CLO. @ BEDRM. # 1 (SECOND FLOOR)	SEE SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
18	2' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING FOLDING	H.C. WOOD	UNIT # 101 CLOSET @ BEDROOM # 2 (SECOND FLOOR)	SEE SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
19	5' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING FOLDING	H.C. WOOD	UNIT # 101 CLOSET @ BEDROOM # 2 (SECOND FLOOR)	SEE SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
20	5' - 6"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING FOLDING	H.C. WOOD	UNIT # 101 CLOSET @ BEDROOM # 3 (SECOND FLOOR)	SEE SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
21)	6' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	OLIDINIC	H.C. WOOD	UNIT # 102 TO # 105 CLOSETS @ BEDRM. # 1 & 3, (SECOND FLOOR)	SEE SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
22	7' - 0"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SLIDING FOLDING	H.C. WOOD	UNIT # 102 TO # 106 CLOSETS @ BEDRM. # 2, UNIT # 106 BEDRM. # 3 (SECOND FLOOR)	SEE SECOND FLR. PLAN @ 1/A-4		
23	3' - 0"	6' - 10''	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	SOLID WOOD	UNIT # 101 TO # 106 STAIR ACCESS TO ROOF DECK	SEE ROOF PLAN @ 1/A-5		
24)	3' - 2"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	METAL	RECYCLE ROOM (BASEMENT FLOOR)	SEE BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN @ 1/A-2		
25)	3' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	SINGLE SWING	METAL	ELECT'L. ROOM (BASEMENT FLOOR)	SEE BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN @ 1/A-2		
26)	5' - 8"	6' - 10"	PER MANUF.	DOUBLE LEAF SWING <l></l>	METAL	TRASH ENCLOSURE RM. (BASEMENT FLOOR)	SEE BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN @ 1/A-2		
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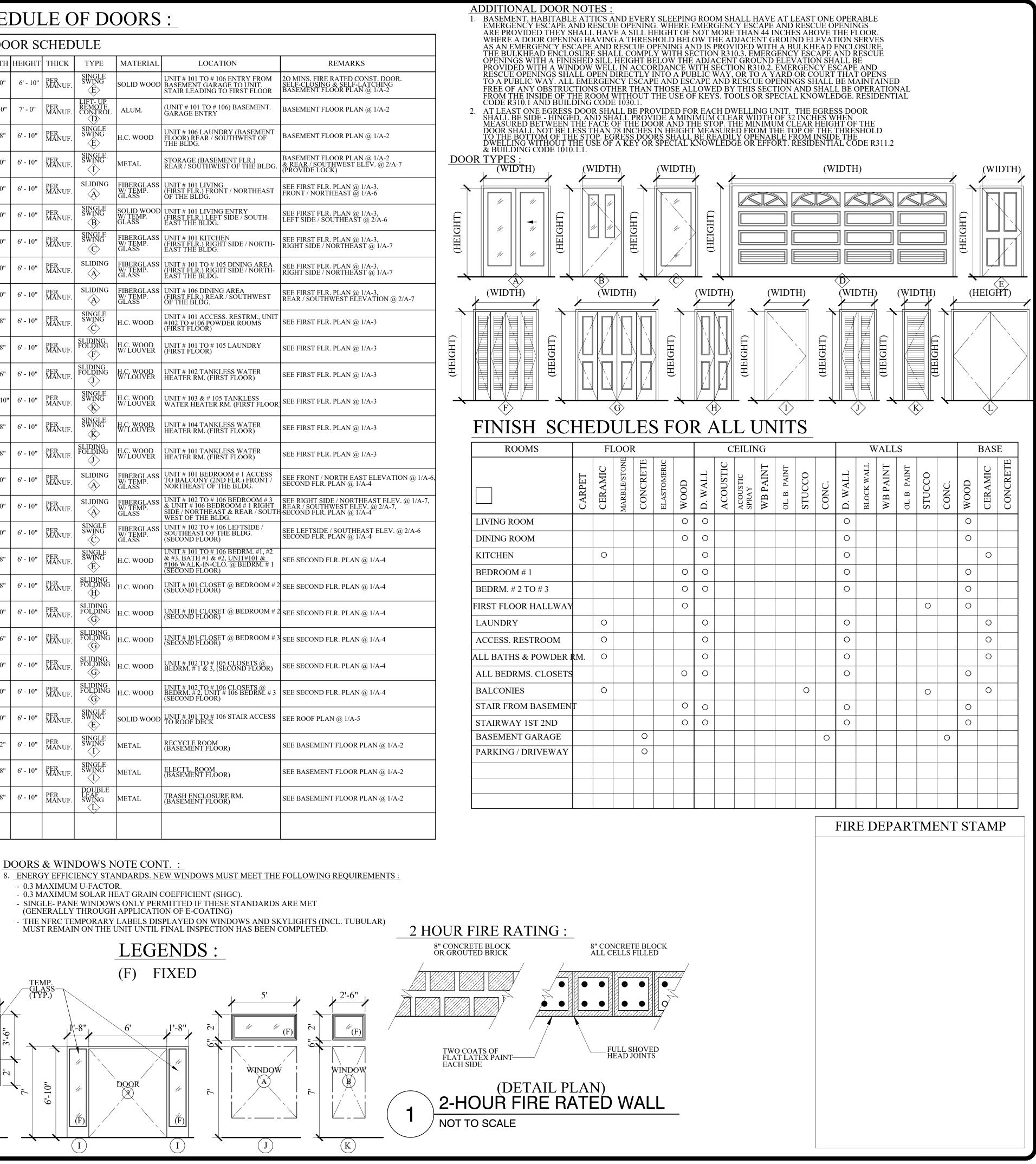
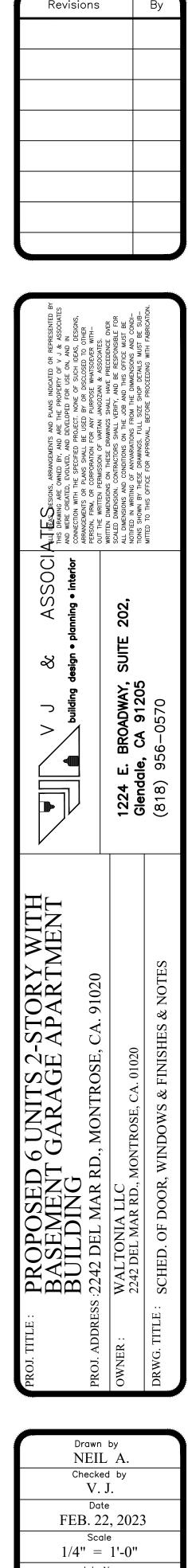
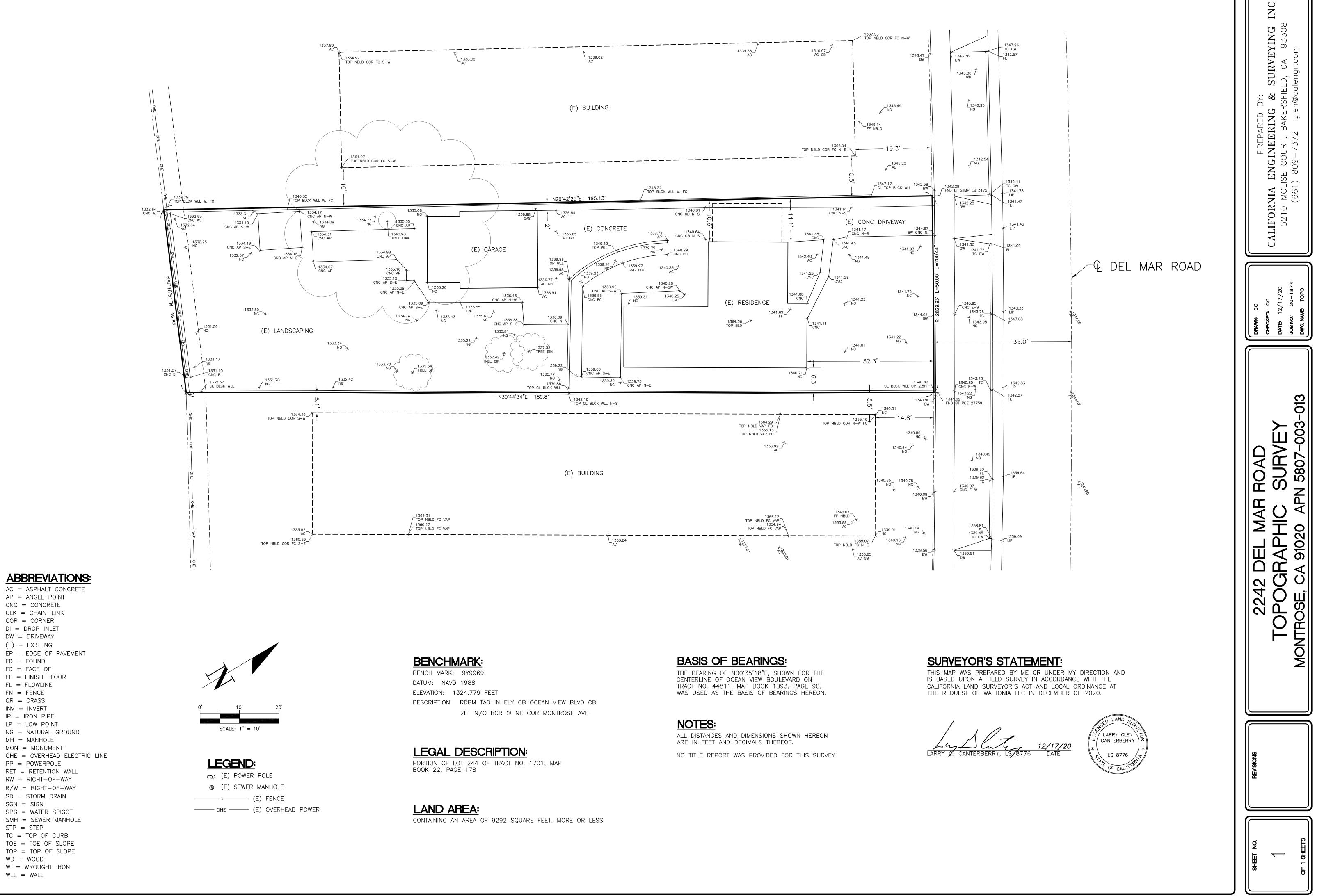


