# **Planning Commission**



### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: 11/13/2023 Time: 7:00 p.m.

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**City Council Chambers** 

751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

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# **Regular Meeting**

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reports and Announcements
- D. Public Comment

Under "Public Comment," the public may address the Commission on any subject not listed on the agenda. Each speaker may address the Commission once under public comment for a limit of three minutes. You are not required to provide your name or City of residence, but it is helpful. The Commission cannot act on items not listed on the agenda and, therefore, the Commission cannot respond to non-agenda issues brought up under Public Comment other than to provide general information.

# E. Consent Calendar

None

# F. Public Hearing

F1. Use Permit/Lerika Liscano/854 Cambridge Avenue:

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot depth in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures. The proposal includes an attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which is a permitted use and not subject to discretionary review. (Staff Report #23-065-PC)

F2. Use Permit/Thomas James Homes848 College Avenue:

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban Residential) zoning district; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures. The proposal includes an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), which is a permitted use and not subject to discretionary review. (Staff Report #23-066-PC)

F3. Use Permit/Chris Kummerer/725 Hobart Street:

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to demolish an existing two-story, single-family residence with a detached garage and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban) zoning district; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures. The proposal also includes an attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which is a permitted use and not subject to discretionary

review. (Staff Report #23-067-PC)

# F4. Use Permit/Harmonie Lau/1664 Oak Avenue:

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to construct first and second floor additions, that would exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area, to a single-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban Residential) zoning district; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures. The proposal also includes the addition of an internal Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) within the existing structure, which is a permitted use and is not subject to discretionary review. (Staff Report #23-068-PC)

# G. Regular Business

G1. Determination of Substantial Conformance/1065 Trinity Drive:

Review of staff determination that changes to the exterior window, front door, and garage door style and materials are in substantial conformance with the previous approvals. Review requested by Commissioner Riggs. (Attachment)

# H. Informational Items

- H1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule The upcoming Planning Commission meetings are listed here, for reference. No action will be taken on the meeting schedule, although individual Commissioners may notify staff of planned absences.
  - Regular Meeting: December 4, 2023Regular Meeting: December 18, 2023

# I. Adjournment

At every regular meeting of the Planning Commission, in addition to the public comment period where the public shall have the right to address the Planning Commission on any matters of public interest not listed on the agenda, members of the public have the right to directly address the Planning Commission on any item listed on the agenda at a time designated by the chair, either before or during the Planning Commission's consideration of the item.

At every special meeting of the Planning Commission, members of the public have the right to directly address the Planning Commission on any item listed on the agenda at a time designated by the chair, either before or during consideration of the item. For appeal hearings, appellant and applicant shall each have 10 minutes for presentations.

If you challenge any of the items listed on this agenda in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or before, the public hearing.

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# **Community Development**



# **STAFF REPORT**

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number: Public Hearing:

11/13/2023 23-065-PC

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot depth in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district at 854 Cambridge Avenue; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures

### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot depth in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district. The proposal includes a detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which is a permitted use and not subject to discretionary review. The draft resolution, including the recommended actions and conditions of approval, is included as Attachment A.

# **Policy Issues**

Each use permit request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required use permit findings can be made for the proposed project.

# **Background**

# Site location

The project site is located at 854 Cambridge Avenue, between University Drive and El Camino Real, near the intersection of Cambridge Avenue and Cornell Road. A location map is included as Attachment B. The majority of the parcels on this portion of Cambridge Avenue are zoned R-2, with the exception of the lots on the corner of University Drive, which are zoned R-1-U (Single Family Urban Residential), and those at the intersection of Cambridge and El Camino Real, which are zoned R-3 (Apartment) and SP-ECR-D (El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan).

# **Analysis**

# Project description

The subject property is currently occupied by a 1,686-square-foot single-story, single-family residence and accompanying 464-square-foot detached garage. The property is a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width, having a width of 60 feet where a minimum of 65 is required, a standard lot depth of 125.5 feet

where a minimum of 100 feet is required, and lot area of 7,532 square feet where a minimum of 7,000 is required. The project site could be developed with two dwelling units, however, the applicant is proposing a main house and an ADU, which effectively results in two units and a net increase by one unit. The broader neighborhood includes a number of single-family dwelling units on multi-family zoned parcels, which is a permitted use in the R-2 and R-3 zoning districts.

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing residence and detached garage and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a full basement that would include five bedrooms and six and one-half bathrooms. A two-car garage and a tandem uncovered parking space would fulfill the parking requirements for the main house and ADU. The detached ADU, occupying the rear right corner of the property, would contain an additional two bedrooms and a bathroom.

The proposed residence would meet all Zoning Ordinance requirements for setbacks, lot coverage, floor area limit (FAL), daylight plane, parking, and height. Of particular note with regard to Zoning Ordinance requirements:

- The main house and ADU would total 3,759.7 square feet and would exceed the maximum floor area limit of 3,011.7 square feet for the site.
  - The project is allowed to exceed the FAL and building coverage limits by up to 800 square feet in order to accommodate an ADU.
  - The proposed ADU would be 748 square feet.
- The total building coverage of the main house and ADU would be 2,960.1 square feet (39.3 percent of the lot), where 2,636.2 square feet (35 percent of the lot) is permitted.
- The main house would have a front setback of 20 feet on the first floor and 26 feet on the second floor where a minimum 20 feet is required.
- The main house would have a six-foot setback on the left and right sides where six feet is required on both sides.
- The main house would have a rear setback of approximately 54.5 feet where a minimum 20 feet is required.
- The second floor balcony would have a setback of 20.2 feet on the left side and 21.6 feet on the right side where a minimum 20 feet is required. Additionally, the second floor balcony would have a rear setback of 54 .5 feet where a minimum 30 feet is required.
- The second floor of the project would be 1,063.4 square feet where 15 percent (1,130 square feet) of the lot size is permitted.
- The proposed residence would have a total height of approximately 27.1 feet where 28 feet is permitted.

A data table summarizing parcel and project attributes is included as Attachment C. The project plans and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachment A, Exhibits A and B respectively.

# Design and materials

As described in the project description letter, the proposed residence is designed in a contemporary architectural style. This architectural style is common in the Allied Arts neighborhood, where the surrounding homes are a mix of single-story and two-story, single-family residences. The exterior would predominantly feature painted stucco. Painted horizontal wood siding is proposed around the bay window and front entry door, and stone veneer is proposed at the front porch and around the garage. The garage door would consist of painted metal with horizontal window slits. The roofing would be standing seam metal and windows would be clad wood.

Second floor façade articulation along the front, left, and right sides would minimize the visual massing of

the structure and second floor windows would have a minimum sill height of three feet.

Staff believes that the scale, materials, and style of the project would result in a consistent aesthetic approach and are generally consistent with the broader neighborhood, given the similar architectural styles and sizes of structures in the area.

# Trees and landscaping

The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment D), detailing the species, size, and conditions of on-site and nearby trees. A total of 13 trees were assessed, including five heritage trees and three off-site (trees #1, 2 and 13).

One heritage, street tree (tree # 2) is proposed to be removed to accommodate the proposed project, and two heritage trees (trees #7 and 8) are proposed for removal due to their health. After review and assessment, the City Arborist conditionally approved the heritage tree removals, with no appeals filed. Eight new trees, including one street tree, and several shrubs are proposed to be planted as part of the proposed landscaping plan,

Table 1: Tree summary and disposition							
Tree Number	Species	Size (DBH, in inches)	Disposition	Notes			
1*	Sweetgum	26	Preserve	Heritage			
2*	Sweetgum	19	Remove	Heritage			
3	Pear	10	Preserve	Non-heritage			
4	Coast Redwood	8.5	Preserve	Non-heritage			
5	Sweetgum	6	Remove	Non-heritage			
6	Blackwood Acacia	6	Preserve	Non-heritage			
7	Blackwood Acacia	15	Remove	Heritage			
8	Fig	15	Remove	Heritage			
9	Olive	6	Remove	Non-heritage			
10	Glossy Privet	8	Preserve	Non-heritage			
11	Mexican Elderberry	7	Preserve	Non-heritage			
12	Blackwood Acacia	9	Remove	Non-heritage			
13*	California Buckeye	28	Preserve	Heritage			

<sup>\*</sup>indicates off-site (street) trees assessed in the arborist report.

To protect the heritage and non-heritage trees on site, the arborist report has identified such measures as tree protection fencing, irrigation and mulching over impacted root protection zones, exposing roots through

hand digging, or trenching, or boring deeper trenches underneath roots, and a certified arborist monitoring during and after construction. All recommended tree protection measures identified in the arborist report would be implemented and ensured as part of condition 1h.

# Correspondence

The applicant indicates that the property owners conducted outreach by contacting neighbors regarding the proposed project. Staff has not received any correspondence on the proposed project.

### Conclusion

Staff believes that the design, scale, and materials of the proposed residence are generally compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, and would result in a consistent aesthetic approach. The architectural style would be generally attractive and well-proportioned, and the additional side setback along the front and side elevations would help increase privacy. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

# **Impact on City Resources**

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

# **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

# **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

# **Appeal Period**

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

# **Attachments**

- A. Draft Planning Commission Resolution approving the use permit <u>Exhibits to Attachment A</u>
  - A. Project Plans
  - B. Project Description Letter
  - C. Conditions of Approval
- B. Location Map
- C. Data Table
- D. Arborist Report

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Report prepared by: Fahteen Khan, Associate Planner

Report reviewed by: Corinna Sandmeier, Principal Planner

# PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK APPROVING A USE PERMIT TO DEMOLISH AN EXISTING SINGLE-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND CONSTRUCT A NEW TWO-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH A BASEMENT ON A SUBSTANDARD LOT WITH REGARD TO MINIMUM LOT WIDTH IN THE R-2 (LOW DENSITY APARTMENT) ZONING DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park ("City") received an application requesting a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district zoning district at 854 Cambridge Avenue. The proposal also includes a detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which is a permitted use, and not subject to discretionary review (collectively, the "Project") from Lerika Liscano ("Applicant"), on behalf of the property owner Anuj Suri ("Owner"), located at 854 Cambridge Avenue (APN 071-405-170) ("Property"). The Project use permit is depicted in and subject to the development plans and project description letter, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively, and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in the Low Density Apartment (R-2) district. The R-2 district supports single-family multi-family residential uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project complies with all objective standards of the R-2 district; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project was reviewed by the Engineering Division and found to be in compliance with City standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant submitted an arborist report prepared by Bo Firestone Trees & Gardens, which was reviewed by the City Arborist and found to be in compliance with the Heritage Tree Ordinance, and proposes mitigation measures to adequately protect heritage trees in the vicinity of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Project, requires discretionary actions by the City as summarized above, and therefore the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA," Public Resources Code Section §21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15000 et seq.) require analysis and a determination regarding the Project's environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is the lead agency, as defined by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, and is therefore responsible for the preparation, consideration, certification, and approval of environmental documents for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is categorically except from environmental review pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15303 et seq. (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); and

**WHEREAS,** all required public notices and public hearings were duly given and held according to law; and

**WHEREAS**, at a duly and properly noticed public hearing held on November 13, 2023, the Planning Commission fully reviewed, considered, and evaluated the whole of the record including all public and written comments, pertinent information, documents and plans, prior to taking action regarding the Project.

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Planning Commission has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, public testimony, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided, and the Planning Commission finds the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and they are hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

**Section 2. Conditional Use Permit Findings**. The Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park does hereby make the following Findings:

The approval of the use permit for the construction of a new two-story residence on a substandard lot is granted based on the following findings, which are made pursuant to Menlo Park Municipal Code Section 16.82.030:

- 1. That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the use applied for will, under the circumstance of the particular case, not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the persons residing in the neighborhood of such proposed use, or injurious or detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the city because:
  - a. Consideration and due regard were given to the nature and condition of all adjacent uses and structures, and to general plans for the area in question and surrounding areas, and impact of the application hereon; in that, the proposed use permit is consistent with the R-2 zoning district and the General Plan because two-story residences are allowed to be constructed on substandard lots subject to granting of a use permit and provided that the proposed residence conforms to applicable zoning standards, including, but not limited to, minimum setbacks, maximum floor area limit, and maximum building coverage.
  - b. The proposed residence would include the required number of off-street parking spaces because one covered and one uncovered parking space would be required at a minimum, and two covered parking spaces are

provided. A third uncovered parking space is provided for the Accessory Dwelling Unit, which is separate and not part of this action.

c. The proposed Project is designed to meet all the applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code and the Commission concludes that the Project would not be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community as the new residence would be located in a low density apartment neighborhood and designed such that privacy concerns would be addressed through additional setbacks to portions of the second floor.

**Section 3. Conditional Use Permit.** The Planning Commission approves Use Permit No. PLN2023-00012, which use permit is depicted in and subject to the development plans and project description letter, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively. The Use Permit is conditioned in conformance with the conditions attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit C.

**Section 4. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**. The Planning Commission makes the following findings, based on its independent judgment after considering the Project, and having reviewed and taken into consideration all written and oral information submitted in this matter:

 The Project is categorically except from environmental review pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15303 et seq. (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

# Section 5. SEVERABILITY

If any term, provision, or portion of these findings or the application of these findings to a particular situation is held by a court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of these findings, or their application to other actions related to the Project, shall continue in full force and effect unless amended or modified by the City.

I, Kyle Perata, Assistant Community Development Director of the City of Menlo Park, do
hereby certify that the above and foregoing Planning Commission Resolution was duly and
regularly passed and adopted at a meeting by said Planning Commission on November 13,
2023, by the following votes:

NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

AYES:

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of said City on this day of November, 2023
PC Liaison Signature
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Kyle Perata Assistant Community Development Director
City of Menlo Park

# **Exhibits**

- A. Project PlansB. Project Description LetterC. Conditions of Approval

# **EXHIBIT A**

# PARCEL MAP PROJECT

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# **SURI RESIDENCE**

# 854 CAMBRIDGE AVE, MENLO PARK, CA 95025 APN 71405170

### GENERAL NOTES:

- INERAL NOTES:

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  9. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO BE VERRIED IN FILE OF LISTED.

  10. WINDOW DIMENSIONS NOTED ON DRAWINGS ARE NOMINAL - REFER TO MANUFACTURER FOR ROUGH OPENINGS.

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n	A1.3	EXISTING EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS PROPOSED BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN		STE 124#176	
	A2.1			SAN JOSE, CA 95118	
v	A2.2	PROPOSED FIRST & SECOND FLOOR PLAN		(415) 559-1081 VVI COROLITI OOK COM	
N		ROOF PLAN PROPOSED EXTERIOR FLEVATIONS		VYLCO@OUTLOOK.COM	
	A4.1	PROPOSED EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS  PROPOSED EXTERIOR FLEVATIONS	BLIII DER:	HAMILTON BUILDERS INC.	
	A5.1	FLOOR AREA DIAGRAMS	BUILDEN.	IIC #R-998293	
L	A6.1	SECTIONS		3565 GLASGOW CT.	
	A8.1	ADU PLANS (FOR REFERENCE ONLY)		SAN JOSE, CA 95127	
	Δ8.2	ADU EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS & SECTIONS		(408) 687-1109	
		(FOR REFERENCE ONLY)		KCBUILDERSGC@GMAIL.CI	
	LANDSCAPE I-1	LANDSCAPE PLAN	STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:	FMD ENGINEERING, INC.	
	L-1 L-2	IRRIGATION PLAN		32108 ALVARADO BLVD. #	
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				FDUARTE@ FMDENGR.COM	
	1		CIVIL ENGINEER:		
				PORFIRIO OSUNA, PE 6920 SANTA TERESA	
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# CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO: 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE 2022 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE

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#### DATA SHEET

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LOCATION: 854 CAMBRIDGE	AVE., MENLO PARK,	CA 95	025			
EXISTING USE:		AP	APPLICANT:			
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDEN	CE		LERIKA I	ISCANO	)	
PROPOSED USE:		PR	OPERTY OWNER(S)			
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDEN	ICE			ANUJ	SURI	
ZONING: R2		AP	PLICATION(S):			
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	PROPOSED PROJE	CT	EXISTING DEVELOP	MENT I	ZONING OF	RDINANCE
Lot area	7.532	sf	7.532	sf		sf min.
Lot width	60	ft.	60	ft.		ft, min.
Lot depth	125	ft.	125	ft.		ft. min.
Setbacks			•			
Front	20	ft.	29	ft.		ft, min.
Rear	54-6"	ft.	22	ft.		ft, min.
Side (left)	6	ft.	17	ft		ft. min.
Side (right)	6	ft.	5	ft.		ft, min.
Building coverage	2,212.09	sf	+/- 2,150	sf		sf max.
	29%	96	+/- 28.54	%		% max.
FAR (Floor Area Ratio)*		sf		sf		sf max.
		%		%		% max.
FAL (Floor Area Limit)**	3,759.73	sf	+/- 2,150	sf		sf
Square footage by floor						
below grade	1,787.90	sf		sf		
157	1.496.37	sf	+/- 1,686	sf		
OND	1.063.38	sf		sf		
garage	ATTACHED 451.98	sf	DETACHED +/- 464	sf		
accessory building(s)	11111101120 401100	st	DETROTIED 17-404	sf		
other ADU	748	st		sf		
Square footage of buildings	5.547.63	sf	+/- 2,150	sf		sf max.
Building height	0,047.00	ft.	17-2,100	ft.		ft. max.
Landscaping***	3.080.00	sf	+/- 3.177	sf		sf min.
	40.89	96	+/- 42.18	%		% min.
Paving***	590	sf	+/- 4,354	sf		sf min.
-	7.83	96	+/- 57.80			% min.
Parking	2 COV., 2 IN DWY. s	paces	1 COV., 1 IN DWY.	spaces		spaces
Define Basis for Parking	(Example: 1 covered/1	uncovi	ered per residential unit	or # of sp	aces/X square f	eet)
Trees	# of existing		# of existing		# of	8
	Heritage trees 5		non-Heritage trees	8	new trees	0
	# of existing		# of non-Heritage		Total #	
	Heritage trees 3		trees to be removed	4	of trees	14
	to be removed					



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RESIDENCE AND

**NEW SINGLE FAMILY** 

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT CONSISTS OF DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING ONE-STORY HOME. CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY OVER BASEMENT SINGLE-FAMILY HOME WITH ATTACHED GARAGE.

### PROJECT DATA

APN ZONING OCCUPANCY BUILDING TYPE CONSTRUCTION TYPE LOT SIZE LOT WIDTH LOT DEPTH	71405170 R-2 R3/U V-B VB-SPRINKLERED 7,532 SF 60' 125'
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1,496.37 SF 1,063.38 SF (MAX. 1,130.00 SF = 15%) 451.98 SF 3,011.73 SF (MAX. FAL 3,013.00 SF = 40%) BASEMENT

214.30 SF 111.05 SF 152.69 SF 748 SF

PROPOSED ADUL/LINDER & SEPARATE PERMIT) MAIN HOUSE REQUIRED SETBACKS

28'-0" 27'-6"

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MAIN HOUSE MAX. HEIGHT PROPOSED HEIGHT FLOOR AREA LIMIT

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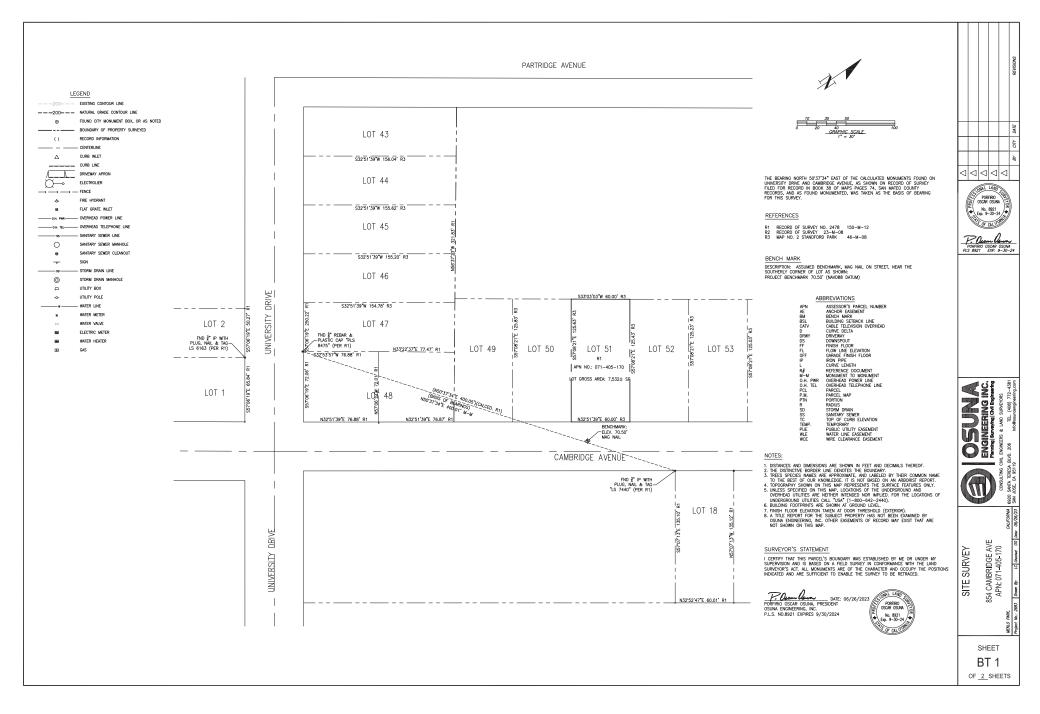
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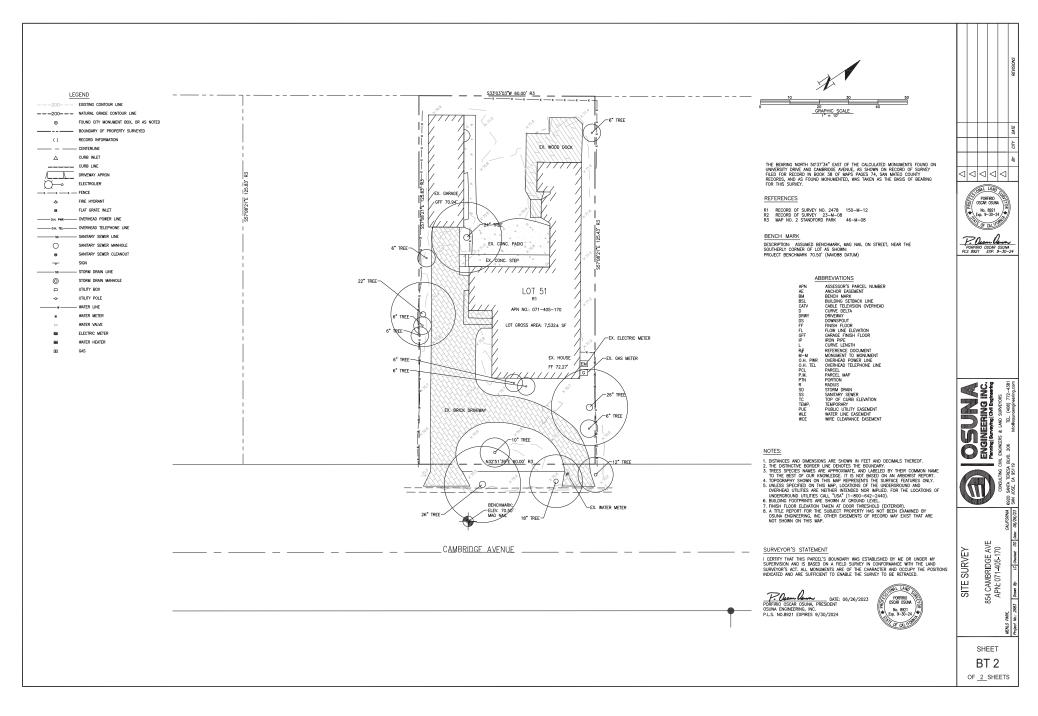


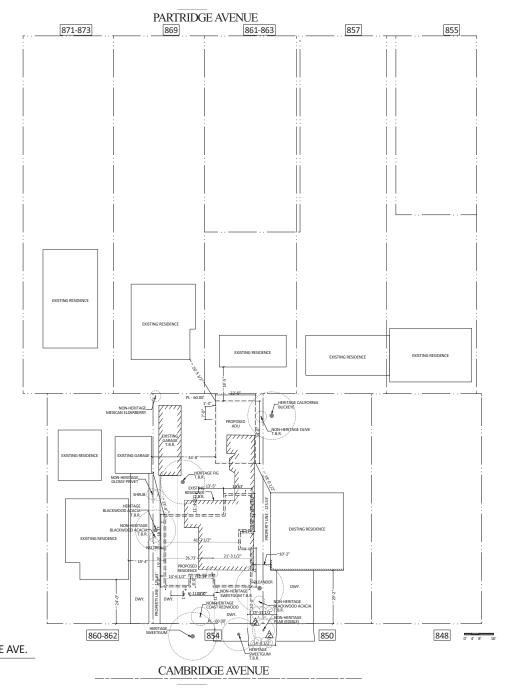
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AREA PLAN

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AREA PLAN: 854 CAMBRIDGE AVE.

SCALE: 1/16" = 1' - 0"



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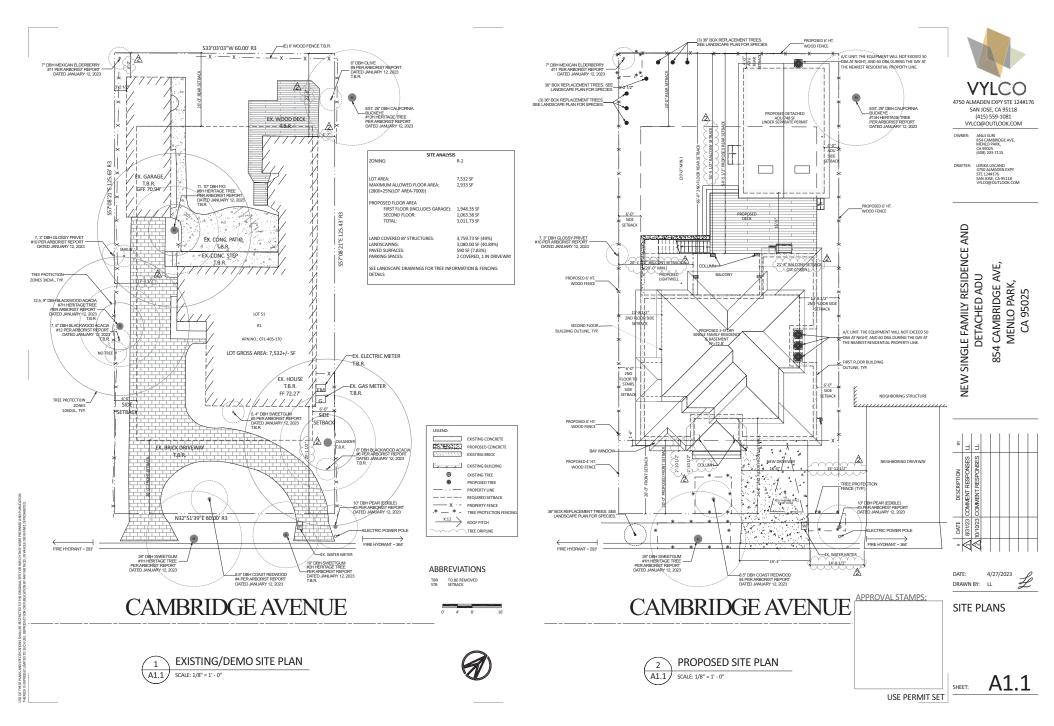
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(E) WALL TO REMAIN



PRE-FABRICATED FIREPLACES; A. PRE-FABRICATED METAL FIREPLACES SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH INSULATED CHIMINEY FLUE, SPARK ARRESTOR AND ACCESSORIES ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURERS SPECIFICATIONS.

B. FIREPLACE OPENING SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A TIGHT FITTING, CLOSEABLE METAL OR GLASS DOOR.

C. FIREPLACE SHALL HAVE A FLUE DAMPER AND AN OUTSIDE AIR METAL BAMPER.

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ONLY ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE REPROZES ARE TO BE USED.
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OF THE PROVIDENCE AND AS REQUIRED BY ALL CODES AND LISTINGS. APPLIANCE TYPES STYLES, COLORS, ETC., SHALL BE SELECTED BY OWNER.
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- <u>Exterior plaster lath;</u> exterior plaster lath shall be of - POTERIOR BASTELLATE: DETTOR PLASTELATE HAND BALL BE OF AN APPROVED, PRESPACIOL, CORROSON ESSTAMM THE LAD WHE FABRIC AND SHALL BE SEEF FRENKE, [1/4" MIN.) APPLY LATEN OVER THAT BE CHEEN AND HAND THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE DION. SHAPE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE DION. WHERE PRO LAPS OF SHEETS DO NOT OCCUR OVER SHAPE TO THE CONTRIBUTION OF SHEETS TO MAD OF SHEETS DO NOT OCCUR OVER SHAPE OF THE DIANG SHEETS AND LAPS OF SHEETS DO NOT OCCUR OVER SHAPE OF THE DIANG SHEETS OF SHEETS DAY LATH AND PAPER UNDERLAYMENT SHALL TERMINATE ON THE ATTACHMENT FLANGE OF THE SCREED. NAILING OF METAL LATH SHALL BE AT A MAX. OF 6 O.C. EACH WAY USING EITHER 11 GA. X 1-1/2" LONG X 7/16" HEAD NAILS OR 16 GA. STAPLES WITH 7/8"

LEGS.

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— FOLLOWS:

A 1/2" WALLBOARD 4d CEMENT COATED BOX NAIL OR 1-3/8" x 14 GA. ACID-ETCHED, PHOSPHATE COATED B NAIL OR 4d "DRYVITE" NAIL AT 7" O.C.
C 5/8" TYPE "X" WALLBOARD 6D "COOLER" NAILS AT 7" O.C.

### BATHROOM NOTES:

AJ BATHTUB AND SHOWER FLOORS AND WALLS ABOVE BATHTUBS
WITH INSTALLED SHOWER HEADS AND IN SHOWER
COMPARTMENTS SHALL BE FINISHED WITH A NOWABSORBENT
SURFACE. SUCH WALL SURFACES SHALL EXTEND TO A HEIGHT OF
NOT LESS THAN 6 FEET ABOVE THE FLOOR. COR R307.2.
BY GYPSUM BOADS AVAILAL FOR THE SED WHITEET HERE WILL BE

DIRECT EXPOSURE TO WATER OR IN AREAS SURJECT TO CONTINUOUS HIGH HUMIDITY, CRC R702.3.7.

### STAIR HANDRAILS NOTES:

A) EVERY STAIRWAY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE HANDRAIL AND EVERY OPEN SIDE OF A STAIRWAY SHALL HAVE A GUARD COMPLYING WITH CRC SECTION R312.

B) HANDRAILS SHALL BE CONTINUOUS FOR THE FULL LENGTH OF A FLIGHT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NEWEL POSTS.

C) HANDRAILS MOUNTED ON A WALL SHALL HAVE A MIN. 1-1/2" SPACE

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### **GUARDS NOTES:**

A) ALL EDGES OF INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR FLOORS, STAIRS, AND RAMPS MORE THAN 30" HIGHER THAN ADIACENT SURFACES SHALL HAVE GUARDS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CRC SECTION R312.

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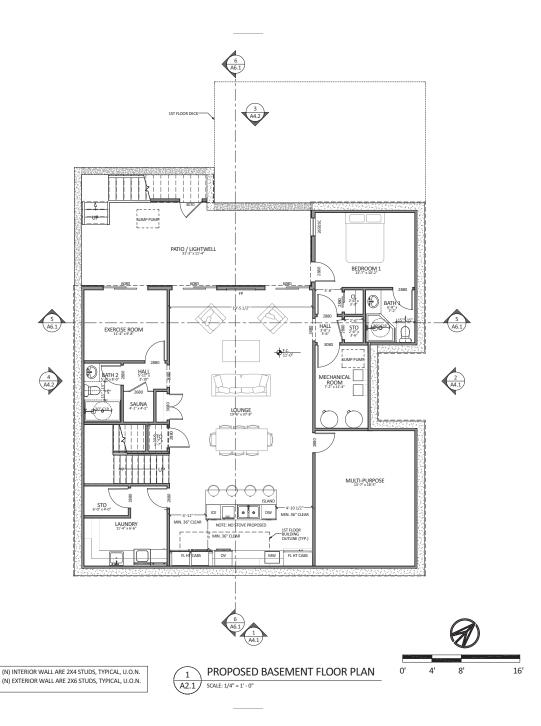
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OPEN GORRDS STREET RAVE INVESTMENT CALLS, GALDSTERS, PICKETS, GLAZING, ETC. ARRANGED SUCH THAT A 4" DIA. SPHERE CANNOT PASS THROUGH THE OPENINGS, EXCEPT THAT TRIANGULAR OPENINGS BETWEEN A GUARD MEMBER AND THE TREAD AND RISEF OF A STAIR SHALL BE SUCH THAT A 6" DIA. SPHERE SHALL NOT PASS THROUGH.

**LEGEND** 

E) GUARD SHOP DRAWINGS AND STRUCTURAL CALCULATIONS E) GUARD SHIP DIRAWINIAS AND SI ROLLINGAL CALCULATIONS SHOWING CONSTRUCTION AND CONNECTIONS DETAILS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO OWNER AND TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO FABRICATION.
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**NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AND** 854 CAMBRIDGE AVE, MENLO PARK, CA 95025 DETACHED ADU



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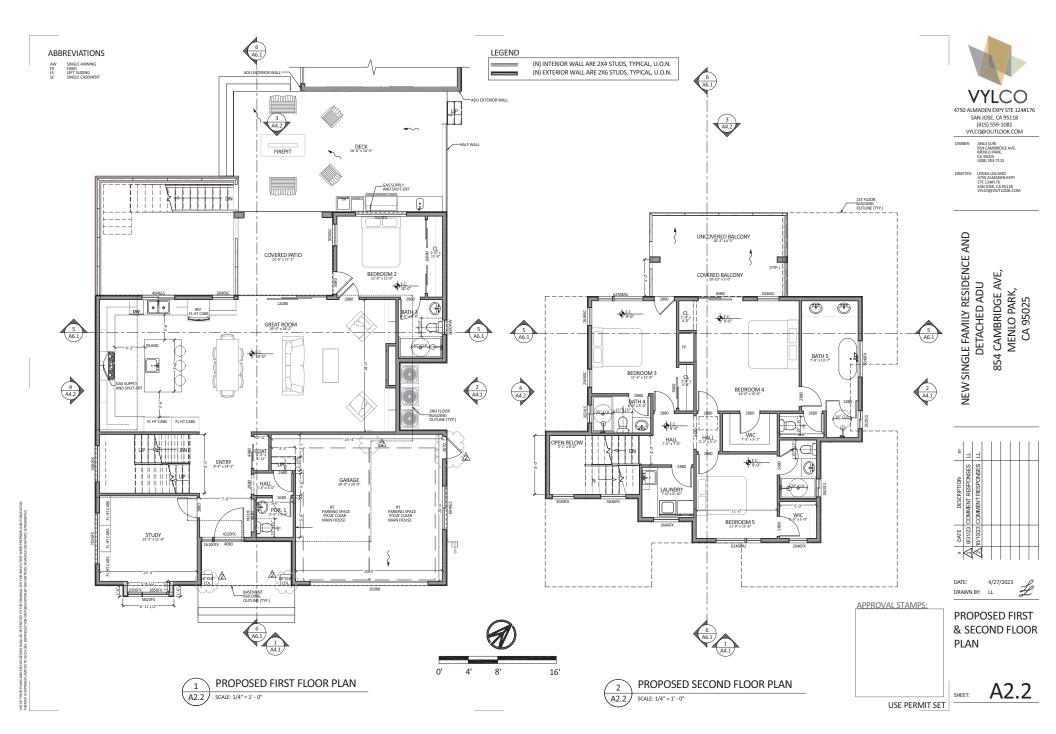
**ABBREVIATIONS** SINGLE AWNING FIXED LEFT SLIDING SINGLE CASEMEN

APPROVAL STAMPS:



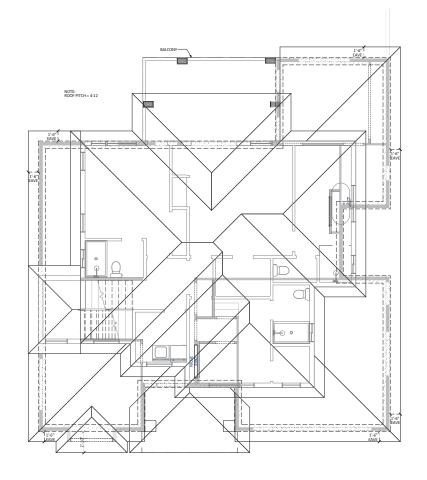
**PROPOSED BASEMENT** FLOOR PLAN

SHEET: USE PERMIT SET



### **ROOF PLAN NOTES:**

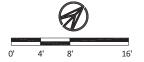
1- ANY CALIFORNIA FRAMED ROOF AREAS ARE TO BE ENTIRELY FILLED WITH CLOSED CELL SPRAY FOAM PLASTIC INSULATION OR, IF ACCESS IS AWAILABLE, TO BE INSULATED AS PER DETAILS WITH A MIXTURE OF SPRAY FOAM AND BATT INSULATION.





