



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### Kensington Municipal Advisory Council

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Wednesday, December 10, 2025

7:00 PM

61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington |  
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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

CDDP25\_03032 210 Amherst Ave. The applicant requests approval of a Development Plan and Kensington Design Review for a residential addition yielding a gross floor area of 3,877 SF where 2,500 square feet is the gross floor area threshold for a public hearing. The project also includes a Variance for rear setback of 5-foot 10-inches (where 15 feet is the minimum) for the rear portion of the addition. Project Location: (Address: 210 AMHERST AVE, KENSINGTON, CA 94708 100), (APN: 570050004)

[25-5021](#)

**Attachments:** [CDDP25-03032 Agency Comment Packet](#)  
[20250924\\_meetingnotes](#)  
[20251210\\_notice210amherst](#)  
[20251210\\_KMAC Mtg Agenda 1.0](#)

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Adjourn

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For Additional Information Contact: [robert.rogers@bos.cccounty.us](mailto:robert.rogers@bos.cccounty.us)



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 25-5021

**Agenda Date:** 12/10/2025

**Agenda #:**

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Advisory Board: Kensington Municipal Advisory Council (KMAC)

Subject: CDDP25\_03032 210 Amherst Ave.

Presenter:

Contact: Robert.rogers@bos.cccounty.us

Information: CDDP25\_03032 210 Amherst Ave. The applicant requests approval of a Development Plan and Kensington Design Review for a residential addition yielding a gross floor area of 3,877 SF where 2,500 square feet is the gross floor area threshold for a public hearing. The project also includes a Variance for rear setback of 5-foot 10-inches (where 15 feet is the minimum) for the rear portion of the addition. Project Location: (Address: 210 AMHERST AVE, KENSINGTON, CA 94708 100), (APN: 570050004)

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



## AGENCY COMMENT REQUEST

Date 11/18/2025

We request your comments regarding the attached application currently under review.

**DISTRIBUTION**

INTERNAL

☒ Building Inspection      Grading Inspection  
Advance Planning      Housing Programs  
Trans. Planning      Telecom Planner  
ALUC Staff      HCP/NCCP Staff  
County Geologist

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

☒ Environmental Health      Hazardous Materials

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services      Special Districts  
Traffic  
Flood Control (Full-size)

LOCAL

☒ Fire District Kensington Fire Protection  
San Ramon Valley – (email) [rwendel@srvfire.ca.gov](mailto:rwendel@srvfire.ca.gov)  
Consolidated – (email) [fire@cccfdpd.org](mailto:fire@cccfdpd.org)

☒ Sanitary District Stege Sanitary District

☒ Water District EBMUD  
City of \_\_\_\_\_  
School District(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
LAFCO  
Reclamation District # \_\_\_\_\_  
East Bay Regional Park District  
Diablo/Discovery Bay/Crockett CSD

☒ MAC/TAC KMAC  
Improvement/Community Association

☒ CC Mosquito & Vector Control Dist (email)

OTHERS/NON-LOCAL

CHRIS (email only: [nwic@sonoma.edu](mailto:nwic@sonoma.edu))  
CA Fish and Wildlife, Region 3 – Bay Delta  
Native American Tribes

ADDITIONAL RECIPIENTS

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Please submit your comments to:

Project Planner Diana Lecca  
Phone # 925-655-2869  
E-mail diana.lecca@dcd.cccounty.us  
County File # CDDP25-03032  
Prior to 12/18/2025

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We have found the following special programs apply to this application:

Landslide      ☒ Active Fault Zone (A-P)  
Liquefaction      Flood Hazard Area  
60-dBA Noise Control  
CA EPA Hazardous Waste Site  
High or Very High FHSZ

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**AGENCIES:** Please indicate the applicable code section for any recommendation required by law or ordinance. Please send copies of your response to the Applicant and Owner.

Comments:      None      Below      Attached

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Agency phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# CONTRA COSTA

## CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

### Planning Application Summary

**County File Number: CDDP25-03032**

**File Date: 11/18/2025**

**Applicant:**

Greg VanMechelen VanMechelen Architects greg@vanmechelenarchitects.com  
732 Gilman Street (510) 558-1075  
Berkeley, CA 94710

**Property Owner:**

KEN & JULIE KURTZMAN julikurtzman@gmail.com  
134 BRAEBURN DR (805) 390-8122  
NEW CANAAN, CT 06840 510

**Project Description:**

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**Project Location: (Address: 210 AMHERST AVE, KENSINGTON, CA 94708 100), (APN: 570050004)**

**Additional APNs:**

**General Plan Designation(s):** RM

**Zoning District(s):** "R-6, -TOV -K"

**Flood Hazard Areas:** X

**AP Fault Zone:**

**60-dBA Noise Control:**

**MAC/TAC:**

**Sphere of Influence:** El Cerrito

**Fire District:** KENSINGTON FIRE

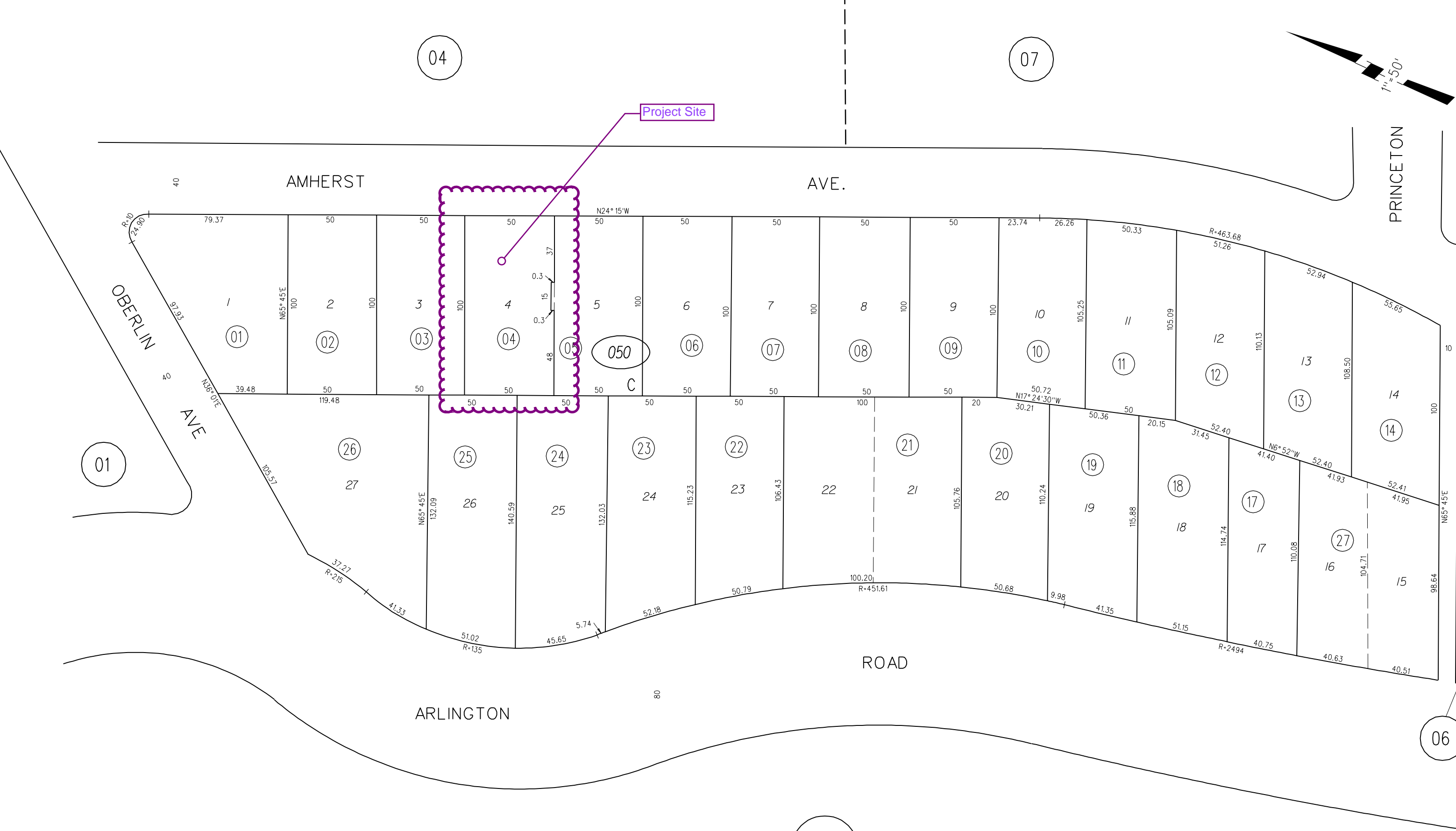
**Sanitary District:** STEGE SANITARY

**Housing Inventory Site:** NO

**Specific Plan:**

**Fees:**

Fee Item	Description	Account Code	Total Fee	Paid
048F	Fish & Wildlife Fee (\$75)	002606-9660-REV-000-5B048F	75.00	75.00
052B	Notification Fee (\$30)	002606-9660-REV-000-5B052B	30.00	30.00
HSDR	Environmental Health Fee (\$57)	002606-9660-REV-000-5BHSDR  \$5.00	57.00	57.00
SLS036AH	Undersized Lot Review with Hearing	002606-9660-REV-000-5B036H	3000.00	3000.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>3162.00</b>	<b>3162.00</b>

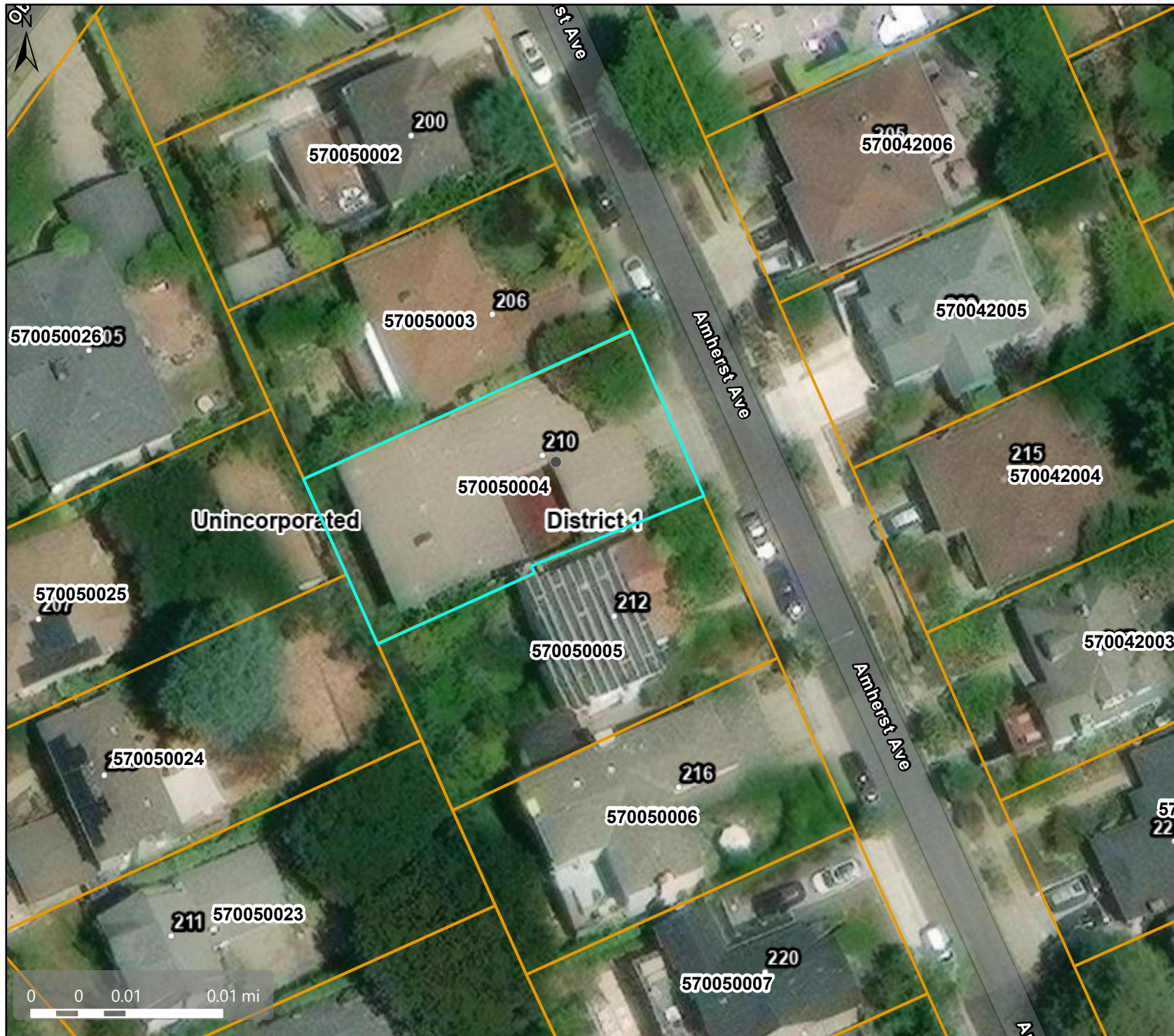


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# Aerial View



## Map Legend

County Border

Assessment  
Parcels

### Planning Layers (DCD)

Unincorporated

Board of  
Supervisors'  
Districts

### Base Data

Address Points

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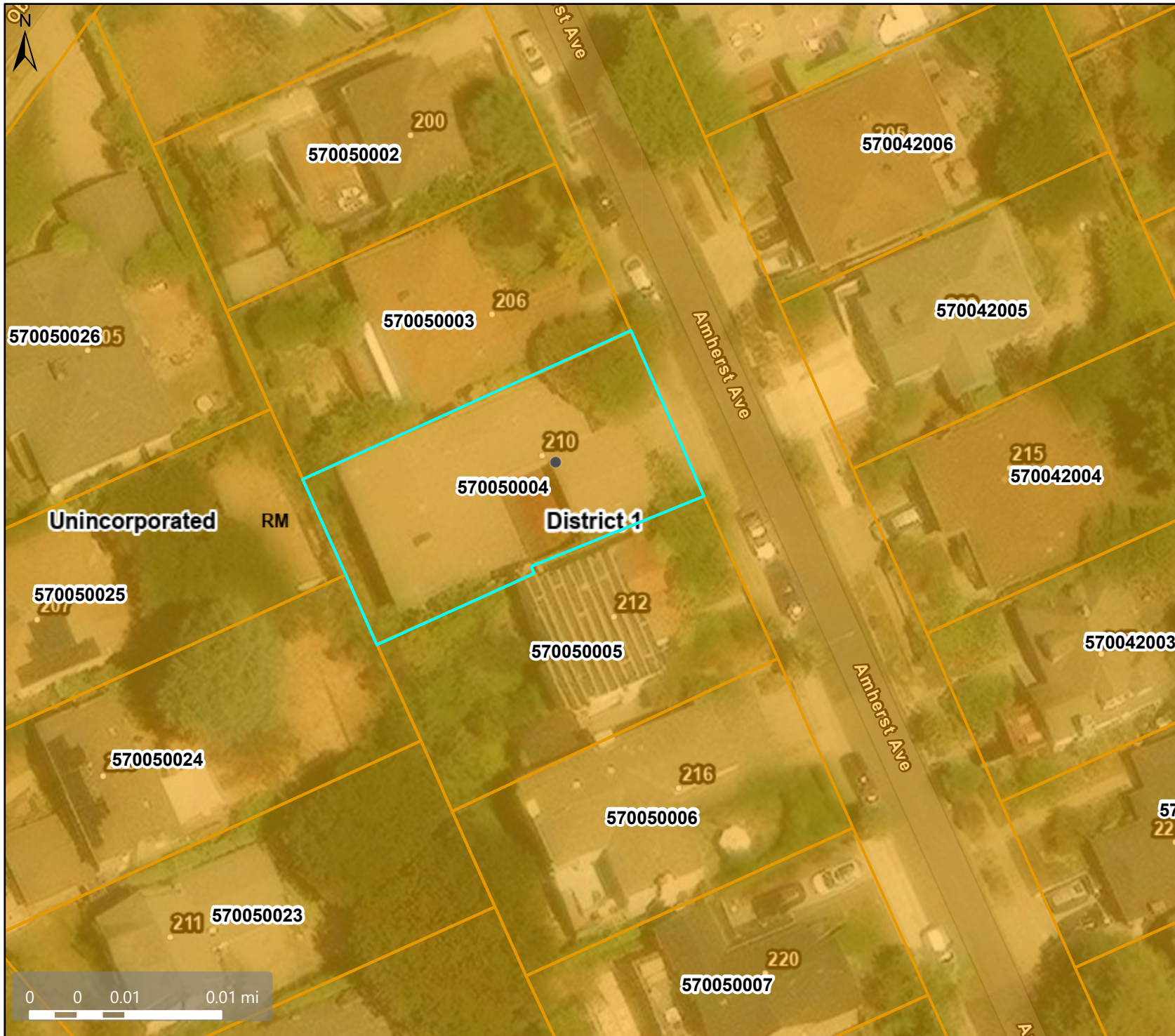
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# General Plan Land Use Designation