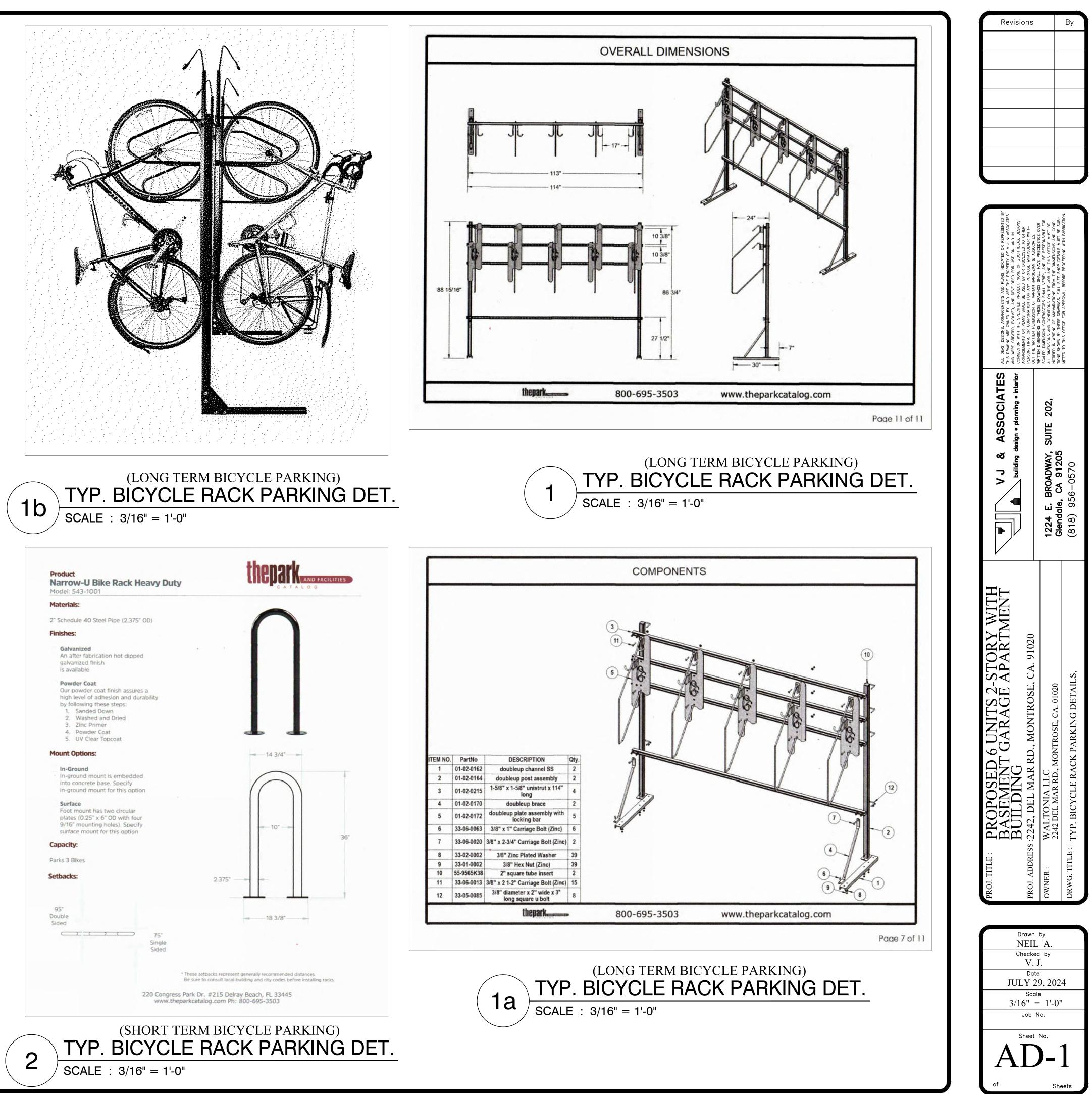
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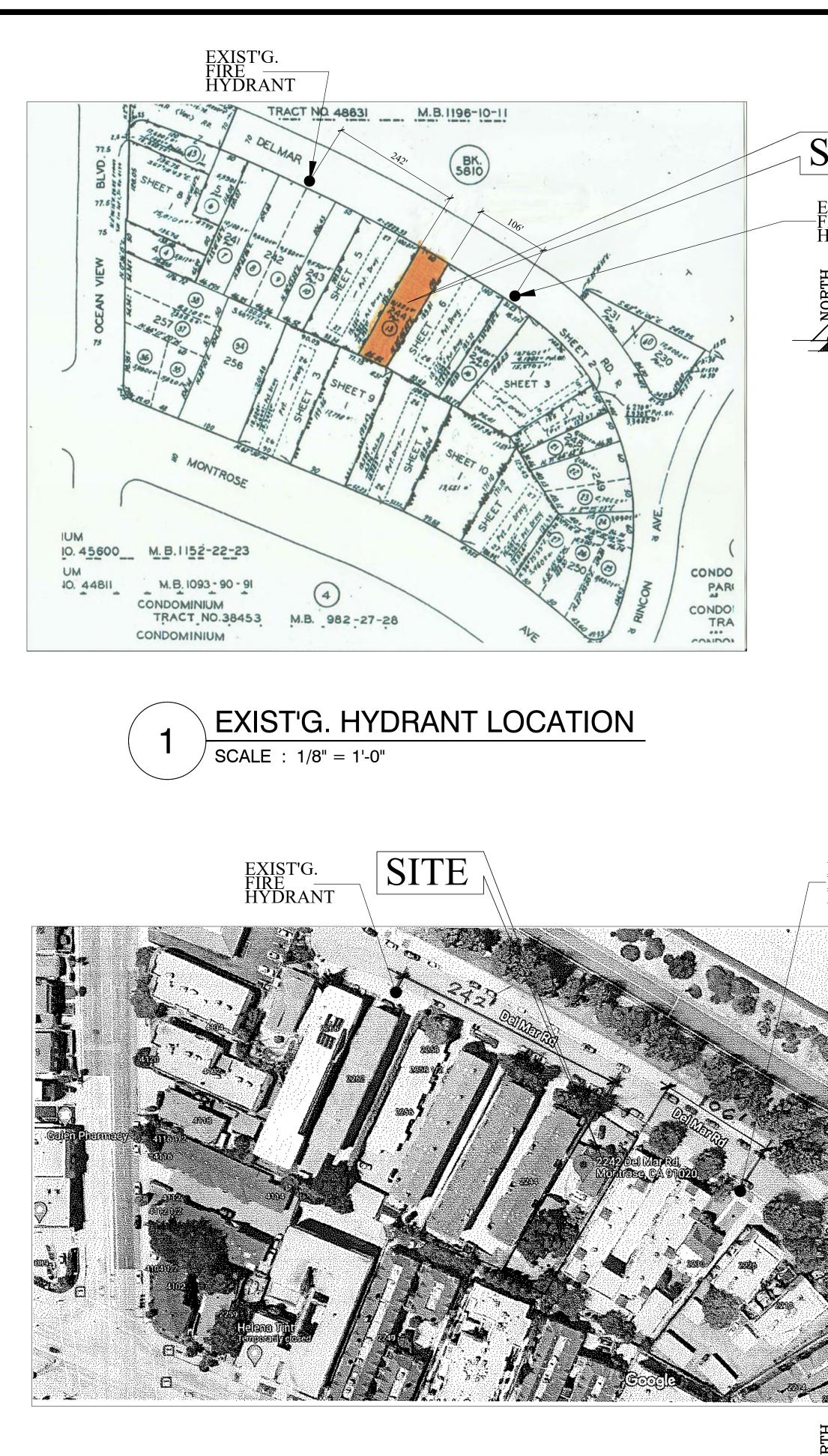


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BIKE RACKS SPECIFICATIONS : FREE STANDING / DOUBLE SIDED 6 - 18 BIKE CAPACITY BIKE SPACING : 18" - CEILING HEIGHT : 84" FLOOR MOUNT NON LOCKING OR LOCKING





EXIST'G. HYDRANT LOCATION (AERIAL VIEW) 2) SCALE : 1/8" = 1'-0"

FOR			
	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT	CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT FIRE FLOW TEST FORM	
FOR	M 196 Fire Prevention Engineering	REQUEST	
1. 18 A. 1	5823 Rickenbacker Road Commerce, CA 90040	Applicant's Name & Address VARIAN JANGOEIAN Applicant's Telephone	
	Telephone (323) 890-4125 Fax (323) 890-4129	1224 E BROADWAS #202 288.207-1114	
		<u>ELENDALE 9/205 8/8,956-0570</u>	
	Information on Fire Flow Availability for Building Permit	Property Owner or Owner's Representative	
	For All Buildings Other Than Single Family Dwellings (R-3)	Address of Building Requiring Fire Flow Test 2242 DEL MAR RO	
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	Verifying fire flow, fire hydrant location and fire hydrant size.	Occupancy or Use <u>RESIDENTIAC</u> Fire Flow Requirements gpm @ hr. duration as required by L.A. County/Glendale Fire Department	CATED OR TTY OF V . UUSE ON. V WHATSOEN DE SCLOSED WHATSOEN & ASSOC
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EXHIBIT A: PLANS

Revisions



PROJECT NUMBER

PRJ2022-003300-(5)

HEARING DATE November 19, 2024

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. RPPL2022011582

PROJECT SUMMARY

OWNER / APPLICANT

MAP/EXHIBIT DATE

Waltonia LLC/Hamlet Hovespyan

September 18, 2023

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Project is a request for an OTP to allow for the removal of one (non-heritage) dual-trunk oak tree to accommodate the construction of a six-unit townhouse project with subterranean garage containing 12 automobile parking spaces (two per six interior-partitioned garages) and five bicycle parking spaces (two short-term and three long-term) to be separately reviewed under related Ministerial Site Plan Review No. RPPL2022010001 and with an affordable set-aside of one unit for lower income households to be reviewed under related Administrative Housing Permit ("AHP") No. RPPL2021008028. The existing single-family residence and detached garage will be demolished. Two on-site replacement oak trees will be planted as required by the Los Angeles County ("County") Forester. As part of the associated AHP, two waivers from development standards are sought: (1) to exceed the maximum height (35 feet) to 39 feet 2½ inches, and (2) to allow an 8-inch side yard setback at the basement level in lieu of the required 5-foot side yard setback.

LOCATION		ACCESS				
2242 Del Mar Road, Mo	ntrose	Del Mar Road				
ASSESSORS PARCEL	NUMBER	SITE AREA 0.21 acres (9,120 square feet)				
5807-003-013						
GENERAL PLAN / LOC	CAL PLAN	ZONED DISTRICT	PLANNING AREA			
General Plan		Montrose	West San Gabriel Valley			
LAND USE DESIGNAT	ION	ZONE				
H30 (Residential 30 - 20 acre)) to 30 dwelling units per net	R-3 (Limited Density Multiple Residence)				
PROPOSED UNITS	MAX DENSITY/UNITS	COMMUNITY STAND	ARDS DISTRICT			
6 units	7 units	La Crescenta-Montrose	•			
ENVIRONMENTAL DE	TERMINATION (CEQA)					
	onstruction or Conversion of Sr delines Section 15303.	mall Structures, Categorica	l Exemption under State CEQA			
 Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land, Categorical Exemption under State CEQA Statute and Guidelines Section 15304. 						

KEY ISSUES

- Consistency with the County General Plan
- Satisfaction of the following portions of Title 22 of the County Code:
 - Section 22.174.060 (OTP Findings)
 - Chapter 22.328 (La Crescenta Montrose CSD requirements)
 - Section 22.18.040 (Development Standards for Residential Zones)
 - Chapter 22.121 (Inclusionary Housing)
 - o Section 22.120.090 (Waivers or Reductions of Development Standards)

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

DRAFT FINDINGS OF THE HEARING OFFICER AND ORDER PROJECT NO. PRJ2022-003300-(5) OAK TREE PERMIT NO. RPPL2022011582

RECITALS

- 1. **HEARING DATE.** The Los Angeles County ("County") Hearing Officer conducted a duly noticed public hearing in the matter of Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. **RPPL2022011582** on November 19, 2024.
- 2. HEARING PROCEEDINGS. Reserved
- 3. ENTITLEMENT REQUESTED. The Permittee, Hamlet Hovespyan ("Permittee"), requests the OTP to authorize the removal of one non-heritage oak tree to accommodate the construction of a six-unit townhouse building with one affordable housing set-aside ("Project") on a property located at 2242 Del Mar Road (Assessor's Parcel Number: 5807-003-013) in the unincorporated community of Montrose ("Project Site") in the R-3 (Limited Density Multiple Residence) Zone pursuant to County Code Section 22.174.030 (Applicability).
- 4. **RELATED ENTITLEMENTS**. Ministerial Site Plan Review No. RPPL2022010001 ("related SPR") and Administrative Housing Permit No. RPPL2021008028 ("related AHP") are related requests to construct a six-unit townhouse building with a subterranean parking level ("associated townhouse development"). The associated townhouse development consists of the following:
 - Demolish an existing vacant (previously owner-occupied) single-family residence ("SFR") and detached garage.
 - Construct a six-unit townhouse with a subterranean parking level. Each rental unit will consist of three bedrooms, two full bathrooms, powder room (half bathroom) and two assigned parking spaces. A 903-square-foot open area is provided in the rear yard.
 - Set aside proposed one unit of six rental units to be income-restricted for a lower income household (set at 80% of the Area Median Income level), as required by the County Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.
 - Request two waivers for a reduction in the east side yard setback for subterranean parking garages (from 5 feet to provided 8 inches) and increase in the maximum height (from 35 feet to roughly over 39 feet) under the Density Bonus Ordinance.
 - Install five bicycle parking spaces (two short-term and three long-term)
 - Nearly 890 square feet of landscaping in the front and rear yard.

The impacted non-heritage oak tree is a dual-trunk oak measuring 25 and 27 inches at diameter at breast height ($4\frac{1}{2}$ feet above grade level) and is located in the existing rear yard. There are no alternatives to removing the tree due to its location on the property, which is a relatively small and narrow lot that measures 46 feet 10 inches at its narrowest point and 50 feet at its widest. The lot is also 195 feet- $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep with a total lot size of 9,120 square feet. While the tree trunk is very close to the western property line, most of its canopy extends to one side, over the subject lot, covering approximately 1,700 square feet (19 percent) of the subject property. Therefore, to accommodate the type and density of development allowed as a by-right project, removal of the non-heritage oak tree is necessary. The footprint of the associated development would occupy most of the lot and conflicts with keeping the oak tree in place.

The associated townhouse development site plan/basement garage plan depicts the six-unit, two-story townhouses occupying 5,617 square feet of the 9,120-square-foot lot (approximately 62% lot coverage). The townhouse building will be 39 feet and 2½ inches at maximum height when measured from natural grade, above basement parking with each unit having an enclosed individual garages with direct stairway access to the townhouse units above. Unit sizes will range from 1,451 square feet to 1,749 square feet. All townhouse units will contain three bedrooms and two full bathrooms plus a powder room (half bathroom).

