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TO: Architectural Review Committee of the Historic Preservation

Commission

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RE: Review and Comment at November 7th Hearing

1470-1484 McAllister Street - New Construction

Case No. 2012.0874A

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The attached materials proposing new construction within the Alamo Square Historic District were submitted to the Planning Department (Department) by the Project Sponsor, Tony Kim, Town Consulting, for review and comment by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The project is currently undergoing staff review per Article 10 of the Planning Code and will require approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA) by the HPC. Before completing the CofA review, the Department is seeking comments from the ARC in order to guide staff's evaluation and recommendations.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The subject property (1470-1484 McAllister Street, Assessor's Block 0776, Lot 035) is located on the north side of the street between Scott and Pierce Streets. The lot is 100 feet wide and 137.5 feet deep with a historic three-story-over-basement, three-family house located on the western half of the lot. The building is a contributing resource within the Alamo Square Historic District. The building was designed by W. O. Banks and constructed in 1902 by builder John G. Adams in the Edwardian style. Photographs of the site are included in the attached plan set. The property is zoned RM-1 (Residential, Mixed, Low-Density) District and is in a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

The Alamo Square Historic District contains buildings in a variety of architectural styles, approximately half of which are Victorian and one-third of which are Edwardian. The typical building height is two to three stories; however, the district contains a number of apartment buildings reaching up to 6 stories in height that are also included as contributing buildings. The Alamo Square Historic District designation report describes the area as "unified in its residential character, relatively small scale, construction type, materials (principally wood), intense ornamentation (especially at entry and cornice), and use of basements and retaining walls to adjust for hillside sites." Historically, the Alamo Square neighborhood was first established as an enclave for primarily upper-middle class residents, often business men and their families. As a result, the area contains a higher than average percentage of architect-designed homes. Later, from about 1912 to 1934, new construction in the neighborhood consisted primarily of apartment blocks, usually replacing earlier large dwellings. During the latter half of the period of significance, the district increased in density and attracted a growing number of renters. Physical development of the area essentially ended with the Great Depression.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project calls for subdivision of the lot into two lots, rehabilitation of the contributing historic house, and construction of a new three-family, four-story house on the vacant portion of the lot. The non-historic decks located at the east side of the historic building would be reduced in size and a garage entry would be created at the side (east) facade, but the building would be otherwise unaltered. The new building is proposed to be a contemporary style residential building with height, massing, materials, and detailing intended to relate to the surrounding buildings within the historic district. A shared curb cut and driveway would be created between the two buildings to create access to garage openings at the side facades of each building.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff initially reviewed the project plans dated March 2012 and requested the following revisions to improve the building's compatibility with the Alamo Square Historic District.

- 1. Increase the front setback to approximately 10' to more closely match the generous front setbacks of the two historic buildings to the west.
- Increase the depth of the projections at the front façade to relate to the deeply projecting cornice lines and generously proportioned bays of the surrounding historic buildings. Consider introducing an angled or curved bay in keeping with the bay forms found on the immediate block.
- 3. Create a single continuous cornice line to cap the building in a manner more similar to the rooflines found in the surrounding historic buildings.
- 4. Align the main entry with the bay above as is common in the surrounding historic buildings.
- Do not use stucco cladding at the front façade or at the publicly visible facades as the material is not characteristic of the historic district. Painted wood would be the most compatible cladding material.
- 6. Provide a transom above the entry doors in keeping with the pattern of entrances in the historic district.
- 7. Provide a railing detail for the front entry.

The project sponsor submitted a revision in October responding to the comments listed above. Both the original submittal and the revised plans are included in this packet so that the Committee can review the progress of the design. While staff finds that the October design shows definite improvement, there are several elements that could be further refined.

- The bays at the front façade would benefit by a deeper projection, which would relate to the varied planes of the historic facades. A deeper projection would also provide space for side windows in the bays.
- The façade has an overly solid appearance in comparison with the historic buildings which
 incorporate significant areas of glazing. This could be addressed by expanding the window
 openings and adding side windows in the bays.

- The cornice element appears somewhat bulky and perhaps too bland. A section detail of the cornice element should be submitted for final design review.
- The materials and finishes for the front stair and railing should be resolved. While a contemporary design may be appropriate, the texture, scale, and character of the elements should relate to historic entrances in the district.

