**AGENDA ITEM: 2-B** 



## Design Review Subcommittee (DRSC)

Meeting Date: July 29, 2024

**PLANNER:** Jonathan Lightfoot, City Planner

**SUBJECT**: Public Hearing Project (PHP) 24-246, Rasta Taco Mixed-Use,

**424 N El Camino Real,** a request to develop a new mixed-use building with two ground floor commercial spaces, including a restaurant with beer, wine, and alcohol sales for indoor and outdoor consumption, and a residential unit and an ADU on the second floor above. The project includes a Development Permit (DP 24-247) and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP 22-246).

### **BACKGROUND:**

The property at 424 N. El Camino Real is within the Mixed Use 3.0 zoning district and the Architectural and Pedestrian/ Central Business overlay zoning districts (MU3.0-CB-A). The property was developed with a 390 square foot building on a 6065 square foot property, most recently utilized by a salon business. The property currently provides vehicular access both from El Camino Real and from the rear alley. The site is adjacent to a property on the City's local register of historic resources located at 420 N. El Camino Real. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing salon building and replace it with a mixed-use building, consisting of two ground floor commercial suites (702 sf) with adjacent patio (584 sf) and a second story residence (986 sf) with an accessory dwelling unit (779 sf). Each unit would have an attached deck, and the primary unit would have a 351 sf roof deck. This permit was originally submitted as a Site Plan Permit and a Cultural Heritage Permit. After adoption of the 2023 Streamlining Ordinance, the appropriate permit type is now a Development Permit.

### **ANALYSIS:**

### Site Plan

The applicant proposes to close the El Camino Real frontage to vehicular access, which improves the pedestrian orientation of the street scene. Similarly, the project locates the building close to the primary street while tucking parking behind with access from the alley, which is consistent with site layout standards of the City's Design Guidelines. Pedestrian access is maintained along the side property lines. This pedestrian access also serves to provide a 5-foot buffer, where no setback is required. This setback provides spacing from the historic property to the south, "a one-story commercial building with a rectangular plan and wood-frame construction" (refer to DPR Form, Attachment 3).

At the front of the property, the applicant proposes a covered patio up to the property line. This is consistent with the pattern of development along the street. These properties appear to have a front setback of about 7-feet because the back of sidewalk does not extend the

full width of the right of way. Within this additional 7 feet of public property, other properties have installed landscaping, or extended paving or ramps into the business entrance. The subject development proposes to infill this space with decomposed granite (DG) material, and requests to use this space for additional outdoor dining, which can be permitted pursuant to SCMC 17.28.205. Because of the minimal landscaping proposed on site, particularly at the front of the development, staff recommends that a portion of this encroachment area be dedicated to landscaping. Finally, 36 seats are shown for shared use of the two food and beverage tenants. Based on the provided parking, a maximum of 33 seats are permitted as there are 5 parking stalls dedicated to the commercial uses (25 seats parked + 8 "free" outdoor seats, per SCMC 17.28.205).

At the rear, there is one-way vehicular access from the alley. The design is driven in part by an existing-to-remain SDGE power pole. The area around the pole serves as the turning radius and the primary landscape bed. Currently, deer grass is the only proposed plant material for the property. There are seven parking stalls, three of which are covered, to support the commercial and residential uses, and additional on-street space will be created through the removal of the existing driveway on El Camino Real. The applicant is looking for an exception to a couple of non-codified standards due to the site constraints and limited parking: use of an interior trapzilla grease interceptor instead of an underground grease interceptor and use of trash carts in a narrow enclosure (5' by 18') instead of three-yard bins (which would require a minimum 9' by 13'). From the rear, there is an ADA accessible path to the commercial spaces fronting on El Camino Real, and there is a stairwell providing access to the residential units.

### **Architecture**



The project's location within the Architectural Overlay requires a Spanish Colonial Revival (SCR) architectural design. The project does provide SCR elements, including stucco siding, tile roofing at a 3:12 pitch, fenestration with divided lites, and an asymmetrical elevation that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SCMC 17.28.205

clearly identifies the primary entry through a pronounced wall plane. The project also provides transitional outdoor space by bringing entry through a semi enclosed, roofed patio area. The primary area of concern on the front elevation is the width of the columns around the arched elements. Similarly, the patio area has open access on the side elevations that create the same visual issue of showing full massing above narrow supporting structures. This is a result of squeezing stairs and an ADA lift on the southern side elevation; the lift provides a required connection to the ADA path to the parking lot and trash enclosure. However, the stairs could be removed in favor of providing standard pedestrian access via the sidewalk in front of the property. The west elevation could utilize a door instead of a building opening to accomplish access to the non-ADA pathway on that side of the building. The window of the coffee shop also appears to be partially blocked by the location of the lift. The plan sets have been annotated to identify the location of potential areas of improvement or where clarifying information is needed.