A 21-foot ½-inch-wide driveway leading to the basement parking is depicted. Basement level plans depict the six interior-partitioned two-car garages with 17-foot-wide doors. The dimensions of the garages are 19 feet 5 inches wide by 19 feet deep. Connected to the garages are staircases leading up to each individual unit. A 5-foot-wide concrete pedestrian walkway is depicted alongside the west side of the basement level leading to the rear of the property and then south to stairs up to a walkway that will run along the east side of the building, providing access to each unit's front door. A wheelchair lift is also depicted.

The first-floor plan depicts each of the six townhouse units with kitchen, living room, dining room, laundry room, and powder room (half bathroom) and stairs that lead up to the second floor. The second-floor plan depicts each unit with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

- 5. **PREVIOUS ENTITLEMENT.** LA County Planning records were not found for the existing single-family residence ("SFR") and detached garage, but County building records show that those structures were built in 1947.
- 6. **LAND USE DESIGNATION.** The Project Site is located within the H30 (Residential 30 20 to 30 dwelling units per net acre) land use category of the General Plan Land Use Policy Map.

7. **ZONING.** The Project Site is located in the Montrose Zoned District, La Crescenta-Montrose CSD, and is currently zoned R-3 within the West San Gabriel Valley Planning Area.

8. SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

LOCATION	GENERAL PLAN LAND USE POLICY	ZONING	EXISTING USES
NORTH	I-210 Freeway	I-210 Freeway	Freeway
EAST	H30, H18 (Residential 18 – 0 to 18 dwelling units per net acre)	R-3, R-2 (Two- Family Residence)	Multi-family residences ("MFRs")
SOUTH	H30	R-3	MFRs
WEST	H30, CG (General Commercial)	R-3, C-1 (Restricted Business), C-3 (General Commercial), C-3- DP-BE (General Commercial- Development Program-Billboard Exclusion)	MFRs, medical offices, health club, oxygen therapy, salon, hospice, laboratory.

9. PROJECT AND SITE PLAN DESCRIPTION.

A. Existing Site Conditions

The Project Site is 0.21 acres (9,120 square feet) in size and consists of one lot. The Project Site is rectangular in shape with gentle-sloping topography and is developed with an SFR with detached garage. A dual-trunk, non-heritage oak tree is located on the property at the western side property line in the existing rear yard, with a canopy that extends over the Project Site.

B. <u>Site Access</u>

The Project Site is accessible via Del Mar Road, a 70-foot-wide public street, to the northeast. Primary access to the Project Site will be via a new entrance/exit on Del Mar Road.

C. Site Plan

The oak tree map sheet depicts the subject property with the non-heritage oak tree approximately one foot from the western (side) property line and 150 feet from the northern (front) property line. The existing SFR and detached garage to be demolished are also depicted.

The associated townhouse development site plan/basement garage plan depicts the six-unit, two-story townhouses occupying 5,617 square feet of the 9,120-

square-foot lot (approximately 62% lot coverage). The townhouse building will be 39 feet and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches at maximum height when measured from natural grade, above basement parking with each unit having an enclosed individual garages with direct stairway access to the townhouse units above. Unit sizes will range from 1,451 square feet to 1,749 square feet. All townhouse units will contain three bedrooms and two full bathrooms plus a powder room (half bathroom).

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D. Affordable Housing

The associated townhouse development will contain six units, one of which will be income-restricted to lower income households earning up to 80 percent of the Area Median Income ("AMI"). The affordable unit will be identical to the other units in the townhouse project in terms of size, fixtures, etc.

E. Vehicular Parking

Parking will be provided for the associated townhouse development in accordance with the County Code. The County Code Section 22.14.130 under M defines townhouses as a single-family dwelling unit. Therefore, parking is provided at the same ratio as that required for single-family residences, which is two covered spaces. Twelve (12) covered spaces (two each per unit in individual garages) will be provided. No guest parking is required or provided.

F. <u>Bike Parking</u>

Five bicycle parking spaces will also be provided at a ratio of one short-term space per 10 dwelling units with a minimum of two spaces and one long-term space for every two dwelling units, resulting in two short-term and three long-term bicycle parking spaces for the associated townhouse development. The two short-term bicycle parking spaces will be provided in front of the building at two U-shaped racks and the three long-term bicycle parking spaces will be provided toward the rear of the building, in a secured room.

G. Landscaping/Communal area

Communal open space area is provided for the associated townhouse development at the rear of the building in an L-shaped 903-square-foot area. A 375-square-foot landscaped area is depicted at the front of the building as well. Amenities such as a barbecue and outdoor seating are depicted in the communal area. One mitigation replacement oak tree and two other trees are depicted in this communal area. The other mitigation replacement oak tree is depicted in the front yard, within the landscaped area. In conjunction with this OTP, the related SPR and related AHP for the associated townhouse development have been filed and are under review.

10. CEQA DETERMINATION.

For the purposes of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") compliance, the environmental analysis will cover both the oak tree removal and the associated townhouse development. Although the review of the associated townhouse development with one affordable unit and waiver requests are ministerial actions under the County's zoning regulations, Density Bonus Ordinance, and the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance are typically exempt from CEQA analysis, the removal of one oak tree associated with a MFR requires an OTP with a public hearing, which is a discretionary action subject to a higher level of CEQA review. Pursuant to Section 15268(d) of the CEQA Statute and Guidelines ("CEQA Guidelines"), "where a project involves an approval that contains elements of both a ministerial action and a discretionary action, the project will be deemed to be discretionary and will be subject to the requirements of CEQA." Moreover, the term "Project" under CEQA, as specified in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, in this environmental analysis will mean the whole of an action and to the underlying physical activity being approved and does not mean each governmental approval. Under the CEQA context and the stated CEQA Guidelines above, the following will analyze the Project as a whole, including the associated townhouse development that triggered the OTP.

Staff recommends that the Project qualifies for a Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, categorical exemption under Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines and a Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, categorical exemption under Section 15304. Class 3 generally consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. In urbanized areas, this exemption applies to apartments, duplexes and similar structures designed for not more than six dwelling units. The proposed oak tree removal in conjunction with the associated six-unit townhouse development is located in an urbanized area, as defined by the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau. The Project Site is surrounded by qualified urbanized uses and is sited in a highly paved urban setting. The six-unit townhouse development is a similar MFR construction to an apartment and meets the unit limit permitted under Class 3 for an urbanized area.

Class 4 would apply to the removal of one protected oak tree as well as the associated development because the Project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land and does not involve the removal of any healthy, mature, scenic trees. The oak tree to be removed is not a heritage oak and is not considered scenic in the community. It is similar to other urban trees in the area and does not pose itself as unique in the urban landscape. The Project would convert one qualified urban use (single-family residential) to another qualified urban use (townhouses). The standalone oak tree is not part of any intact oak woodland. Project site does not have any value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species and can be served by public utilities and services as it is in a fully urbanized area. Project will not cause significant effects relating to transportation, noise, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, or water quality.

No exceptions to the categorical exemption also apply to the Project. No conditions, characteristics or circumstances are found to preclude the use of this categorical exemption under CEQA Statute and Guidelines Section 15300.2 for the following reasons:

- a) Location: This exception applies to Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11, and not Class 1, where there is consideration of where the Project is to be located. It mainly concerns particularly sensitive environments with rich biological resources or "environmental resources of hazardous or criterial concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted under law by federal, state, or local agencies" (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2(a)). The Project is located on a property containing an SFR, in a fully developed, urbanized area. The Project Site is not in a Significant Ecological Area.
- b) Cumulative Impacts: The Project is a minor intensification of use allowed under the General Plan, with a net increase of five residential units. The residential density is consistent with the underlying zoning and plan designation.
- c) "Unusual Circumstances" or Significant Effects: The Project has a net increase of five residential use. Adequate utilities and roadway infrastructure exist to serve the planned density under the County's long-range plan, and no environmentally sensitive areas will be impacted.
- d) Scenic Highways: According to California's Scenic Highway Program, which is administered by the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans"), the Project Site is not located within or near an officially designated state scenic highway.
- e) Hazardous Waste Sites: The Project Site is not located on a property which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. According to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's EnviroStor and State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker web databases, no active or open hazardous waste sites were identified at the Project Site. A review of the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List-Site

Cleanup database also shows no records on the Project Site. There are no public drinking wells within the Project Site that may pose conflicts with the lists compiled by the State Department of Health Services. Finally, the Project Site is not included in any Water Board's list of solid waste disposal sites, list of "active" orders where necessary actions have not yet been completed (known as Cease-and-Desist Orders and Cleanup and Abatement Orders).

f) Historical Resources: The Project Site does not contain any historical resource listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources or included in a local register of historical resources. According to the County's Historic Resources Sites Policy mapping, there is no historic or cultural resource site within the vicinity of the Project Site. The property is not designated by the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance in the Registry of Landmarks and Historic District. The County also does not consider the Project Site to be a discretionary historical resource per Public Resources Code Section 21084.1. While the onsite existing SFR structure is over 50 years old, it does not meet the criteria to be considered an historic resource. The SFR is not associated with any historic events, lives of persons that are historically significant, and does not embody significant historic distinctive characteristics or distinctive construction method.

Therefore, no exceptions to the exemption apply and the Project is eligible for a Class 3 and Class 4 categorical exemptions.

11. AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS.

County Fire Department Forestry Division: Recommended clearance to public hearing with conditions in a letter dated October 31, 2023.

12. **LEGAL NOTIFICATION.** Pursuant to Section 22.174.040 (Application and Review Procedure for OTPs) of the County Code, the community was properly notified of the public hearing by mail and newspaper (*San Gabriel Valley Tribune*). On September 18, 2024, a total of 13 Notices of Public Hearing were mailed to those individuals on the courtesy mailing list for the Montrose Zoned District and to any additional interested parties. Additionally, case materials were available on LA County Planning's website.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDINGS

13. LAND USE POLICY. The Hearing Officer finds that while the Project is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated townhouse development is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan because the H30 land use designation is intended for a variety of housing such as SFRs, two-family residences, and MFRs, categories into which the associated townhouse development falls into. The Hearing Officer further finds that the Project promotes increased housing opportunities as approval of the OTP will allow the construction of the associated townhouse development, leading to an additional five net units to what currently exists at the Project Site.

14. **GOALS AND POLICIES.** The Hearing Officer finds that while the is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated townhouse development is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan.

Goal LU 4: Infill development and redevelopment that strengthens and enhances communities.

Policy LU 4.1: Encourage infill development in urban and suburban areas on vacant, underutilized, and/or brownfields.

Goal LU 5: Vibrant, livable and healthy communities with a mix of land uses, services and amenities.

Policy LU 5.1: Encourage a mix of residential land use designations and development regulations that accommodate various densities, building types and styles.

The subject property that will contain the associated townhouse building is currently occupied by one 77-year-old SFR in poor condition. Replacing that one housing unit with six modern units on a property zoned for such use and density would lead to an overall enhancement in the community. The new six-unit townhouse project will offer an MFR housing option in an architectural style that is compatible with other housing types in the neighborhood. The townhouses will contain spacious two-level housing units, individual laundry room, balconies, secured vehicular parking, short- and long-term bicycle parking, and a communal open space area for all residents. While one oak tree will be removed, two mitigation replacement oak trees will be planted onsite.

ZONING CODE CONSISTENCY FINDINGS

- 15. **PERMITTED USE IN ZONE.** The Hearing Officer finds that while the is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated by-right townhouse is consistent with the R-3 zoning classification as townhouses are permitted in such zone with a Ministerial Site Plan Review ("SPR") pursuant to County Code Section 22.18.030. (Land Use Regulations for Zones R-A, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5).
- 16. **REQUIRED YARDS.** The Hearing Officer finds that while the is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the townhouse is consistent with the standards identified in County Code Section 22.18.040 (Development Standards for Residential Zone), which require a minimum 15-foot front yard, 5-foot interior side yards, and a 15-foot rear yard as part of the related AHP. The townhouses will contain a 17-foot front yard, a 15-foot rear yard, and a 5-foot west side yard. However, the east side yard will contain a partial 8-inch setback to accommodate the upper 5-foot section of the basement retaining wall. The residential component of the building (first and second levels) will meet the required 5-foot side yard requirement. Compliance with these requirements will be reviewed under a ministerial Site Plan Review.
- 17. **HEIGHT.** The Hearing Officer finds that while the is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated townhouse development is consistent with the applicable height standard in the County Code after waiver is granted under the related AHP. County Code Section 22.18.040.C.1 (Maximum Height) establishes a maximum

height of 35 feet for structures in the R-3 Zone. While most of the building is within the 35-foot height limit, due to fill material that will be placed at the rear of the building, the height, when measured from natural grade, extends up to 39 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. A waiver from this requirement, pursuant to the related AHP, will be granted to allow this 4-foot $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch extra height. Compliance with these requirements will be reviewed under a ministerial Site Plan Review.

