

Lee Quintana, Chair Martha Queiroz, Vice Chair Susan Burnett, Planning Commissioner Emily Thomas, Planning Commissioner Alan Feinberg, Committee Member

# TOWN OF LOS GATOS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OCTOBER 22, 2025 110 EAST MAIN STREET TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 4:00 PM

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- For inclusion in the agenda packet: by 11:00 a.m. the Friday before the Committee meeting.
- For inclusion in the agenda packet supplemental materials: by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the Committee meeting.
- For inclusion in a desk item: by 11:00 a.m. the day of the Committee meeting.

#### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS** (Members of the public are welcome to address the Historic Preservation Committee on any matter that is not listed on the agenda and is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. To ensure all agenda items are heard, this portion of the agenda is limited to 30 minutes. In the event additional speakers were not able to be heard during the initial Verbal Communications portion of the agenda, an additional Verbal Communications will be opened prior to adjournment. Each speaker is limited to three minutes or such time as authorized by the Chair.)

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1. Draft Minutes of the September 24, 2025, Historic Preservation Committee Meeting

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** (Applicants and their representatives may be allotted up to a total of five minutes maximum for opening statements. Members of the public may be allotted up to three minutes to comment on any public hearing item. Applicants and their representatives may be allotted up to a total of three minutes maximum for closing statements. Items requested/recommended for continuance are subject to the Committee's consent at the meeting.)

- Consider a Request for Approval to Construct Exterior Modifications (Siding Replacement) on an Existing Pre-1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1:8. Located at 155 Hernandez Avenue. APN 510-40-152. Request for Review Application PHST-25-020. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301: Existing Facilities. Property Owner: Catherine Nadeau. Applicant: Marcie Macdonough. Project Planner: Ryan Safty.
- 3. Consider a Request for Approval to Construct Exterior Alterations (Window Replacement) to an Existing Pre-1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1:8. Located at 69 Hernandez Avenue. APN 510-41-015. Request for Review PHST-25-019. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061 (b)(3). Property Owner: Phil Rolla. Applicant: Mike Tinsley. Project Planner: Suray Nathan.

**OTHER BUSINESS** (Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.)

4. Consider Providing Staff with Direction on Window Materials. Project Location: Town Wide. Project Planner: Sean Mullin.

#### REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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MEETING DATE: 10/22/2025

ITEM: 1

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

The Historic Preservation Committee of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a regular meeting on September 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Lee Quintana, Vice Chair Martha Queiroz, Commissioner Susan Burnett, Commissioner Emily Thomas and Committee Member Alan Feinberg.

Absent: None.

#### VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)**

1. Approval of Minutes - August 27, 2024

MOTION: Motion by Committee Member Thomas to approve the Consent

Calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Burnett.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0 with Chair Quintana abstaining

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### 2. 333 Los Gatos Boulevard

Consider a Request for Approval to Construct an Addition to an Existing Pre1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1D. APN 529-22-021. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Section 15301: Existing Facilities. Request for Review Application PHST-25-018. Property Owner/Applicant: Nichola Palmer. Project Planner: Sean Mullin.

Sean Mullin, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Opened and Closed Public Comment.

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Committee members discussed the matter.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Burnett to Recommend Approval to the

Community Development Director for a Request for Approval to

Construct an Addition to an Existing Pre1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1D. APN 529-22-021. **Seconded** by **Vice Chair Queiroz.** 

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. 16488 Bonnie Lane

Consider a Request for Approval to Construct an Addition and Exterior Alterations to an Existing Pre-1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1:8. Located at 16488 Bonnie Lane. APN 532-02-014. Request for Review Application PHST-25-017. Categorically Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301: Existing Facilities. Property Owner: Mai of Tran 2020 Trust. Applicant: Vu-Ngan Tran. Project Planner: Maria Chavarin.

Maria Chavarin, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Committee members asked questions of staff.

Opened Public Comment.

Applicant presented the project.

Vu-Ngan Tran, Owner

Their plans to add a master bathroom on the second floor were previously approved. This creates an open space below. They want to extend the family room to use that space.

Committee members asked questions of the applicant.

Closed the public comment.

Committee members discussed the matter.

**MOTION:** Motion by Committee Member Feinberg to Recommend that the

Applicant Return with Revised Plans that the Doors on the First and Second Floors to Incorporate Divided Lites Across the Doors. The Doors Would Remain with Sidelites. **Seconded** by **Commissioner Burnett.** 

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#### Motion was discussed.

**MOTION:** 

Alternative Motion by Commissioner Thomas to recommend approval with the condition that the upstairs porch doors and side panels have divided lites. Either all across the top or on just on the side panels. On the bottom also have divided lites or all across the glass panels.

#### Alternative Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Committee members discussed the matter.

**MOTION:** 

**Alternative Motion** by **Commissioner Burnett** to Recommend Approval to the Community Development Director for a Request to Construct an Addition to an Existing Pre1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1D. APN 529-22-021, with the Following Conditions:

- 1. Modify the proposed French doors and side light windows located on the second story of the east elevation as follows:
  - a. Side light windows shall include full divided lights; and
  - b. The two doors shall remain without divided lights or incorporate divided lights on the top portions of the doors.
- 2. Modify the glass folding doors located on the first story of the east elevation with the following design by removing one or two of the folding glass door panels and incorporate full length divided lights on the remaining panels.

Seconded by Vice Chair Queiroz

VOTE:

Motion passed 3-2 with Commissioner Thomas and Chair Quintana dissenting.

#### 4. 446 San Benito Avenue

Consider a Preliminary Review of a Request to Construct a New Second-Story Addition and Exterior Alterations to an Existing Pre-1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1D. APN 410-16-051. Request for Review Application PHST-25-015. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301: Existing Facilities. Property Owner/Applicant: Devendra Deshwal. Project Planner: Maria Chavarin.

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Maria Chavarin, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Opened Public Comment.

Applicant presented the project.

#### Devendra Deshwal, Owner/Applicant

They are retaining the front elevation. But they want to change a window into a door. The second story will be similar to what exists. The former owner changed the windows to flat vinyl windows without sills. The current owners propose to replace the windows but with sills as seen in older photos of the home. Other houses in the neighborhood have the same sills.

#### **Commissioner Thomas**

Wood shingle siding is proposed for the front and side elevations with stucco in the rear. Why the two different materials?

#### Devendra Deshwal, Owner/Applicant

The existing elevation has stucco. It is not visible from the street.

#### Vice Chair Queiroz

What is the material of the garage doors?

#### Devendra Deshwal, Owner/Applicant

It is wood.

#### Chair Quintana

Please respond to the staff comments on

- Appropriateness of the location and scale of the proposed addition.
- Appropriateness of an attached garage.
- Apparent aluminum roll-up garage door.
- Proportion of the attached garage to the front façade.
- Compatibility of contemporary front doors.
- Use of vinyl windows and vinyl siding is discouraged.
- Appropriateness of the use of stucco on only one elevation.
- Use of the belly band on the side elevations.

#### Vice Chair Queiroz

The existing windows are vinyl. The owner is proposing vinyl windows.

#### **Commissioner Thomas**

Good that the addition is in the back.

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#### Vice Chair Queiroz

The addition looks like a box attached to a small house. It looks too boxy. It could be broken up with some portions moved forward.

#### Committee Member Feinberg

Concerned about the attached garage. Prefer to see a detached garage in the back of the house.

#### Chair Quintana

The addition is out of scale to the house and the surrounding homes. The garage should be detached and located towards the back of the house. The façade of the garage is over fifty percent of the front façade and dominates the front.

#### Chair Quintana

The Committee is trying to discourage vinyl windows. The applicant is encouraged to be consistent with the use of materials. The stucco siding is not consistent.

#### Sean Mullin, Planning Manager

The belly band is used to break up the mass. But staff are concerned that it appears slapped on and terminates at the outside corners. Staff will work with the applicant about a technical demo. The shingles may need to be replaced due to age and termite damage. Items raised in the staff report will be addressed. Staff will also cover options on how to reduce mass and scale.

#### Chair Quintana

Locating the garage in the back of the house allows more room on the side for the addition.

#### Committee Member Feinberg

It is helpful having the list for the Committee to focus on.

#### Sean Mullin, Planning Manager

There are two-story homes across the street. There are strategies to reduce the mass.

#### **Commissioner Burnett**

When doing an addition, you go back to the original windows of wood and not vinyl.

#### Erin Walters, Senior Planner

The Design guidelines have a section n on transitioning for a one to two story structure.

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#### Neighbor

They are concerned about fire danger in the area. The wood used on the first floor can be treated with a fire protective covering. There are aluminum doors that have the look of wood. Please consider fire safety as a criteria.

#### Chair Quintana

Check with your insurance company if the materials need to be fireproof.

#### **Commissioner Thomas**

These windows should align. One way to make an attached garage less prominent is to not have a second story.

#### Sean Mullin, Planning Manager

The Design Guidelines describe strategies such as a trellis, pushing back the second story over the garage, etc. The staff can work with the applicant.

#### **Commissioner Thomas**

Having wood sills under the windows restores the character to the home.

**OTHER BUSINESS** (Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.)

5. Discussion of Potential Historic Preservation Topics to be Included in a Letter to the Town Council Regarding Future Historic Preservation Committee Workplan Items.

Committee members discussed the matter.

#### Sean Mullin, Planning Manager

Propose that the item be discussed at a special meeting of two hours on this one topic. Staff will poll the Committee for a date and time. Keep it high level. It does not need to be written as a code.

#### Chair Quintana

There are three main areas to cover: Demolition code, Historic Overlay code and Design Guidelines. The Committee can have a separate meeting regarding Glenridge.

#### Alan Fienberg

Would like to see a map of the Glenridge area.

#### **Commissioner Burnett**

There is a lot of information available. It could be discussed as a separate topic.

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#### REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

None.

#### **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the September 24, 2025 meeting as approved by the Historic Preservation Committee.

Sean Mullin, AICP, Planning Manager

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MEETING DATE: 10/22/2025

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: October 17, 2025

TO: Historic Preservation Committee

FROM: Joel Paulson, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Consider a Request for Approval to Construct Exterior Modifications (Siding

Replacement) on an Existing Pre-1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1:8. **Located at 155 Hernandez Avenue**. APN 510-40-152. Request for Review Application PHST-25-020. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301: Existing Facilities. Property Owner: Catherine Nadeau.

Applicant: Marcie Macdonough. Project Planner: Ryan Safty.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider a request for approval to construct exterior modifications (siding replacement) on an existing pre-1941 single-family residence on property zoned R-1:8, located at 155 Hernandez Avenue.

#### PROPERTY DETAILS:

- 1. Date primary structure was built: 1917 (effective year built 1950) per County Assessor's Database; 1910s per Anne Bloomfield Survey
- 2. Town of Los Gatos Historic Status Code: +, historic and intact or worthy of special note
- 3. Does property have an LHP Overlay? No
- 4. Is structure in a historic district? N/A
- 5. If yes, is it a contributor? N/A
- 6. Findings required? No
- 7. Considerations required? Yes

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The County Assessor indicates that the residence located at 155 Hernandez Avenue was constructed in 1917, with an effective year built of 1950, which usually reflects significant alterations or additions occurred after the original construction date. The 1991 Bloomfield Survey describes the residence as being built in the Colonial Revival style with an estimated construction date of the 1910s (Attachment 1). The Bloomfield Survey rates the residence as historic and intact or worthy of special note. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps show that the footprint of the residence remained consistent between 1928 and 1956 (Attachment 2).

PREPARED BY: Ryan Safty

Associate Planner

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On January 22, 2025, the Historic Preservation Committee (Committee) reviewed and approved a request for exterior alterations to this residence, including raising the height of roof, changing the roof pitch, and replacing existing windows with new dual-pane fiberglass windows. Any needed replacement siding was required to match the existing siding. The project plans approved by the Committee are included as Attachment 3.

In the process of construction, the applicant has returned to the Committee due to concerns with the existing exterior siding.

#### **DISCUSSION**:

In late August, during construction, the applicant contacted Town staff to request an inspection of the existing exterior siding. Their concerns were related to the deteriorated condition of the existing wood siding, the lack of a vapor barrier, and fire hardening of the existing residence. Planning staff and the Building Official visited the property with the contractor and determined the following:

- The existing exterior siding is not deteriorated to the point that the Building Official can approve of the "repair" demolition exemption pursuant to Town Code Section 20.10.020 (copied below), and therefore, further demolition or siding removal would need Committee approval;
- 2. The installation of a vapor barrier would require the removal and replacement of the existing siding, which constitutes demolition unless Committee approval is obtained; and
- 3. The replacement of wood siding with Hardie board siding is not a kind-for-kind replacement and therefore requires Committee approval.

On September 18, 2025, the applicant submitted for additional Committee review (Attachment 5). The applicant is requesting that the Committee approve replacement of all existing wood siding on the residence with Hardie board siding. As noted in Attachment 5, the reason for this request is to ensure longevity of the existing historic residence. In addition to the deteriorated condition of the existing wood siding, the applicant desires to ensure the residence is weather resistant and more fire resistant.

To make the house more weather resistant, a weather-resistant barrier must be installed on the exterior of the studs, under the existing wood siding. Removing the existing wood siding and replacing it with the existing wood siding would be challenging due to the condition of the existing wood siding. The applicant is requesting Hardie board siding as a replacement and feels that the new Hardie board siding would be consistent with the appearance of the original materials and that a lay person would be unlikely to discern the difference pursuant to Residential Design Guideline 4.8.2 (Attachment 6). Pictures of the existing wood, new wood, and Hardie board siding are shown next to each other in Attachment 5.

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Additionally, the property at 155 Hernandez is located within the Very High Fire Severity Area and therefore must follow Wildland Urban Interface guidelines and requirements. One option for compliance with these requirements is installation of non-combustible siding, such as Hardie board material.

The size and profile of the proposed Hardie board siding would be the same and would be installed horizontally to match the existing wood siding. The existing wood shingle siding on the front porch and lower portion of the west elevation would remain (Attachment 5).

Town Code Section 29.10.020 clarifies that demolition of a historic structure means removal of more than twenty-five percent of the wall(s) facing a public street or fifty percent of all exterior walls. When approved by the deciding body, the following is exempt from the demolition definition:

- a. *Replacement*. The exterior wall covering may be removed if the covering is not original to the structure.
- b. Repair. The removal and replacement of in kind non-repairable exterior wall covering (siding) resulting in no change to its exterior appearance or historic character if approved by the deciding body.
- c. Removal. The removal of an addition(s) that is not part of the original structure and which has no historic significance, as determined by the Historic Preservation Committee.

  Demolition shall be determined by subsections (1) and (2) above for the original structure, where walls enclosed by additions shall be considered as exterior walls.

Based on the applicant's description of the existing condition of the residence, it is likely that exemption (b)-Repair is applicable to this request.

The applicant is seeking a determination from the Committee that the removal and replacement of the siding is appropriate and therefore exempt from the demolition definition. Should the Committee find merit in the request, a recommendation would be forwarded to the Community Development Director. Once approved, Building Permit revisions could be approved by the Town and the project would not return to the Committee.

#### **FINDINGS AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

#### A. Findings

#### Sec. 29.10.020. Demolition (historic structures)

All remaining exterior walls must be contiguous and must retain the existing exterior wall covering. No new exterior wall covering shall be permitted over the existing exterior wall covering. The following are exempt from this definition:

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b. Repair. The removal and replacement of in kind non-repairable exterior wall covering (siding) resulting in no change to its exterior appearance or historic character if approved by the deciding body.

#### B. Considerations

#### Sec. 29.80.290. Standards for review.

In evaluating applications, the deciding body shall consider the architectural style, design, arrangement, texture, materials and color, and any other pertinent factors. Applications shall not be granted unless:

For pre-1941 structures, the proposed work will neither adversely affect the exterior architectural characteristics or other features of the property which is the subject of the application.

#### C. Residential Design Guidelines

Section 4.8.2 of the Town's Residential Design Guidelines offers recommendations for exterior building materials on historic resources (Attachment 6).