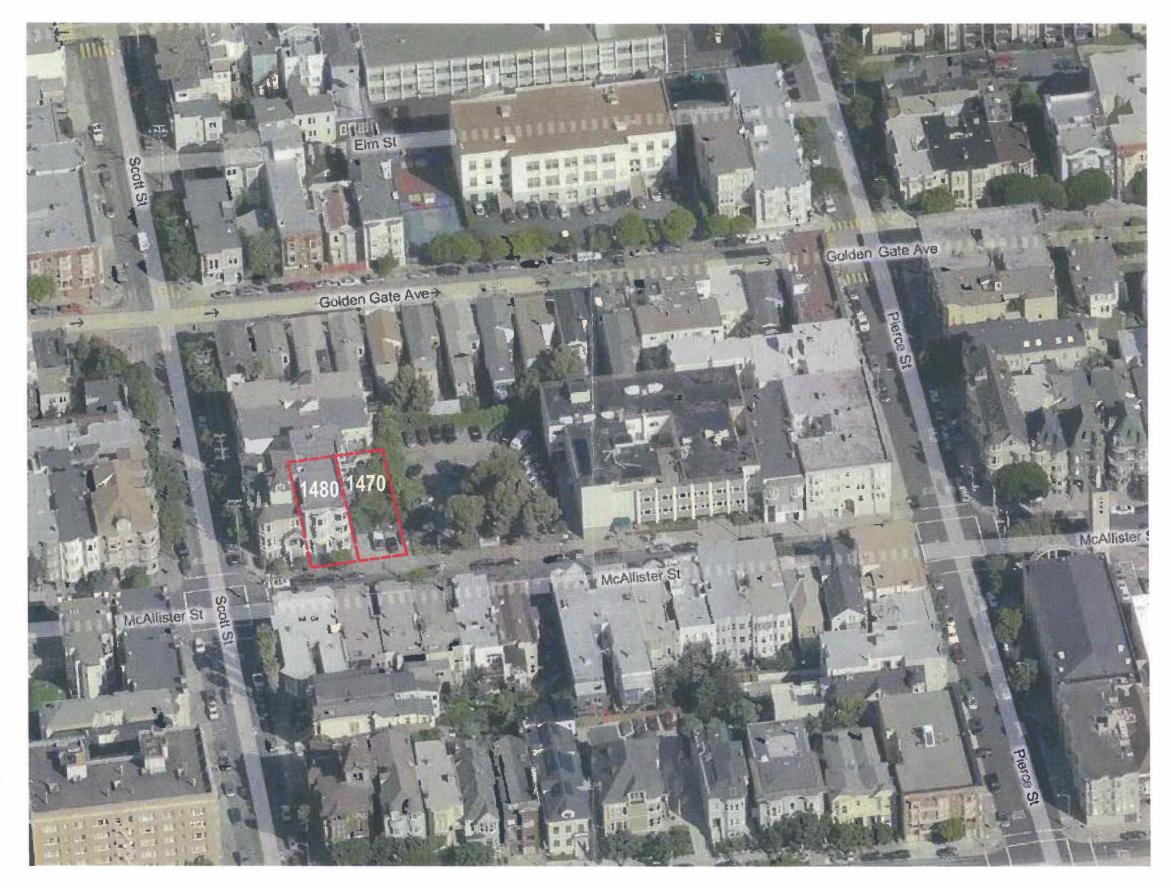
REQUESTED ACTION

Specifically, the Department seeks comments on the following aspects of the proposed new building with regard to their compatibility with the Alamo Square Historic District:

- Height and massing
- Front and side setbacks
- Form of the proposed bays
- Cornice treatment
- Cladding materials
- Fenestration pattern
- Main entry
- Ornamentation

ATTACHMENTS

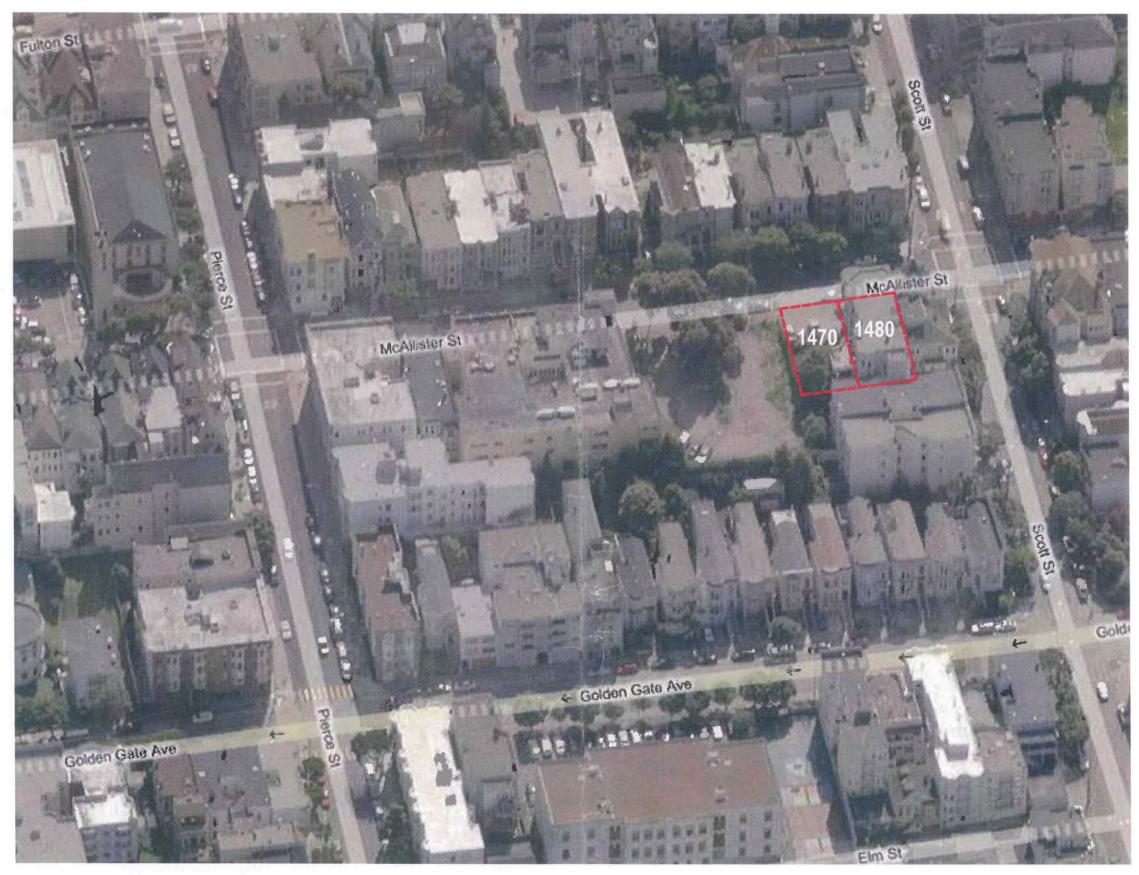
- Photographs
- Architectural plans and renderings dated March 2012
- Revised architectural plans and renderings dated October 2012