At the rear, site constraints have led to a lower quality SCR representation. Typically, residential parking is required to be covered. This is not an explicit code requirement when residences are a component of Mixed-Use development. However, the owner has tried to incorporate covered spaces as a portion of the off-street parking for the project. The resulting elevation includes arched openings on the lower level. This again results in the undesirable effect of narrow columns supporting heavy massing above. The worst element is the far left portion of the elevation with the narrow rectangular opening. Again, a door could be incorporated to give the appearance of more solid massing. Another option could be to pull back the roof line above the second level deck space. Reducing the "weight" of full roofing over the deck(s) could also help to bring better balance to the rear elevation.

Finally, the project is adjacent to a historic resource and must be compatible with that existing building. The applicant provided an elevation that incorporates the proposed project alongside the historic building. While the proposed structure is larger, it matches the front setback and complies with the height of the zone while also providing a side setback that allows for separation from the historic building. It incorporates a first floor eyebrow roof element that helps to break up the massing on the side of the development closest to the historic building. The building materials and details are compatible.

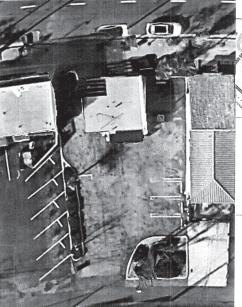
### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recognizes that creativity is required when working on Mixed-Use projects with site constraints. The project has good potential, and staff seeks recommendations from the DRSC, related to design and architecture, to further improve the project before it advances to the Planning Commission.

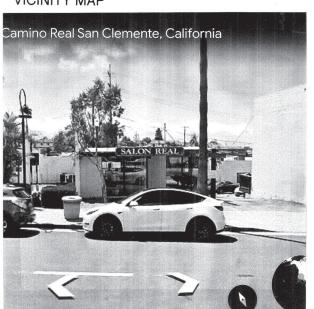
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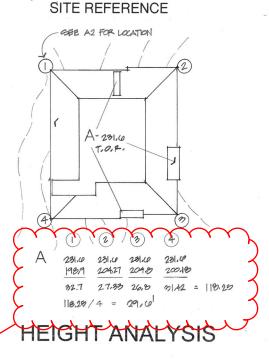
1. Annotated Plans

(E) BLDG. REFERENCE



VICINITY MAP





STREET REFERENCE

### ATTACHMENT 1

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
LOT (s): 4 & a por. of 5 BLK: 2 TRACT: 779

A.P.N.: 058-071-41/058-071-21 PROJECT ADDRESS: 242 N. El Camino Real

San Clemente Ca., 92672 PREPARED BY:

### jonsson and foerstel architects

CONTACT: Chris Foerstel 940 CALLE AMANECER, unit j, SAN CLEMENTE, CA. 92673 949 - 228 - 4810 ionssepantfoerstel@mmgil.com

### SPECIAL INSPECTIONS:

City registered inspector:

rick paquette, 949-291-3912 www.deputyinspector.com

### OWNER:

### **Mario Melendez**

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### Contact:

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Mario: 949 – 842-6936 mario@rastataco.com

### SCOPE OF WORK:

Zone: Mixed use 3.0 zone

Architectural & Central Bus./Pedestrian overlay.
Existing single story building, currently used as small business to be removed. This plan reflects a major conversion to a mixed use, two businesses at first floor, street level and a single family residence with an ADV above them on the second floor.
All type v construction, B and R3 occupancy.
SPRINKLERED.
PORTABLE TOILET AND HANDWASH STATION PER OSHA REGULATIONS
ARE TO BE PROVIDED.
ADDRESS NUMBERS SHALL BE MOUNTED AT THE FRONT AND SHALL BE VISIBLE AND LEGIBLE FROM THE STREET IN A CONTRASTING COLOR, 4" TALL, MIN.