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Should the Committee find merit in the request, a recommendation of approval would be forwarded to the Community Development Director. The proposed work would be completed with a Building Permit and would not return to the Committee for further review.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**:

- 1. 1990 Anne Bloomfield Survey
- 2. Sanborn Map Exhibit
- 3. Project Plans
- 4. Property Pictures
- 5. Project Description
- 6. Section 4.8.2, Residential Design Guidelines

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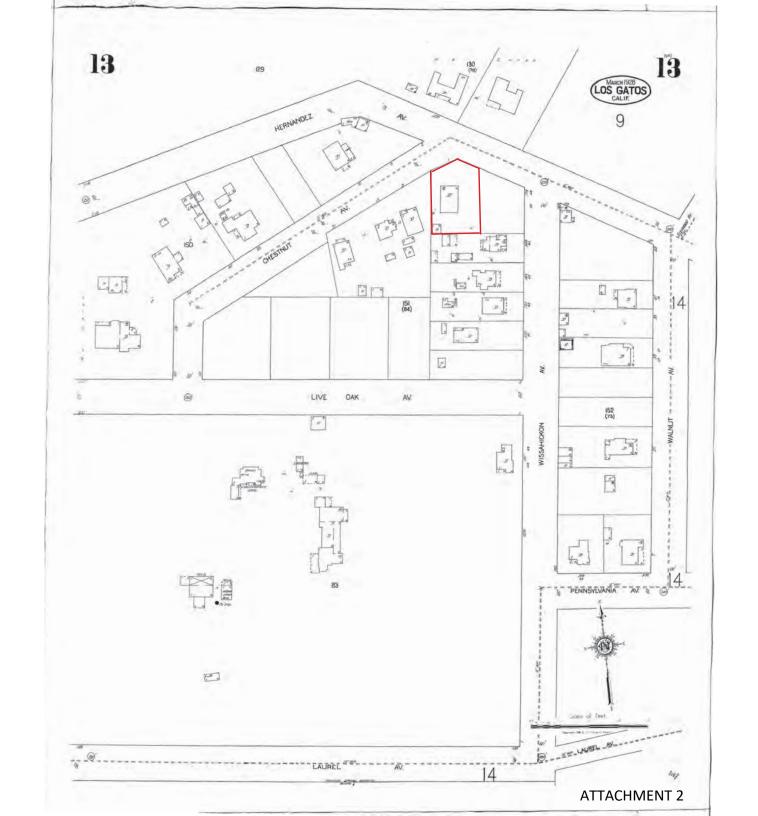
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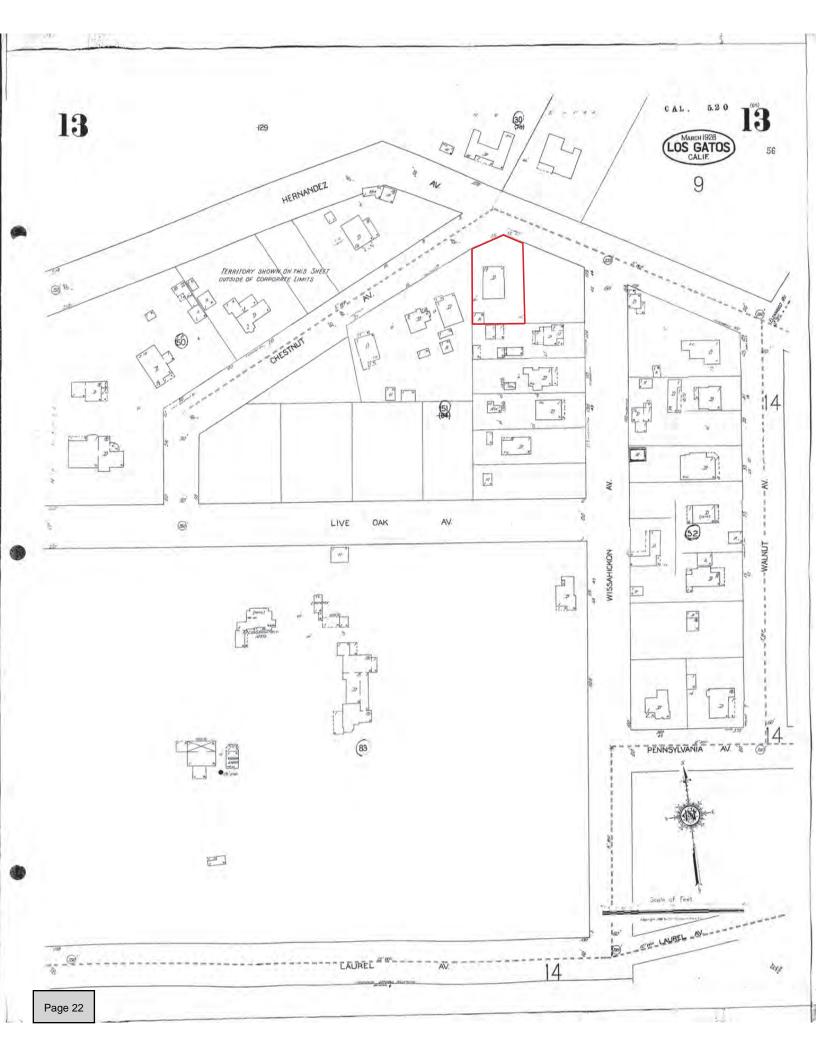
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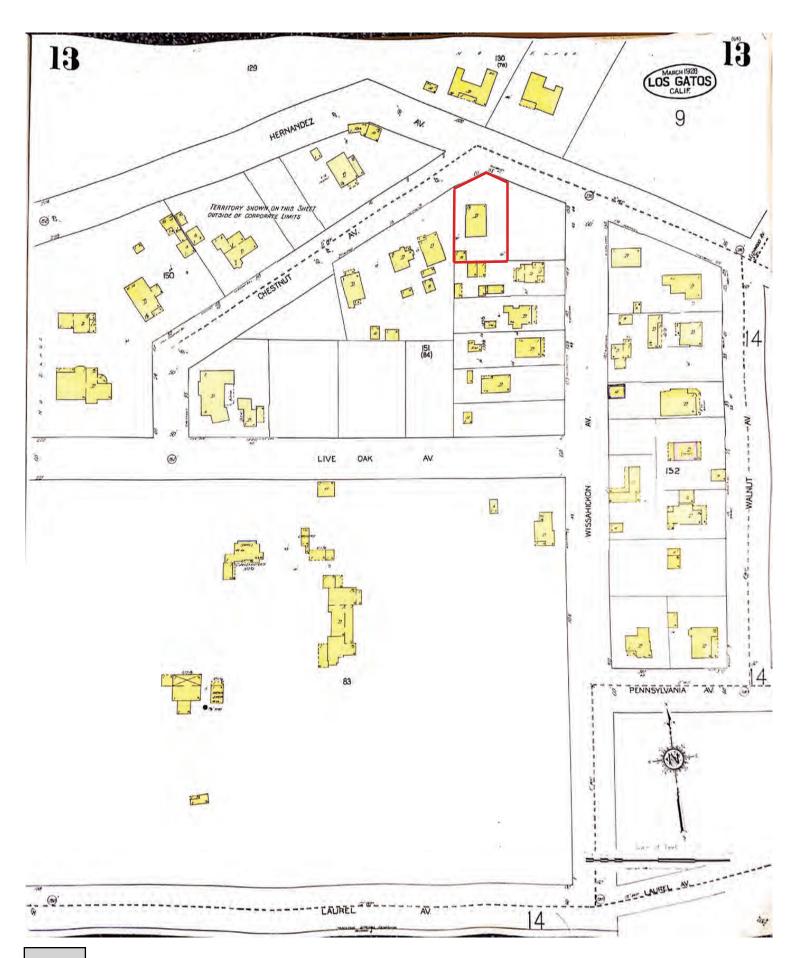
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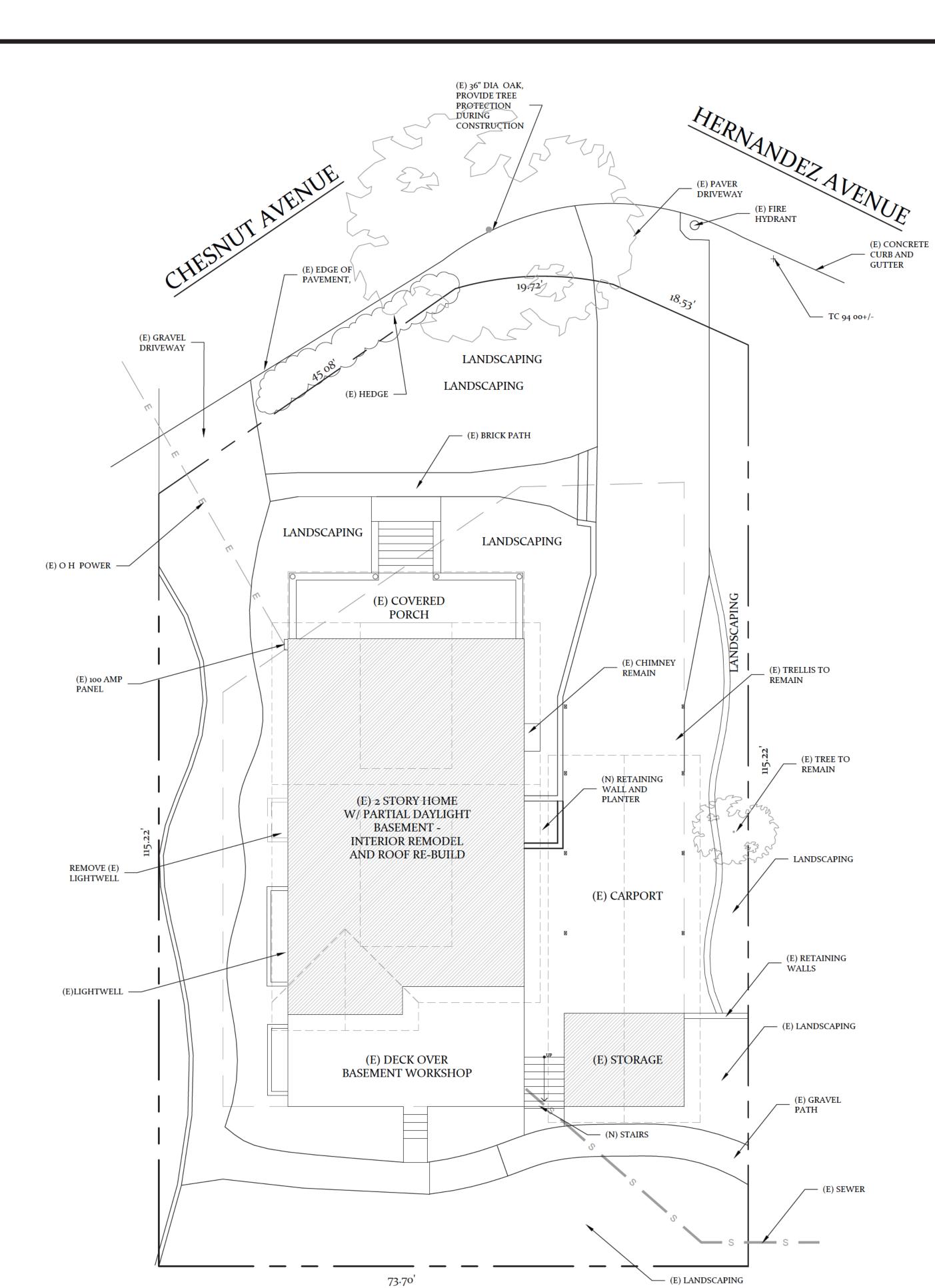


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# Existing/Proposed Site Plan



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# **Pre-Planning Set**

# Remodel

# 155 Hernandez Avenue Los Gatos, CA

### Scope of Work

The project includes the interior remodel and roof re-build of this 1917 Colonial Revival home. No additional square footage will be added. Every effort will be made to maintain the look and feel of this Colonial Revival home.

#### Windows:

All windows will be replaced with new dual pane windows that match the style and pane patterns of the original 1917 windows.

On the Front (North) elevation the windows will be replaced within their existing locations. On the other elevations, several original windows will be moved for interior functionality, but will still match the original window style and patterning. Additionally, there are several existing, non-original aluminum windows that will be removed. Replacement siding at removed window sites will match the existing siding.

The existing roof framing will be removed. The new framing will be placed on wall plates that are 1' higher than the existing and the existing pitch (5.5:12) will be changed to 6:12. The ridge will end up about 2' higher . The front eave above the porch will end up about 10" higher than it's current position. The dormer roof plate will also be raised 1' and the pitch will remain 2:12.

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Cover Sheet, Site Plan and Project Data

Exisiting/Demolition Floor Plans

**Existing Elevations** 

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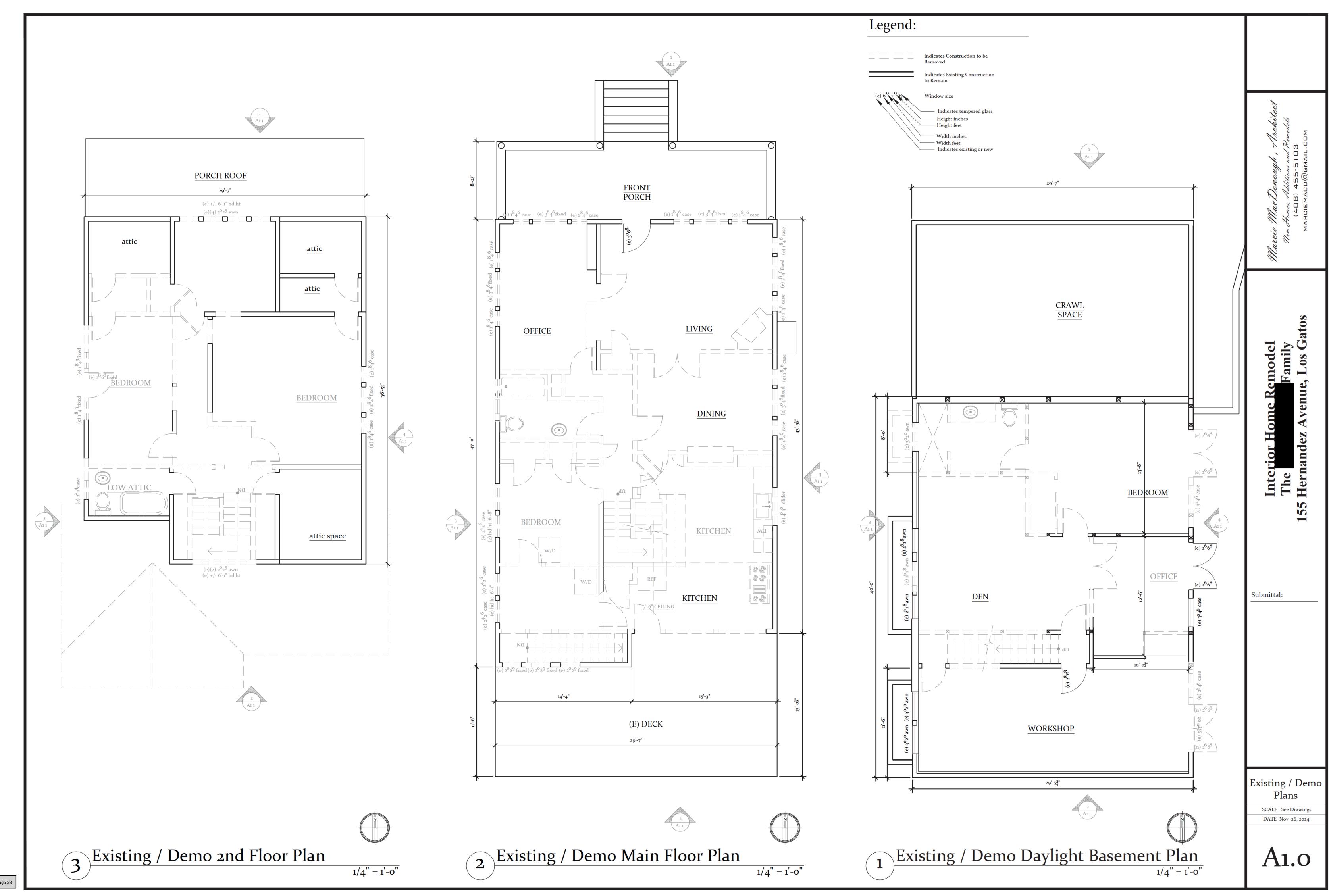
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# Project Data

Address: Owners:	155 Hernandez Ave. Los Gatos, CA 95030
APN: Zoning: Type of Construction: Number of Stories: Occupancy Type: Wildland Interface Zone Year Built:	510-40-152 R-1-8 V-B 3 R/U
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### Area Calculations