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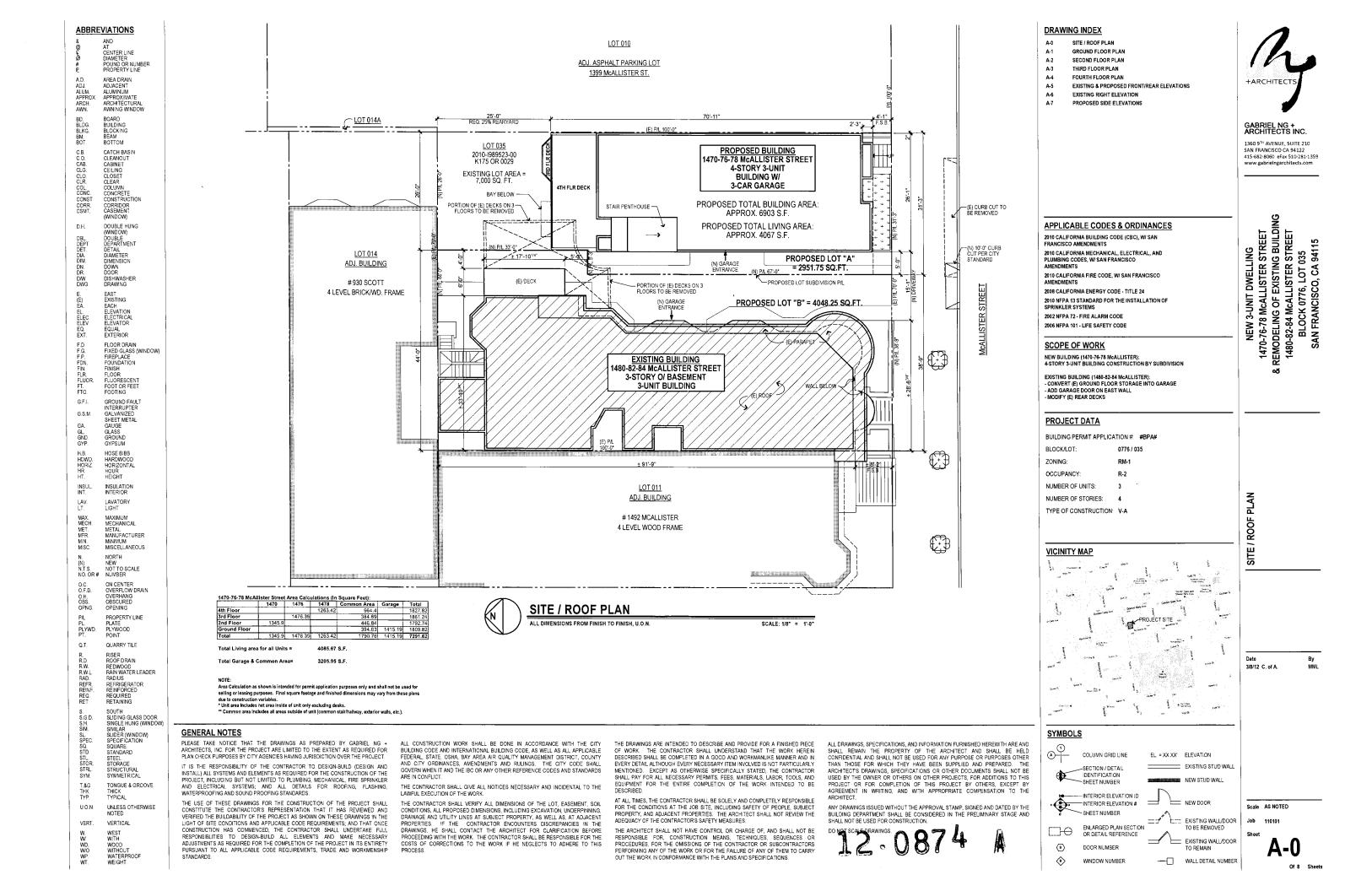
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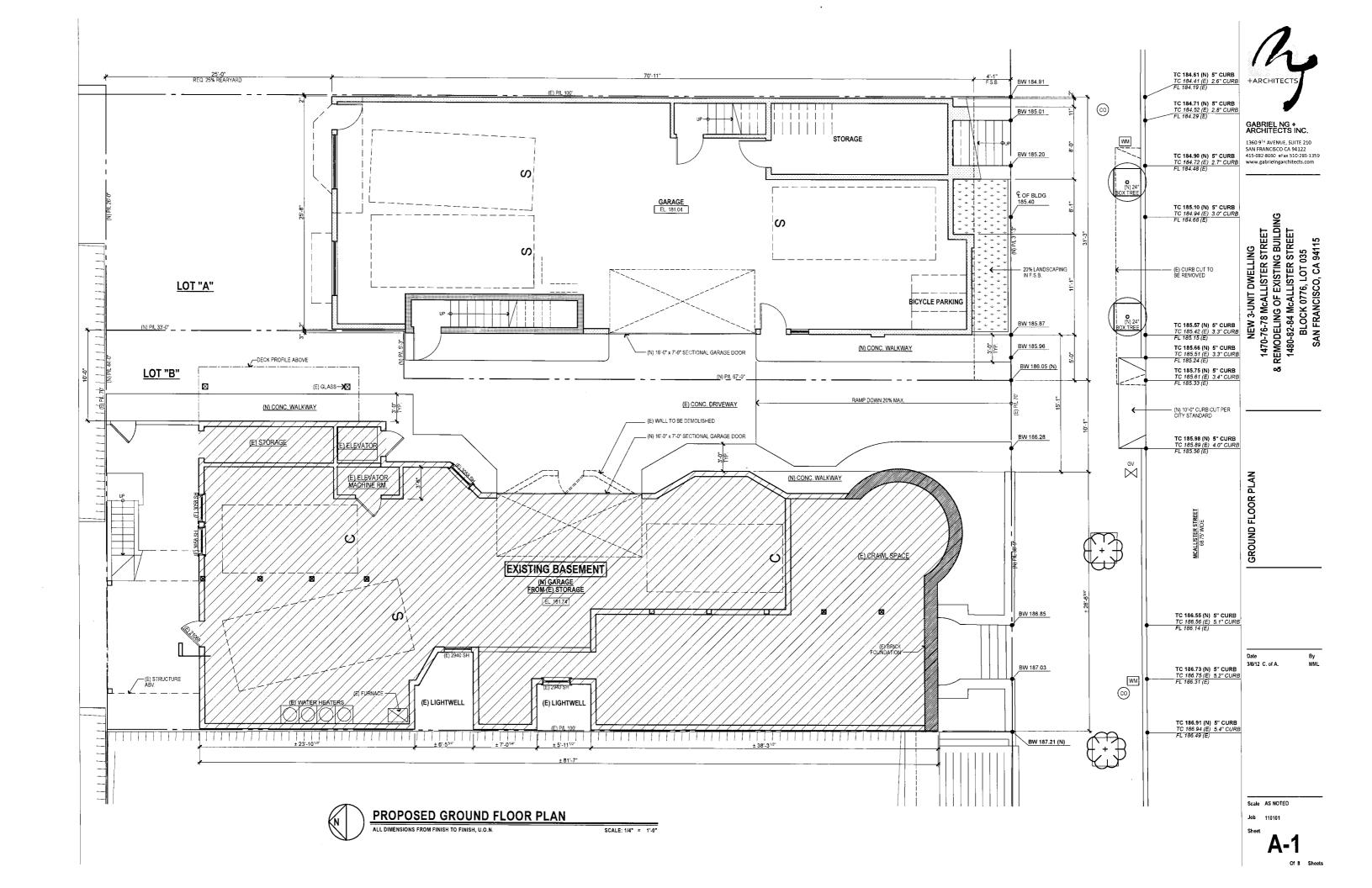