18. **PARKING.** The Hearing Officer finds that while the Project is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated ministerially permitted townhouse is consistent with the standard identified in County Code Section 22.112.070 (Required Parking Spaces). County Code Section 22.14.130 under M defines townhouses as a single-family dwelling unit. Therefore, parking is provided at the same ratio as that required for SFRs, which is two covered spaces per unit. Twelve (12) covered spaces (two each per unit in individual garages) will be provided. Compliance with these requirements will be reviewed under a ministerial Site Plan Review.

Bicycle Parking is provided pursuant to County Code Section 22.112.100 (Required Bicycle Parking Spaces), which requires one short-term bicycle parking space for every 10 dwelling units in MFR projects with a minimum of two, and one long-term bicycle parking space for every two dwelling units. Accordingly, two short-term bicycle parking spaces and three long-term bicycle parking spaces will be provided as part of the associated townhouse development. Compliance with these requirements will be reviewed under a ministerial Site Plan Review

- 19. **COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT.** The Hearing Officer finds while the the Project is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated townhouse development is consistent with the standards for the La Crescenta-Montrose CSD identified in County Code Section 22.328.070 (R-3 Zone Specific Development Standards). Compliance with these requirements will be reviewed under a ministerial Site Plan Review.
 - At least 50 percent of the required front yard must be landscaped.
 Fifty (50) percent or 375 square feet of the required front yard, will be landscaped.
 - Where a lot is less than 100 feet or less in average width, only one driveway is permitted in the required front yard.
 Only one driveway is proposed as part of the associated townhouse development.
 - c. Where a lot is 50 feet or less in average width, minimum 5-foot interior side yards are required.
 Except for the partial 8-inch west side yard setback to accommodate an upper 5-foot portion of the basement garage retaining wall, minimum 5-fooot side yards (especially for the residential component of the building) will be provided for the property, which is slightly less than 5 feet in average width.

- d. Where a lot is developed with four or more dwelling units, open space at a ratio of not less than 150 square feet per dwelling unit must be provided.
 Communal open spaces will be provided totaling 903 square feet, which is slightly more than the required 150 square feet per unit (900 square feet total required).
- e. Where a lot is 100 feet or less in average width, not more than one garage entrance may be placed on the front of the building and such garage entrance may not exceed 26 feet in width.
 The lot is less than 100 feet in width. Only one 20-foot-wide driveway and garage entrance will be provided at the front.
- f. For each building that fronts a public street, at least one window shall be located on the building wall that faces the street.
 Eight windows and three glass doors will be provided at the front façade off of Del Mar Road.
- g. For each building that fronts a public street, at least one front entrance with a portico shall be provided.
 At the front façade along with an entrance to the building, a portico will be provided.
- h. Roof structure with pitches of at least 1:3 is required. The building's roof will be pitched at a slope of 1:3.
- 20. **TREE PLANTING.** The Hearing Officer finds that while the Project is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated townhouse is consistent with the standards identified in County Code Section 22.126.030 (Tree Requirements), which state that residential projects with four or more units provide a minimum of one tree for every 5,000 square feet of building footprint. The associated townhouse will have a building footprint of 5,617 square feet and four trees will be planted, including two onsite mitigation replacement oak trees as required by the OTP. Two trees are required and compliance with these requirements will be reviewed under a ministerial Site Plan Review.
- 21. **INCLUSIONARY UNITS.** The Hearing Officer finds that while the Project is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated townhouse development is consistent with the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance ("IHO"). Small housing projects consisting of rental units located within the San Gabriel Valley Submarket Area with less than 15 baseline dwelling units are required to provide affordable housing set-aside units. The Project will meet the IHO under Option 3 for rental projects. Option 3 requires a minimum of 10 percent affordable housing set-aside at an average affordability of 80 percent AMI or less for small projects. The associated townhouse development includes one set-aside unit (17 percent) for lower-income households earning up to 80 percent of the AMI.
- 22. **DENSITY BONUS: WAIVERS OR REDUCTIONS**. The Hearing Officer finds that while the Project is for the removal of one non-heritage oak tree, the associated

townhouse development is consistent with the County Density Bonus Ordinance (Chapter 22.120 [Density Bonus]). The associated townhouse development is an eligible project for a density bonus and is also eligible to receive waivers or reductions of the development standards, to be reviewed separately under the related AHP). While the associated townhouse development does not request an increase in permitted density, it seeks to reduce the required side yard setback (on the east side of the property) and increase in the maximum height using two waivers.

OAK TREE PERMIT FINDINGS

- 23. The Hearing Officer finds that the proposed construction or proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining oak trees subject to Title 22 regulations, if any, on the subject property. There is only one non-heritage oak tree on the subject property. No other oak tree is identified in the Project vicinity. Moreover, two mitigation oak trees will be planted as part of the conditions of approval for the OTP, and they must be from indigenous varieties of *Quercus agrifoila* (Coastal live oaks) grown from a local seed source. The Permittee will also be required to maintain the mitigation trees and to replace any trees that failed to survive due to a lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree that meets specifications of the County Forester and Fire Warden ("County Forester"). These mitigation trees will be protected in perpetuity by the County Oak Tree Ordinance and subsequent monitoring by the County Forester will also be required.
- 24. The Hearing Officer finds that the removal or relocation of the oak trees proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion of increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated. The proposed townhouse building will be constructed where the subject oak tree presently is located, and the building will be designed to manage water flows and drainage per County requirements. Aforementioned, two replacement trees will also be planted within one year of the oak tree removal. These mitigation trees will be protected in perpetuity and monitored by the County Forester. Any impermeable surfaces added to the Project Site resulting in an increased flow of surface water will be subject to the County's Low Impact Development ("LID") standards and be required to be adequately addressed on site. The LID compliance review will be conducted by County Department of Public Works and a drainage plan for this Project will be in place before construction.
- 25. The Hearing Officer finds that the removal or relocation of the oak trees proposed is necessary as continued existence at the present location frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to the extent that (i) alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of alternative would be prohibitive, and (ii) placement of such oak trees precludes the reasonable and efficient use of such property for a use otherwise authorized. The onsite non-heritage oak tree, located near the western side property line, has a canopy that largely extends toward the center of the lot, covering approximately 1,700 square feet or 19 percent of the property. Therefore, avoiding the oak tree and its protected zone would result in development plans that would not achieve the same permitted density allowed under the General Plan. Furthermore, given the placement of the oak tree, its canopy, and its protected zone,

the reasonable and efficient use of the property for the proposed MFR, which is permitted with a by-right Ministerial SPR, is precluded. This is because any development plan that seeks to maximize the use of the Project Site for MFR purposes could not avoid removal of the oak tree due to its large presence on the site. Also given the County's desire to increase the supply of housing options, granting the OTP is appropriate.

26. The Hearing Officer finds that the removal of the oak trees proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the Oak Tree Permit procedure. The removal of the oak tree is necessary to carry out a Ministerial SPR use that meets all relevant zoning requirements and policies ang goals of the General Plan, except for the requested waiver for the reduced side yard setback along the east property line. The County Forester has reviewed the Oak Tree Report prepared for the Project and confirmed the accuracy and completeness of the report. Subsequently, it has issued recommendations for the planting of two mitigation oak trees. While the existing oak tree will be removed, the two new oak trees, at maturity, will provide increased benefits to residents and the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

27. The Hearing Officer finds that the Project in conjunction with the associated townhouse development qualify for a Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, categorical exemption under Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines and a Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, categorical exemption under Section 15304. Class 3 generally consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. In urbanized areas, this exemption applies to apartments, duplexes and similar structures designed for not more than six dwelling units. The proposed oak tree removal in conjunction with the associated six-unit townhouse development is located in an urbanized area, as defined by the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau. The Project Site is surrounded by gualified urbanized uses and is sited in a highly paved and urban setting. The associated six-unit townhouse development is a similar MFR construction to an apartment building and meets the unit limit permitted under Class 3 for an urbanized area. Class 4 would apply to the removal of one protected oak tree as well as the associated development because the Project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land and does not involve the removal of any healthy, mature, scenic trees. The oak tree to be removed is not a heritage oak and is not considered scenic in the community. It is similar to other urban trees in the area and does not pose itself as unique in the urban landscape. The Project would be conversion one qualified urban use (single-family residential) to another qualified urban use (townhouses). The oak tree is not part of any intact oak woodland. Project site does not have any value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species and can be served by public utilities and services as it is in a fully urbanized area. Project will not cause significant effects relating to transportation, noise, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, or water quality.

No exceptions to the categorical exemption also apply to the Project. No conditions, characteristics or circumstances are found to preclude the use of this categorical exemption under CEQA Statute and Guidelines Section 15300.2 for the following reasons:

- a) Location: This exception applies to Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11, and not Class 1, where there is consideration of where the Project is to be located. It mainly concerns particularly sensitive environments with rich biological resources or "environmental resources of hazardous or criterial concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted under law by federal, state, or local agencies" (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2(a)). The Project is located on a property containing an SFR, in a fully developed, urbanized area. The Project Site is not in a Significant Ecological Area.
- b) Cumulative Impacts: The Project is a minor intensification of use allowed under the General Plan, with a net increase of five residential units. The residential density is consistent with the underlying zoning and plan designation.
- c) "Unusual Circumstances" or Significant Effects: The Project has a net increase of five residential use. Adequate utilities and roadway infrastructure exist to serve the planned density under the County's long-range plan, and no environmentally sensitive areas will be impacted.
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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

- 28. **PUBLIC MEETINGS.** The Hearing Officer finds that pursuant to SB 330 (The Housing Crisis Act), the number of publicly held meetings do not exceed the five-meeting limit. One meeting was held for the Project.
- 29. LOCATION OF DOCUMENTS. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Hearing Officer's decision is based in this matter is at LA County Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Foothills Development Services Section, LA County Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE HEARING OFFICER CONCLUDES THAT:

- A. The proposed construction or proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining oak trees subject to County Code Title 22 regulations, if any, on the subject property.
- B. The removal or relocation of the oak trees proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion of increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated.
- C. The removal or relocation of the oak trees proposed is necessary as continued existence at the present location frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to the extent that (i) alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of alternative would be prohibitive, and (ii) placement of such oak trees precludes the reasonable and efficient use of such property for a use otherwise authorized.
- D. The removal of the oak trees proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the Oak Tree Permit procedure.

THEREFORE, THE HEARING OFFICER:

1. Finds that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Statute and Guidelines sections 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption).

2. Approves **OAK TREE PERMIT NO. RPPL2022011582**, subject to the attached conditions.

ACTION DATE: November 19, 2024

MRB:AMC

November 7, 2024

c: Hearing Officer, Zoning Enforcement, Building and Safety

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

DRAFT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL PROJECT NO. PRJ2022-003300-(5) OAK TREE PERMIT NO. RPPL2022011582

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is a request to authorize the removal of one non-heritage oak tree (Oak Tree Number 1) for the proposed construction of a six-unit townhouse project, subject to the following conditions of approval:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "Permittee" shall include the applicant, owner of the property, and any other person, corporation, or other entity making use of this grant.
- 2. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the Permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the Permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County ("County") Department of Regional Planning ("LA County Planning") their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all of the conditions of this grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition No. 2 and Condition Nos. 3, 4, and 7 shall be effective pursuant to Section 22.222.230 of the County Code.
- 3. The Permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code section 65009 or any other applicable limitations period. The County shall promptly notify the Permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall reasonably cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the Permittee of any claim, or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate reasonably in the defense, the Permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.
- 4. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the Permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with LA County Planning in the amount of up to \$5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in LA County Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to Permittee or Permittee's counsel.

If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the Permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of \$5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

At the sole discretion of the Permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the Permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

- 5. If any material provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
- 6. Upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the Permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the Permittee, shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.
- 7. This grant shall expire unless used within two (2) years from the date of final approval of the grant. A single one-year time extension may be requested in writing and with the payment of the applicable fee prior to such expiration date.
- 8. The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the Permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. No provision of any easement of any other encumbrance on the property shall exempt the Permittee and/or property owner from compliance with these conditions and applicable regulations. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance with the approved site plan on file. Inspections may be unannounced and may be conducted utilizing any available technologies, including, but not limited to, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the Permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse LA County Planning for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be **<u>\$441.00</u>** per inspection, or the current recovery cost established by LA County Planning at the time any additional inspections are required, whichever is greater.

9. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or Hearing Officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public's health or safety or so as to be a nuisance, or as otherwise authorized pursuant to Chapter 22.238 of the County Code.