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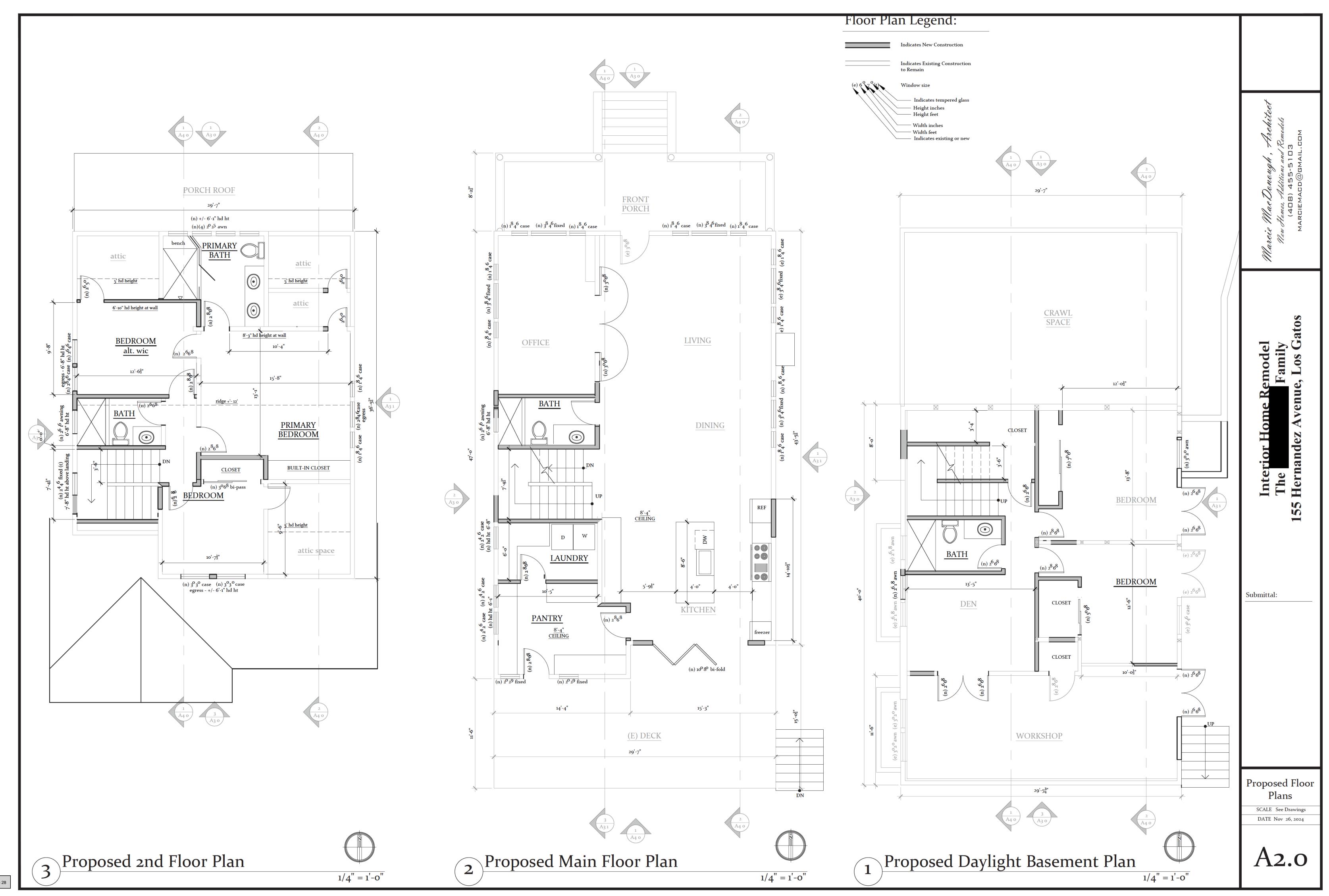
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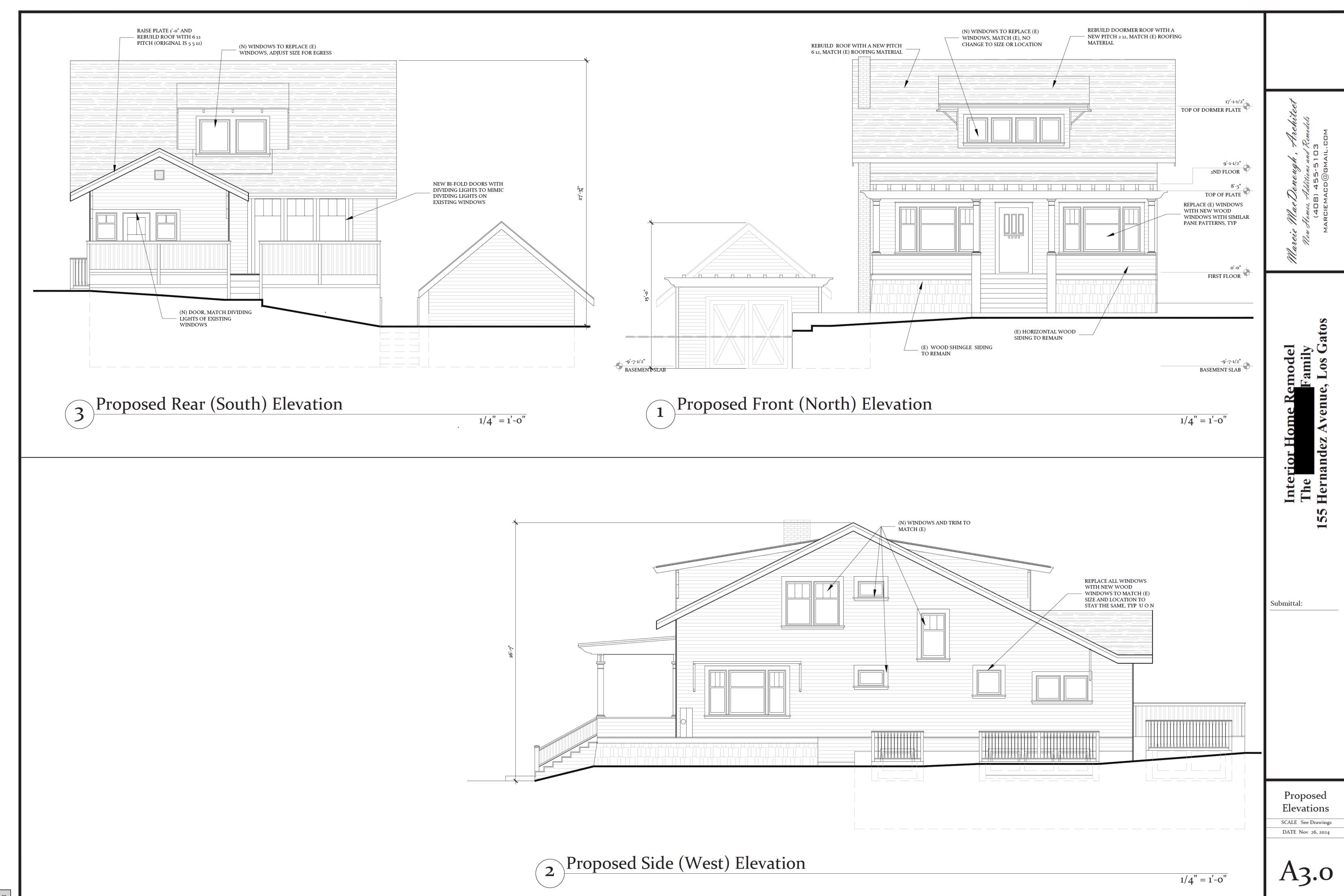
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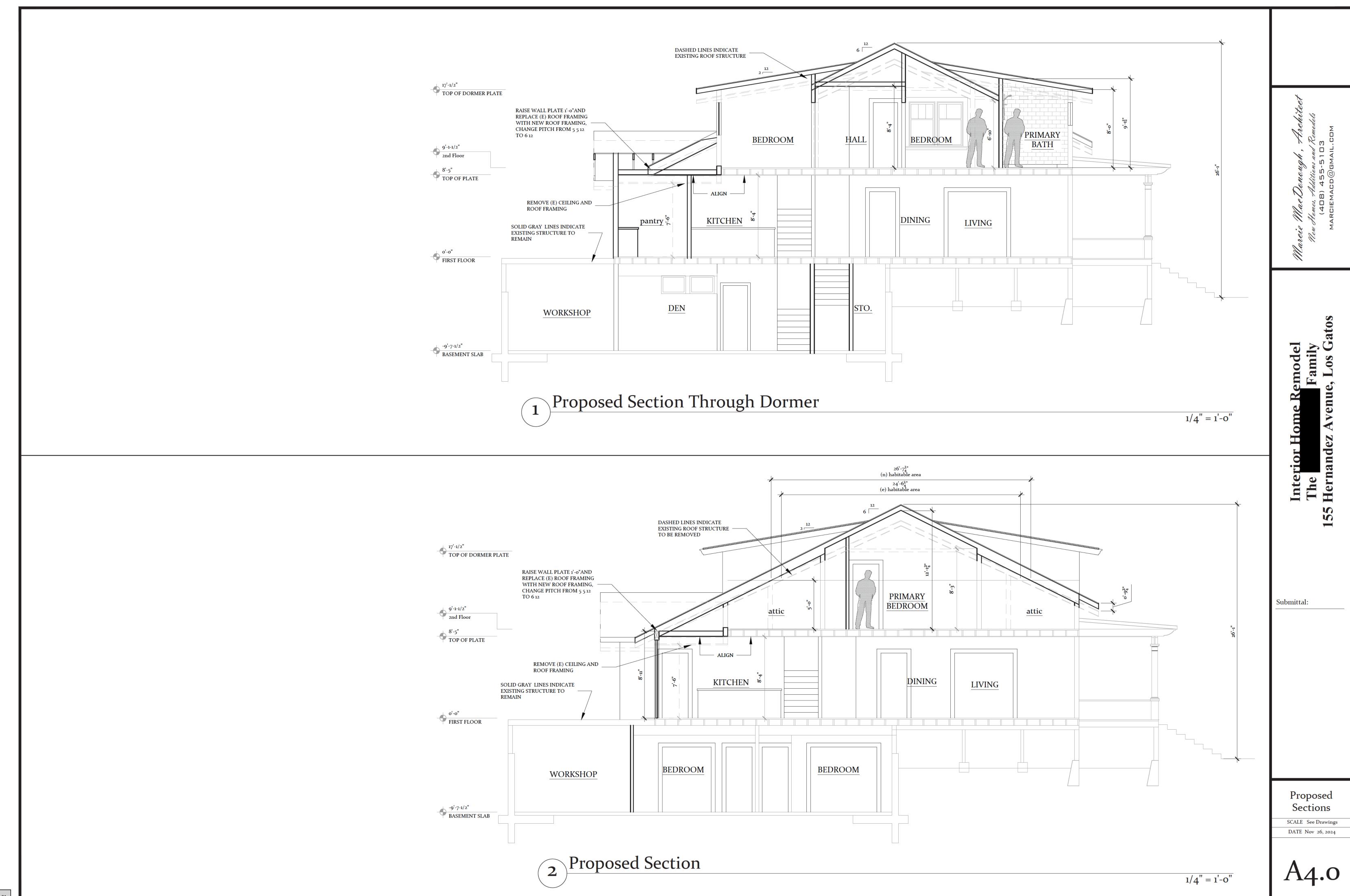
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September 18th, 2025



155 Hernandez Avenue, Los Gatos CA

### **Project Overview**

We received the Historic Preservation Committee's approval earlier this year for replacing and moving a few windows and raising the roof of this lovely home built in 1917. We very much appreciate your approval.

We return to your committee to request the replacement of all remaining existing horizontal wood siding with new horizontal hardi-board siding. The exposure and profile will be exactly the same (4-3/4"). The front of the porch and lower few feet along the west elevation wall has shingle siding that will remain untouched.

The homeowner, the design professionals, and the contractor for this project see ourselves as stewards of this historic home. To ensure that this home lasts another 100 + years, we would like to make the house both more water tight and more fire resistant.

### Weather Resistance:

To make the house more weather resistant we will need to install a weather-resistant barrier (house wrap). Current codes (CRC 703.1.1) and common building practices require a weather-resistant barrier to be installed on the exterior of the studs and sheathing and below the siding. The only way to do this would be to remove all of the existing wood siding.

The existing wood horizontal siding has done a great job of protecting this home for over 100 years. While this siding is still in ok shape, as the builders remove it to install the new windows they are finding that it splits easily and will be difficult to re-install. Due to its fragility and the many layers of old paint, marrying it and blending it with new wood siding will be extremely difficult. For a more visually cohesive and water-tight finished product we suggest using a uniform material, with continuous lengths (rather than cobbling the shorter runs from the salvaged existing siding). We understand that per the City's Residential Design Guidelines 4.8.2

Composite ... wood products, ... will generally not be approved. However, some exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis when the decision-making body determines that the replacement is consistent with the appearance of the original



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material, and that a lay person would be unlikely to discern the difference. The burden of proof will reside with the applicant. Material samples, photographs and specific locations where the material may be seen in use will all assist in the evaluation of alternative materials

Be assured that the new siding will be consistent with the appearance of the original materials and a lay person would be unlikely to discern the difference. See attached photo with a visual comparison of Hardi-Board, existing wood siding and new wood siding.

### House Hardening for Fire:

For fire resistance we are following the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) guidelines that are required in this neighborhood had the house been newly built. One of the important aspects to comply with WUI standards is to install exterior wall coverings per R337.7.3. Among several options is to install non-combustible siding. Hardi-board siding is non-combustible and is certified by Cal Fire.

### **Conclusion:**

The California Historic Preservation Code encourages preservation but does not authorize the prevention of improving the safety of the building. Reasonable equivalency allows for the installation of a concealed weather- resistant barrier and the installation of an ignition resistant or non-combustible product that maintains the visible historic preservation.

Thus, please kindly consider our request to replace the remaining existing wood horizontal siding with non-combustible Hardi Board siding.

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# HISTORIC RESOURCES 4

## 4.8 RESTORATION/REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION

The restoration of a historic resource involves the return of a structure to its original form and appearance by means of the removal of features from other periods in its history and the reconstruction of missing features from the original design.

The rehabilitation of a historic resource involves repairs, alterations, and additions to the original structure while preserving those portions or features that convey its historic, cultural, or architectural values. For additions to a historic resource, applicants should also refer to Section 4.9: Additions to Structures below.

The reconstruction of a historic resource is the act or process of depicting, by means of new construction, the form, features, and detailing of a non-surviving site, landscape, building, structure, or object for the purpose of replicating its appearance at a specific period of time and in its historic location.

### 4.8.1 General Guidelines

- The mass and scale of building expansions of contributing structures should be subordinate to the historically significant elements of the original structure.
- The Neighborhood Pattern standards contained in Section 2 and the Building Design standards in Section 3 apply to historically significant structures unless in conflict with more restrictive standards contained in this Historic Resources section.
- All protected elements of the existing exterior facade should be retained and, if necessary, repaired.
- When a remodel requires the use of newly constructed exterior elements, they should be identical in size, dimension, shape and location as the original, and should utilize the same materials as the existing protected exterior elements.
- Any alteration of an existing structure should incorporate and continue the form, architectural style, materials, and details of the existing structure.
- All exterior elements including, but not limited to, roof lines, porches, doorways, windows, trim and siding should be consistent with and continue the architectural style and design of the original structure.

### 4.8.2 Building Materials

 Use natural/original construction materials (e.g., real wood siding, rock, brick, shingles, plaster) which match and are consistent with the existing materials of the structure. The use of faux rocks or stone is prohibited.

#### **GUIDELINES OVERVIEW**

- The design guidelines do not prescribe specific architectural styles.
   Rather they encourage property owners to determine the special character and features which are inherent in their particular residence and neighborhood.
- Numerous appropriate design solutions exist for established neighborhoods.
- The primary consideration is that a proposed design consciously reflect the scale, rhythm, and continuity of the existing neighborhood to create a harmonious fit that will enhance the quality of the neighborhood.
- In general, additions to existing structures should match, but be subordinate to, the original building.
- Materials for all restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction and new construction should be authentic and match, to the maximum degree possible, those originally used in the historical architectural style. Faux stone, vinyl windows, and manufactured siding are prohibited.
- Professional consultation is recommended for existing structures and for development within sensitive areas to ensure an appropriately designed and detailed building.
- Complete build out to the maximum boundaries of existing zoning requirements may not necessarily be acceptable in some cases.