## Map Legend

- County Border
- Assessment Parcels

## Planning Layers (DCD)

### General Plan

- RM (Residential Medium Density) (7-17 du/na)
- Unincorporated

- Board of Supervisors' Districts

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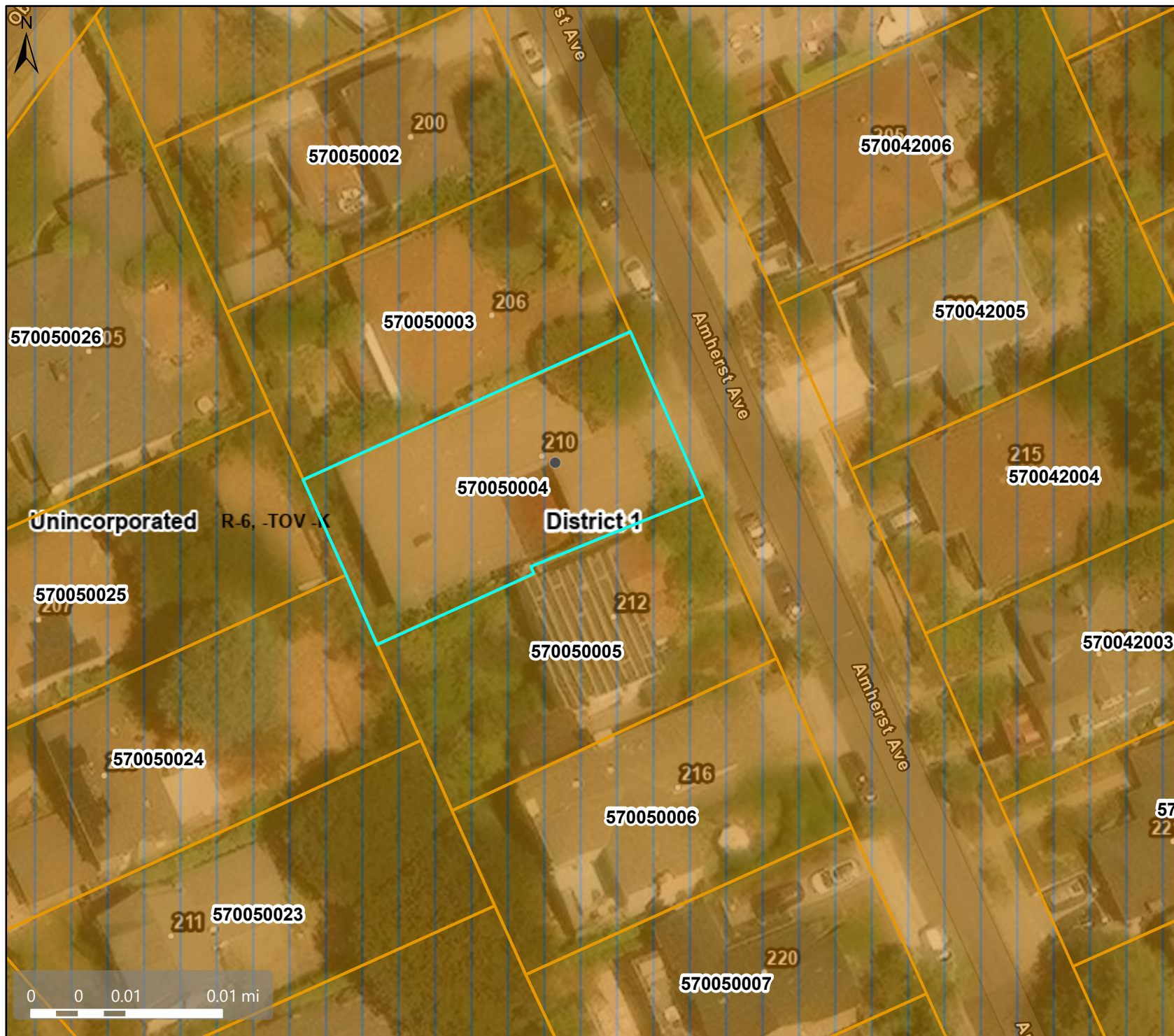
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## Zoning District & Overlay



## Map Legend

-  County Border
-  Assessment  
Parcels

## Planning Layers (DCD)

## Zoning

## ZONE\_OVER

- R-6 -TOV -K  
(Tree  
Obstruction and  
Kensington)  
Unincorporated  
Board of  
Supervisors'  
Districts

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GENERAL NOTES

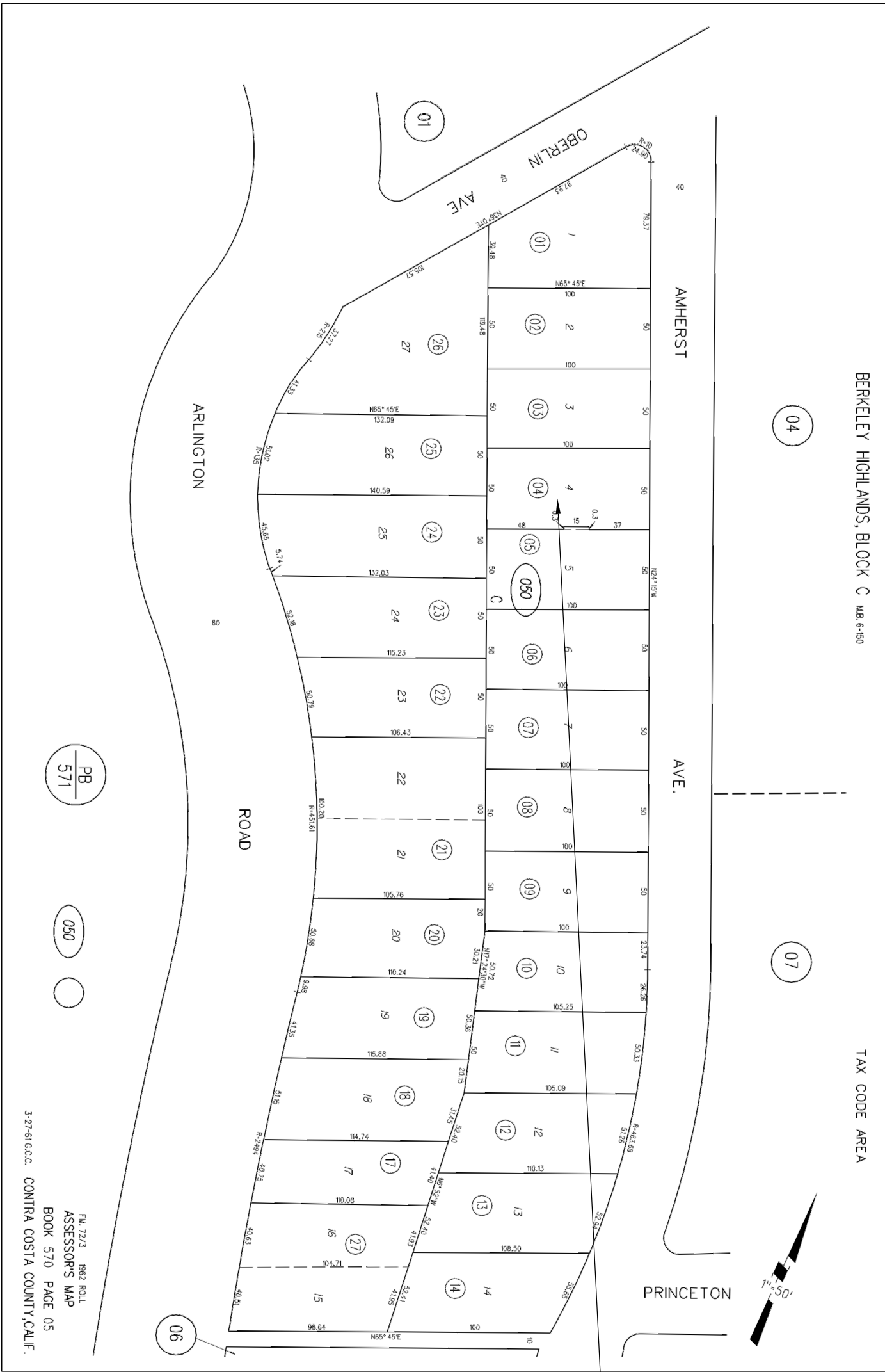
- 1 Scope: These notes apply to all drawings and govern unless noted or specified for more detailed requirements applicable to particular divisions of the work. See specifications and sheet notes contained in the subsections of these drawings.
- 2 Applicable Codes: The intent of the drawings and specifications is to construct the building in the project scope in accordance with the 2022 California Residential Code (CRC), Mechanical Code (CMC), Electrical Code (CEC), Plumbing Code (CPC), and California Title 24 Energy Standards; all including errata and supplements, as amended by Contra Costa County.
- 3 Construction Documents: The General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, (AIA Document A201), latest edition, and the Specifications supplement these drawings and are part of the construction documents. By accepting and using the construction documents, including but not limited to the drawings and specifications, the Contractor agrees to be solely and completely responsible for the accuracy of said construction documents: architectural, structural, civil, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire protection.
- 4 Copyright: These drawings and all ideas, arrangements and plans, either indicated or represented by these drawings are owned by, and are the property of VanMechelen Architects, and were created, evolved and developed for use on and in connection with the project designated in the title block. None of these designs, arrangements, or plans shall be used by, or disclosed to, any person, firm, or corporation for any purpose whatsoever, nor shall any changes be made on this drawing without the written permission from VanMechelen Architects. These drawings are not valid for any use unless they bear the original seal and signature of the Architect. Upon completion of the project, all plans shall be returned to the Architect.
- 5 Document Coordination: The Contractor shall be responsible for coordination between architectural, structural, civil, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire protection drawings. This includes reviewing existing conditions and requirements of individual systems before ordering and installation of any work. Verify all architectural details and all finish conditions, whether depicted in drawings or not, with same disciplines.
- 6 Non-Industry-Standard Materials and Methods: This project is considered to be an "Environment Friendly Project". It utilizes non-industry-standard materials and methods including but not limited to: FSC Certified Wood, non-toxic paints, sealants and adhesives, thermal mass. The intent is to construct energy efficient buildings which are easy and inexpensive to maintain while using construction materials which reduce environmental impacts and construction methods which reduce construction waste and increase recycling. Some of the products may have limited suppliers or unusual delivery requirements. Some of the details and construction methods are unusual and may require more attention than normal. The Contractor shall review the plans and specifications carefully in this regard and be solely responsible for completing the work as intended. Any substitution requests will be evaluated on environmental considerations as well as on specified criteria.
- 7 Dimensions: On drawings only written dimensions shall be used. Do not scale the drawings. The Contractor shall review and assume responsibility for all dimensions of building and site and notify the architect in writing of any suggested or required discrepancies before proceeding with construction.
- 8 Site Conditions: The Contractor shall visit the site and be fully cognizant of all field conditions, delivery methods and storage facilities, and consult with potential suppliers and subcontractors prior to submitting bid or cost estimate. He or she shall verify all site conditions, delivery methods and storage facilities and assumes all risk associated with field conditions.
- 9 Site Restrictions: The site will be vacated by the owners throughout the construction process. The Contractor, Contractor's personnel, subcontractors and all persons visiting the site shall abide by the following rules:
- a. Intoxicants and drugs: No alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other intoxicants are allowed on site.
  - b. Noise: Noise shall be kept to a minimum including radios or music.
  - c. Pets: No pets allowed on site.
- 10 Job Site Conditions: The Contractor agrees to be solely and completely responsible for the job site conditions during the course of construction for the project; including the safety of all persons and property and that this requirement shall apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours.
- 11 Protection of Existing Facilities: Contractor shall protect all existing infrastructure, utilities, landscaping and other site elements. Contractor shall replace or compensate the Owner for damage to any elements.
- 12 Indemnification: The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the Owner, the Architect, its employees and consultants, harmless from any and all liability, real or alleged, in connection with the performance of work on this Project, excepting for liability arising from the sole negligence of the Owner, the Architect, its employees and consultants.
- 13 Errors, Omissions & Conflicts: Any errors, omissions, or conflicts found in the various parts of the construction documents or between the construction documents and existing site conditions shall be immediately brought to the attention of the Architect and the Owner before submitting cost estimates, bids or proceeding with the Work.
- 14 Changes: Should any conditions develop which suggest or require changes to the work, including but not limited to errors, omissions, conflicts, alternates or code compliance, the Contractor shall submit to the Architect a written Request for Change Order detailing the required work and associated costs changes. A written Change Order shall be prepared by the Architect and signed by the Contractor before proceeding with the work. No claim shall be allowed for work already started or completed. No claim shall be allowed for difficulties encountered that could have reasonably been inferred from examination of the site and the construction documents prior to submitting the bid. No claim shall be allowed for adjustments which could be reasonably expected based on the Contractor's general experience in this type of construction.
- 15 The Heating System: There shall be a new heating system for both units.
- 16 There is no Fire Sprinkler System in the existing structure and none shall be provided in this project.
- 17 All persons working at this site must implement applicable portions of the State Storm Water Best Management Practices Manual for Construction to the maximum extent practicable to prevent erosion and sediment from entering into the storm drain system.
19. No person shall erect (including excavation and grading), demolish, alter or repair any building or structure other than between the hours as allowed by Contra Costa County.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. If required by Contra Costa County, the Contractor shall provide a Waste Management Plan, and shall provide waste diversion in accordance with the Plan and County requirements. In addition, all cardboard, concrete, asphalt and metals shall be diverted from the waste stream.