FAR = .415 (Interior space / lot area)

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# PRELIM, LANDGAPE PLAN FINAL PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED AFTER SITE/ PARKING PLAN FINALIZED

**TABULATION** 

**SITE** :......6,065 sq.ft.

**DEMO** (E) BLDG:.....403 sq.ft.

 PATIO:
 .584 sq.ft.

 (PARKING UNDER BUILDING)
 .924 sq.ft.

**FOOTPRINT**:.....2,455 sq.ft.

LOT COVERAGE: 40.4%

**424-D RES....** 986 sq.ft.

RES. DECKS.......162 sq.ft.

**ROOF DECK** :......351 sq.ft.

COMMON SPACE: .....108 sq.ft.

**424-C**: 12% **424-D**: 18%

FIRST FLOOR PATIO:.....584 sq.ft.

WEST WALK:......272 sq.ft.

EAST WALK:.....274 sq.ft.

PLANT'G......114 sq.ft.

FIRST FLOOR PATIO......584 sq.ft.

WEST WALK.....272 sq.ft.

EAST WALK.....274 sq.ft.

PLANTING......460 sq.ft.

Planting percentage......40%

**NEW CONST FIRST FLOOR:** 

**NEW CONST. SECOND FLOOR:** 

F.A.R. COMBINED:

FLOOR AREA RATIO:

**URBAN OPEN AREA:** 

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### CODE DATA:

2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE ( CBC )
2022 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE (CPC)
2022 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE (CMC)
2022 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE. (CEC).
2022 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, (CFC)
2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS

CBC, R301.2.1,R301.2.2, ASCE 7-16

AND ALL LOCAL / MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES.

Plate height allowed: 26'

TOR: 33'





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VIKTOR P. MEUM P.L.S. 8682 DATE: 10-21-22

REPARED FOR:

MARIO MELENDEZ



11' grade differential, front to back

CONCRETE SURFACE 7/1////

**LEGEND** 

777/777 X 3 1 1 X 1 D 1 X D FINISHED FLOOR

FOUND MONUMENT

BENCHMARK NOTE: OCSBM 3B-116-05 ELEV=163.295 NAVD88 DATUM, 2005 ADJ.

EASEMENT NOTE:
THE PLAT FOR THIS SURVEY WAS PREPARED WITHOUT A TITLE REPORT.
UNPLOTTED EASEMENTS MAY EXIST ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

### **BOUNDARY NOTE:**

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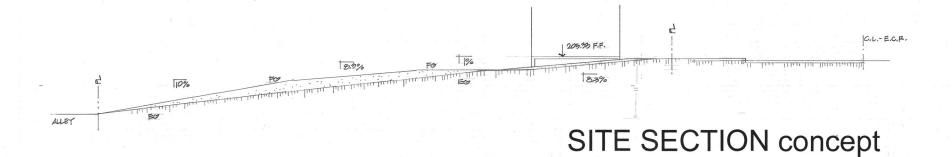
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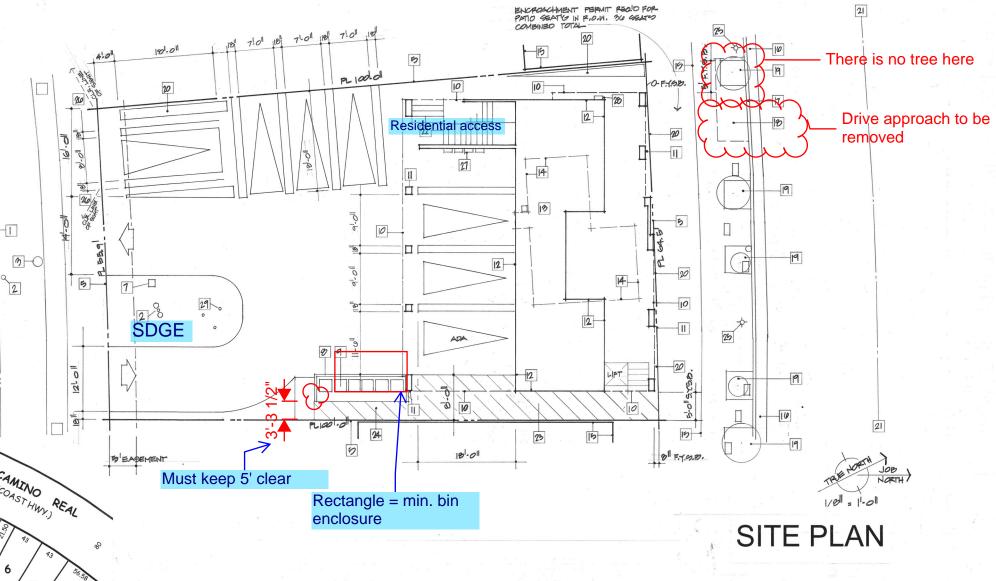
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### 0120 SITE PLAN