	ROOFLINE WITH GUTTER
	DOWNSPOUDS
_X:12 >	ROOF PITCH
	FIRST FLOOR BUILDING OUTLINE

PROPOSED ROOF PLAN (1) (A3.1) SCALE: 1/4" = 1' - 0"





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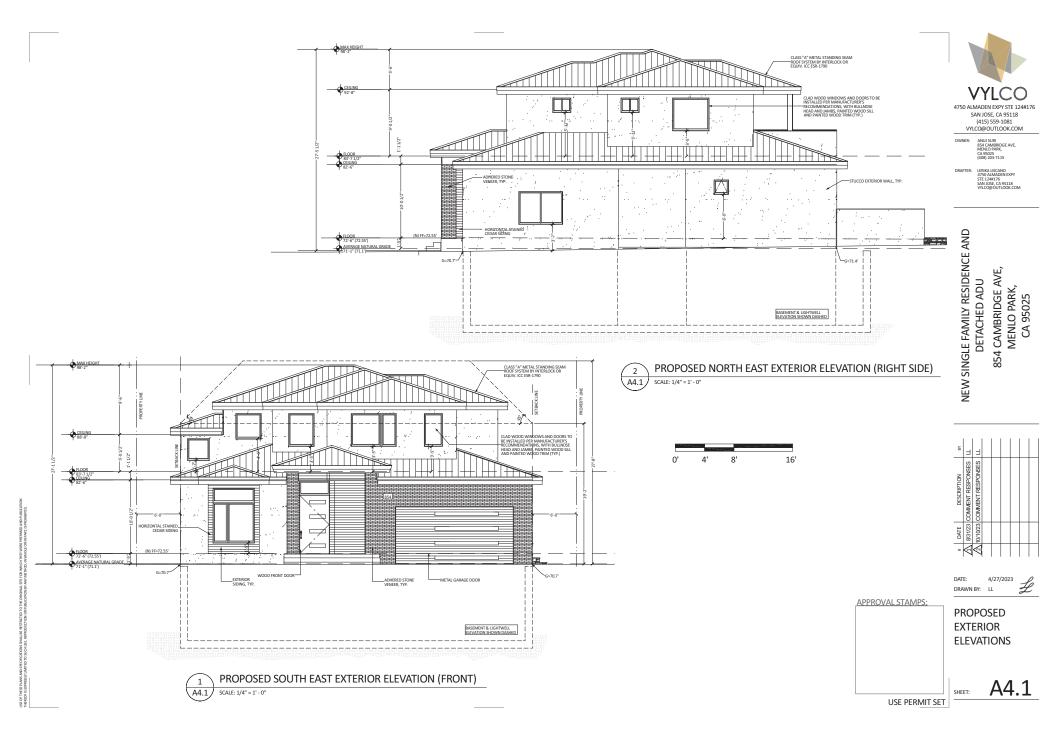
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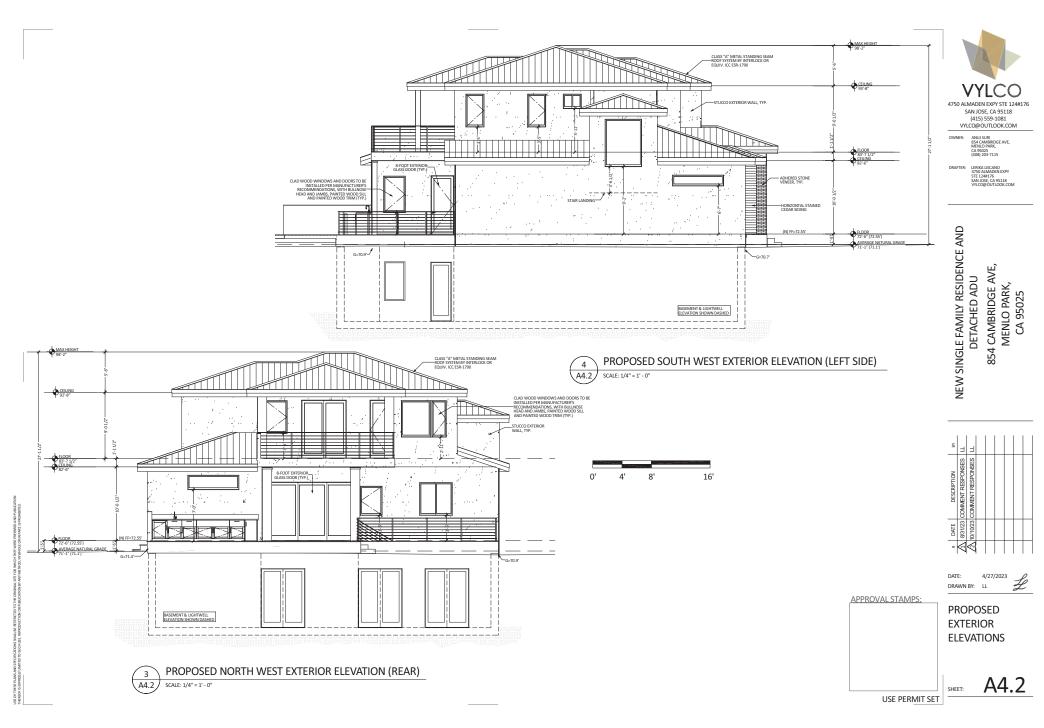
**ROOF PLAN** 

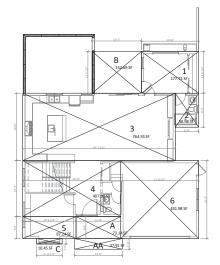
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FIRST FLOOR AREA DIAGRAM

SCALE: 1/8" = 1' - 0"

A5.1

SECOND FLOOR AREA DIAGRAM A5.1 SCALE: 1/8" = 1' - 0"

FLOOR AREA CALCULATIONS

NOTES: NONE OF THE ATTIC SPACE MEETS THE DEFINITION OF "HABITABLE SPACE" PER UBC (MINOR ERRORS FROM ROUNDING - TOTALS REPRESENT COMPUTER ADED AREA CALCULATIONS) FIRST FLOOR DIMENSIONS (FT) 15.63X11.37 6.37X9.26 41.62X18.37 26.73X15.26 14.54X6.00 21.26X21.26 
 SECOND FLOOR
 SQ.FT.

 DIMENSIONS (FT)
 SQ.FT.

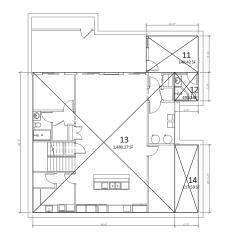
 6.84X19.00
 129.96

 25.04X30.77
 770.48

 5.66X19.88
 112.52

 17.63X2.86
 50.42
 BASEMENT
DIMENSIONS (FT) SQ.FT.
14.1779.91 140.42
6.37X7.79 49.62
38.69X38.26 1,480.27
6.37X18.46 117.59 SQ.FT. 177.71 58.98 764.55 407.89 87.24 451.98 GARAGE IRST FLOOR AREA SUBTOTAL = ECOND FLOOR AREA SUBTOTAL = 1,063.38 BASEMENT FLOOR AREA SUBTOTAL = 1,787.90 TOTAL COUNTABLE FLOOR AREA FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR = TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ALL LEVELS = 3,011.73 SF < 3,013.00 SF (40% MAX. FAL) 4,799.63 SF

LOT COVERAGE		BAYS AND BOXES			
SECTION	DIMENSIONS (FT)	SQ.FT.	(NOT COU	NTED AS FLOOR AREA	OR LOT COVERAGE)
A	12.19X6	73.14	SECTION	DIMENSIONS (FT)	SQ.FT.
AA	13.03X2.91	37.91	C	6.97X1.50	10.45
В	13.43X11.37	152.69	TOTAL =		10.45
FIRST FLOC	IR AREA	1,948.35			
TOTAL LOT	COVERAGE =	2,212.09 (29%) < 2,636.20 (35% MAX.)			



**BASEMENT FLOOR AREA DIAGRAM** A5.1 SCALE: 1/8" = 1' - 0"



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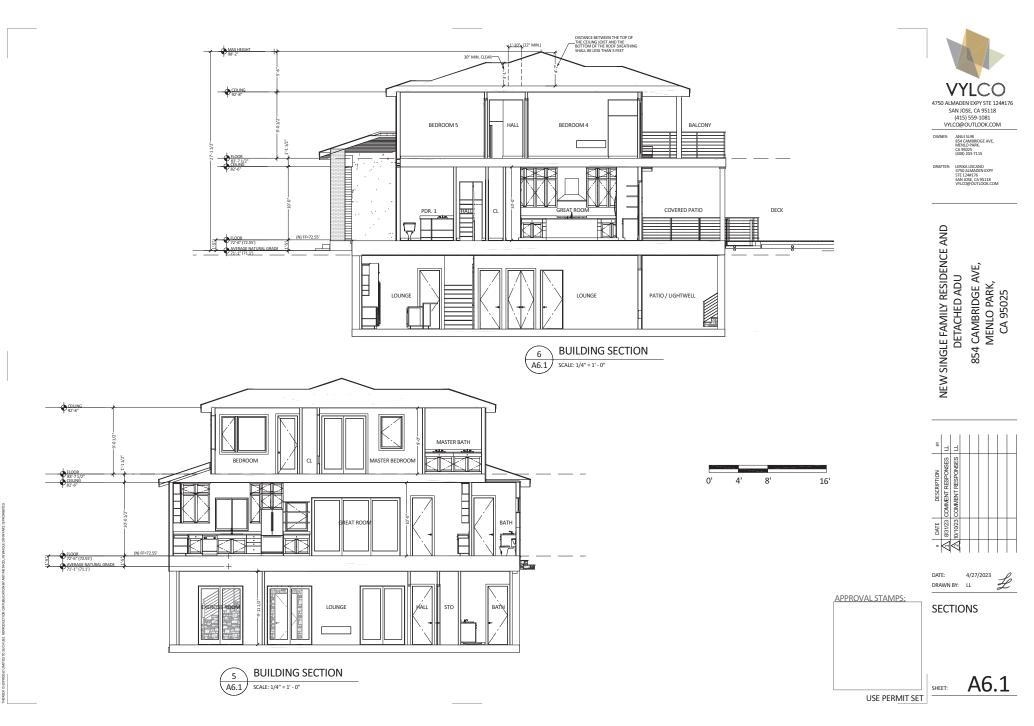
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FLOOR AREA **DIAGRAMS** 

A5.1 SHEET:





BEDROOM 1

(N) INTERIOR WALL ARE 2X4 STUDS, TYPICAL, U.O.N. (N) EXTERIOR WALL ARE 2X6 STUDS, TYPICAL, U.O.N. (N) 1-HR FIRE RATED WALL

BEDROOM 2

VAULT KITCHEN 9'-2" x 14'-1"



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PROPOSED ADU FLOOR PLAN 1 PROPOSED
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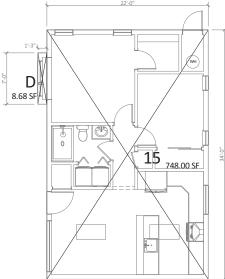
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ADU PLANS (FOR

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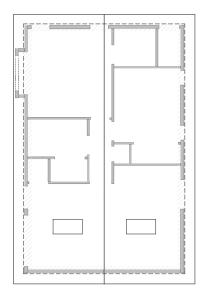
ADU | SECTION | DIMENSIONS (FT) | 15 | 22.00x34.00 | ADU FLOOR AREA = BAY WINDOW (NOT COUNTED AS FLOOR AREA OR LOT COVERAGE) D BAY 1.24X7.00 8.68



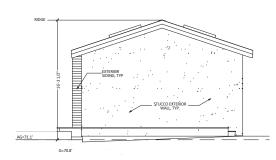
ADU FLOOR AREA DIAGRAM

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PROPOSED ADU ROOF PLAN



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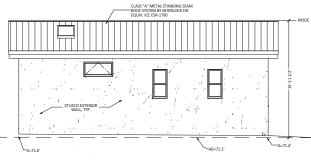
PROPOSED SOUTH EAST EXTERIOR ELEVATION (RIGHT SIDE)

A8.2



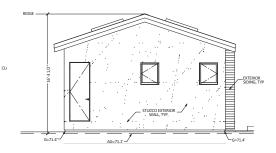
PROPOSED SOUTH WEST EXTERIOR ELEVATION (FRONT)

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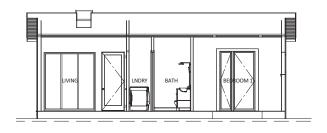
PROPOSED NORTH EAST EXTERIOR ELEVATION (REAR) 2

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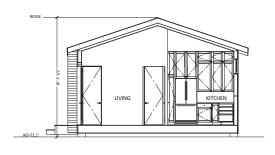


PROPOSED NORTH WEST EXTERIOR ELEVATION (LEFT SIDE) 8

(A8.2 SCALE: 1/4" = 1' - 0"



**BUILDING SECTION - ADU** SCALE: 1/4" = 1' - 0"



**BUILDING SECTION - ADU** A8.2 SCALE: 1/4" = 1' - 0"



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ADU EXTERIOR **ELEVATIONS &** SECTIONS (FOR REFERENCE ONLY)

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NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AND DETACHED ADU

854 CAMBRIDGE AVE, MENLO PARK, CA 95025

USE PERMIT SET

APPROVAL STAMPS:



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JONES No. 2239

DATE SCALE 1/8"=1'-0" SL-PD DRAWN

JOB SURI

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3 Festuca glauca (E) Water Meter (E) Sweetgum to be Removed

shall assume responsibility for compliance with all easements, \* NOTES (E) = Existing

#1 26"Ø (E) H Sweetgum Liquidamber

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Hunter ICZ-101-25-LF
Drip Control Zone Kit. 1" ICV Globe Valve with 1" HY100 filter
system. Pressure Regulation: 25psi. Flow Range: .5-15 GPM.
150 mesh stainless steel screen. Hunter ICV-G
1", 1-1/2", 2", and 3" Plastic Electric Remote Control Valves,
Globe Configuration, with NPT Threaded Inlet/Outlet, for
Commercial/Municipal Use. KAREN AITKEN & ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS RainBird 1806 PRS 6 in. 1800 Series HE-VAN-10 Nozzle 12' radius Turf Spray, 30 psi regulated 6.0" Pop-Up. Hunter Dripline HDL-06-12-CV Hunter Dripline w/ 0.9 GPH emitters every 12 in. Dripline laterals spaced at 12" apart. Install with Hunter PLD Tree Ring Irrigation
Dripline w/ 0.9 drip emitters placed every 12 in. Inner ring 12" from plant. Outter ring 30" from plant. Place tie down every 4' in loam and 5' in clay. Hunter ACC-1200 12 to 42 Station Outdoor Modular Controller. No Module Required. Hunter SOIL-CLIK
The Soil-Clik probe uses proven technology to measure
moisture within the root zone. When the probe senses that the
soil has reached its desired moisture level, it will shut down
irrigation, preventing water waste. Hunter Solar-Sync
Solar, rain freeze sensor with outdoor interface, connects to
Hunter PCC, Pro-C, and I-Core Controllers, install as noted. Includes 10 year lithium battery and rubber module cover, and gutter mount bracket. Wired. **Hunter HFS-150**Flow Sensor for use with ACC controller, 1-1/2" Schedule 40 Sensor Body, 24 VAC, 2 amp. Shut Off Valve RESIDENCE FEBCO 825Y 1-1/2" "I have complied with the criteria of the Water Conservation in Landscaping Ordinance and applied them accordingly for the efficient use of water in the landscape & irrigation design plan." URI

IRRIGATION KEY/ DOMESTIC Irrigation Lateral Line: 3/4 in. PVC Class 200 Irrigation Mainline: 1 in, PVC Schedule 40

Pipe Sleeve: PVC Class 200 Typical pipe sleeve for irrigation pipe. Pipe sleeve size shall allow for irrigation piping and their related couplings to easily side through sleeving material. Extend sleeves 18 inches beyond edges of A.C. ADII • Kitchen С Covered (SS) Great Room X В 2 Concrete Stepping Stones Color Indicates the Irrigated Area (H.Z) 2 В H.Z.)2 (H.Z)2

(E) Water Meter

854 Cambridge Ave ETAF (PF/IE) ETAF x Area REGULAR LANDSCAPE AREAS SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREAS ETAF CALCULATIONS ETWU TOTAL 31,335.9 Regular Landscape Area Total ETAF x Area 1.167.3

**IRRIGATION NOTES** 

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- 1. Before beginning work, Contractor shall inspect the site. If any conditions exist that differ from what is shown on the plans and will affect the Contractor's work, notify the Owner or Landscape Architect
- 2. This irrigation system is based on a minimum of 40 psi and 6 gpm. Prior to irrigation installation, ensure that gpm and psi requirements are met. If there is insufficient of either, contact the Landscape Architect immediately.
- Install all irrigation equipment in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.

Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet:

- 4. Piping layout is diagrammatic. Irrigation equipment shown in paved areas are for legibility only and are to be installed in planting areas (except for sleeves).
- All irrigation pipes under paying must be sleeved. Sleeves are only shown diagrammatically on the plan, and more may be needed than shown. All mainline pipes and control wires under paying are to be installed in separate sleeves. Contractor is responsible to coordinate with other contractors to locate and install pipe sleeves under paving.
- Flood trenches to compact backfill before final landscape grading.

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- The irrigation controller must be programmed within the days and hours established by any water conservation program adopted by the City of Menlo Park.
- 8. The Contractor is responsible to create accurate, scaled, as-built drawing of the entire irrigation system.
- Three copies of the as-built drawings are to be given to the Owner before the project is complete. Contractor to install automatic irrigation per these plans. Any discrepancies are to be brought to the attention of the Landscape Architect. Contractor is responsible for the successful, full operation of the

irrigation system. An irrigation audit shall be completed by a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor after installation per the State

Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The audit shall be provided to the San Mateo County.

10. Contractor to review controller selection and controller and valve locations with Owner.

11. The Contractor is responsible to work with the Owner and Landscape Architect to create a maintenance schedule and complete the Certificate of Completion and Certificate of Installation in compliance with the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

real of the landscape architect. The proper electronic transfer of data shall be the user's responsibility without liability to the landscape architect. Owner shall assume responsibility for compliance with all easements.

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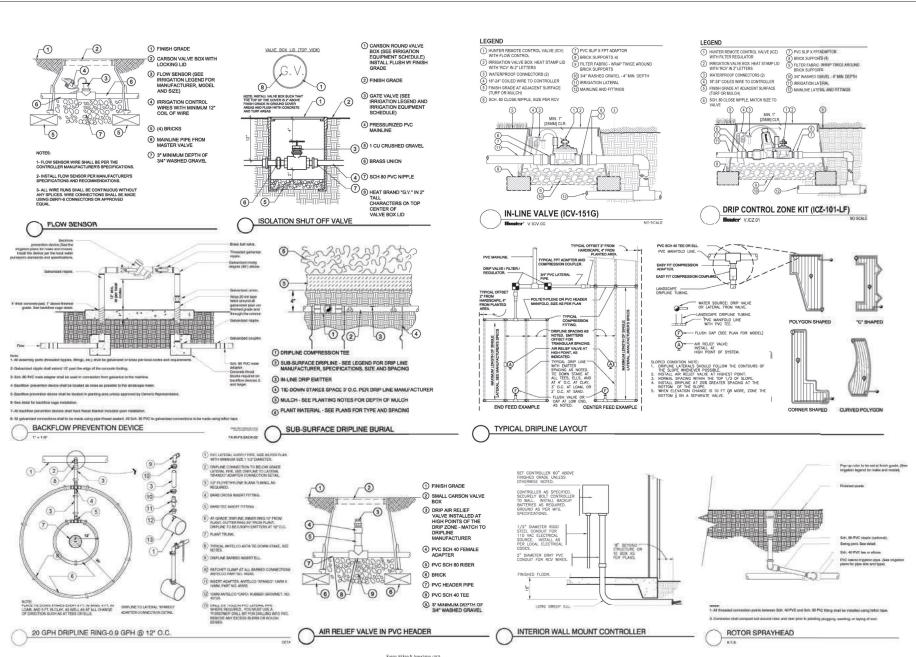
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Project Name: Suri Residence

Project Address: 854 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Date: 9/5/2023

**Project Description Letter** 

To Whom It May Concern,

The existing 1-story, non-sprinklered residence at 854 Cambridge Avenue is an Allied Arts home constructed of wood, brick, and composite roof over conventional raised floor spread footing foundation. The house was built in 1948 to the building code of the time. The structure is in a reasonable condition with no sign of major structural failure and does not pose any significant risk to person or property.

Although the existing home is in good condition, it lacks the benefits of recent building codes, such seismic improvements and energy savings. We are proposing a new 2-story Contemporary Style home with a basement for a total of five bedrooms and six and a half bathrooms, an attached 2-car garage, and two bedrooms and one bathroom detached Accessory Dwelling Unit at the rear yard. The new building will be constructed in compliance with current codes using modern methods and materials and it will be fully sprinkled. Outstanding exterior materials include smooth exterior stucco, stained horizontal cedar siding, 8-foot glass doors, clad wood windows and trims, painted wood fascia, with a high-quality standing seam metal roof and metal/glass garage door. Further, the new home will make more efficient use of the site and will be aesthetically compatible with the city guidelines and immediate neighborhood. Landscape and site work design will utilize materials and methods consistent with current green building measures and be compatible with the site and surrounding neighborhood.

The property owner has stated the neighbor outreach. A summary is on the next page of this letter.

We feel the new home will be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. The proposed design has been provided on plans to scale under separate copy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Lerika Liscano, EIT Vylco, Inc.



4750 Almaden Expy, Suite 124-176, San Jose, CA 95118 Direct: (415) 559-1081 Neighbor outreach summary:

Property owner doing the outreach: Anuj Suri

- 1. 860 Cambridge Ave. this is the house on the left side of our house. I have had detailed conversations with the older gentleman who has been living there for many years. We discussed about the neighborhood, neighbors and also details about what we are thinking of doing with 854 Cambridge. He knows a lot about the neighbors and walks on the street often. I told him about the plans for a 2 story house with a basement and the ADU. He was pleased to learn about that... He also told me about about the previous owner who lived there. I also spoke with the older gentleman's son who stopped by one day to say hello and we again discussed about the plans for the house.
- 2. 861 Cambridge Ave. This is the house across the street. I spoke with the lady there who rents that place and has been there for many years as well. This house set way back in the yard. She congratulated me for being part of the neighborhood and mentioned that its a great neighborhood and she and family like it there. I also shared with her about building a new house and its currently in the planning phase. She was very supportive and said thats a typical process and takes time and we are doing the right thing to tear it down and rebuild. She also mentioned that many neighbors on the street want to see improvements and are excited to have us as neighbors.
- 3. **850 Cambridge** this is the newer two story house on the right side of our house. I had a brief conversation with the gentleman there. They have been there since 2016 and love being there. I mentioned that we bought the place recently and plan to develop it next year once we get the permits. He also congratulated me and seemed happy about the decision.

LOCATION: 854	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Lerika	OWNER: Anuj Suri
Cambridge Avenue	PLN2023-00012	Liscano	-

# **PROJECT CONDITIONS:**

- 1. The use permit shall be subject to the following **standard** conditions:
  - a. The applicant shall be required to apply for a building permit within one year from the date of approval (by November 13, 2024) for the use permit to remain in effect.
  - b. Development of the project shall be substantially in conformance with the plans prepared by Vylco consisting of 20 plan sheets, dated received October 11, 2023 and approved by the Planning Commission on November 13, 2023, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval of the Planning Division.
  - c. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.
  - d. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all requirements of the Building Division, Engineering Division, and Transportation Division that are directly applicable to the project.
  - e. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall submit a plan for any new utility installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Building Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show exact locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay boxes, and other equipment boxes.
  - f. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit plans indicating that the applicant shall remove and replace any damaged and significantly worn sections of frontage improvements. The plans shall be submitted for review and approval of the Engineering Division.
  - g. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit a Grading and Drainage Plan for review and approval of the Engineering Division. The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits.
  - h. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and the arborist report prepared by Bo Firestone Trees & Gardens dated received September 5, 2023.
  - i. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall pay all fees incurred through staff time spent reviewing the application.
  - j. The applicant or permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Menlo Park or its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Menlo Park or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the Planning Commission, City Council, Community Development Director, or any other department, committee, or agency of the City concerning a development, variance, permit, or land use approval which action is brought within the time period provided for in any applicable statute; provided, however, that the applicant's or permittee's duty to so defend, indemnify, and hold harmless shall be subject to the City's promptly notifying the applicant or permittee of any said claim, action, or proceeding and the City's full cooperation in the applicant's or permittee's defense of said claims, actions, or proceedings.

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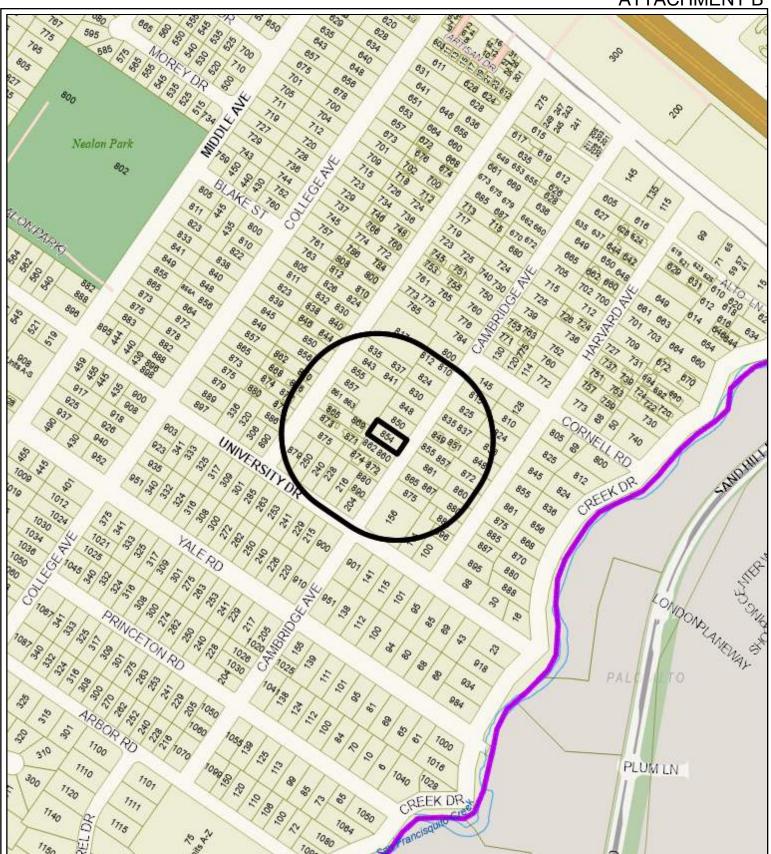
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LOCATION: 854	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Lerika	OWNER: Anuj Suri
Cambridge Avenue	PLN2023-00012	Liscano	-

# **PROJECT CONDITIONS:**

- k. Notice of Fees Protest The applicant may protest any fees, dedications, reservations, or other exactions imposed by the City as part of the approval or as a condition of approval of this development. Per California Government Code 66020, this 90-day protest period has begun as of the date of the approval of this application.
- 2. The use permit shall be subject to the following **specific** conditions:
  - a. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit revised plans showing removal and replacement of the sidewalk, curb, and gutter along entire project frontage, subject to review and approval of the Engineering Division.

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City of Menlo Park Location Map 854 Cambridge Avenue



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Sheet: 1

	PROP PRO		EXIST PROJ	_	ZON ORDIN	
Lot area	7,532.0	sf	7,532.0	sf	7,000	sf min.
Lot width	60.0	ft.	60.0	ft.	65	ft. min.
Lot depth	125.5	ft.	125.5	ft.	100	ft. min.
Setbacks						
Front	20.0	ft.	29.1	ft.	20	ft. min.
Rear	54.5	ft.	22.7	ft.	20	ft. min.
Side (left)	6.0	ft.	17.0	ft.	6.0	ft. min.
Side (right)	6.0	ft.	5.0	ft.	6.0	ft. min.
Building coverage	2,960.1	sf.*	2,150	sf	2,636.2	sf max.
5 5	39.3	%	28.5	%	35	% max.
FAL (Floor Area Limit)	3,759.8	sf.*	2,150.0	sf	3,012.8	sf max.
	49.9	%	28.5	%	40	% max.
Square footage by floor	1,496.4	sf/1st	1,686.0	sf/1st		
	1,063.4	sf/2 <sup>nd</sup>	464.0	sf/garage		
	1,788	sf/basement				
	452.0	sf/garage				
	748.0	sf/ADU				
	263.7	sf/porches				
Square footage of buildings	3,996.5	sf	2,150.0	sf		
Building height	27.1	ft.	15.2	ft.	28	ft. max.
		(main house)				
	15.9	ft.				
		(ADU)				
Parking	2 co\	/ered	1 cov	ered	1 covered/1	uncovered
-	Note: Areas sho	own highlighted in	ndicate a noncon	forming or subs	tandard situatio	n.

Trees

Heritage trees**	5	Non-Heritage trees	8	New Trees	8
Heritage trees proposed for removal	3	Non-Heritage trees proposed for removal	3	Total Number of Trees	15

<sup>\*</sup> Floor area and building coverage for the proposed project includes the ADU, which is 748 square feet in size. With the ADU and main residence combined, the floor area limit would be exceeded by 747 square feet and the building coverage would be exceeded by 323.9 square feet.
\*\* Tree #13 is a heritage tree located in neighboring property.

TREE PROTECTION PLAN

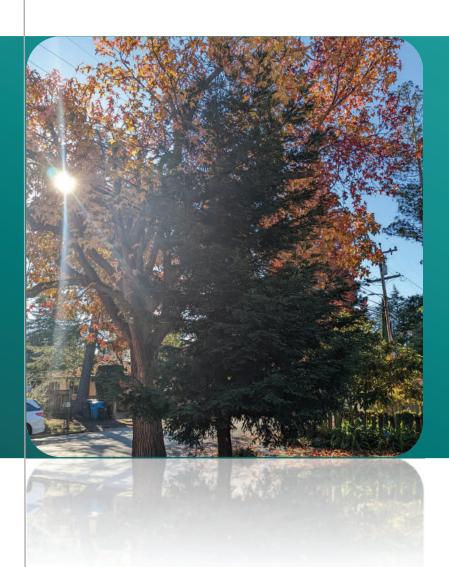
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# Introduction

## ARBORIST ASSIGNMENT

On December 7, 2022, at the request of Anuj Suri, I visited 854 Cambridge Avenue in the role of Project Arborist. The purpose was to perform the assessments and data collections as necessary to create an industry-standard Tree Protection Report for their project permit. It was my understanding that the existing single-story house, detached garage, and deck would be demolished. A new two-story home with detached ADU and basement, as well as a new deck, would be built in their place. The assessments in this report were based on review of the following:

- Preliminary Site Survey BT2 by Osuna Engineering, Inc. (dated 11/03/22)
- Proposed Site Plan A1.1 by VYLCO (revised 04/27/23)

My inventory included a total of 13 trees over six inches (6" DBH). There were five (5) trees of Heritage size: two (2) sweetgums (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), one (1) fig (*Ficus carica*), one (1) California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*), and one (1) "undesirable species" blackwood) acacia (*Acacia melanoxylon*). Six (6) trees on the property were requested for removal. One (1) neighboring buckeye would require protection measures. All other neighboring trees were sufficiently distant from the work (>10x DBH).

## **USES OF THIS REPORT**

According to City Ordinance, any person who conducts grading, excavation, demolition, or construction activity on a property is to do so in a manner that does not threaten the health or viability or cause the removal of any Heritage Tree. Any work performed within an area 10 times the diameter of the tree (i.e., the tree protection zone) requires the submittal of a tree protection plan for approval by the City before issuance of any permit for grading or construction.

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This report was written by Busara Firestone, Project Arborist, to serve as a resource for the property owner, designer, and builder. As needed, I have provided instructions for retaining, protecting, and working around trees during construction, as well as information on City requirements. The owner, contractor and architect are responsible for knowing the information included in this arborist report and adhering to the conditions provided.

## Limitations

Trees assessed were limited to the scope of work identified in the assignment. I have estimated the trunk diameters of trees with barriers to access or visibility (such as those on neighboring parcels or behind debris). Although general structure and health were assessed, formal Tree Risk Assessments were not conducted unless specified. Disease diagnostic work was not conducted unless specified. All assessments were the result of ground-based, visual inspections. No excavation or aerial inspections were performed. Recommendations beyond those related to the proposed construction were not within the scope of work.

My tree impact and preservation assessments were based on information provided in the plans I have reviewed to date, and conversations with the involved parties. I assumed that the guidelines and setbacks recommended in this report would be followed. Assessments, conclusions, and opinions shared in this report are not a guarantee of any specific outcome. If additional information (such as engineering or landscape plans) is provided for my review, these assessments would be subject to change.

# City Tree Protection Requirements

# Heritage Tree Definition

A "Heritage Tree" is a tree that has protected status by the City of Menlo Park. The City can classify trees with Heritage status for their remarkable size, age, or unique value. However, in

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general, native oaks of 10 inches or more, and any tree having a trunk with a diameter of 15 inches or more has Heritage status (measured at 54 inches above natural grade, or at the branching point for multi-trunk trees).

## Construction-Related Tree Removals

According to the City of Menlo Park, applicants are required to submit a site plan with the Heritage Tree Removal Application Permit even if they have submitted a site plan to the City for a planning or building permit. The site plan facilitates the review by the City Arborist.

For removals of two or more trees, applicants shall be required to submit a planting plan indicating the species, size and location of the proposed replacement trees on a site plan. Heritage Tree Permits related to Construction will also be charged for City-retained arborist expenses.

## **Violation Penalties**

Any person who violates the tree protection ordinance, including property owners, occupants, tree companies and gardeners, could be held liable for violation of the ordinance. The ordinance prohibits removal or pruning of over one-fourth of the tree, vandalizing, mutilating, destruction and unbalancing of a heritage tree without a permit.

If a violation occurs during construction, the City may issue a stop-work order suspending and prohibiting further activity on the property until a mitigation plan has been approved, including protection measures for remaining trees on the property. Civil penalties may be assessed against any person who commits, allows or maintains a violation of any provision of the ordinance. The fine will be an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per violation, or an amount equivalent to the replacement value of the tree, whichever is higher.

# Impacts on Protected Trees

## SITE DESCRIPTION

The property at 854 Cambridge Avenue was a narrow rectangular lot typical of the neighborhood and without notable topography. There was an existing house on-site with a looped driveway. A detached garage and wood deck were in the back yard. The tree stock was a mix of ornamentals, fruit trees, one (1) small coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), and a few trees of "undesirable species."

## TREE INVENTORY

This tree preservation plan includes an attached inventory of all trees on the property regardless of species, that were at least 12 feet tall and 6-inch DSH.

This inventory also includes as necessary, any neighboring Heritage Trees with work proposed within 10 times their diameter (DBH). Any street trees within the public right-of-way were also included, regardless of size, as required by the City.

The Inventory includes each tree's number (as shown on the TPZ map), measurements, condition, level of impact (due to proximity to work), tolerance to construction, and overall suitability for retainment. The inventory also includes the appraised value of each tree using the Trunk Formula Method (10<sup>th</sup> Edition).

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

After review of the proposed site plan, it was my understanding that the existing single-story house, garage, and deck would be demolished. A new two-story home with basement, detached ADU, and deck would be built in their place.

## HOW CONSTRUCTION CAN DAMAGE TREES

## **Damage to Roots**

#### Where are the Roots?

The most common types of injury to trees that occur during property improvements are related to root cutting or damage. Tree roots extend farther out than people realize, and the majority are located within the upper 24 inches of soil. The thickest roots are found close to the trunk, and taper and branch into ropey roots. These ropey roots taper and branch into an intricate system of fine fibrous roots, which are connected to an even finer system of fungal filaments. This vast below-ground network is tasked with absorbing water and nutrients, as well as anchoring the tree in the ground, storage, and communication.

## Damage from Excavation

Any type of excavation will impact adjacent trees by severing roots and thus cutting off the attached network. Severing large roots, or trenching across the root plate, destroys large networks. Even work that appears to be far from a tree can impact the fibrous root system. Placing impervious surfaces over the ground, or installing below ground structures, such as a pool, or basement wall, will remove rooting area permanently from a site.

## Damage from Fill

**Adding fill can smother roots**, making it difficult for them to access air and water. The roots and other soil life need time to colonize the new upper layers of soil.

## Changes to Drainage and Available Water

Changes to the hydrology of the site, caused for instance by new septic fields, changes to grade, and drainage systems, can also cause big changes in available water for trees. Trees can die from lack of water or disease if their water supply dries up or gets much wetter than they are used to.

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## Soil Compaction and Contamination

In addition, compaction of soil, or contamination of soil with wash-water, paint, fuel, or other chemicals used in the building process, can cause damage to the rooting environment that can last many years. Tree protection fencing creates a barrier to protect as many roots as possible from this damage, which can be caused by travelling vehicles, equipment storage, and other construction activities that may occur even outside the construction envelope.

## Mechanical Injury

Injury from the impact of vehicles or equipment can occur to the root crown, trunk, and lower branches of a tree. The bark protects a tree – creating a skin-like barrier from disease-causing organisms. The stem tissues support the weight of the plant. They also conduct the flow of water, sugars, and other important compounds throughout the tree. When the bark and wood is injured, the structure and health of the tree is compromised.

## IMPACTS TO HERITAGE TREES

## **SUMMARY**

Two (2) Heritage Trees and one (1) Street tree would be impacted by the project: one (1) sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), one (1) pear (*Pyrus spp.*), and one (1) California buckeye on the neighboring property to the north. Three (3) Heritage trees on the property were recommended for removal. Please see removal justifications in the following section.

My evaluation of the impacts of the proposed construction work for all affected trees was summarized in the Tree Inventory. These included impacts of grading, excavation for utility installation, retaining walls, drainage or any other aspect of the project that could impact the service life of the tree. Anticipated impacts to trees were summarized using a rating system of "severe," "high," "moderate," "low," or "very low."

General species tolerance to construction, and condition of the trees (health and structural integrity), was also noted on the Inventory. These major factors, as well as tree age, soil characteristics, and species desirability, all factored into an individual tree's suitability rating, as

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summarized on the Inventory. Suitability of trees to be retained was rated as "high," "moderate," "low." Trees with low suitability would be appropriate candidates for removal. Please see Glossary for definitions of ratings.

### TREE REMOVALS

Removal Justification for trees is as follows:

- Trees #5, #9, and #12 were not Heritage Trees:
  - o I recommended Tree #5 (sweetgum) for removal because it was within the footprint of the new home.
  - I recommend Tree #9 (olive, Olea europaea) for removal because it would be expected to sustain "high" impacts (root loss of 20% - 30%) from the proposed ADU and would not be expected to survive the project.
  - I recommended Tree #12 (blackwood acacia, Acacia melanoxylon) for removal because it was an "undesirable" species and within 6X DBH of the proposed home.
- Removal of Tree #7H (acacia) and 8H (fig) would be justified per Menlo Park
   Administrative Guidelines section 13.24.050 Clause a.5 "development." These trees
   would be expected to sustain "high" to "severe" impacts (20% 30% root loss) from the
   proposed construction of the home and would not be expected to survive the project.
   Furthermore, removal of Tree #7H would be justified per Menlo Park Administrative
   Guidelines section 13.24.050 Clause a.4 "designated by the city arborist to be invasive
   or low desirability species."

## IMPACTS TO NEIGHBORING AND HERITAGE TREES

- Tree #1H (sweetgum): This tree would be expected to sustain "moderate" (acceptable) impacts of 10% 25% root loss from the proposed construction of the driveway, approximately 10 feet away. Please see "Special Tree Protection Measures" section of this report for guidelines on working within 6X DBH of this tree.
- Tree #3 (pear, Street tree): This Street tree would be anticipated to sustain "low" impacts (<10% root loss) from the proposed driveway construction, approximately 10 feet away.
- Tree #13H (neighboring buckeye): This neighboring tree would be "moderately" impacted by the proposed construction of the ADU foundation (approximately 10 feet away) assuming special care is taken. Please see "Special Tree Protection Measures" section of this report for guidelines on working within 6X DBH of this tree.

# Tree Protection Recommendations

## PRE-CONSTRUCTION

## **Establish Tree Protection Zones (TPZ)**

The Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) shall be a fenced-off area where work and material storage is not allowed. They are established and inspected prior to the start of work. This barrier protects the critical root zone and trunk from compaction, mechanical damage, and chemical spills.

Tree protection fencing is required to remain in place throughout construction and may only be moved or removed with written authorization from the City Arborist. The Project Arborist may authorize modification to the fencing when a copy of the written authorization is submitted to the City.

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The City requires that tree protection fencing be installed before any equipment comes onsite and inspected by the Project Arborist, who shall submit a verification letter to the City before issuance of permits.

Specific recommended protection for trees is as follows:

- Trees #1H (sweetgum): Establish standard TPZ fencing to a radius of 25', or to the greatest extent possible as limited by the street, existing driveway, and proposed driveway. See attached "TPZ Map" for recommended fencing locations.
- Tree #3 (pear, Street tree): Establish standard TPZ fencing to a radius of 10', or to the greatest extent possible as limited by the street, existing driveway, and proposed driveway. See attached "TPZ Map" for recommended fencing locations.
- Tree #13H (neighboring buckeye): Establish TPZ fencing to a radius of 20 feet, or to the greatest extent possible as limited by the proposed ADU. Please see "Special Tree Protection Measures" for further guidelines for building around this tree.

### **TPZ FENCING SPECIFICATIONS:**

- 1) Establish tree protection fencing radius by installing six (6)-foot tall chain link fencing mounted on eight (8)-foot tall, two (2)-inch diameter galvanized posts, driven 24 inches into the ground and spaced no more than 10 feet apart.
- Post signs on the fencing stating, "TREE PROTECTION FENCE DO NOT MOVE OR REMOVE WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM CITY ARBORIST."

## **Preventing Root Damage**

Anywhere workers and vehicles will be traveling over bare ground within fifteen feet of a tree's dripline should have material applied over the ground to disperse the load. This may be done by applying a six to 12-inch layer of wood chip mulch to the area. With this method, mulch in excess of four inches would have to be removed after work is completed. As an

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alternative method that would not require mulch removal, the contractor could place plywood (>3/4-inch-thick) or road mats over a four-inch layer of mulch. Mulch should be spread manually so as not cause compaction or damage.

## **Pruning Branches**

I recommend that trees be pruned only as necessary to provide minimum clearance for proposed structures and the passage of workers, vehicles, and machines, while maintaining a natural appearance. Any large dead branches should be pruned out for the safety of people working on the site.

Pruning should be specified in writing adhering to ANSI A300 Pruning Standards and performed according to Best Management Practices endorsed by the International Society of Arboriculture. Any pruning (trimming) of branches should be supervised by an ISA-certified arborist.

Any property owner wanting to prune heritage tree more than one-fourth of the canopy and/or roots, must have permission from the City.

## **Arborist Inspection**

The City requires that tree protection fencing be installed before any equipment comes onsite and inspected by the Project Arborist, who shall submit a verification letter to the City before issuance of permits. Tree protection fencing to be inspected by City Arborist before demo and/or building permit issuance.