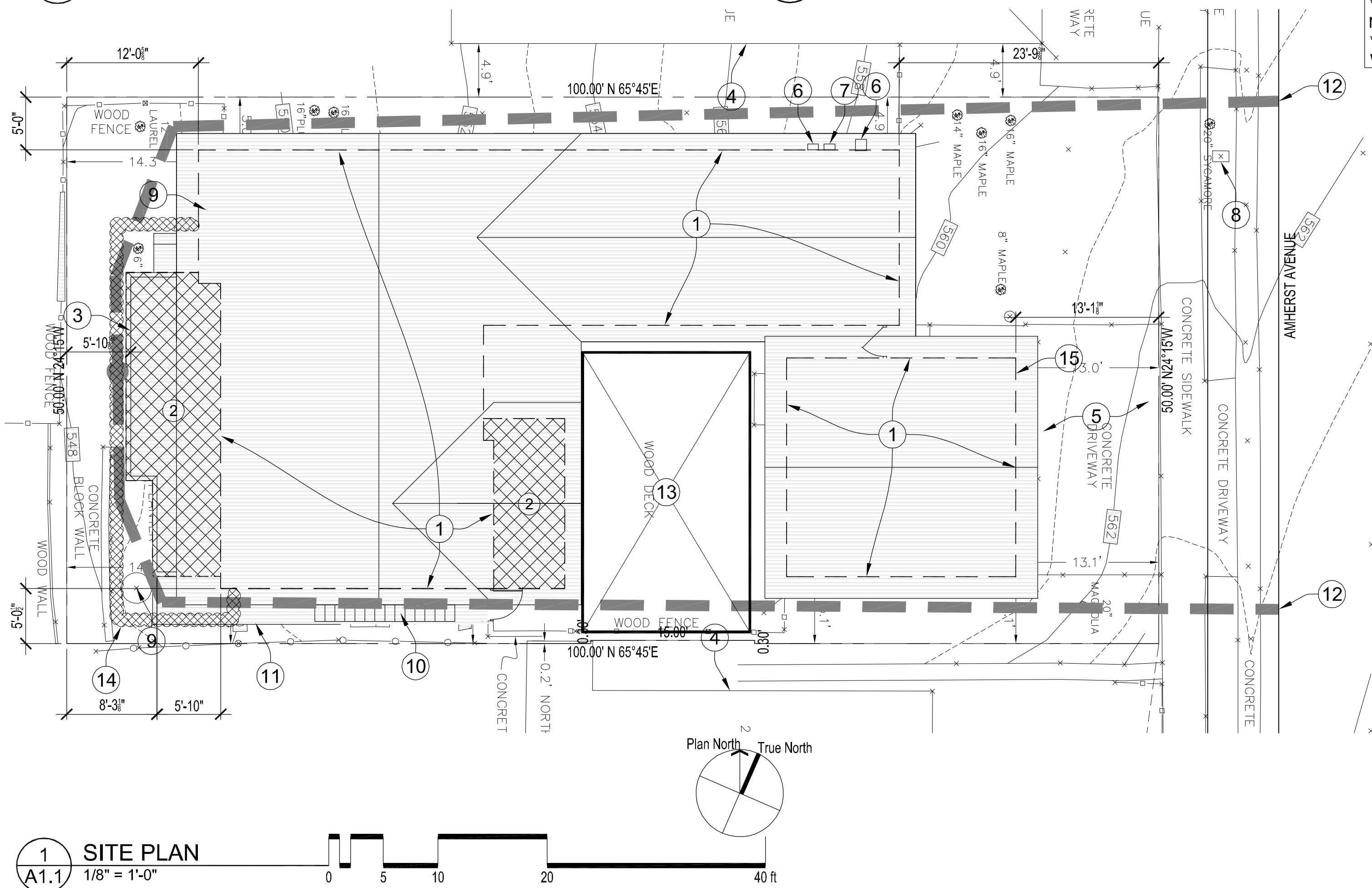
EROSION, SEDIMENT, & STORMWATER NOTES

- 1 The Contractor shall maintain controls that do not permit soil and sediment to leave the site via erosion or wind.
2. Exposed and disturbed soil shall be surrounded by a straw wattle to prevent runoff. Straw mulch shall also be used to absorb runoff.
3. Stockpiles of soil, sand or gravel shall be covered with secured plastic tarps to prevent material from being blown off site, and shall be surrounded by straw wattles to prevent storm runoff.
4. Concrete trucks shall be washed offsite, at a site owned or used by the contractor that has been approved for this activity.
5. Concrete waste water including site mixed concrete and sweepings from exposed aggregate concrete, shall not be allowed to drain into storm sewers. Contractor shall provide a temporary drying basin for any washout, and dry residue collected from that basin shall be disposed of in accordance with City of Oakland disposal regulations. The drying basin may be excavated below grade or fabricated with perimeter straw bales above grade, but shall have sufficient volume for all water discharge, and shall be lined with minimum 10 mil polyethylene sheeting free of holes or tears, staked into ground or bales.



3 ASSESSORS PARCEL MAP  
A1.1 no scale

PROJECT LOCATION



1 SITE PLAN  
A1.1 1/8" = 1'-0"

DRAWING INDEX

ARCHITECTURAL NO.	SHEET NAME	DATE
A1.1	SITE PLAN, PROJECT INFORMATION, VICINITY MAP, GENERAL NOTES	11 Nov 2025
A1.2	SURVEY	11 Nov 2025
A1.3	EXISTING/ DEMOLITION PLANS AND ELEVATIONS	11 Nov 2025
A2.1	LOWER LEVEL PLAN	11 Nov 2025
A2.2	LOWER LEVEL REFLECTED CLG PLAN	11 Nov 2025
A2.3	UPPER LEVEL PLAN	11 Nov 2025
A2.4	UPPER LEVEL REFLECTED CLG PLAN	11 Nov 2025
A3.1	EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS	11 Nov 2025
A3.2	BUILDING SECTIONS	11 Nov 2025
A3.3	BUILDING SECTIONS	11 Nov 2025

CODE INFORMATION

**APPLICABLE CODES:**  
The following Codes shall apply to this project: 2022 California Residential Code (CRC), 2022 Mechanical Code (CMC), 2022 Electrical Code (CEC), 2022 Plumbing Code (CPC), 2022 California Green Building Standards (CalGreen), and 2022 California Title 24 Energy Standards; all including errata and supplements, as amended by Contra Costa County.

**FIRE SPRINKLERS AND FIRE ALARMS**  
A fire sprinkler system is not required. Local fire alarms shall be provided in both units, interconnected in the new ADU.

DEFERRED SUBMITTALS

- 1.



2 VICINITY MAP  
A1.1 no scale

PROJECT LOCATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Addition and remodel to create a new Accessory Dwelling Unit and Laundry on the Lower Level, and new Deck, expanded Kitchen, and remodeled Primary Suite on the Upper Level. The addition will have fiber cement siding and flat panelling. The roof will be composite shingles, windows will be vinyl or fiberglass. There is no excavation required for the project other than for new footings/ foundations.

PROJECT INFORMATION

ADDRESS 210 Amherst Avenue  
Kensington, CA 94708  
570-050-004  
Juli and Ken Kurtzman  
210 Amherst Avenue  
Kensington, CA 94708  
805.390.8122  
julkurtzman@gmail.com

PROJECT DATA

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED/ ALLOWED
ZONING	R-6 -TOV -K	NO CHANGE	
WILDLAND FIRE HAZARD RISK	YES	NO CHANGE	
FLOOD ZONE	NO	NO CHANGE	
ALQUIST-PRIOLO FAULT ZONE	NO	NO CHANGE	
LIQUEFACTION RISK	VERY LOW	NO CHANGE	
OCCUPANCY TYPE	R-3/ U	NO CHANGE	
CONSTRUCTION TYPE	V-B	NO CHANGE	
LOT AREA	4995.5 SF	NO CHANGE	
AVERAGE LOT SLOPE	14%	NO CHANGE	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS	1	1 + ADU	2
<b>MAIN HOUSE SETBACKS</b>			
FRONT (EAST)	23'-9"	NO CHANGE	
FRONT GARAGE	13'-0"	NO CHANGE	
REAR (WEST)	12'-4"	5'-10"	15'-0"
LEFT SIDE (SOUTH)	5'-0"	NO CHANGE	4'-0"
RIGHT SIDE (NORTH)	5'-0"	NO CHANGE	4'-0"
<b>MAIN HOUSE BUILDING AREA</b>			
GARAGE	420 SF	NO CHANGE	
LEVEL ONE MAIN HOUSE*	699 SF	383 SF	-316 SF
LEVEL ONE ADU	0 SF	611 SF	611 SF
LEVEL ONE NON-HABITABLE	891 SF	746 SF	-145 SF
LEVEL ONE TOTAL HABITABLE	1590 SF	1740 SF	150 SF
LEVEL TWO	1614 SF	1717 SF	103 SF
<b>TOTAL HABITABLE FLOOR AREA</b>	3204 SF	3457 SF	253 SF
<b>TOTAL AREA INCLUDING GARAGE</b>	3624 SF	3877 SF	253 SF
LEVEL TWO BALCONY/ DECK	112 SF	200 SF	88 SF
<b>COVERAGE AREA</b>	2176 SF	2374 SF	198 SF
COVERAGE PERCENTAGE			
BUILDING HEIGHT - STORIES	2	NO CHANGE	
BUILDING HEIGHT - FEET	22'-6"	23'-3"	0'-9"***
OFF STREET PARKING	2	NO CHANGE	2
PRIVATE OPEN SPACE	2017 SF	1700 SF	-317 SF
* LEVEL ONE AREA INCREASE INCLUDES CONVERSION OF 145 SF OF NONHABITABLE SPACE, AND 150 SF OF NEW ADDITION.			
** HEIGHT INCREASE IS DUE TO LOWER EXISTING DOWNSLOPE GRADE AT WEST WALL EXPANSION.			

SITE PLAN NOTES

- SEE SHEET L1.1 FOR LANDSCAPE PLAN  
SEE SHEET A2.4 FOR ROOF PLAN
- EXISTING BUILDING OUTLINE
  - PROPOSED ADDITIONS, EXPANSION AREA SHOWN IN HATCH
  - NEW UPPER LEVEL DECK
  - NEIGHBORING HOUSES
  - EXISTING DRIVEWAY AND GARAGE TO REMAIN
  - EXISTING GAS AND ELECTRIC METERS
  - NEW ELECTRIC METER FOR ADU. VERIFY LOCATION AND INSTALL PER UTILITY REQUIREMENTS AND THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC CODE
  - EXISTING WATER METER
  - EXISTING SEWER LINE CLEANOUT. VERIFY LOCATION AND CONDITION OF EXG SEWER LINE. WITH RECEIPT OF REPLACEMENT WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS, OR BY CAMERA INSPECTION. REPLACE EXISTING SEWER LINE IF REQUIRED, FIELD VERIFY LOCATION. PROVIDE CLEANOUT AT ANY BEND >45°.
  - NEW WOOD STAIRS TO ACCESS ADU. SEE FLOOR PLAN 1/A2.1
  - NEW PERVIOUS CONCRETE OR PAVER WALK PATH
  - FIRE HOSE LENGTH TO FARTEST SECTION OF STRUCTURE = 125'-0"
  - CONSTRUCTION STAGING AREA. MATERIALS SHALL BE STORED IN SUCH MANNER AS TO PREVENT LEAKAGE, OR BLOWING BY WINDS.
  - PROVIDE STRAW WATTLES FOR EROSION CONTROL THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION . WATTLES SHALL BE TUBULAR IN SHAPE, ±10" Ø, 20'-30' LONG, FILLED WITH STRAW AND HOUSED IN BIODEGRADABLE NETTING. WATTLES SHALL BE PLACED TO PREVENT WATER RUNOFF IN A TRENCH 3'-5" DEEP, STAKED WITH 1"X1"X24" STAKES ±24" O.C. SEE 2/L1.1.
  - PROVIDE STREET ADDRESS SIGNAGE, SEE SHEET A3.1
  - HEAT PUMP COMPRESSOR/ OUTDOOR UNIT. INSTALL PER MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTION.
  - PROVIDE CONCRETE SLAB IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S REQUIREMENTS.

Project Team

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Structural Engineer

Title 24 Energy Consultant

Sprinkler and Fire Alarm



PLANNING SUBMISSION

Residential Renovations for:

Juli and Ken Kurtzman  
210 Amherst Avenue  
Kensington, CA 94708  
APN 570-050-004

PROJECT INFORMATION

SITE PLAN  
VICINITY MAP  
GENERAL NOTES

Revision		
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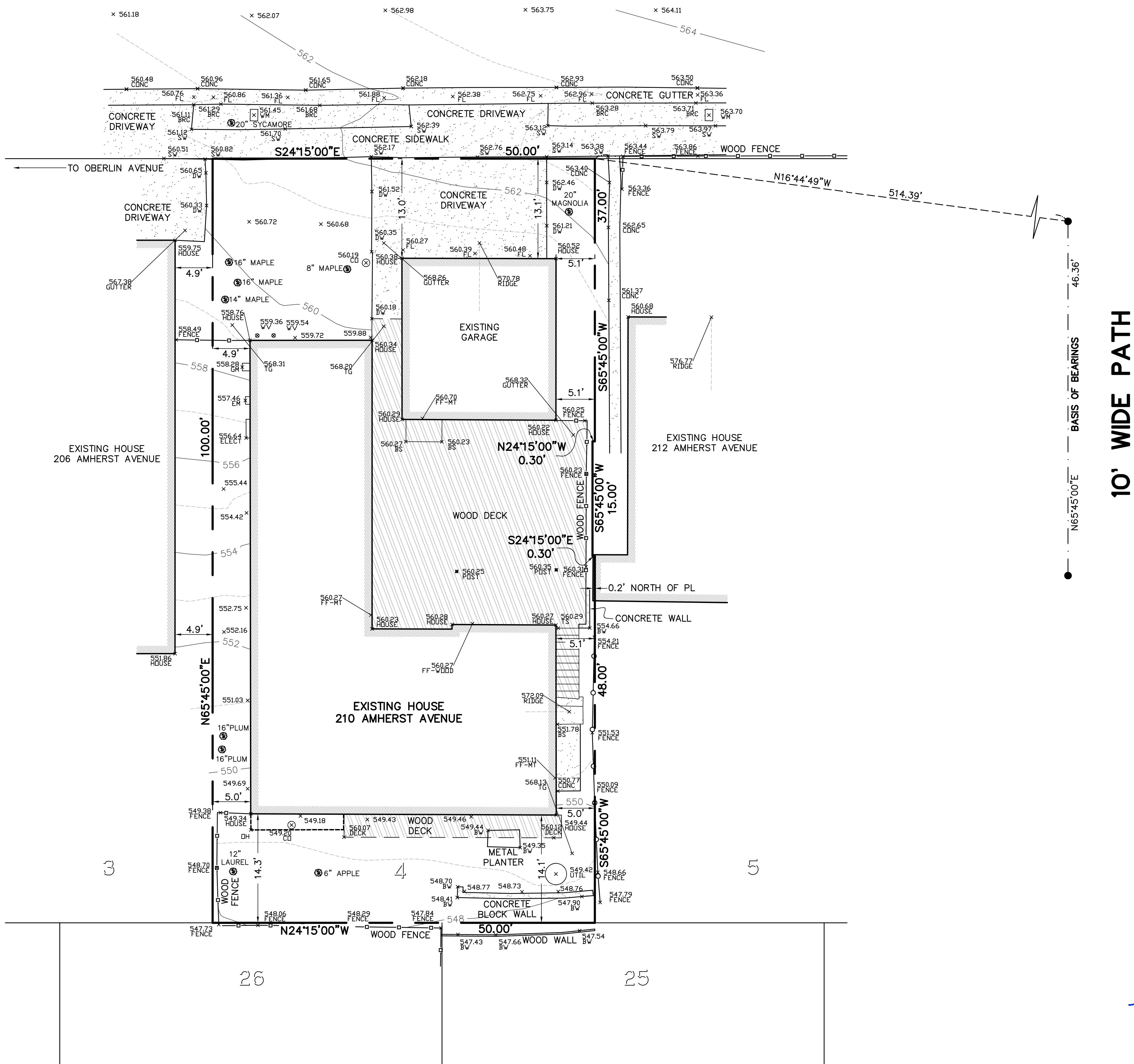
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AMHERST AVENUE (40' WIDE)



- LEGEND**
- APN ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER
  - BRC BACK OF ROLLED CURB
  - BS BASE OF STEPS
  - BW BASE OF WALL
  - CO CLEAN OUT
  - CONC CONCRETE
  - DW DRIVEWAY
  - ELECT ELECTRICAL UTILITY
  - EM ELECTRIC METER
  - FF FINISHED FLOOR
  - FL FLOWLINE
  - GM GAS METER
  - MT METAL THRESHOLD
  - OH OVERHANG
  - PL PROPERTY LINE
  - SW SIDEWALK
  - TG TOP OF GUTTER
  - TS TOP OF STEPS
  - UTIL UNKNOWN UTILITY
  - WM WATER METER
  - WV WATER VALVE
  - BUILDING FOOTPRINT
  - CONCRETE
  - CONCRETE WALL
  - WOOD
  - WOOD WALL
  - CHAIN LINK FENCE
  - WOOD FENCE
  - FOUND 5/8" REBAR AND CAP, RCE 18650, PER (226 CR 46)

**GENERAL NOTES:**  
DIMENSIONS ARE IN FEET AND DECIMAL FEET.

DIMENSIONS SHOWN FROM BUILDINGS TO PROPERTY LINES ARE MEASURED AT BUILDING CORNERS FROM THE EXTERIOR BUILDING FACE PERPENDICULAR TO THE PROPERTY LINE.

NO TITLE REPORT PROVIDED, EASEMENTS MAY EXIST.