# HISTORIC RESOURCES 4



Original doors and windows should be retained and repaired



True divided lite windows are encouraged when appropriate to the original structure



Simulated divided lite windows may be considered on a case-by-case basis

- New materials should identically match original materials in shape, size, dimension, texture and pattern. Metal used as flashing, screening, gutters, and utility services and other traditional elements are acceptable.
- Composite, synthetic, metal, vinyl, plastic or fabricated/ imitation wood products, painted brick or imitation used brick will generally not be approved. However, some exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis when the decision making body determines that the replacement is consistent with the appearance of the original material, and that a lay person would be unlikely to discern the difference. The burden of proof will reside with the applicant. Material samples, photographs and specific locations where the material may be seen in use will all assist in the evaluation of alternative materials.
- The decision making body may approve an acceptable alternative to the original building material if use of the original material is not feasible due to unreasonable cost and commercial availability, or health and safety considerations.

#### **4.8.3** Doors

- Original doors should be retained and restored.
- New replacement doors for Victorians should not be flush, but of raised or flat panel design.
- Front doors generally should be painted, not stained.

  Not applicable to Mission Revival/Mediterranean style structures.
- Screened doors should be real wood framed of simple design unless patterns can be shown to fit the existing style.

#### 4.8.4 Windows and Glass in doors

- Original windows, glass and window decorations should be retained and restored.
- Replacement of only the deteriorated portions of the windows is recommended rather than the replacement of the entire window.
- New or replacement windows should be wood-sashed and muntined if applicable.
- Sills, lintels, frames, sashes, muntins, and all decorations should be identically replaced.
- All elements of new windows should be identical in size, shape, proportion, and dimensions as the original windows of the building, or consistent with traditional sizes, proportions and dimensions of buildings of the same architectural style, design and era.
- Windows should be constructed of real glass, and window



# TOWN OF LOS GATOS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/22/2025

ITEM NO: 3

DATE: October 17, 2025

TO: Historic Preservation Committee

FROM: Joel Paulson, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Consider a Request for Approval to Construct Exterior Alterations (Window

Replacement) to an Existing Pre-1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1:8. Located at 69 Hernandez Ave. APN 510-41-015. Request for Review PHST-25-019. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061 (b)(3). Property Owner: Phil Rolla. Applicant: Mike Tinsley. Project Planner:

Suray Nathan.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider a request for approval to construct exterior alterations (window replacement) to an existing pre-1941 single-family residence on property zoned R-1:8, located at 69 Hernandez Avenue.

### **PROPERTY DETAILS:**

- 1. Date primary structure was built: 1900 per County Assessor; 1910 (estimated) per Bloomfield Survey
- 2. Bloomfield Preliminary Rating: ✓, historic & some altered, but still a contributor to the district if there is one
- 3. Does property have an LHP Overlay? No
- 4. Is structure in a historic district? No
- 5. If yes, is it a contributor? N/A
- 6. Findings required? N/A
- 7. Considerations required? Yes

### **BACKGROUND:**

The County Assessor indicates that the residence located at 69 Hernandez Ave was constructed in 1900, and the 1990 Bloomfield Survey estimates the construction date to be 1910 (Attachment 1). The residence appears on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map in 1908, and the residence's footprint remained consistent between 1928 and 1956 (Attachment 2).

PREPARED BY: Suray Nathan

Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: 69 Hernandez Ave/PHST-25-019

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### **DISCUSSION**:

The applicant is requesting approval to replace all existing windows, which vary in material (wood and vinyl) and style (fixed, casement, and double hung). The proposed window replacement is one component of Building Permit for an interior remodel currently under review by the Town. The project includes modification of some windows and the addition of one new window. The proposal also includes the removal of a chimney (non-historic, according to the applicant's research), replacement of a wood door with a wood-framed glass door at the street-facing rear entrance, and removal of one bay window along the street-facing west elevation (Attachments 3 and 7). There are 32 existing windows, and the applicant proposes to remove and reconfigure 15 of the windows, replace 17 windows, and add one new window, resulting in a total of 33 new windows, featuring Marvin Ultimate aluminum-clad wood windows in ebony (Attachments 3 and 7).

The applicant's Letter of Justification states that the subject house has undergone significant modifications over time, including the enclosure of the front porches that wrap around to the side and the construction of a second floor (Attachments 3 and 5). The applicant notes further that the window replacement would also provide a more cohesive look by correcting the window proportions to match the original historic proportions.

The Residential Design Guidelines provides the following recommendations related to window materials:

# 3.7.2 Match window types and proportions to the architectural style and to the surrounding neighborhood

Select window types to complement the style of the house. Each architectural style
generally has one or two window types that are traditional to the style. Double hung
windows, for example, are common features of Victorian and Craftsman Styles while
casement windows are seen frequently in Mission and Spanish Eclectic styles

# 3.7.3 Match window materials to the architectural style and to the surrounding neighborhood

• Wood windows are common in Los Gatos. Wood is still the desired choice for styles that traditionally used wood. However, today there are some window materials, such as vinyl clad wood windows that are not noticeably different from wood at a short distance.

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# 3.7.4 Design the windows with attention to matching the traditional details of the architectural style

• Divided lights (i.e., larger window panes broken up into smaller pieces) are common in many home styles found in Los Gatos. Use either vertical or square proportions for the smaller window elements. Be consistent in the proportions (i.e., the ratio of the horizontal to the vertical dimension) of the smaller panes. Do not use snap in flat grids to simulate divided lights. Use either true divided lights or one of the newer window systems that have dimensional muntins on both the exterior and interior of the glass along with a spacer muntin between the panes of glass. Use consistently for windows on all sides of the house.

### 4.8.2 Building Materials

Composite, synthetic, metal, vinyl, plastic or fabricated/ imitation wood products, painted brick or imitation used brick will generally not be approved. However, some exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis when the decision-making body determines that the replacement is consistent with the appearance of the original material and that a layperson would be unlikely to discern the difference. The burden of proof will reside with the applicant. Material samples, photographs, and specific locations where the material may be seen in use will all assist in the evaluation of alternative materials.

#### 4.8.4 Windows and Glass in doors

Windows should be constructed of real glass, and window frames should be constructed
of real wood - not vinyl, metal, or plastic. Wood sashes may be vinyl or metal clad if the
window frame and dressing is designed consistent with the historic context of the
building.

### **CONSIDERATIONS:**

### A. Considerations

### Sec. 29.80.290. Standards for review.

In evaluating applications, the deciding body shall consider the architectural style, design, arrangement, texture, materials and color, and any other pertinent factors. Applications shall not be granted unless:

For pre-1941 structures, the proposed work will neither adversely affect the exterior architectural characteristics or other features of the property which is the subject of the application, nor adversely affect its relationship, in terms of harmony and

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appropriateness, with its surroundings, including neighboring structures, nor adversely affect the character, or the historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value of the district.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The applicant is requesting approval to replace 32 existing windows, which vary in material (wood and vinyl). The project includes modification of some windows and the addition of one new window. All new windows would be Marvin Ultimate aluminum-clad wood windows in ebony. Should the Committee find merit in the request, a recommendation of approval would be forwarded to the Community Development Director, and the project would be completed with a Building Permit. The project would not return to the Committee.

### FINDINGS:

B. Findings - related to a request for a determination that a pre-1941 primary structure has no historic significance or architectural merit.

In evaluating a request for a determination of historic significance or architectural merit, the Historic Preservation Committee shall consider the following:

- 1. The structure is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the Town;
- 2. No Significant persons are associated with the site;
- 3. There are no distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction or representation of work of a master;
- 4. The structure does not yield information to Town history; or
- 5. The integrity has been compromised such that the structure no longer has the potential to convey significance.

#### <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>:

- 1. 1990 Anne Bloomfield Survey
- 2. Sanborn Fire Maps
- 3. Letter of Justification
- 4. Town Permit Records
- 5. Town Records Provided by Applicant
- 6. Section 3.9, Residential Design Guidelines
- 7. Development Plans

### Anne Bloomfield

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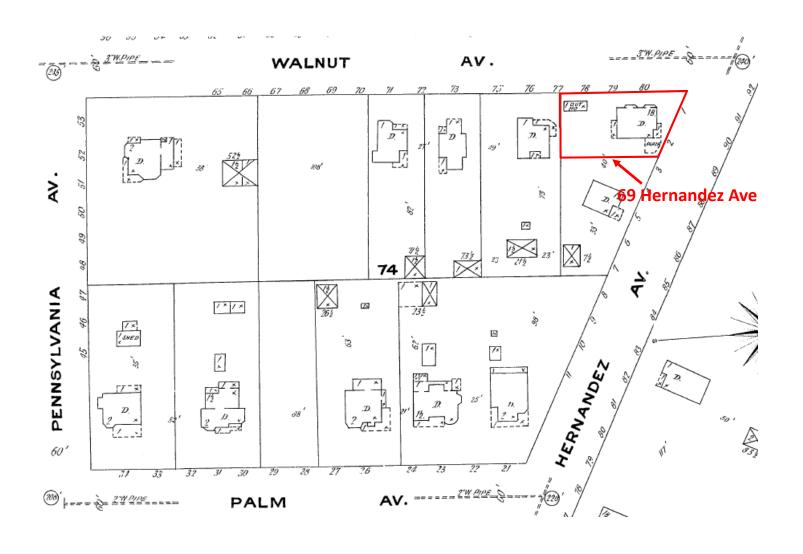
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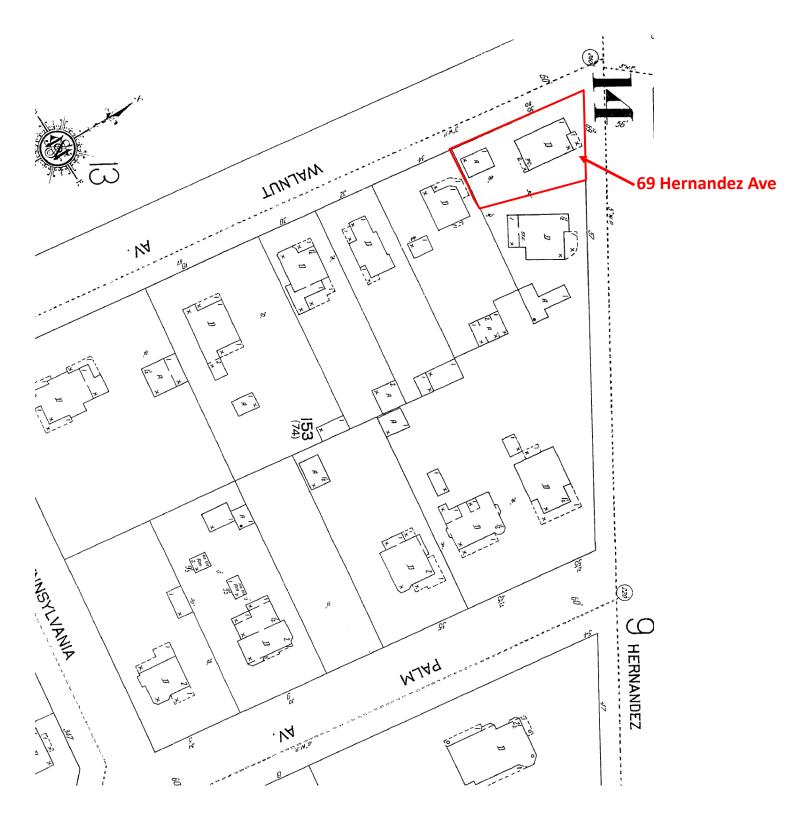
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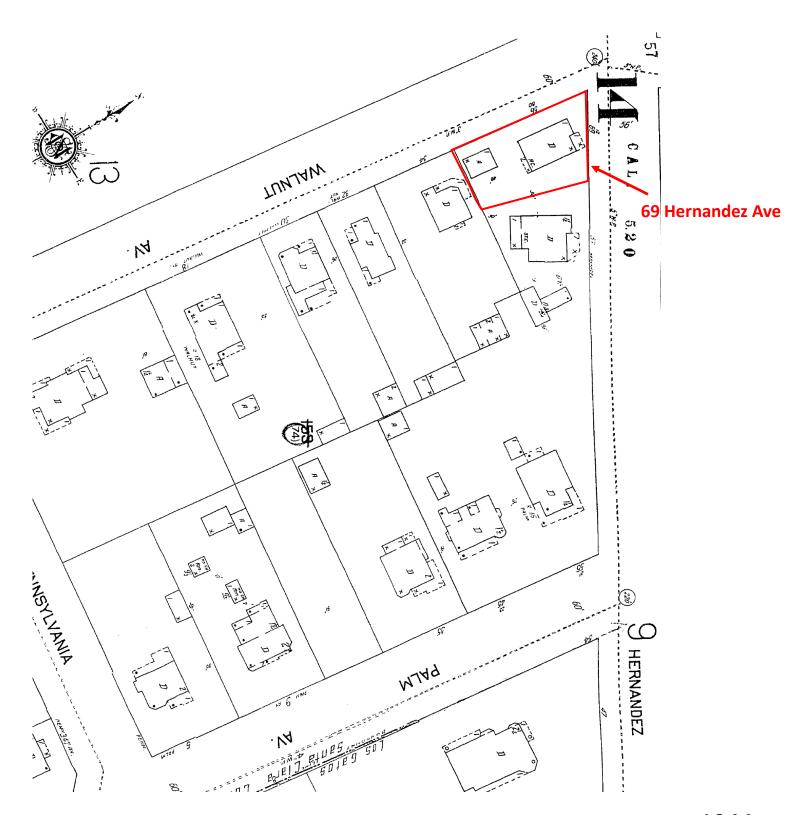
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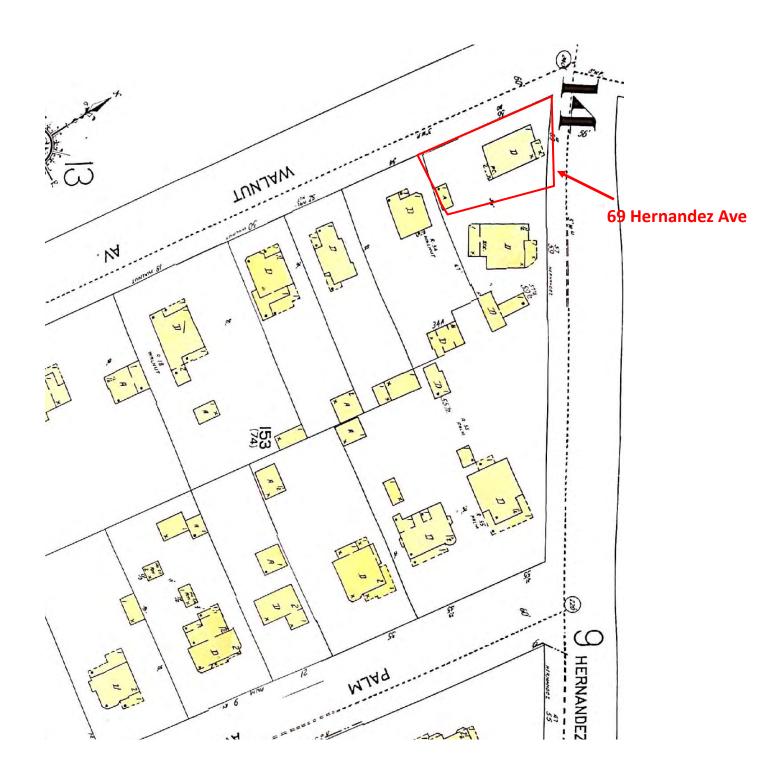
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Town of Los Gatos Planning Dept.

Suray Nathan 110 E. Main St. Los Gatos, CA. 95030

Re: Response to Comments Dated October 1, 2025 - 69 Hernandez Avenue

Dear Mr. Nathan,

Pursuant to your comments dated October 1, 2025, please find attached photos of 69 Hernandez Avenue for your review.

As noted in the historic evaluation prepared by Archaeological Resource Management, the home has been heavily modified over time—both on the exterior and interior—resulting in a non-cohesive floor plan. We are proposing revisions to the interior layout to restore a more functional and cohesive plan. As part of these revisions, several window locations will need to be adjusted, as shown on the submitted Floor Plans and Exterior Elevations.

In addition, we propose to correct the window proportions to a more historically appropriate vertical orientation. Due to past modifications, the existing windows vary in style, operation, and material. To achieve a unified and consistent design, we are proposing to replace all existing windows with Marvin Ultimate aluminum clad wood windows in Ebony. A manufacturer photo is attached for reference. The new windows will have no grids.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Mike Tinsley, Architect

License #: C-30944



Current street view from Hernandez Ave. Page 15 of the Historic Evaluation prepared by Archeological Resource Management, shows what the original home looked like (dated circa 1970). Since then, the Entry has been relocated, the porch has been enclosed, and a new porch with a new roof constructed. We are proposing to replace these windows with properly proportioned windows.