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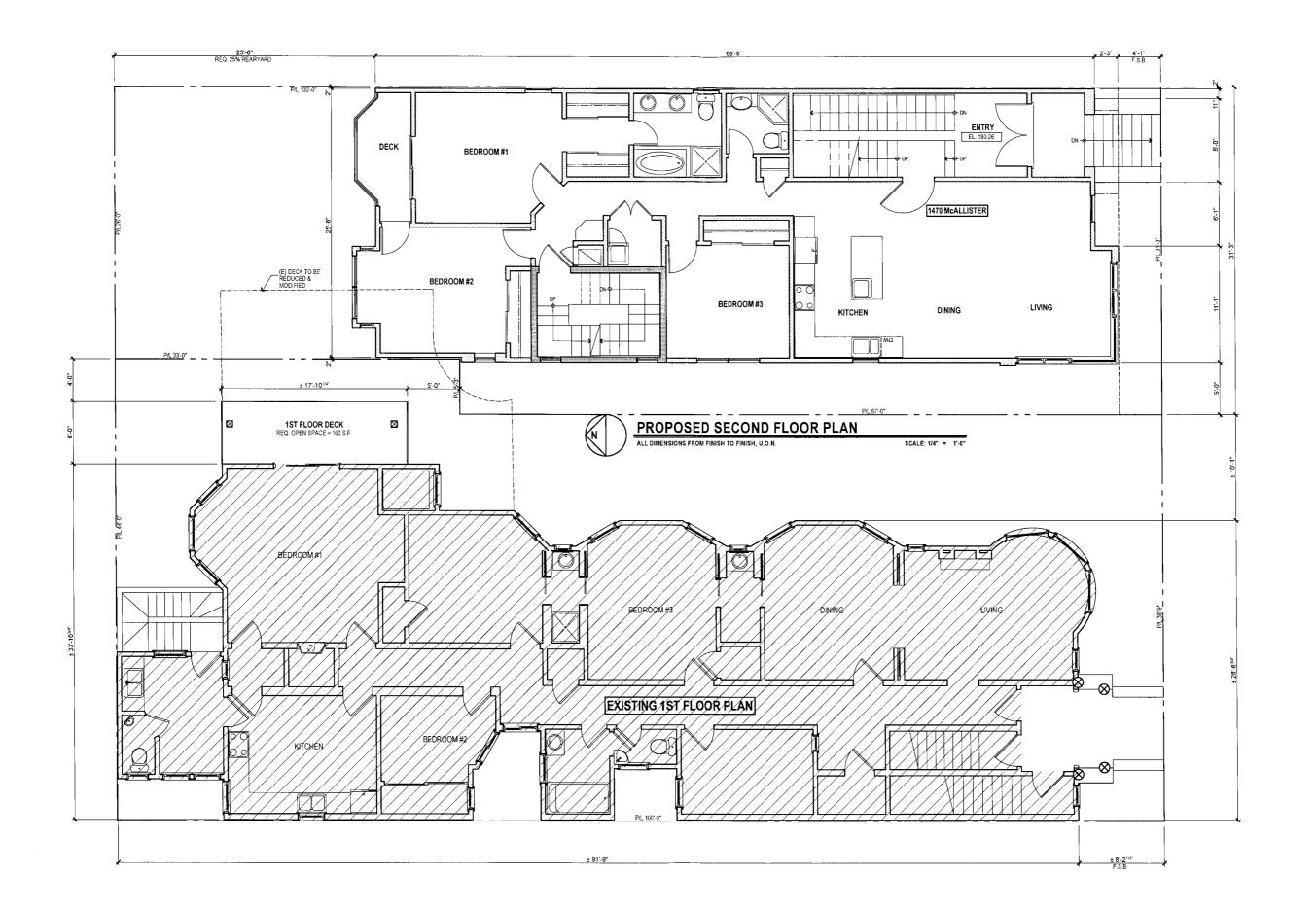
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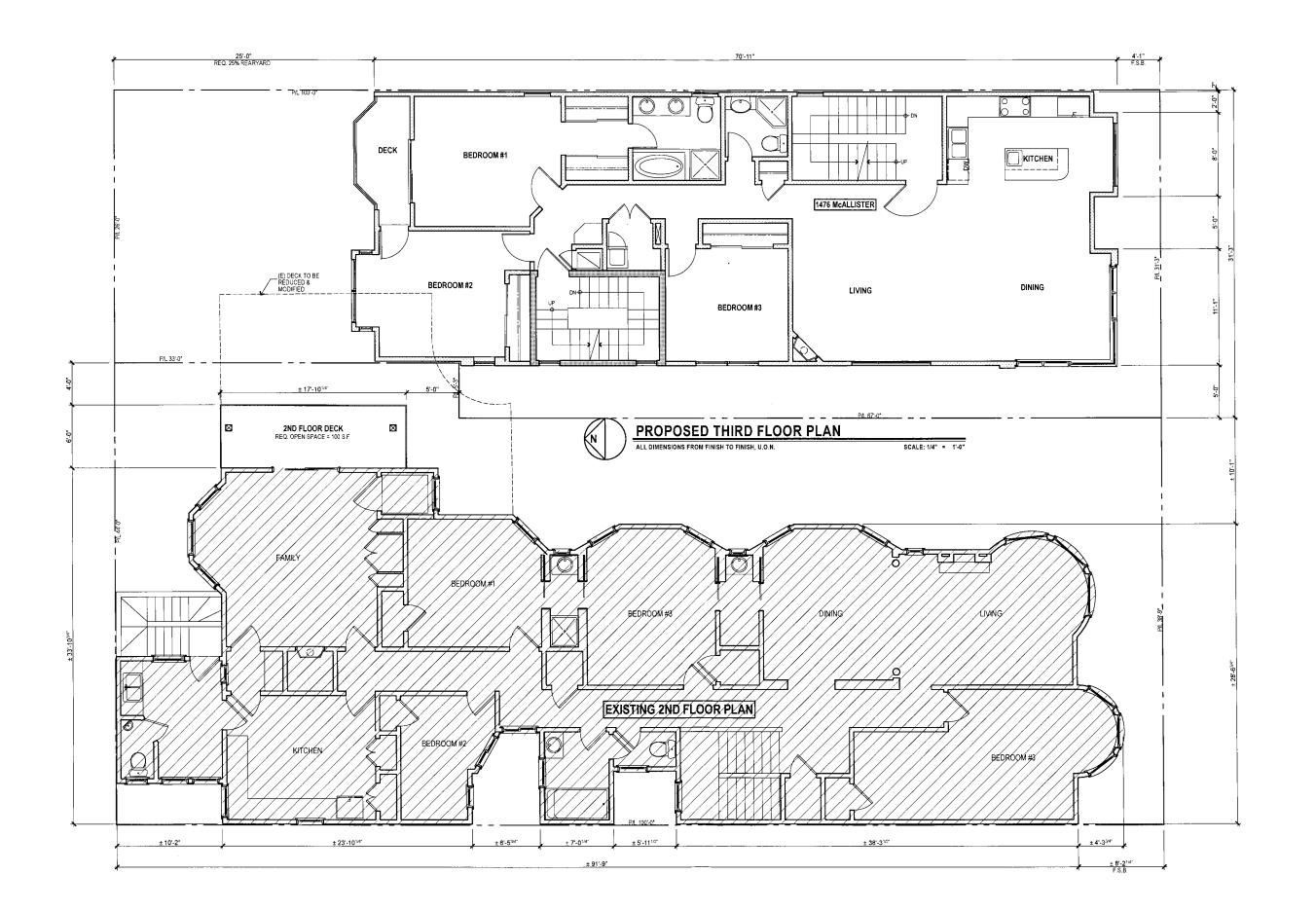