- 10. All development pursuant to this grant must be kept in full compliance with the County Fire Code to the satisfaction of the County Fire Department.
- 11. All development pursuant to this grant shall conform with the requirements of the County Department of Public Works to the satisfaction of said department.
- 12. All development pursuant to this grant shall comply with the requirements of Title 22 of the County Code and of the specific zoning of the subject property, unless specifically modified by this grant, as set forth in these conditions, including the approved Exhibit "A," or a revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director of LA County Planning ("Director").

PERMIT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – OAK TREE PERMIT

- 13. This grant shall authorize the removal of one oak tree (Oak Tree Number 1) associated with the construction of a six-unit townhouse building with a subterranean parking level consisting of 12 parking spaces.
- 14. The grant shall not be effective until a site plan review, administrative housing permit, and a certificate of compliance is approved for the construction of the six-unit townhouse building.
- 15. The Permittee shall comply with all conditions and requirements contained in the County Forester and Fire Warden ("County Forester"), Forestry Division letter dated October 31, 2023 (attached hereto), to the satisfaction of the said Division, except as otherwise required by said Division.
- 16. All replacement trees that may be necessary shall be planted on native undisturbed soil and shall be the same species of oak (Quercus sp.) as a removed tree. A layer of humus and litter from beneath the canopy of the removed tree shall also be applied to the area beneath the canopies of the replacement trees to further promote the establishment of mycorrhizae within their rooting zones.
- 17. If site constraints dictate that replacement trees must be planted on disturbed soil or not in the vicinity of the same species of oak (*Quercus sp.*) as the removed tree, planting shall incorporate a mycorrhizal product, either as amendment or in the first two irrigations or watering of planted trees (i.e. "mycorrhizaROOTS" or similar product) in accordance with the label's directions. A layer of humus and litter from beneath the canopy of the removed tree shall also be applied to the area beneath the canopies of the replacement trees to further promote the establishment of mycorrhizae within their rooting zones.

Attachments:

Exhibit D-1 Fire Department Letter dated October 31, 2023 Exhibit D-2 Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance Guide



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October 31, 2023

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Anthony Curzi, Planner Department of Regional Planning Zoning Permits Section 320 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Anthony Curzi:

OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER RPPL2022011582 2242 DEL MAR ROAD, MONTROSE

We have reviewed the "Request for Oak Tree Permit #RPPL2022011582." The project is located at 2242 Del Mar Road in the unincorporated area of Montrose. The Oak Tree Report is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition and species of the Oak trees on the site. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the document on file by Chris Falco, the consulting arborist, dated November 11, 2022.

We recommend the following as conditions of approval:

OAK TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

- This grant shall not be effective until the permittee and the owner of the property involved (if other than the permittee), have filed at the office of the Department of Regional Planning their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all conditions of this grant. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation or other entity making use of this grant.
- 2. The permittee shall, prior to commencement of the use authorized by this grant, pay the fees invoiced through EPIC-LA to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. Such fees shall be used to compensate the County Forester per inspection and to cover expenses incurred while inspecting the project to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval. These fees provide for one (1) initial inspection prior to

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the commencement of construction and two (2) subsequent inspections until the conditions of approval have been met. The Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections.

- 3. Before commencing work authorized or required by this grant, the consulting arborist shall submit a letter to the Director of Regional Planning and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division stating that he or she has been retained by the permittee to perform or supervise the work, and that he or she agrees to report to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester, any failure to fully comply with the conditions of the grant. The arborist shall also submit a written report on permit compliance upon completion of the work required by this grant. The report shall include a diagram showing the exact number and location of all mitigation trees planted as well as planting dates.
- 4. The permittee shall arrange for the consulting arborist or a similarly qualified person to maintain all remaining Oak trees on the subject property that are within the zone of impact as determined by the County Forester for the life of the Oak Tree Permit or the Conditional Use Permit.
- 5. The permittee shall install temporary chainlink fencing, not less than four (4) feet in height, to secure the protected zone of all remaining Oak trees on site as necessary. The fencing shall be installed prior to grading or tree removal, and shall not be removed without approval of the County Forester. The term "protected zone" refers to the area extending five (5) feet beyond the dripline of the Oak tree (before pruning), or fifteen (15) feet from the trunk, whichever is greater.
- 6. Copies of the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval shall be kept on the project site and available for review. All individuals associated with the project as it relates to the Oak resource shall be familiar with the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval.

PERMITTED OAK TREE REMOVAL:

- 7. This grant allows the removal of one (1) tree of the Oak genus (<u>Quercus agrifolia</u>) identified as Tree Number 1 on the applicant's site plan and Oak Tree Report. Trenching, excavation, or clearance of vegetation within the protected zone of an Oak tree shall be accomplished by the use of hand tools or small hand-held power tools. Any major roots encountered shall be conserved and treated as recommended by the consulting arborist.
- 8. In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected Oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two-inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. In no case shall more than 20% of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

 Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining Oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "<u>Oak Trees:</u> <u>Care and Maintenance,</u>" prepared by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

MITIGATION TREES:

- 10. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) for each tree removed for a total of two (2) trees. In addition, any tree that reaches ordinance size during the construction and monitoring period shall be included in this permit and subject to these conditions of approval.
- 11. Each mitigation tree shall be at least a 15-gallon specimen in size and measure one (1) inch or more in diameter one (1) foot above the base. Free form trees with multiple stems are permissible provided the combined diameter of the two (2) largest stems of such trees measure a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter one (1) foot above the base.
- 12. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties of <u>Quercua agrifolia</u>, grown from a local seed source.
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- 14. The permittee shall properly maintain each mitigation tree and shall replace any tree failing to survive due to a lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree meeting the specifications set forth above. The two-year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester, indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive two (2) years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.
- 15. All mitigation Oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance once they have survived the required maintenance period.

NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS:

16. Encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site is prohibited.

- 17. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in its injury or death within two (2) years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
- 18. No planting or irrigation system shall be installed within the dripline of any Oak tree that will be retained.
- 19. Utility trenches shall not be routed within the protected zone of an Oak tree unless the serving utility requires such locations.
- 20. Equipment, materials and vehicles shall not be stored, parked, or operated within the protected zone of any Oak tree. No temporary structures shall be placed within the protected zone of any Oak tree.
- 21. Violations of the conditions of this grant shall result in immediate work stoppage or in a notice of correction depending on the nature of the violation. A time frame within which deficiencies must be corrected will be indicated on the notice of correction.
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To schedule a County Forester inspection, please contact the Environmental Review Unit at (818) 890-5719.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (818) 890-5758.

Very truly yours,

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TREVOR MOORE, ASSISTANT CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT E: APPLICANT'S FINDINGS OAK TREE PERMIT WITH PUBLIC HEARING STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

	Remo	val	Encroachment	To Remain	Total existing oak trees	
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B.4 The removal of the oak trees proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the Oak Tree Permit procedure.				



AMY J. BODEK, AICP Director, Regional Planning DENNIS SLAVIN Chief Deputy Director, Regional Planning

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DETERMINATION DATE:	November 19, 2024
PROJECT NUMBER:	PRJ2022-003300-(5)
PERMIT NUMBER:	Oak Tree Permit (OTP) RPPL2022011582
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:	5
PROJECT LOCATION:	2242 Del Mar Road
OWNER:	Waltonia, LLC
APPLICANT:	Hamlet Hovespyan
CASE PLANNER:	Anthony M. Curzi, Regional Planner acurzi@planning.lacounty.gov

For the purposes of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") compliance, the environmental analysis will cover both the oak tree removal and the associated townhouse development. Although the review of the associated townhouse development with one affordable unit and waiver requests are ministerial actions under the County's zoning regulations, Density Bonus Ordinance, and the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance are typically exempt from CEQA analysis, the removal of one oak tree associated with a MFR requires an OTP with a public hearing, which is a discretionary action subject to a higher level of CEQA review. Pursuant to Section 15268(d) of the CEQA Statute and Guidelines ("CEQA Guidelines"), "where a project involves an approval that contains elements of both a ministerial action and a discretionary action, the project will be deemed to be discretionary and will be subject to the requirements of CEQA." Moreover, the term "Project" under CEQA, as specified in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, in this environmental analysis will mean the whole of an action and to the underlying physical activity being approved and does not mean each governmental approval. Under the CEQA context and the stated CEQA Guidelines above, the following will analyze the Project as a whole, including the associated townhouse development that triggered the OTP.

Staff recommends that the Project qualifies for a Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, categorical exemption under Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines and a Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, categorical exemption under Section 15304. Class 3 generally consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. In urbanized areas, this exemption applies to apartments, duplexes and similar structures designed for not more than six dwelling units. The proposed oak tree removal in conjunction with the associated six-unit townhouse development is located in an urbanized area, as defined by the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau. The Project Site is surrounded by qualified urbanized uses and is

 sited in a highly paved urban setting. The six-unit townhouse development is a similar MFR construction to an apartment and meets the unit limit permitted under Class 3 for an urbanized area.

Class 4 would apply to the removal of one protected oak tree as well as the associated development because the Project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land and does not involve the removal of any healthy, mature, scenic trees. The oak tree to be removed is not a heritage oak and is not considered scenic in the community. It is similar to other urban trees in the area and does not pose itself as unique in the urban landscape. The Project would convert one qualified urban use (single-family residential) to another qualified urban use (townhouses). The oak tree is not part of any intact oak woodland. Project site does not have any value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species and can be served by public utilities and services as it is in a fully urbanized area. Project will not cause significant effects relating to transportation, noise, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, or water quality.

No exceptions to the categorical exemption also apply to the Project. No conditions, characteristics or circumstances are found to preclude the use of this categorical exemption under CEQA Statute and Guidelines Section 15300.2 for the following reasons:

a) Location: This exception applies to Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11, and not Class 1, where there is consideration of where the Project is to be located. It mainly concerns particularly sensitive environments with rich biological resources or "environmental resources of hazardous or criterial concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted under law by federal, state, or local agencies" (CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(a)). The Project is located on a property containing an SFR, in a fully developed, urbanized area. The Project Site is not in a Significant Ecological Area.

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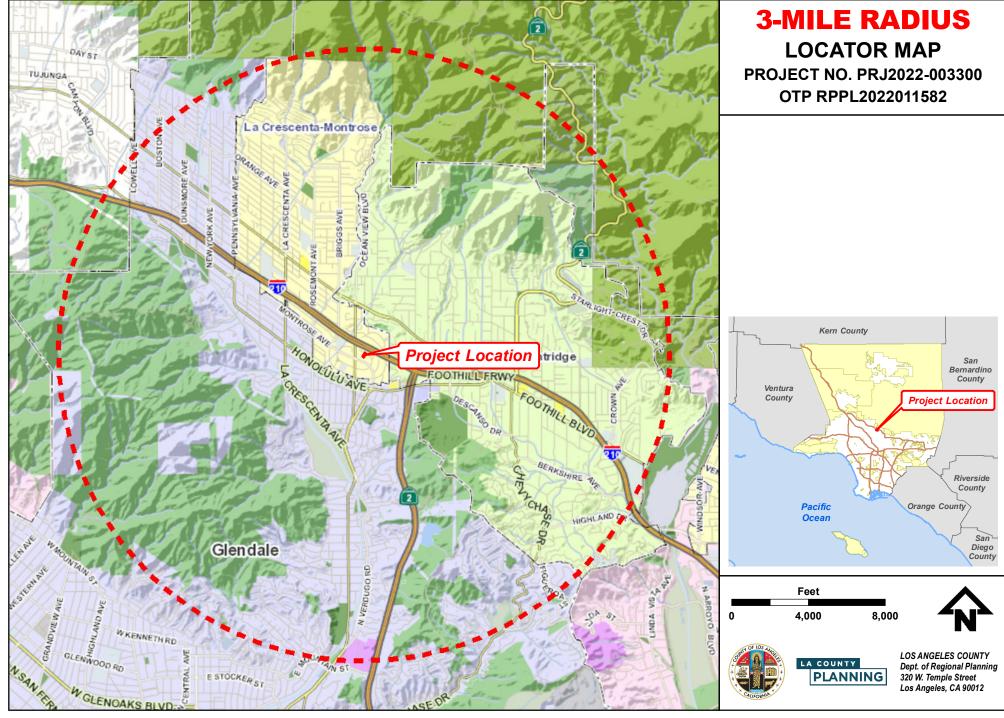