## **DURING CONSTRUCTION**

## Special Tree Protection Measures – Trees #1H and #13H

- 1) Tree #1H (sweetgum): Demolition of existing hardscape should be performed in a manner that avoids tearing roots: Using the smallest effective machinery, break up pieces of the concrete and lift pieces up and away from trees. Cut roots embedded in paving rather than tearing them (see instructions on root cuts).
- 2) Tree #13H (neighboring buckeye): guidelines for excavation of new ADU foundation:
  - Under the supervision of the Project Arborist, I recommend an exploratory trench to be dug by hand before excavation begins. This way, roots may be exposed by gentle excavation methods.
  - Woody roots (1" or larger) must not be damaged during digging.
  - Roots to be exposed along the sides of the ADU inside 6X DBH of Heritage trees:
    - o within 15' of the trunk of Tree #13H
  - The trench should be dug as deep as the proposed foundation. (Width does not matter.)
  - In the case that numerous or large roots are found, options for building around the roots may be discussed with the builder and engineer.
  - Root pruning would be done selectively, under the direction of the Project Arborist.

## **Root Pruning**

Roots often extend farther beyond the tree than people realize. Even outside of the fencing protecting the critical root zone, there are roots that are important to the wellbeing of the tree. Builders may notice torn roots after digging or trenching. If this happens, exposed ends should be cut cleanly.

However, the best way to cut roots is to cut them cleanly *before* they are torn by excavating equipment. Roots may be exposed by gentle excavation methods and then cut selectively.

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Alternatively, a tool specifically designed to cut roots may be used to cut through the soil on the tree-side of the excavation line prior to digging so that roots are not torn.

Any root pruning must be supervised by the Project Arborist.

## **Irrigation**

Water moderately and highly impacted trees during the construction phase. As a rule of thumb, provide one to two inches per month. Water slowly so that it penetrates 18 inches into the soil, to the depth of tree roots. Do not water native oaks during the warm dry season (June – September) as this activates oak root fungus. Instead, make sure that the soil is sufficiently insulated with mulch (where possible). Remember that unsevered tree roots typically extend three to five times the distance of the canopy.

## **Project Arborist Supervision**

I recommend the Project Arborist meet with the builder on-site:

- Soon after excavation
- During any root pruning
- As requested by the property owner or builder to document tree condition and on-going compliance with tree protection plan (I suggest every 6 weeks).

Any time development-related work is recommended to be supervised by a Project Arborist, a follow-up letter shall be provided, documenting the mitigation has been completed to specification.

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## POST-CONSTRUCTION

Ensure any mitigation measures to ensure long-term survival including but not limited to:

## **Continued Tree Care**

*Provide adequate and appropriate irrigation*. As a rule of thumb, provide 1- 2 inches of water per month. Water slowly so that it penetrates 18 inches into the soil, to the depth of the tree roots. Native oaks usually should not be provided supplemental water during the warm, dry season (June – September) as this activates oak root fungus. Therefore, native oaks should only be watered October – May when rain has been scarce.

*Mulch* insulates the soil, reduces weeds, reduces compaction, and promotes myriad benefits to soil life and tree health. Apply four inches of wood chips (or other mulch) to the surface of the soil around trees, extending at least to the dripline when possible. Do not pile mulch against the trunk.

Do not fertilize unless a specific nutrient deficiency has been identified and a specific plan prescribed by the project arborist (or a consulting arborist).

## **Post-Construction Monitoring**

Monitor trees for changes in condition. Check trees at least once per month for the first year post-construction. Expert monitoring should be done at least every 6 months or if trees show signs of stress. Signs stress include unseasonably sparse canopy, leaf drop, early fall color, browning of needles, and shoot die-back. Stressed trees are also more vulnerable to certain disease and pest infestations. Call the Project Arborist, or a consulting arborist if these, or other concerning changes occur in tree health.

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## **City Arborist Inspection**

A final inspection by the City Arborist is required at the end of the project. This is to be done before Tree Protection Fencing is taken down. Replacement trees should be planted by this time as well.

# Conclusion

The home building project planned at 854 Cambridge Avenue appeared to be a valuable upgrade to the property. If any of the property owners, project team, or City reviewers have questions on this report, or require Project Arborist supervision or technical support, please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 497-7158 or <a href="mailto:busana@bofirestone.com">busana@bofirestone.com</a>.

Signed,

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# **Supporting Information**

## **GLOSSARY**

Terms appear in the order they appear from left to right on the inventory column headings.

**DBH / DSH:** Diameter at 4.5' above grade. Trees which split into multiple stems at 4.5' are measured at the narrowest point below 4.5'.

**Mathematic DBH / DSH:** diameter of multitrunked tree, mathematically derived from the combined area of all trunks.

**SPREAD:** Diameter of canopy between farthest branch tips

**TREE STATUS:** A "Heritage Tree" is a tree that has protected status by the City of Menlo Park. The City can classify trees with Heritage status for their remarkable size, age, or unique value. However, in general, native oaks of 10 inches or more, and any tree having a trunk with a diameter of 15 inches or more has Heritage status (measured at 54 inches above natural grade, or at the branching point for multi-trunk trees).

**CONDITION**-Ground based visual assessment of structural and physiological well-being:

"Excellent" = 81 - 100%; Good health and structure with significant size, location or quality.

"Good" = 61-80%; Normal vigor, full canopy, no observable significant structural defects, many years of service life remaining.

"Fair" = 41-60%; Reduced vigor, significant structural defect(s), and/or other significant signs of stress

"Poor" = 21- 40%; In potentially irreversible decline, structure and aesthetics severely compromised

"Very Poor" = 6-20%; Nearly dead, or high risk of failure, negative contribution to the landscape

"Dead/Unstable" = 0 - 5%; No live canopy/buds or failure imminent

**IDEAL TPZ RADIUS:** Recommended tree protection radius to ensure healthy, sound trees. Based on species tolerance, age, and size (total combined stem area) as per industry best practice standards.

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Compromising the radius in a specific area may be acceptable as per arborist approval.

Municipalities in our region simplify this nuanced process by using the distance to the dripline, 10X DBH, or 6X DBH as acceptable setbacks from construction.

AGE: Relative to tree lifespan; "Young" <1/3; "Mature" 1/3 - 2/3; "Overmature" >2/3

**IMPACT:** Anticipated impact to an individual tree including.....

**SEVERE** - In direct conflict, removal necessary if plans proceed (distance to root cuts/fill within 3X DBH or root loss of > 30% anticipated).

**HIGH** – Work planned within 6X DBH and/or anticipated root loss of 20% - 30%. Redesign to reduce impact should be explored and may be required by municipal reviewer. Retainment may be possible with monitoring or alternative building methods. Health and structure may worsen **even if** conditions for retainment are met.

**MODERATE** - Ideal TPZ encroached upon in limited areas. No work or very limited work within 6X TPZ. Anticipated root loss of 10% - 25%. Special building guidelines may be provided by Project Arborist. Although some symptoms of stress are possible, tree is not likely to decline due to construction related activities.

**LOW** - Anticipated root loss of less than 10%. Minor or no encroachment on ideal TPZ. Longevity uncompromised with standard protection.

**VERY LOW** - Ideal TPZ well exceeded. Potential impact only by ingress/egress. Anticipated root loss of 0% - 5%. Longevity uncompromised.

**NONE** - No anticipated impact to roots, soil environment, or above-ground parts.

**TOLERANCE:** General species tolerance to construction (HIGH, MODERATE, or LOW) as given in Managing Trees During Construction, Second Edition, by International Society of Arboriculture

**SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT**: An individual tree's suitability for preservation considering impacts, condition, maturity, species tolerance, site characteristics, and species desirability. (HIGH, MODERATE, or LOW)

**APPRAISAL RESULT**: The reproduction cost of tree replacement as calculated by the Trunk Formula Technique.

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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRAISAL

I, Busara Rea Firestone, CERTIFY to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- 1. That the statements of fact contained in this plant appraisal are true and correct.
- 2. That the appraisal analysis, opinions, and conclusion are limited only by the reported assumption and limiting conditions, and that they are my personal, unbiased professional analysis, opinions, and conclusions.
- 3. That I have no present or prospective interest in the plants that are the subject of this appraisal, and that I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved.
- 4. That my compensation is not contingent upon a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.
- 5. That my analysis, opinions, and conclusions are developed, and this appraisal has been prepared, in conformity with the *Guide for Plant Appraisal* (10<sup>th</sup> edition, 2000) authored by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers.
- 6. That the methods found in this appraisal are based on a request to determine the value of the plants considering reasonable factors of plant appraisal.
- 7. That my appraisal is based on the information known to me at this time. If more information is disclosed, I may have further opinions.

Signed,

Busara (Bo) Firestone

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			TREE IMPACT ASSESSMENT																	
#	Heritage (H)	Common Name	Botanical Name	Protected Status									Appraisal Result							
1	н	Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	HERITAGE, STREET	26	26	30	35	FAIR (50%)	recent trunk damage, moderate vigor, topped	MATURE	MODERATE	13	10% - 25%	12	26	MODERATE	MODERATE	PRESERVE	\$4,090
2	н	Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	HERITAGE, STREET	19	19	25	20	FAIR (50%)	moderate vigor, topped in the past	MATURE	MODERATE	10	> 30%	12	19	SEVERE	LOW	REMOVE (X)	\$3,280
3		Pear (Edible)	Pyrus spp.	STREET	10	10	15	15	POOR (25%)	topped, leaning 35° towards street	MATURE	MODERATE	5	< 10%	12	10	LOW	LOW	PRESERVE	\$530
4		Coast Redwood	Sequoia sempervirens	(not heritage)	8.5	8.5	20	15	GOOD (75%)	good vigor, shaded by canopy of Sweetgum	YOUNG	HIGH	4	0% - 5%	6	4	VERY LOW	HIGH	PRESERVE	\$870
5		Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	(not heritage)	5, 4	6	25	15	FAIR (50%)	twin trunks, moderate vigor	YOUNG	MODERATE	3	> 30%	8	4	SEVERE	LOW	REMOVE (X)	\$440
6		Blackwood Acacia	Acacia melanoxylon	undesireable	6	6	25	10	EXCELLENT (90%)	good vigor, full green canopy	YOUNG	LOW	3	< 10%	12	6	LOW	HIGH	PRESERVE	\$280
7	н	Blackwood Acacia	Acacia melanoxylon	HERITAGE, undesireable	12.5, 9	15	40	20	FAIR (50%)	high vigor, codominant stems	MATURE	LOW	8	20% - 30%	15	19	HIGH	LOW	REMOVE (X)	\$960
8	н	Fig	Ficus carica	HERITAGE	11, 10	15	25	30	GOOD (75%)	moderate vigor, pleasing form, minor structural defects	MATURE	MODERATE	8	> 30%	12	15	SEVERE	LOW	REMOVE (X)	\$5,700
9		Olive	Olea europaea	(not heritage)	6	6	20	15	FAIR (50%)	poor taper, 45° lean, lollipopped	MATURE	MODERATE	3	20% - 30%	12	6	HIGH	LOW	REMOVE (X)	\$460
10		Glossy Privet	Ligustrum lucidum	undesireable	7, 3	8	20	15	FAIR (50%)	moderate vigor, twisted form, growing through fence	MATURE	LOW	4	10% - 25%	15	10	MODERATE	MODERATE	PRESERVE	\$90
11		Mexican Elderberry	Sambucus nigra	(not heritage)	7	7	15	10	FAIR (50%)	20% dieback, shrubby form, moderate vigor	MATURE	MODERATE	4	0% - 5%	12	7	VERY LOW	MODERATE	PRESERVE	\$520
12		Blackwood Acacia	Acacia melanoxylon	undesireable	7, 5	9	40	15	FAIR (50%)	high vigor, codominant stems	YOUNG	LOW	5	10% - 25%	12	9	MODERATE	MODERATE	REMOVE (X)	\$350
13	н	California Buckeye	Aesculus californica	HERITAGE	est. 28	28	40	30	GOOD (75%)	exceptional size and form	MATURE	HIGH	14	10% - 25%	8	19	MODERATE	HIGH	PRESERVE	\$15,100
KEY:																				
#		Neighboring / City St	reet Tree																	
		Removal Request																		

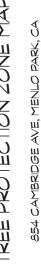
#### SEE GLOSSARY FOR DEFINITION OF TERMS

Appraisal calculations summary available apon request.

<sup>\* 6</sup>X DBH is recongnized by tree care industry best practices as the distance from trunkface to a cut across the root plate that would result in a loss of approximately 25% of the root mass. Cuts closer than this may result in tree decline or instability.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Based on approximate distance to excavation and extent of excavation (as shown on plans).

\*\*Impact level assumming all basic and special tree protection measures are followed.



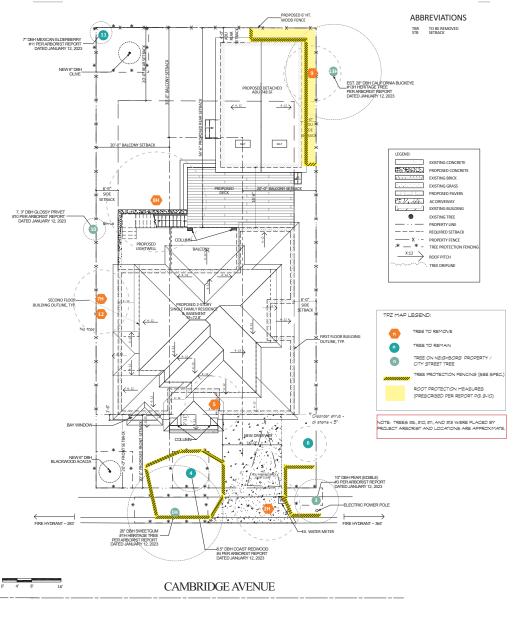


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TPZ ELEMENTS DRAWN: B. FIRESTONE ISA-CERTIFIED ARBORIST #WE-8525A

BASE MAP: SITE PLAN A1.1 by VYLCO (04/27/2023)

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## **Community Development**



#### STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number: Public Hearing:

11/13/2023 23-066-PC

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban Residential) zoning district at 848 College; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a resolution approving a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban Residential) zoning district at 848 College Avenue. The project includes an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) which is a permitted use and not subject to discretionary review. The draft resolution, including the recommended actions and conditions of approval, is included as Attachment A.

## **Policy Issues**

Each use permit request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required use permit findings can be made for the proposed single-family residence.

### **Background**

## Site location

The project site is located at 848 College Avenue in the Allied Arts neighborhood. Using College Avenue in the east-west orientation, the subject property is located on the north side of College Avenue between Blake Street and University Drive. A location map is included as Attachment B. Adjacent parcels are also zoned R-1-U, with a mix of one- and two-story, single-family residences. Older residences in the neighborhood are generally one story in height, while newer residences are typically two stories in height.

### **Analysis**

#### Project description

The subject property is currently occupied by a 1,883-square-foot, single-story, single-family residence and accompanying 761-square-foot, detached garage, originally built in approximately 1914 and subsequently expanded to its current state in 1973. The property is a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width, having a width of 50 feet where a minimum of 65 is required, a standard lot depth of 156.1 feet where a

minimum of 100 is required, and lot area of 7,811 square feet where a minimum of 7,000 is required.

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing residence and detached garage and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a full basement that would include three bedrooms and three and one-half bathrooms. The attached ADU, occupying the front left corner of the residence, would contain an additional bedroom and a bathroom. A two-car garage and a tandem uncovered parking space would fulfill the parking requirements for the main house and ADU.

The proposed residence would meet all Zoning Ordinance requirements for setbacks, lot coverage, floor area limit (FAL), daylight plane, parking, and height. Of particular note with regard to Zoning Ordinance requirements:

- The main house and ADU would contain 3,324.5 square feet and would exceed the maximum floor area limit of 3,002.7 square feet for the site.
  - The project is allowed to exceed the FAL and building coverage limits by up to 800 square feet in order to accommodate the 404.6-square-foot ADU.
- The total building coverage of the main house and ADU would be 2,343.6 square feet, or approximately 30 percent of the lot, where 2,734 square feet (35 percent) is permitted.
- The main house would have a front setback of 22 feet where a minimum 20 feet is required.
- The main house would have five-foot setback on the left and right sides where a minimum five feet is required on both sides.
- The main house would have a rear setback of 54.5 feet where a minimum 20 feet is required.
- The second floor would be approximately 1,306 square feet where 1,501 square feet is permitted.
- The proposed residence would have a total height of approximately 26.4 feet where 28 feet is permitted.

A data table summarizing parcel and project attributes is included as Attachment C. The project plans and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachment A, Exhibits A and B respectively. Additionally, the project applicant is required to remove and replace the curb and gutter along entire project frontage as conditioned in the Conditions of Approval, number 2a (Attachment A, Exhibit C).

#### Design and materials

As described in the project description letter, the proposed residence was designed in a traditional style to fit with the eclectic architectural style of the Allied Arts neighborhood. The horizontal siding is proposed, along with a standing seam metal roof. Windows are proposed to be composite with no divided-lites.

The proposed residence would keep the front setback to a minimum to provide ample space for a private rear yard. Second floor façade articulation along the front, left, and right sides would minimize the visual massing of the structure and windows on the left and right sides would have a minimum sill height of three feet. A large covered porch at the left rear corner of the proposed residence would provide space for outdoor living.

### Trees and landscaping

The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment D), detailing the species, size, and conditions of on-site and nearby trees. A total of nine trees were assessed, including six heritage trees. Three trees are proposed to be removed to accommodate the proposed project. Five new trees are proposed to be planted as part of the proposed landscaping plan.

	Table 1:	Tree summary and dis	sposition	
Tree Number	Species	Size (DBH, in inches)	Disposition	Notes
1	Northern catalpa	1.5	Retain	Non-heritage
2	Lebanon cedar	33	Remove	Heritage
3*	Chinese privet	6.3	Retain	Non-heritage
4	Coast redwood	26	Remove	Heritage
5	Lemon	7	Retain	Non-heritage
6	Japanese maple	7	Retain	Non-heritage
7	Common fig	18	Remove	Heritage
8*	Coast live oak	30	Retain	Heritage
9*	Coast live oak	30	Retain	Heritage

<sup>\*</sup>indicates off-site trees assessed in the arborist report

The applicant applied for heritage tree removal permits to remove tree #2 and tree #7 for health conditions, and tree #4 due to development impacts. After review and assessment by the City Arborist, the removal permits were conditionally approved with no appeals filed.

To protect the heritage and non-heritage trees on site, the arborist report has identified such measures as tree protection fencing, irrigation and mulching over impacted root protection zones, exposing roots through hand digging, potholing, or using an air spade, applying a geotextile fabric, trenching with hydro-vac equipment or air spade, placing piping beneath roots, or boring deeper trenches underneath roots, and a certified arborist monitoring during and after construction. All recommended tree protection measures identified in the arborist report would be implemented and ensured as part of condition 1h.

#### Correspondence

The applicant forwarded an email in support of the project (Attachment E) from a neighbor. As of the writing of this report, staff has not received any direct correspondence.

#### Conclusion

Staff believes that the design, scale, and materials of the proposed residence are generally compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, and would result in a consistent aesthetic approach. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

## Impact on City Resources

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

#### **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

#### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

### **Appeal Period**

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

#### **Attachments**

- A. Draft Planning Commission Resolution approving the use permit Exhibits to Attachment A
  - A. Project Plans
  - B. Project Description Letter
  - C. Conditions of Approval
- B. Location Map
- C. Data Table
- D. Arborist Report
- E. Correspondence

Report prepared by: Connor Hochleutner, Assistant Planner

Report reviewed by:

Corinna Sandmeier, Principal Planner

### PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK APPROVING A USE PERMIT TO DEMOLISH AN EXISTING SINGLE-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND CONSTRUCT A NEW TWO-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH A BASEMENT ON A SUBSTANDARD LOT WITH REGARD TO MINIMUM LOT WIDTH IN THE R-1-U (SINGLE FAMILY URBAN RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park ("City") received an application requesting a use permit to demolish an existing one-story, single-family residence with a detached garage and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban) zoning district at 848 College Avenue. The proposal also includes an attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which is a permitted use, and not subject to discretionary review (collectively, the "Project") from Thomas James Homes ("Applicant"), on behalf of the property owners Yan Ting and Emily Tsai ("Owner"), located at 848 College Avenue (APN 071-403-200) ("Property"). The Project use permit is depicted in and subject to the development plans and project description letter, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively, and incorporated herein by this reference: and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in the Single Family Urban (R-1-U) district. The R-1-U district supports single-family residential uses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project complies with all objective standards of the R-1-U district; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project was reviewed by the Engineering Division and found to be in compliance with City standards; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant submitted an arborist report prepared by California Tree and Landscape Consulting, Inc., which was reviewed by the City Arborist and found to be in compliance with the Heritage Tree Ordinance, and proposes mitigation measures to adequately protect heritage trees in the vicinity of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Project, requires discretionary actions by the City as summarized above, and therefore the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA," Public Resources Code Section §21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15000 et seq.) require analysis and a determination regarding the Project's environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City is the lead agency, as defined by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, and is therefore responsible for the preparation, consideration, certification, and approval of environmental documents for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project is categorically except from environmental review pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15303 et seq. (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); and

WHEREAS, all required public notices and public hearings were duly given and held according to law; and

WHEREAS, at a duly and properly noticed public hearing held on November 13, 2023, the Planning Commission fully reviewed, considered, and evaluated the whole of the record including all public and written comments, pertinent information, documents and plans, prior to taking action regarding the Project.

## NOW, THEREFORE, THE MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY **RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Planning Commission has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, public testimony, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided, and the Planning Commission finds the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and they are hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

Section 2. Conditional Use Permit Findings. The Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park does hereby make the following Findings:

The approval of the use permit for the construction of a new two-story residence on a substandard lot is granted based on the following findings, which are made pursuant to Menlo Park Municipal Code Section 16.82.030:

- 1. That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the use applied for will, under the circumstance of the particular case, not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the persons residing in the neighborhood of such proposed use, or injurious or detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the city because:
  - a. Consideration and due regard were given to the nature and condition of all adjacent uses and structures, and to general plans for the area in question and surrounding areas, and impact of the application hereon; in that, the proposed use permit is consistent with the R-1-U zoning district and the General Plan because two-story residences are allowed to be constructed on substandard lots subject to granting of a use permit and provided that the proposed residence conforms to applicable zoning standards, including, but not limited to, minimum setbacks, maximum floor area limit, and maximum building coverage.
  - b. The proposed residence would include the required number of off-street parking spaces because one covered and one uncovered parking space would be required at a minimum, and two covered parking spaces are

provided. A third uncovered parking space is provided for the Accessory Dwelling Unit, which is separate and not part of this action.

c. The proposed Project is designed to meet all the applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code and the Commission concludes that the Project would not be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community as the new residence would be located in a single-family neighborhood and designed such that privacy concerns would be addressed through greater than required setbacks of the second floor on the front, rear, left, and right sides.

**Section 3. Conditional Use Permit.** The Planning Commission approves Use Permit No. PLN2023-00016, which use permit is depicted in and subject to the development plans and project description letter, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively. The Use Permit is conditioned in conformance with the conditions attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit C.

**Section 4. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**. The Planning Commission makes the following findings, based on its independent judgment after considering the Project, and having reviewed and taken into consideration all written and oral information submitted in this matter:

1. The Project is categorically except from environmental review pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15303 et seq. (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

#### Section 5. SEVERABILITY

If any term, provision, or portion of these findings or the application of these findings to a particular situation is held by a court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of these findings, or their application to other actions related to the Project, shall continue in full force and effect unless amended or modified by the City.

I, Kyle Perata, Assistant Community Development Director of the City of Menlo Park, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Planning Commission Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a meeting by said Planning Commission on November 13, 2023, by the following votes:

AYES:			
NOES:			
ABSENT:			

ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of said City on this day of November, 2023
PC Liaison Signature
Kyle Perata
Assistant Community Development Director
City of Menlo Park

## **Exhibits**

- A. Project PlansB. Project Description LetterC. Conditions of Approval

### PLANNING SUBMITTAL FOR:

# 848 College Ave.

## MENLO PARK, CA



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#### PROJECT TEAM INFO:

#### Developer

275 Shoreline Drive, Suite 400 Tel: (650) 272-3276

#### Architect Dahlin Group

5865 Owens Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 Tel: (925) 251-7200 jaime.matheron@dahlingroup.com

Landscape Roach & Campbell 111 Scripps Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825 Tel: (916) 945-8003 Contact: David Campbell david@roachcampbell.com

#### **DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY**

LOCATION 848 COLLEGE AVE ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 071-403-200 7,811 SQ. FT. R-1-U R-3 V-B PARCEL AREA - GROSS

MAX. FLOOR AREA LIMIT 3002.75 SQ. FT. PROPOSED FLOOR AREA LIMIT 2919.84 SQ. FT (BASEMENT & ADU EXCLUDED)

FAL (INCLUDING ADU EXCEEDANCE) (BASEMENT EXCLUDED)

MAX. BUILDING COVERAGE 2734.00 SQ. FT. PROPOSED BUILDING COVERAGE 2152.77 SQ. FT. (ADU EXCLUDED) MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT PROPOSED BUILDING HEIGHT

PROPOSED SETBACKS
FRONT - STREET (FT)
FRONT - STREET
AT GARAGE (FT)
SIDE - RIGHT (FT) REQUIRED SETBACKS FRONT - STREET (FT) FRONT - STREET-AT GARAGE (FT) 20' SIDE (ET) 5 004 SIDE - LEFT (FT) REAR (FT)

PARKING REQUIRED:

2 TOTAL SPACES
MIN. GARAGE DIMENSIONS: 10' X 20' PER SPACE

EXISTING USE: ONE SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED RESIDENCE OF 1883.00 SQ. FT. AND DETACHED GARAGE

PROPOSED USE: ONE NEW SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED RESIDENCE OF 3,656.40 SQ. FT. WITH AN

CODES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PROJECT: CURRENT 2022 CALIFORNIA CODES

#### SHEET INDEX:

ARCHITECTURAL: TITLE SHEET

SITE AERIAL & PHOTOS AREA PLAN

EXISTING SITE PLAN PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR PLAN

BASEMENT FLOOR AREA DIAGRAM

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LAYOUT PLAN, NOTES, AND LEGEND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS PLANTING PLAN, NOTES AND LEGEND

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PLANTING DETAILS 12.2

TREE PROTECTION PLAN AND NOTES

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OF THE CITY STANDARD DETAILS.

ANY ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FROM THE ENGINEERING DIVISION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ANY CONSTUCTION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING UTILITY LATERALS, IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF

FLOOR	AREA
FIRST FLOOR	1122.16 SQ. FT
SECOND FLOOR	1305.92 SQ. FT.
BASEMENT	1228.32 SQ. FT.
TOTAL LIVING	3656.40 SQ. FT
GARAGE	491.76 SQ. FT.
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**COVER SHEET** 

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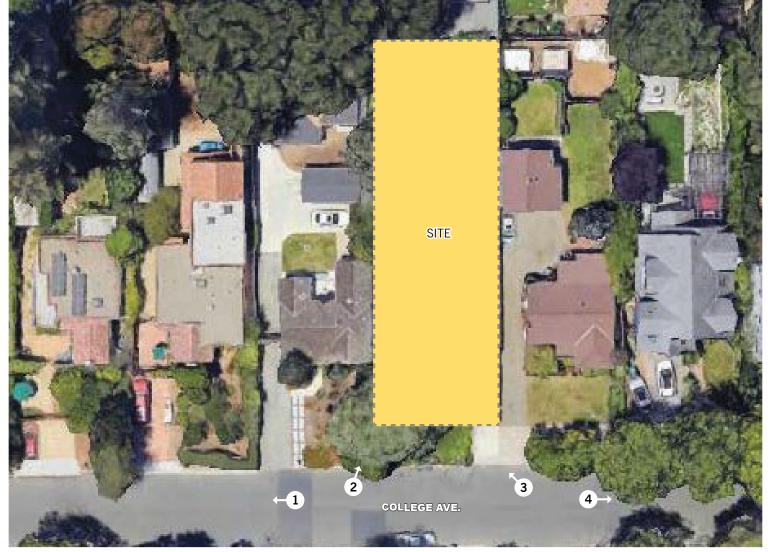




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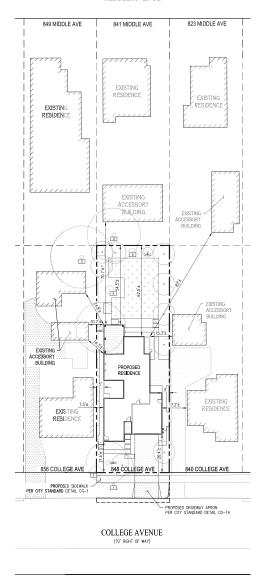
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#### MIDDLE AVENUE



EXISTING TREES TO BE REMOVED								
TREE NUMBER	COMMON NAME	DBH (IN)	HERITAGE TREE	OFF-SITE				
2	DEODAR CEDAR	33	YES	NO NO				
4	COAST REDWOOD	26	YES	NO				
7	COMMON FIG	4,6,6,7,7,8	NO NO	NO.				

EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN							
TREE NUMBER	COMMON NAME	DBH (IN)	HERITAGE TREE	OFF-SITE			
1	NORTHERN CATALPA	1.5	NO NO	YES			
3	CHINESE PRIVET	6	NO NO	YES			
5	LEMON	7	NO NO	NO.			
6	JAPANESE MAPLE	6	NO.	NO.			
8	COAST LIVE OAK	30	YES	YES			
9	COAST LIVE OAK	30	YES	YES			

THE TABLES ABOVE CONTAIN A SUMMARY OF INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE ARBORIST REPORT. PLEASE REFER TO THE ARBORIST REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND PREPARED BY HEARTWOOD CONSULTING ARBORISTS FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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BOUNDARY LINE EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY ADJOINER PROPERTY LINE EXISTING STRUCTURE ON ADJOINING LOT EXISTING CONCRETE FLATWORK PROPOSED NEW RESIDENCE

PROPOSED SAWOUT PROPOSED CURB

PROPOSED CONCRETE FLATWORK PROPOSED TURF GRASS EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN

EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED



COLLEGE AVENUE STREET SCAPE SCALE: 1/16"=1"

## 848 COLLEGE AVENUE AREA PLAN

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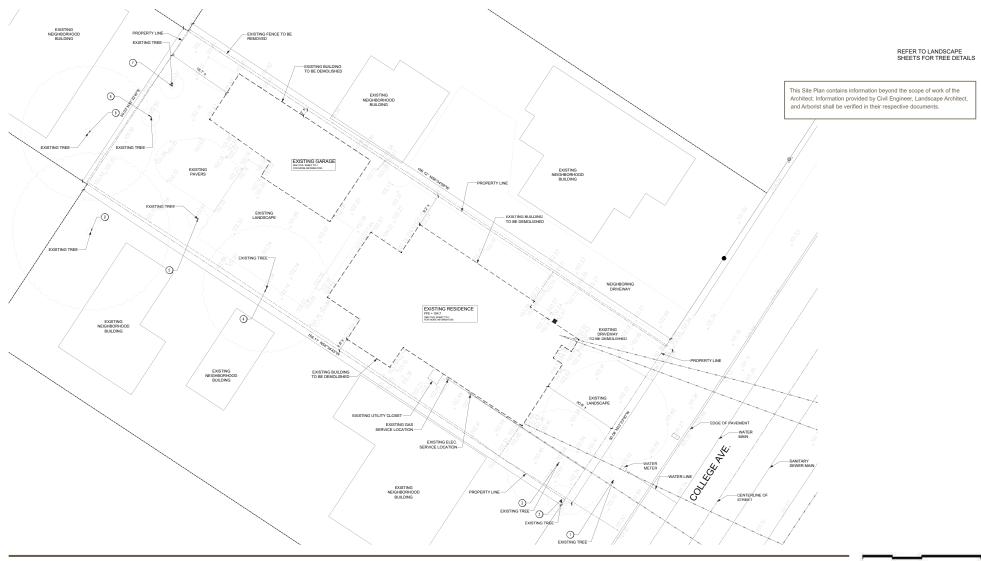
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**EXISTING SITE PLAN** 

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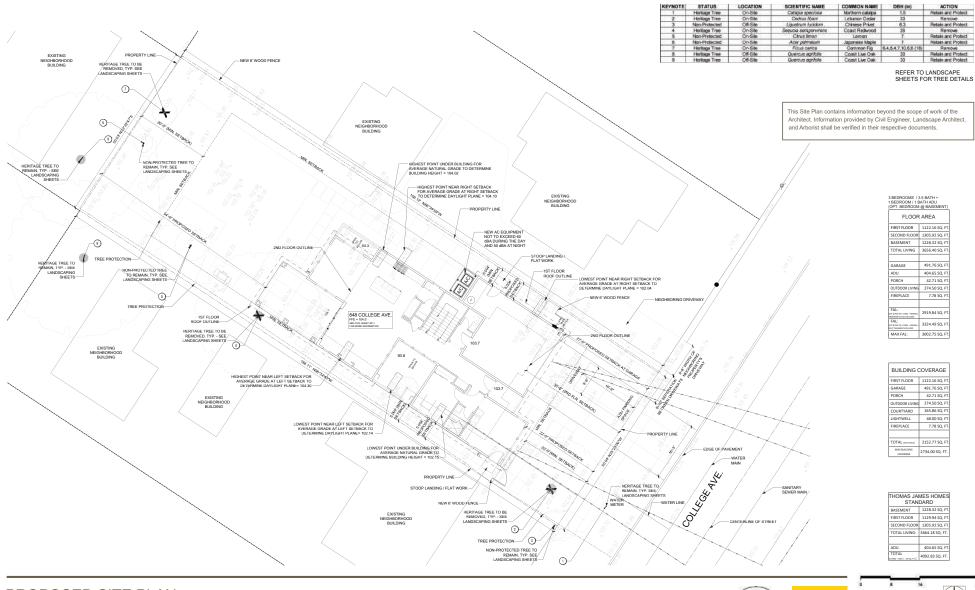
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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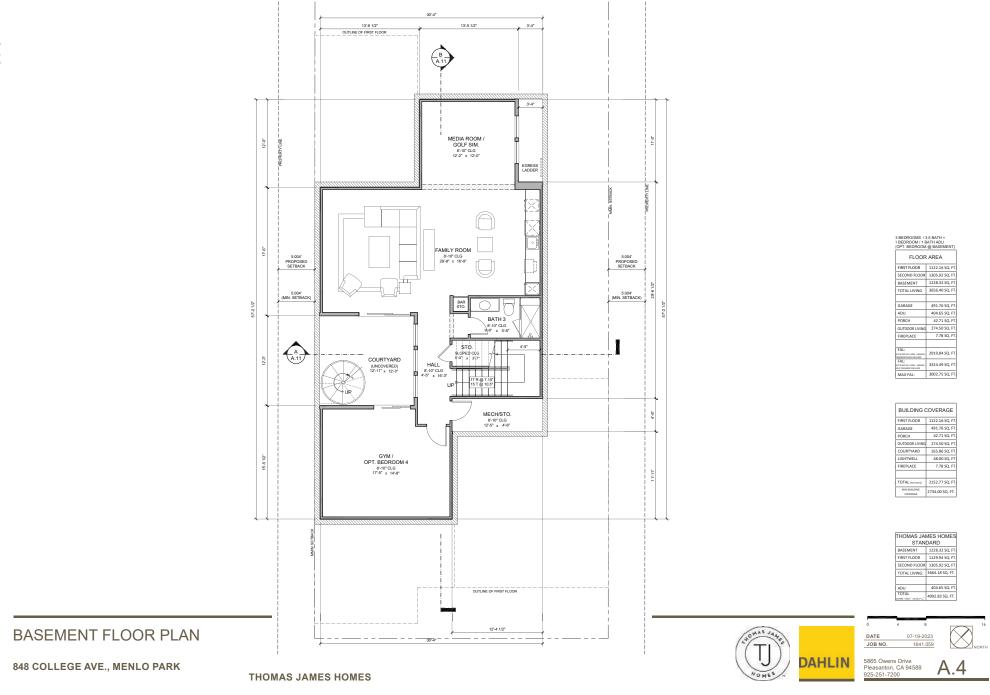


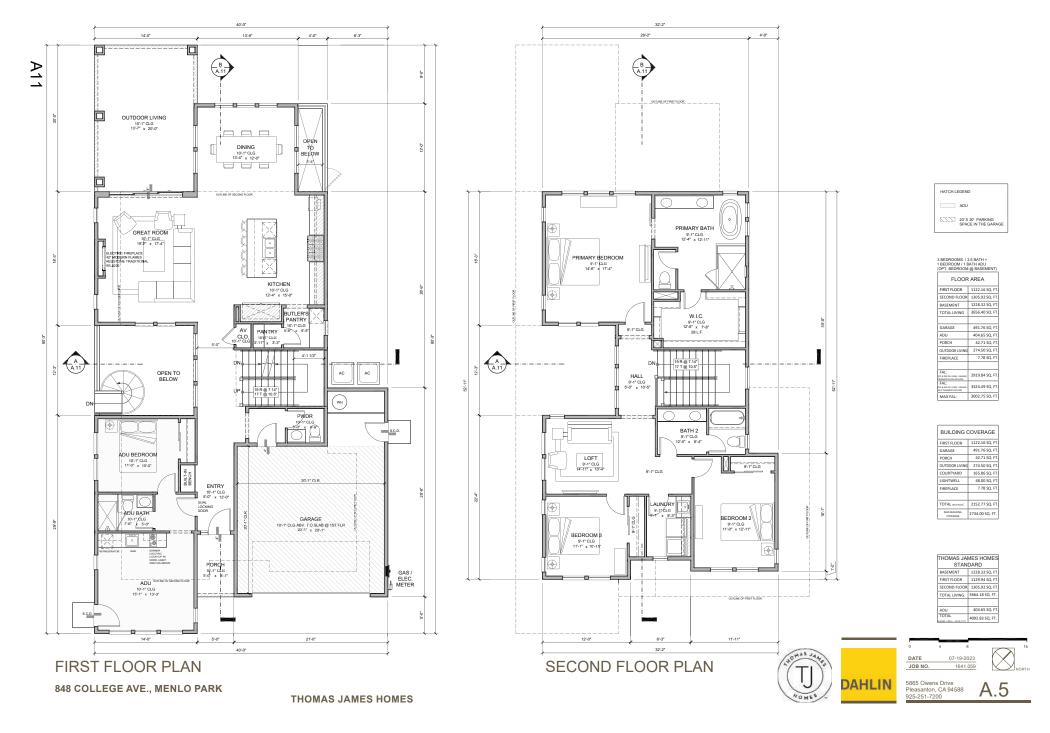
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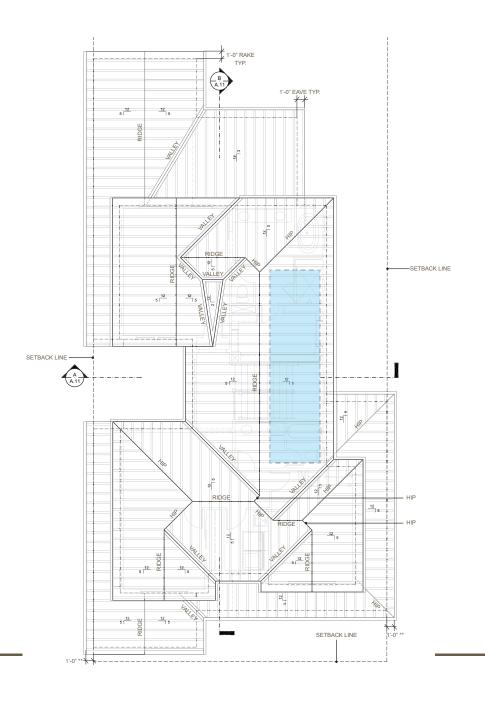




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POTENTIAL SOLAR ZONE

ALL ROOFING MATERIAL IS STANDING SEAM METAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.