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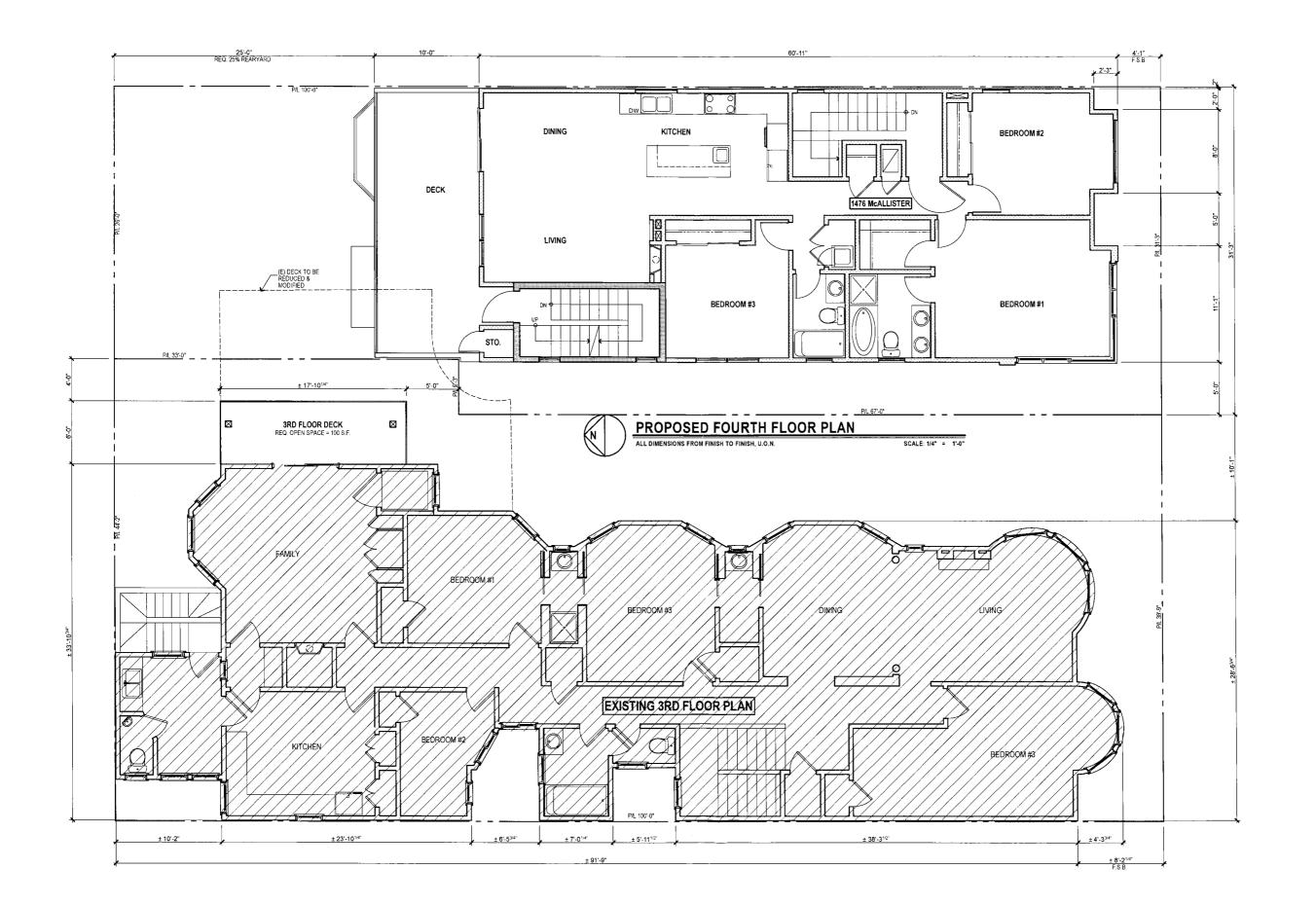
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FRONT ELEVATION