EXHIBIT G: INFORMATIONAL MAPS

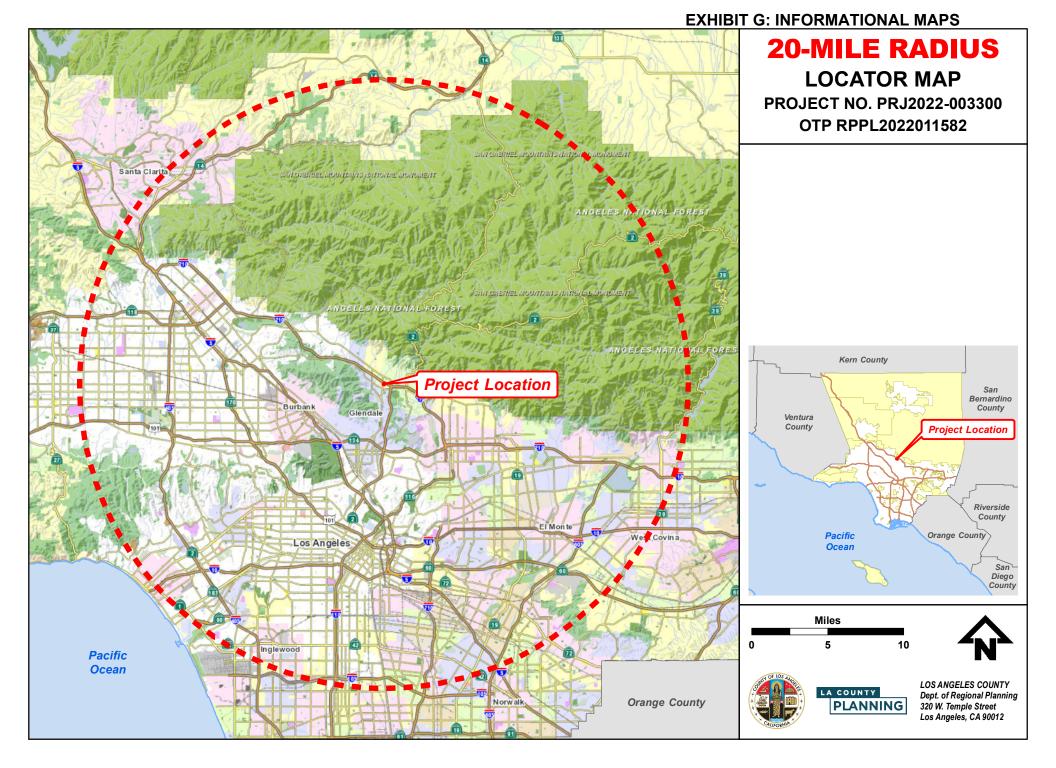
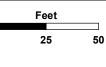




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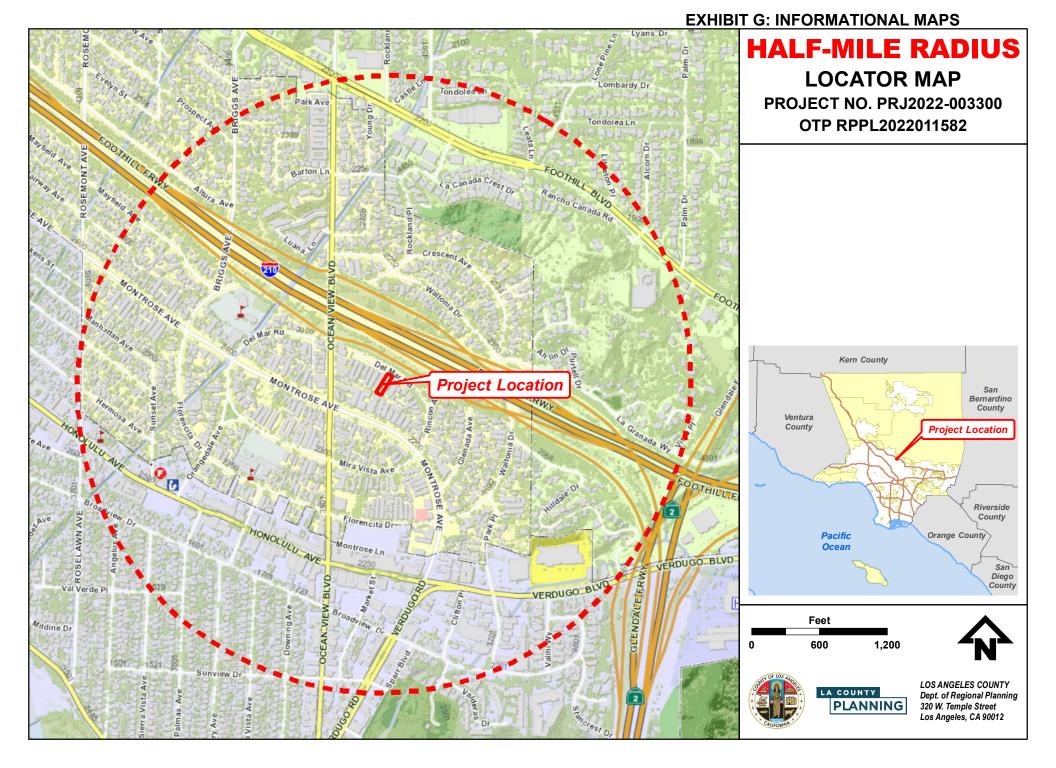
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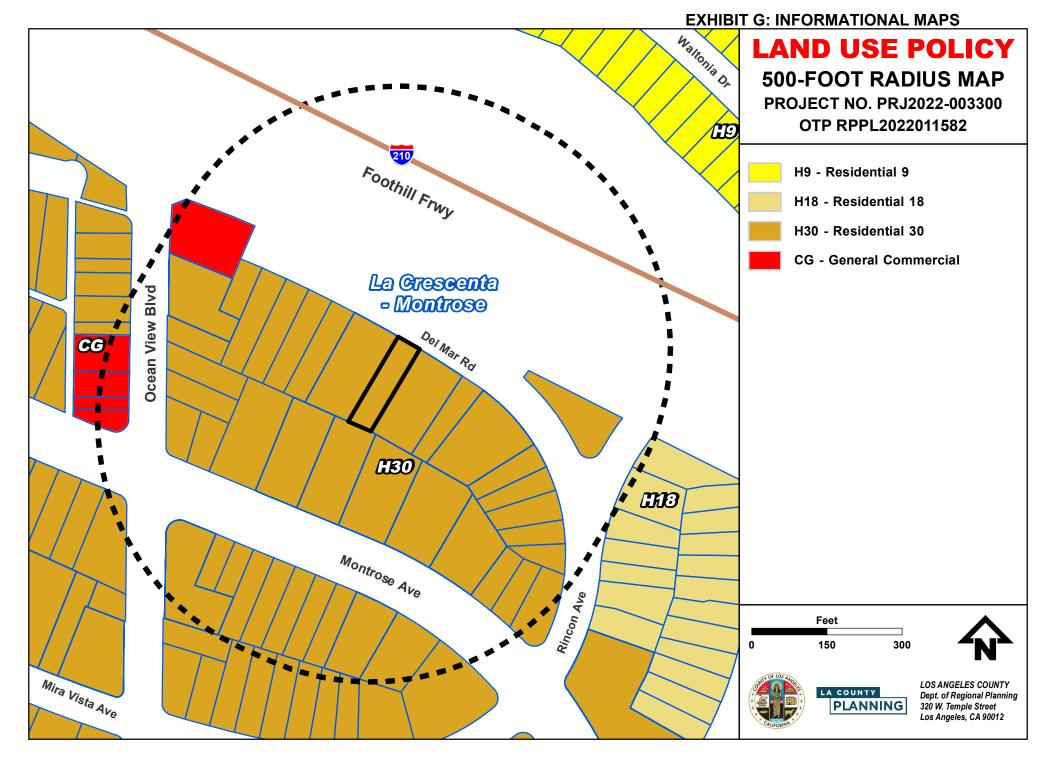
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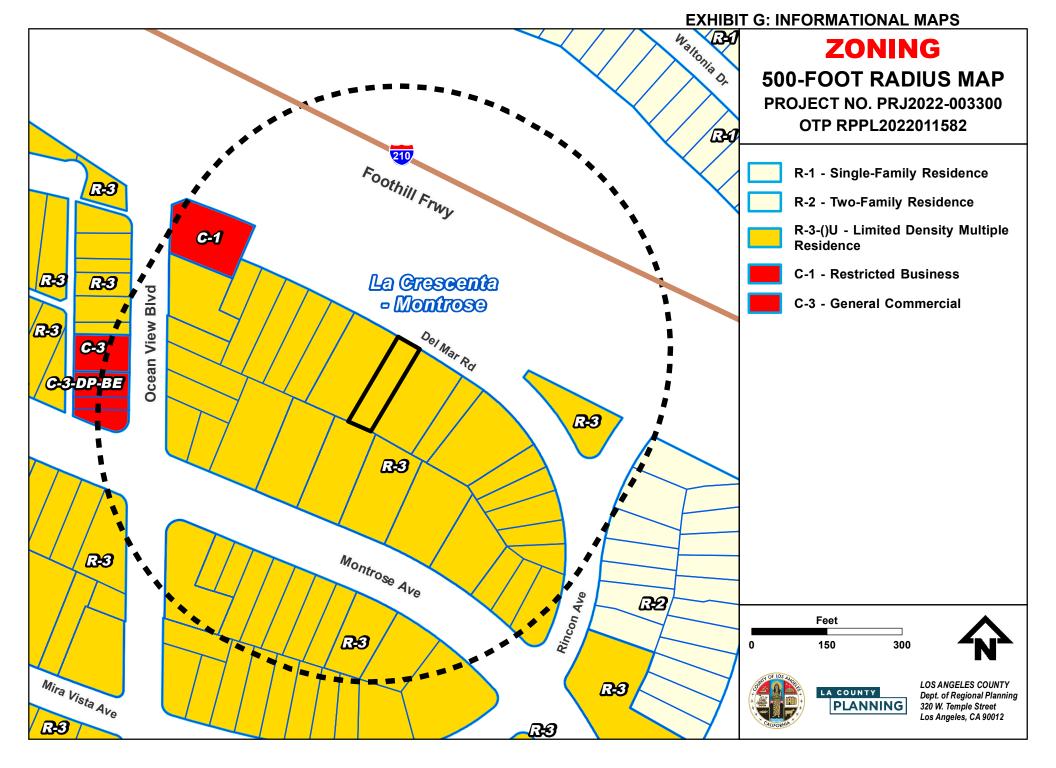


EXHIBIT H: PHOTOS

2242 Del Mar Road

Overview



Looking SSW, an oak tree is located in conflict with proposed construction. All features of the site are to be demolished to construct a new multi-unit building.



Looking SSW Oak #1 is located on the west property boundary at the base of a retaining wall.

Craig Crotty Arbor Culture LLC

December 18, 2020

EXHIBIT H: PHOTOS

2242 Del Mar Road

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Oak #1
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Looking NNE, Oak #1 spreads across most of the yard between multi-story buildings on both sides.



#1 Oak has fair structure due to codominant trunks with included bark at 2 feet above grade, retaining wall at the base, and entirely one side crown distribution. Craig Crotty Arbor Culture LLC December 18, 2020

EXHIBIT H: PHOTOS

2242 Del Mar Road

Oak #1



#1 Oak is shown on the west property boundary. The codominant trunk attachment, trunk lean, and past encroachment are shown.



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October 31, 2023

Anthony Curzi, Planner Department of Regional Planning **Zoning Permits Section** 320 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Anthony Curzi:

OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER RPPL2022011582 2242 DEL MAR ROAD, MONTROSE

We have reviewed the "Request for Oak Tree Permit #RPPL2022011582." The project is located at 2242 Del Mar Road in the unincorporated area of Montrose. The Oak Tree Report is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition and species of the Oak trees on the site. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the document on file by Chris Falco, the consulting arborist, dated November 11, 2022.

We recommend the following as conditions of approval:

OAK TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. This grant shall not be effective until the permittee and the owner of the property involved (if other than the permittee), have filed at the office of the Department of Regional Planning their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all conditions of this grant. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation or other entity making use of this grant.
- 2. The permittee shall, prior to commencement of the use authorized by this grant, pay the fees invoiced through EPIC-LA to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. Such fees shall be used to compensate the County Forester per inspection and to cover expenses incurred while inspecting the project to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval. These fees provide for one (1) initial inspection prior to

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the commencement of construction and two (2) subsequent inspections until the conditions of approval have been met. The Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections.