APN: 570-050-004-3

PROPERTY AREA: 4,996± SQUARE FEET

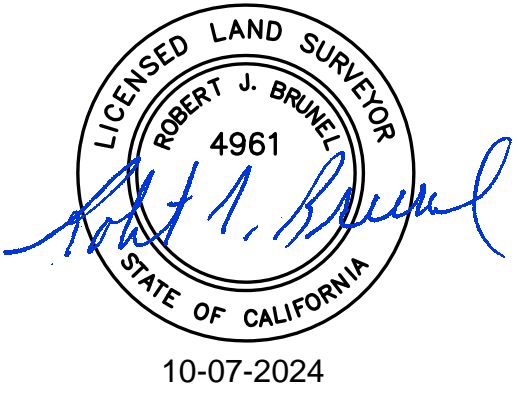
DATE OF FIELD SURVEY: SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

**BASIS OF BEARINGS:**  
THE LINE BETWEEN THE TWO FOUND REBAR SHOWN HEREON WAS TAKEN AS NORTH 65°45'00" EAST AS SHOWN ON CORNER RECORD 10579 (226 CR 46).

**DATUM:**  
ELEVATIONS ARE BASED ON NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM 1988.

**BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY**

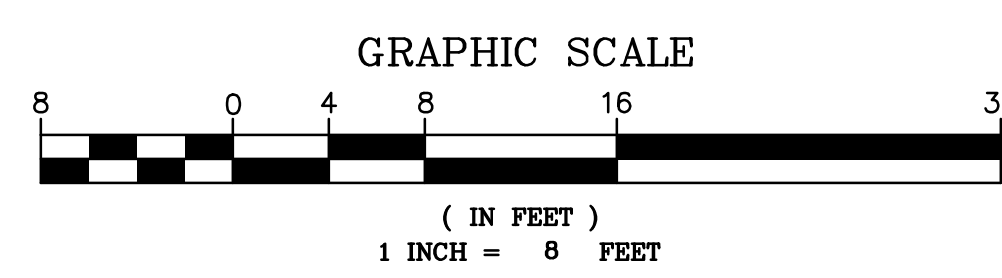
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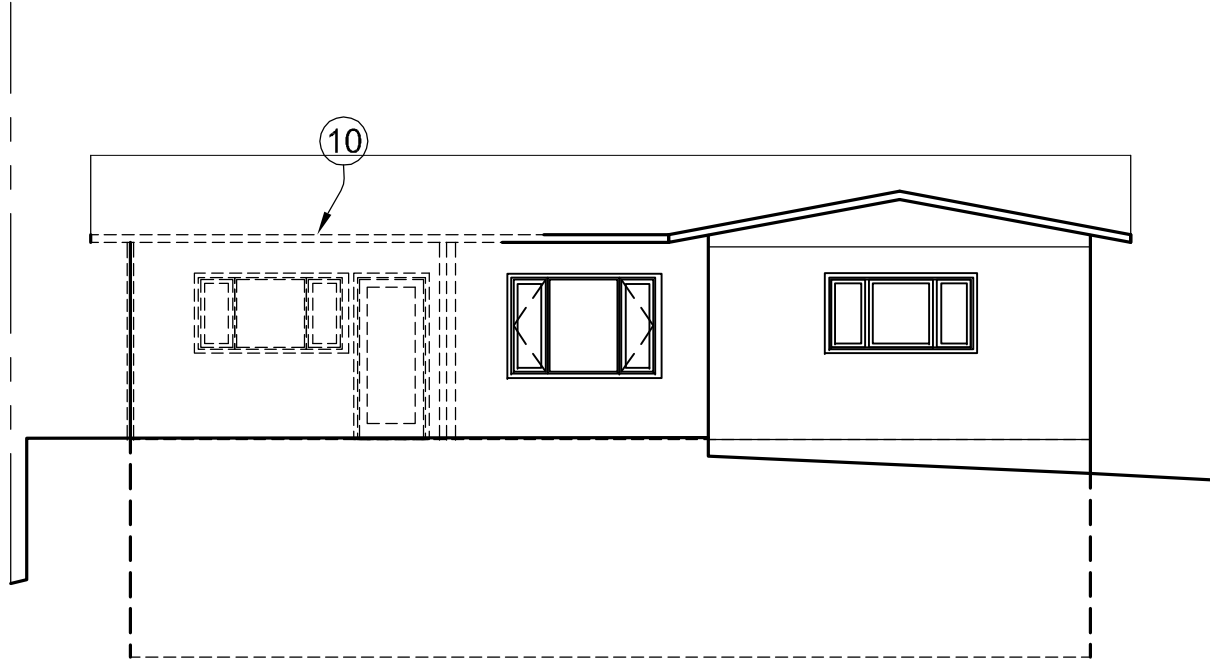
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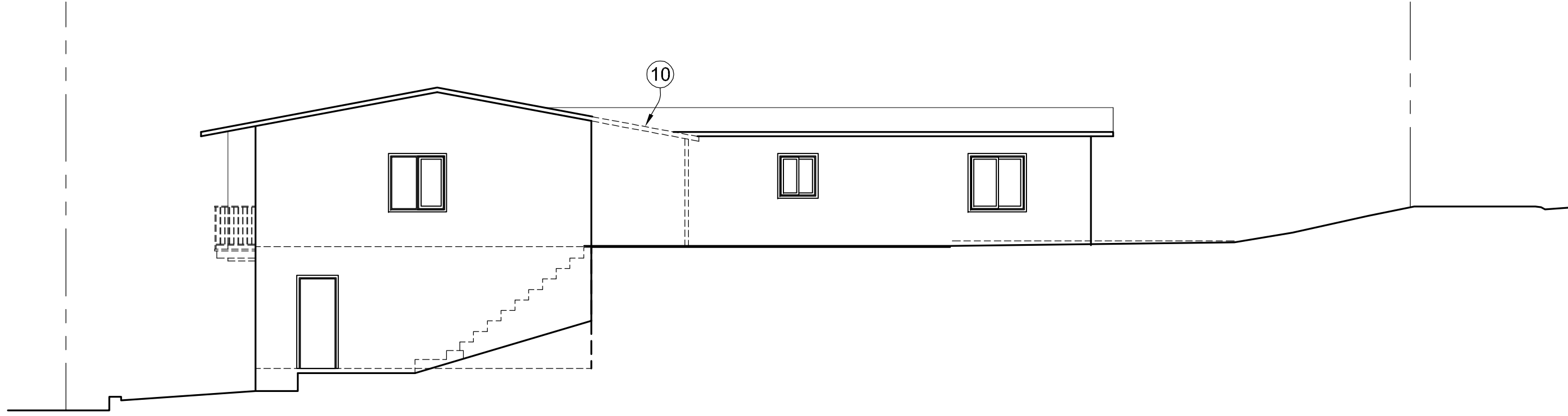
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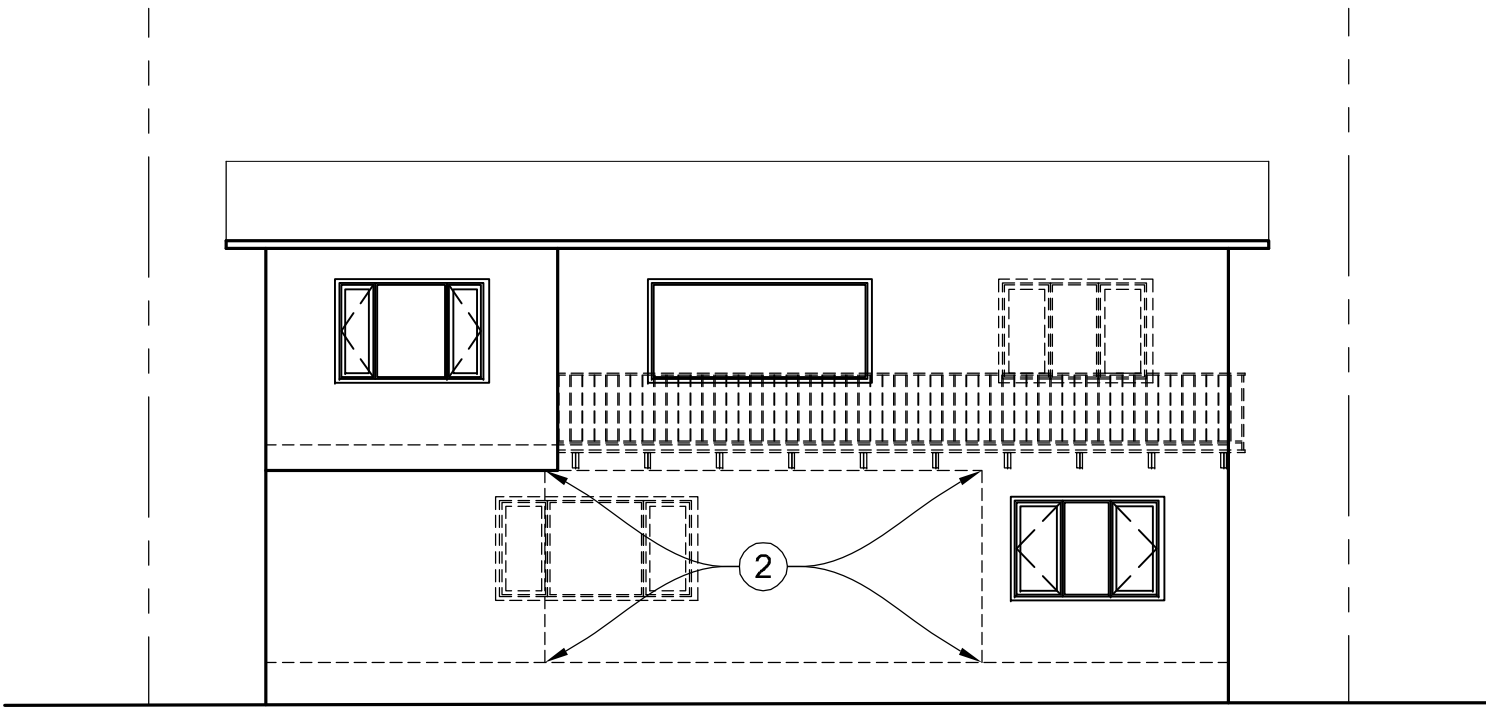
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- 3 REMOVE EXISTING BRICK FIREPLACE AND CHIMNEY.
- 4 REMOVE EXISTING CRAWL SPACE ACCESS DOOR
- 5 REMOVE SECTION OF FLOOR AS REQUIRED FOR NEW STAIR
- 6 REMOVE EXISTING INTERIOR STAIR
- 7 REMOVE EXISTING WASHER AND DRYER
- 8 REMOVE EXISTING WALL SECTION FOR NEW WINDOW OR DOOR
- 9 EXISTING FLOOR LEVEL AND FRAMING TO REMAIN. NOTIFY ARCHITECT AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEER OF ANY FLOOR FRAMING LESS THAN 2X8 @ 16" O.C., OR ANY FRAMING THAT HAS BEEN CUT, SPLICED, OR INDICATES ROT OR OTHER DAMAGE, OR FRAMING THAT HAS BEEN CHANGED IN ANY MANNER THAT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE WOOD FRAMING STANDARDS IN THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE.
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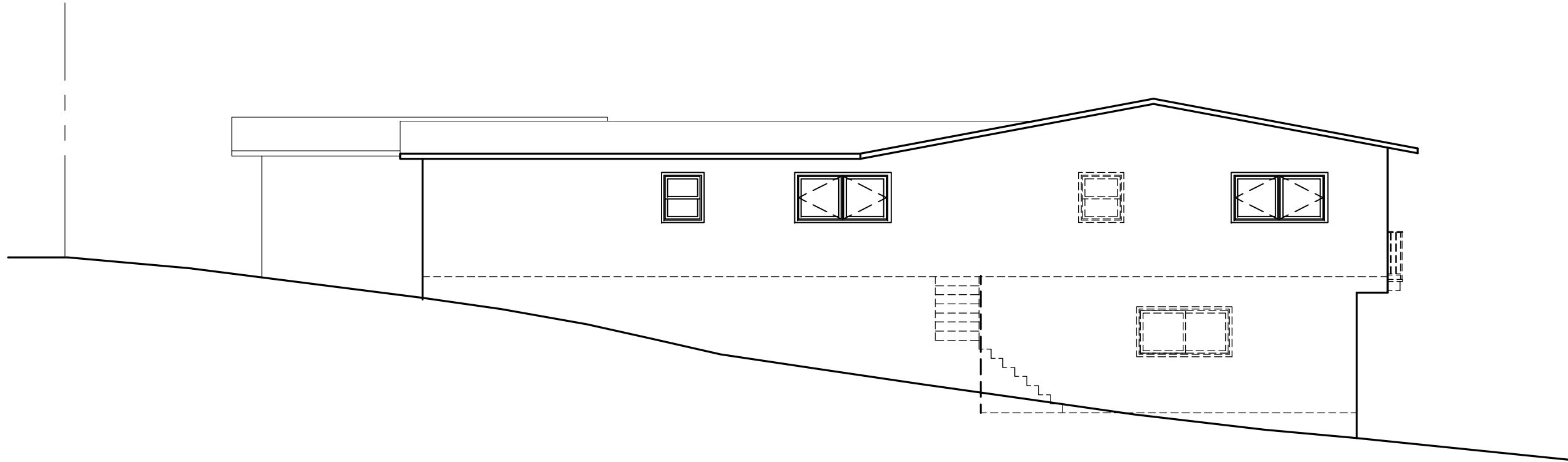
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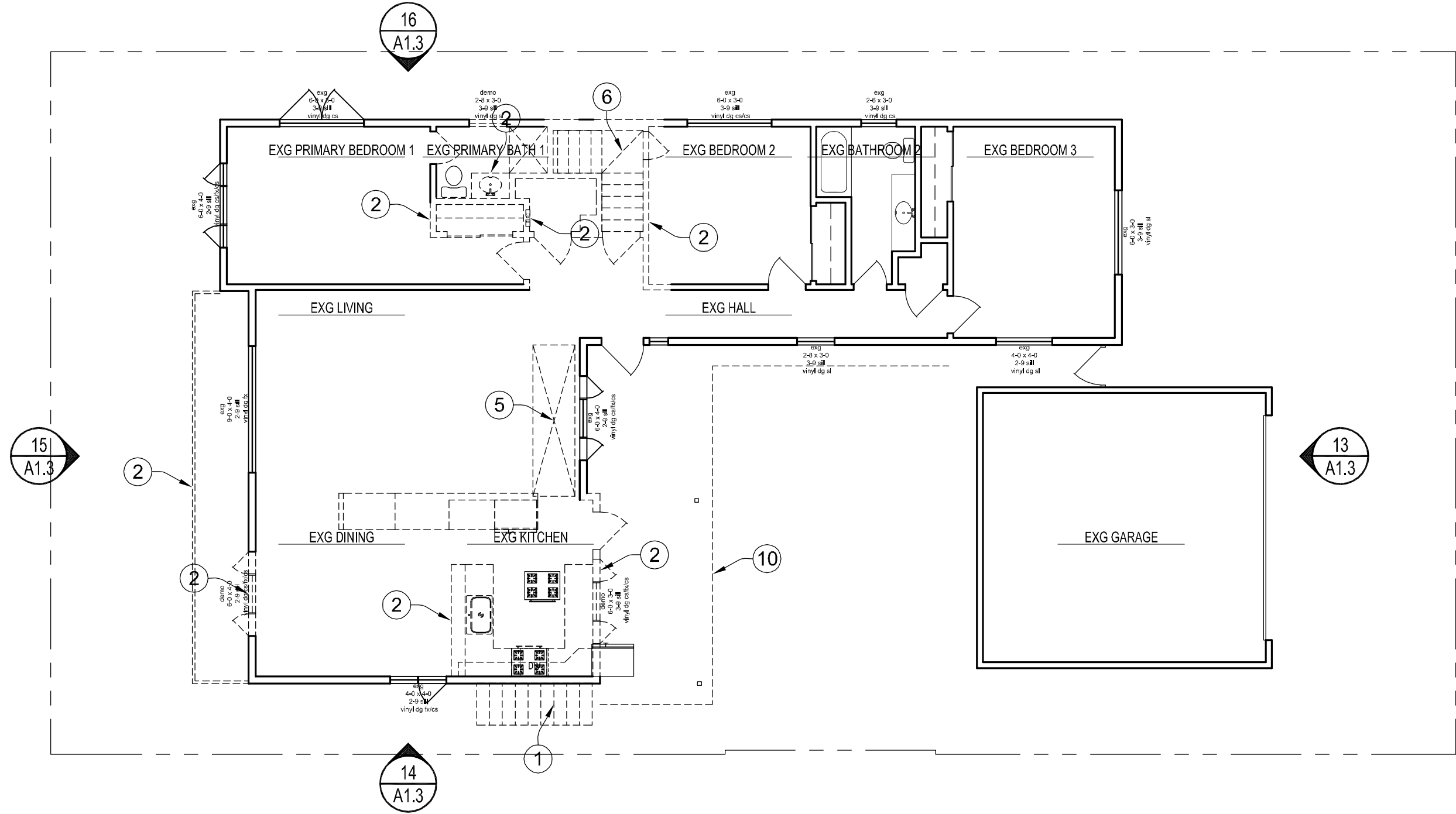
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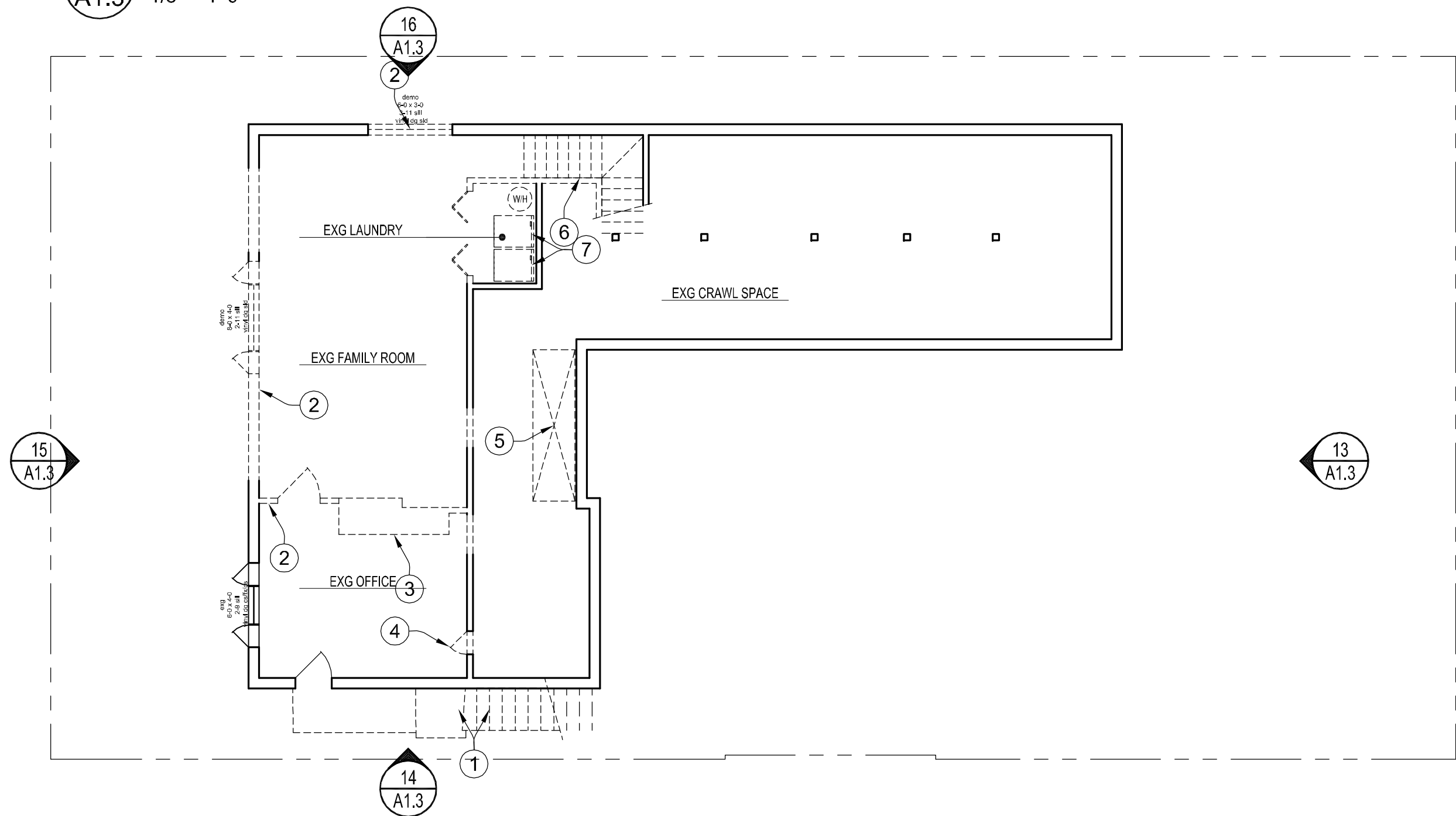
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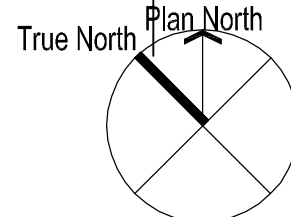
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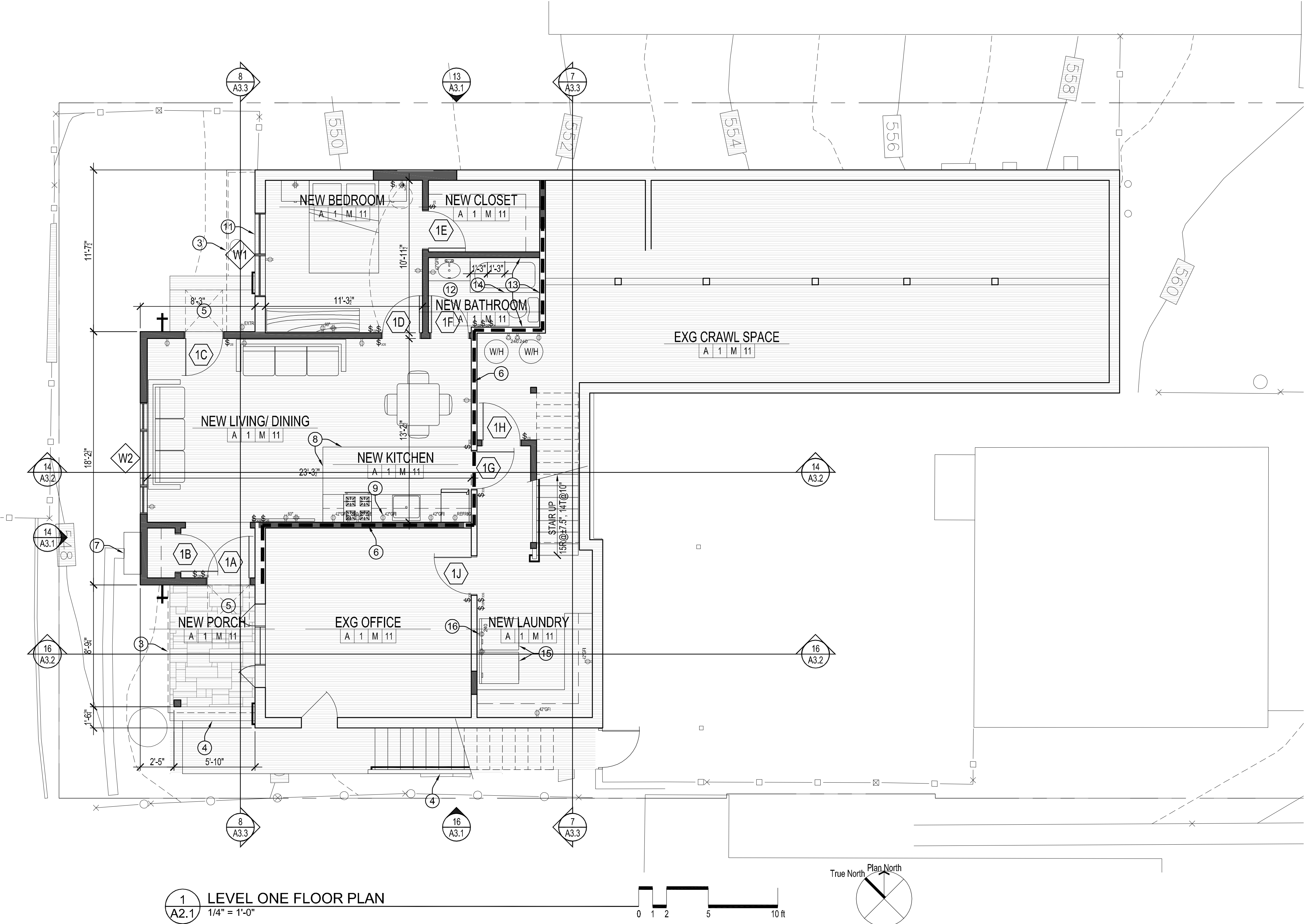
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\$.	3 way electric switch
\$..	electric switch with occupancy sensor
\$.	electric switch with humidistat
⊕ <sub>h</sub>	duplex outlet, x = height above finished floor (12" u.n.o.)
⊕ <sub>ca</sub>	duplex outlet on dedicated circuit
⊕ <sub>gfi</sub>	duplex outlet with ground fault interrupt circuit
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⊕	duplex outlet, 1 plug connected to switch
⊕ <sub>fl</sub>	duplex outlet flush set in floor with cover plate
⊕	quadplex outlet
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LEVEL ONE PLAN NOTES

ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE OF FINISH, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

SEE FOR WALL TYPES

- WALKWAY, SEE SITE PLAN A.1.1
- HOSE BIB
- PROJECTING OVERHANG ABOVE
- EXTERIOR STAIRS WITH MAX 7.75" RISERS, 11" TREAD - MIN. 10" TREAD REQUIRED. PROVIDE 1½"Ø WOOD HANDRAIL MIN 1 SIDE, 34" ABOVE TREAD NOSINGS, 1½" CLEAR FROM WALL, RETURN AT ENDS. STAIRS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 36" ABOVE HANDRAIL. WHERE ADJOINING SURFACE IS > 2'-6" BELOW STAIR WITHIN 3'-0" HORIZONTAL. PROVIDE GUARDRAIL MIN. 34" HIGH WITH NO OPENING ALLOWING PASSAGE OF 4" Ø SPHERE. SEE SECTION AT 12/A.4.2. PROVIDE 3'-0" LANDING AT TOP AND BOTTOM OF STAIR, A DOOR OR GATE THAT DOES NOT SWING OVER THE TOP STAIR IS PERMITTED AT THE TOP OF THE STAIR.
- PROVIDE MIN. 36" DEEP LANDING AT EXTERIOR DOORS, MAX 7.75" BELOW DOOR THRESHOLD WHERE DOOR DOES NOT SWING OVER STEP, SLOPE MAX. 2% SLOPE.
- 1 HOUR FIRE RATED WALL FOR DWELLING UNIT SEPARATION WITH MINIMUM STC OF 45. SEE DETAIL 3/A.4.2
- TWO ZONE WALL MOUNTED HEAT PUMP CONDENSER UNIT. LOCATION FOR INDOOR AIR HANDLING UNITS TO BE DETERMINED.
- JOINT BETWEEN WOOD AND TILE OR RESILIENT FLOORING
- PROVIDE GFI ELECTRICAL OUTLETS ON COUNTER SIDE SO THAT NO COUNTER SPACE IS NO MORE THAN 2'-0" FROM AN OUTLET. PROVIDE MIN. (2) 20 AMP CIRCUITS TO COUNTERTOP OUTLETS FOR SMALL APPLIANCES, AND PROVIDE SEPARATE CIRCUIT FOR REFRIGERATOR OUTLET. OUTLETS MAY BE DELETED WHERE FULL HEIGHT CABINETS ARE PROVIDED.
- NEW INTERIOR STAIR WITH MAX 7.75" RISERS, MIN. 10" TREAD. PROVIDE 1½"Ø WOOD HANDRAIL MIN 1 SIDE, 34" ABOVE TREAD NOSINGS, 1½" CLEAR FROM WALL, RETURN AT ENDS. STAIRS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 36" ABOVE HANDRAIL. WHERE ADJOINING SURFACE IS > 2'-6" BELOW STAIR WITHIN 3'-0" HORIZONTAL. PROVIDE GUARDRAIL MIN. 34" HIGH WITH NO OPENING ALLOWING PASSAGE OF 4" Ø SPHERE.
- PROVIDE EGRESS/ RESCUE WINDOW AT BEDROOMS. SEE DOOR AND WINDOW SCHEDULE SHEET A-2.4 FOR REQUIREMENTS.
- NEW PLUMBING FIXTURES SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FLOW RATES:  
TOILETS: EFFECTIVE FLUSH VOLUME SHALL NOT EXCEED 1.28 GALLONS  
SHOWERHEADS: MAX 1.8 GPM @ 80 PSI  
LAVATORY FAUCETS: MAX 1.2 GPM @ 60 PSI (0.8 GPM AT 20 PSI MIN)  
KITCHEN FAUCETS: MAX 1.8 GPM @ 60 PSI  
WRAP ALL EXPOSED HOT WATER PIPES WITH MIN. R-4 INSULATION
- PROVIDE NONABSORBENT WALL SURFACE TO MIN. 6" ABOVE FLOOR AT TUB/ SHOWER.
- SHOWER SHALL HAVE A MIN. 1024 SQ IN OF INTERIOR AREA, AND PROVIDE SPACE FOR A MIN. 30"Ø CIRCLE. GLASS IN SHOWER ENCLOSURES SHALL BE APPROVED SAFETY GLASS, AND SHOWER DOORS, IF PROVIDED SHALL BE MIN. 24" CLEAR WIDTH AND SHALL OPEN OUTWARD FROM THE SHOWER COMPARTMENT.
- SIDE BY SIDE WASHER/ DRYER, PROVIDE SHUT-OFF VALVE FOR ANY GAS LINE. VENT DRYER THROUGH THE SOUTH WALL. PROVIDE 30 AMP CIRCUIT TO LAUNDRY.
- PROVIDE 240V OUTLET FOR POTENTIAL ELECTRIC DRYER.
- NEW AND/ OR RELOCATED HOT WATER HEATERS FOR MAIN HOUSE AND ADU. PROVIDE 240V ELECTRICAL OUTLET FOR HEAT PUMP. PROVIDE PAN AND CONDENSATE LINE TO EXTERIOR.
- ELECTRICAL SUB-PANEL