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REAR ELEVATION

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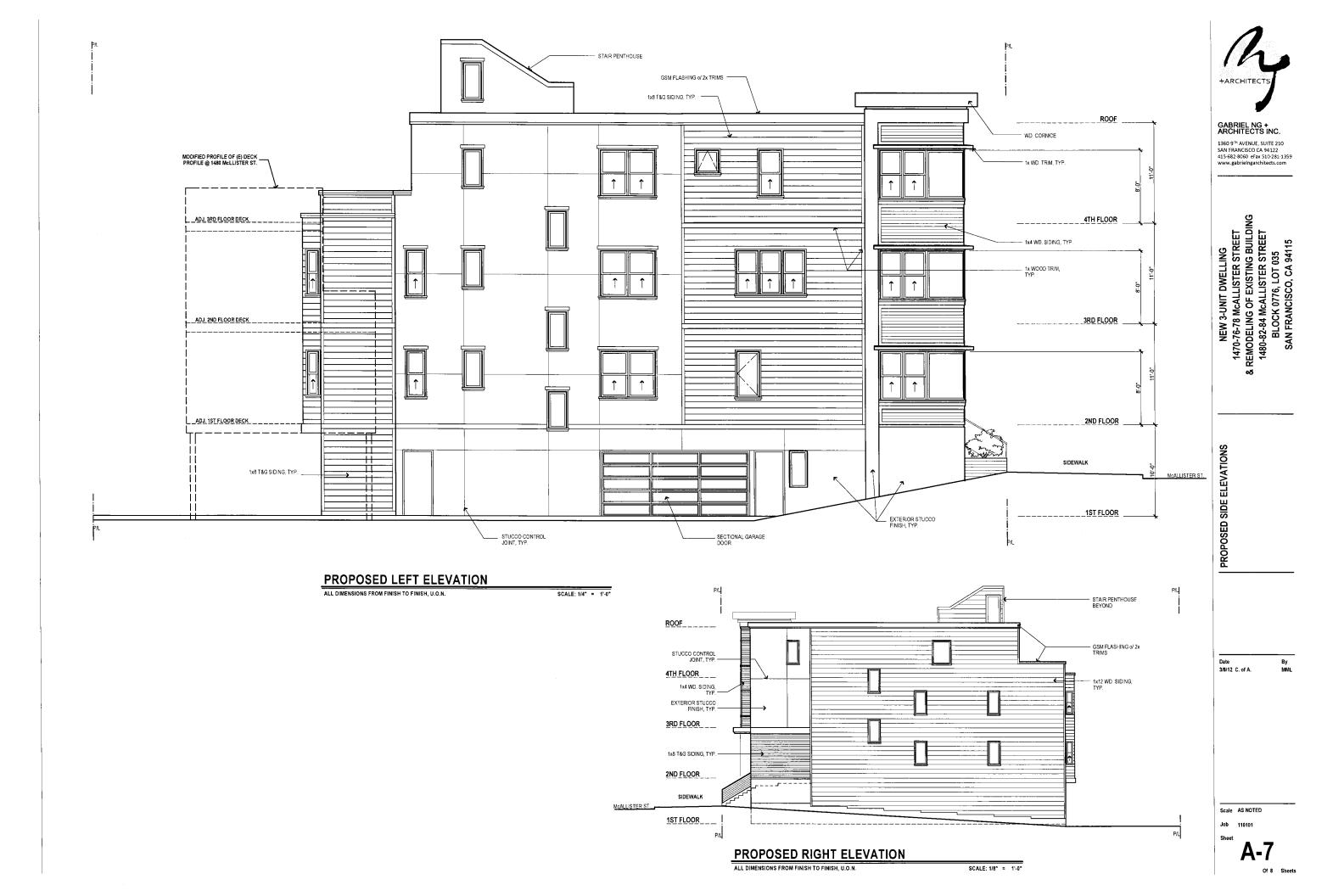
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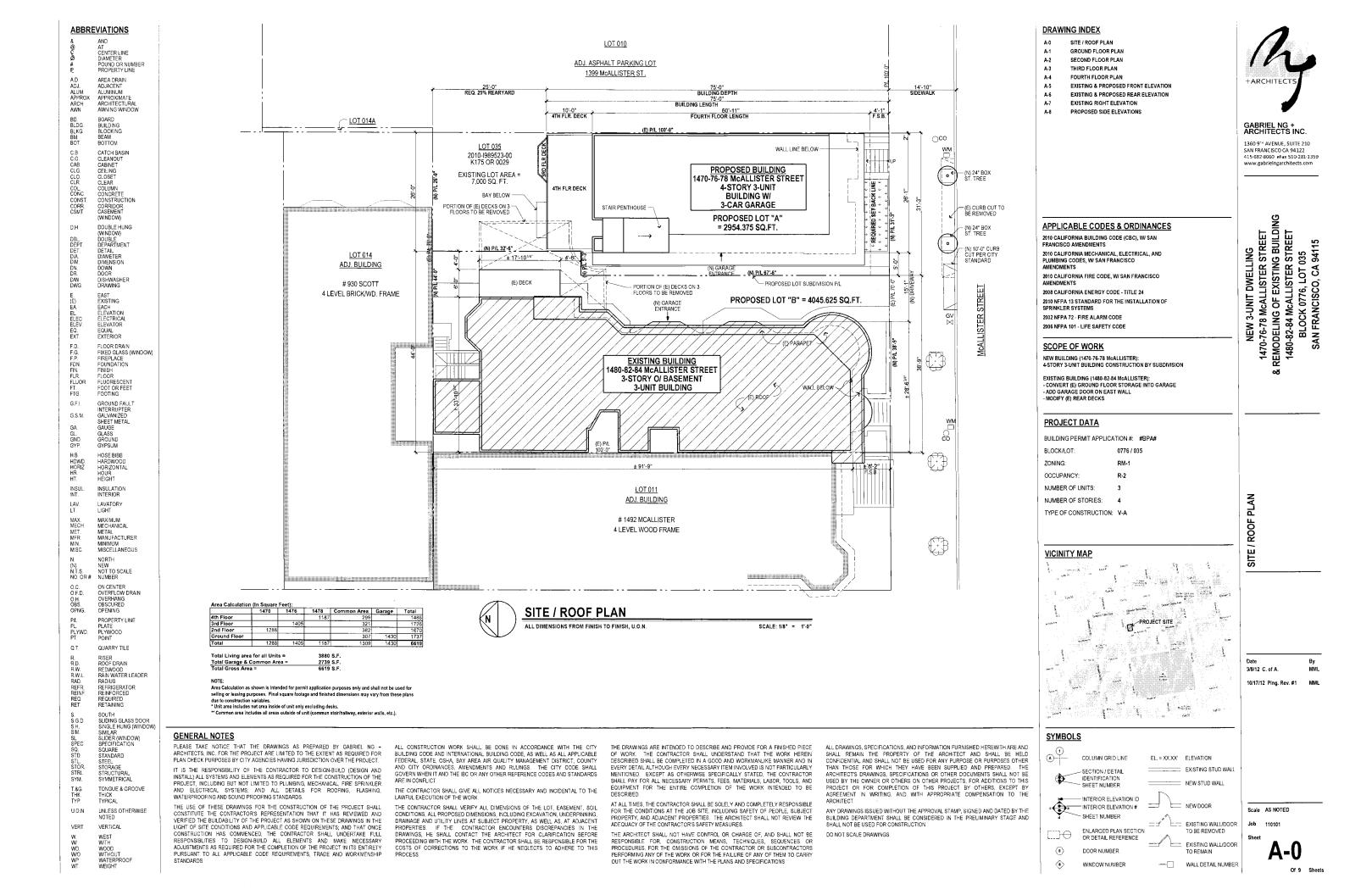
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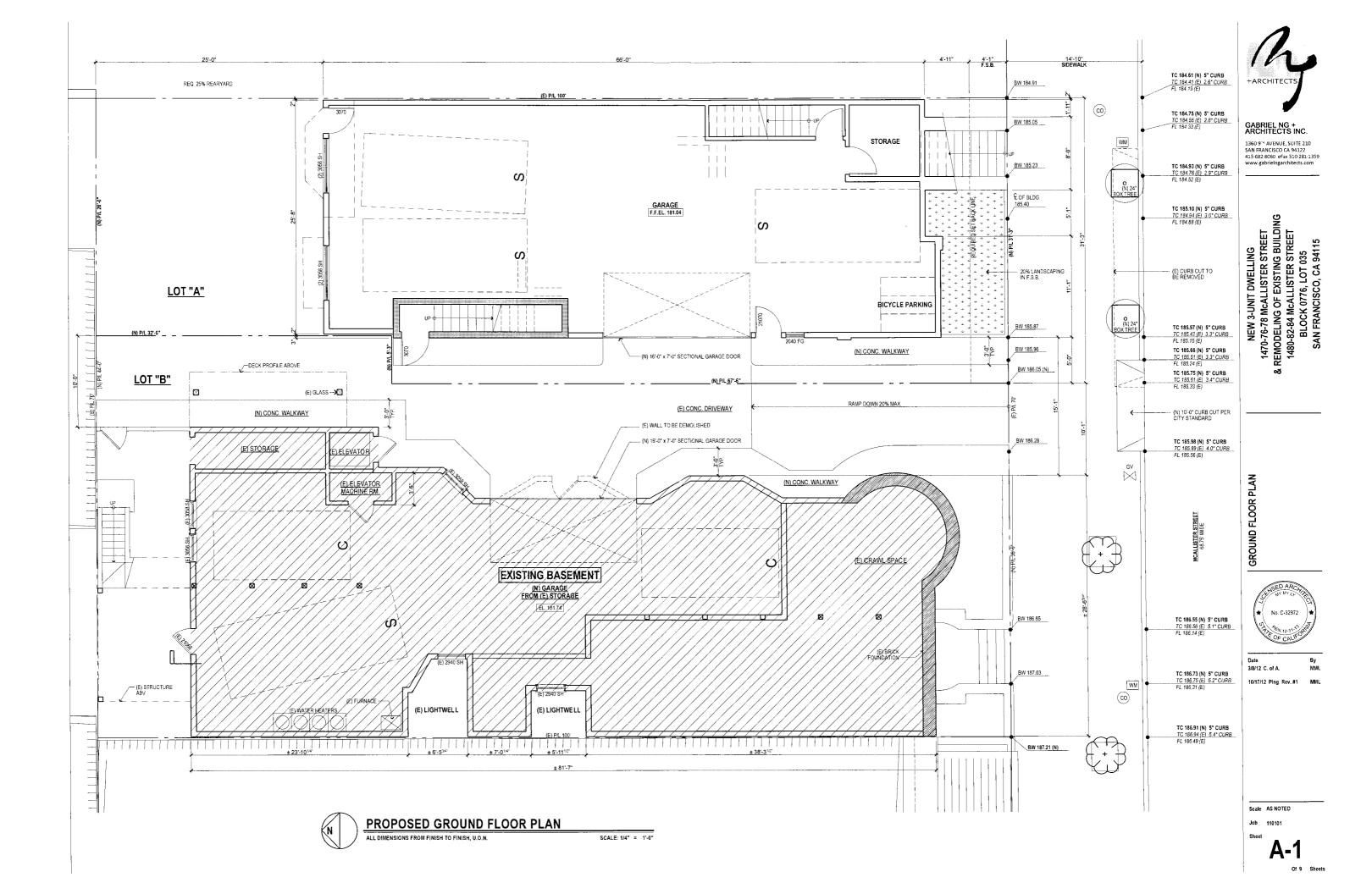