- 1. CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO CHAPTER 33. SECTION 3396 OF THE 2022 C.B.C. REGARDING PROTECTION OF PEDESTRAND BURNO DEMOLITION OF CONSTRUCTION
  2. THE PROJECT SHALL CONFORM TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THE 24 ENERGY CODES. SEE PLANS AND 70 R SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS.
  5. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE TEMPORARY FACILITIES.
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  10. FINISH GRADE AROUND THE NEW STRUCTURE SHALL BE SLOPED AWAY FROM THE BUILDING 2% FOR IMPERVIOUS, AND 3% FOR IMPERVIOUS SURFACES, FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES.

  11. THE DISCHARGE OF POLUTIANTS TO ANY STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS FOR PICHBITED, NO SOLID WASTE, PETROLEUM BYPRODUCTS, SOIL PARTICULATE, CONSTRUCTION WASTE MATERIALS, OR WASTEWARTER CENERALED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES OR BY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE PLACED. CONVEYED OR DISCHARGED INTO THE STREET, CUTTER OR STORM DRAIN SYSTEM.

  12. PINISH GRADE AROUND THE NEW STRUCTURE/ADDITION SHALL BE SLOPED AWAY FROM THE BUILDING FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES.

### SITE PLAN LEGEND: ADDRESS SHALL BE PLAINLY AND CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM STREET

- IN CONTRASTING COLORS, 2.5" MIN. WIDE X 4.5" MIN. DEEP.
- 1. P.L. @111 PALIZADA 2. POWER POLE
- 3. MANHOLE 4. CONC. SWALE CENTER OF ALLEY
- 5. PROPERTY LINE 6. CONCRETE CURB
- WATER METER
- 8. TRASH ENCLOSURE 9. 3-TRASH, 2-RECYCLE, 1- GREENWASTE 10. LINE OF SECOND FLOOR
- 11. BUILDING COLUMN
  12. BUILDING LINE
  13. RELOCATE GAS METER
- 14. LINE OF BLDG. REMOVED 15. BACK OF SIDEWALK
- 16. CURB AND GUTTER
- 17. REMOVE CURB CUT AND APPROACH
- 18. NEW SIDEWALK AREA
  19. EXISTING STREET TREE/PLANTING
- 20. NEW PLANTING AREA
- 21. CENTERLINE OF EL CAMINO REAL 22. STAIRS UP 23. ADA PATH OF TRAVEL

- 24. ADA ACCESS TO TRASH ENCLOSURE 25. LIGHT POLE 26. NO LINE OF SIGHT OBSTRUCTIONS 27. ELEC. PANEL LOCATIONS
- 28. MAILBOX LOCATION