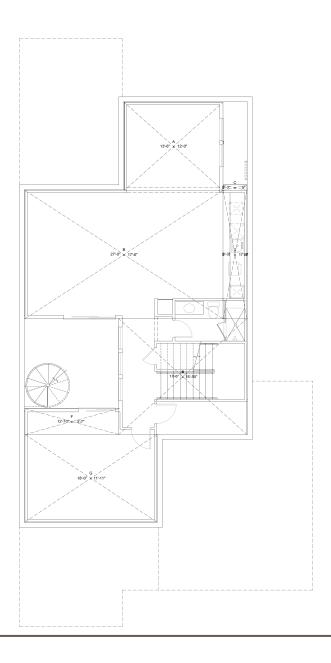
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**ROOF PLAN** 

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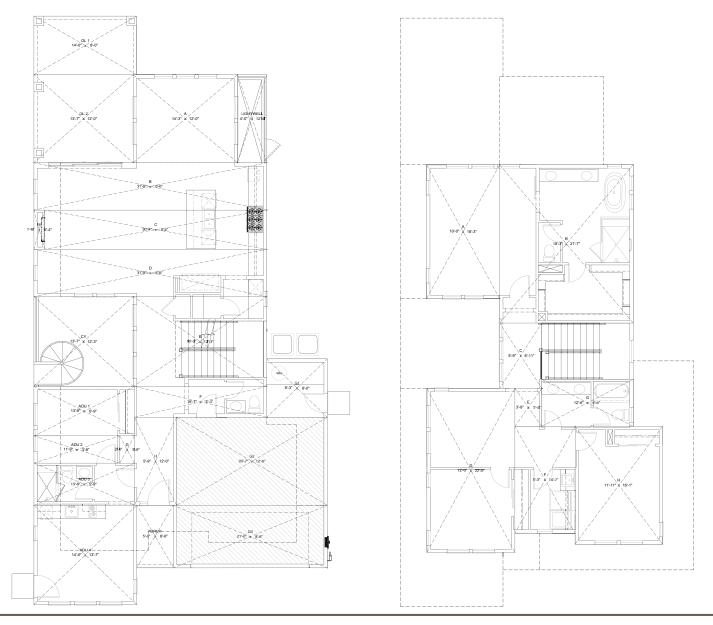






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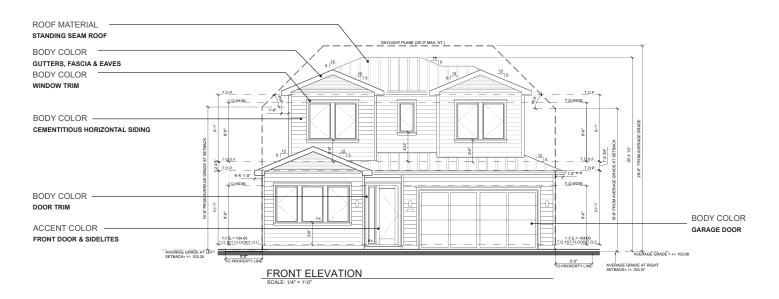
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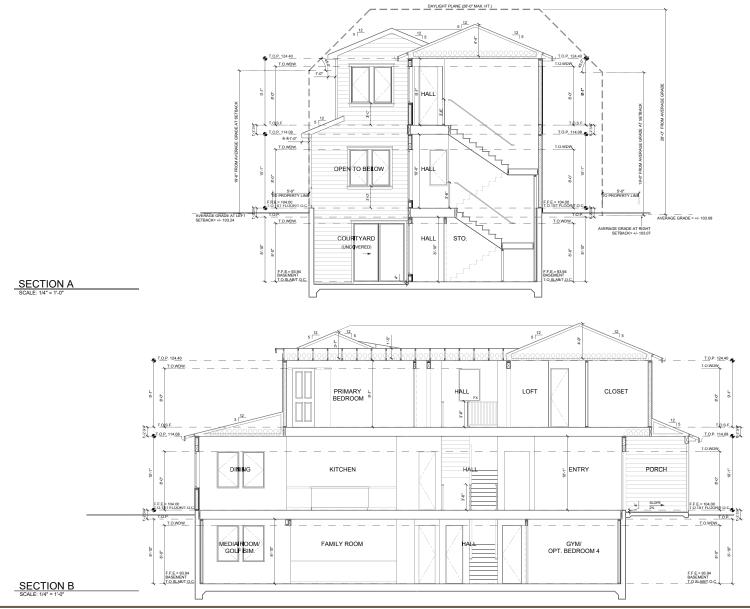
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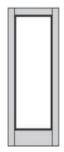
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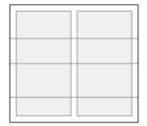
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FRONT DOOR MASONITE - HERITAGE - LINCOLN PARK **FIBERGLASS** FULL PANEL DOOR FULL SIDELITE



ADU DOOR MASONITE - VISTAGRANDE **FIBERGLASS** FULL LITE



**GARAGE DOOR** CLOPAY GRAND HARBOR DESIGN: 41 WINDOWS: PLAIN SHORT, CLEAR GLASS





EXTEROR ELEVATIONS (NOT TO SCALE)



**HOUSE NUMBERS** 



EXTERIOR LIGHT FIXTURE 5"W X 9"H



- EXTERIOR SIDING, FASCIA, EAVES, GUTER
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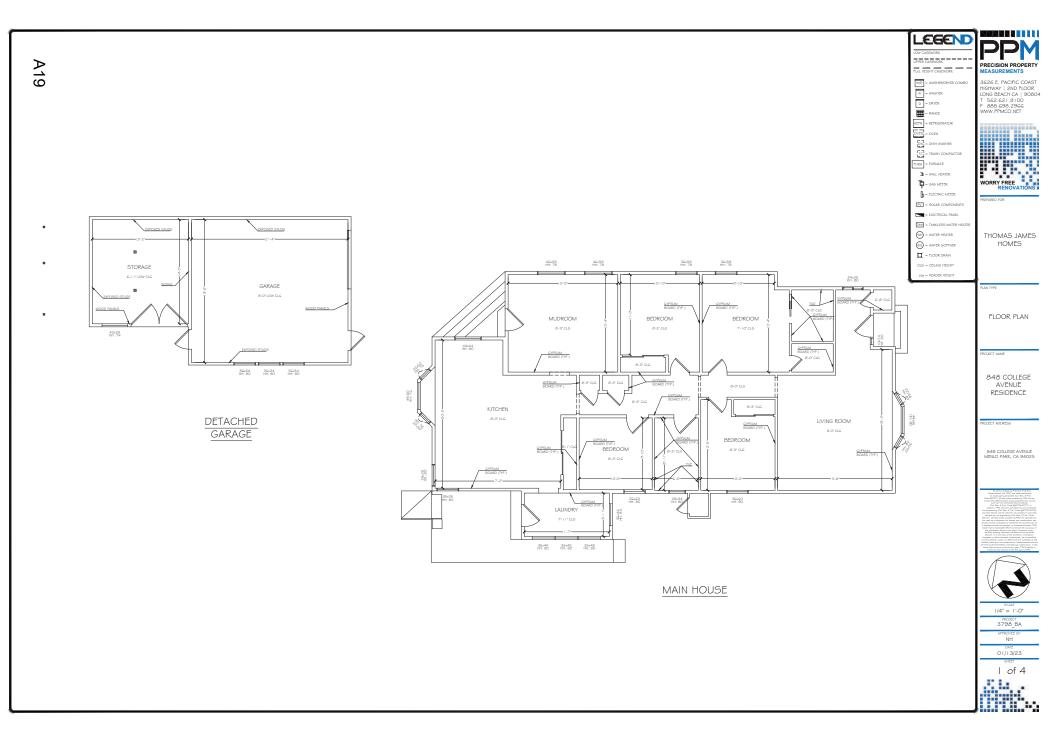
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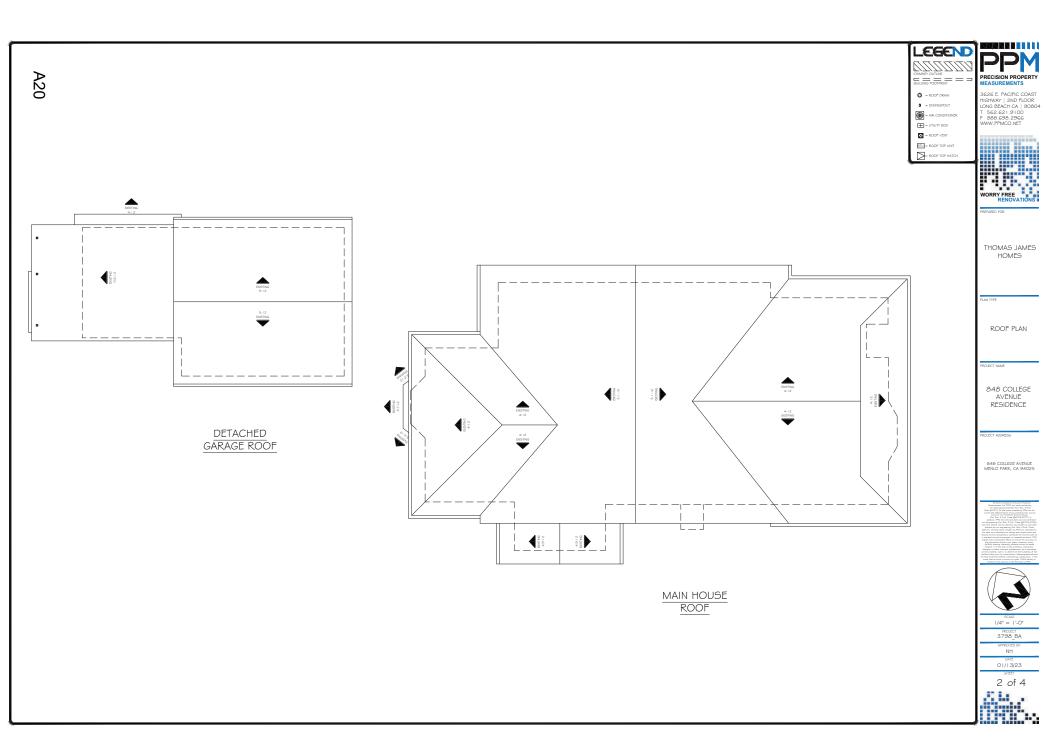
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848 COLLEGE AVENUE RESIDENCE

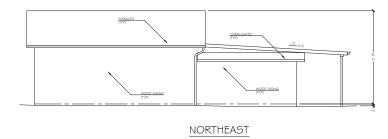
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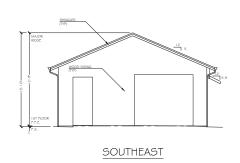
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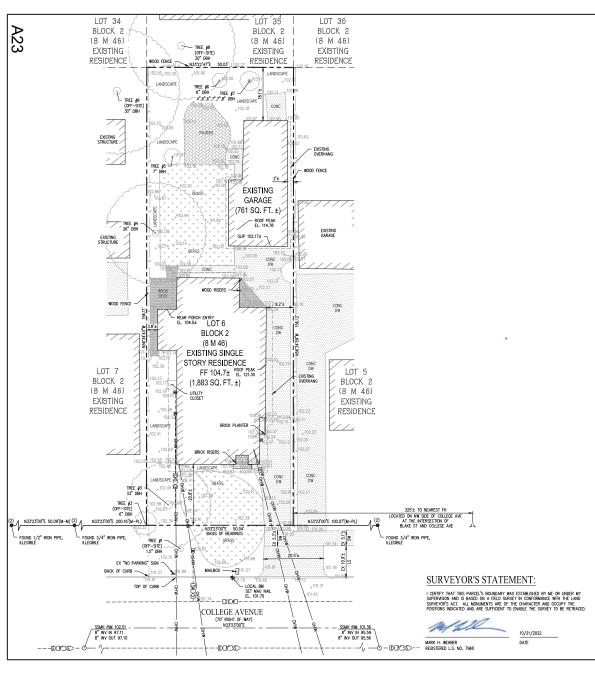








DETACHED GARAGE



#### TITLE REPORT/GUARANTEE

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

#### EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

- (#) INDICATES TITLE REPORT ITEM NUMBER
  - ITEMS (1) RELATES TO OWNERSHIP AND CANNOT BE PLOTTED.
  - ITEMS (2) relate to taxes and liens and cannot be plotted.
  - ITEMS (3) RELATE TO COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, AND A DEED OF TRUST AND CANNOT BE PLOTTED.

#### BASIS OF BEARINGS:

The basis of bearings for this survey is between found iron pipes on the northwestern right of way line of college avenue, the bearing being n3323505'e per record of survey no. 2396 (37 LLS 90)

#### BENCHMARK:

BENCHMARK ID: LOCAL BENCHMARK DESCRIPTION: SET MAG NAIL IN THE TOP OF CURB OF 848 COLLEGE AVENUE. ELEVATION: 101.70' (ASSUMED)

#### ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER:

071-403-200

AREA:

7,811 SQ. FT.

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENLO PARK, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 6 IN BLOCK 2 AS DESIGNATED ON THE MAP ENTITLED, "MAP NO. 2, STANFORD PARK, MENLO PARK, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALFORNIA", WHICH MAP WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALFORNIA ON APPIL 2, 1913, IN BOOK 8 OF MAPS AT PAGE 46.

#### NOTES:

VICINITY MAP

NOT TO SCALE

- UTILITIES SHOWN ARE BASED ON OBSERVED EVIDENCE AT THE TIME OF THE FIELD SURVEY. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATIONS OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, DO NOT RELY ON THIS SURVEY FOR SUCH LOCATIONS, SOME UTILITIES COULD BE COVERED BY STRUCTURES OR OBJECTS SUCH AS
- ALL DISTANCES SHOWN ARE FEET AND DECIMALS THEREOF.

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ALL TIES SHOWN HEREON ARE PERPENDICULAR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

#### REFERENCES:

(#) INDICATES REFERENCE NUMBER (1) STANFORD PARK (8 M 46) (2) RECORD OF SURVEY NO. 2396 (37 LLS 90)

#### FLOOD ZONE:

ZONE X: AREAS OF MINIMAL FLOOD HAZARD.

SOURCE: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP, MAP NUMBER 06081C0308E

DATED: OCTOBER 16, 2012

#### LEGEND & ABBREVIATIONS

	BOUNDARY LINE	CONC	CONCRETE
	STREET CENTER LINE	DBH	DIAMETER BREAST HEIGHT
	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY	DW	DRIVEWAY
	ADJACENT PROPERTY LINE	EL	ELEVATION
	EXISTING STRUCTURE	FF	FINISHED FLOOR
	EXISTING UTILITY PIPE	FH	FIRE HYDRANT
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xx	FENCE LINE	P	IRON PIPE
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•	FOUND IRON PIPE	SW	SIDEWALK
Α	FIRE HYDRANT	WM	WATER METER
AC	ASPHALT	WS	WATER SERVICE
BM	BENCHMARK		

## 848 COLLEGE AVENUE TOPOGRAPHIC & BOUNDARY SURVEY

CITY OF MENLO PARK COUNTY OF SAN MATEO CALIFORNIA SCALE: 1" = 10' DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2022









SAN RAMON # (925) 866-0322 ROSEVILLE (916) 375-1877 SURVEYORS . PLANNERS



#### LAYOUT LEGEND

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- (P2) CONCRETE PAVING (PEDESTRIAN)PER DETAIL 2/L1.2: STANDARD GRAY CONCRETE WITH ACID ETCH FINISH WITH TOP CAST #01 SURFACE RETARDANT MANUFACTURED BY GRACE PRODUCTS.
- CONCRETE PAVING (VEHICULAR) PER DETAIL 31.1.2: STANDARD GRAY CONCRETE WITH ACID ETCH FINISH WITH TOP CAST #01 SURFACE RETARDANT MANUFACTURED BY GRACE PRODUCTS. TOOLED SCORE JOINTS AS SHOWN ON PLANS.
- P4 CONCRETE TO BE POURED WITH ARCHITECTURE. REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS.

#### CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- LOCAL CODES AND ORDINANCES: WORK SHALL CONFORM TO ALL LOCAL CODES, ORDINANCES, AND REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING FEDERAL ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES. NOTHING IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS AN EXEMPTION TO APPLICABLE CODES OR OTHER JURISDICTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
- UTILITIES CONTACT COMMON GROUND ALLANCE (C.G.A.) AT 511. AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE OF WORK PER CA.GOV. CODE 4746). THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT ALL DESTING UTILITIES, WIFENES SHOWN OR NOT, AND SHALL PAY FOR ANY REPAIRS REQUIRED DUE TO THE CONTRACTOR'S OPERATIONS AT NO ADDITIONAL EXPRISE. TO THE OWNER.
- DISCREPANCIES NOTIFY DISTRICTS REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY VARIATIONS BETWEEN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND FILED CONDITIONS. DO NOT PROCED WHERE DIFFERENCES EXIST THAT WOULD AFFECT THE WORK. ALL ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO FIELD CONDITIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DISTRICTS REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO CONTINUING.
- LAYOUT NOTES. THE WRITTEN DIMENSION SUPERCEDES SCALED OR GRAPHIC DENOTATION. DIMENSIONS ARE BETWEEN PARALLEL OR PERPENDICULAR POINTS UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE. DIMENSIONS ARE TO CENTERLINE OR FACE OF MASONRY. CONCRETE, OR FRAMING SUBSTRATE FINISH SURFACES, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
- COORDINATION: CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE WORK BETWEEN TRADES. ALL REQUIRED SLEEVING SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH SITE WORK, INCLUDING OTHER UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, CURBS, AND CONCRETE.
- VERTICAL WORK ALL VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE INSTALLED TRUE AND PLIME ALL UNIT COURSING AND TOPS OF WALLS, FRAMES, ETC. SHALL BE LEVEL UNLESS NOTED OTTERMISE. ALL CURRES SHALL BE CONTINUOUS NAD EVEN, WITH NO BREAKS OR ANGLES AT POINTS OF TANGENCY OR FORMWORK JOINTING.
- LEAD TIME: SPECIFED MATERIALS MAY REQUIRE A SIGNIFICANT LEAD TIME. CONTRACTOR IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE TO LEAD TIMES AND TO PROVIDE SUBMITTALS, AND ORDER MATERIAL, AND ENSURE DELIVERY TO THE JOB SITE TO ALLOW TIMELY PROGRESSION OF WORK.
- EXISTING WORK: WHERE NEW CONSTRUCTION ABUTS EXISTING WORK, ALL EXISTING
  WORK SHALL BE PROTECTED. CONTRACTOR SHALL REPLACE ANY DAMAGED EXISTING
  WORK AT NO ADDITIONAL EXPONET OT THE OWNER. ALL NEW MORK WILL CONFORM TO
  TO EXISTING WORK, INCLUDING FLATWORK JOINTS, ELEVATIONS, COLOR, AND FINISH.
- FENCING: FENCE LOCATIONS SHOWN ARE DIAGRAMMATIC AND FINAL LOCATIONS ARE TO BE COORDINATED IN THE FIELD BY THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR.

#### SEE SHEET L1.2 FOR **CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

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#### LANDSCAPE **IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR**

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LAYOUT PLAN, NOTES,

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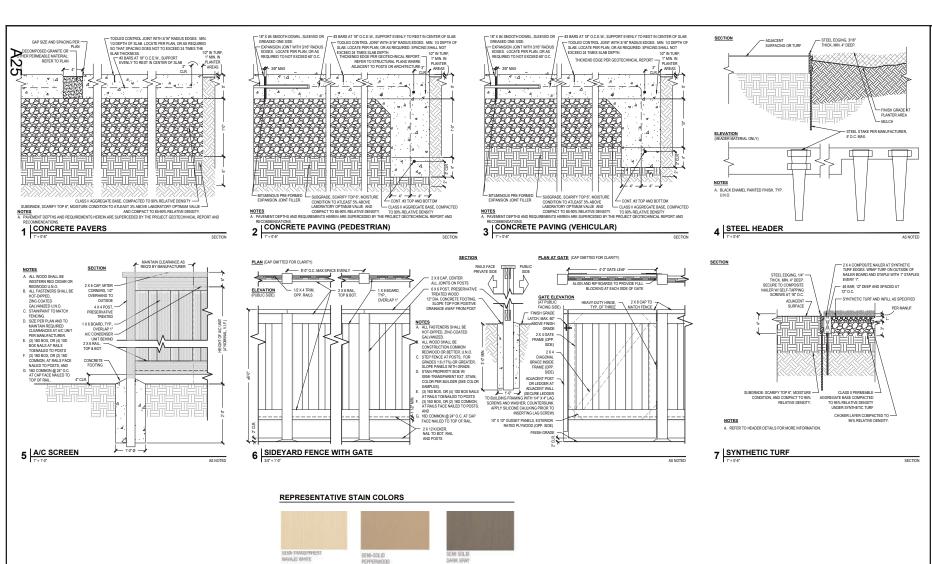
Lemon	7
Japanese Maple	7
Common Fig	6,4,5,4,7,10,6,6 (18)
Coast Live Oak	30
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Retain and Protect

Ficus carica

Off-Site

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- SITE ACCEPTANCE: THE CONTRACTOR SHALL OBSERVE THE SITE AND VERIFY THAT ROUGH GRADING AND ALL OTHER WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED TO THE CONTRACTORS SATISFACTION. AMY PREVIOUS WORK THAT IS NOT COMPLETE SHALL BEBROUGHT TO THE OWNERS OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ATTENTION IN WRITING. BEGINNING WORK CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE.
- SITE PREPARATION: ALL EXISTING VEGETATION SHALL BE REMOVED (CLEAR AND GRUB). PRIOR TO ROUGH GROWNED GROWNED, RESERVE ALL TOPSOL BY STOCKPILLING ON STE. TOPSOL SHALL BE REPLACED BY PLANTING AREAS TO ADMITTED FIRST. PRIOR STOCKPILLING ON STET TOPSOL SHALL BE REPLACED BY PLANTING AREAS TO ADMITTED AREAS, REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF EXISTING SOL TO A DEPTH OF 24" THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PLANTIES, AND REPLACE WITH CLEAR HOSPOL.
- POSITIVE DRAINAGE: ENSURE POSITIVE DRAINAGE IN ALL LANDS CAPE AREAS, AND SHALL ADJUST ELEVATIONS AS REQUIRED. MINIMUM SLOPE IN TURF AREAS SHALL BE 0.5% TO OUTLET, MINIMUM SLOPE IN PLANTED AREAS SHALL BE 1.0%.
- EXPLANATION OF DRAWINGS: PLANTING INTENT IS TO COMPLETELY FILL ALL PLANTING AREAS, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE. QUANTITIES, (IF SHOWN) ARE FOR CONTRACTORS IENCE ONLY, AND SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE CONTRACTOR OF THE OBLIGATION TO IN PLANTS TO MEET THIS INTENT. PLANTING DETAILS ARE CONSIDERED TYPICAL AND ALL WORK SHALL
- SUBSTITUTIONS: IN THE EVENT ANY PLANT MATERIAL SPECIFIED IS NOT AVAILABLE, CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT PROPOSES SUBSTITUTION MAMERIATELY TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT CHAPSCAPE ARCHITECT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE SULTABILITY OF ANY PROPOSED SUBSTITUTIONS. SUBSTITUTIONS SHALL BE MADE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER.
- PLANTING PIT DRAINAGE; EXCAVATED PLANTING PITS SHALL HAVE POSITIVE DRAINAGE. PLANT PITS WHEN FULLY FLOODED WITH WATER SHALL DRAIN WITHIN 2 HOURS OF FILLING. IF PLANTING PITS DO NOT DRAIN, OTHER MEASURES, INCLUDING A 1 DIAMETER X 8 DEEP AUGURED HOLE BACKFILLED WITH CRUSHED DRAIN ROCK, WILL BE REQUIRED.
- PLANT MATERIAL: ALL PLANT MATERIAL SMALL COMPLY WITH ANSI 280.1 STANDARD FOR MISSERY STOCK NOTES AND DEFEALS ON THE DRAWINGS. UNLESS OFFERNOES NOTED MANIAME PLANT SEZES STOCK NOTES AND DEFEALS OF THE PLANT STANDARD STAN
- SITE CLEANLINESS: THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO KEEP THE SITE CLEAN, FOR SOIL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES, AND FOR ANY OTHER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. SHOULD EXISTING CONDITIONS REQUIRE MITIGATION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ALERT THE OWNER OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO PERFORMING WORK.
- <u>INDERGROUND UTLITIES</u>. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL YERFY ALL UNDERGROUND UTLITIES PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK: CALL, CA. A, (81) TO LOCATE DISTING UTLITIES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPARC OR REPLACEMENT OF ANY DAMAGED UTLITIES, TO THE SATISFACTORY OF THE OWNER AND GOVERNING AGENCY AT NO COST TO THE OWNER OR INCREASE IN BIO AUGUST.
- BARK MULCH: A 3" LAYER OF "WALK-ON BARK MULCH SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ALL PLANTING BEDS. CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT A MULCH SAMPLE PRIOR TO ORDER. APPLY PRE-EMERGENT PRIOR T PLACING MULCH: IF MAINTENINCE PERIOD EXTENDS PAST 60 CALENDAR DAYS FROM APPLICATION APPLY AGAIN PER MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS.
- SOL FERTLITY ANALYSIS AND AMENOMENT: THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING A SOL SAMPE AND LAGRATORY SOL FERTILITY ANALYSIS FOR FACH (MO0SF OF PLATTED AREA, AND FOR ALL SOLDIEGS OF MOPORT (FERTILITY ANALYSIS TO LAGROCHE ARCHITECT FOR REVIEW, AND DOCUMENTATION OF AMERICANT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH WAITER EFFICIENT LAMOSCAPE CORNINGE. ALL PLATTERS AREA, INCLUDING PLATTING PITS, SHALL BE AMENDED FOR LANDSUPE CHARMACH, ALL PLANN IN A REAS, INCLUDING PLAN IN OF 115, SHALL BE AMERICAD FER THE SOILS REPORT, AND PER LOCAL ORDINANCE, INCLUDING NOORPROTHING COMPOST AT THE RATE OF A MINIMUM OF 4 CU YO PER 1,000 SF OF LANDSCAPE AREA TO A DEPTH OF SIX INCHES, SOILS WITH GEREATE THAN \$5, ORGANIC ANTER IN THE TOS IN INCHES OF SOLAL ARE EXEMPT FROM ADDING COMPOST AND TILLING, BACKFILL FOR ALL SUCCILENTS SHALL BE 50% CLEAN WASHED
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION SHALL BE FILLED OUT AND CERTIFIED BY ETHER THE DESIGNER OF THE LANGSCAFE PLANS, RIRICATION PLANS, OR THE LICENSED LANGSCAFE CHARGETOR FOR THE PROJECT AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AT AND SUBMITTED WITH THE SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT TO THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION.
- MAINTENANCE PERIOD. SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF BIG CALE DIDAY OF, ANY FAHIT THAT HAS BEEN REFLACED DURHIG THE MAINTENANCE PERIOD SHALL BE SILBECT TO AN ADDITIONAL 50 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF REFLACEMENT, ANY DAY OF MEROPER MAINTENANCE, AS DETERMINED, AND ENTERNANCE PERIOD.
- ROOT CONTROL BARRIERS: WHERE STREET TREES ARE WITHIN 3 FEET OF THE SIDEWALK OR CURB. PROVING A ROOT CONTROL BARRIER PANEL ALONG THE FACE OF SIDEWALKCURB. PANELS SHALL BE 12' DEEP ALONG SIDEWALKS, AND 18' DEEP ALONG CURBS. CENTER PANELS AT EACH TREE AND EXTEND 10' IN EACH DIRECTION.
- 15. UTLITY CLEARANCE: NO TREES SHALL BE PLANTED WITHIN 5' OF WATER AND SANITARY SEWER LINES. NO TREES SHALL BE TRANTED UNDER EXISTING OR FUTURE OVERHEAD POWERLINES, AND ALL REQUIRED CLEARANCES SHALL BE IMMITTANED. ALL PLANTING EXCEPT LOW REGYONING GROUNDOOMER SHALL BE 3' CLEAR OF ALL FIRE APPURTENANCES PER NEPA 18.5.7
- WORK IN RIGHT-OF-WAY: ALL WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OR TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE LOCAL AGENCY SHALL BE INSTALLED PER THE LATEST EDITION OF THE AGENCY CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, AND ALL OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.
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SEE SHEET L2.2 FOR **PLANTING DETAILS AND L2.3** FOR TREE PROTECTION PLAN







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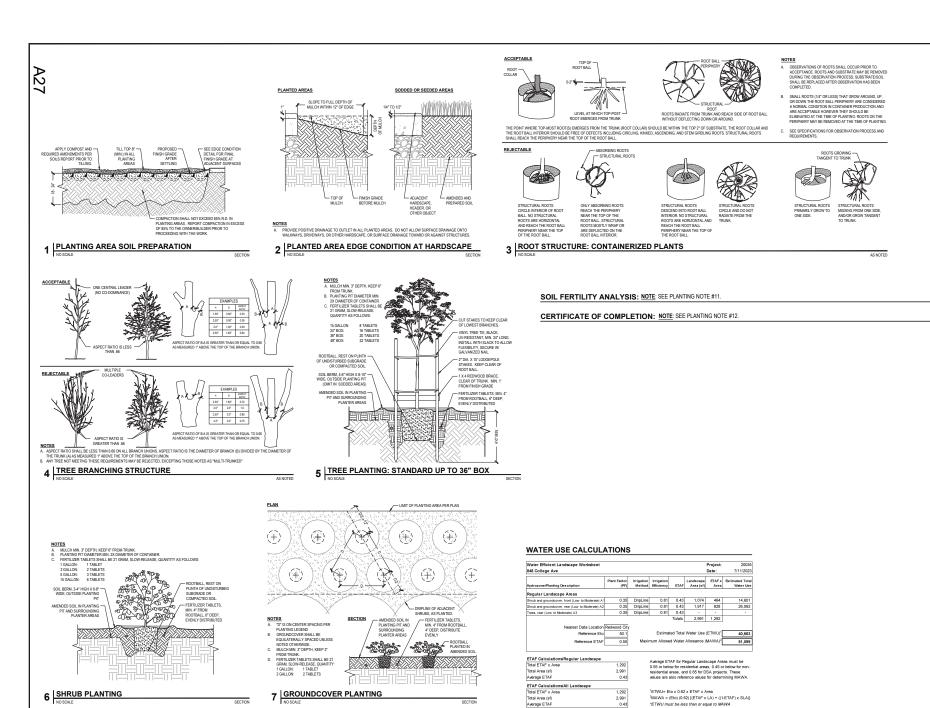
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#### LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR

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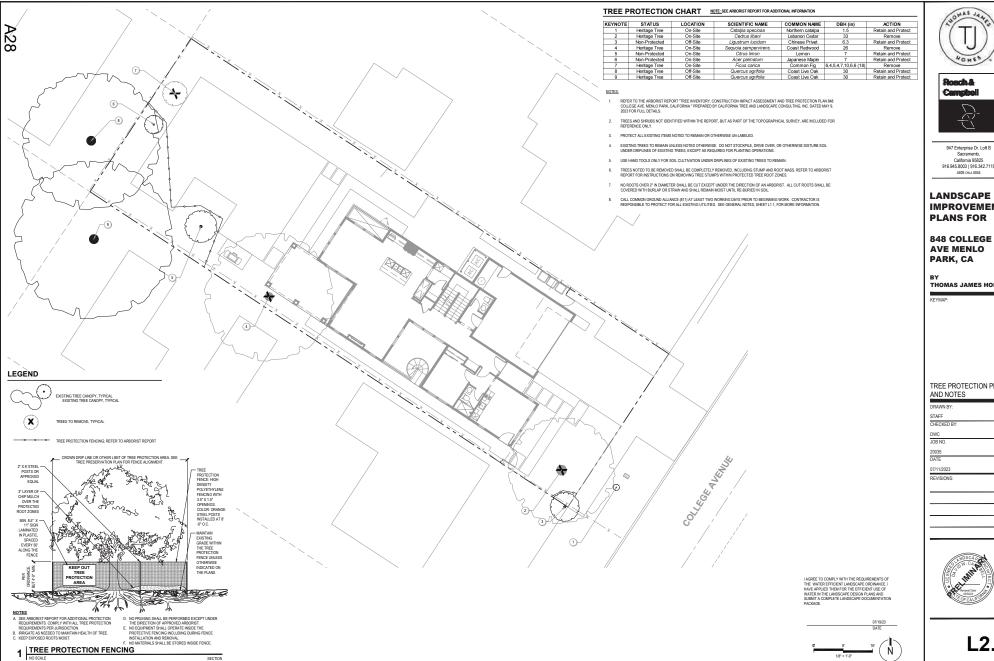
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# **IMPROVEMENT**

THOMAS JAMES HOMES

TREE PROTECTION PLAN





848 College Ave Project Description May 15, 2023

## PARCEL GENERAL INFORMATION

The 7811 sq. ft. parcel located at 848 College Ave is a substandard lot, which is the reason we are requesting a Use Permit for the proposed two-story residence. The R-1-U zoning ordinance requires a minimum of 7000 sq ft in area, 65 ft in width and 100ft in depth. The lot area and depth comply with the zoning ordinance, however, the width (50.03) falls short of the 65 ft prescribed in the ordinance.

There were 9 trees analyzed including 6 trees on-site and 3 trees off-site (see also Arborist Report & sheet L1.1). No trees are Significant Trees, and 6 trees are Protected Heritage trees. 3 on-site trees are proposed for removal. Tree protection during construction to be provided for these trees through fencing as well as construction methods to save the trees from being impacted. We have proposed the installation of 5 new trees of which two 24-inch box trees will be at the front of the home and three 36-inch box trees will be at the rear of the home.

#### **EXISTING HOME TO BE DEMOLISHED**

The existing house is a single-story single-family home built in 1914. The main house is 1-story single-family house consisting of 1883 square feet with a 761 square feet detached garage at the rear.

#### PROPOSED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

We have proposed a two-story single-family residence in a Traditional style elevation.

There is a good mix of older and newer homes in the neighborhood along College Ave. Homes feature a variety of materials including covered porches, gable and hip roof forms, board/batten, horizontal, and shingle siding, wood and brick accents, light and dark window frames, stucco, comp shingle and standing seam roofing.

There are several newer 2-story homes on College Ave with more Traditional style elevations using lap siding, hip/gable roofs, dark accents, and using 2-car garage configurations facing front along College Ave similar to what we have proposed.

Given the eclectic style of the neighborhood, we believe the proposed home will blend well. The overall footprint of our home is designed to be open and contributes to the homeowners healthy living. We kept the setback of our home at the front to a minimum creating a usable private yard space in the rear. The step back at the second story of the front elevation offers a scaled back appearance from the street



to minimize massing. The new home will have 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths, an attached 1 bedroom 1 bathroom ADU, and a basement similar in size to the 1<sup>st</sup> story of the home. A light color palette proposes an off-white lap siding, minimalist windows with black window frames that complement the dark accent color and a darker standing seam roof for contrast. A front facing 2-car garage and 2-off street parking spaces are provided aligning with the pattern found with newer homes in the neighborhood.

#### **NEIGHBOR RELATIONS**

Thomas James Homes will reach out to neighbors within 300 feet of this property with a copy of the site plan, floor plan, elevations and a letter describing our project. A virtual neighbor meeting will soon be held to collect feedback and/or concerns from the immediate neighbors. We look forward to helping our homeowners build their "nest" as they have called it and welcome any questions the city may have as we go through the Design Review Use Permit application process.

Sincerely,

Gagan Kang

Gagan Kang
Senior Development Manager | Thomas James Homes
gkang@tjhusa.com | 650-272-3276

LOCATION: 848	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Thomas	OWNER: Yan Ting and
College Avenue	PLN2023-00016	James Homes	Emily Tsai

#### **PROJECT CONDITIONS:**

- 1. The use permit shall be subject to the following **standard** conditions:
  - a. The applicant shall be required to apply for a building permit within one year from the date of approval (by November 13, 2024) for the use permit to remain in effect.
  - b. Development of the project shall be substantially in conformance with the plans prepared by Dahlin Group consisting of 24 plan sheets, dated received July 25, 2023 and approved by the Planning Commission on November 13, 2023, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval of the Planning Division.
  - c. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.
  - d. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all requirements of the Building Division, Engineering Division, and Transportation Division that are directly applicable to the project.
  - e. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall submit a plan for any new utility installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Building Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show exact locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay boxes, and other equipment boxes.
  - f. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit plans indicating that the applicant shall remove and replace any damaged and significantly worn sections of frontage improvements. The plans shall be submitted for review and approval of the Engineering Division.
  - g. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit a Grading and Drainage Plan for review and approval of the Engineering Division. The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits.
  - h. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and the arborist report prepared by California Tree and Landscape Consulting, Inc., dated received July 25, 2023.
  - i. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall pay all fees incurred through staff time spent reviewing the application.
  - j. The applicant or permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Menlo Park or its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Menlo Park or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the Planning Commission, City Council, Community Development Director, or any other department, committee, or agency of the City concerning a development, variance, permit, or land use approval which action is brought within the time period provided for in any applicable statute; provided, however, that the applicant's or permittee's duty to so defend, indemnify, and hold harmless shall be subject to the City's promptly notifying the applicant or permittee of any said claim, action, or proceeding and the City's full cooperation in the applicant's or permittee's defense of said claims, actions, or proceedings.

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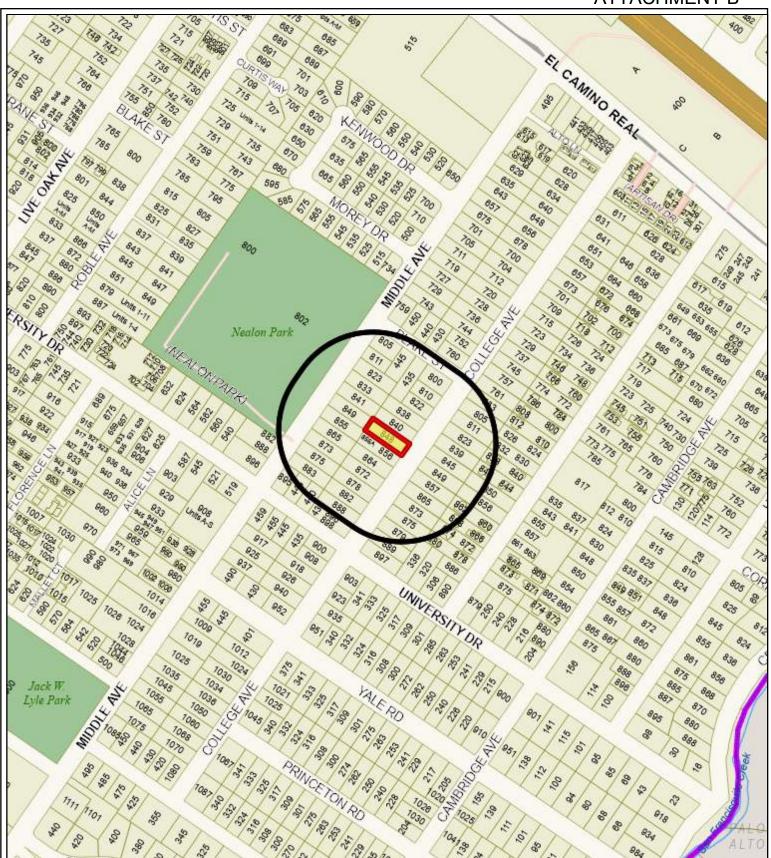
## 848 College Avenue - Attachment A, Exhibit C

LOCATION: 848	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Thomas	OWNER: Yan Ting and
College Avenue	PLN2023-00016	James Homes	Emily Tsai

#### **PROJECT CONDITIONS:**

- k. Notice of Fees Protest The applicant may protest any fees, dedications, reservations, or other exactions imposed by the City as part of the approval or as a condition of approval of this development. Per California Government Code 66020, this 90-day protest period has begun as of the date of the approval of this application.
- 2. The use permit shall be subject to the following project-specific condition:
  - a. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit revised plans that encompass both the removal and replacement of the curb and gutter along the entire project frontage, as well as the construction of a new sidewalk that conforms to the adjacent property, subject to the review and approval of the Engineering Division.