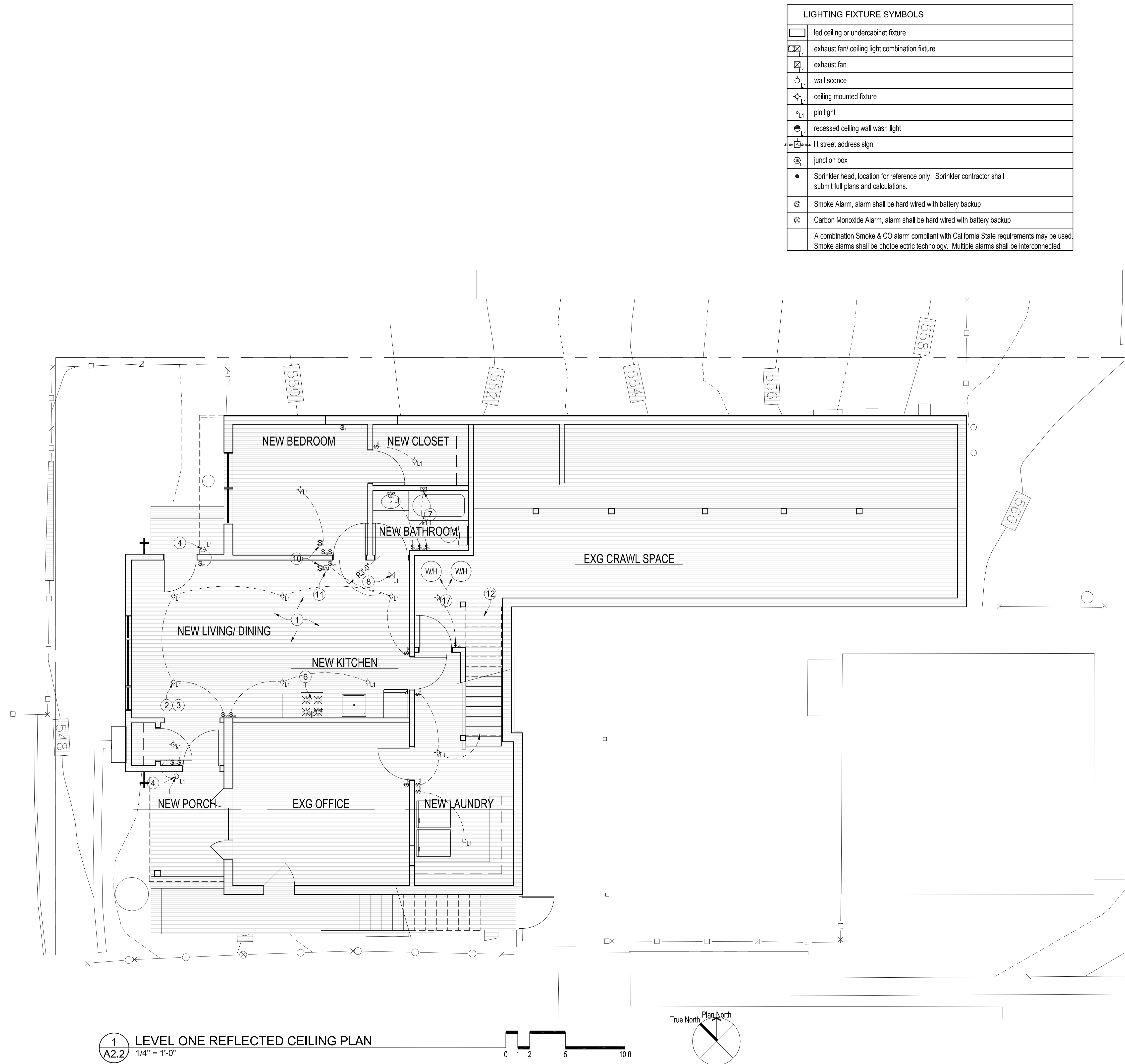


FINISH SCHEDULE			
FLOOR	BASE	WALLS	CEILINGS
A. WOOD	1. PAINTED WOOD OR MDF	M. GYPSUM BOARD TYPE 1	11. GYPSUM BOARD
B. CERAMIC TILE	2. CERAMIC TILE	N. CEMENT BOARD OR SHOWER BACKER BOARD	12. PAINTED GYPSUM BOARD
C. CONCRETE	3. RUBBER	O. MIN. ½" GYPSUM BOARD WITH TAPE AND MUD	13. MIN. 5/8" GYPSUM BOARD WITH TAPE AND MUD

- NEW WALL
- EXISTING WALL TO REMAIN
- EXISTING WALL REMOVED

WALL LEGEND

1 LEVEL ONE FLOOR PLAN  
A2.1 1/4" = 1'-0"



- LEVEL ONE REFLECTED CEILING PLAN NOTES**
- ALL RECESSED CEILING FIXTURES IN INSULATED CEILINGS SHALL BE I/C RATED FOR CONTACT WITH INSULATION AND AIRTIGHT LABELED.
- ① ONE HOUR RATED FLOOR-CEILING ASSEMBLY WHERE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT IS BENEATH UPPER LEVEL UNIT. FLOOR CEILING ASSEMBLY SHALL ALSO HAVE A MINIMUM STC 45 ACOUSTIC RATING AND MINIMUM 45 IIC RATING. SEE DETAIL 1/A4.2.
- ② CEILING LIGHT FIXTURES BELOW UPPER UNIT SHALL BE SURFACE MOUNT, OR SHALL BE RATED FOR INSTALLATION IN A ONE HOUR CEILING, OR SHALL BE ENCLOSED IN A FIRE-RATED BOX PER DETAIL 5/A4.2
- ③ NEW LIGHT FIXTURES IN LIVING SPACES SHALL BE HIGH EFFICIACY AND SHALL HAVE OCCUPANCY SENSOR OR DIMMER SWITCH SEE SHEET T24-3 FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS.
- ④ EXTERIOR LIGHTING FIXTURES SHALL BE APPROVED DARK SKY RATED, WITH SHIELDING TO PREVENT LIGHT SPILLING ONTO ADJOINING PROPERTIES
- ⑤ STREET ADDRESS NUMBER, SEE ELEVATION 4/A3.1
- ⑥ KITCHEN EXHAUST FAN WITH MINIMUM 100 CFM, VENT THROUGH WALL OR ROOF, MIN. 3'-0" FROM PROPERTY LINE AND ANY OPENINGS. SEE ROOF PLAN A2.5 FOR VENT OUTLET LOCATION.
- ⑦ BATHROOM WALL MOUNTED EXHAUST FAN/ LIGHT, PANASONIC WHISPER LIGHT MIN 50 CFM. FANS SHALL BE ENERGY STAR COMPLIANT AND BE DUCTED TO TERMINATE OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, PROVIDE BACKDRAFT PREVENTER. PROVIDE SEPARATE, HUMIDISTAT CONTROLLED SWITCH FOR FAN. LIGHT SHALL BE HIGH EFFICACY. WHERE EXHAUST FANS OCCUR IN ONE HOUR RATED CEILINGS PROVIDE RATED DAMPER OR PROVIDE LOWERED CEILING TO RUN EXHAUST DUCT HORIZONTALLY WITHOUT PENETRATING RATED CEILING.
- ⑧ WHOLE HOUSE FAN. ADU FLOOR AREA = 568 SF; 1 BR. 568 x 0.03 + ((1+1) x 7.5) = 17 + 15 = 32. PROVIDE MINIMUM 40 CFM FAN WITH CONTINUOUS OPERATION, MIN. 6" Ø DUCTING, MAX 1 SONE, PANASONIC WHISPERCEILING FV-1115VQ1, OR EQUAL ALTERNATE: PROVIDE VARIABLE SPEED WITH CONTINUOUS OPERATION AT 50 CFM, WHISPERVALUE® DC FAN WITH PICK-A-FLOW®, 50-80-100 CFM, MODEL: FV-0510VS1. IF CEILING MOUNT IS SELECTED PROVIDE GYPSUM WRAP FOR 1 HOUR FIRE RATING PER DETAIL ~/A4.1. FAN MAY BE VENTED THROUGH NORTH WALL TO EXTERIOR.
- ⑨ WALL OR CEILING MOUNTED FAN COIL UNIT, SEE SHEET A2.7.
- ⑩ PROVIDE SMOKE ALARMS IN ALL BEDROOMS AND HALL OR COMMON SPACE SERVING BEDROOMS, LOCATE MIN. 3'-0" FROM DOOR TO BATHROOMS CONTAINING TUB AND/ OR SHOWER. SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE HARD WIRED WITH BATTERY BACK-UP, AND SHALL BE INTERCONNECTED.
- ⑪ PROVIDE AT LEAST (1) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ON EACH FLOOR LEVEL. CO DETECTORS SHALL BE HARD WIRED WITH BATTERY BACK-UP, AND SHALL BE INTERCONNECTED.
- ⑫ MINIMUM 5/8" GYPSUM BOARD APPLIED ON CEILING OF ENCLOSED SPACE UNDER STAIRS.

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**LOWER LEVEL CEILING PLAN**

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LEVEL TWO PLAN NOTES

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- ① GAS AND ELECTRIC METERS - SEE SITE PLAN  
② EXTERIOR STAIRS, SEE LEVEL ONE PLAN NOTE #4, SHEET A2.1  
③ NEW EXTERIOR DECK ±200 SF. PROVIDE WOOD GUARDRAIL, MINIMUM 3'-6" HIGH, WITH OPENINGS THAT DO NOT ALLOW PASSAGE OF 4" Ø SPHERE. SEE SECTION AT 12/A4.2  
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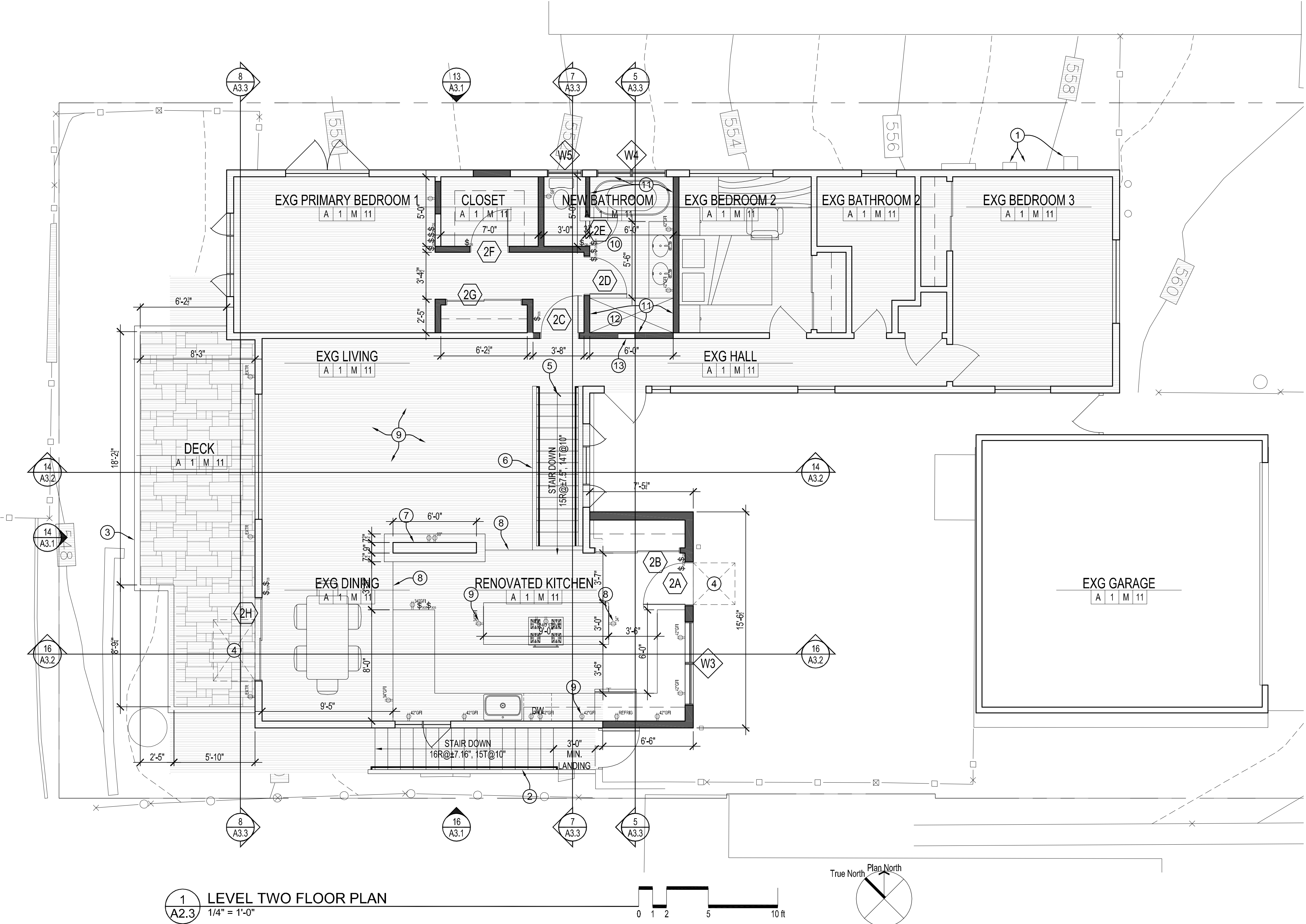
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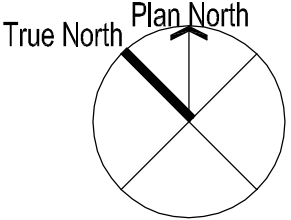
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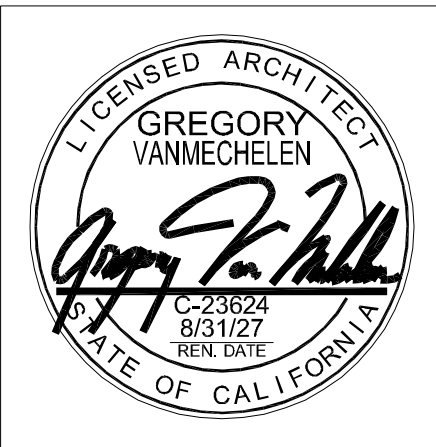


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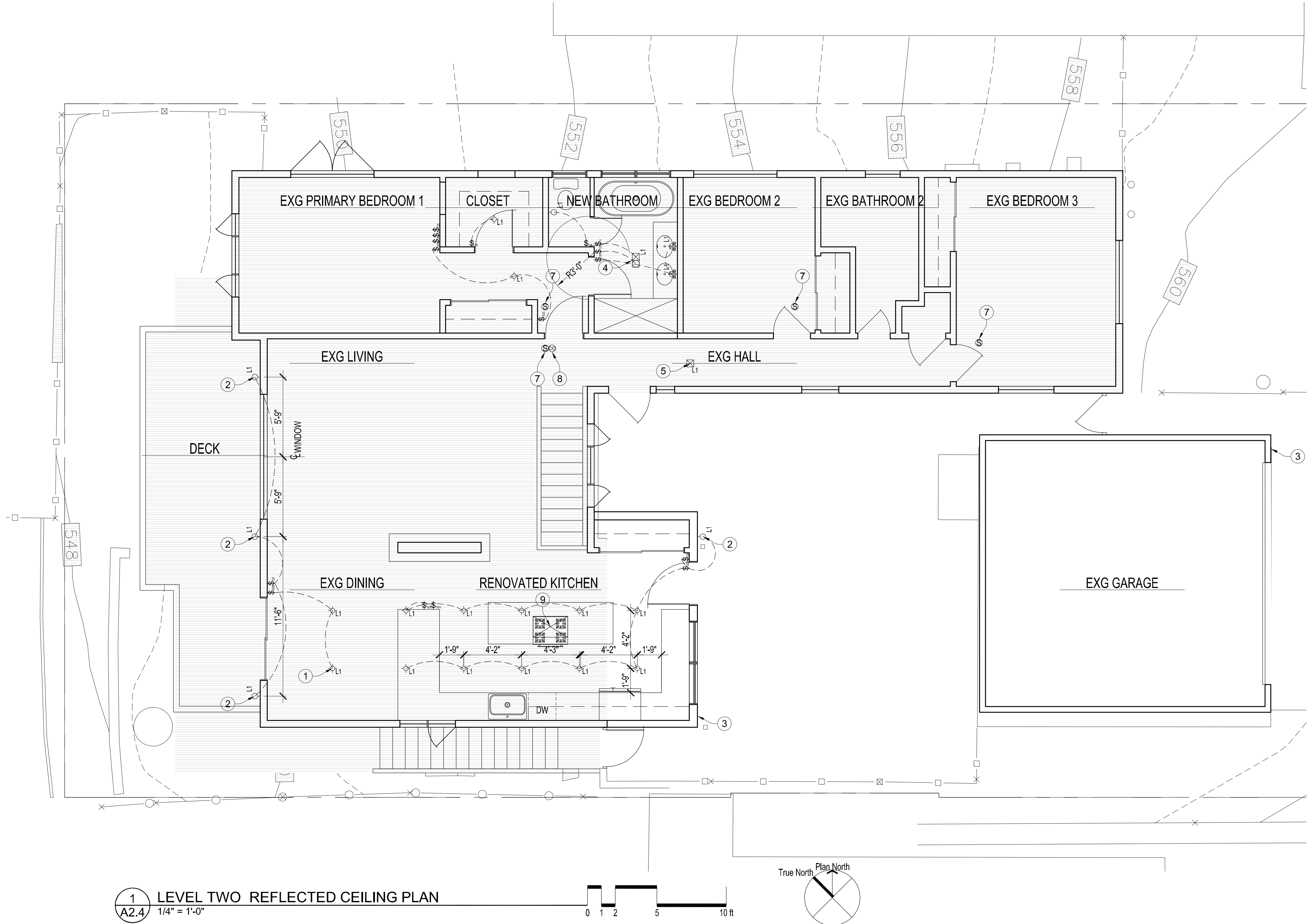
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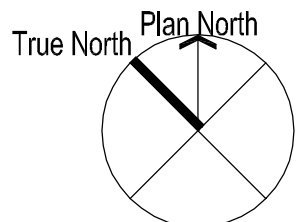
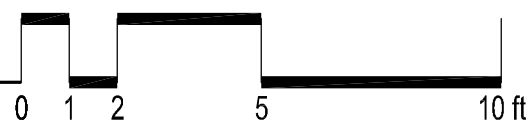
LIGHTING FIXTURE SYMBOLS	
	led ceiling or undercabinet fixture
	exhaust fan/ ceiling light combination fixture
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	wall sconce
	ceiling mounted fixture
	pin light
	recessed ceiling wall wash light
	lit street address sign
	junction box
	Sprinkler head, location for reference only. Sprinkler contractor shall submit full plans and calculations.
	Smoke Alarm, alarm shall be hard wired with battery backup
	Carbon Monoxide Alarm, alarm shall be hard wired with battery backup
	A combination Smoke & CO alarm compliant with California State requirements may be used. Smoke alarms shall be photoelectric technology. Multiple alarms shall be interconnected.