- 3. Before commencing work authorized or required by this grant, the consulting arborist shall submit a letter to the Director of Regional Planning and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division stating that he or she has been retained by the permittee to perform or supervise the work, and that he or she agrees to report to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester, any failure to fully comply with the conditions of the grant. The arborist shall also submit a written report on permit compliance upon completion of the work required by this grant. The report shall include a diagram showing the exact number and location of all mitigation trees planted as well as planting dates.
- 4. The permittee shall arrange for the consulting arborist or a similarly qualified person to maintain all remaining Oak trees on the subject property that are within the zone of impact as determined by the County Forester for the life of the Oak Tree Permit or the Conditional Use Permit.
- 5. The permittee shall install temporary chainlink fencing, not less than four (4) feet in height, to secure the protected zone of all remaining Oak trees on site as necessary. The fencing shall be installed prior to grading or tree removal, and shall not be removed without approval of the County Forester. The term "protected zone" refers to the area extending five (5) feet beyond the dripline of the Oak tree (before pruning), or fifteen (15) feet from the trunk, whichever is greater.
- 6. Copies of the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval shall be kept on the project site and available for review. All individuals associated with the project as it relates to the Oak resource shall be familiar with the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval.

PERMITTED OAK TREE REMOVAL:

- 7. This grant allows the removal of one (1) tree of the Oak genus (<u>Quercus agrifolia</u>) identified as Tree Number 1 on the applicant's site plan and Oak Tree Report. Trenching, excavation, or clearance of vegetation within the protected zone of an Oak tree shall be accomplished by the use of hand tools or small hand-held power tools. Any major roots encountered shall be conserved and treated as recommended by the consulting arborist.
- 8. In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected Oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two-inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. In no case shall more than 20% of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

 Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining Oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "<u>Oak Trees:</u> <u>Care and Maintenance,</u>" prepared by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

MITIGATION TREES:

- 10. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) for each tree removed for a total of two (2) trees. In addition, any tree that reaches ordinance size during the construction and monitoring period shall be included in this permit and subject to these conditions of approval.
- 11. Each mitigation tree shall be at least a 15-gallon specimen in size and measure one (1) inch or more in diameter one (1) foot above the base. Free form trees with multiple stems are permissible provided the combined diameter of the two (2) largest stems of such trees measure a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter one (1) foot above the base.
- 12. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties of <u>Quercua agrifolia</u>, grown from a local seed source.
- 13. Mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the permitted Oak tree removals. Mitigation trees shall be planted on site or within the same community if approved by the County Forester. If mitigation trees are deemed impossible by the County Forester, only then a contribution to the County of Los Angeles Oak Forest Special Fund may be made in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource loss. The contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
- 14. The permittee shall properly maintain each mitigation tree and shall replace any tree failing to survive due to a lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree meeting the specifications set forth above. The two-year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester, indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive two (2) years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.
- 15. All mitigation Oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance once they have survived the required maintenance period.

NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS:

16. Encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site is prohibited.

- 17. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in its injury or death within two (2) years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
- 18. No planting or irrigation system shall be installed within the dripline of any Oak tree that will be retained.
- 19. Utility trenches shall not be routed within the protected zone of an Oak tree unless the serving utility requires such locations.
- 20. Equipment, materials and vehicles shall not be stored, parked, or operated within the protected zone of any Oak tree. No temporary structures shall be placed within the protected zone of any Oak tree.
- 21. Violations of the conditions of this grant shall result in immediate work stoppage or in a notice of correction depending on the nature of the violation. A time frame within which deficiencies must be corrected will be indicated on the notice of correction.
- 22. Should any future inspection disclose that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be held financially responsible and shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division for all enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance.

To schedule a County Forester inspection, please contact the Environmental Review Unit at (818) 890-5719.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (818) 890-5758.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

CRAIG CROTTY ARBOR CULTURE LLC

December 18, 2020

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Regarding: New multi-family residential at 2242 Del Mar Road, Montrose, 91020 Unincorporated Los Angeles County

OAK TREE REPORT Oak Tree Permit Application

Subject:

This is an impact study for one ordinance regulated Oak tree due to construction of a new multi-family residential complex at 2242 Del Mar Road in Montrose, Los Angeles County.

Summary:

There is one regulated Coast Live Oaks, *Quercus agrifolia*, located on this proposed multi- unit residential site. The oak tree is located at the west property boundary in the backyard of the existing single-family home. Proposed construction conflicts with the tree location, well inside the tree protection zone.

Tree No. Species	Trunk Size	Condition	Encroachment					
#1 Quercus agrifolia	27-25 in. dia.	Good health/fair structure	Remove due to conflict					
Note: Trunk measured at 4.5 ft. above grade.								

The regulated tree is identified and recorded for approximate location, size, and condition. Tree location is shown on the site plan provided.

Observations:

There is one regulated oak tree located on this property (see Photos and Tree Plan). The site is currently single-family but bounded by multi-family, two storiy residential units on both sides. The tree is located approximately 12 inches from the west property boundary at the base of a ten feet height retaining wall. The common name, genus, and species is Coast Live Oak, *Quercus agrifolia*. Site topography is sloping from the street, north to south. This tree is proposed for removal.

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#1 Coast Live Oak:

The tree is located in the rear yard of this site at the west property line. All existing site structures and pavements are proposed to be removed.

Multi-trunk diameters are 27 and 25 inches with height estimated at 40 feet. Crown spread is estimated at N 8', S 33', E 36', W 5', NE 28', NW 6', SE 36' and SW 10'. This is an individual stand-alone specimen with leaning form. The crown is severely one-sided due to previous encroachment by the multi-story structure to the west. A retaining wall is located approximately 12 inches from the base of the trunk.

Tree health is good. Crown density and annual shoot elongation appears normal. Crown density and color is good. Structure is rated fair due to codominant trunks and included bark at two feet above grade. The southeast trunk and crown leans and spreads southeast over much of the yard.

Construction assessment: Oak #1 is to be removed due to proposed encroachment.

Conclusion:

One regulated tree is encroached and removed due to proposed construction.

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Craig Crotty, Consulting Arborist

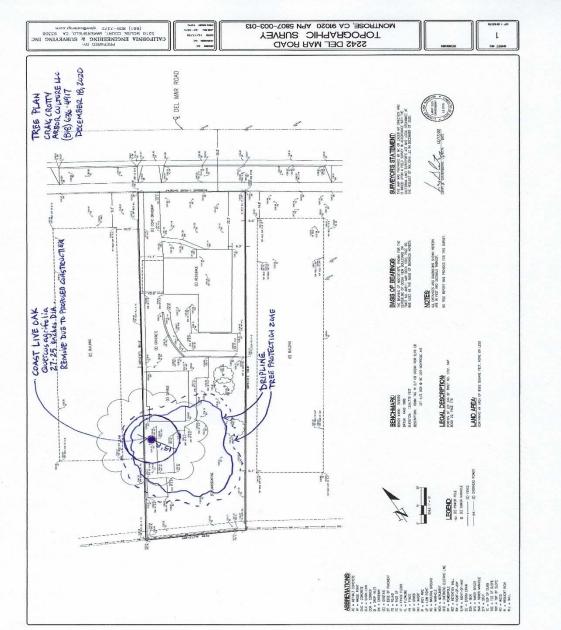
Supplemental Information:

- Tree Plan
- Photos (5)
- Assumptions and Limiting Conditions

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2242 Del Mar Road

Tree Plan





Looking SSW, an oak tree is located in conflict with proposed construction. All features of the site are to be demolished to construct a new multi-unit building.



Looking SSW Oak #1 is located on the west property boundary at the base of a retaining wall.

Craig Crotty Arbor Culture LLC

December 18, 2020

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Oak #1
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Looking NNE, Oak #1 spreads across most of the yard between multi-story buildings on both sides.



#1 Oak has fair structure due to codominant trunks with included bark at 2 feet above grade, retaining wall at the base, and entirely one side crown distribution. Craig Crotty Arbor Culture LLC December 18, 2020

2242 Del Mar Road

Oak #1



#1 Oak is shown on the west property boundary. The codominant trunk attachment, trunk lean, and past encroachment are shown.

2242 Del Mar Road

Assumptions and Limiting Conditions

Assumptions and Limiting Conditions

This arborist report is made in compliance with County of Los Angeles requirements for construction where regulated trees are present. This report discusses proposed construction in relation to regulated oak trees.

This report is not a risk assessment of any tree. Thus, no warranty is made, expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the trees or the property will not occur in the future, from any cause. The Consultant shall not be responsible for damages or injury caused by any tree defects and assumes no responsibility for the correction of defects or tree related problems.

The Consulting Arborist has no past, present or future interest in this property or the subject trees. Opinions contained herein are the independent and objective judgments of the Consultant relating to circumstances and observations made on the subject site.

It is assumed that statements of fact regarding property ownership, property boundaries, exact tree and structure locations are "as represented" by the client, in all verbal, written or drawn communications. The Consultant assumes no responsibility for verification of ownership or locations of property lines, or for results of any actions or recommendations based on inaccurate information.

Delivery of this report shall constitute completion of the original agreement. The Consulting Arborist shall not be required to give testimony, perform site monitoring, provide further documentation, be deposed, or to attend any meeting, court or hearing, without subsequent contractual arrangements for this additional employment, including payment of additional fees for such services as described by the Consultant.

The recommendations contained in this report are the opinions of the Consulting Arborist at the time of inspection. These opinions are based on the knowledge, experience, and education of the Consultant. The field inspection was a visual, grade level tree assessment.

It is assumed that any property referred to in this report is not in violation of any applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, or other governmental regulations. Further, the consultant assumes no responsibility for any violations caused by others in regard to any such codes, ordinances, statutes, or regulations.

Any change or alteration to this report invalidates the entire report.

Client_

Date____

Craig Crotty Arbor Culture LLC



This Oak Tree Care and Maintenance Guide offers basic information and practical guidelines aimed at the preservation and continued health and survival of oak trees in the residential landscape.

Increasing pressure for development is changing the oak woodland of Los Angeles County. Heritage oaks which once survived in open rolling hills are now being preserved or replanted and incorporated into the community.

How do we protect these trees during the planning and development process, and ensure their survival once they are in the home garden?

The Oak Tree

Oak Trees in the residential landscape often suffer decline and early death due to conditions that are easily preventable. Damage can often take years to become evident, and by the time the trees show obvious signs of disease it is usually too late to help.

Improper watering, especially during the hot summer months, and disturbance to critical root areas are most often the causes. This booklet will provide guidelines on where these critical areas lie and ways to avoid disturbing them, as well as information on long-term care and maintenance of both natural and planted oaks. Lists of additional resources for more information and demonstration areas to visit are also included.

The Oak Tree Ordinance

The Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance has been established to recognize oak trees as significant historical, aesthetic, and ecological resources. The goal of the ordinance is to create favorable conditions for the preservation and propagation of this unique and threatened plant heritage. By making this part of the development process, healthy oak trees will be preserved and maintained.

The Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance applies to all unincorporated areas of the County. Individual cities may have their own ordinances, and their requirements may be different.

Permit Requirements:

Under the Los Angeles County Ordinance, a person shall not cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage, or encroach into the *protected zone* (see text) of any ordinance sized tree of the oak tree genus without first obtaining a permit.

Damage includes but is not limited to :

- Burning
- Application of toxic substances
- Pruning or cutting
- Trenching
- Excavating
- Paving
- Operation of machinery or
- equipment
- Changing the natural grade

Chapter 22.56.2050: Oak Tree Permit Regulations, Los Angeles County, Adopted: August 20, 1982. Amended: September 13, 1988.

For more information about the County Oak Tree Ordinance, visit the Forestry Division's website at:

http://www.fire.lacounty.gov

Or contact:

Department of Regional Planning 320 W. Temple Street, 13th floor Los Angeles, CA 90012-3284 (213) 974-6411 TDD: (213) 617-2292 http://planning.co.la.ca.us

Types of oaks commonly found in Los Angeles County:

Many kinds of oak trees are native to Los Angeles County. A few of the more common ones are shown below, but *all* oak trees are covered by the Oak Tree Ordinance.

Older oaks which have thrived under the natural rainfall patterns of dry summers and wet winters often can't handle the extra water of a garden setting. These trees must be treated with special care if they are to survive.

Those oaks that have been planted into the landscape or sprouted naturally tend to be more tolerant of watered landscapes. These vigorous young trees may grow $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet a year in height under good conditions. Once established these trees would benefit from the same special care outlined in this guide.



UERCUS LOBATA

LARGE DECIDUOUS TREE 60-75' HIGH, BROADLY SPREADING 50-80' WIDE.

LEAVES : DEEP GREEN , 3-4" LONG : PAPER LIKE TEKTURE WITH DEEP ROUNDED LOBES ON THE LEAF EDGE.

TENDS TO FAVOR VALLEY BOTTOMS : FOR THIS REASON THE VALLEY OAK HAS DISAPPEARED FROM THE LANDSCAPE MORE RAPIDLY, IMPACTED SEVERLY BY AGRICULTURE and URBAN DEVELOPMENT.