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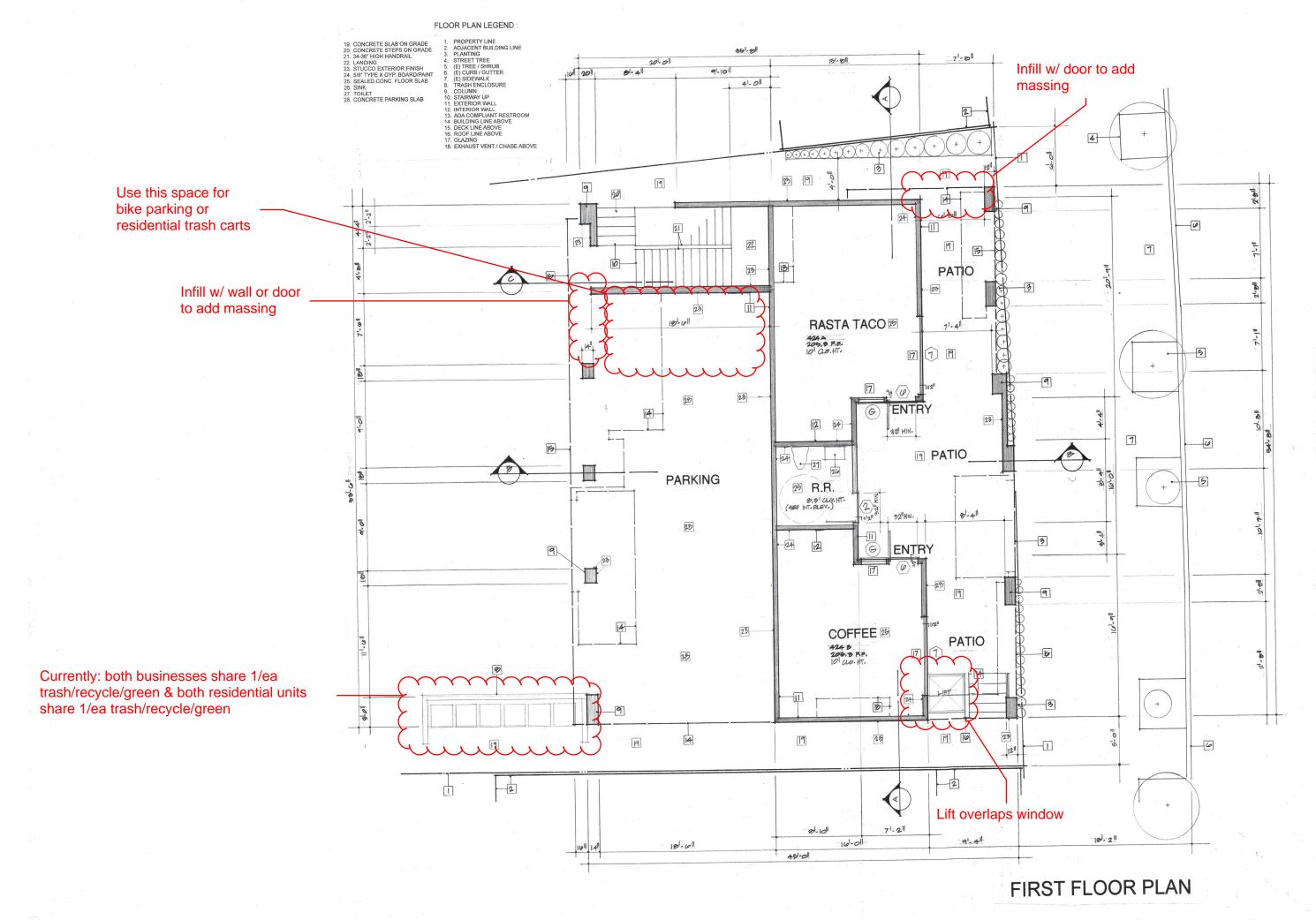
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