- LEVEL TWO REFLECTED CEILING PLAN NOTES**
- ALL RECESSED CEILING FIXTURES IN INSULATED CEILINGS SHALL BE IC RATED FOR CONTACT WITH INSULATION AND AIRTIGHT LABELED.
- NEW LIGHT FIXTURES IN LIVING SPACES SHALL BE HIGH EFFICIACY AND SHALL HAVE OCCUPANCY SENSOR OR DIMMER SWITCH SEE SHEET T24-3 FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS.
- EXTERIOR LIGHTING FIXTURES SHALL BE APPROVED DARK SKY RATED, WITH SHIELDING TO PREVENT LIGHT SPILLING ONTO ADJOINING PROPERTIES
- STREET ADDRESS NUMBER FOR ADU
- BATHROOM EXHAUST FAN/ LIGHT, PANASONIC WHISPER LIGHT MIN 50 CFM. FANS SHALL BE ENERGY STAR COMPLIANT AND BE DUCTED TO TERMINATE OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, PROVIDE BACKDRAFT PREVENTER. PROVIDE SEPARATE, HUMIDISTAT CONTROLLED SWITCH FOR FAN. LIGHT SHALL BE HIGH EFFICACY.
- WHOLE HOUSE FAN. MAIN HOUSE FLOOR AREA = 2108 SF; 3 BR. 2108 X 0.03 + ((3+1) x 7.5) =63.24 + 30 = 93.24. PROVIDE MINIMUM 100 CFM FAN WITH CONTINUOUS OPERATION, MIN. 6" Ø DUCTING, MAX 1 SONE, PANASONIC WHISPERCEILING FV-1115VQ1, OR EQUAL. ALTERNATE: PROVIDE VARIABLE SPEED 110/130/150 CFM FAN IN BATHROOM A1 WITH CONTINUOUS OPERATION AT 100 CFM, DELETE HUMIDISTAT SWITCH. PANASONIC WHISPERGREEN® SELECT™ FAN/LIGHT, 110-130-150 CFM FV-1115VKL2. FAN MAY BE LOCATED AT EITHER LEVEL.
- WALL OR CEILING MOUNTED FAN COIL UNIT, SEE SHEET A2.7.
- PROVIDE SMOKE ALARMS IN ALL BEDROOMS AND HALL OR COMMON SPACE SERVING BEDROOMS. LOCATE MIN. 3'-0" FROM DOOR TO BATHROOMS CONTAINING TUB AND/ OR SHOWER. SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE HARD WIRED WITH BATTERY BACK-UP, AND SHALL BE INTERCONNECTED.
- PROVIDE AT LEAST (1) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ON EACH FLOOR LEVEL. CO DETECTORS SHALL BE HARD WIRED WITH BATTERY BACK-UP, AND SHALL BE INTERCONNECTED.
- KITCHEN EXHAUST FAN SHALL HAVE MINIMUM 100 CFM, VENT THROUGH WALL OR ROOF, MIN. 3'-0" FROM PROPERTY LINE AND ANY OPENINGS. SEE ROOF PLAN A2.5 FOR VENT OUTLET LOCATION.

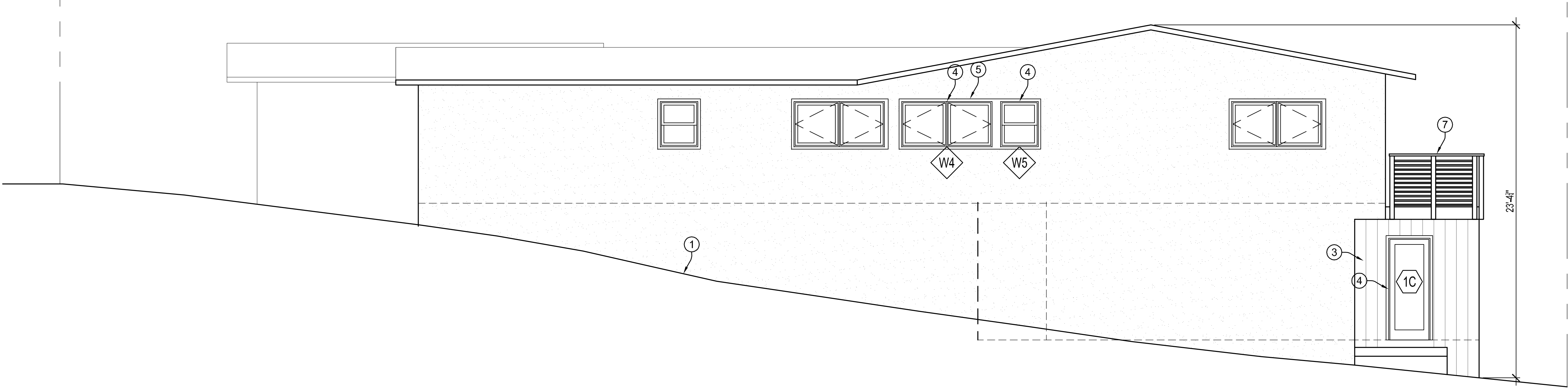
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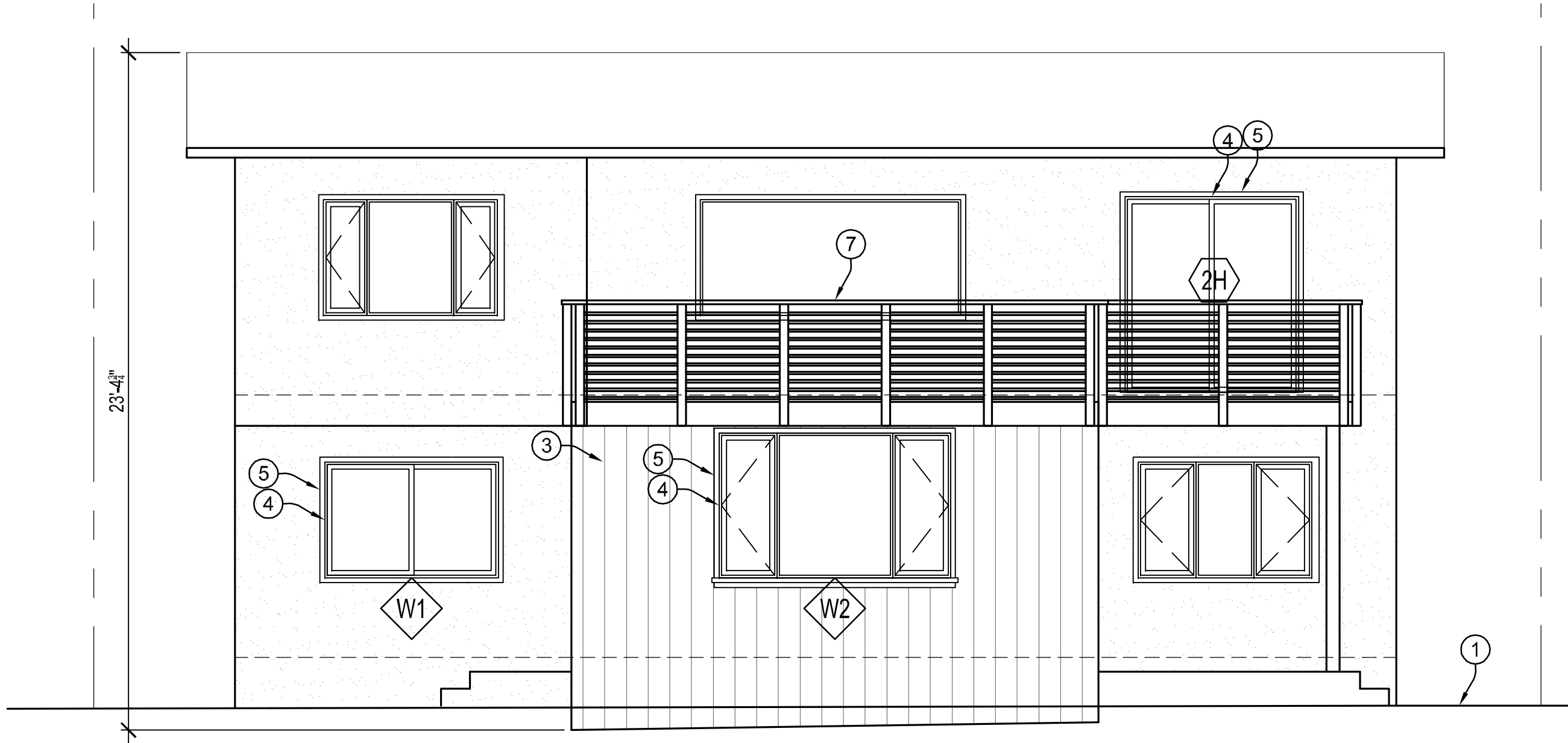
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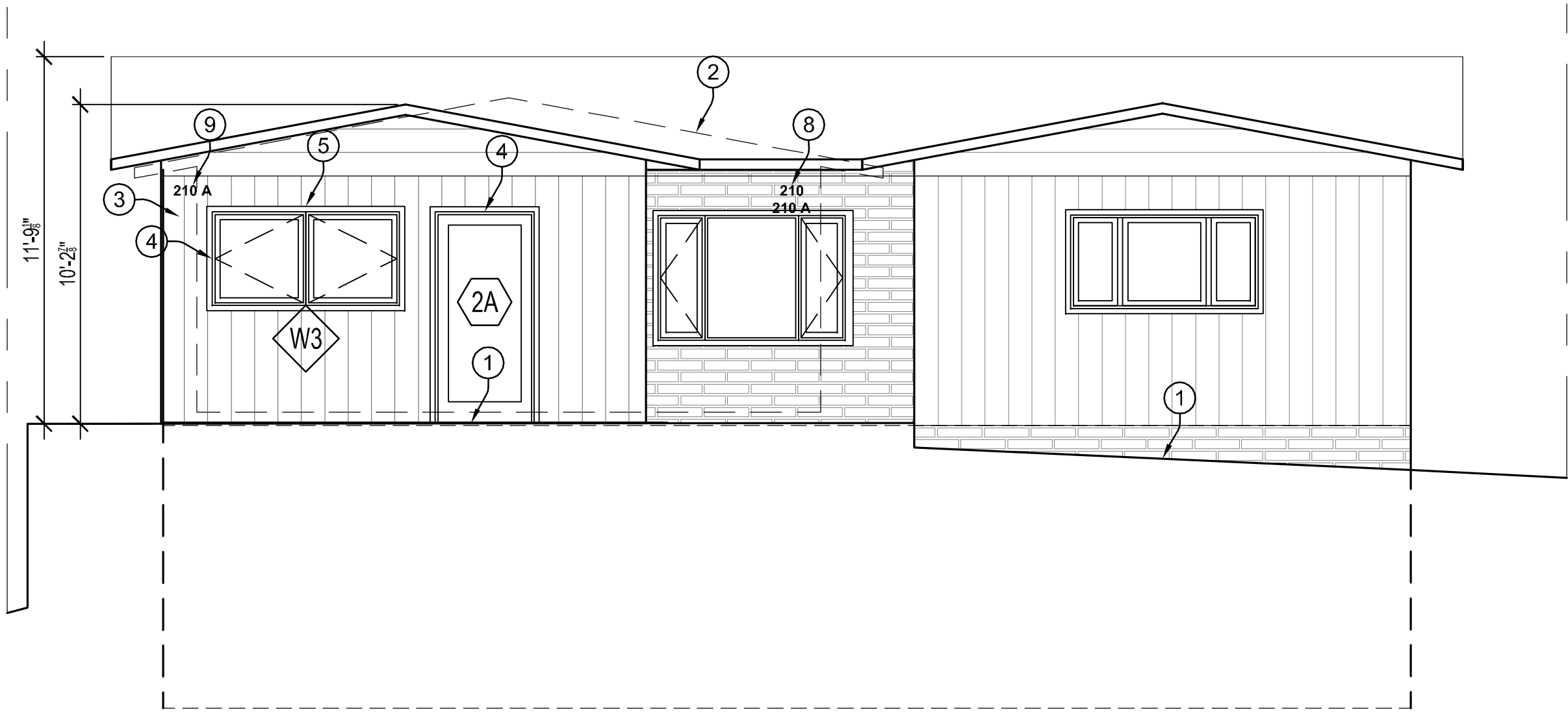




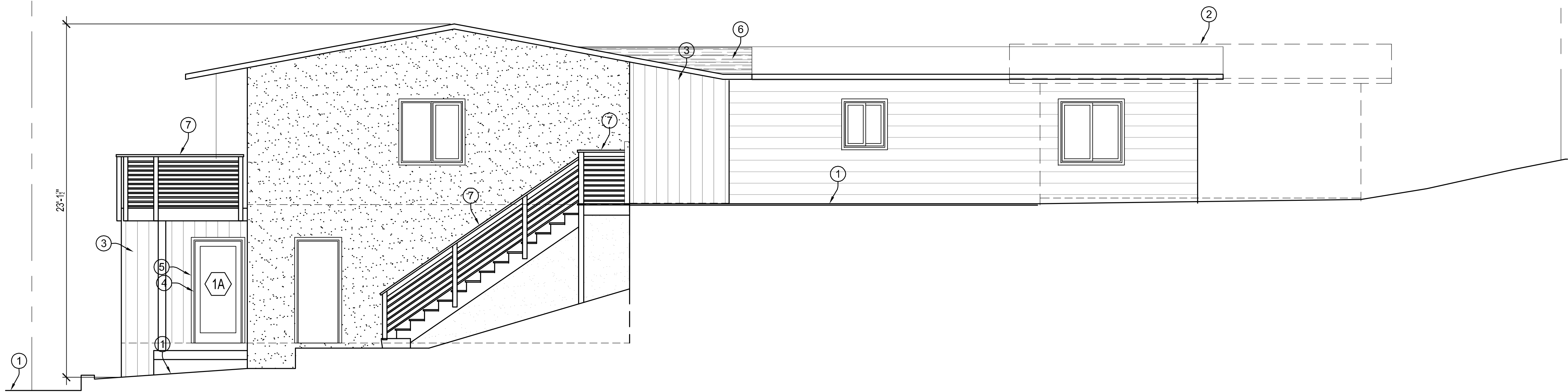
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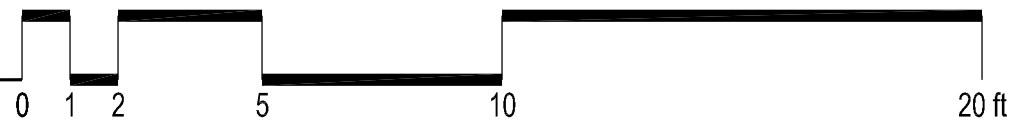
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8 EAST (FRONT) ELEVATION  
A3.1 1/4" = 1'-0"