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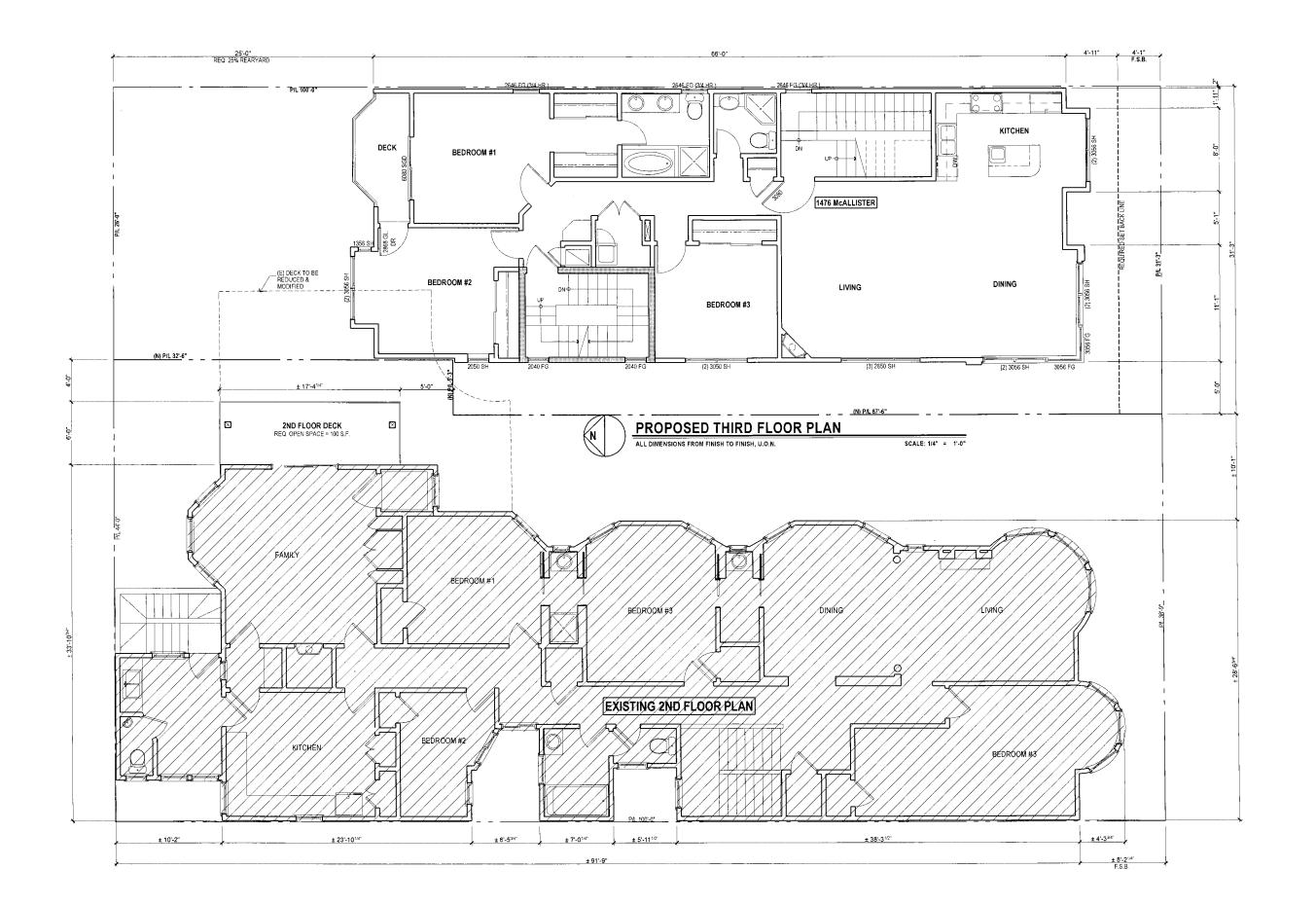
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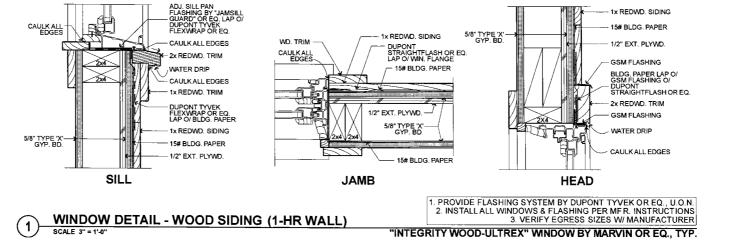
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PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION