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City of Menlo Park Location Map 848 College Avenue



Scale: 1:4,000

Drawn By: CDH

Checked By: CDS

Date: 11/13/2023 Sheet: 1

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Lot area	7,811	sf		7,811	sf		7,000	sf min	
Lot width	50	ft		50	ft		65	ft min	
Lot depth	156.11	ft		156.11	ft		100	ft min	
Setbacks									
Front	22	ft		20.8	ft		20	ft min	
Rear	54.5	ft		18.1	ft		20	ft min	
Side (left)	5	ft		3.8	ft		10% of the	min lot wi	idth, not
Side (right)	5	ft		9.2	ft		less than	5 ft and no nan 10 ft	ot more
Building coverage*	2,343.56*	sf		1,883	sf		2,733.85	sf max	
	30.0*	%		24.1	%		35	% max	
FAL (Floor Area Limit)*	3,324.49*	3,324.49* sf		2,644 sf		3,002.75 sf max			
Square footage by floor	1,228.32 1,122.16 1,305.92 491.76 404.65 317.21	sf/ADU	е	2,530	sf/1st				
Square footage of buildings	4,552.81	sf		2,644	sf				
Building height	26.4			16.6			28	ft max	
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<sup>\*</sup> Floor area and building coverage for the proposed project includes the ADU, which is allowed to exceed the maximum floor area and building coverage by up to 800 square feet



# California Tree and Landscape Consulting, Inc.

June 27, 2023

Andy Cost & K.C. Farrell **Thomas James Homes** 255 Shoreline Drive, Suite 428 Redwood City, California 94065

Via Email: acost@tjhusa.com and kcfarrell@tjhusa.com

## REVISED FINAL ARBORIST REPORT, TREE INVENTORY, **CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND TREE PROTECTION PLAN**

RE: 848 College Avenue, Menlo Park, California [APN 071-403-200]

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Thomas James Homes contacted California Tree and Landscape Consulting, Inc. to document the trees on the property for a better understanding of the existing resource and any potential improvement obstacles that may arise. Thomas James Homes requested a Revised Final Arborist Report, Tree Inventory, Construction Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan suitable for submittal to the City of Menlo Park. This is a Revised Final Arborist Report, Tree Inventory, Construction Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan for the initial filing of plans to develop the property. The preliminary report was prepared by Heartwood Consulting Arborists, dated October 3, 2022. Our prior Final Report was dated May 9, 2023.

Thomas M. Stein, ISA Certified Arborist WE-12854A, visited the property on February 15, 2023, to evaluate Trees #2 & 4, and again on May 3, 2023, to provide species identification, measurements of DBH and canopy, field condition notes, recommended actions, ratings, and approximate locations for the remaining trees. A total of 9 trees were evaluated, 6 of which are protected trees according to the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code, Chapter 13.24. Three trees are located off the parcel but were included in the inventory because they may be impacted by development of the parcel.

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Tree Species	Total Trees Inventoried	Trees on this Site <sup>2</sup>	Protected Heritage Oak	Protected Heritage Other	Street Tree	Trees Proposed for Removal	Total Proposed for Retention <sup>3</sup>	
Chinese Privet, Ligustrum sinense Lour	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Coast Live Oak, Quercus agrifolia	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	
Coast Redwood, Sequoia sempervirens	1	1	0	1	0	1 (CR)	0	
Common Fig, Ficus carica	1	1	0	1	0	1 (AR, CR)	0	
Japanese Maple, Acer palmatum	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Lebanon Cedar, Cedrus libani	1	1	0	1	0	1 (CR)	0	
Lemon, Citrus limon	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Northern Catalpa, Catalpa speciosa	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	
TOTAL	9	6	2	4	1	3	6	

AR=Arborist Recommended Removal; CR=Construction Removal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any tree protected by the City's Municipal Code will require replacement according to its appraised value if it is damaged beyond repair as a result of construction. In addition, any time development-related work is recommended to be supervised by a Project Arborist, it must be written in the report to describe the work plan and mitigation work. The Project Arborist shall provide a follow-up letter documenting the mitigation has been completed to specification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CalTLC, Inc. is not a licensed land surveyor. Tree locations are approximate and we do not determine tree ownership. Trees which appear to be on another parcel are listed as off-site and treated as the property of that parcel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Trees in close proximity to development may require special protection measures. See Appendix/Recommendations for specific details. Office: 530.745.4086

### **ASSIGNMENT**

Perform an examination of the site to document the presence and condition of trees protected by the City of Menlo Park. The study area for this effort includes the deeded parcel as delineated in the field by the property fences and any significant or protected trees overhanging from adjacent parcels.

Prepare a report of findings. All trees protected by the City of Menlo Park are included in the inventory.

#### **METHODS**

Appendix 2 in this report is the detailed inventory and recommendations for the trees. The following terms and Table A – Ratings Descriptions will further explain our findings.

The protected trees evaluated as part of this report have a numbered tag that was placed on each one that is 1-1/8" x 1-3/8", green anodized aluminum, "acorn" shaped. Trees 2 and 4 were labeled: CalTLC, Auburn, CA with 1/4" prestamped tree number and Tree Tag. They are attached with a natural-colored aluminum 10d nail, installed at approximately 6 feet above ground level on the approximate north side of the tree. The tag should last ~10-20+ years depending on the species, before it is enveloped by the trees' normal growth cycle. Note: The remaining trees were assigned virtual tag numbers per the preliminary report.

The appraisals included in this report (see Appendix 4) is based on the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Guide for Plant Appraisal*.<sup>4</sup> The trunk formula technique of appraisal provides a basic cost to replace a tree, determined by its species and size. The tree costs are extrapolated from that of the most commonly available and used tree for landscaping, which at this time in Northern California has been determined to be a 24" box specimen.<sup>5</sup> Based on the size and value of the tree as a 24" box, the species are valued at \$42.11 to \$89.29 per square inch of trunk area. Per the request of the city of Menlo Park, multi-stem trees are measured as a single trunk, just below the lowest point of branching.

The basic value is depreciated by the tree's condition, which is considered a function of its health, structure and form and expressed as a percentage of the basic value. The result is termed the deterioration of the tree.

The trees are further depreciated by the functional and external limitations that may impact their ability to grow to their normal size, shape and function. Functional limitations include limited soil volume, adequate growing space, poor soil quality, etc. External limitations include easements, government regulations and ownership issues beyond the control of the tree's owner.

The final value is rounded to the nearest \$100 to obtain the assignment result. If the tree is not a complete loss, the value of loss is determined as a percentage of the original value. It should be noted that Trees # 3, 8 and 9 (Tags # 3, 8 and 9) were offsite and inspected only from one side, from ground level at a distance of approximately 2-20 feet from the trunks and the lower trunks were obscured. The appraised values shown in the appraisal table and inventory summary should be considered only rough estimates of the tree values. If an accurate appraisal is required, it will need re-appraisal without the observation limitations, and may require more advanced inspection techniques to determine the extent of the tree defects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 2004. Western Chapter Species Classification and Group Assignment. Western Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture. Porterville, CA



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2018. Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers. *Guide for Plant Appraisal*, 10th Edition, 2nd Printing. International Society of Arboriculture, Atlanta. GA

### **TERMS**

Species of trees is listed by our local common name and botanical name by genus and species.

**DBH** (diameter breast high) is normally measured at 4'6" (54" above the average ground height, but if that varies then the location where it is measured is noted here. A steel diameter tape was used to measure the trees.

Canopy radius is measured in feet. It is the farthest extent of the crown composed of leaves and small twigs measured by a steel tape. This measurement often defines the Critical Root Zone (CRZ) or Protection Zone (PZ), which is a circular area around a tree with a radius equal to this measurement.

Actions listed are recommendations to improve health or structure of the tree. Trees in public spaces require maintenance. If a tree is to remain and be preserved, then the tree may need some form of work to reduce the likelihood of failure and increase the longevity of the tree. Preservation requirements and actions based on a proposed development plan are not included here.

**Arborist Rating** is subjective to condition and is based on both the health and structure of the tree. All of the trees were rated for condition, per the recognized national standard as set up by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers and the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) on a numeric scale of 5 (being the highest) to 0 (the worst condition, dead). The rating was done in the field at the time of the measuring and inspection.

## **Table A – Ratings Descriptions**

No problem(s)	5	excellent
No apparent problem(s)	4	good
Minor problem(s)	3	<u>fair</u>
Major problem(s)	2	poor
Extreme problem(s)	1	hazardous, non-correctable
Dead	0	dead

Rating #0: This indicates a tree that has no significant sign of life.

Rating #1: The problems are extreme. This rating is assigned to a tree that has structural and/or health problems that no amount of work or effort can change. The issues may or may not be considered a dangerous situation.

Rating #2: The tree has major problems. If the option is taken to preserve the tree, its condition could be improved with correct arboricultural work including, but not limited to: pruning, cabling, bracing, bolting, guying, spraying, mistletoe removal, vertical mulching, fertilization, etc. If the recommended actions are completed correctly, hazard can be reduced and the rating can be elevated to a 3. If no action is taken the tree is considered a liability and should be removed.

Rating #3: The tree is in fair condition. There are some minor structural or health problems that pose no immediate danger. When the recommended actions in an arborist report are completed correctly the defect(s) can be minimized or eliminated.

Rating #4: The tree is in good condition and there are no apparent problems that a Certified Arborist can see from a visual ground inspection. If potential structural or health problems are tended to at this stage future hazard can be reduced and more serious health problems can be averted.

Rating #5: No problems found from a visual ground inspection. Structurally, these trees have properly spaced branches and near perfect characteristics for the species. Highly rated trees are not common in natural or developed landscapes. No tree is ever perfect especially with the unpredictability of nature, but with this highest rating, the condition should be considered excellent.

**Notes** indicate the health, structure and environment of the tree and explain why the tree should be removed or preserved. Additional notes may indicate if problems are minor, extreme or correctible.



**Remove** is the recommendation that the tree be removed. The recommendation will normally be based either on poor structure or poor health and is indicated as follows:

Yes H – Tree is unhealthy Yes S – Tree is structurally unsound

#### **OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The site is located in an existing subdivision with single-family residences, and the vegetation is comprised of ornamental landscape plants. The site has an existing single-story home with a reported area of 1,900 sq. ft. on a lot with a reported area of 7,797 sq. ft. It is connected to electrical, communication, gas, water, and sanitary sewer infrastructure. The development plans include demolition of the existing home and construction of a new two-story home with a reported area of 4,056 sq. ft. (livable, including basement and accessory dwelling unit), new hardscape and landscape. Refer to Appendix 2 – Tree Data for details.

## RECOMMENDED REMOVALS OF HAZARDOUS, DEFECTIVE OR UNHEALTHY TREES

At this time, one tree has been recommended for removal from the proposed project area due to the nature and extent of defects, compromised health, and/or structural instability noted at the time of field inventory efforts. If this tree was retained within the proposed project area, it is our opinion that it may be hazardous depending upon its proximity to planned development activities. For reference, the tree which has been recommended for removal due to the severity of noted defects, compromised health, and/or structural instability is highlighted in green on Appendix 2 – Tree Data and briefly summarized as follows:

Heritage Diameter Heritage Tree Tag Street Off-Common Botanical Arborist DBH Measured Oak Tree Other Tree Circ. # # Tree site Name Name Rating 31.4"+ circ. 47.1"+ circ. **Ficus** 2-Major Structure or 7 Yes Common Fig 18 150.7 54 No No No carica health problems

TABLE 2

## **CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

This Final Arborist Report, Tree Inventory, Construction Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan is intended to provide to Thomas James Homes, the City of Menlo Park, and other members of the development team a detailed *predevelopment review* of the species, size, and current structure and vigor of the trees within and/or overhanging the proposed project area. We have reviewed the Architectural Plan prepared by Dahlin, dated April 24, 2023; the Landscape Improvement Plan prepared by Roach & Campbell, dated April 3, 2023; and the Area Plan prepared by CBG Civil Engineers, dated April 21, 2023. The perceived construction impacts are summarized below. **Refer to Appendix 2 – Tree Data for protective measures to be taken for trees that will remain.** 

Tree # 1 (Tag # 1): No impact is expected to this street tree. Refer to Appendix 2 for protective measures to be taken.

Tree # 2 (Tag # 6045): This tree is in poor condition, with decay cavities in the upper trunk. Refer to the report written by California Tree and Landscape Consulting, Inc., dated February 21, 2023 (see Appendix 7). The developer proposes removal of this tree.

Tree # 3 (Tag # 3): Slight impact to the off-site tree's canopy is expected due to building encroachment. No impact is expected to the tree's CRZ.



Tree # 4 (Tag # 6046): This tree's CRZ and canopy are expected to experience moderate impacts due to the proposed outdoor living area. The tree is in poor condition and has suspected root instability issues. Refer to the report written by California Tree and Landscape Consulting, Inc. dated February 21, 2023 (see Appendix 7). The developer proposes removal of this tree.

Tree # 5 (Tag # 5): No impact is expected from development for this non-protected tree.

Tree # 6 (Tag # 6): Slight impact to this tree's canopy and CRZ is expected due to fence replacement. This is a non-protected tree.

Tree # 7 (Tag # 7): This tree is recommended for removal due to its condition. Previous pruning practices damaged the tree's structure. It is unlikely that structural pruning can restore this tree to make it an asset in the new landscape. The developer proposes removal of this tree. Note: The diameter (and circumference) of this multi-stem tree was calculated using the sum of the cross-sectional area of the individuals stems, as recommended by the **Guide for Plant Appraisal**, **10**<sup>th</sup> **Edition**. It branches at grade and an accurate measurement of the diameter below branching could not be performed.

Tree # 8 (Tag # 8): No impact is expected to this off-site tree.

Tree # 9 (Tag # 9): No impact is expected to this off-site tree.

The Menlo Park Tree Ordinance requires any work directed by the Project Arborist should follow a written work plan and mitigation plan. The Project Arborist shall provide a letter documenting the work and mitigation has been completed to specification.

A tree protection verification letter is required from the Project Arborist prior to the start of construction. The letter shall include photos of the tree protection installed to specification. The letter should also specify that monthly inspections are required.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Trees need to be protected from normal construction practices if they are to remain healthy and viable on the site. Our recommendations are based on experience, and County ordinance requirements, so as to enhance tree longevity. This requires their root zones remain intact and viable, despite heavy equipment being on site, and the need to install foundations, driveways, underground utilities, and landscape irrigation systems. Simply walking and driving on soil has serious consequences for tree health.

Following is a summary of Impacts to trees during construction and Tree Protection measures that should be incorporated into the site plans in order to protect the trees. Once the plans are approved, they become the document that all contractors will follow. The plans become the contract between the owner and the contractor, so that only items spelled out in the plans can be expected to be followed. Hence, all protection measures, such as fence locations, mulch requirements and root pruning specifications must be shown on the plans.



#### **RECOMMENDATIONS: SUMMARY OF TREE PROTECTION MEASURES**

Hire a Project Arborist to help ensure protection measures are incorporated into the site plans and followed. The Project Arborist should, in cooperation with the Engineers and/or Architects:

- Identify the Root Protection Zones on the final construction drawings, prior to bidding the project.
- Show the placement of tree protection fences, as well as areas to be irrigated, fertilized and mulched on the final construction drawings.
- Clearly show trees for removal on the plans and mark them clearly on site. A Contractor who is a Certified Arborist should perform tree and stump removal. All stumps within the root zone of trees to be preserved shall be ground out using a stump router or left in place. No trunk within the root zone of other trees shall be removed using a backhoe or other piece of grading equipment.
- Prior to any grading, or other work on the site that will come within 50' of any tree to be preserved:
  - 1. Irrigate (if needed) and place a 6" layer of chip mulch over the protected root zone of all trees that will be impacted.
  - 2. Erect Tree Protection Fences. Place boards against trees located within 3' of construction zones, even if fenced off.
  - 3. Remove lower foliage that may interfere with equipment PRIOR to having grading or other equipment on site. The Project Arborist should approve the extent of foliage elevation, and oversee the pruning, performed by a contractor who is an ISA Certified Arborist.
- For grade cuts, expose roots by hand digging, potholing or using an air spade and then cut roots cleanly prior to further grading outside the tree protection zones.
- For fills, if a cut is required first, follow as for cuts.
- Where possible, specify geotextile fabric and/or thickened paving, re-enforced paving, and structural soil in lieu of compacting, and avoid root cutting as much as possible, prior to placing fills on the soil surface. Any proposed retaining wall or fill soil shall be discussed with the engineer and arborist in order to reduce impacts to trees to be preserved.
- Clearly designate an area on the site outside the drip line of all trees where construction materials may be stored, and parking can take place. No materials or parking shall take place within the root zones of protected trees.
- Design utility and irrigation trenches to minimize disturbance to tree roots. Where possible, dig trenches with hydro-vac equipment or air spade, placing pipes underneath the roots, or bore the deeper trenches underneath the roots.
- Include on the plans an Arborist inspection schedule to monitor the site during (and after) construction to ensure protection measures are followed and make recommendations for care of the trees on site, as needed.



General Tree protection measures are included as Appendix 3. These measures need to be included on the Site, Grading, Utility and Landscape Plans. A final report of recommendations specific to the plan can be completed as part of, and in conjunction with, the actual plans. This will require the arborist working directly with the engineer and architect for the project. If the above recommendations are followed, the amount of time required by the arborist for the final report should be minimal.

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Enc.: Appendix 1 – Tree Protection Plan

Appendix 2 – Tree Data

Appendix 3 – General Practices for Tree Protection

Appendix 4 – Appraisal Value Table

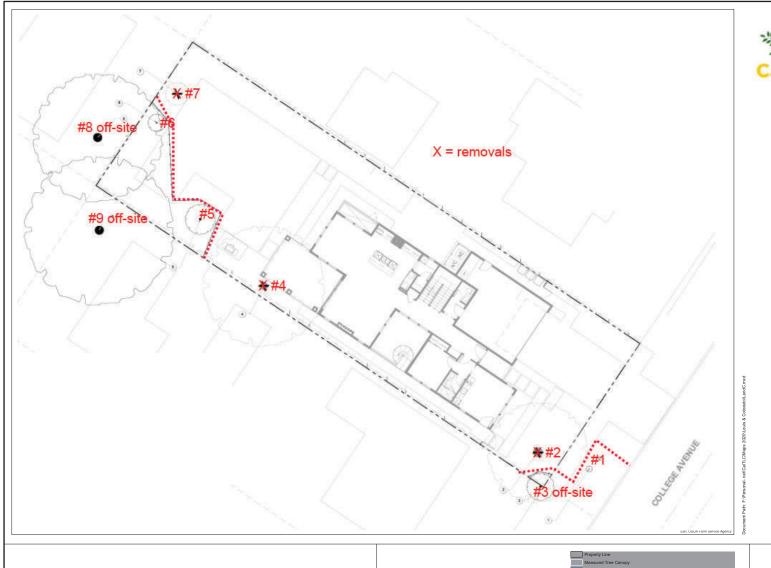
Appendix 5 - Tree Protection Specifications

Appendix 6 – Photographs

Appendix 7 – Evaluation of Two Trees at 848 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA Project Site dated 2/21/23



#### SEE ARBORIST REPORT FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS





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#### TREE PROTECTION GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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TPP 1.1	Date: May 3, 2023

# APPENDIX 2 – TREE DATA

Tree	Tag #	Old Tag #	Heritage Oak Tree 31.4"+ circ.	Heritage Other Tree 47.1"+ circ.	Street Tree	Off- site	Common Name	Botanical Name	Multi- Stems	DBH	Circ.	Diameter Measured At	Measured Canopy Radius	Arborist Rating	Dvlpmt Status	Notes	Recommenda- tions	Construction Impact	Protective Measures to be Taken	Suitability for Preservation	Appraised Value, Rounded (\$)	Justification for Removal
1	1	1	No	Yes	Yes	No	Northern Catalpa	Catalpa speciosa		1.5	4.7	54	2	3-Minor Problems	Retain	Street tree, 4' behind curb, no sidewalk. Staking present. 34' from existing home. 2' from electrical service entrance. Growing into canopy of Tree 2. Codominant at 10' above grade. Root crown obscured by landscape plantings.	Prune to develop central leader.	No impact is expected from development.	Install protective tree fencing as shown in App.1.	Fair	\$276	N/A
2	6045	2	No	Yes	No	No	Lebanon Cedar	Cedrus libani		33	103.6		54	2-Major Structure or health problems	Removal	Located 13.6' SE of house. Root crown normal. Moist soil. Canopy lifted to 18'. Tree topped at 42'. Reduction, heading cuts throughout. Cavity on N side at 25'. Fruiting body seen around cavity. Crowded scaffolds at 30'. Bulges/cankers on upper portion of trunk.	None at this time.	Developer proposes removal due to poor condition.	N/A	Poor	\$11,400	Tree is in poor condition with significant defects.
3	3	3	No	No	No	Yes	Chinese Privet	Ligustrum sinense Lour		6.3	19.8	54	5	3-Minor Problems	Retain	Offsite. Overhanging 4'. Part of grove of other privets <4 inches in diameter.	None at this time.	Slight impact to canopy due to clearance pruning. No impact to CRZ is expected.	Perform clearance pruning if needed; pruning not to exceed 10% of total canopy. Install protective fence as shown in App.1.	Fair	N/A	N/A



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Tree #	Tag #	Old Tag #	Heritage Oak Tree 31.4"+ circ.	Heritage Other Tree 47.1"+ circ.	Street Tree	Off- site	Common Name	Botanical Name	Multi- Stems	DBH	Circ.	Diameter Measured At	Measured Canopy Radius	Arborist Rating	Dvlpmt Status	Notes	Recommenda- tions	Construction Impact	Protective Measures to be Taken	Suitability for Preservation	Appraised Value, Rounded (\$)	Justification for Removal
4	6046	4	No	Yes	No	No	Coast Redwood	Sequoia sempervirens		26	81.6		54	2-Major Structure or health problems	Removal	In backyard 28.2' from house, 24.7' from garage. Leaning SW lifting root plate. Partial branch failures. Non- uniform spacing of branch junctions. Leader failure at 55'. Tapering trunk diameter changes rapidly at 40-50' above grade.	Perform aerial inspection and monitor lean angle for changes.	Developer proposes removal due to poor condition.	N/A	Poor	\$5,200	Poor condition and potentially unstable and prone to root failure. Located adjacent to outdoor living area.
5	5	5	No	No	No	No	Lemon	Citrus limon		7	22.0	12	6	3-Minor Problems	Retain	Growing ~6' E of property line. Branches at 15" above grade. Bearing fruit. Suppressed by Tree 4.	None at this time.	No impact is expected from development.	Install protective tree fencing as shown in App.1. Monitor irrigation needs 2x/mo. Irrigate as needed.	Fair	N/A	N/A



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6	6	6	No	No	No	No	Japanese Maple	Acer palmatum		7	22.0	4	8	3-Minor Problems		Branches at 8" above grade. Growing 4' from N property line. Root crown obscured.	None at this time.	Slight impact to canopy and CRZ due to fence replacement.	Install protective tree fencing as shown in App.1. Perform clearance pruning as needed but not to exceed 10% of tree's canopy. Perform any root pruning needed under project arborist's supervision while digging fence post holes. Monitor irrigation need 2x/mo; Irrigate as needed.	Fair	N/A	N/A
7	7	7	No	Yes	No	No	Common Fig	Ficus carica	6,4,5,4,7,10,6,6*	18	56.5	54	6	2-Major Structure or health problems		Topped at 12'. Branches at grade. Exposed roots to 6'. Previous poor pruning prevents tree from being restructured.	Recommend removal due to noted defects.	Developer proposes removal due to poor condition.	N/A	Poor	\$3,100	Tree cannot be improved with structural pruning and will not be an asset in the new landscape.



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1	ree #	Tag #	Old Tag #	Heritage Oak Tree 31.4"+ circ.	Heritage Other Tree 47.1"+ circ.	Street Tree	Off- site	Common Name	Botanical Name	Multi- Stems	DBH	Circ.	Diameter Measured At	Measured Canopy Radius	Arborist Rating	Dvlpmt Status	Notes	Recommenda- tions	Construction Impact	Protective Measures to be Taken	Suitability for Preservation	Appraised Value, Rounded (\$)	Justification for Removal
	8	8	8	Yes	No	No	Yes	Coast Live Oak	Quercus agrifolia		30	94.2	54	40	3-Minor Problems		Growing ~32' N of property line. Negligible overhang. Lower trunk and flare obscured by fence. Codominant branching at 12' into 4 scaffolds. Canopy extensively pruned. All dimensions estimated.	None at this time.	No impact is expected from development.	Install protective tree fencing as shown in App.1.	Fair	\$6,200	N/A
	9	9	9	Yes	No	No	Yes	Coast Live Oak	Quercus agrifolia		30	94.2	54	35	3-Minor Problems		Located ~35' S of property line. ~8' overhang. Lower trunk and flare obscured by fence. NW side clearance pruned. All dimensions estimated.	None at this time.	No impact is expected from development.	Install protective tree fencing as shown in App.1.	Good	\$10,900	N/A

\*Diameter calculated as sum of cross-sectional area of individual stems per 10th Edition of Guide for Plant Appraisal.

TOTAL INVENTORIED TREES = 9 trees (498.6 aggregate circumference inches)

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REMOVALS = 1 tree (56.5 aggregate circumference inches)

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REMOVALS FOR DEVELOPMENT = 3 trees (242 aggregate circumference inches)

Rating (0-5, where 0 is dead) = 2=3 trees; 3=6 trees

Total Protected Street Trees = 1 tree (4.7 aggregate circumference inches)
Total Protected Oak Trees 31.4"+ = 2 trees (188.4 aggregate circumference inches)

Total Protected Other Trees 47.1"+ = 4 trees (246.5 aggregate circumference inches)

TOTAL PROTECTED TREES = 6 trees (434.9 aggregate circumference inches)



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### Appendix 3 – General Practices for Tree Protection

### **Definitions:**

<u>Root zone</u>: The roots of trees grow fairly close to the surface of the soil, and spread out in a radial direction from the trunk of tree. A general rule of thumb is that they spread 2 to 3 times the radius of the canopy, or 1 to 1½ times the height of the tree. It is generally accepted that disturbance to root zones should be kept as far as possible from the trunk of a tree.

<u>Inner Bark</u>: The bark on large valley oaks and coast live oaks is quite thick, usually 1" to 2". If the bark is knocked off a tree, the inner bark, or cambial region, is exposed or removed. The cambial zone is the area of tissue responsible for adding new layers to the tree each year, so by removing it, the tree can only grow new tissue from the edges of the wound. In addition, the wood of the tree is exposed to decay fungi, so the trunk present at the time of the injury becomes susceptible to decay. Tree protection measures require that no activities occur which can knock the bark off the trees.

### **Methods Used in Tree Protection:**

No matter how detailed Tree Protection Measures are in the initial Arborist Report, they will not accomplish their stated purpose unless they are applied to individual trees and a Project Arborist is hired to oversee the construction. The Project Arborist should have the ability to enforce the Protection Measures. The Project Arborist should be hired as soon as possible to assist in design and to become familiar with the project. He must be able to read and understand the project drawings and interpret the specifications. He should also have the ability to cooperate with the contractor, incorporating the contractor's ideas on how to accomplish the protection measures, wherever possible. It is advisable for the Project Arborist to be present at the Pre-Bid tour of the site, to answer questions the contractors may have about Tree Protection Measures. This also lets the contractors know how important tree preservation is to the developer.

<u>Root Protection Zone (RPZ)</u>: Since in most construction projects it is not possible to protect the entire root zone of a tree, a Root Protection Zone is established for each tree to be preserved. The minimum Root Protection Zone is the area underneath the tree's canopy (out to the dripline, or edge of the canopy), plus 1'. The Project Arborist must approve work within the RPZ.

Irrigate, Fertilize, Mulch: Prior to grading on the site near any tree, the area within the Tree Protection fence should be fertilized with 4 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet, and the fertilizer irrigated in. The irrigation should percolate at least 24 inches into the soil. This should be done no less than 2 weeks prior to grading or other root disturbing activities. After irrigating, cover the RPZ with at least 12" of leaf and twig mulch. Such mulch can be obtained from chipping or grinding the limbs of any trees removed on the site. Acceptable mulches can be obtained from nurseries or other commercial sources. Fibrous or shredded redwood or cedar bark mulch shall not be used anywhere on site.

<u>Fence</u>: Fence around the Root Protection Zone and restrict activity therein to prevent soil compaction by vehicles, foot traffic or material storage. The fenced area shall be off limits to all construction equipment, unless there is express written notification provided by the Project Arborist, and impacts are discussed and mitigated prior to work commencing.

A protective barrier of 6' chain link fence shall be installed around the dripline of protected tree(s). The fencing can be moved within the dripline if authorized by the project arborist or city arborist, but not



closer than 2' from the trunk of any tree. Fence posts shall be 1.5" in diameter and are to be driven 2' into the ground. The distance between posts shall not be more than 10'. Movable barriers of chain link fencing secured to cement blocks can be substituted for "fixed" fencing if the project arborist and city arborist agree that the fencing will have to be moved to accommodate certain phases of construction. The builder may not move the fence without authorization from the project or city arborist.

Where the city or project arborist has determined that tree protection fencing will interfere with the safety of work crews, tree wrap may be used as an alternative form of tree protection. Wooden slats at least 1" thick are to be bound securely, edge to edge, around the trunk. A single layer or more of orange plastic construction fencing is to be wrapped and secured around the outside of the wooden slats. Major scaffold limbs may require protection as determined by the city or project arborist. Straw waddle may also be used as a trunk wrap by coiling waddle around the trunk up to a minimum height of 6' from grade. A single layer or more of orange plastic construction fencing is to be wrapped and secured around the straw waddle.

Signage should be placed on the protective tree fence no further than 30' apart. The signage should present the following information:

- The tree protection fence shall not be moved without authorization of the Project or City Arborist.
- Storage of building materials or soil is prohibited within the Tree Protection Zone.
- Construction or operation of construction equipment is prohibited within the tree protection zone.

In areas with many trees, the RPZ can be fenced as one unit, rather than separately for each tree.

Do not allow run off or spillage of damaging materials into the area below any tree canopy.

Do not store materials, stockpile soil or park or drive vehicles within the TPZ.

Do not cut, break, skin or bruise roots, branches, or trunks without first obtaining authorization from the city arborist.

Do not allow fires under and adjacent to trees.

Do not discharge exhaust into foliage.

Do not secure cable, chain or rope to trees or shrubs.

Do not trench, dig, or otherwise excavate within the dripline or TPZ of the tree(s) without first obtaining authorization from the city arborist.

Do not apply soil sterilant under pavement near existing trees.

Only excavation by hand, compressed air or hydro-vac shall be allowed within the dripline of trees.

<u>Elevate Foliage</u>: Where indicated, remove lower foliage from a tree to prevent limb breakage by equipment. Low foliage can usually be removed without harming the tree, unless more than 25% of the foliage is removed. Branches need to be removed at the anatomically correct location in order to prevent decay



organisms from entering the trunk. For this reason, a contractor who is an ISA Certified Arborist should perform all pruning on protected trees.<sup>6</sup>

Expose and Cut Roots: Breaking roots with a backhoe, or crushing them with a grader, causes significant injury, which may subject the roots to decay. Ripping roots may cause them to splinter toward the base of the tree, creating much more injury than a clean cut would make. At any location where the root zone of a tree will be impacted by a trench or a cut (including a cut required for a fill and compaction), the roots shall be exposed with either a backhoe digging radially to the trunk, by hand digging, or by a hydraulic air spade, and then cut cleanly with a sharp instrument, such as chainsaw with a carbide chain. Once the roots are severed, the area behind the cut should be moistened and mulched. A root protection fence should also be erected to protect the remaining roots, if it is not already in place. Further grading or backhoe work required outside the established RPZ can then continue without further protection measures.

<u>Protect Roots in Deeper Trenches:</u> The location of utilities on the site can be very detrimental to trees. Design the project to use as few trenches as possible, and to keep them away from the major trees to be protected. Wherever possible, in areas where trenches will be very deep, consider boring under the roots of the trees, rather than digging the trench through the roots. This technique can be quite useful for utility trenches and pipelines.

Route pipes outside of the area that is 10 times the diameter of the protected tree to avoid conflicts with roots. Where it is not possible to reroute pipes or trenches, the contractor shall bore beneath the dripline of the tree. The boring shall take place not less than 3' below the surface of the soil in order to avoid encountering feeder roots. Alternatively, the trench can be excavated using hand, pneumatic of hydro-vac techniques within the RPZ. The goal is to avoid damaging the roots while excavating. The pipes should be fed under the exposed roots. Trenches should be filled within 24 hours, but where this is not possible the side of the trench adjacent to the trees shall be kept shaded with 4 layers of dampened, untreated burlap, wetted as frequently as necessary to keep the burlap wet.

<u>Protect Roots in Small Trenches:</u> After all construction is complete on a site, it is not unusual for the landscape contractor to come in and sever a large number of "preserved" roots during the installation of irrigation systems. The Project Arborist must therefore approve the landscape and irrigation plans. The irrigation system needs to be designed so the main lines are located outside the root zone of major trees, and the secondary lines are either laid on the surface (drip systems), or carefully dug with a hydraulic or air spade, and the flexible pipe fed underneath the major roots.

Design the irrigation system so it can slowly apply water (no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of water per hour) over a longer period of time. This allows deep soaking of root zones. The system also needs to accommodate infrequent irrigation settings of once or twice a month, rather than several times a week.

Monitoring Tree Health During and After Construction: The Project Arborist should visit the site at least once a month during construction to be certain the tree protection measures are being followed, to monitor the health of impacted trees, and make recommendations as to irrigation or other needs.

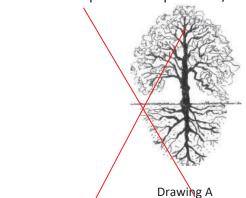
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), maintains a program of Certifying individuals. Each Certified Arborist has a number and must maintain continuing education credits to remain Certified.



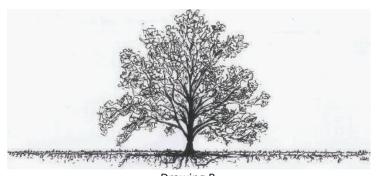
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### **Root Structure**

The majority of a tree's roots are contained in a radius from the main trunk outward approximately two to three times the canopy of the tree. These roots are located in the top 6" to 3' of soil. It is a common misconception that a tree underground resembles the canopy (see Drawing A below). The correct root structure of a tree is in Drawing B. All plants' roots need both water and air for survival. Surface roots are a common phenomenon with trees grown in compacted soil. Poor canopy development or canopy decline in mature trees is often the result of inadequate root space and/or soil compaction.



Common misconception of where tree roots are assumed to be located



Drawing B
The reality of where roots are generally located



### Structural Issues

Limited space for canopy development produces poor structure in trees. The largest tree in a given area, which is 'shading' the other trees is considered Dominant. The 'shaded' trees are considered Suppressed. The following picture illustrates this point. Suppressed trees are more likely to become a potential hazard due to their poor structure.

Dominant Tree

Growth is upright

Canopy is balanced by limbs and foliage equally

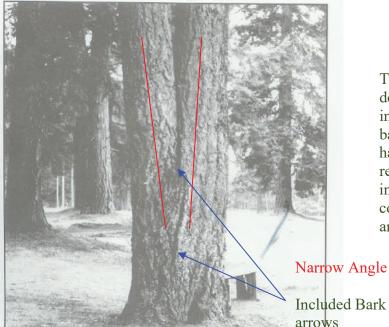


Suppressed Tree

Canopy weight all to one side

Limbs and foliage grow away from dominant tree

Co-dominant leaders are another common structural problem in trees.



The tree in this picture has a codominant leader at about 3' and included bark up to 7 or 8'. Included bark occurs when two or more limbs have a narrow angle of attachment resulting in bark between the stems – instead of cell to cell structure. This is considered a critical defect in trees and is the cause of many failures.

Included Bark between the arrows

Figure 6. Codominant stems are inherently weak because the stems are of similar diameter.

Photo from <u>Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas by</u> Nelda P. Matheny and James R. Clark, 1994 International Society of Arboriculture



# **Pruning Mature Trees for Risk Reduction**

There are <u>few</u> good reasons to prune mature trees. Removal of deadwood, directional pruning, removal of decayed or damaged wood, and end-weight reduction as a method of mitigation for structural faults are the only reasons a mature tree should be pruned. Live wood over 3" should not be pruned unless absolutely necessary. Pruning cuts should be clean and correctly placed. Pruning should be done in accordance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 standards. It is far better to use more small cuts than a few large cuts as small pruning wounds reduce risk while large wounds increase risk.

Pruning causes an open wound in the tree. Trees do not "heal" they compartmentalize. Any wound made today will always remain, but a healthy tree, in the absence of decay in the wound, will 'cover it' with callus tissue. Large, old pruning wounds with advanced decay are a likely failure point. Mature trees with large wounds are a high failure risk.

Overweight limbs are a common structural fault in suppressed trees. There are two remedial actions for overweight limbs (1) prune the limb to reduce the extension of the canopy, or (2) cable the limb to reduce movement. Cables do not hold weight they only stabilize the limb and require annual inspection.



Photo of another tree – not at this site.

Normal limb structure

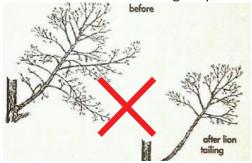
Over weight, reaching limb with main stem diameter small compared with amount of foliage present



Photo of another tree - not at this site

Lion's – Tailing is the pruning practice of removal of "an excessive number of inner and/or lower lateral branches from parent branches. Lion's tailing is not an acceptable pruning practice" ANSI A300 (part 1) 4.23. It increases the risk of failure.

Pruning – Cutting back trees changes their natural structure, while leaving trees in their natural form enhances longevity.





### **Arborist Classifications**

There are different types of Arborists:

<u>Tree Removal and/or Pruning Companies</u>. These companies may be licensed by the State of California to do business, but they do not necessarily know anything about trees;

<u>Arborists</u>. Arborist is a broad term. It is intended to mean someone with specialized knowledge of trees but is often used to imply knowledge that is not there.

<u>ISA Certified Arborist</u>. An International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist is someone who has been trained and tested to have specialized knowledge of trees. You can look up certified arborists at the International Society of Arboriculture website: isa-arbor.org.

<u>Consulting Arborist</u>. An American Society of Consulting Arborists Registered Consulting Arborist is someone who has been trained and tested to have specialized knowledge of trees and trained and tested to provide high quality reports and documentation. You can look up registered consulting arborists at the American Society of Consulting Arborists website: <a href="https://www.asca-consultants.org/">https://www.asca-consultants.org/</a>



# **Decay in Trees**

<u>Decay (in General)</u>: Fungi cause all decay of living trees. Decay is considered a disease because cell walls are altered, wood strength is affected, and living sapwood cells may be killed. Fungi decay wood by secreting enzymes. Different types of fungi cause different types of decay through the secretion of different chemical enzymes. Some decays, such as white rot, cause less wood strength loss than others because they first attack the lignin (causes cell walls to thicken and reduces susceptibility to decay and pest damage) secondarily the cellulose (another structural component in a cell walls). Others, such as soft rot, attack the cellulose chain and cause substantial losses in wood strength even in the initial stages of decay. Brown rot causes wood to become brittle and fractures easily with tension. Identification of internal decay in a tree is difficult because visible evidence may not be present.



additional cells. The weakest of the vertical wall. Accordingly, decay progression inward at large are more than one pruning cut

According to Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas (Matheny, 1994) decay is a critical factor in the stability of the tree. As decay progresses in the trunk, the stem becomes a hollow tube or cylinder rather than a solid rod. This change is not readily apparent to the casual observer. Trees require only a small amount of bark and wood to transport water, minerals and sugars. Interior heartwood can be eliminated (or degraded) to a great degree without compromising the transport process. Therefore, trees can contain significant amounts of decay without showing decline symptoms in the crown.



Compartmentalization of decay in trees is a biological process in which the cellular tissue around wounds is changed to inhibit fungal growth and provide a barrier against the spread of decay agents into the barrier zones is the formation of while a tree may be able to limit pruning cuts, in the event that there located vertically along the main

trunk of the tree, the likelihood of decay progression and the associated structural loss of integrity of the internal wood is high.

# **Oak Tree Impacts**

Our native oak trees are easily damaged or killed by having the soil within the <u>Critical Root Zone</u> (CRZ) disturbed or compacted. All of the work initially performed around protected trees that will be saved should be done by people rather than by wheeled or track type tractors. Oaks are fragile giants that can take little change in soil grade, compaction, or warm season watering. Don't be fooled into believing that warm season watering has no adverse effects on native oaks. Decline and eventual death can take as long as 5-20 years with poor care and inappropriate watering. Oaks can live hundreds of years if treated properly during construction, as well as later with proper pruning, and the appropriate landscape/irrigation design.