Circa 1970 showing original porch



Current street view from Walnut Ave. We are proposing to remove the existing chimney, noted as non-historic. All windows appear to be replacement windows along this side of the home. We are proposing to remove the striped canvas awnings, remove bay windows in the center of the home and replace all windows with appropriate proportioned windows.



Current view from above existing garage. We are proposing to relocate the 2nd story window, and remove the striped awning. We are proposing to replace the existing wood casement windows.



Marvin Ultimate Casement

Proposed Color: Ebony (Black)

### Archaeological Resource Management

Robert R. Cartier, Ph.D. 496 North 5th Street San Jose, CA 95112 Telephone (408) 295-1373 Fax (408) 286-2040

email: armcartier@netscape.net

Mr. Phil Rolla 69 Hernandez Ave Los Gatos, CA. 95030 July 10, 2025

RE: HISTORIC EVALUATION OF THE RESIDENCE AT 69 HERNANDEZ AVENUE IN LOS GATOS

#### Dear Mr. Rolla:

As per your request our firm is submitting the enclosed historical evaluation of the residence at 69 Hernandez Avenue in Los Gatos. Based upon the requirements of the Town of Los Gatos, a methodology was designed which included the following services:

- an evaluation of the structures based on the criteria of the NRHP and CRHR
- an evaluation of the structures using the criteria of the Town of Los Gatos Historic Preservation Ordinance
- State Historic Resources Evaluation forms (DPR 523) for the structures

The current proposed plans for the property include expansion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor addition, demolition of the detached garage, and construction of a new garage with an ADU above.

The residence at 69 Hernandez Avenue is not currently listed in the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR), or the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In addition, it does not appear to be eligible for listing in either of these registers.

The structure at 69 Hernandez Avenue is not located within a recognized historic district for the Town of Los Gatos and is not currently listed within the LHP overlay. The structure was constructed Circa 1900, and thus before 1941. However, the residence is lacking in historic association and architectural interest and has been heavily modified from its original form.

Thus the structure at 69 Hernandez Avenue does not appear to be historically significant, and no further recommendations are being made.

Sincerely,

Robert Cartier, Ph.D. Principal Investigator

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**\*P11. Report Citation:** (Cite Survey Report and other sources, or enter "none.") None

\* Attachments: \_\_None x\_Location Map \_\_Sketch Map x\_Continuation Sheet x\_Building, Structure, and Object Record \_\_Archaeological Record \_\_District Record \_\_Linear Feature Record \_\_Milling Station Record \_\_Rock Art Record \_\_Artifact Record \_\_Other (List):

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B1. Historic Name:		
B2. Common Name:69 Hernandez Avenue		
B3. Original Use: Residential B4. I	resent Use: Residential	
*B5. Architectural Style: Vernacular		
*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of		
Based upon visual evaluation and available documentation,		
Circa 1900. Numerous modifications and additions to the howard around porch and entry, relocation of the porch and en		
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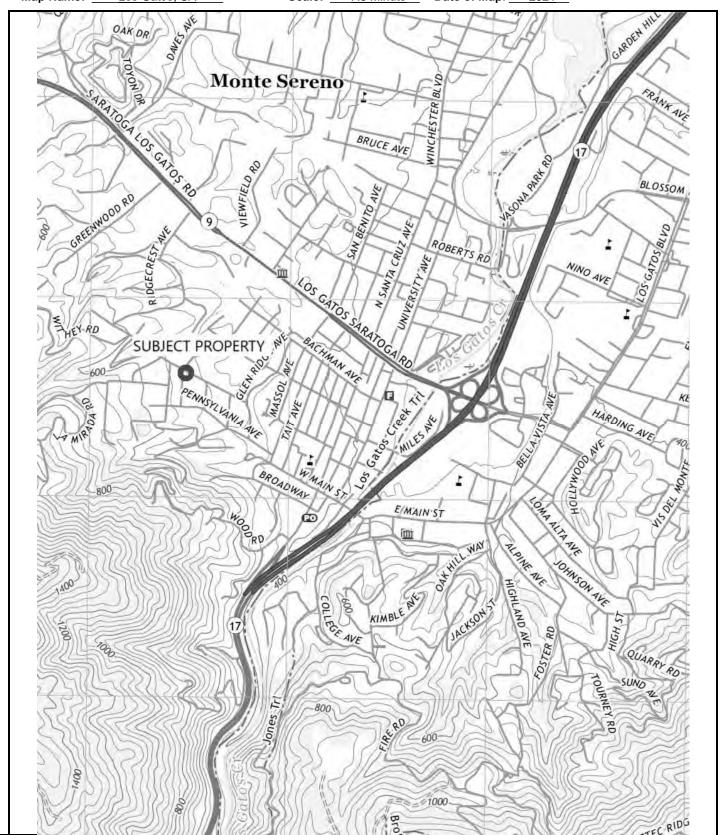
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### **LOCATION MAP**

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Exterior walls are surfaced with narrow horizontal wooden siding on the first floor, with wood shingle siding on the second story addition. The original fenestration is wooden framed and primarily in a double-hung sash configuration, however the majority of the windows appear to be non-original. The front façade features a recessed porch accessed via a brick stairway, both of which appear to be non-original.

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George Miller retained ownership of the property until his death on March 26, 1938. On September 27, 1938 the property was granted by his estate to Bertha Goldstein (Book 899 OR, Page 231). Bertha Goldstein (later Bertha Passavoy) owned the property until her death in 1979. On November 9, 1979 the property was granted by her estate to Lillian Varadi and Eboly Frankel (Book E973 OR, Page 490). On May 22 of 1980 they granted the property to Brian and Christina Barnett and Robert and Carol Palmer (Book F340 OR, Pages 82-84). The 2<sup>nd</sup> story was added to the residence during their ownership of the property, in 1981. On October 22, 1981 the property was granted to Norman and Nancy Nason (Book G405 OR, Page 747). On October 5, 1982 they granted the property to Dennis and Jocelyn Penner (Book H063 OR, Page 739). Jocelyn Penner retained ownership of the property until April 24, 2025, when it was granted to Phillip and Gwynne Rolla, who are the current owners (Assessor's Doc#25803591).

Los Gatos Historic Building Inventory

The Los Gatos Town Code (Sec. 29.80.215) states that "The purpose of historic preservation is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public through:

- (1)The protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of structures, sites and areas that are reminders of past eras, events and persons important in local, State, or National history, or which provide significant examples of architectural styles of the past or are landmarks in the history of architecture, or which are unique and \ irreplaceable assets to the Town and its neighborhoods, or which provide for this and future generations examples of the physical surroundings in which past generations lived.
- (2) The development and maintenance of appropriate settings and environment for such structures.
- (3)The enhancement of property values, the stabilization of neighborhood and areas of the Town, the increase of economic and financial benefits to the Town and its inhabitants, and the promotion of tourist trade and interest.
- (4)The enrichment of human life in its educational and cultural dimensions by serving aesthetic as well as material needs and fostering knowledge of the living heritage of the past.

(Ord. No. 1316, § 4.86.010, 6-7-76; Ord. No. 1328, 8-2-76; Ord. No. 2041, § IV, 2-2-98)

The Town of Los Gatos recognizes a structure as historic if any one of the following apply:

- 1. Any structure / site that is located within an historic district
- 2. Any structure / site that is historically designated within the LHP (Landmark Historic Preservation) overlay
- 3. Any primary structure constructed prior to 1941, unless the town has specifically determined the structure has no historic significance or architectural merit

The structure at 69 Hernandez Avenue is not located within a recognized historic district and is not currently listed within the LHP overlay. The structure was constructed Circa 1900, and thus before 1941. However, the residence is lacking in historic association and architectural interest and has been heavily modified from its original form.

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California Register of Historic Resources Criteria

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A cultural resource is considered "significant" if it qualifies as eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR). Properties that are eligible for listing in the CRHR must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history or the cultural heritage of California or the United States;
- 2. Association with the lives of persons important to local, California, or national history;

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- 3. Embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or representing the work of a master, or possessing high artistic values; or
- 4. Has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California, or the nation.

A property may be automatically listed in the CRHR if it is formally determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Properties that are formally determined eligible for the NRHP are those that are designated as such through one of the federal preservation programs administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation (i.e., the National Register, Tax Certification, and Section 106 review of federal undertakings).

The CRHR interprets the integrity of a cultural resource based upon its physical authenticity. An historic cultural resource must retain its historic character or appearance and thus be recognizable as an historic resource. Integrity is evaluated by examining the subject's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. If the subject has retained these qualities, it may be said to have integrity. It is possible that a cultural resource may not retain sufficient integrity to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places yet still be eligible for listing in the CRHR. If a cultural resource retains the potential to convey significant historical/scientific data, it may be said to retain sufficient integrity for potential listing in the CRHR.

The property at 69 Hernandez Avenue is not currently listed on the CRHR. In addition the structure does not appear to be eligible for inclusion in this register. The structure is not associated with significant events and thus it does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion 1. The structure is not associated with the lives of historically significant people, thus it does not appear to be eligible for inclusion under Criterion 2. The structure is an example of vernacular architecture, however it is not a notable example of this style. Thus it does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion 3. The structure does not appear to have the potential to yield information important to history, and thus does not appear to be potentially eligible for listing under Criterion 4.

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### National Register Criteria

The National Register of Historic Places was first established in 1966, with major revisions in 1976. The register is set forth in 36 CFR 60 which establishes the responsibilities of the State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO), standards for their staffs and review boards, and describes the statewide survey and planning process for historic preservation. Within this regulation guidelines are set forth concerning the National Register of Historic Places (36 CFR 60.6). In addition, further regulations are found in 36 CFR 63-66, 800, and Bulletin 15 which define procedures for determination of eligibility, identification of historic properties, recovery, reporting, and protection procedures. The National Register of Historic Places was established to recognize resources associated with the accomplishments of all peoples who have contributed to the country's history and heritage. Guidelines were designed for Federal and State agencies in nominating cultural resources to the National Register. These guidelines are based upon integrity and significance of the resource. Integrity applies to specific items such as location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture is present in resources that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to broad patterns of our history;
- B. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. that embody distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D.that have yielded, or are likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Integrity is defined in <u>Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation</u>, (U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service 1982) as:

the authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's historic or prehistoric period. If a property retains the physical characteristics it possessed in the past then it has the capacity to convey association with historical patterns or persons, architectural or engineering design and technology, or information about a culture or peoples.

There are also seven aspects of integrity which are used. These aspects are:

1. location

5. Workmanship

2. design

6. Feeling

3. setting

7. Association

4. materials

The residence at 69 Hernandez Avenue is not currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition the structure does not appear to be eligible for inclusion in this register. The property is not associated with any known significant historical events, thus it does not appear to be eligible under Criterion A. The structure is not associated with historically significant persons, thus it does not appear to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion B. Although an example of vernacular architecture, it is not a notable example of this style and does not appear to be eligible for inclusion under Criterion C. The structure does not appear likely to yield important historical information, thus it does not appear eligible for inclusion under Criterion D.

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Photo 1: View of the front façade of 69 Hernandez Avenue.



Photo 2: View of the front gabled wing on the front façade.

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Photo 3: View of the enclosed porch addition to the eastern façade.



Photo 4: View of the (non-original) front porch and entry to the residence.

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Photo 5: An oblique view of the front façade from the northwest.



Photo 6: View of bay window along the western facade

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Photo 7: Detail of the (non-original) chimney.



Photo 8: View of the rear entry to the residence.

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Photo 9: View of the 1st floor of the rear façade.



Photo 10: View of the 2<sup>nd</sup> story, rear façade.

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Photo 11: Image from the County of Santa Clara Appraiser's Property Record for 69 Hernandez Avenue showing the residence prior to the porch enclosure, entry relocation, and 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition (Circa 1970's).

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# ATC-20 Detailed Evaluation Safety Assessment Form

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### ATC-20 Detailed inclination Safety Assessment Continued)

Instructions: Examine the building to determine if any hazardous conditions exist. A "yes" answer in categories 1, 2, or 4 is grounds for posting building UNSAFE. If condition is suspected to be unsafe and more review is needed, check appropriate Unknown box (es) and post LIMITED ENTRY. A "yes" answer in category 3 requires posting and/or barricading to indicate AREA UNSAFE. Explain "Yes", "Unknown" findings and extent of damage under "Comments."

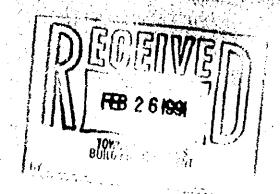
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### REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

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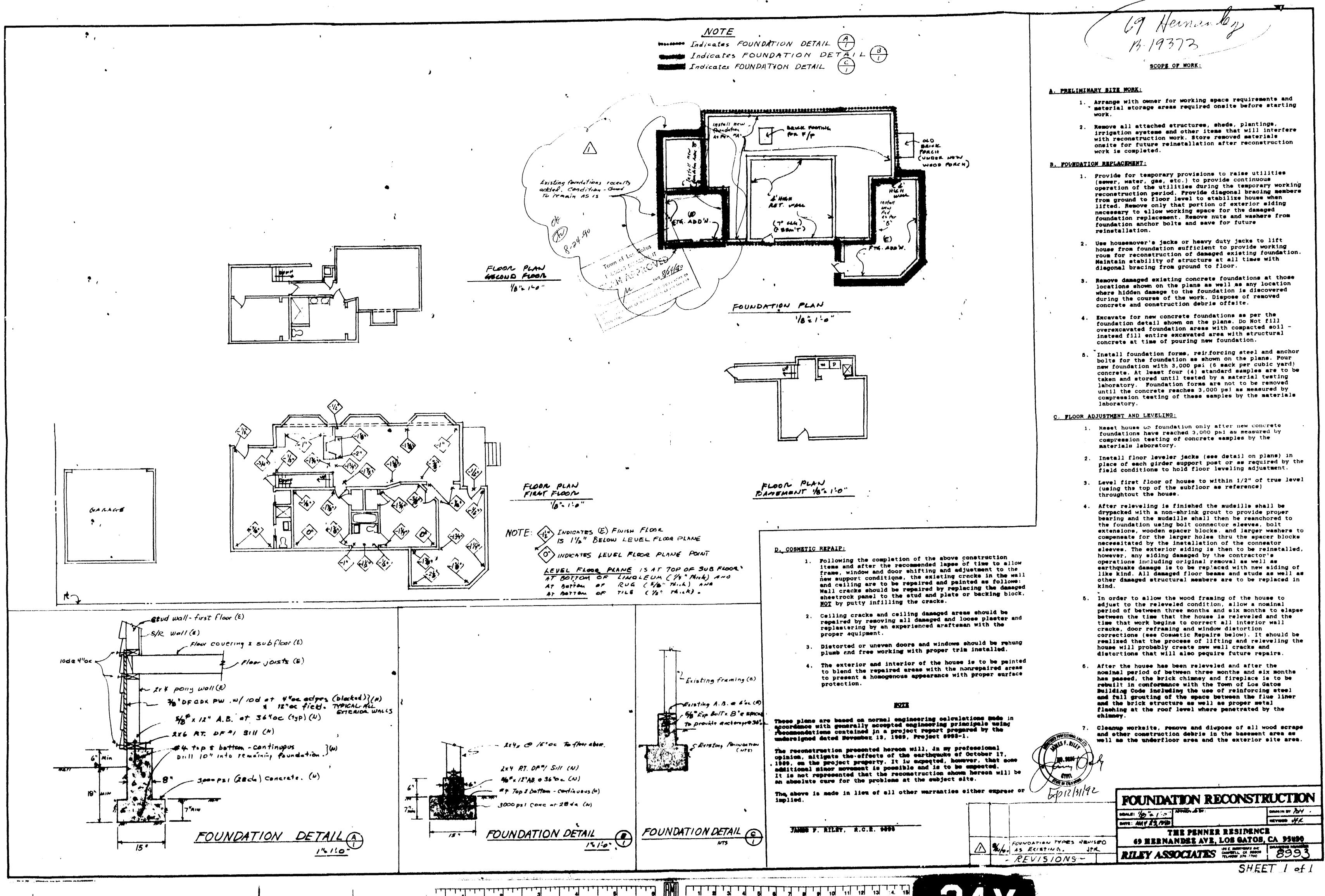
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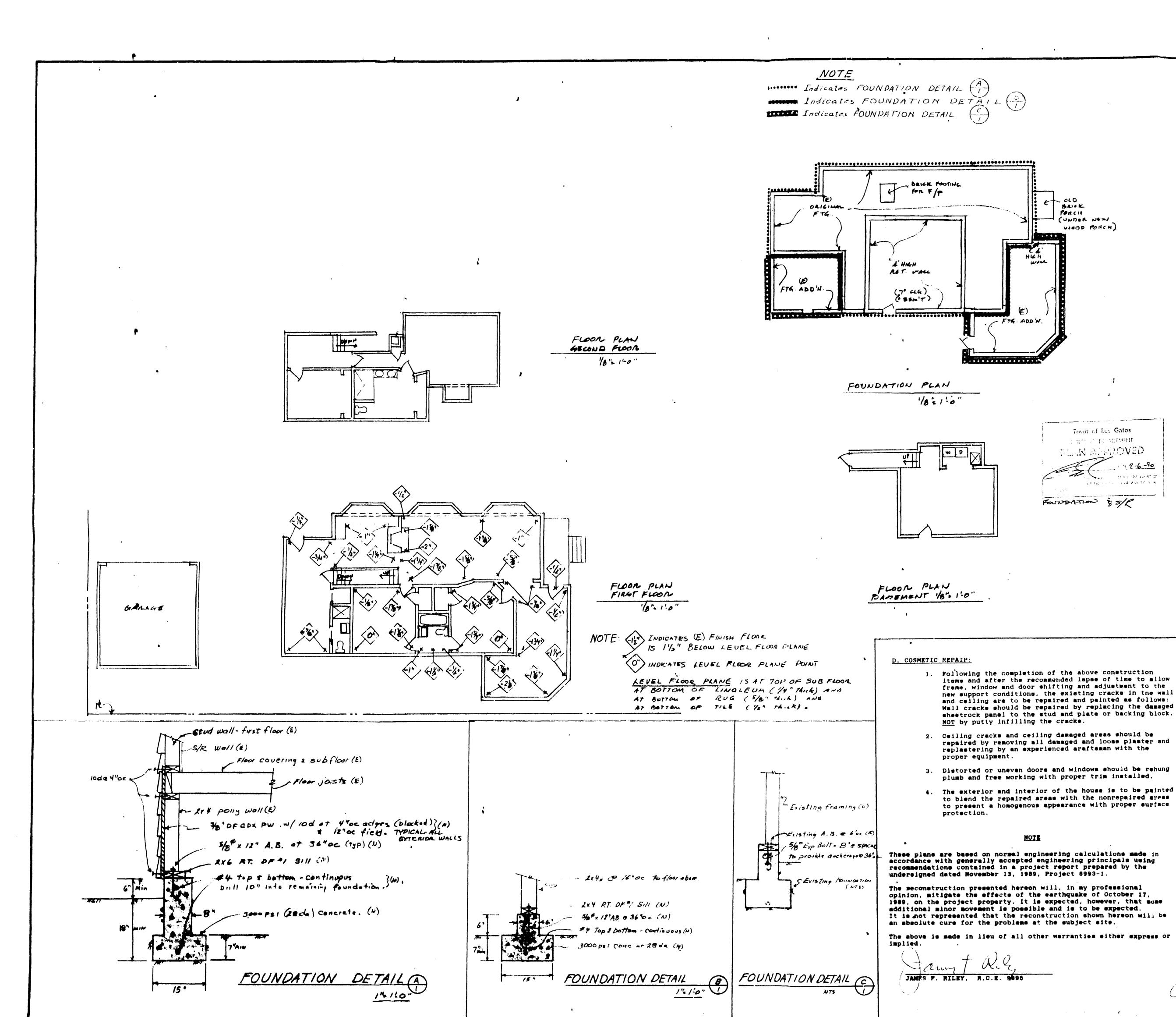
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### SCOPE OF WORK:

# A. PRELIMINARY SITE WORK:

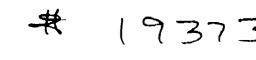
- 1. Arrange with owner for working space requirements and material storage areas required onsite before starting
- Remove all attached structures, sheds, plantings, irrigation systems and other items that will interfere with reconstruction work. Store removed materials onsite for future reinstallation after reconstruction work is completed.

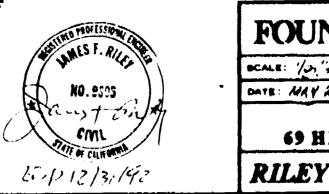
### B. FOUNDATION REPLACEMENT:

- 1. Provide for temporary provisions to raise utilities (sewer, water, gas, etc.) to provide continuous operation of the utilities during the temporary working reconstruction period. Provide diagonal bracing members from ground to floor level to stabilize house when lifted. Remove only that portion of exterior siding necessary to allow working space for the damaged foundation replacement. Remove nuts and washers from foundation anchor bolts and save for future reinstallation.
- 2. Use housemover's jacks or heavy duty jacks to lift house from foundation sufficient to provide working room for reconstruction of damaged existing foundation. Maintain stability of structure at all times with diagonal bracing from ground to floor.
- 3. Remove damaged existing concrete foundations at those locations shown on the plans as well as any location where hidden damage to the foundation is discovered during the course of the work. Dispose of removed concrete and construction debris offsite.
- 4. Excavate for new concrete foundations as per the foundation detail shown on the plans. Do Not fill overexcavated foundation areas with compacted soil instead fill entire excavated area with structural concrete at time of pouring new foundation.
- 5. Install foundation forms, reinforcing steel and anchor bolts for the foundation as shown on the plans. Pour new foundation with 3,000 psi (6 sack per cubic yard) concrete. At least four (4) standard samples are to be taken and stored until tested by a material testing laboratory. Foundation forms are not to be removed until the concrete reaches 3,000 psi as measured by compression testing of these samples by the materials

# C. FLOOR ADJUSTMENT AND LEVELING:

- 1. Reset house on foundation only after new concrete foundations have reached 3,000 psi as measured by compression testing of concrete samples by the materials laboratory.
- Install floor levelor jacks (see detail on plans) in place of each girder support post or as required by the field conditions to hold floor leveling adjustment.
- Level first floor of house to within 1/2" of true level (using the top of the subfloor as reference) throughtout the house.
- 4. After releveling is finished the mudsills shall be drypacked with a non-shrink grout to provide proper bearing and the mudsills shall then be reanchored to the foundation using bolt corrector sleeves, bolt extensions, wooden spacer blocks, and larger washers to compensate for the larger holes thru the spacer blocks necessitated by the installation of the conneator sleeves. The exterior siding is then to be reinstalled, however, any siding damaged by the contractor's operations including original removal as well as earthquake damage is to be replaced with new siding of like kind. All damaged floor beams and stude as well as ofter damaged structural members are to be replaced in kind.
- 5. In order to allow the wood framing of the house to adjust to the releveled condition, allow a nominal period of between three months and six months to elapse between the time that the house is releveled and the time that work begins to correct all interior wall cracks, door reframing and window distortion corrections (see Cosmetic Repairs below). It should be realized that the process of lifting and releveling the house will probably create new wall cracks and distortions that will also pequire future repairs.
- 6. After the house has been releveled and after the nominal period of between three months and six months has passed, the brick chimney and fireplace is to be rebuilt in conformance with the Town of Los Gatow Building Code including the use of reinforcing steel and full grouting of the space between the flue liner and the brick structure as well as proper metal flashing at the roof level where penetrated by the chimney.
- 7. Cleanup worksite, remove and dispose of all wood scraps and other construction debris in the basement area as well as the underfloor area and the exterior site area.





FOUNDATION RECONSTRUCTION

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69 HERNANDEZ AVE, LOS GATOS, CA 95030

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110 E. MAIN ST., LOS GATOS, CA. 95030 **BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT - PHONE 354-6876** 

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APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

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WORKER'S COMPENSATION DECLARATION

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PERMISSION IS THEREFORE GRANTED TO DO SUCH WORK AS INDICATED, IN THIS APPLICATION, IN AC-CORDANCE WITH, AND SUBJECT TO, ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUILDING CODE OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS AND RELATED LAWS.

THIS PERMIT BECOMES NULL AND VOID IF WORK IS NOT COMMENCED WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE, OR IF WORK IS SUSPENDED AT ANY TIME DURING CONSTRUCTION FOR MORE THAN 120 DAYS, OR IF ANY WORK IS DONE ON THE SAID BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IN VIOLATION OF ANY TOWN ORDINANCE OR STATE LAW RELATING THERETO.

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### NOTICE

WORK AUTHORIZED BY THIS PERMIT RE-QUIRES INSPECTION AND APPROVAL. WHEN WORK IS READY FOR INSPECTION. CALL BUILDING DEPARTMENT, 354-6876.

### TOWN OF LOS GATOS

110 EAST MAIN STREET

# **Building Inspection Record**

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G. Masonry			-
H. Flues, Vents			1
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P. Interior Lath	
Q. Exterior Lath	
R. Final Gas Test	
S. Furnace	
T. Electrical Fixtures	
U. Plumbing Fixtures	
V. Sewer (Backwater Valve)	
W. Insulation Certificate	
X. Smoke Detector	
Y. House Number Posted	
Z. Final, Job Completed	

INSPECTOR MUST BE GIVEN 24-HOUR NOTICE BEFORE EACH INSPECTION. PHONE 354-6876

THIS CARD MUST BE KEPT POSTED ON THE JOB AT ALL TIMES UNTIL FINAL APPROVAL

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FINAL INSPECTION AND OCCUPANCY

### NOTICE

Final inspection and occupancy of all new buildings requires clearance from the following agencies:

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT (354-6876)**

- a) Building construction complete and approved.
- b) Final grading and drainage completed.
- c) Energy compliance certification.

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT (354-6872)

- a) Driveway and parking improvement complete.
- b) Required landscape and irrigation complete.

### **PUBLIC WORKS (354-6864)**

- a) Subdivision and offsite improvements complete.
- b) Off site utilities installed and completed.

### **CENTRAL FIRE (378-4015)**

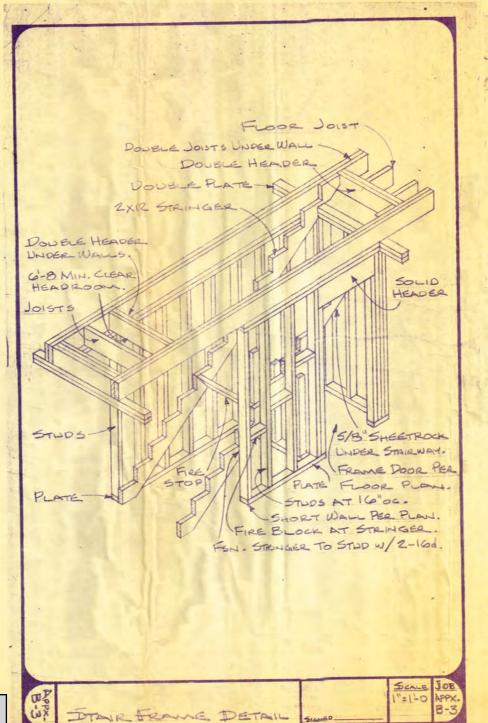
- a) Fire hydrants completed and operational.
- b) Fire extinguishers as required installed.
- c) Fire sprinkler system (if applicable) tested and operational.
- d) Emergency or fire access (if required) completed.

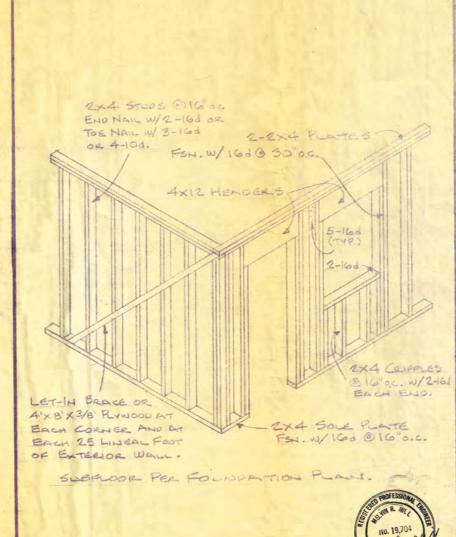
### HEALTH DEPARTMENT (279-6060)

- a) Private sewage disposal system (if applicable) to be complete and approved.
- b) Certificate of compliance and approval for food handling facilities.

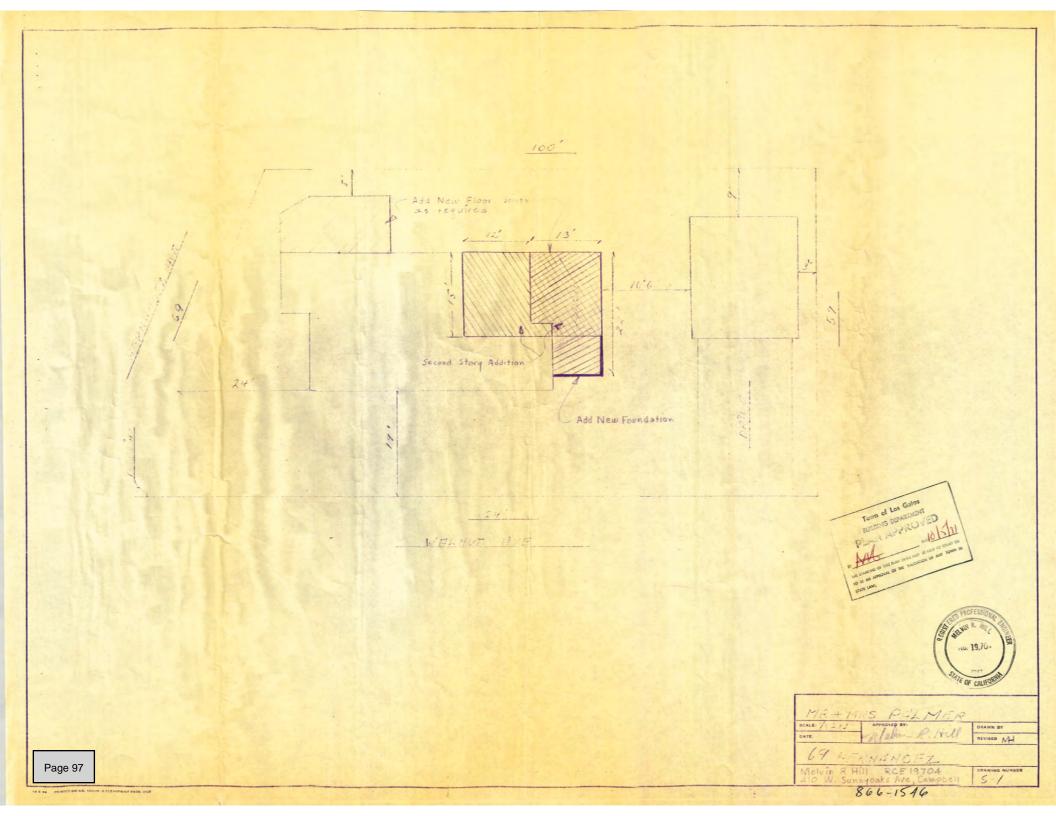
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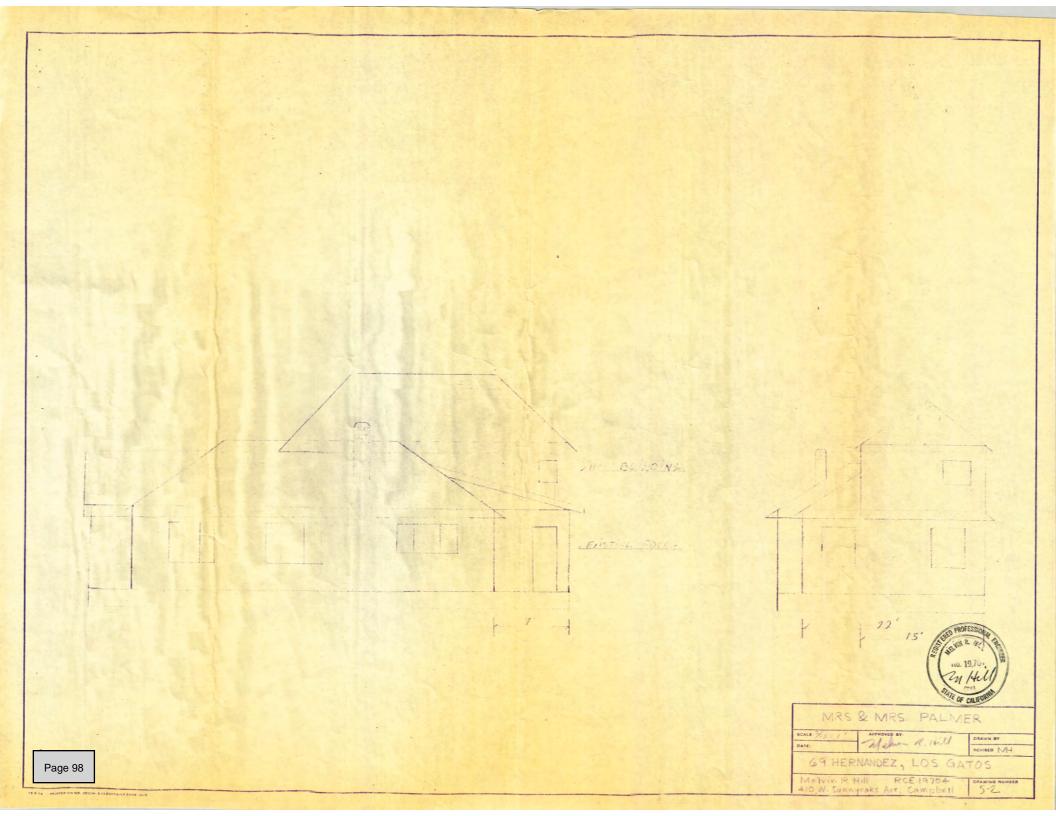
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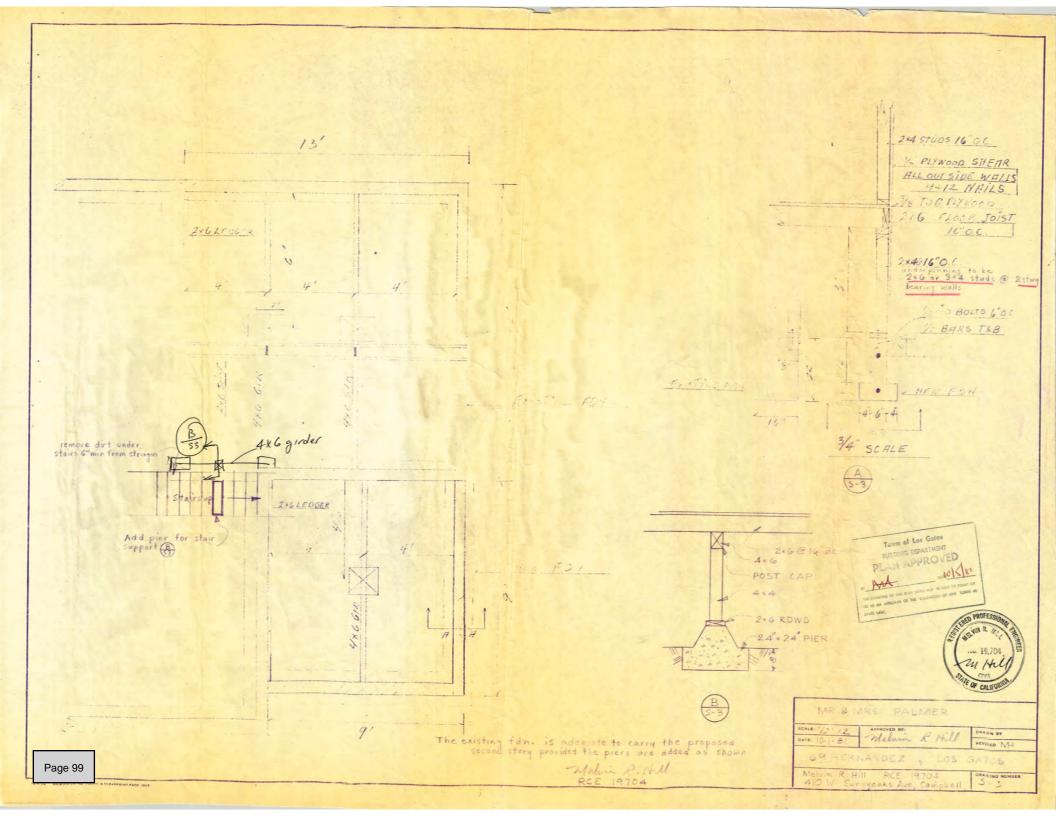