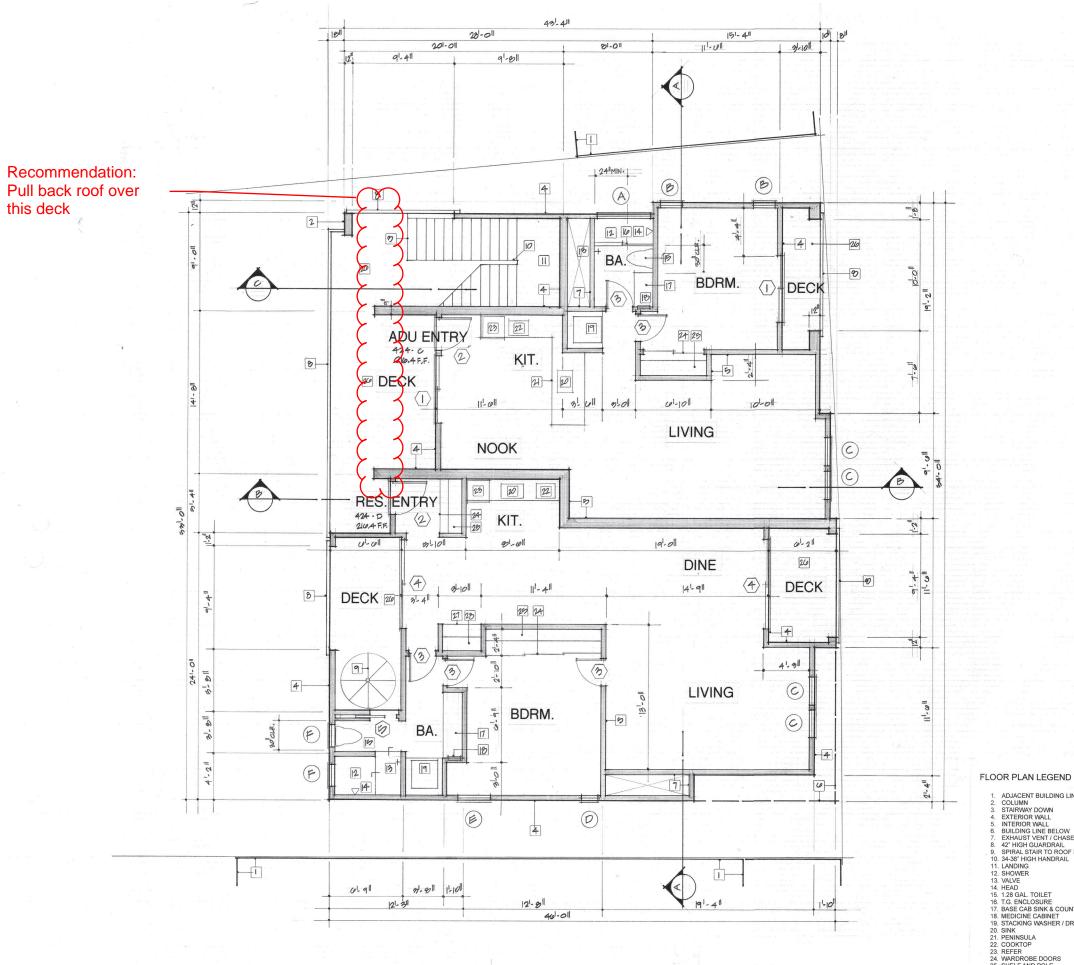
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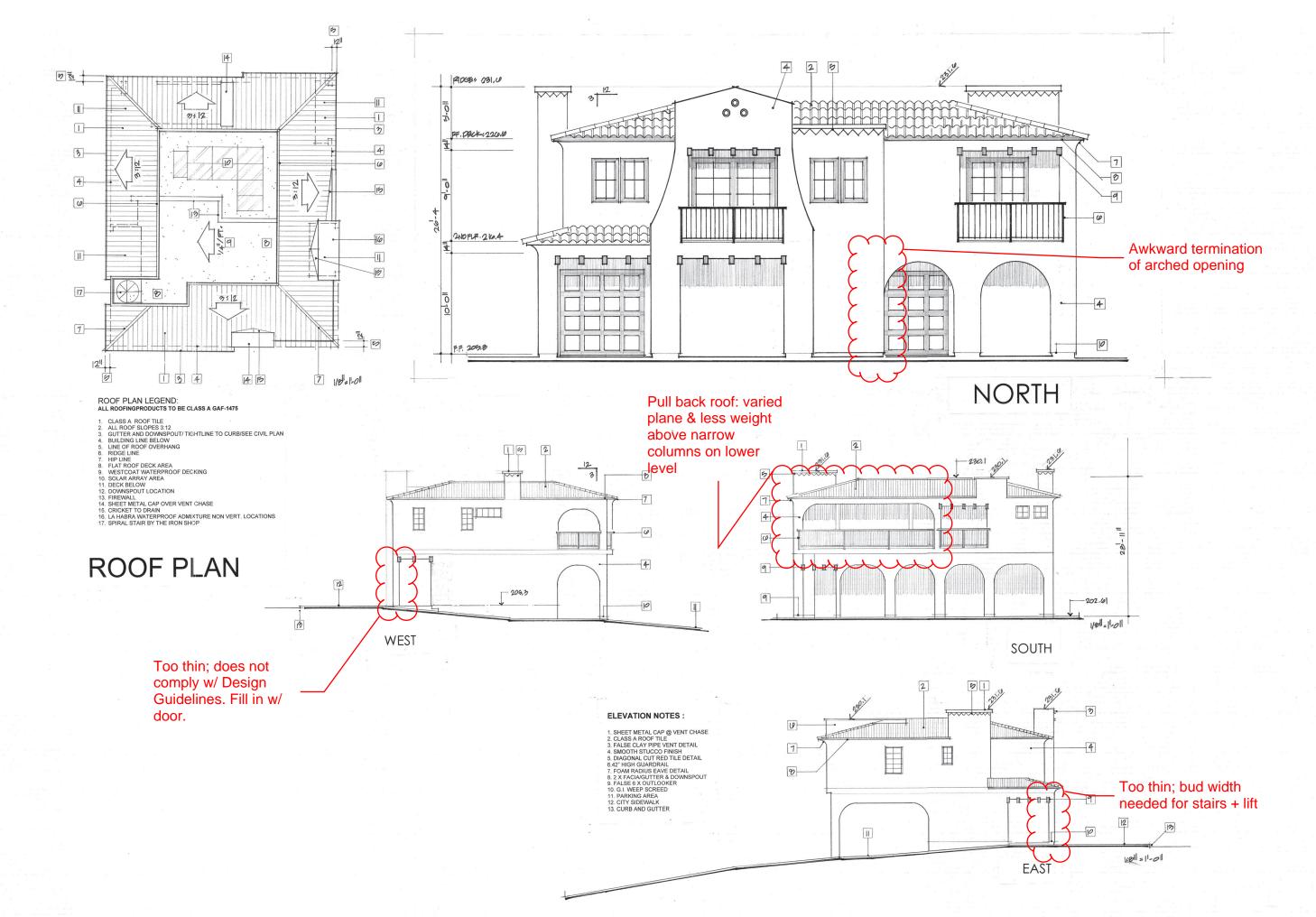