## APPENDIX 4 – APPRAISAL VALUE TABLE

Client: Thomas James Homes: Tree Appraisal at 848 College Ave, Menlo Park

Tree #	DBH (in.)	Species	Trunk Area (in.²)	Unit Cost (\$/ in.²)	Basic Price (\$)	Physical Deteriorati on	Functional Limitations	External Limitations	Total Depreciation	Depreciated Cost (\$)	Rounded Cost (\$)	% Loss	Assignment Result (\$)
1	1.5	Northern catalpa	1.76625	72.70	128.41	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.26	33.56	0	0	276.33 <sup>1</sup>
2	33	Lebanon cedar	854.865	123.32	105,419.36	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.11	11,385.36	11,400.00	0	11,400.00
4	26	Coast redwood	530.66	58.15	30,859.83	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.17	5,184.45	5,200.00	0	5,200.00
7	18 <sup>2</sup>	Common fig	254.34	123.32	31,364.44	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.10	3,073.71	3,100.00	0	3,100.00
8	30³	Coast live oak	706.50	72.70	51,356.97	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.12	6,162.84	6,200.00	0	6,200.00
9	30³	Coast live oak	706.50	72.70	51,356.97	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.21	10,904.80	10,900.00	0	10,900.00
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										Ass	signment Result (Ro	ounded):	\$ 37,100

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Since depreciated cost is less than replacement cost, the replacement cost is shown.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Diameter of this multi-stem tree was calculated using the sum of the x-sectional area of stems per **Guide for Plant Appraisal-10**<sup>th</sup> **Edition**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Diameter of this off-site tree was estimated; the trunk was not visible at Standard Height due to fences.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Removal, site preparation, installation and maintenance costs were not calculated. This will be done if a loss occurs.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.**



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### TREE PROTECTION SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. A 6" layer of coarse mulch or woodchips is to be placed beneath the dripline of the protected trees. Mulch is to be kept 12" from the trunk.
- 2. A protective barrier of 6' chain link fencing shall be installed around the dripline of protected tree(s). The fencing can be moved within the dripline if authorized by the Project Arborist or City Arborist but not closer than 2' from the trunk of any tree. Fence posts shall be 1.5" in diameter and are to be driven 2' into the ground. The distance between posts shall not be more than 10'. This enclosed area is the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ).
- 3. Movable barriers of chain link fencing secured to cement blocks can be substituted for "fixed" fencing if the Project Arborist and City Arborist agree that the fencing will have to be moved to accommodate certain phases of construction. The builder may not move the fence without authorization form the Project Arborist or City Arborist.
- 4. Where the City Arborist or Project Arborist has determined that tree protection fencing will interfere with the safety of work crews, Tree Wrap may be used as an alternative form of tree protection. Wooden slats at least one inch thick are to be bound securely, edge to edge, around the trunk. A single layer or more of orange plastic construction fencing is to be wrapped and secured around the outside of the wooden slats. Major scaffold limbs may require protection as determined by the City Arborist or Project Arborist. Straw waddle may also be used as a trunk wrap by coiling the waddle around the trunk up to a minimum height of six feet from grade. A single layer or more of orange plastic construction fencing is to be wrapped and secured around the straw waddle.

# 5. Avoid the following conditions. DO NOT:

- a. Allow run off of spillage of damaging materials into the area below any tree canopy.
- b. Store materials, stockpile soil, or park or drive vehicles within the TPZ.
- c. Cut, break, skin, or bruise roots, branches, or trunks without first obtaining authorization from the City Arborist.
- d. Allow fires under and adjacent to trees.
- e. Discharge exhaust into foliage.
- f. Secure cable, chain, or rope to trees or shrubs.
- g. Trench, dig, or otherwise excavate within the dripline or TPZ of the tree(s) without first obtaining authorization from the City Arborist.
- h. Apply soil sterilants under pavement near existing trees.
- 6. Only excavation by hand or compressed air shall be allowed within the dripline of trees. Machine trenching shall not be allowed.

- 7. Avoid injury to tree roots. When a ditching machine, which is being used outside of the dripline of trees, encounters roots smaller than 2", the wall of the trench adjacent to the trees shall be hand trimmed, making clear, clean cuts through the roots. All damaged, torn and cut roots shall be given a clean cut to remove ragged edges, which promote decay. Trenches shall be filled within 24 hours, but where this is not possible, the side of the trench adjacent to the trees shall be kept shaded with four layers of dampened, untreated burlap, wetted as frequently as necessary to keep the burlap wet. Roots 2" or larger, when encountered, shall be reported immediately to the Project Arborist, who will decide whether the Contractor may cut the root as mentioned above or shall excavate by hand or with compressed air under the root. Root is to be protected with dampened burlap.
- 8. Route pipes outside of the area that is 10 times the diameter of a protected tree to avoid conflict with roots.
- 9. Where it is not possible to reroute pipes or trenches, the contractor shall bore beneath the dripline of the tree. The boring shall take place not less than 3' below the surface of the soil in order to avoid encountering "feeder" roots.
- 10. Trees that have been identified in the arborist's report as being in poor health and/or posing a health or safety risk, may be removed or pruned by more than one-third, subject to approval of the required permit by the Planning Division. Pruning of existing limbs and roots shall only occur under the direction of a Certified Arborist.
- 11. Any damage due to construction activities shall be reported to the Project Arborist or City Arborist within six hours so that remedial action can be taken.
- 12. An ISA Certified Arborist or ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist shall be retained as the Project Arborist to monitor the tree protection specifications. The Project Arborist shall be responsible for the preservation of the designated trees. Should the builder fail to follow the tree protection specifications, it shall be the responsibility of the Project Arborist to report the matter to the City Arborist as an issue of non-compliance.
- 13. Violation of any of the above provisions may result in sanctions or other disciplinary action.

### **MONTHLY INSPECTIONS**

It is required that the site arborist provide periodic inspections during construction. Four-week intervals would be sufficient to access and monitor the effectiveness of the Tree Protection Plan and to provide recommendations for any additional care or treatment.

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# **APPENDIX 6 – PHOTOGRAPHS**



Tree # 1 and 3 (off-site)















Tree # 8 (Off-Site)



Tree # 9 (Off-Site)





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### **ARBORIST REPORT**

RE: Evaluation of Two Trees at 848 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA Project Site

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Thomas James Homes contacted California Tree and Landscape Consulting Inc. to evaluate two trees at the site referenced above. The purpose of the evaluation was to identify issues with the trees which may affect their suitability for preservation during re-development (home replacement) on the parcel. Thomas James Homes requested sonic tomography of one of the trees, along with a visual evaluation. We were unable to perform sonic tomography on Tree # 1, because the area of concern was approximately 25 feet above grade, and we were not prepared to perform the measurements at that height. We were not supplied with specific information on the tree prior to the visit.

On February 15, 2023, Edwin Stirtz (ISA Certified Arborist #WE0510A) and Thomas M. Stein (ISA Certified Arborist #WE-12854A) visited the site and performed the evaluation of the two trees. Tree #1 (Tag #6045) in the front yard is a Lebanon Cedar (*Cedrus libani*). Tree #2 (Tag #6046) in the backyard is a Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*). The tree data is presented below and in Appendix 2. The location of the trees are shown on the Tree Location Map in Appendix 1. We provided species identification, measurements of DBH and canopy, field condition notes, recommended actions, ratings, and approximate locations for the trees. Two trees were evaluated, both of which are protected according to the City of Menlo Park Code of Ordinances.

### **Assignment**

Perform an examination of the two designated trees to document the condition of trees. Prepare a report of findings.



### **M**ETHODS

Appendix 2 in this report is the detailed inventory and recommendations for the trees. The following terms and Table A – Ratings Descriptions will further explain our findings.

The protected trees evaluated as part of this report have a numbered tag that was placed on each one that is 1-1/8" x 1-3/8", green anodized aluminum, "acorn" shaped, and labeled: CalTLC, Auburn, CA with 1/4" prestamped tree number. They are attached with a nail, installed at approximately 6 feet above ground level on the approximate north side of the tree.

Tools used: Diameter tape, binoculars, Nikon hypsometer, soil probe, sounding mallet. Limitations of inspection: Tree inspected from ground level. Tree # 2 could not be observed from South and West directions.

Weather: Clear; mid-day sun angle.

### **TERMS**

**Species** of trees is listed by our local common name and botanical name by genus and species.

**DSH** (diameter standard high) is normally measured at 4'6" (54" above the average ground height, but if that varies then the location where it is measured is noted here. A steel diameter tape was used to measure the trees.

**Canopy radius** is measured in feet. It is the farthest extent of the crown composed of leaves and small twigs measured by a steel tape. This measurement often defines the Critical Root Zone (CRZ) or Protection Zone (PZ), which is a circular area around a tree with a radius equal to this measurement.

Actions listed are recommendations to improve health or structure of the tree. Trees in public spaces require maintenance. If a tree is to remain and be preserved, then the tree may need some form of work to reduce the likelihood of failure and increase the longevity of the tree. Preservation requirements and actions based on a proposed development plan are not included here.

**Arborist Rating** is subjective to condition and is based on both the health and structure of the tree. All of the trees were rated for condition, per the recognized national standard as set up by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers and the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) on a numeric scale of 5 (being the highest) to 0 (the worst condition, dead). The rating was done in the field at the time of the measuring and inspection.

## **Table A – Ratings Descriptions**

No problem(s) No apparent problem(s)	5 4	excellent good
Minor problem(s)	3	<u>fair</u>
Major problem(s)	2	poor
Extreme problem(s)	1	hazardous, non-correctable
Dead	0	dead



Rating #0: This indicates a tree that has no significant sign of life.

Rating #1: The problems are extreme. This rating is assigned to a tree that has structural and/or health problems that no amount of work or effort can change. The issues may or may not be considered a dangerous situation.

Rating #2: The tree has major problems. If the option is taken to preserve the tree, its condition could be improved with correct arboricultural work including, but not limited to: pruning, cabling, bracing, bolting, guying, spraying, mistletoe removal, vertical mulching, fertilization, etc. If the recommended actions are completed correctly, hazard can be reduced and the rating can be elevated to a 3. If no action is taken the tree is considered a liability and should be removed.

Rating #3: The tree is in fair condition. There are some minor structural or health problems that pose no immediate danger. When the recommended actions in an arborist report are completed correctly the defect(s) can be minimized or eliminated.

Rating #4: The tree is in good condition and there are no apparent problems that a Certified Arborist can see from a visual ground inspection. If potential structural or health problems are tended to at this stage future hazard can be reduced and more serious health problems can be averted.

Rating #5: No problems found from a visual ground inspection. Structurally, these trees have properly spaced branches and near perfect characteristics for the species. Highly rated trees are not common in natural or developed landscapes. No tree is ever perfect especially with the unpredictability of nature, but with this highest rating, the condition should be considered excellent.

**Notes** indicate the health, structure and environment of the tree and explain why the tree should be removed or preserved. Additional notes may indicate if problems are minor, extreme or correctible.

### **SITE NOTES**

The site is located in a neighborhood of single-family residences and the vegetation is primarily landscape plants. Both trees are located near the south west property line. The development plans will include demolition of the existing home and construction of a new home. The construction plans are pending.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

### Tree #1

Tree#1 (Tag # 6045) is a mature Lebanon cedar with a DSH of 33' (Measured at 54" above grade). It has a canopy radius of 23 feet and an approximate height of 42 feet. It was rated 2-Poor-Major Health or Structural issues. The tree is located 13.6 feet south of the existing home. The root crown appeared normal. The canopy was lifted to  $\sim$ 18 ft.

The tree was either topped or experienced a leader failure. The branching in the upper canopy is crowded and many of the branch attachments show unusual reaction growth.

There is a cavity on the north side at ~25 feet above grade, approximately 10 inches in diameter. This is the area of concern; the trunk could fail at this point in a high wind event. There are fruiting bodies on the tree in the vicinity of the cavity, suggesting active decay in this region.

The canopy's limbs have multiple reduction pruning cuts and heading cuts. Refer to the photographs in Appendix 3.



We recommend that the tree have an aerial inspection performed. The extent of decay in the cavity should be determined by probing or sonic tomography. All major branch junctions should be carefully inspected for defects.

### Tree # 1 Summary

Options for Management:

- 1. Additional assessment
  - a. Perform an aerial inspection to inspect branch junctions and cavity to determine extent of decay.
  - b. Determine if removal is warranted
  - c. Biennial (twice per year) assessments by a qualified consulting arborist. Even a small change in condition could indicate the likelihood of failure is greater than at the current time.

### 2. Tree Removal

a. The additional assessment may indicate that the removal of is warranted at this time or prior to re-development of the site.

## Tree # 2

Tree # 2 (Tag # 6046) is a Coast Redwood with a DSH of 26 inches (Measured at 54" above grade) and canopy radius of 13 feet and an approximate height of 60 feet. It was rated 2-Poor-Major Health or Structural issues. The tree is located 28.2 feet and 24.7 feet from the home and garage, respectively.

The root crown appears normal, however, the root plate appears slightly lifted on the north side. The tree has a lean of 7-10° to the south west. This lean is probably recent (within the last 5 years) as the tree has not begun to correct. The lean may be continuing. Careful measurement from the tree (anchoring the measuring tape to the tree tag) to the garage should determine if the tree is continuing to increase its lean angle.

The foliage appears normal. The branch junctions are not uniform, suggesting partial branch failures. There is an abrupt change in the trunk diameter at about 45 feet above grade and central leader appears to have failed at about 55 feet above grade. The top 5 feet of the tree are multiple small sprouts.

We recommend that the tree have an aerial inspection performed. The inspection should examine branch junctions carefully for defects. Branches with defective junctions should be pruned.

## Tree # 2 Summary

**Options for Management:** 

- 1. Additional assessment
  - a. Perform an aerial inspection to inspect branch junctions.
    - i. Suspect branches should be properly pruned by a qualified arborist, following ISA Best Management Practices and the ANSI A300 Part I standards.
  - b. Determine if removal is warranted
  - c. Biennial (twice per year) assessments by a qualified consulting arborist to determine if the lean angle of the tree is increasing. Even a minute change in condition could indicate the likelihood of failure is greater that at the current time. Root failure could cause significant damage to the adjacent property.
- 2. Tree Removal



a. The additional assessment may indicate that the removal of is warranted at this time or prior to re-development of the site.

Prepared by:

Thomas M. Stein, Arborist

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International Society of Arboriculture

ISA Certified Arborist WE-12854A

ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

Report Reviewed by:

Gordon Mann

Consulting Arborist and UrbanForester Registered Consulting Arborist #480

ISA Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist #WE-0151AM CaUFC Certified Urban Forester #127

ISA Qualified Tree Risk Assessor

California Tree and Landscape Consulting, Inc. Auburn, CA

Enc.: Appendix 1 – Tree Location Exhibit

Appendix 2 – Tree Data Appendix 3 – Photographs



# **APPENDIX 1 – TREE LOCATION EXHIBIT**





# APPENDIX 2 – TREE DATA

Tree #	Tag #	Protected Tree 48"+ Circ.	Offsite	Common Name	Scientific Name	DBH (in.)	Circ. (in.)	Measured At (in. above grade)	DLR (ft.)	Arborist Rating	Notes	Recommenda- tions
1	6045	Yes	No	Lebanon Cedar	Cedurs libani	33	104	54	23	2-Poor-major structural/health issues	Tree located 13.6 feet south east of house. Root crown normal. Moist soil. Canopy lifted to 18 ft. Tree topped at 42 ft. Reduction, heading cuts throughout. Cavity on northside at 25 feet. Fruiting bodis seen around the cavity. Crowded scaffolds at 30 ft Bulges and cankers on upper portion of trunk	Perform aerial inspection of cavity and branch junctions and provide further recommendations.
2	6046	Yes	No	Coast Redwood	Sequoia sempervirens	26	82	24	54	2-Poor-major structural/health issues	In backyard, 28.2ft. from house, 24.7ft from garage- measured from tree tag-critical measurement for determining change in lean angle. Leaning SW, lifting root plate. Partial branch failures in upper canopy. Non-uniform branch junctions. Leader blowout (broken) at 55ft. Trunk taper abruptly changes at 40- 50ft.	Aerial inspection of branch junctions and monitor lean angle for changes Provide further recommendations.



# **APPENDIX 3 – PHOTOGRAPHS**



Tree # 1-View South



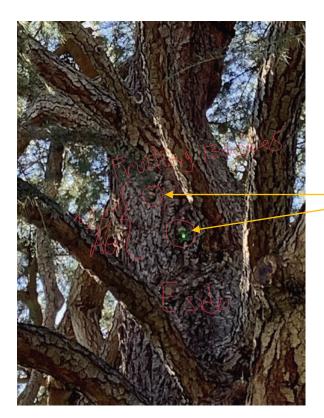
Tree # 1- View South East

Cavity on North Side of Trunk





Tree # 1-View South West
Fruiting Body on East Trunk
~23' Above Grade

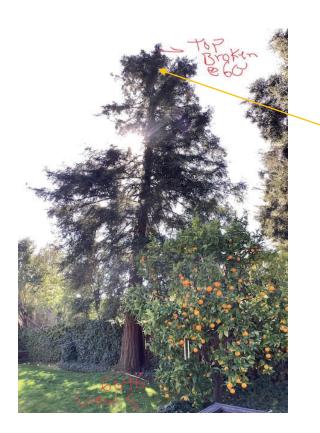


Tree # 1-View South West

Fruiting Bodies on East Trunk ~23' Above Grade



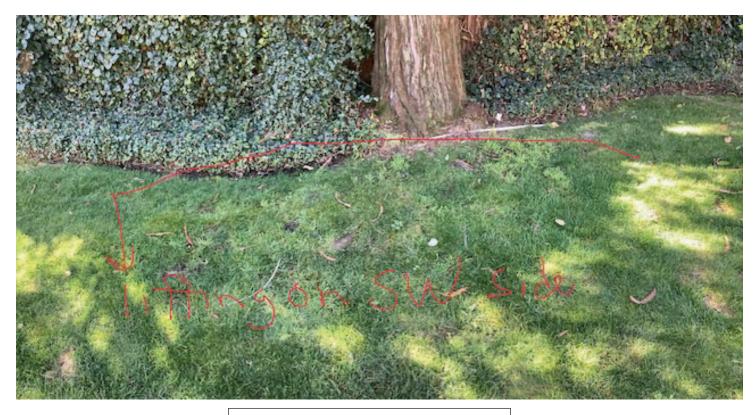
Tree # 1- Reduction Pruning in Canopy



Tree # 2-View South

Failed/Topped Central Leader at ~55 feet

Note Lean to South West



Tree # 2-View South West: Lifted Root Plate



Tree # 2-View South West: Gap by Exposed Root Indicating Lift in Root Plate

# **Hochleutner, Connor D**

From: Gagan Kang <gkang@tjh.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 2:07 PM

**To:** Hochleutner, Connor D

**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for 848 College Avenue Project (MP)

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Hi Connor,

Please add this letter of support to our file for **848 College PLN2023-00016** This letter was received after we sent out a Neighbor Notice. Thank you.



#### Gagan Kang

Senior Development Manager, Northern California Division

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From: Laura Low Ah Kee < llowahkee@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 11:55 AM

To: Gagan Kang <gkang@tjh.com>

Cc: Andrew Low Ah Kee <alowahkee@gmail.com>

Subject: Letter of Support for 848 College Avenue Project (MP)

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Dear Gagan,

By this email, we wish to offer our support for the construction project at 848 College Avenue in Menlo Park. We moved to 839 College Avenue in 2014, and the Ting Family have been our neighbors for the past 6 years since 2017. Yan, Emily, and their two children are wonderful neighbors, very respectful, and always willing to lend a hand and watch things when we have been out of town.

We have reviewed their proposed plans and believe the new home at 848 College Avenue will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood and the city of Menlo Park more broadly. The tasteful and understated design will make a beautiful home.

We strongly support the Planning Commission approving this project. Please feel free to share our support with them or any other interested parties, or let us know if/when might be appropriate for us to do so directly.

Sincerely,
Andrew & Laura Low Ah Kee
839 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025
617-283-0813 (c)
<a href="mailto:llowahkee@gmail.com">llowahkee@gmail.com</a>
alowahkee@gmail.com

# **Community Development**



### **STAFF REPORT**

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number: Public Hearing:

11/13/2023 23-067-PC

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to demolish an existing two-story, single-family residence with a detached garage and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban) zoning district at 725 Hobart Street; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a resolution approving a use permit to demolish an existing two-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban) zoning district. The proposal includes an attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which is a permitted use, and not subject to discretionary review. The draft resolution, including the recommended actions and conditions of approval, is included as Attachment A.

## **Policy Issues**

Each use permit request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required use permit findings can be made for the proposed single-family residence.

## **Background**

## Site location

Using Hobart Street in a north to south orientation, the subject property is located on the west side of the street, between Santa Cruz and Middle Avenues. A location map is included as Attachment B. The surrounding area contains a mixture of older and newer single-family residences. The older residences are generally single-story, with detached garages at the rear of the property, while the newer residences are generally two-story in height, with attached front-loading garages or detached garages in the rear. A variety of architectural styles are present in the neighborhood including craftsman, traditional and contemporary. Many of the single-story residences are in the ranch style. All parcels in the general vicinity are also zoned R-1-S.

### **Analysis**

### Project description

The subject property is currently occupied by a 3,070-square-foot, two-story, single-family residence and

accompanying detached garage, originally built in approximately 1947 and subsequently expanded to its current state in 1989. The property is a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width, having a width of 70 feet where 80 is required, a standard lot depth of 160 feet where 100 is required, and lot area of 11,200 square feet where a minimum of 10,000 is required.

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing residence and detached garage and construct a new two-story, single-family residence that would include three bedrooms and three and one half bathrooms. The attached ADU, occupying the left side of the residence, would contain an additional bedroom and a bathroom as well as an office. A two-car garage and a tandem uncovered parking space would fulfill the parking requirements for the main house and ADU.

The proposed residence would meet all Zoning Ordinance requirements for setbacks, lot coverage, floor area limit (FAL), daylight plane, parking, and height. Of particular note with regard to Zoning Ordinance requirements:

- The main house and ADU would contain 4,640.7 square feet and would exceed the maximum floor area limit of 3,850 square feet for the site.
  - The project is allowed to exceed the FAL and building coverage limits by up to 800 square feet in order to accommodate the 837.7-square-foot, attached ADU.
- The total building coverage of the main house and ADU would be 3,506.3 square feet, or approximately 31.3 percent of the lot, where 3,920 square feet (35 percent) is permitted.
- The main house would have a front setback of 20 feet where a minimum of 20 feet is required.
- The main house would have a 10-foot setback on the right side where a minimum of 10 feet is required and the attached ADU would have a four-foot setback on the left side where a minimum of four feet is required.
- The main house would have a rear setback of 70.2 feet where a minimum of 20 feet is required.
- The second floor of the project would be 1,639.2 square feet where 1,684.3 square feet is permitted.
- The balcony off the second-floor hallway would be setback from the left property line by 26.3 feet, 30.7 feet from the right property line, and 89.9 feet from the rear property line, where a minimum 20-foot setback is required on each side and a minimum 30-foot setback is required along the rear.
- The proposed residence would have a total height of approximately 27.8 feet where 28 feet is permitted.

A data table summarizing parcel and project attributes is included as Attachment C. The project plans and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachment A, Exhibits A and B respectively.

### Design and materials

As described in the project description letter, the proposed residence is designed in a modern farmhouse style to compliment other homes on Hobart Street. The applicant indicates a low garage and front porch roof were designed to create a consistent horizontal element to break up the mass of the front façade. Similar elements would be employed at both sides of the home to avoid continuous two-story elements. Painted horizontal board siding is proposed along the first floor and would be punctuated by accents of brick veneer while the second floor would be finished with painted vertical board siding with brick veneer accents. A standing seam metal roof is proposed and the windows would be aluminum-clad wood with simulated true divided-lites.

### Trees and landscaping

The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment D), detailing the species, size, and conditions of on-site and nearby trees. A total of 16 trees were assessed, including seven heritage trees and five off-site

trees. No trees are proposed for removal.

	Table 1:	Tree summary and dis	sposition	
Tree Number	Species	Size (DBH, in inches)	Disposition	Notes
1*	Modesto ash	30	Retain	Heritage
2	Mulberry	23.7	Retain	Heritage
3*	Mayten	6	Retain	Non-heritage
4*	White birch	20	Retain	Heritage
5	Australian brush cherry	5.3	Retain	Non-heritage
6	Australian brush cherry	4.9	Retain	Non-heritage
7	Australian brush cherry	6.2	Retain	Non-heritage
8	Australian brush cherry	5.7	Retain	Non-heritage
9	Australian brush cherry	4.3	Retain	Non-heritage
10	Australian brush cherry	6.6	Retain	Non-heritage
11	Australian brush cherry	6.1	Retain	Heritage
12	Silver maple	24.3	Retain	Heritage
13	Coast redwood	40.9	Retain	Heritage
14	Apple	15.1	Retain	Heritage
15*	White birch	7	Retain	Non-heritage
16*	White birch	20	Retain	Heritage

<sup>\*</sup>indicates off-site trees assessed in the arborist report

The applicant had applied for a heritage tree removal permit to remove tree #12, a Silver maple, citing the tree's structural health. However, after review and assessment by the City Arborist, the tree was deemed to be structurally healthy. The applicants reapplied to remove the tree citing its incompatibility with the proposed development. After review and assessment by the City Arborist, the tree was deemed to be compatible with the proposed design so long as the foundation closest to the tree's roots is changed to pier and grade beam construction so that the least amount of root disturbance is caused by the proposed project. The applicant modified their design to adhere to the City Arborist's recommendations.

To protect the heritage and non-heritage trees on site, the arborist report has identified such measures as tree protection fencing, irrigation and mulching over impacted root protection zones, exposing roots through

hand digging, potholing, or using an air spade, applying a geotextile fabric, trenching with hydro-vac equipment or air spade, placing piping beneath roots, or boring deeper trenches underneath roots, and a certified arborist monitoring during and after construction. All recommended tree protection measures identified in the arborist report would be implemented and ensured as part of condition 1h.

### Correspondence

As of the writing of this report, staff has received three letters of support, included in Attachment E.

#### Conclusion

Staff believes that the design, scale, and materials of the proposed residence are generally compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, and would result in a consistent aesthetic approach. The architectural style would be generally attractive and well-proportioned, and the additional rear setback would help increase privacy. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

## **Impact on City Resources**

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

#### **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

#### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

## **Appeal Period**

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

### **Attachments**

- A. Draft Planning Commission Resolution approving the use permit Exhibits to Attachment A
  - A. Project Plans
  - B. Project Description Letter
  - C. Conditions of Approval
- B. Location Map
- C. Data Table
- D. Arborist Report
- E. Correspondence

Staff Report #: 23-067-PC Page 5

Report prepared by:

Connor Hochleutner, Assistant Planner

Report reviewed by:

Corinna Sandmeier, Principal Planner

#### PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK APPROVING A USE PERMIT TO DEMOLISH AN EXISTING TWO-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH A DETACHED GARAGE AND CONSTRUCT A NEW TWO-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON A SUBSTANDARD LOT WITH REGARD TO MINIMUM LOT WIDTH IN THE R-1-S (SINGLE FAMILY SUBURBAN) ZONING DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park ("City") received an application requesting a use permit to demolish an existing two-story, single-family residence with a detached garage and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban) zoning district at 725 Hobart Street. The proposal also includes an attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which is a permitted use, and not subject to discretionary review (collectively, the "Project") from Chris Kummerer ("Applicant"), on behalf of the property owners Nicholas and Kristen Telischak ("Owner"), located at 725 Hobart Street (APN 071-231-320) ("Property"). The Project use permit is depicted in and subject to the development plans and project description letter, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively, and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in the Single Family Suburban (R-1-S) district. The R-1-S district supports single-family residential uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project complies with all objective standards of the R-1-S district; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project was reviewed by the Engineering Division and found to be in compliance with City standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant submitted an arborist report prepared by Aesculus Arboricultural Consulting, which was reviewed by the City Arborist and found to be in compliance with the Heritage Tree Ordinance, and proposes mitigation measures to adequately protect heritage trees in the vicinity of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project, requires discretionary actions by the City as summarized above, and therefore the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA," Public Resources Code Section §21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15000 et seq.) require analysis and a determination regarding the Project's environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is the lead agency, as defined by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, and is therefore responsible for the preparation, consideration, certification, and approval of environmental documents for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is categorically except from environmental review pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15303 et seq. (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); and

**WHEREAS,** all required public notices and public hearings were duly given and held according to law; and

**WHEREAS**, at a duly and properly noticed public hearing held on November 6, 2023, the Planning Commission fully reviewed, considered, and evaluated the whole of the record including all public and written comments, pertinent information, documents and plans, prior to taking action regarding the Project.

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Planning Commission has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, public testimony, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided, and the Planning Commission finds the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and they are hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

**Section 2. Conditional Use Permit Findings**. The Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park does hereby make the following Findings:

The approval of the use permit for the construction of a new two-story residence on a substandard lot is granted based on the following findings, which are made pursuant to Menlo Park Municipal Code Section 16.82.030:

- 1. That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the use applied for will, under the circumstance of the particular case, not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the persons residing in the neighborhood of such proposed use, or injurious or detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the city because:
  - a. Consideration and due regard were given to the nature and condition of all adjacent uses and structures, and to general plans for the area in question and surrounding areas, and impact of the application hereon; in that, the proposed use permit is consistent with the R-1-S zoning district and the General Plan because two-story residences are allowed to be constructed on substandard lots subject to granting of a use permit and provided that the proposed residence conforms to applicable zoning standards, including, but not limited to, minimum setbacks, maximum floor area limit, and maximum building coverage.
  - b. The proposed residence would include the required number of off-street parking spaces because one covered and one uncovered parking space would be required at a minimum, and two covered parking spaces are

provided. A third uncovered parking space is provided for the Accessory Dwelling Unit, which is separate and not part of this action.

c. The proposed Project is designed to meet all the applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code and the Commission concludes that the Project would not be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community as the new residence would be located in a single-family neighborhood and designed such that privacy concerns would be addressed through increased second-story setbacks along the sides, as well as an increased rear setback on both floors.

**Section 3. Conditional Use Permit.** The Planning Commission approves Use Permit No. PLN2023-00019, which use permit is depicted in and subject to the development plans and project description letter, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively. The Use Permit is conditioned in conformance with the conditions attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit C.

**Section 4. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**. The Planning Commission makes the following findings, based on its independent judgment after considering the Project, and having reviewed and taken into consideration all written and oral information submitted in this matter:

1. The Project is categorically except from environmental review pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15303 et seq. (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

#### Section 5. SEVERABILITY

If any term, provision, or portion of these findings or the application of these findings to a particular situation is held by a court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of these findings, or their application to other actions related to the Project, shall continue in full force and effect unless amended or modified by the City.

I, Kyle Perata, Assistant Community Development Director of the City of Menlo Park, do
hereby certify that the above and foregoing Planning Commission Resolution was duly and
regularly passed and adopted at a meeting by said Planning Commission on November 13,
2023, by the following votes:

AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
ABSTAIN:		

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of said City on this day of November, 2023
PC Liaison Signature
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Kyle Perata Assistant Community Development Director
City of Menlo Park

# **Exhibits**

- A. Project PlansB. Project Description LetterC. Conditions of Approval

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#### **GENERAL NOTES**

- THE CONTRACTOR IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MEANS, METHODS, TECHNIQUES, SEQUENCES AND PROCEDURE AND FOR ALL SAFETY PROGRAMS AND PRECAUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT. NEITHER THE OWNER NOR THE ARCHITECT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTRACTOR'S FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROPER SAFETY PROCEDURES
- 2. ALL CODES HAVING JURISDICTION ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DOCUMENT AND ARE TO BE STRICTLY OBSERVED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THESE DOCUMENT AND THE CODE. THE CODE SHALL PREVAIL ANY CONFLICT OR DISCREPANCY SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ARCHITECT.
- 3. ALL WORK, TO BE ACCEPTABLE, MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND MUST BE OF A QUALITY EQUAL OR BETTER THAN THE STANDARD OF THE TRADE. FINISHED WORK SHALL BE FIRM, WELL-ANCHORED, IN TRUE ALIGNMENT, PLUMB, LEVEL, WITH SMOOTH CLEAN, UNIFORM APPEARANCE.
- 4. CONTRACTOR SHALL AT ALL TIMES PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST WEATHER, RAIN, WINDSTORMS, OR HEAT SO AS TO MAINTAIN ALL WORK, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS FREE FROM INJURY OR DAMAGE.
- 5. CONTRACTOR SHALL VISIT THE SITE OF THE PROJECT. EXAMINE FOR HIMSELF/HERSELF THE NATURE OF THE EXISTING CONDITIONS AND ALL OTHER CONDITIONS RELEVANT TO THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. SUBMISSION OF A BID FOR CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE OF SUCH EXAMINATION BY THE CONTRACTOR.
- 6. BEFORE ORDERING MATERIAL OR COMMENCING WORK WHICH IS DEPENDENT FOR THE PROPER SIZE AND INSTALLATION UPON COORDINATION WITH CONDITIONS IN THE BUILDING THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIEVALL DIMENSIONS AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CORRECTNESS. ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE DOCUMENTS AND THE EXISTING CONDITIONS SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE ARCHITECT FOR ADJUSTMENTS REFORE ANY WORK BEGINS OR MATERIALS ARE PURCHASED.
- 7. MATERIALS, PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT SHALL ALL BE NEW, EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE
- 8. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING ALL DEBRIS IN A LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY APPROVED BY THE OWNER AND SHALL REMOVE SAME IN A TIMELY MANNER DURING THE COURSE OF WORK
- 9. CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE FROM SITE ALL EXISTING CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY FOR COMPLETION OF THE DRO JECT. PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE OR INJURY ALL EXISTING TREES, LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS INDICATED BY THE ARCHITECT.
- 10. EXCAVATE ALL FOOTING AS INDICATED ON THE DRAWING TO REACH SOLID LINDISTLIBBED SOIL BOTTOMS OF EXCAVATIONS SHALL BE LEVEL CLEAN AND DRY AND AT THE ELEVATIONS INDICATED ON THE STRUCTURAL
- 11. PROVIDE FINISH GRADES TO DRAIN AWAY FROM THE FOUNDATIONS ON ALL SIDE OF THE BUILDING
- 12 CONTRACTOR TO RECISELY LOCATE ALL LITH ITIES DRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION AND/OR EXCAVATION.



# TELISCHAK RESIDENCE

# 725 HOBART STREET MENLO PARK, CA 94025

# VICINITY MAP PROJECT LOCATION PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF PROPOSED



REAR VIEW

ABBREVIATIONS & SYMBOLS

N. (N) or NEW N.I.C. NO. or # N.T.S. ACOUS. ADJ. A.F.F. ACOUTSTICAL ADJUSTABLE AROVE FINISHED FLOOR APPROX ARCH. APPROXIMATE ARCHITECTURAL OVER ON CENTER OUTSIDE DIAMETER O.C. O.D. OPNG BUILDING BLOCKING PLYWOOD EDGE NAILING PERFORATED CABINET CONTROL JOINT PLATE OR PROPERTY LINE PLASTIC LAMINATE P.T.D. P.T.D.F. PAPER TOWEL DISPENSE PRESSURE TREATED DOUGLAS FIR CONCRETE
COLLAR TIE
COLD WATER
DOUBLE
DEPARTMENT
DETAIL
DOUGLAS FIR or
DRINKING FOUNT. R. RAD. REF. REINF. REQ'D R.O. RWD. R.W.L. ROUGH OPENING REDWOOD RAIN WATER LEADER DIAMETER DIMENSION SURFACED 4 SIDES SOLID CORE SCHEDULE SMOKE DETECTOR EACH EXPANSION JOIN ELECTRICAL

EXISTING EXPANSION

GALVANIZED SHEET METAL

INSIDE DIAMETER (DIM.) INCH OR INCHES INSULATION INTERIOR

DOOR SYMBOL

APPLIANCE SYMBOL

WORK, CONTROL, OR DATUM POIN

LAMINATE LAVATORY

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T.&B. T.&G.

U.L. U.O.N.

VERT. V.G.

SELECT SHEET SIMILAR SPECIFICATION(S) SQUARE STAINLESS STEEL STANDARD STEEL STORAGE STRUCTURAL SYMBOL or SYMMETRICAL TOP AND BOTTOM TONGUE AND GROOVE

THROUGH
TOP OF CURB
TOP OF PAVEMENT
TOP OF WALL
TOILET PAPER HOLDER
TOILET PAPER DISPENSER

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED VERTICAL VERTICAL GRAIN

WITHOUT WATER CLOSET WOOD WATER HEATER WATERPROOF WELDED WIRE FO

ROOM IDENTIFICATION

DIMENSION @ FACE OF STUD, MASONRY OR FRAMING (LLON)

DIMENSION @ CENTERLINE

DIMENSION @ FACE OF FINISH

CHANGE IN FLOOR FINISHES

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

TOTAL FLOOR AREA INCULDING ADU: 4.640.63 SF

THIS PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 2-STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH AN ATTACHED ADU AND ATTACHED 2-CAR GARAGE.
THE PROPERTY IS SUBSTANDARD IN WIDTH.

#### APPLICABLE CODES

PROJECT SUMMARY

ADDRESS: 725 HOBART STREET DWNERS: NICHOLAS AND KRISTEN TELISCHAK

REAR 20'-0" SIDE 10'-0" MIN. (FIRST STORY)

MAX. SITE COVERAGE: 35% X LOT SIZE = 0.35 X 11200 = 3920 SF

PROPOSED SITE COVERAGE: 3,506.06 SF (SEE AREA DIAGRAMS A2.5)

SECOND FLOOR LIMIT: LOT WIDTH X FAL = 70 X 3850 = 1684.38 SF LOT LENGTH 160

837.63 SF (MAX.1.000SF)

ARCHITECT: CHRIS KUMMERER, ARCHITECT

E-MAIL: CHRIS@CKA-ARCHITECTS.COM

FLOOD ZONE? NO (FLOOD ZONE 'X')

ZONING: R1S

LOT SIZE: 11.200 SF

MAX. HT.: 28'-0"

SETBACKS: FRONT 20'-0'

PROPOSED HEIGHT: 27'-9 1/2"

PROPOSED FLOOR AREA:

PER CODE 16 79 050 (b)(4) PROPOSED COVERAGE: 3.506.33 SF

TOTAL MAIN RESIDENCE 3.803 SE

SEE AREA DIAGRAMS A2 5 FOR DETAIL

2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE. VOLUMES 1 AND 2

2022CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE

2022 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE

2022 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE

2022 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE

2022 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE

2022 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING CODE

AND CURRENT LOCAL BUILDING AND ZONING CODES

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True Associated Methods

We use the trunk formula technique with discounting for condition and functional and external limitations, as detailed in the second printing of the 10th Edition of the Guide for Plant Approximation Council of Tree and Landburge Approximent, 2019.

For palms, we use the approximate height of clear trunk (estimated visually) multiplied by the per-foot cost given in the regional plant appraisal committee species classification for

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Trees #3, 5-11, 15 - these trees are not protected and have not, therefore, been evaluated for construction impacts

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Trees #13, 14, 16 - minor impacts to these trees are likely from demolition of the existing sport court (13 and 15) and garage (16).

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#### Observations

Protected statuses - seven of the skiteen are Heritage Trees. No Street Trees are pre-Ownership - Three Heritage Trees and one non-Heritage tree overhang the property from neighboring properties.

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Note that non-projection drays at 3, located on the neighboring property to the southwest, is Gerther away from the property fros than shown on the survey provided to us. Its canepy does not overhang the property line. We have placed it on the Tree Map below in approximately the Isosion we observed onsite.

Condition-Modesto with #1, broated on the neighboring property to the nonthwest, is in very poor health, evidenced by a very thin caregy for the species. Its structure is also poor with digitalized religional roces' reacting prowth between the two main leaders, and it has been pruned extensively for overhead power line dearance.

All other trees are in moderate to good health with moderate to good branching architecture and no notable issues.

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A single-lamily home with a detached garage is currently present on the property. The driveway and utilities appear typical.

Project Features

An additional parking space is proposed between the driveway and the property line. New backyord gotes in small fencing segments are shown on both sides of the house.

No grading, drainage, or utility work is shown on the plans provided to me.