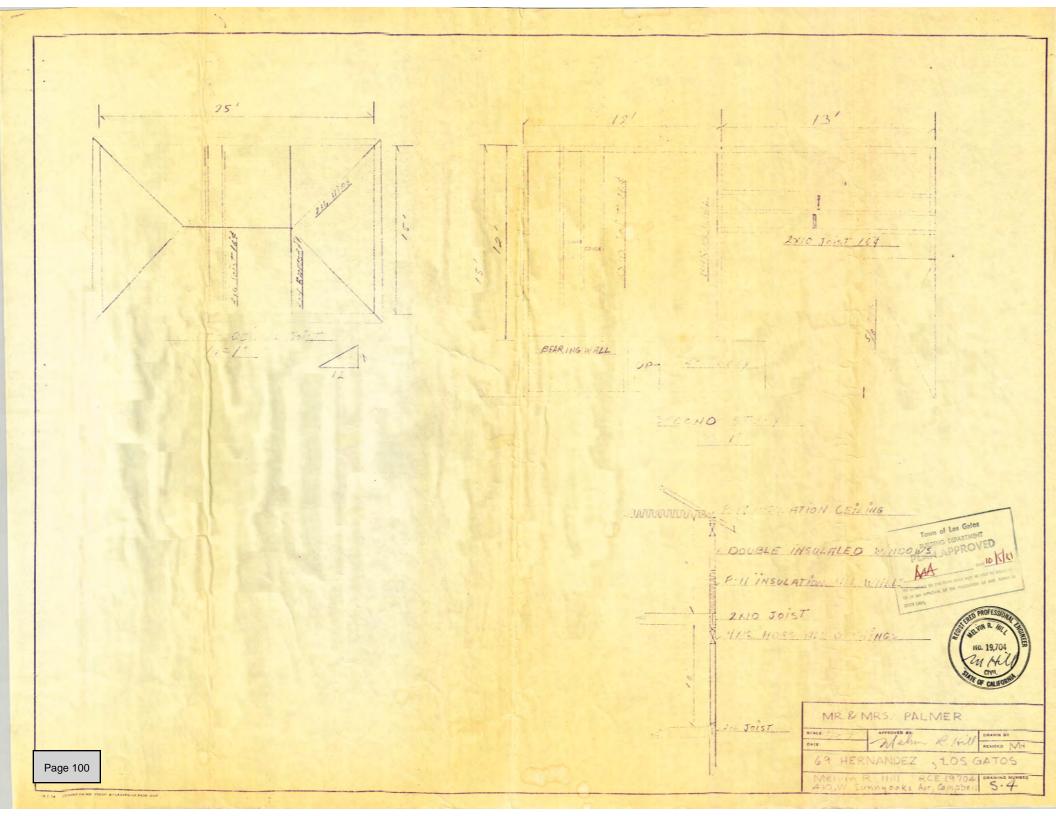


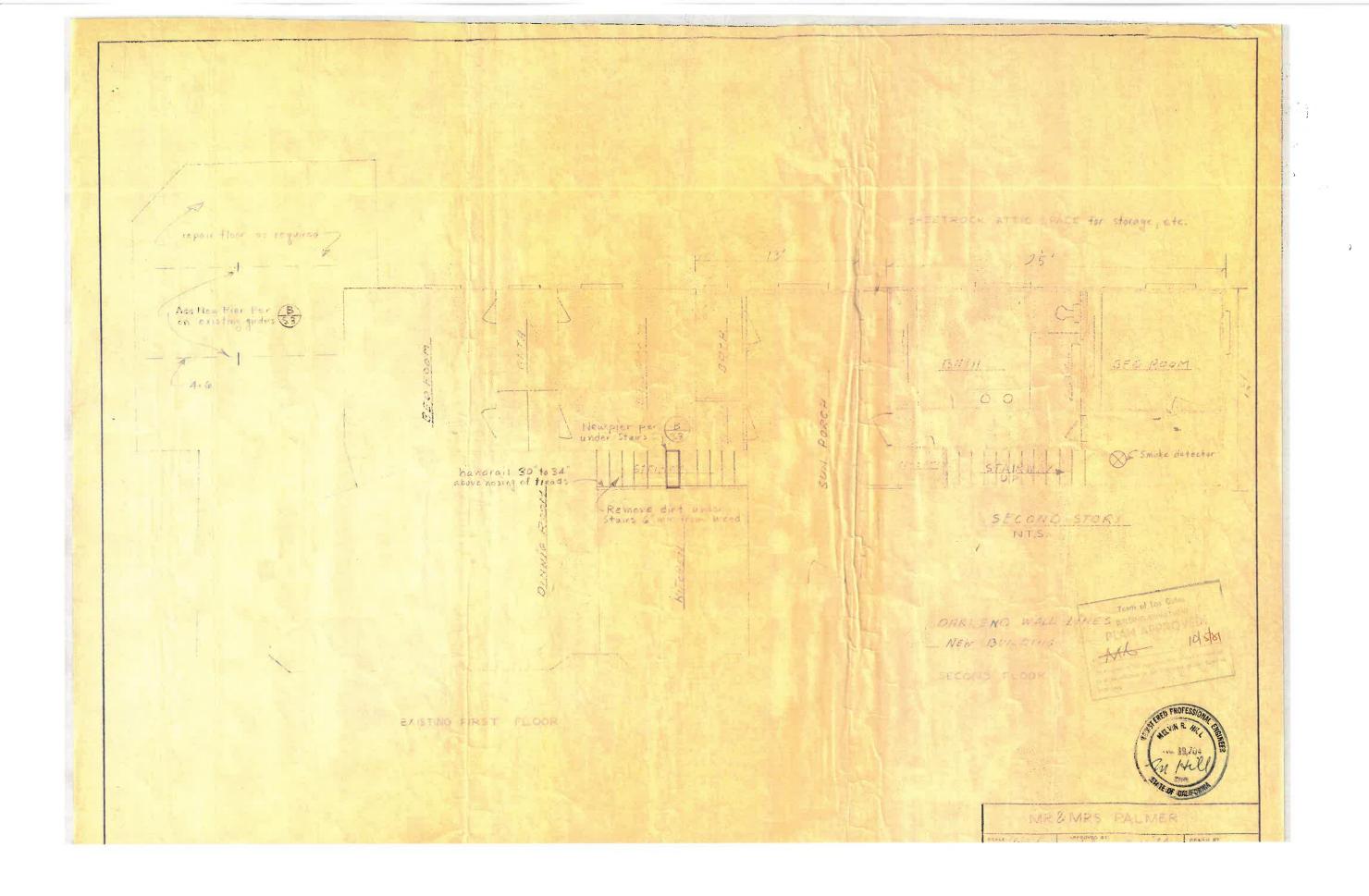
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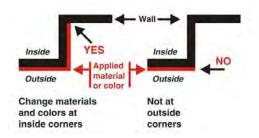
# BUILDING DESIGN 3

### 3.8.3 Use traditional detailing

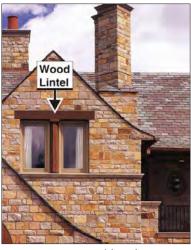
- Treat openings in walls as though they were constructed of the traditional material for the style. For example, be sure to provide substantial wall space above arches in stucco and stone walls. Traditionally, wall space above the arch would have been necessary to structurally span the opening, and to make the space too small is inconsistent with the architectural style.
- Openings in walls faced with stone, real or synthetic, should have defined lintels above the opening except in Mission or Spanish Eclectic styles. Lintels may be stone, brick or wood as suits the style of the house.
- Treat synthetic materials as though they were authentic.
   For example, select synthetic stone patterns that place the individual stones in a horizontal plane as they would have been in a load bearing masonry wall.
- Select roof materials that are consistent with the traditional architectural style (e.g., avoid concrete roof tiles on a Craftsman Style house.)



• Make materials and color changes at inside corners rather than outside corners to avoid a pasted on look.



# Stone Lintels



Use stone or wood lintels over openings in stone walls

# 3.9 ADDITIONS/ACCESSORY BUILDINGS/SECONDARY UNITS

- Site additions in the least conspicuous place. In many cases this is a rear or side elevation only rarely is it a rooftop.
- The existing built forms, components and materials should be reinforced. Heights and proportions of additions and alterations should be consistent with and continue the original architectural style and design.
- Additions should be subordinate, and compatible in scale and proportion to the historically significant portions of the existing structure.
- When an addition or remodel requires the use of newly constructed exterior elements, they should be identical in size, dimension, shape and location as the original, and



Additions, accessory buildings and secondary units should match the form, architectural style, and details of the original house

# **BUILDING DESIGN**



Original structure



Addition incorporated into the roof successfully adds space while respecting the integrity of the existing house and the scale of the neighborhood

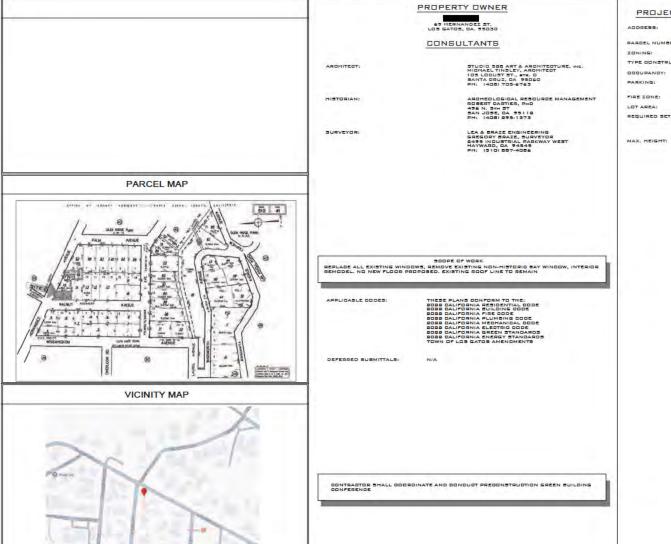


Placing a two story addition to the rear can minimize its impact on the historic resource and the scale of the neighborhood

- should utilize the same materials as the existing protected exterior elements.
- When an addition necessitates the removal of architectural materials, such as siding, windows, doors, and decorative elements, they should be carefully removed and reused in the addition where possible.
- The introduction of window and door openings not characteristic in proportion, scale, or style with the original architecture is strongly discouraged (e.g., sliding windows or doors in a structure characterized by double hung windows and swinging doors).
- The character of any addition or alteration should be in keeping with and subordinate to the integrity of the original structure.
- The amount of foundation exposed on the addition should match that of the original building.
- Do not add roof top additions where the roof is of historic significance.
- Second floor additions are discouraged in neighborhoods with largely one story homes. If horizontal expansion of the house is not possible, consider incorporating a second floor addition within the roof form as shown in the example to the left.
- Second floor additions which are not embedded within the roof form should be located to the rear of the structure.
- The height and proportion of an addition or a second story should not dominate the original structure.
- Deck additions should be placed to the rear of the structure only, and should be subordinate in terms of scale and detailing.
- New outbuildings, such as garages, should be clearly subordinate to the main structure in massing, and should utilize forms, materials and details which are similar to the main structure.
- Garages should generally be located to the rear of the lot behind the rear wall of the residence. One car wide access driveways should be utilized.

### REMODEL FOR RESIDENCE

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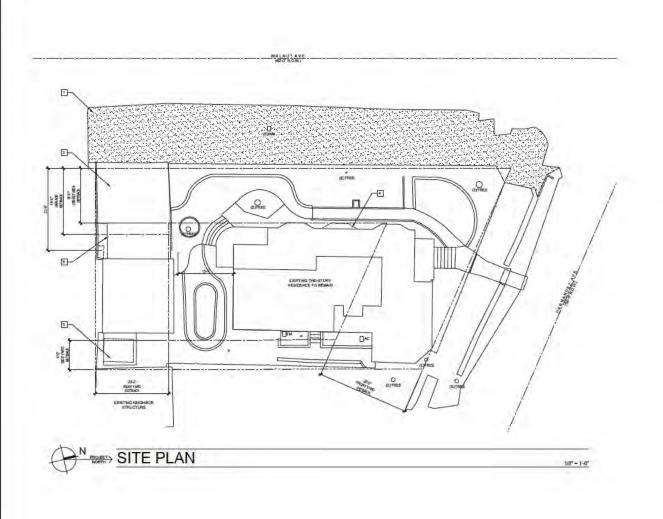


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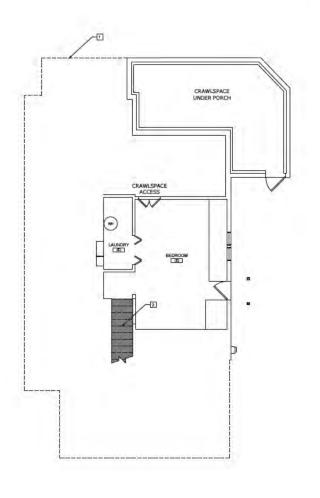




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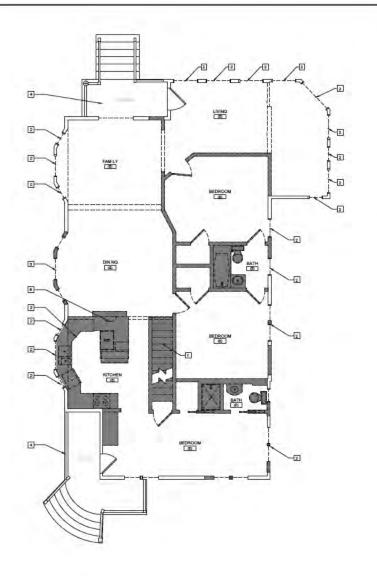
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1/4" = 1"-0"



WALL LEGEND

(E) CONSTRUCTION TO BE REMOVED.