16 SOUTH (LEFT SIDE) ELEVATION  
A3.1 1/4" = 1'-0"



- ELEVATION NOTES**
- 1 EXISTING GRADE
  - 2 OUTLINE OF EXISTING GARAGE
  - 3 NEW VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL FIBER CEMENT SIDING TO MATCH EXISTING
  - 4 PAINTED FIBERGLASS OR VINYL WINDOWS AND DOORS, TYP.
  - 5 WOOD TRIM TO MATCH EXISTING, TYPICAL.
  - 6 COMPOSITE SHINGLE ROOFING TO MATCH EXISTING
  - 7 EXTERIOR GUARD RAIL, 34" HIGH AT STAIRS, 42" AT DECKS WITH NO OPENING ALLOWING PASSAGE OF 4" Ø SPHERE, SEE 12/A4.2.
  - 8 STREET ADDRESS SIGN TO MATCH EXISTING ON GARAGE - SIGN SHALL BE ARABIC NUMBERS MIN. 4" IN HEIGHT WITH MIN. 0.5" STROKE THICKNESS, COLOR TO CONTRAST BACKGROUND.
  - 9 ADU ADDRESS SIGN

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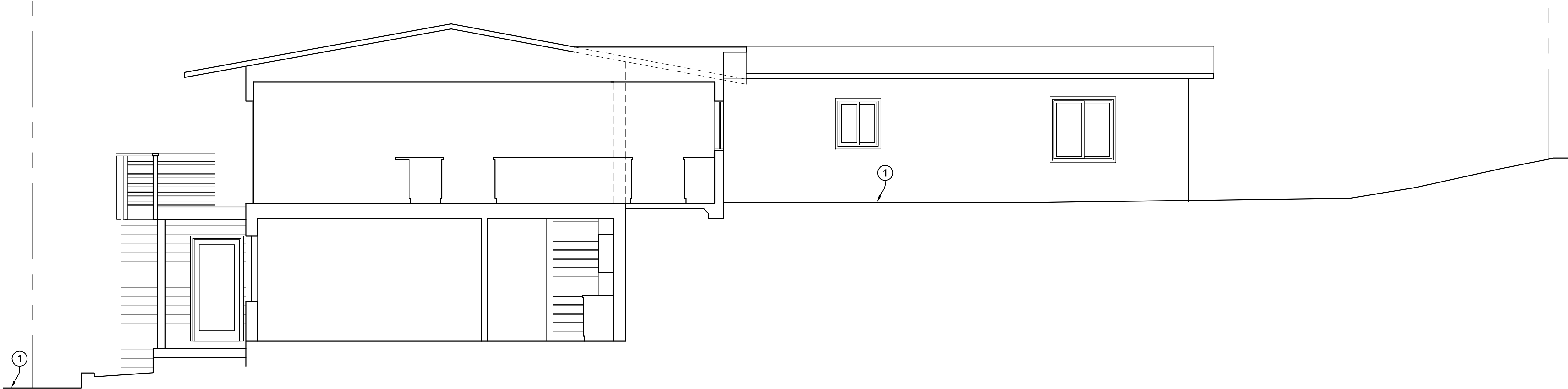
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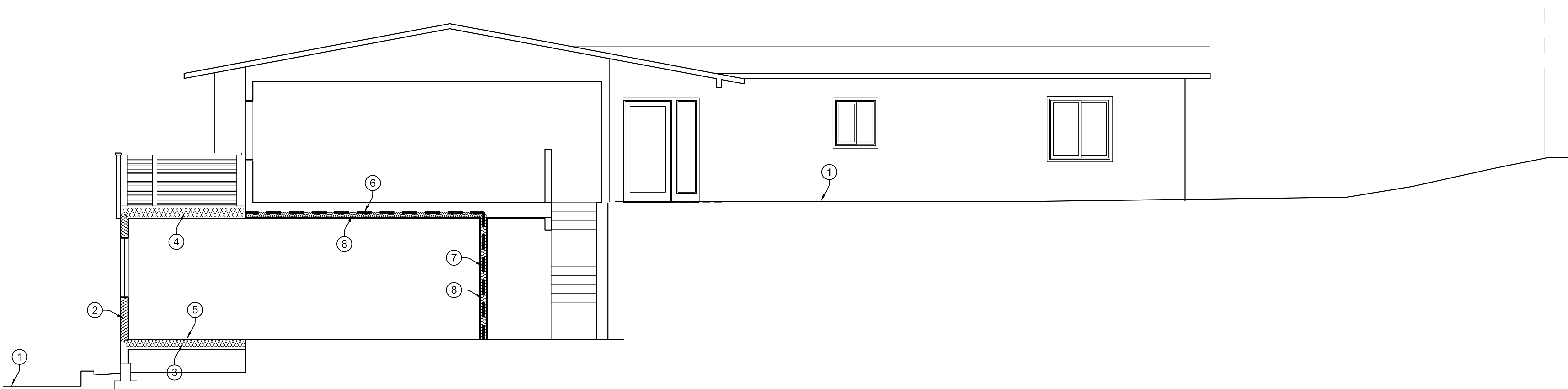
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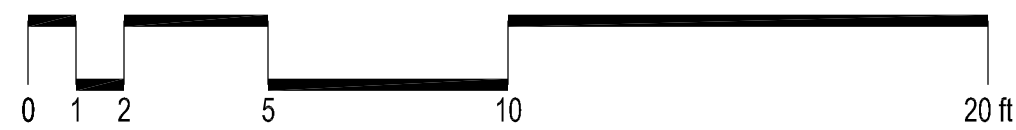
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14 EAST WEST SECTION AT KITCHEN  
A3.2 1/4" = 1'-0"



16 EAST-WEST SECTION AT ADU LIVING  
A3.2 1/4" = 1'-0"



- SECTION NOTES**
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  - ⑦ 1 HOUR FIRE RATED WALL, SEE DETAIL 2/A4.2
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  - ⑨ ATTIC ACCESS DOOR/ LADDER, MIN. 22" X 30" FOR ANY ATTIC WITH A CLEAR HEIGHT OF 2'-6" FOR AN AREA >30 SF.
  - ⑩ SEE ROOF PLAN NOTES SHEET A2.4 FOR ATTIC VENTILATION.
  - ⑪ PROVIDE MIN. 5/8" GYP BOARD AT ACCESSIBLE AREAS UNDERNEATH STAIRS

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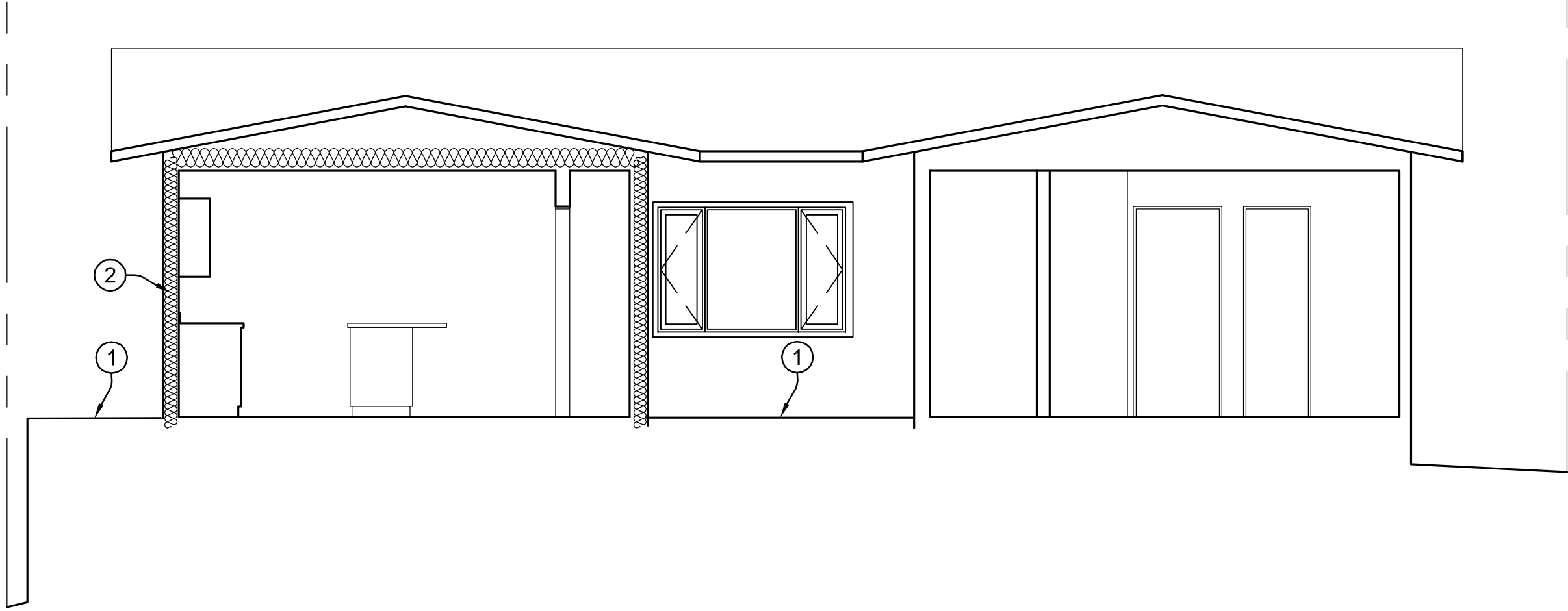
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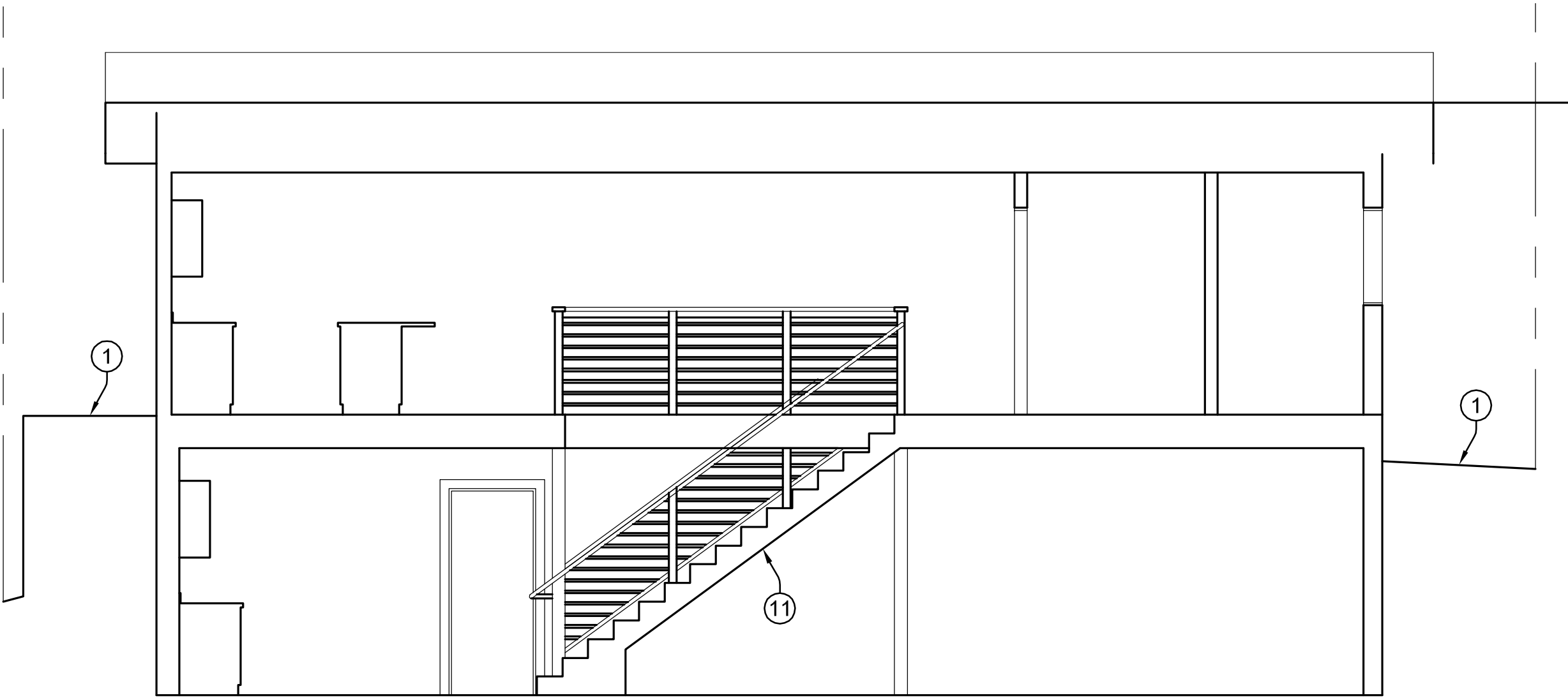
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5 NORTH-SOUTH SECTION AT KITCHEN ADDITION  
1/4" = 1'-0"



7 NORTH-SOUTH SECTION AT STAIRS  
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8 NORTH-SOUTH SECTION AT NEW WEST DECK  
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## KENSINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Location: Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. and remotely via Zoom / telephone  
Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 7PM

This meeting was recorded. [https://youtu.be/rPN7\\_VbNwFg?si=t7Lzy5O7bU1ao709](https://youtu.be/rPN7_VbNwFg?si=t7Lzy5O7bU1ao709)

### 1. **Roll Call**

Present: Ben Barry, Adam Novickas, David Peterson, (remote) Dahlia Frydman.

Absent:

### 2. **Citizens' Comments**

None

### 3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** from March 26, 2025 (unanimous)

4. **24- CDVR25-01041 242 Yale Ave.** The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow a 9'-11" secondary frontage setback (where 15' is the minimum) for the construction of a elevated deck at the rear of an existing SFR. This also includes a Kensington Design Review for the elevated deck. Project Location: (Address: 242 YALE AVE, KENSINGTON, CA 94708 101), (APN: 570071005)

After due consideration and short discussion, and a brief presentation by Steve Swearengen, architect for the project, a Motion to Recommend Approval was advanced by: Barry; seconded by: Peterson. Unanimous approval.

5. **Motion to adjourn** at 7:12 p.m. by Barry; seconded by Peterson. Unanimous.



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



**Kensington Municipal Advisory Council (KMAC)**

**Regarding: CDDP25\_03032 210 Amherst Ave.**

**Date / Time of Hearing:** Wednesday, December 10, 7pm

**Location of Hearing:** In Person and remotely via Zoom

**In Person:** Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.

**Remote Access:** Join the meeting remotely via Zoom using this link:

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**Purpose of Hearing: Kensington Development Plan & Design Review; Zoning Variance Request**

Dear Kensington Homeowner:

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council (KMAC) is charged with the review of applications for building permits falling within its jurisdiction. KMAC's jurisdiction is defined by Contra Costa County ordinance. KMAC makes recommendations for approval or denial of these applications to the Contra Costa Community Development Department (CCCDD). At the **December 10, 2025** hearing, KMAC will render a decision to recommend approval or denial of the below project. As part of this process, neighbors who support, oppose, or simply desire more information about the planned construction project are encouraged to attend. Public comment is welcome. Persons who support or oppose this application may present evidence (either documents, pictures, or an oral presentation) in support of their position.

The application is as follows:

**CDDP25\_03032 210 Amherst Ave.** The applicant requests approval of a Development Plan and Kensington Design Review for a residential addition yielding a gross floor area of 3,877 SF where 2,500 square feet is the gross floor area threshold for a public hearing. The project also includes a Variance for rear setback of 5-foot 10-inches (where 15 feet is the minimum) for the rear portion of the addition. Project Location: (Address: 210 AMHERST AVE, KENSINGTON, CA 94708 100), (APN: 570050004)

*A set of drawings is available for review on Supervisor John Gioia's website at the following link:*

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/1641/Kensington-Municipal-Advisory-Council>

The applicable Contra Costa County Ordinance provision(s) for this application are indicated below:

**X** **Chap. 82-74.2** (Kensington Combining District). KMAC will review new residential development to provide reasonable protection for existing residences regarding views, design compatibility (including bulk, size, and height), adequate parking, privacy, and access to sunlight, as determined by the provisions within the ordinance.

       **Chap. 26-2 and 82.6** (Variance from Zoning Requirements). KMAC will review requests for variances from applicable zoning requirements to determine whether the requested variance places the property owner in parity with other similarly situated property owners, owing to a lot's particular shape, topography or other unique factors that do not allow the zoning requirements to be met. A variance may not grant a special privilege, inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity.

For additional information: Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia's office at 510.942.2220, or [robert.rogers@bos.cccounty.us](mailto:robert.rogers@bos.cccounty.us) (Attention KMAC in subject line) or Community Development Dept: 925.655.2700

# KENSINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 7PM**

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All public comments may be limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

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## **Meeting Agenda:**

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1. Adjournment

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