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QUERCUS AGRIFOLIA

LARGE EVERGREEN TREE WITH A BROAD, ROUND SHAPE AND LARGE LIMBS. 30'-70' HIGH, 35'-80' WIDE.

LEAVES : GLOSSY GREEN , 1"-3" LONG 'SPINY, ROUNDED, AND HOLLY LIKE : BUT DISTINCTLY CUPPED OR CUPLED UNDER AT THE EDGES.



Intuin Live Oak

QUERCUS WISLIZENII

EVERGREEN TREE 30-75' HIGH OR A SHRUB 8-10' HIGH IN CHAPARRAL AREAS. HAS A FULL, DENSE ROUNDED SHAPE, NOT BROAD OR WITH LARGE LIMBS LIKE A COAST LIVE OAK. THEY TEND TO GROW IN CLUMPS RATHER THAN AS A SINGLE TREE.

LEAVES : DARK GREEN, 1"-4" LONG. EDGES EITHER SMOOTH OR SPINY, BUT ALWAYS FLAT- NOT CURLED UNDER.

OTHER COMMON OAKS :

CALIFORNIA BLACK OAK : QUERCUS KELLOGGI CANYON LIVE OAK : QUERCUS CHRYSOLEPIS ENGELMANN OAK : QUERCUS ENGELMANNII

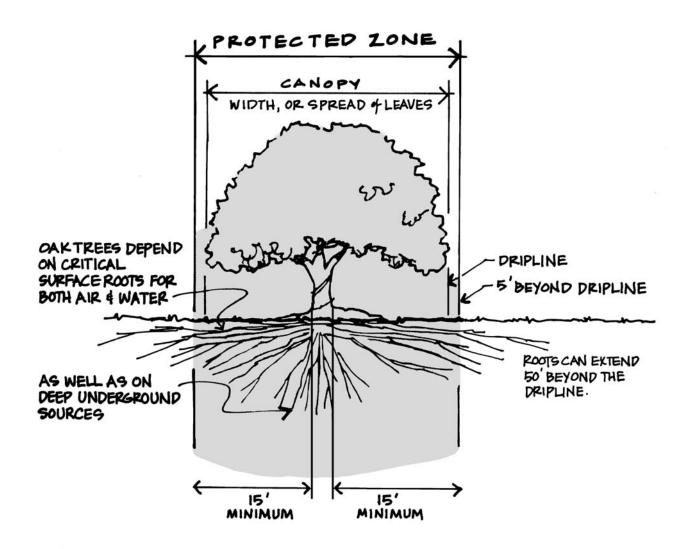
THE PROTECTED ZONE

The *protected zone* defines the area most critical to the health and continued survival of an oak tree. Oaks are easily damaged and very sensitive to disturbances that occur to the tree or in the surrounding environment.

The root system is extensive but surprisingly shallow, sometimes radiating out as much as 50 feet beyond the spread of the tree leaves, or canopy. The ground area at the outside edge of the canopy, referred to as the *dripline*, is especially important: the tree obtains most of its surface water and nutrients here, and conducts an important exchange of air and other gases.

The protected zone is defined in the Oak Tree Ordinance as follows:

"The Protected Zone shall mean that area within the dripline of an oak tree and extending there from to a point at least 5 feet outside the dripline or 15 feet from the trunk, whichever distance is greater."



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WITHIN THE PROTECTED ZONE

Changes in Grade

Any change in the level of soil around an oak tree can have a negative impact. The most critical area lies within 6' to 10' of the trunk: no soil should be added or scraped away. Water should drain away from this area and not be allowed to pond so that soil remains wet at the base.

Retaining walls designed to hold back soil above or below an existing tree should avoided if at all possible, especially within the protected zone. These types of structures cause critical areas at the dripline to be buried, or require that major roots be severed. Water trapped at the base of the tree could lead to root rot or other impacts, and to the decline and premature death of a highly valued landscape tree.

Construction activities outside the protected zone can have damaging impacts on existing trees. Underground water sources can be cut off due to falling water tables, or drainage may be disrupted.

Trenching

Digging of trenches in the root zone should be avoided. Roots may be cut or severely damaged, and the tree can be killed.

If trenches <u>must</u> be placed within the protected zone, utilities can be placed in a conduit, which has been bored through the soil, reducing damage to the roots. Insist that as many utilities as allowed be placed in a single trench, instead of the common practice of digging a separate trench for each individual line.

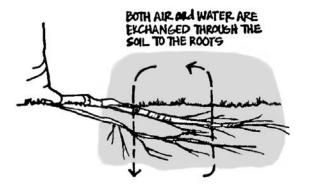
Trenching can also be accomplished using hand tools or small hand held power equipment to avoid cutting roots. Any roots exposed during this work should be covered with wet burlap and kept moist until the soil can be replaced.

Soil Compaction and Paving

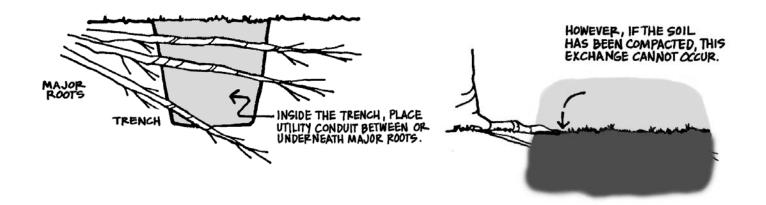
The roots depend upon an important exchange of both water <u>and</u> air through the soil within the protected zone. Any kind of activity that compacts the soil in this area blocks this exchange and can have serious long-term negative effects on the tree.

If paving material must be used, some recommended surfaces include brick paving with sand joints, or ground coverings such as wood chips (note the advantages of natural materials for providing nutrients under *mulching*).

SOIL COMPACTION



TRENCHING



MAINTENANCE

Watering

The key is prevention – **do not over water**. Improper watering is often overlooked as the cause of tree death because it can take years for the damage to show. Once the tree shows obvious signs of decline, it is often too late to correct the problem.

The seasonal weather pattern for this region is one of dry summers and winter rain. Oak trees are naturally drought tolerant and adapted to this cycle. If the tree is vigorous and thriving it should not require **any** additional water.

If the natural source of surface or underground water has been altered, some supplemental water <u>may</u> be necessary, but proceed with caution. The goal of any watering schedule for oak trees should be to supplement natural rainfall and it should occur only when the tree would normally receive moisture. This might be in the winter, if rains are unusually late, or in spring if rainfall has been below normal levels.

Over watering, especially during the summer months, causes a number of problems which can lead to decline and eventual death of the tree. It creates ideal conditions for attacks of Oak Root Fungus by allowing the fungus to breed all year. In addition, both evergreen and deciduous oaks grow vigorously in the spring and naturally go dormant in the summer. Extra water only encourages new tip growth which is subject to mildew. Oaks need this period of rest.

Newly planted oaks may need supplemental watering during their first few summers. After they become established water should be applied according to the previous guidelines.

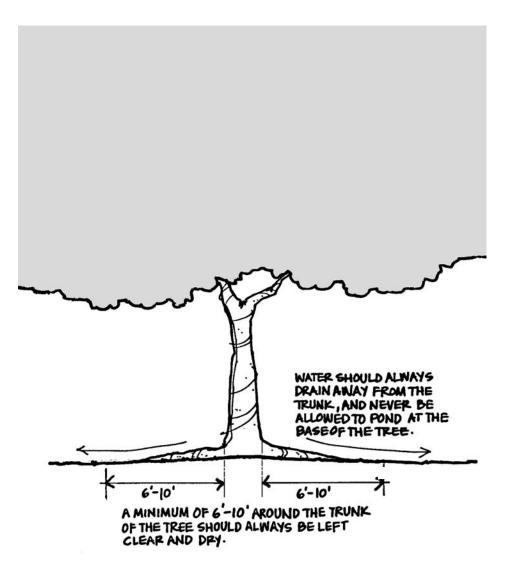
Pruning

For oak trees the periodic removal of dead wood during periods of tree dormancy should be the only pruning needed. Any cutting of green wood opens scars that could allow the entry of organisms or disease.

Before pruning obtain the advice of a certified arborist or other professional and consult the local city or county where the tree is located to find out what regulations apply. Pruning of both live and dead wood can sometimes require a permit.

Mulching

Leaf litter from the tree is the best mulch and should be allowed to remain on the ground within the protected zone. Crushed walnut shells or wood chips can be used, but the oak leaves that drop naturally provide the tree with a source of nutrients. Avoid the use of packaged or commercial oak leaf mulch which could contain Oak Root Fungus. Redwood chips should not be used due to certain chemicals present in the wood.



Disease and Pests

Trees that are stressed, especially because of improper watering practices, are prone to certain diseases and attacks by pests.

The most damaging of these diseases is the Oak Root Fungus Armillaria mellea. Occurring naturally in the soil, the fungus thrives under wet conditions and dies back in the summer when soils dry out. This is why summer watering of oaks can be a deadly practice. As noted in the watering guidelines, wet soil in the summer allows the fungus to grow all year. As the population grows, their natural food sources are depleted and they begin feeding on oak tree roots. The fungus does not require an open wound in the tree to gain entry.

Indications of the fungus include:

- die back of branches or tips.
- honey colored fungus at or near the root crown.
- white fan-like fungus between wood and bark.
- the presence of black, shoestring-like growths in the soil.

Once the tree begins to show obvious signs of infection treatment is generally ineffective. The best treatment is to *avoid* the conditions that lead to Oak Root Fungus infections.

Pit Scale, Oak Moth, and other pests: any significant changes in leaf color, branch die back, presence of black sooty materials on leaves or other changes should be noted. Seek the advice of a professional forester, arborist, farm advisor or other expert before the application of any pesticides on an oak tree.

Planting Underneath Oaks

The natural leaf litter is by far the best ground cover within the protected zone. If plants must be placed, the following guidelines should be followed:

There should be <u>no</u> planting within a minimum 6 to 10 feet of the trunk.

Avoid plants that require <u>any</u> supplemental water once established.

Choose plants suited for "dry shade." Those listed in the box below offer some good choices. To see some examples of how these plants have been used under oaks refer to the Additional Resources section on the following page.

PLANTS TO CONSIDER:

Plant Name	Description
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Howard McMinn' Manzanita	3' high, 6' wide. Toughest of available forms. Whitish-pink flowers.
<i>Arctostaphylos edmundsii</i> Little Sur Manzanita	1-2' high, 4-5' wide. Tolerant of full shade.
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i> Monterey Carpet Manzanita	1-2' high, spreading to 12' wide by rooting branches. White to pink flowers.
<i>Ceanothus griseus horizontalis</i> Carmel Creeper	Less than 2 1/2' tall, low & creeping. Clusters of small blue flowers.
<i>Heuchera spp.</i> Coral Bells	2-4' mound. Flowers on an upright stem 2-3" high and spotted with red or pink.
<i>Mahonia aquifolium compacta</i> Oregon Grape	2-4' high, spreading by underground roots. Bright yellow flower clusters.
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i> Evergreen or Catalina Currant	2-3' high, spreading to 12' wide. Flowers pink to red in small clusters.

NOTES:

Before deciding on plants, check a source such as the <u>Sunset Western</u> <u>Garden Book</u> to determine which plants will grow in your area.

When choosing shade tolerant plants, consider that the ground under the south side of the tree will get more sunlight while the northern side will tend to remain more deeply shaded.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES and Places to Visit

Public Agencies

County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Prevention Bureau, Forestry Division 5823 Rickenbacker Road, Rm #123 Commerce, CA 90040-3027 (323) 890-4330 http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/forestry

University of Califonia Oak Woodland Conservation Workgroup http://ucanr.edu/sites/oak_range/

Private Organizations

The Theodore Payne Foundation

10459 Tuxford Street Sun Valley, CA 91352-2126 (818) 768-1802 www.theodorepayne.org

California Native Plant Society

2707 K Street, Suite 1 Sacramento, CA 95816-5113 (916) 447-2677 www.cnps.org

California Oaks

428 13th. Street, Suite 10A Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 763-0282 www.californiaoaks.org

Publications

For a list of publications both free and for purchase checkout the **University of California Oak Woodland Conservation Workgroup at http://ucanr.edu/sites/oak_range**/

<u>Goldspotted Oak Borer: Integrated Pest Management for Land Managers and Landscape Professionals</u> University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program. January 2013.

Arboretums and Botanic Gardens

Los Angeles County Arboreta and Botanic Gardens

301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA 91007-2697 (626) 821-3222 www.arboretum.org

Los Angeles County South Coast Botanic Garden 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274-2515 (310) 544-1948 www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org

Los Angeles County Descanso Gardens 1418 Descanso Drive La Canada-Flintridge, CA 91011-3102 (818) 949-4200 www.descansogardens.org

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