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### SHEET NOTES

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- 4 (E) PORCH TO REMAN
- 5 (E) KITCHEN CAS NETRY, PLUMSING APPLIANCES AND FINISHES TO BE REMOVED
- B (E) FIREPLACE TO BE REMOVED, PREP AREA FOR (N) FLOORING





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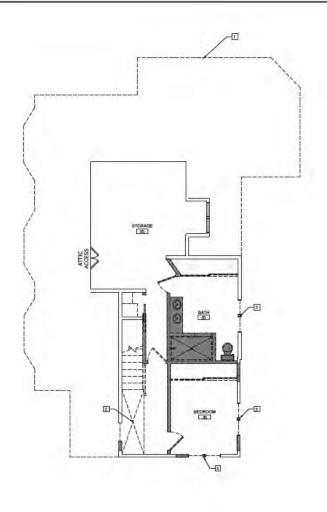


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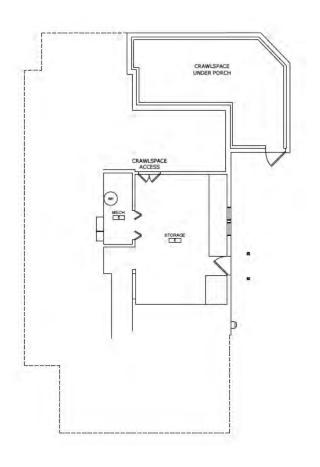


UPPER LEVEL DEMOLITION PLAN

1/4" = 1"-0"

WALL LEGEND

(E) CONSTRUCTION TO BE REMOVED.



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- 6. PROVIDE FULLY TEMPERED, LAMINATED SAFETY GLASS FOR TUB / SHOWER ENCLOSURE.
- ALL INTERIOR FINISHES, FIXTURES, APPLIANCES, AND EQUIPMENT TO BE SELECTED AND APPROVED BY THE OWNER PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.



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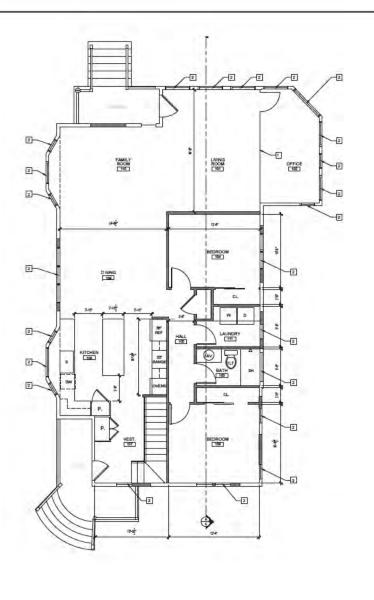


WALL LEGEND (E) CONSTRUCTION TO REMAN



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#### SHEET NOTES

- 1 (N) GLASS WALL PARTITION
- 2 (N) ALUM, CLAD WOOD WINDOW, COLOR: BLACK

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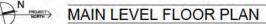
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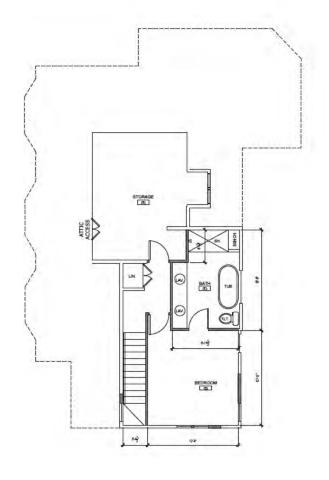


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WALL LEGEND

(N) CONSTRUCTION TO MATCH (E)



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WALL LEGEND (E) CONSTRUCTION TO REMA N 1/4" - 1'-0"

(N) CONSTRUCTION TO MATCH (E)

#### WALL SURFACE CALCULATION

EXISTING WALL SURFACE:

544 mg ft.

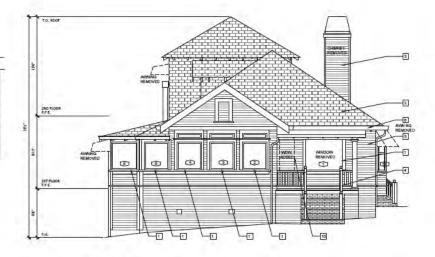
EXISTING WALL SURFACE 13 mg ft. (FOR NEW TO BE MOD FIED: 23 mg ft. (INFILL EX

TOTAL WALL SLEEFACE

35 eq.h. (7.2%)

#### **EXISTING WINDOWS**

NO.	CONDUTION	MATERIAL	FUNCTION	
0	(E) NON-DRIGINAL, REMOVED	WDOD	FIXED WITHARSOM	
1	(E) NON-CRIS NAL, REPLACED	WOOD	FIXED W/TRANSOM	
1	(E) NON-ORIGINAL, REPLACED	WOOD	FIXED W/ TRANSOM	
•	(E) NON-CRIG NAL, REPLACED	WOOD	FIXED W/ TRANSOM	
0	(E) NON-ORIGINAL, REPLACED	WOOD	PIXED	
0	(E) NON-ORIGINAL, REPLACED	WOOD	FIXED	
3	(E) ORIGINAL, REMOVED	WOOD	DOUBLE HUNG	



#### **EXSTING NOTES**

- 1 (E) NON-HISTORIC WOOD WINDOW TO BE REMOVE
- 2 (E) ASPHALT SHINGLE TO REM
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- (E) PORCH AND RAIL NG TO REMAIN
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- 6 (E) GUTTER & DOWNSPOUT TO REMA
- T IS UTILITY METER
- E CANVAS AWNING TO BE REMOVE
- (B) (II) ORIGINAL WINDOW TO BE HEA
- DASHED LINE INDICATES PROPOSED WINDOWLOCATION



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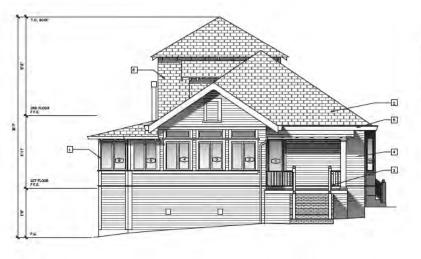


## **EXISTING NORTH ELEVATION (FRONT)**

1/4" - 1"-0"

#### PROPOSED WINDOWS

NO.	CONDUTION	MATERIAL	FUNCTION
0	NEW	ALUM, CLAD WOOD	PIXED
0	REPLACEMENT	ALUM CLAD WOOD	DISL CASEMENT WITRANSOM
1	REPLACEMENT	ALUM CLAD WOOD	DISL CASEMENT WITHANSOM
•	REPLACEMENT	ALUM CLAD WOOD	DISL CASEMENT WITTRANSOM
0	REPLACEMENT	ALUM CLAD WOOD	PIXED
1	REPLACEMENT	ALUM CLAD WOOD	roco
(30)	REPLACEMENT	ALUM: CLAD WOOD	CASEMENT



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PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION (FRONT)

1/4" - 1-0"

#### PROPOSED NOTES

- 1 (E) WOOD TRIM TO REMA N
- 2 EJASPHALT SHINGLE TO REMAIN
- 4 CLAP S D NG TO REMA N
- 5 (E) GUTTER & DOWNSPOUT TO REMAIN
- 8 (E) SHINGLE SIDING TO REMAIN

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### **EXISTING EAST ELEVATION (SIDE)**



1/4" - 1'-0"



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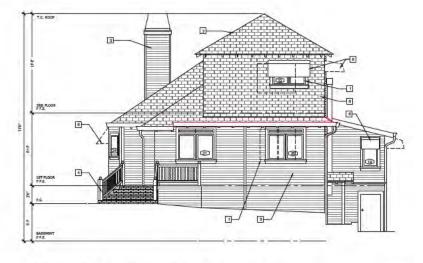
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#### WALL SURFACE CALCULATION

EXIST NO WALL SURFACE TO BE MOD FIED: 17 sq.ft. (FOR NEW WINDOW) 19 sq.ft. (INF LL EXISTING WINDOW)

#### **EXISTING WINDOWS**

NO.	CONDUTION	MATERIAL	FUNCTION
1	(E) NON-ORIGINAL, REPLACE	WOOD	FIXED
130	(E) NON-ORIGINAL, REMOVE	WOOD	PAIR CASEMENT W TRANSON
1	(E) NON-ORIG NAL, /REMOVE	WOOD	PAIR CASEMENT W TRANSOM
<b>3</b>	(E) NON-ORIGINAL, REMOVE	WOOD	PAIR CASEMENT
120	(E) NON-ORIGINAL, REPLACE	WOOD	CASEMENT

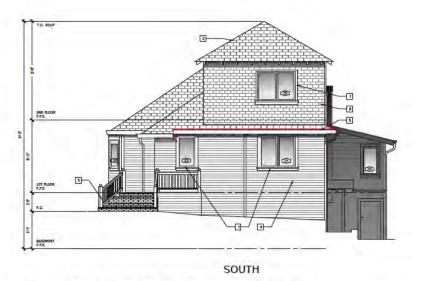


# EXISTING SOUTH ELEVATION (REAR)

1/4" - 1"-0"

#### PROPOSED WINDOWS

NO.	CONDITION	MATERIAL	PUNCTION
8	REPLICEMENT	ALLIM. CLAD WOOD	PUZD
20	NEW	ALLIM. CLAD WOOD	DBL CASEMENT
1	NEW	ALUM: CLAD WOOD	CASEMENT
0	NEW	ALUM CLAD WOOD	DBL CASEMENT W TRANSOM
120	REPLACEMENT	ALUM, CLAD WOOD	CASEMENT



PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION (REAR)

1/4" - 1"-0"

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- 4 (E) PORCH & RAILING TO REMAIN
- (E) SH NGLE SIDING TO REMAN





#### PROPOSED NOTES

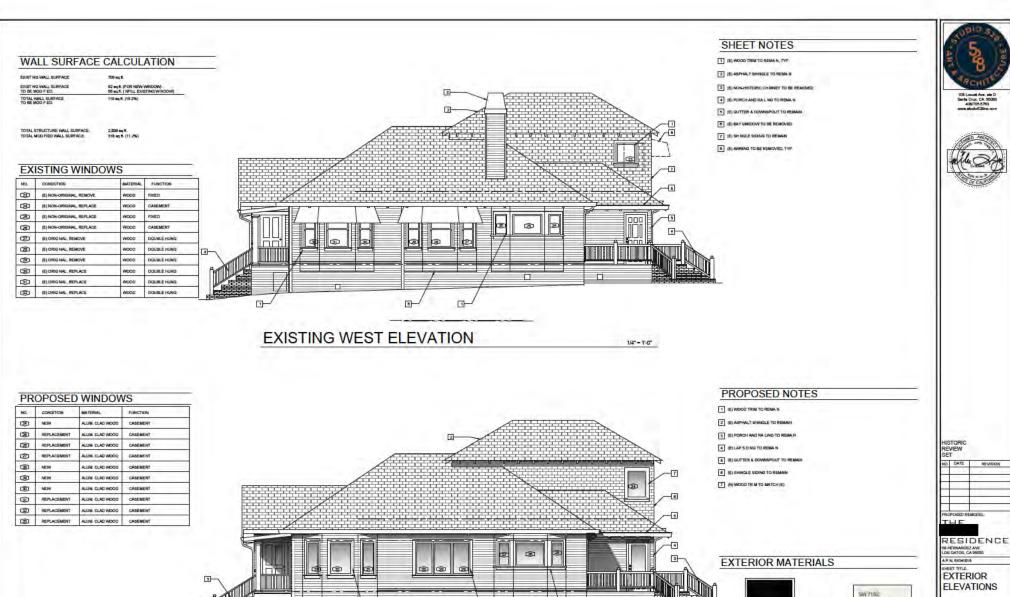
- (N) WOOD THIM TO MATCH (E)
- 2 (E) ASPHALT SHINGLE TO REMAIN
- 4 (E) LAP S DING TO REMAIN
- (E) SHOUGLE SID NO TO REMAN

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PROPOSED WEST ELEVATION





White Flour

Ebony

1/4" - 1"-0"

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# TOWN OF LOS GATOS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/22/2025

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: October 17, 2025

TO: Historic Preservation Committee

FROM: Joel Paulson, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Consider Providing Staff with Direction on Window Materials. **Project** 

Location: Town Wide. Project Planner: Sean Mullin.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider providing staff with direction on window materials.

#### **DISCUSSION**:

Window replacement is a common request discussed with property owners of historic homes. When replacement is necessary, staff works with property owners to encourage like-for-like replacement with either wood windows or metal-clad wood windows. When details are provided ensuring that the window replacement will match the existing windows or be historically appropriate for the residence, the work is completed through the Building Permit process and is not referred to the Committee for review. Staff reviews proposals for window replacements using the Residential Design Guidelines, which provides the following recommendations related to window materials:

# 3.7.3 Match window materials to the architectural style and to the surrounding neighborhood

• Wood windows are common in Los Gatos. Wood is still the desired choice for styles that traditionally used wood. However, today there are some window materials, such as vinyl clad wood windows that are not noticeably different from wood at a short distance.

#### 4.8.2 Building Materials

 Composite, synthetic, metal, vinyl, plastic or fabricated/ imitation wood products, painted brick or imitation used brick will generally not be approved. However, some exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis when the decision-making body determines that the replacement is consistent with the appearance of the original material, and that a lay person would be unlikely to discern the difference. The burden of proof will reside with the applicant. Material samples, photographs, and specific

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locations where the material may be seen in use will all assist in the evaluation of alternative materials.

#### 4.8.4 Windows and Glass in doors

Windows should be constructed of real glass, and window frames should be constructed
of real wood - not vinyl, metal, or plastic. Wood sashes may be vinyl or metal clad if the
window frame and dressing is designed consistent with the historic context of the
building.

The Guidelines emphasize the use of wood windows but allows exceptions for alternative materials when they are not noticeably different from wood at a short distance, found to be consistent with the historic context, and consistent with the appearance of the original material where it would be unlikely to discern the difference.

Property owners are often looking to replace windows with alternative materials that are more durable than wood, often wood-clad products with a metal or vinyl exterior. These materials are more resilient to weather and require less maintenance than wood. The potential drawback of these alternate materials is a less-than-authentic appearance.

Fiberglass-wood composite windows have been presented to the Committee many times over the last five years. While there were initial concerns with the product, evidence has been presented showing the benefits of the material, such as its genuine wood-like appearance, paintable surface, historic profiles, and easy maintenance. Because the Residential Design Guidelines predates this material and is therefore silent on its use, staff has referred projects involving the composite to the Committee for review. The Committee generally confirms that the profile, detailing, and look of the window will match the existing window or the historically correct window and recommends approval.

In staff's review of like-for-like window replacements on historic homes, the same evaluation criteria are used, albeit for wood or metal-clad wood products. Given the frequency of the request and the merits of the product, staff recommends that the Committee consider providing direction to staff to utilize the same evaluation criteria for window replacements and include consideration of fiberglass-wood composite materials without referral to the Committee. As is the current practice, window replacements that would result in a change in exterior appearance that does not align with the evaluation criteria would continue to be referred to the Committee for review.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that the Committee consider providing direction to staff to utilize the evaluation criteria consistent with the Guidelines for window replacements and include

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consideration of fiberglass-wood composite materials without referral to the Committee. Staff-level approval of fiberglass-composite wood windows would reduce the Committee's and staff's workload, free up agendas, and allow residents to proceed through the permit process more efficiently.

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