Potential Conflicts (Protected Trees Only)

Tree #1 - the exhiting and proposed driveway are both within their Trei's TPZ, is in the proposed additional parking space. The proposed driveway is farther away than the edge of the exhiting driveway, and the proposed additional parking space is closer. The existing driveway is desponitly within this tree's TPZ.

Tree 84 - portions of the proposed house, proch, pasted wellway, gravel isolaway, and fencing be within this tree's PTZ. Parts of both wellways and the fence are lends in STZ. The editing boards is within in STZ. Africher away than the proposed house. Minor canop pruning may be needed for the proposed second story.

Tree protection zones, See Discussion, Tree Map, and Tree Table for more detail.
Crisical root zone. See Discussion, Tree Map, and Tree Table for more detail. red for Kristen Tellschak by Aesculus Arboricultural Consulting on 9/18/2023

e. Tree protection fencing shall adhere to the requirer, titled "Tree Protection Specifications," and lable of https://www.mask.epurk.org/DocumentCenter/New/Sfeations

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Tree #12 - this tree is incompatible with the proposed house footp on a standard foundation, as it lies partly within its CR2.

Trees #13, 14, 16 - the existing sport court (13 and 15) and garage (16) are within these trees TPZs.

#### Testing and Analysis

Tree OBHs were taken using a dameter tape measured trunks were accessible. Multistemmed trees were measured below the point where the basies skeege, if possible. This OBHs of trees with one-accessible branks were estimated stausly. All mean over four technic in DBHs were incremented, as well a select trees of all lesses. Wigger ratings are based on tree appearance and experiential knowledge of each species.

The location data was collected using a GPS smartphone application and processed in GB software to cross the major indused in this report. Due to the error inherent in GPS data societions, and date who to difference between GPS data and CPU drawings, tree locations shown on the major below are approximate except where matched to the surror.

We visited the size once, on 5/25/2022. All observations and photographs in this report were taken at that size visit.

The tree protection analysis in this report is based on the plan set titled "Telischak Residence," dated \$112,0023 and watermarked "PRELIMNARY," provided to us electronically by the client.

#### Discussion

'ABOVE GRADE' GRADE REAM

ABOVE GRADE: GRADE BEAM
W BOTTOM OF GRADE BEAM
AT GRADE TO SPAN ACROSS
SIGNIFICANT ROOTS - (<2'0')
FIELD LOCATE PIERS AND GRADE
BEAMS TO SPAN ROOTS AS THEY
OCCUR -

TREE #12

PARTIAL SCHEMATIC FOUNDATION PLAN
Scale: 1/4" = 1'-9"

ACTUAL FOUNDATION PLAN TO BE PREPARED BY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND INCLUDE SIM. PIER AND 'ABOVE GRADE' GRADE BEAM AS ARBORIST REPORT DICTATES AND AS FIELD CONDITIONS ARISE

CRITICAL ROOT ZONE AS \_\_\_\_\_ DESCRIBED BY ARBORIST

Tree roots grow where conditions are favorable, and their spatial arrangement is th unpredictable. Exverable conditions vary among species, but generally include the presence of moisture, and soft soil texture with low compaction.

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almost universally disappear with age. At materity, a trea's root system may extend out from the trunk farther than the tree is tall, and the tree maintains its upright position in much the same manner as a wine glass.

Species tolerance	Tree vita(ity)	Distance from trunk (feet per inch trunk diameter)
Good	High	0.5
	Moderate	0.75
	Low	1
Moderate	High	0.75
	Moderate	1
	Low	1.25
Poor	High	1
	Moderate	1,25
	Low	1.5

Some of the tree species present here are not evaluated in Trees & Construction. Our own evaluation of them based on our experience with the species in an individual.

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Species	Estimated tolerance	Reason for tolerance rating
White birch	Low	Sensitive to a variety of stressors in the lan Nearly universally drought stressed in Cal

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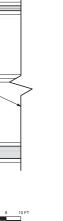
POSSIBLE ALTERNATE ADDITIONAL PIER
LOCATIONS BASED UPON
FIELD CONDITIONS /
ROOT LOCATIONS AND

ABOVE GRADE GRADE-BEAM SHOWN DARK

PIER LOCATIONS HERE -TO BE FIELD LOCATED BASED UPON SIGNIFICANT ROOTS IF ENCOUNTERED DURING

EXCAVATION- SEE ARBORIST DO NOT CUT ROOTS >2"Ø-

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Notes



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TELISCHAK RESIDENCE

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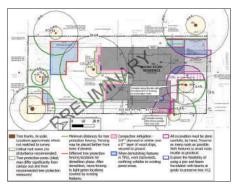
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#### Post-Construction Phase

- Install new trees and/or pay in-lieu fees to offset the removal of tree #12, per City of Menlo Park requirements.
   Tee #12 is are valued at \$20,700.00. This is equal to four 48-inch box trees or any other equivalent combination from the following list, taken from the Hiejfager Tree Ordinance Administrative Guidelines:

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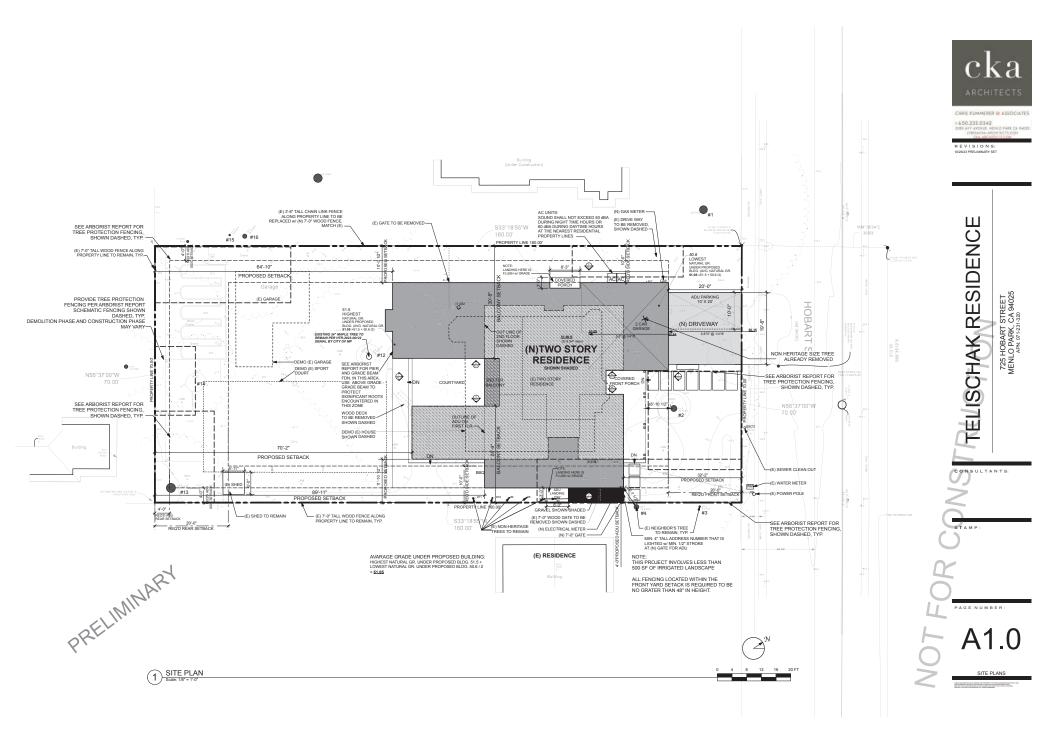
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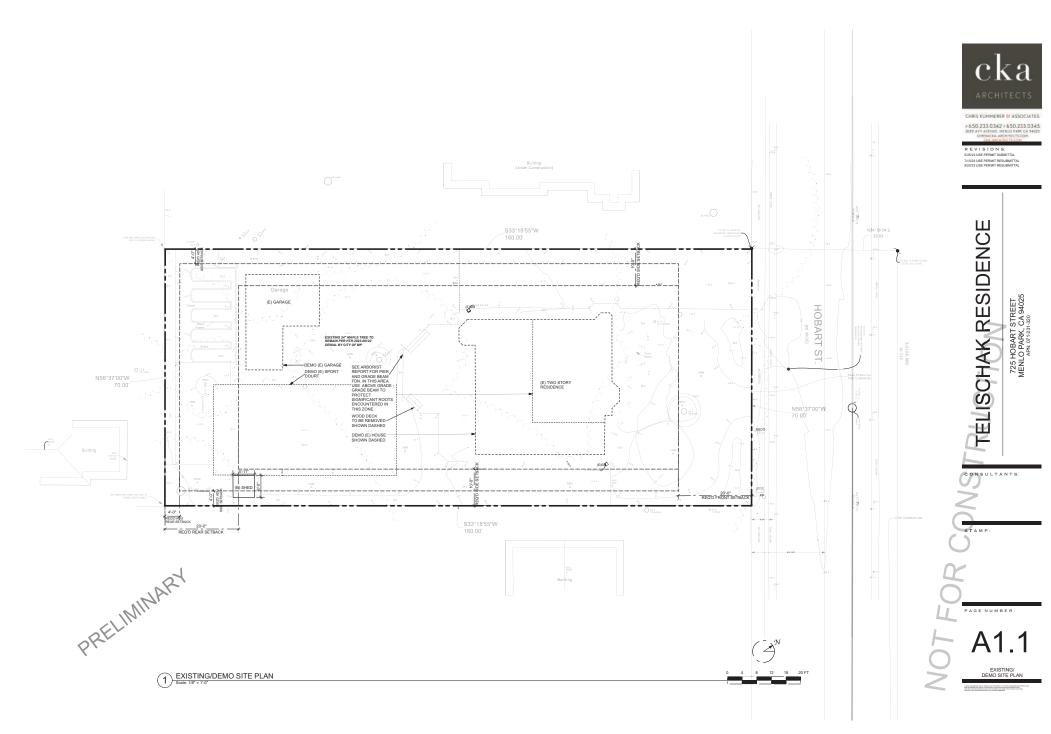


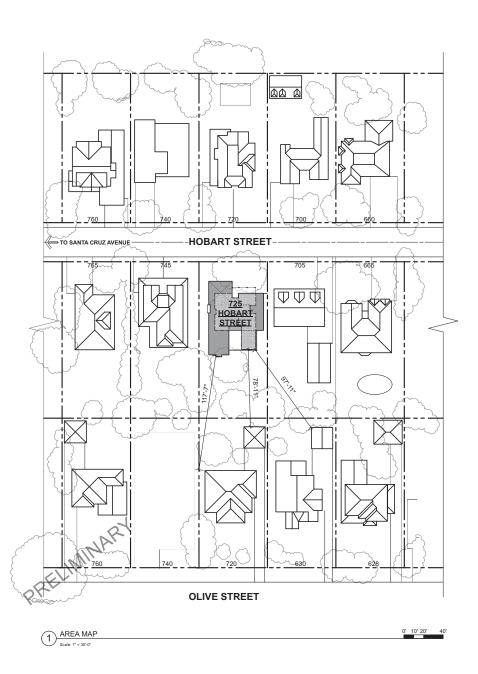
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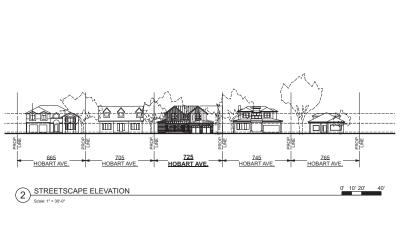
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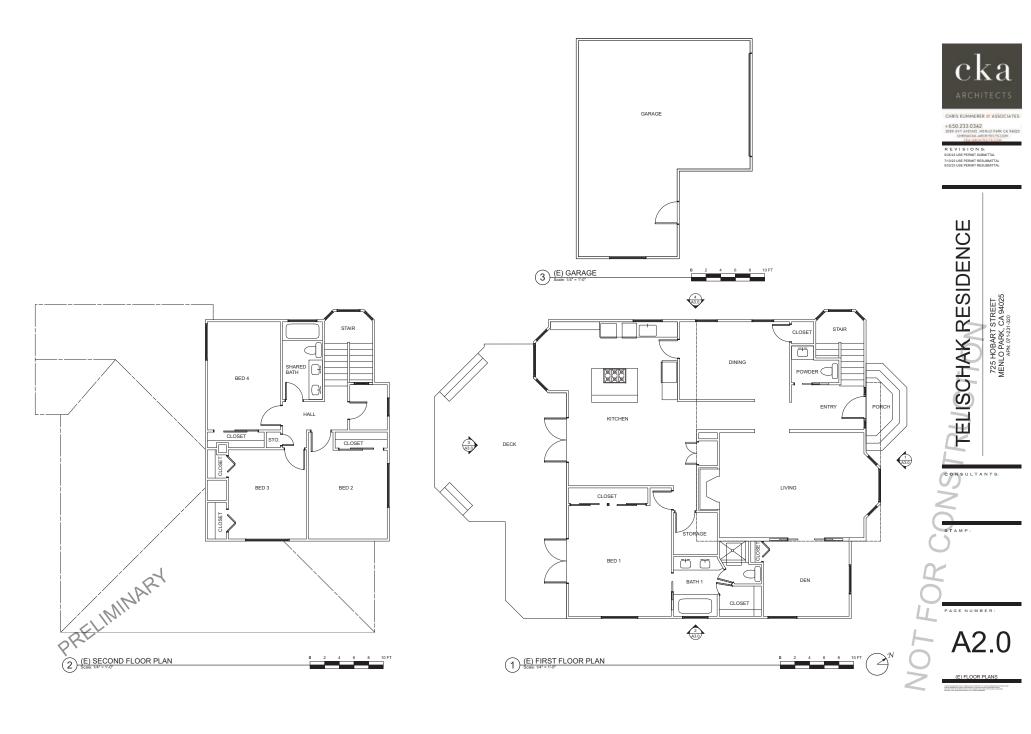


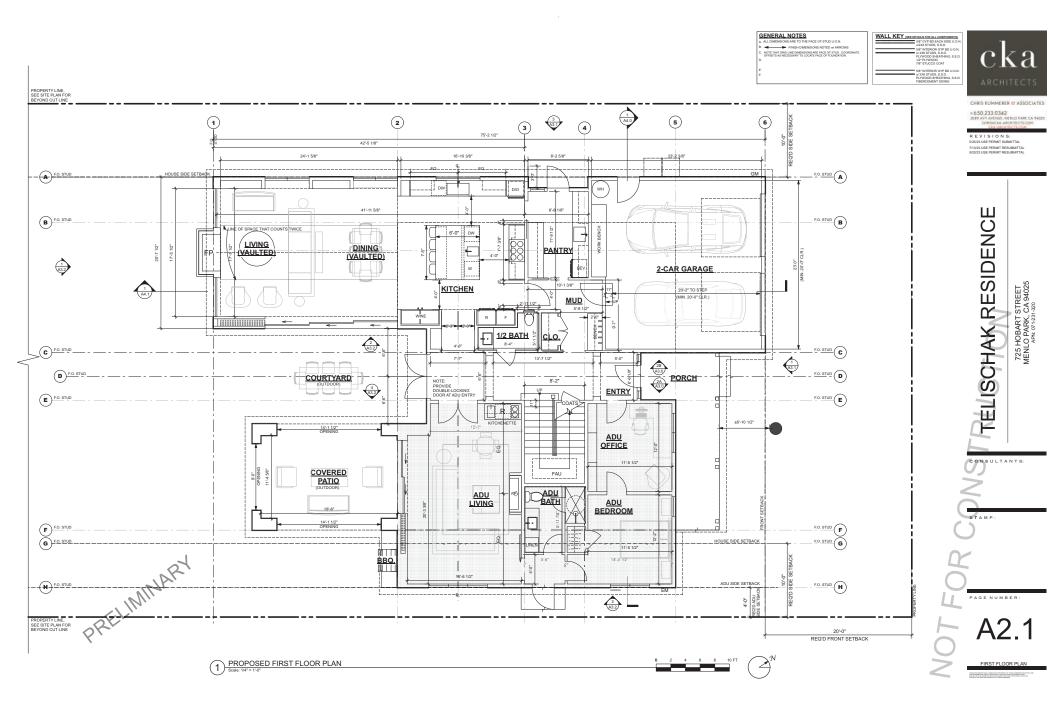


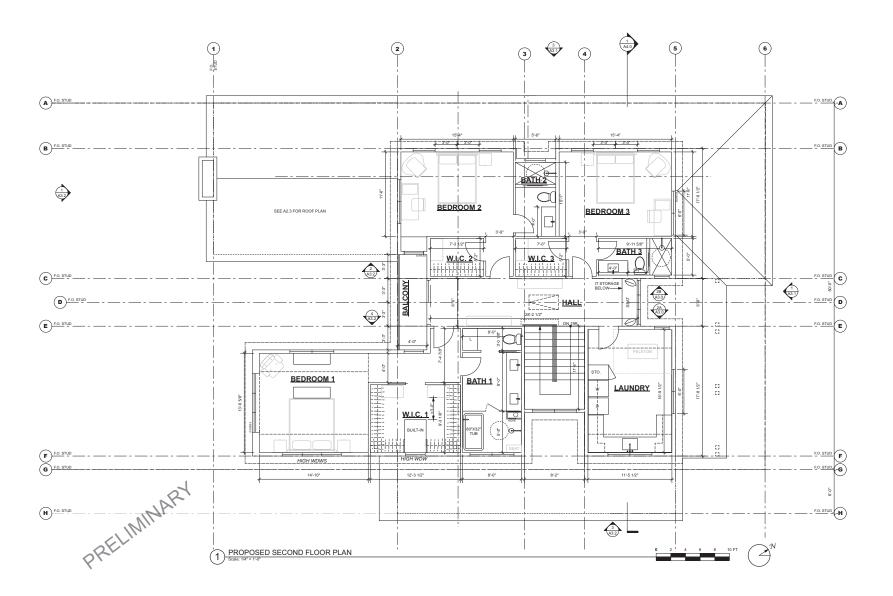




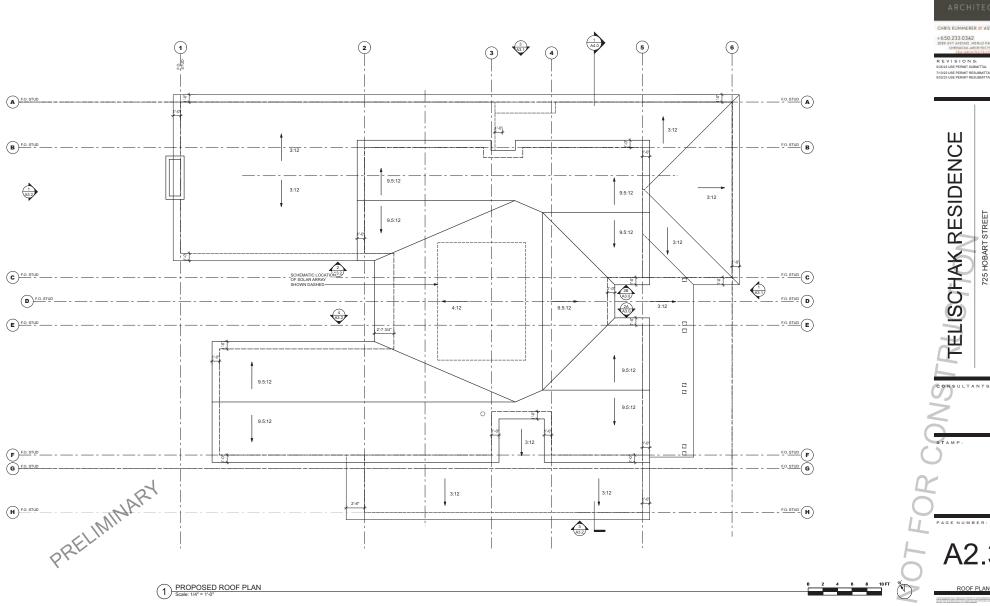


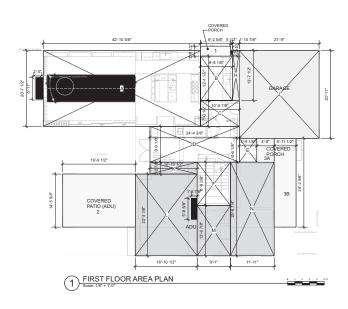


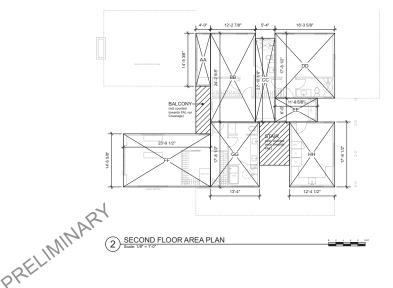












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MAX. SITE COVERAGE: 35% X LOT SIZE = 0.35 X 11200 = 3920 SF

<u>FLOOR AREA LIMIT:</u> 2800 + (25% DIFFERENCE OF LOT AREA AND 7000) = 2800 + 1050 (.25 X 4200) = 3850 SF

 $\frac{\text{SECOND FLOOR LIMIT: LOT WIDTH X FAL}}{\text{LOT LENGTH}} = \frac{70 \times 3850}{160} = 1684.38 \text{ SF}$ 

#### PROPOSED FLOOR AREA:

FIRST FLOOR: 1616.9 + 546.9 = **2,163.8**SECOND FLOOR: **1,639.2**TOTAL MAIN RESIDENCE: <u>3.803 SF</u>

ADU 846.63 - 9 = **837.63 SF** 

TOTAL FLOOR AREA INCLUDING ADU: 4.640.63 SF NOTE: FAL EXCEEDANCE OF 790.63 SF (4,640.63 -3,850) PERMITTED PER CODE 16.79.050 (b)(4)

#### PROPOSED COVERAGE:

FIRST FLOOR: 1616.9 + 546.9 = 2,163.8 SF COVERED AREA, FIREPLACES: 209.5 SF TOTAL MAIN HOUSE COVERAGE: 2,373.3 SF

ADU INCLUDING FIREPLACE 846.63 SF ADU COVERED PATIO 286.4 SF TOTAL ADU COVERAGE: 1,133.03 SF

TOTAL COVERAGE INCLUDING ADU: 3.506.33 SF



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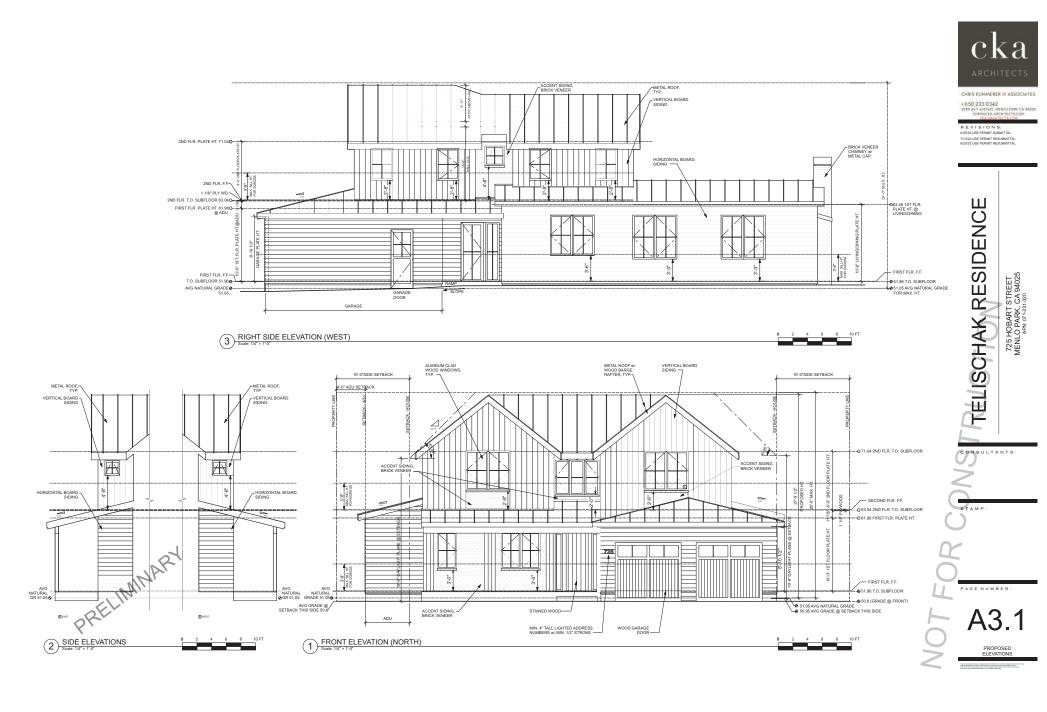
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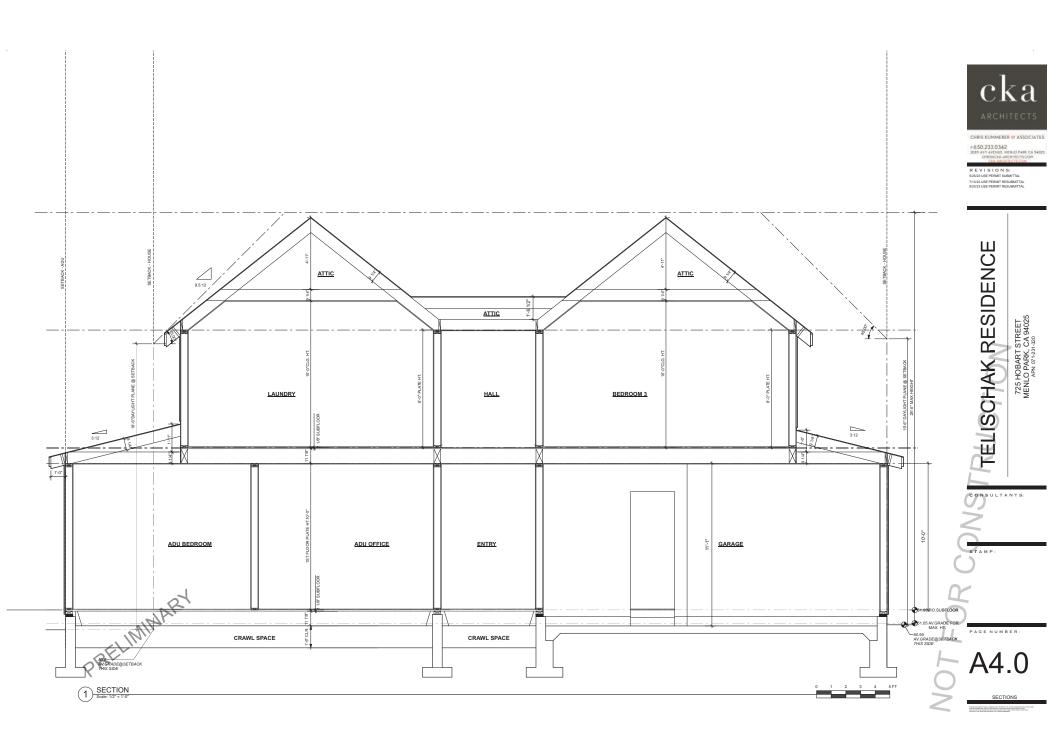
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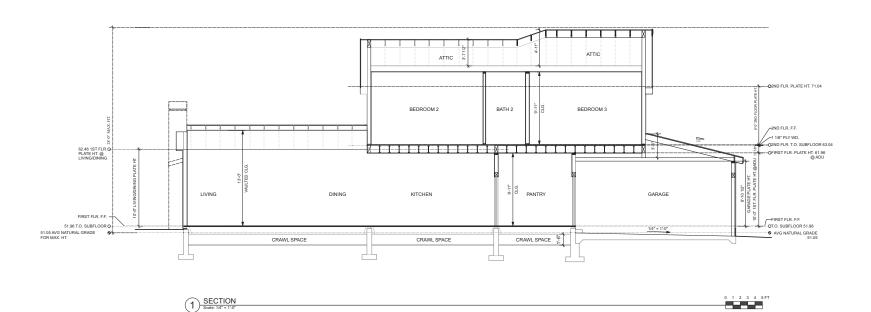








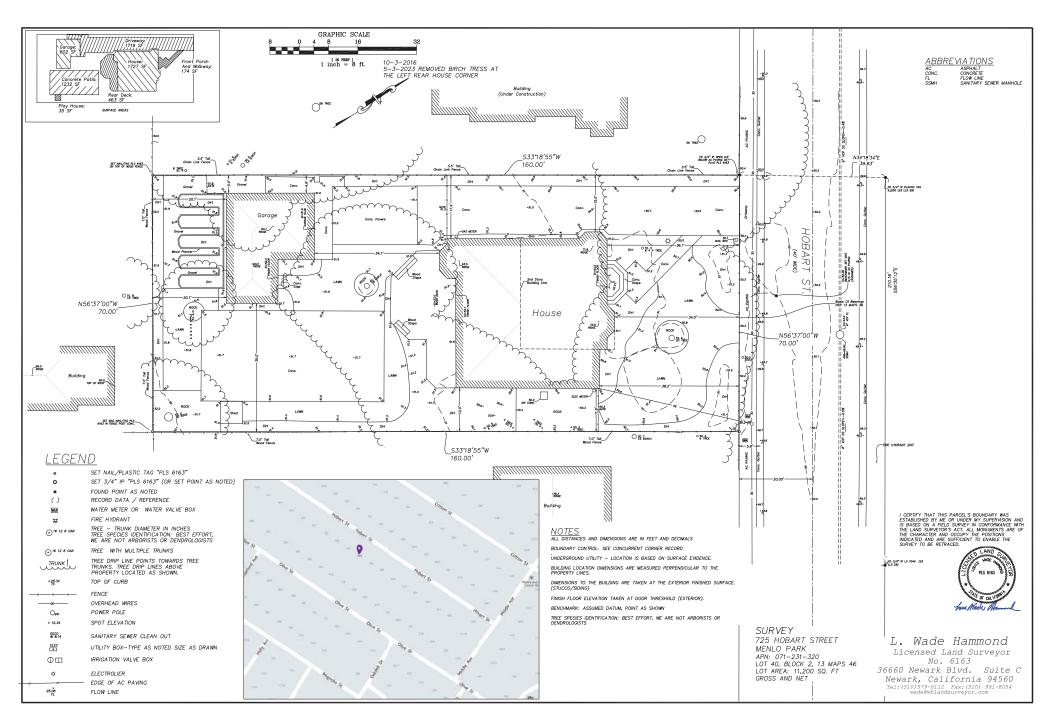






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SECTION





May 21, 2023

Project Description: 725 Hobart Street, Menlo Park

This project involves the construction of a new 2-story single family residence with an attached ADU and an attached 2-car garage. It replaces an existing two-story residence with a detached garage.

The design for the home has been conceived with an updated 'modern farmhouse' aesthetic to complement other homes in the neighborhood while providing modern amenities and functionality. Elements have been incorporated to dimmish the perception of bulk as seen from the front and sides of the property. The low garage and front porch roof create a consistent horizontal element to break up the mass of the front façade so that no portion of the design has a continuous two-story wall as seen from the street. Similar elements are employed at both sides of the home so that there are not continuous two-story walls at the left or right side of the design.

The second story sits centrally located in an effort to appear balanced in design. Twin gables face the street. A rear facing balcony has been designed so that it is blocked from the view of the both side neighbors. Thoughtfully selected finish materials include horizontal siding with complementary vertical siding accents, aluminum clad wood windows, standing seam metal roofing, and stone paving and chimneys. These finishes aim to create a design with interesting textures and patterns.

Care has been taken to retain an existing tree at the front of the property. The house has been designed around it in an effort to maintain the status quo as seen from the street. The design of the new home has a massing that is much improved from the existing two-story home that it replaces. It also fits nicely between the existing two-story homes on either side of the property as seen from Hobart.

The homeowners have had discussions with their immediate neighbors about the design so that no one will be taken by surprise during the approval process. This correspondence will be presented separately. It is our hope that the design results in an attractive home that enhances the beauty of the neighborhood for years to come.

LOCATION: 725 Hobart	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Chris	OWNER: Nicholas and
Street	PLN2023-00019	Kummerer	Kristen Telischak

#### **PROJECT CONDITIONS:**

- 1. The use permit shall be subject to the following **standard** conditions:
  - a. The applicant shall be required to apply for a building permit within one year from the date of approval (by November 13, 2024) for the use permit to remain in effect.
  - b. Development of the project shall be substantially in conformance with the plans prepared by CKA Architects consisting of 16 plan sheets, dated received October 10, 2023 and approved by the Planning Commission on November 13, 2023, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval of the Planning Division.
  - c. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.
  - d. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all requirements of the Building Division, Engineering Division, and Transportation Division that are directly applicable to the project.
  - e. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall submit a plan for any new utility installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Building Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show exact locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay boxes, and other equipment boxes.
  - f. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit plans indicating that the applicant shall remove and replace any damaged and significantly worn sections of frontage improvements. The plans shall be submitted for review and approval of the Engineering Division.
  - g. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit a Grading and Drainage Plan for review and approval of the Engineering Division. The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits.
  - h. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and the arborist report prepared by Aesculus Arboricultural Consulting, dated received September 25, 2023.
  - i. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall pay all fees incurred through staff time spent reviewing the application.
  - j. The applicant or permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Menlo Park or its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Menlo Park or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the Planning Commission, City Council, Community Development Director, or any other department, committee, or agency of the City concerning a development, variance, permit, or land use approval which action is brought within the time period provided for in any applicable statute; provided, however, that the applicant's or permittee's duty to so defend, indemnify, and hold harmless shall be subject to the City's promptly notifying the applicant or permittee of any said claim, action, or proceeding and the City's full cooperation in the applicant's or permittee's defense of said claims, actions, or proceedings.

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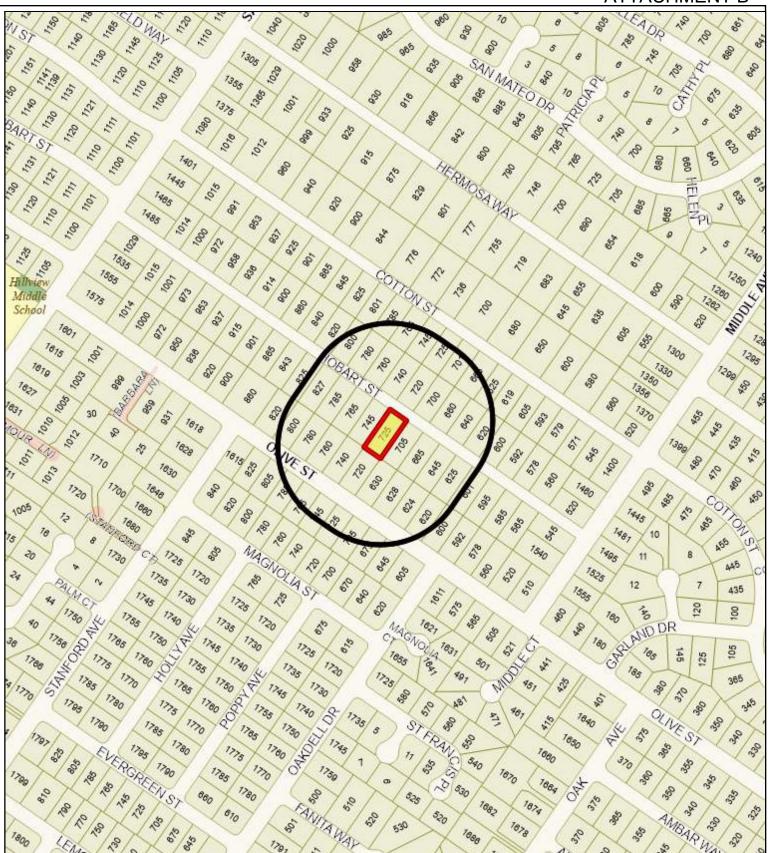
#### 725 Hobart Street – Attachment A, Exhibit C

LOCATION: 725 Hobart	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Chris	OWNER: Nicholas and
Street	PLN2023-00019	Kummerer	Kristen Telischak

#### **PROJECT CONDITIONS:**

- k. Notice of Fees Protest The applicant may protest any fees, dedications, reservations, or other exactions imposed by the City as part of the approval or as a condition of approval of this development. Per California Government Code 66020, this 90-day protest period has begun as of the date of the approval of this application.
- 2. The use permit shall be subject to the following project-specific conditions:
  - a. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit revised plans showing removal and replacement of the asphalt parking strip along the entire project frontage, subject to review and approval of the Engineering Division.
  - b. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit revised plans showing removal and replacement of the concrete valley gutter along entire project frontage, subject to review and approval of the Engineering Division.

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City of Menlo Park
Location Map
725 Hobart Street



Scale: 1:4,000 Drawn By: CDH Checked By: CDS Date: 11/13/2023 Sheet: 1

# 725 Hobart Street – Attachment C: Data Table

	PROPOSED		EXISTING			ZONING		
	PROJECT		PROJECT			DINANCE		
Lot area	11,200 sf		11,200 sf		10,000	sf min		
Lot width	70 ft		70 ft		80	ft min		
Lot depth	160 ft		160 ft		100	ft min		
Setbacks								
Front	20 ft		34 ft		20	ft min		
Rear	64.8 ft		80.3 ft		20	ft min		
Side (left)	4 ft		11.7 ft			10 ft		
Side (right)	10 ft		15.5 ft					
Building coverage*	3,506.33* sf		2,430 sf		3,920	sf max		
	31.3* %		22 %		35	% max		
FAL (Floor Area Limit)*	4,640.63* sf		2,329 sf	9 sf		sf max		
Square footage by floor	1,616.9 sf/1 <sup>st</sup> 1,639.2 sf/2 <sup>nd</sup> 546.9 sf/garag 837.63 sf/ADU	е	2,530 sf/1st					
Square footage of buildings	4,640.63 sf		3,140 sf					
Building height	27.8 ft		19.5 ft		28 ft max			
Parking	2 covered and 1 uncovered spaces		2 covered space		1 covered a space	and 1 unco	overed	
	Note: Areas shown highlighted indicate a nonconforming or substandard situation							
Trees	Heritage trees	7	Non-Heritage trees	9	New trees		0	
	Heritage trees proposed for removal	0	Non-Heritage trees proposed for removal	0	Total Numb trees	per of	16	

<sup>\*</sup> Floor area and building coverage for the proposed project includes the ADU, which is allowed to exceed the maximum floor area and building coverage by up to 800 square feet



9/18/2023

Kristen Telischak 725 Hobart Street Menlo Park, CA 94025 9173017911 Kristentelischak@gmail.com

Re: Tree protection for proposed new single family residence at 725 Hobart Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Kristen,

At your request, we have visited the property referenced above to evaluate the trees present with respect to the proposed project. The report below contains our analysis.

# **Summary**

There are 16 trees on and adjacent to this property, of which seven are protected. I recommend removing one Heritage Tree on this property, silver maple #12, as I feel it conflicts with the proposed house footprint such that it is incompatible with the house. However, City of Menlo Park staff has required it to be retained and protected, and that that portion of the house be built on a pier and beam foundation with beams at grade (not belowground).

All other trees are in reasonably good condition and should be retained and protected as detailed in the Recommendations, below. With proper protection, all are expected to survive and thrive during and after construction.

# **Assignment and Limits of Report**

We have been asked to write a report detailing impacts to trees from the proposed new single family home on this property. This report may be used by our client and other project members as needed to inform all stages of the project.

All observations were made from the ground with basic equipment. No root collar excavations or aerial inspections were performed. No project features had been staked at the time of our site visit.

# **Tree Regulations**

In the City of Menlo Park, native oak trees are protected at 10 inches DBH (diameter at breast height, 4.5 feet above grade), and all other trees are protected at 15 inches DBH. Street trees are protected regardless of size.

According to the Heritage Tree Ordinance Administrative Guidelines, the dollar value of replacement trees is determined as follows:

- One (1) #5 container \$100
- One (1) #15 container \$200
- One (1) 24-inch tree box \$400
- One (1) 36-inch tree box \$1,200
- One (1) 48-inch tree box \$5,000
- One (1) 60-inch tree box \$7,000

We highly recommend that all members of the project team familiarize themselves with the following documents guiding tree protection during construction in Menlo Park, as they are complex, and failure to follow them can result in project delays:

- Heritage Tree Ordinance Administrative Guidelines https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/25577/Heritage-tree-ordinance-administrative-guidelines---draft
- 2. Arborist Report Requirements: Large Projects <a href="https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/25468/Arborist-report-large-projects">https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/25468/Arborist-report-large-projects</a>

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3. Tree Protection Specifications - <a href="https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/90/Tree-Protection-Specification">https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/90/Tree-Protection-Specification</a> <a href="mailto:second-specification-specifica

### **Observations**

#### Trees

There are 16 trees on and adjacent to this property (Images 1-16, below). Seven are Australian brush cherries (*Syzygium paniculatum*), three are white birches (*Betula pendula*) and the remaining six are of various individual species.