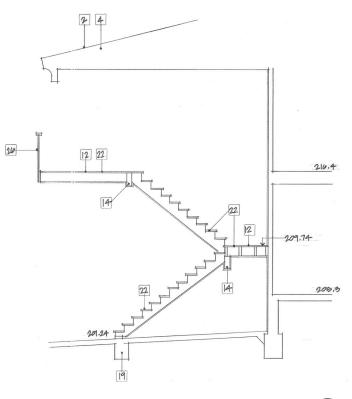




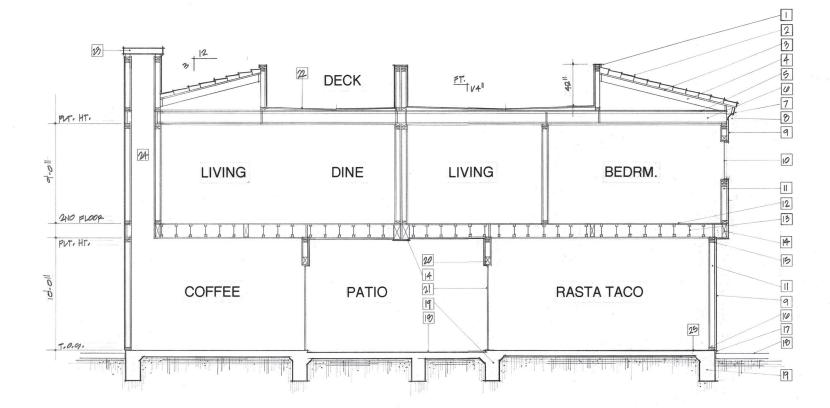
SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1. ADJACENT BUILDING LINE
2. COLUMN
3. STAIRWAY DOWN
4. EXTERIOR WALL
5. INTERIOR WALL
6. BUILDING LINE BELOW
7. EXHAUST VENT / CHASE
8. 42' HIGH GUARDRAIL
10. SPIRAL STAIR TO ROOF DECK
10. 34-38' HIGH HANDRAIL
11. LANDING
12. SHOWER
13. VALVE
14. HEAD
15. 128 GAL TOILET
16. T.G. ENCLOSURE
17. BASE CAB SINK & COUNTER
18. MEDICINE CABINET
19. STACKING WASHER / DRYER
20. SINK
21. PENINSULA
22. COOKTOP
23. REFER
24. WARDROBE DOORS
25. SHELF AND POLE
26. WESTCOAT WATERPROOF DECKING
27. CABINET DOOR
28. SHELYING
29. CABINET DOOR
28. SHELVING