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EXISTING BUILDING 1480 McALLISTER

PROPOSED BUILDING 1470 McALLISTER



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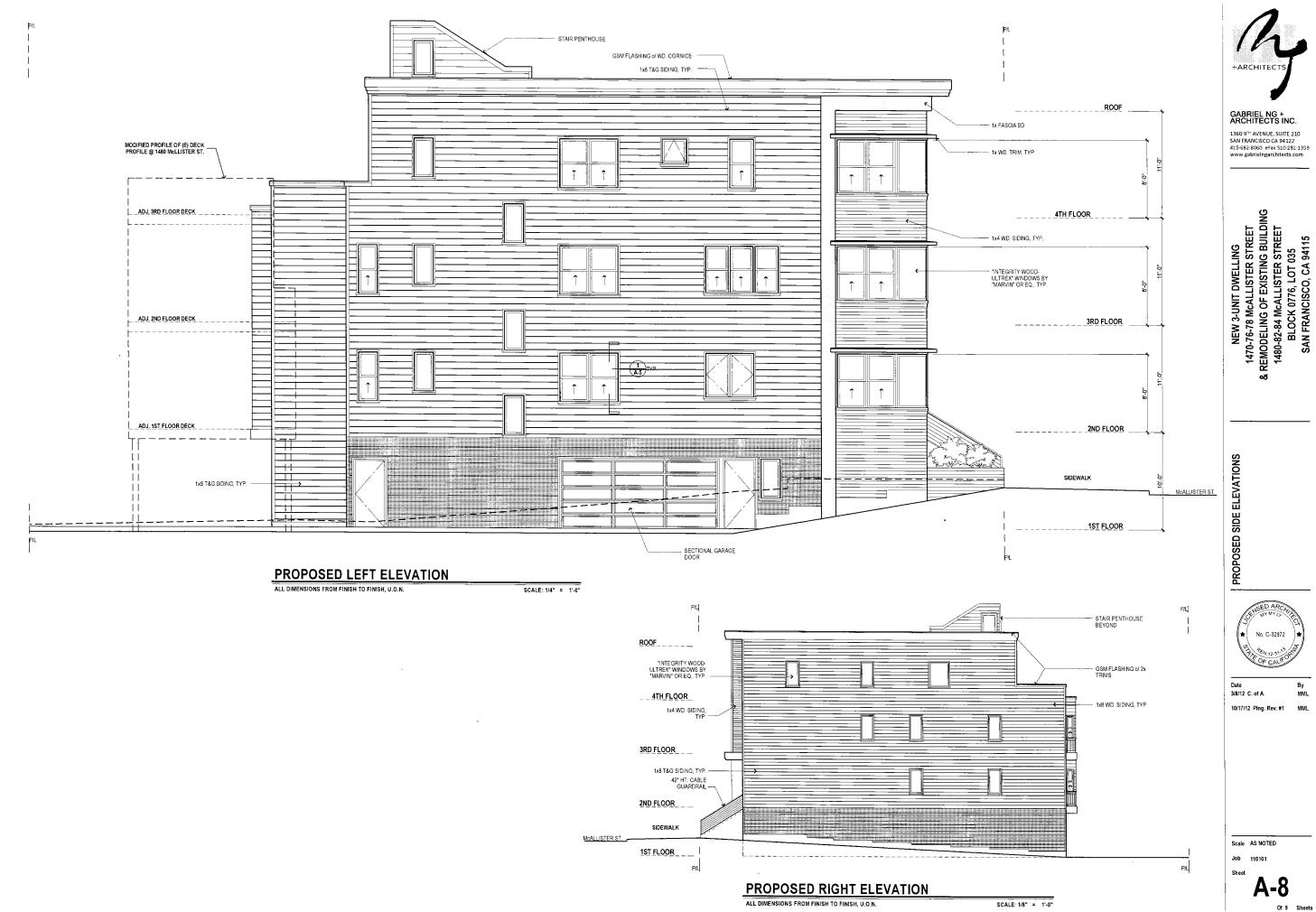
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3D VIEWS OF PROPOSED NEW BUILDING

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McALLISTER STREETSCAPE SEGMENT #1



Mcallister Streetscape segment #2



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