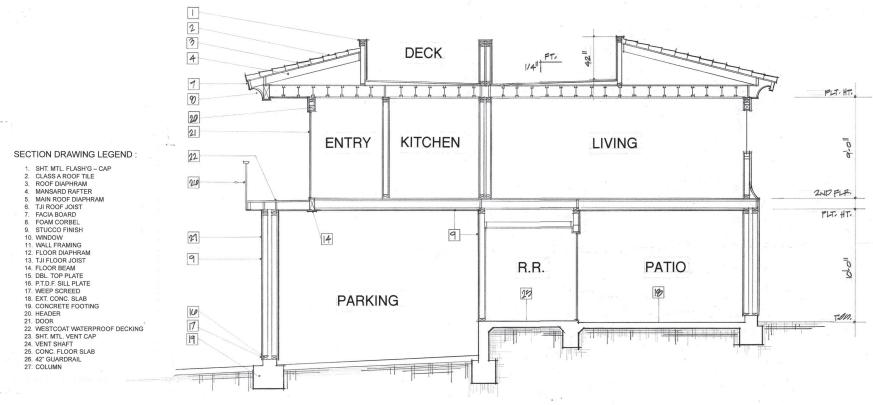




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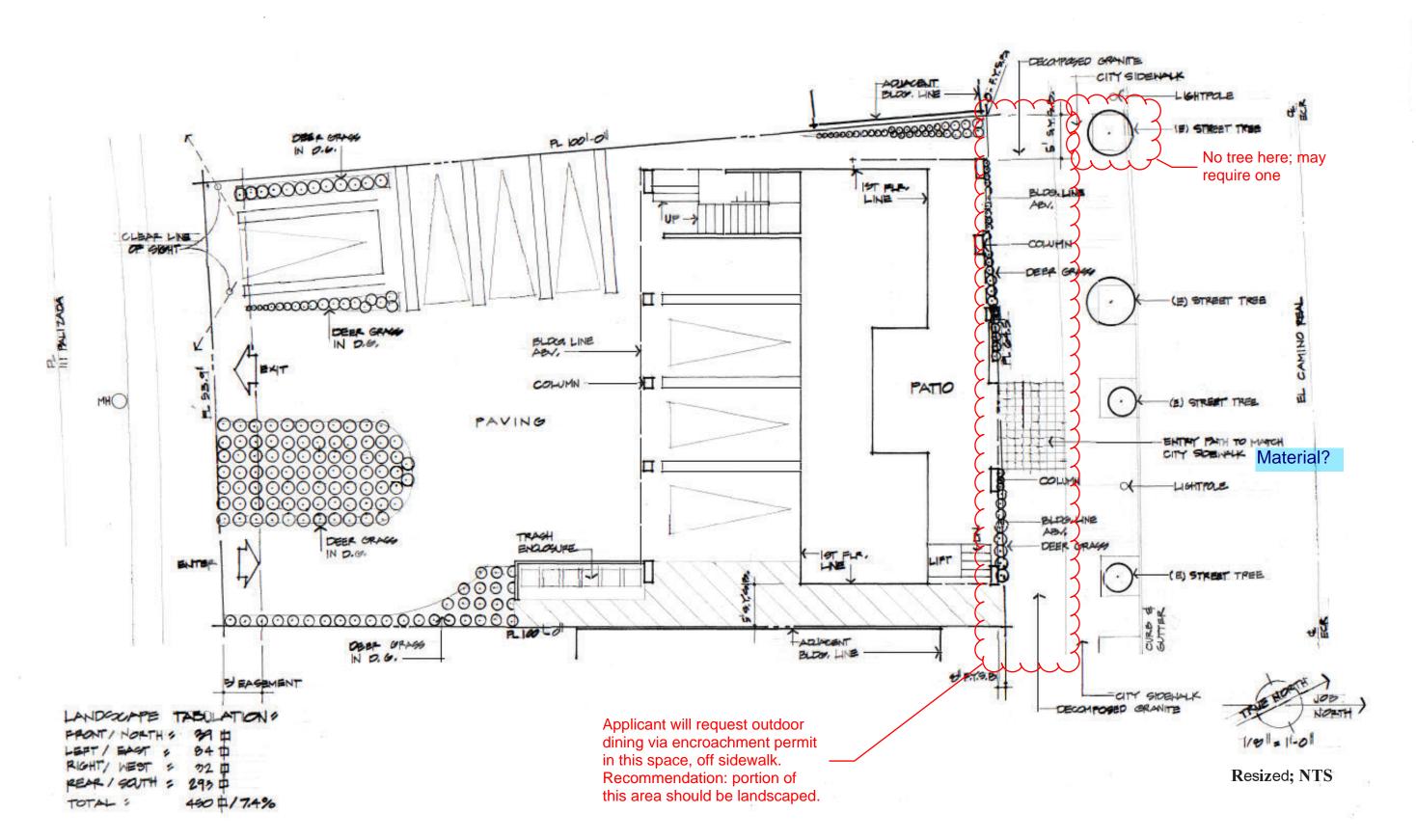
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