Protected statuses - seven of the sixteen are Heritage Trees. No Street Trees are present.

Ownership - Three Heritage Trees and one non-Heritage tree overhang the property from neighboring properties.

Note that non-protected mayten #3, located on the neighboring property to the southeast, is farther away from the property line than shown on the survey provided to us. Its canopy does not overhang the property line. We have placed it on the Tree Map below in approximately the location we observed onsite.

Condition - Modesto ash #1, located on the neighboring property to the northwest, is in very poor health, evidenced by a very thin canopy for the species. Its structure is also poor, with significant "elephant ears" reaction growth between the two main leaders, and it has been pruned extensively for overhead power line clearance.

Mulberry #2 does not show evidence of topping as most mulberries do. A small but notable amount of decay is present throughout its canopy.

All other trees are in moderate to good health with moderate to good branching architecture and no notable issues.

#### **Current Site Conditions**

A single-family home with a detached garage is currently present on the property. The driveway and utilities appear typical.

Notably, the back yard contains a paved sport court and a well, both in the southeast corner.

### **Project Features**

A new single-family home is proposed in approximately the same location as the existing home, but with a larger footprint.

An additional parking space is proposed between the driveway and the property line. New backyard gates in small fencing segments are shown on both sides of the house.

No grading, drainage, or utility work is shown on the plans provided to me.

Potential Conflicts (Protected Trees Only)

Tree #1 - the existing and proposed driveway are both within this tree's TPZ,<sup>1</sup> as is the proposed additional parking space. The proposed driveway is farther away than the edge of the existing driveway, and the proposed additional parking space is closer. The existing driveway is also partly within this tree's TPZ.

Tree #2 - the proposed house and porch are partly within this tree's TPZ, with a paved walkway within its CRZ.<sup>2</sup>

Trees #3, 5-11, 15 - these trees are not protected and have not, therefore, been evaluated for potential conflicts.

Tree #4 - portions of the proposed house, porch, paved walkway, gravel walkway, and fencing lie within this tree's TPZ. Parts of both walkways and the fence are inside its CRZ. The existing house is within its TPZ, farther away than the proposed house. Minor canopy pruning may be needed for the proposed second story.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tree protection zones. See Discussion, Tree Map, and Tree Table for more detail.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Critical root zone. See Discussion, Tree Map, and Tree Table for more detail.

Tree #12 - this tree is incompatible with the proposed house footprint if the house is built on a standard foundation, as it lies partly within its CRZ.

Trees #13, 14, 16 - the existing sport court (13 and 15) and garage (16) are within these trees' TPZs.

# **Testing and Analysis**

Tree DBHs were taken using a diameter tape measure if trunks were accessible. Multistemmed trees were measured below the point where the leaders diverge, if possible. The DBHs of trees with non-accessible trunks were estimated visually. All trees over four inches in DBH were inventoried, as well as street trees of all sizes.

Vigor ratings are based on tree appearance and experiential knowledge of each species.

Tree location data was collected using a GPS smartphone application and processed in GIS software to create the maps included in this report. Due to the error inherent in GPS data collection, and due also to differences between GPS data and CAD drawings, tree locations shown on the map below are approximate except where matched to the survey.

We visited the site once, on 5/26/2022. All observations and photographs in this report were taken at that site visit.

The tree protection analysis in this report is based on the plan set titled "Telischak Residence," dated 5/12/2023 and watermarked "PRELIMINARY," provided to us electronically by the client.

### **Discussion**

*Tree Protection Zones (TPZs)* 

Tree roots grow where conditions are favorable, and their spatial arrangement is therefore unpredictable. Favorable conditions vary among species, but generally include the presence of moisture, and soft soil texture with low compaction.

Contrary to popular belief, roots of all tree species grow primarily in the top two to three feet of soil in the clay soils typical for this geographic region, with a small number of roots sometimes occurring at greater depths. Some species have taproots when young, but these

almost universally disappear with age. At maturity, a tree's root system may extend out from the trunk farther than the tree is tall, and the tree maintains its upright position in much the same manner as a wine glass.

The optimal size of the area around a tree which should be protected from disturbance depends on the tree's size, species, and vigor, as shown in the following table (adapted from *Trees & Construction*, Matheny and Clark, 1998):

Species		Distance from trunk (feet
tolerance	Tree vitality <sup>3</sup>	per inch trunk diameter)
Good	High	0.5
	Moderate	0.75
	Low	1
Moderate	High	0.75
	Moderate	1
	Low	1.25
Poor	High	1
	Moderate	1.25
	Low	1.5

It is important to note that some roots will almost certainly be present outside the TPZ; however, root loss outside the TPZ is unlikely to cause tree decline.

Some of the tree species present here are not evaluated in Trees & Construction. Our own evaluation of them based on our experience with the species is as follows:

Species	Estimated tolerance	Reason for tolerance rating
White	Low	Sensitive to a variety of stressors in the landscape.
birch	Low	Nearly universally drought stressed in California.

Critical Root Zones (CRZs)

Although any root loss inside the TPZ may cause a short-term decline in tree condition, trees can often recover adequately from a small amount of root loss in the TPZ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Matheny & Clark uses tree age, but we feel a tree's vitality more accurately reflects its ability to handle stress.

Tree stability is impacted at a shorter distance from the tree trunk. For linear cuts on one side of the tree, the minimum distance typically recommended is three times the DBH, measured from the edge of the trunk (*Best Management Practices: Root Management*, Costello, Watson, and Smiley, 2017). This is called the critical root zone (CRZ), as any distance shorter than this increases a tree's likelihood of failure.

#### Roots and Foundations

Tree roots do not generally grow under houses, as foundation installation requires these areas to be heavily compacted and dry. As discussed above, these conditions do not meet trees' needs for root colonization. Roots may grow under houses if foundations are poorly installed, or if trees are growing in contact with the foundation.

### Bridging Paved Areas Near Trees

When installing or repairing paved areas near trees, large roots can sometimes be retained with minimal long-term damage to either the tree or the pavement, and while complying with ADA requirements, by bridging over roots with a coarse sand or gravel subbase at least 4" deep.<sup>4</sup>

### Tree Appraisal Methods

We use the trunk formula technique with discounting for condition and functional and external limitations, as detailed in the second printing of the 10th Edition of the *Guide for Plant Appraisal* (Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers, 2019).

For palms, we use the approximate height of clear trunk (estimated visually) multiplied by the per-foot cost given in the regional plant appraisal committee species classification for California.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Research Laboratory Technical Report: Sidewalk Repair Near Trees," Bartlett Tree Experts, the Bartlett Lab Staff directed by Kelby Fite, PhD, undated. Accessed on 1/10/2022 at <a href="https://www.bartlett.com/resources/sidewalk-repair-near-trees.pdf">https://www.bartlett.com/resources/sidewalk-repair-near-trees.pdf</a>

## **Conclusions**

Tree #1 - **moderate** impacts are likely overall. Moderate impacts are likely from the proposed additional parking space northwest of driveway. Minor impacts are likely from driveway demolition, and from construction of the proposed garage and fence.

Tree #2 - **moderate to major** impacts are likely overall. Moderate impacts are likely from proposed house footprint. Minor to major impacts are likely from the proposed paved walkway, depending on how it is constructed. Minor impacts are also likely from proposed porch if the footings are placed thoughtfully to avoid major roots. Minor impacts are likely from walkway demolition. Minor pruning may be needed for the proposed house.

Trees #3, 5-11, 15 - these trees are not protected and have not, therefore, been evaluated for construction impacts.

Tree #4 - impacts to this tree will likely be **moderate to major** overall. Moderate impacts are likely from foundation excavation for the proposed northeast corner of the house. Minor to major impacts are likely from the paved and gravel walkways, depending on how they are constructed. Minor impacts are likely from demolition of the existing house and from the proposed fence with the backyard gate. Minor canopy pruning may be needed for the proposed second story.

Tree #12 - this tree is **incompatible** with the proposed house footprint if a slab or stem wall foundation is used. If a pier and grade beam foundation can be used in this area, with the beams placed at grade and not belowground, then **moderate** impacts are likely from the proposed house.

Trees #13, 14, 16 - **minor** impacts to these trees are likely from demolition of the existing sport court (13 and 15) and garage (16).

### Recommendations

### Design Phase

- 1. As directed by city staff, explore the feasibility of using a pier and beam foundation **with beams at grade** for the part of the proposed house footprint within the CRZ of tree #12.
  - a. If the beams can only feasibly be placed below grade, then this will not work to preserve the tree.
- 2. Explore design options that minimize impacts to trees from the driveway, additional parking space, paved walkways, and gravel walkway, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Bridging over tree roots as described in this white paper: https://www.bartlett.com/resources/sidewalk-repair-near-trees.pdf,
  - b. Minimizing depth of driveway subbase (but not less than four inches),
  - c. Using a gravel or coarse sand subbase to minimize root damage to the new pavement over time, and
  - d. Using permeable or porous paving material.

#### *Preconstruction Phase*

- 1. If a pier and beam foundation with the beams at grade is not feasible, then remove tree #12, upon receipt of a permit from the City of Menlo Park.
  - a. If this type of foundation is found to be feasible, then the tree must be protected as shown in the Tre Map, below.
- 2. Install tree protection fencing as shown in the Tree Map, below.
  - a. Minimum fencing distances are shown on the Tree Map. Fencing must be installed at or beyond these distances.
  - b. Where existing barriers which will be retained impede access comparably to tree protection fencing, these barriers are an acceptable substitute for tree protection fencing.
  - a. Please be aware that tree protection fencing may differ from ideal tree protection zones, and from canopy sizes.
  - c. Tree protection fencing shall comprise 6' chain link fabric mounted on 1.5" diameter metal posts driven into the ground.
  - d. Place a 6" layer of wood chips inside tree protection fencing.

e. Tree protection fencing shall adhere to the requirements in the document titled "Tree Protection Specifications," available at <a href="https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/90/Tree-Protection-Specifications">https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/90/Tree-Protection-Specifications</a>

#### **Demolition Phase**

- 1. When demolishing existing features within TPZs, start work near the trees and proceed backwards, limiting equipment to still-paved areas. These are the features partly inside TPZs:
  - a. House
  - b. Garage
  - c. Driveway
  - d. Sport court

#### **Construction Phase**

- 1. Maintain tree protection fencing as detailed above.
- 2. When excavating within TPZs for the proposed house, porch footings, driveway, and fences:
  - a. Hand-excavate edge nearest trunk to the full depth of the feature being installed or to a depth of three feet, whichever is shallower.
  - b. Retain as many roots as practical.
  - c. If roots 1-2" in diameter must be cut, sever them cleanly with a sharp saw or bypass pruners.
  - d. If roots over 2" must be cut, stop work in that area and contact the project arborist for guidance.
  - e. Notify project arborist when excavation is complete. Project arborist shall inspect work to make sure all roots have been cut cleanly.
  - f. If excavation will be left open for more than 3 days:
    - Cover excavation wall nearest trunk with several layers of burlap or other absorbent fabric.
    - ii. Install a timer and soaker hoses to irrigate with potable water twice per day, enough to wet fabric thoroughly.

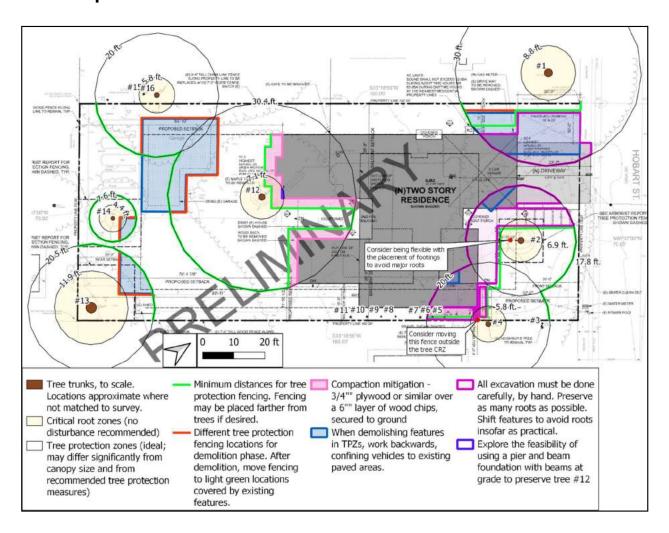
#### **Post-Construction Phase**

- 1. Install new trees and/or pay in-lieu fees to offset the removal of tree #12, per City of Menlo Park requirements.
  - a. Tree #12 is are valued at \$20,700.00. This is equal to four 48-inch box trees or any other equivalent combination from the following list, taken from the Heritage Tree Ordinance Administrative Guidelines:

In reference to Section 13.24.090(2), applicants may use the following monetary value of the replacement trees to help design their landscape plans for development-related removals:

- One (1) #5 container \$100
- One (1) #15 container \$200
- One (1) 24-inch tree box \$400
- One (1) 36-inch tree box \$1,200
- One (1) 48-inch tree box \$5,000
- One (1) 60-inch tree box \$7,000
- 2. Provide supplemental irrigation for trees #1, 2, and 4 to aid in root regrowth for at least three years.
  - a. Irrigate at a very slow trickle for several hours to ensure infiltration. Once per month is usually sufficient.
  - b. Irrigation may be paused during the rainy season if rainfall is average or above.

## **Tree Map**



# **Supporting Photographs**

Image 1: Modesto ash #1



Image 2: mulberry #2



Image 3: mayten #3

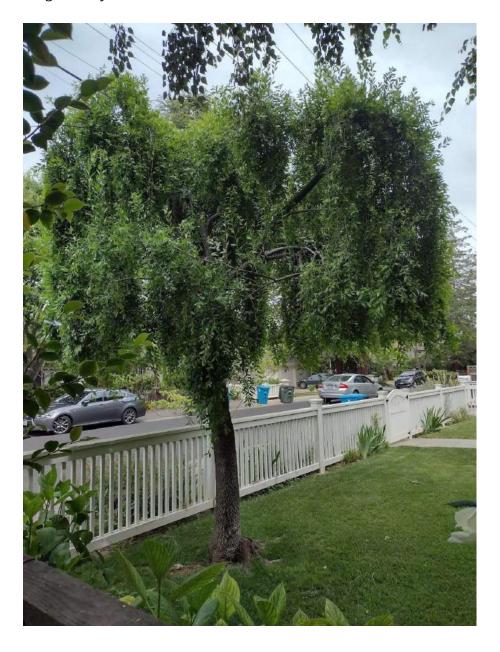


Image 4: white birch #4



*Image 5: Australian brush cherry #5* 

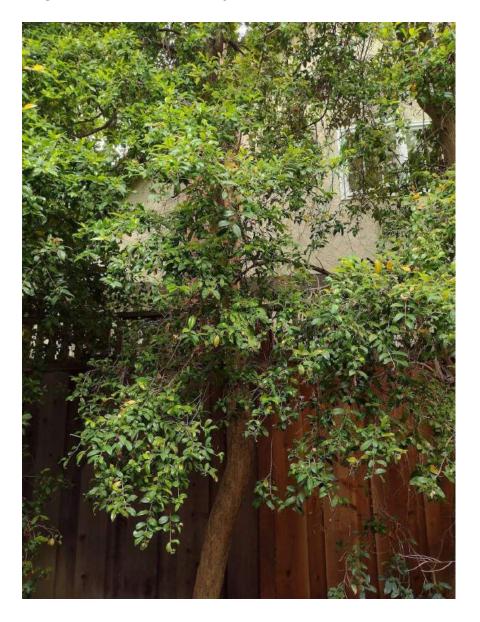


Image 6: Australian brush cherry #6

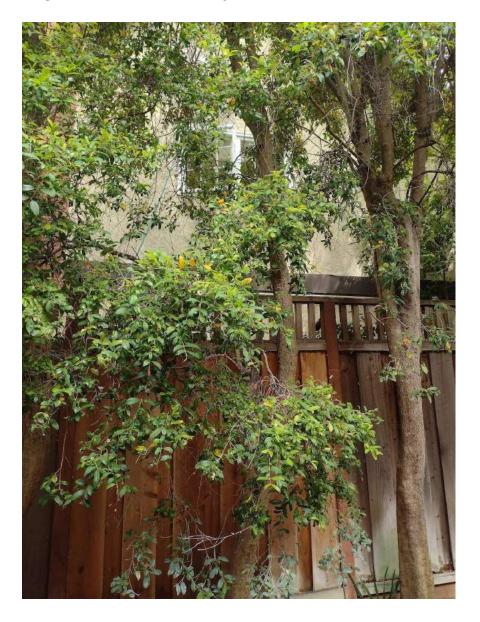


Image 7: Australian brush cherry #7

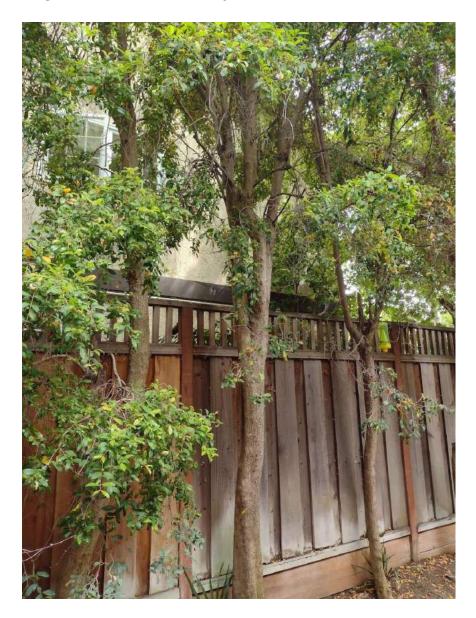


Image 8: Australian brush cherry #8



Image 9: Australian brush cherry #9

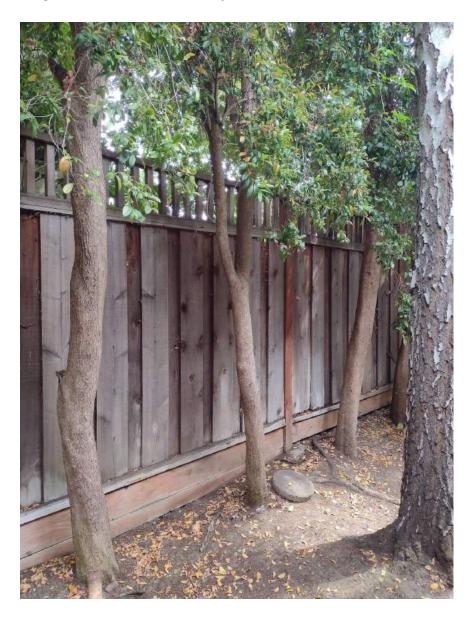


Image 10: Australian brush cherry #10

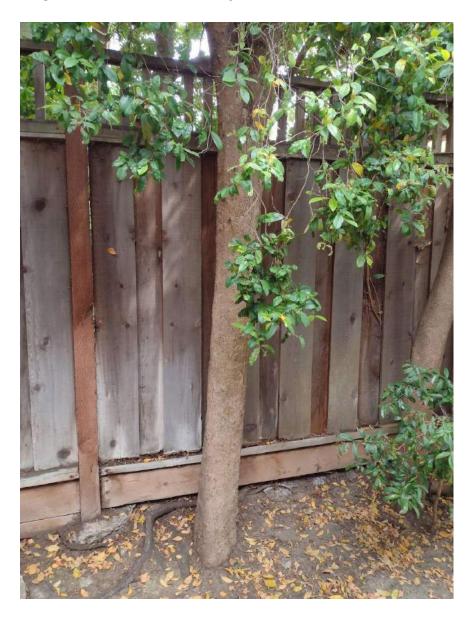


Image 11: Australian brush cherry #11



Image 12: silver maple #12



Image 13: coast redwood #13



Image 14: apple #14



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Image 15: white birch #15 (small, topped)

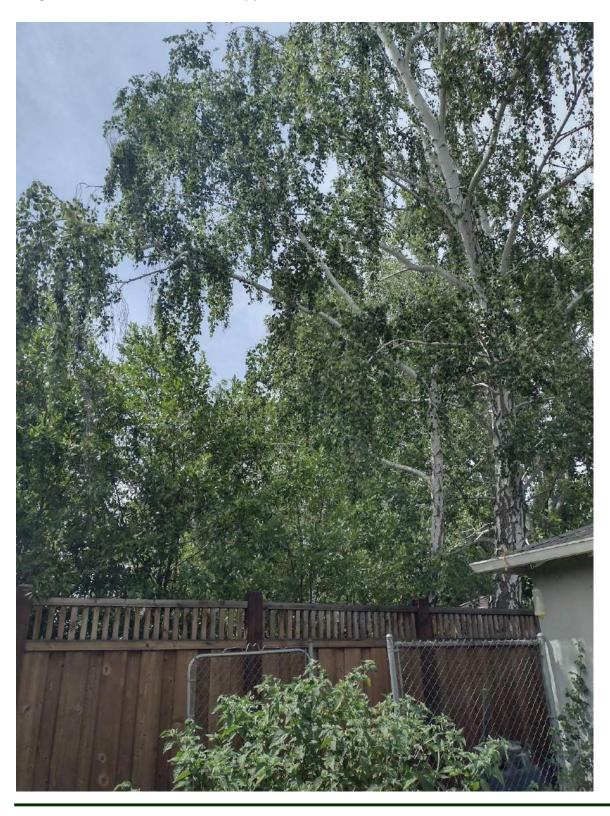


Image 16: white birch #16



Respectfully submitted,

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#### **Hochleutner, Connor D**

From: Bryan Doherty <bdoherty01@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023 5:43 AM

**To:** Hochleutner, Connor D **Subject:** 725 Hobart Project

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Mr. Hochleutner,

Happy 4th! We've been meaning to send you a note regarding the project at 725 Hobart. We received the official notice and wanted to share that we love the look of the new home the family is planning. We currently live on Cotton street not too far from 725 and recognize that many people find construction to be an inconvenience. As a younger family we appreciate the tastefully done new homes that have been built in the area and hope it helps attract and retain more families in the neighborhood.

Bryan Doherty and Gillian Fell 785 Cotton Street

Sent from my iPhone

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May 29th, 2023

Menlo Park Planning Commission
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Dear Menlo Park Planning Commission,

We have been neighbors with Nick and Kristen Telischak since their move to our block of Hobart Street in 2013. We wanted to write and inform you that we have reviewed their plans for their rebuild that they shared with us, and recently submitted to your commission for review, and that we take no exceptions to their planned project. Moreover, they have our complete support in moving forward with building their proposed dream home. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Ann Banchoff and Chris Grover, MD

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May 29th, 2023

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Dear Menlo Park Planning Commission,

I have been neighbors with Kristen and Nick Telischak since I moved to Hobart Street in 2017. I wanted to let you know that I have reviewed their plans for their proposed rebuild at 725 Hobart Street which they shared with me and that I am excited for them and I support them in moving forward with this project, with no exceptions. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Sandee Hartman, MD

# **Community Development**



#### **STAFF REPORT**

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number: Public Hearing:

11/13/2023 23-068-PC

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to construct first and second floor additions that would exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area to a single-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban Residential) zoning district at 1664 Oak Avenue; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a resolution approving a use permit to add first and second floor additions that would exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area to a single-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban Residential) zoning district at 1664 Oak Avenue. The proposal is considered equivalent to a new structure. The proposal also includes the addition of an internal Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) within the existing structure, which is a permitted use and is not subject to discretionary review. The draft resolution, including the recommended actions and conditions of approval, is included as Attachment A.

#### **Policy Issues**

Each use permit request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required use permit findings can be made for the proposal.

#### **Background**

#### Site location

Using Oak Avenue in the east-west orientation, the subject property is on the north side of Oak Avenue between Ambar Way and August Circle. A location map is included as Attachment B. The surrounding homes also share the same R-1-S (Single Family Suburban Residential) zoning designation. The surrounding area contains mostly older single-family residences, with some newer single-family residences. The older residences are generally single-story, while the newer residences are generally two-story in height, with attached front-loading garages. A variety of architectural styles are present in the neighborhood, including craftsman and ranch.

#### **Analysis**

#### Project description

The subject property is currently occupied by a 2,891-square-foot, single-story, single-family residence

originally built in approximately 1958 and subsequently expanded to its current state through several additions. The property is a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width, having a width of 68 feet where a minimum of 80 is required, a standard lot depth of 130.1 feet where a minimum of 100 is required, and lot area of 10,015 square feet where a minimum of 10,000 is required.

The applicant is proposing to demolish a substantial portion of the existing residence, reconstruct a majority of the first floor, and add a new second story. The proposal would exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area and is considered equivalent to a new structure. The new structure would contain three bedrooms and two and one half bathrooms. The internal ADU would be created by converting a portion of the remaining first floor of the original residence and would contain an additional two bedrooms and two full bathrooms. A two-car garage and a tandem uncovered parking space would fulfill the parking requirements for the main house and ADU.

The proposed residence would meet all Zoning Ordinance requirements for setbacks, lot coverage, floor area limit (FAL), daylight plane, parking, and height. Of particular note with regard to Zoning Ordinance requirements:

- The main house and ADU would contain 4,223.8 square feet and would exceed the maximum floor area limit of 3,553.75 square feet for the site.
  - The project is allowed to exceed the FAL and building coverage limits by up to 800 square feet in order to accommodate the 881-square-footADU.
- The total building coverage of the main house and ADU would be 3,209.8 square feet, approximately 32 percent of the lot, where 3,505.25 square feet (35 percent) is permitted.
- The main residence would have a front setback of 20 feet where a minimum 20 feet is required.
- The main residence would have a 10-foot setback on the left and right side where a minimum 10 feet is required on both sides.
- The main house would have a rear setback of 20 feet where a minimum 20 feet is required.
- The second floor of the project would be 1,368.9 square feet where 1,776.9 square feet is permitted.
- The proposed residence would have a total height of approximately 27.9 feet where 28 feet is permitted.

A data table summarizing parcel and project attributes is included as Attachment C. The project plans and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachment A, Exhibits A and B respectively.

#### Design and materials

As described in the project description letter, the proposed design incorporates a modern transitional aesthetic with hipped roofs to match the existing single-story portions. The second story addition and entrance would follow the existing 45-degree angle of the home to continue a softened street view.

The existing wood siding would be removed and replaced with stucco. Some portions of the exterior would be clad in stone finish although the majority would be smooth stucco. Composition asphalt shingles are proposed for the new portions of roof to match the existing. Windows are proposed to be simulated true divided-lite aluminum clad with wood trim. Trim, casing, and moldings would be painted.

#### Trees and landscaping

The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment D), detailing the species, size, and conditions of on-site and nearby trees. A total of 15 trees were assessed, including eight heritage trees. No trees are proposed to be removed to accommodate the project. No new trees are proposed.

Table 1: Tree summary and disposition					
Tree Number	Species	Size (DBH, in inches)	Disposition	Notes	
30	Southern magnolia	17	Retain	Heritage	
31	Olive	16	Retain	Heritage	
32	Birch	25.1	Retain	Heritage	
33	Birch	24.9	Retain	Heritage	
34	Magnolia species	15	Retain	Heritage	
35	Liquidambar	22.1	Retain	Heritage	
36	Japanese maple	8.7	Retain	Non-heritage	
37	Southern magnolia	18	Retain	Heritage	
38	Japanese cheesewood	8	Retain	Non-heritage	
39	Eugenia	15	Retain	Heritage	
40	Cherry	4.3	Retain	Non-heritage	
41	Southern magnolia	10	Retain	Non-heritage	
42	Southern magnolia	11	Retain	Non-heritage	
43	Southern magnolia	8	Retain	Non-heritage	
44	Southern magnolia	7	Retain	Non-heritage	

To protect the heritage and non-heritage trees on site, the arborist report has identified such measures as tree protection fencing, irrigation and mulching over impacted root protection zones, exposing roots through hand digging, potholing, or using an air spade, applying a geotextile fabric, trenching with hydro-vac equipment or air spade, placing piping beneath roots, or boring deeper trenches underneath roots, and a certified arborist monitoring during and after construction. All recommended tree protection measures identified in the arborist report would be implemented and ensured as part of condition 1h.

#### Correspondence

As of the writing of this report, staff has not received any correspondence regarding this project.

#### Conclusion

Staff believes that the design, scale, and materials of the proposed residence are generally compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, and would result in a consistent aesthetic approach. The architectural style would be generally attractive and well-proportioned, and the additional side setback distances would help increase privacy. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

#### **Impact on City Resources**

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

#### **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

#### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

#### **Appeal Period**

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

#### **Attachments**

- A. Draft Planning Commission Resolution approving the use permit <u>Exhibits to Attachment A</u>
  - A. Project Plans
  - B. Project Description Letter
  - C. Conditions of Approval
- B. Location Map
- C. Data Table
- D. Arborist Report

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Connor Hochleutner, Assistant Planner

Report reviewed by:

Corinna Sandmeier, Principal Planner

#### PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK APPROVING A USE PERMIT TO ADD FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR ADDITIONS THAT WOULD EXCEED 50 PERCENT OF THE EXISTING FLOOR AREA TO A SINGLE-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON A SUBSTANDARD LOT WITH REGARD TO MINIMUM LOT WIDTH IN THE R-1-S (SINGLE FAMILY SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park ("City") received an application requesting a use permit to add first and second floor additions that would exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area to a single-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban Residential) zoning district at 1664 Oak Avenue (collectively, the "Project") from Harmonie Lau ("Applicant"), on behalf of the property owners Claire and Michael Binder ("Owner"), located at 1664 Oak Avenue (APN 071-180-050) ("Property"). The proposal also includes an attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which is a permitted use, and not subject to discretionary review. The Project use permit is depicted in and subject to the development plans and project description letter, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively, and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in the Single Family Suburban (R-1-S) district. The R-1-S district supports single-family residential uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project complies with all objective standards of the R-1-S district; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project was reviewed by the Engineering Division and found to be in compliance with City standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant submitted an arborist report prepared by Urban Tree Management, Inc., which was reviewed by the City Arborist and found to be in compliance with the Heritage Tree Ordinance, and proposes mitigation measures to adequately protect heritage trees in the vicinity of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project, requires discretionary actions by the City as summarized above, and therefore the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA," Public Resources Code Section §21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15000 et seq.) require analysis and a determination regarding the Project's environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is the lead agency, as defined by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, and is therefore responsible for the preparation, consideration, certification, and approval of environmental documents for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is categorically except from environmental review pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15303 et seq. (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); and

**WHEREAS,** all required public notices and public hearings were duly given and held according to law; and

**WHEREAS**, at a duly and properly noticed public hearing held on November 13, 2023, the Planning Commission fully reviewed, considered, and evaluated the whole of the record including all public and written comments, pertinent information, documents and plans, prior to taking action regarding the Project.

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Planning Commission has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, public testimony, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided, and the Planning Commission finds the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and they are hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

**Section 2. Conditional Use Permit Findings**. The Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park does hereby make the following Findings:

The approval of the use permit for the construction of first and second floor additions that would exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area on a substandard lot is granted based on the following findings, which are made pursuant to Menlo Park Municipal Code Section 16.82.030:

- 1. That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the use applied for will, under the circumstance of the particular case, not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the persons residing in the neighborhood of such proposed use, or injurious or detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the city because:
  - a. Consideration and due regard were given to the nature and condition of all adjacent uses and structures, and to general plans for the area in question and surrounding areas, and impact of the application hereon; in that, the proposed use permit is consistent with the R-1-S zoning district and the General Plan because first and second floor additions that exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area are allowed to be constructed on substandard lots subject to granting of a use permit and provided that the proposed residence conforms to applicable zoning standards, including, but not limited to, minimum setbacks, maximum floor area limit, and maximum building coverage.
  - b. The proposed residence would include the required number of off-street parking spaces because one covered and one uncovered parking space

would be required at a minimum, and two covered parking spaces are provided. A third uncovered parking space is provided for the Accessory Dwelling Unit, which is separate and not part of this action.

c. The proposed Project is designed to meet all the applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code and the Commission concludes that the Project would not be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community as the new residence would be located in a single-family neighborhood and designed such that privacy concerns would be addressed through setbacks of the second floor on the front, rear, left, and right sides.

**Section 3. Conditional Use Permit.** The Planning Commission approves Use Permit No. PLN2023-00011, which use permit is depicted in and subject to the development plans and project description letter, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively. The Use Permit is conditioned in conformance with the conditions attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit C.

**Section 4. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**. The Planning Commission makes the following findings, based on its independent judgment after considering the Project, and having reviewed and taken into consideration all written and oral information submitted in this matter:

1. The Project is categorically except from environmental review pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15303 et seq. (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

#### Section 5. SEVERABILITY

If any term, provision, or portion of these findings or the application of these findings to a particular situation is held by a court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of these findings, or their application to other actions related to the Project, shall continue in full force and effect unless amended or modified by the City.

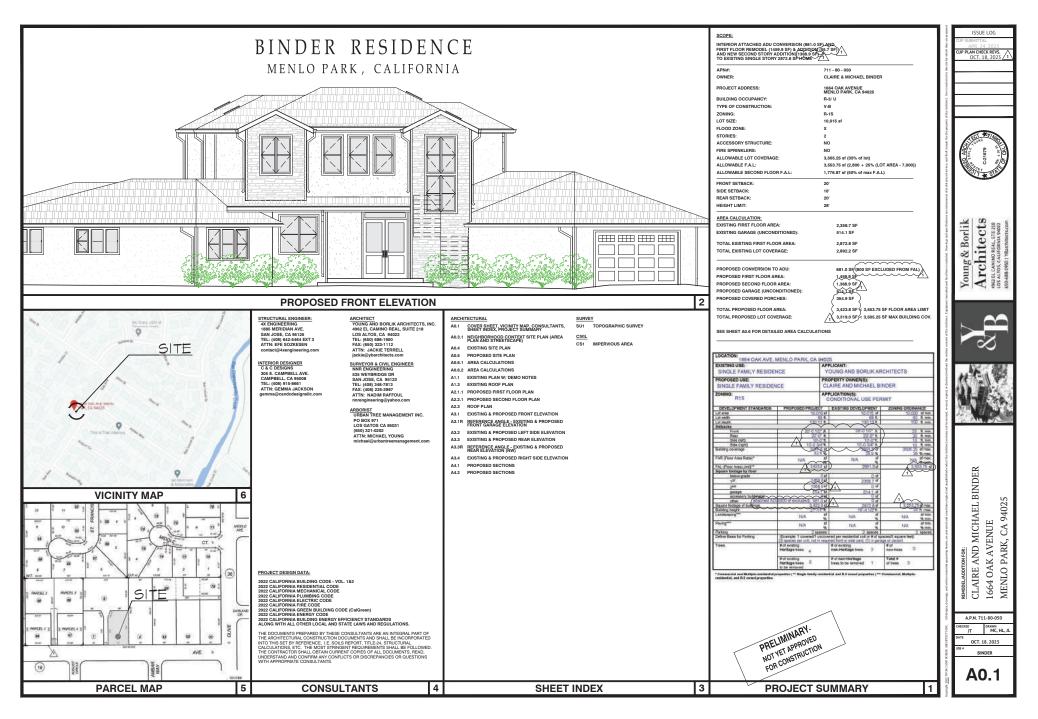
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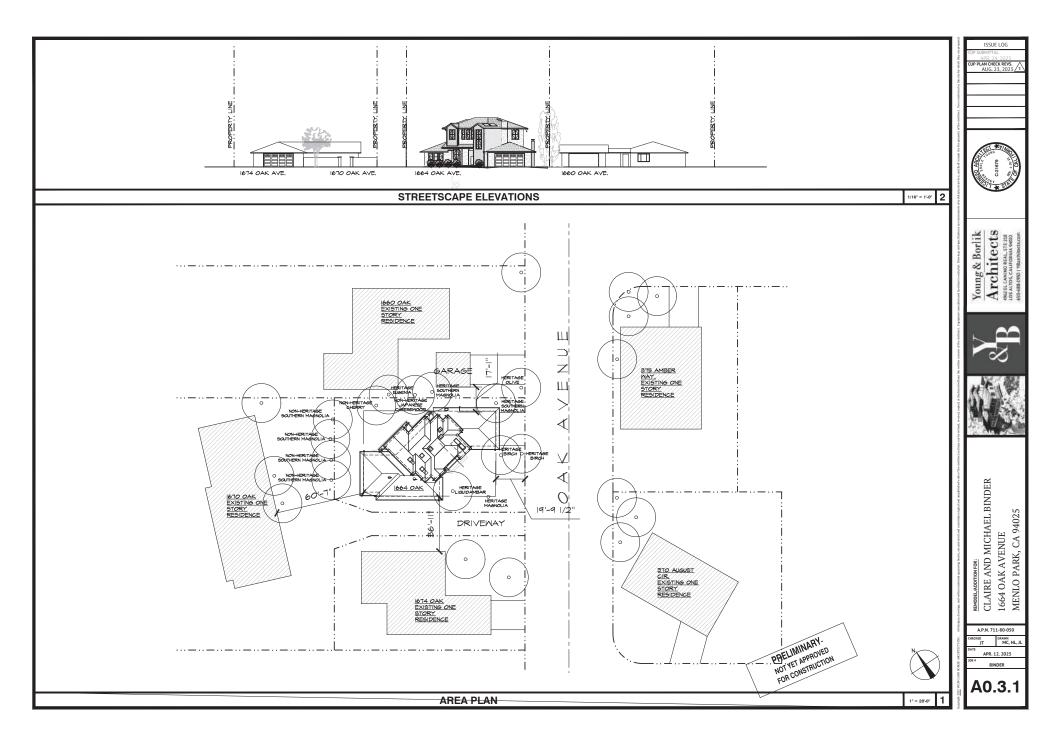
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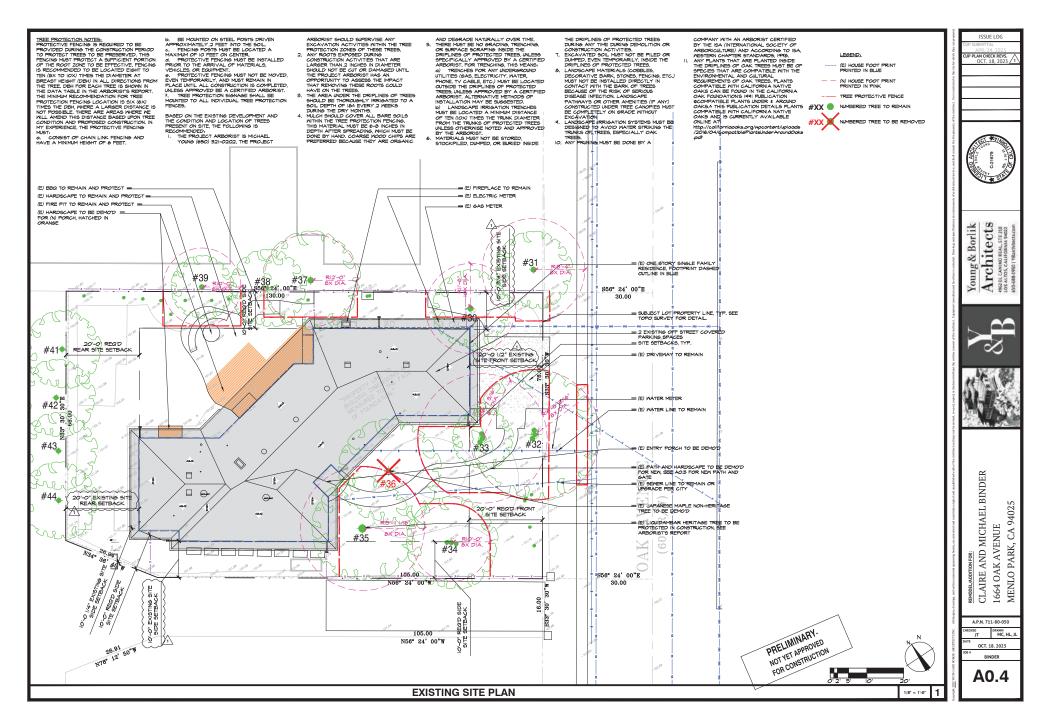
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City of Menlo Park	

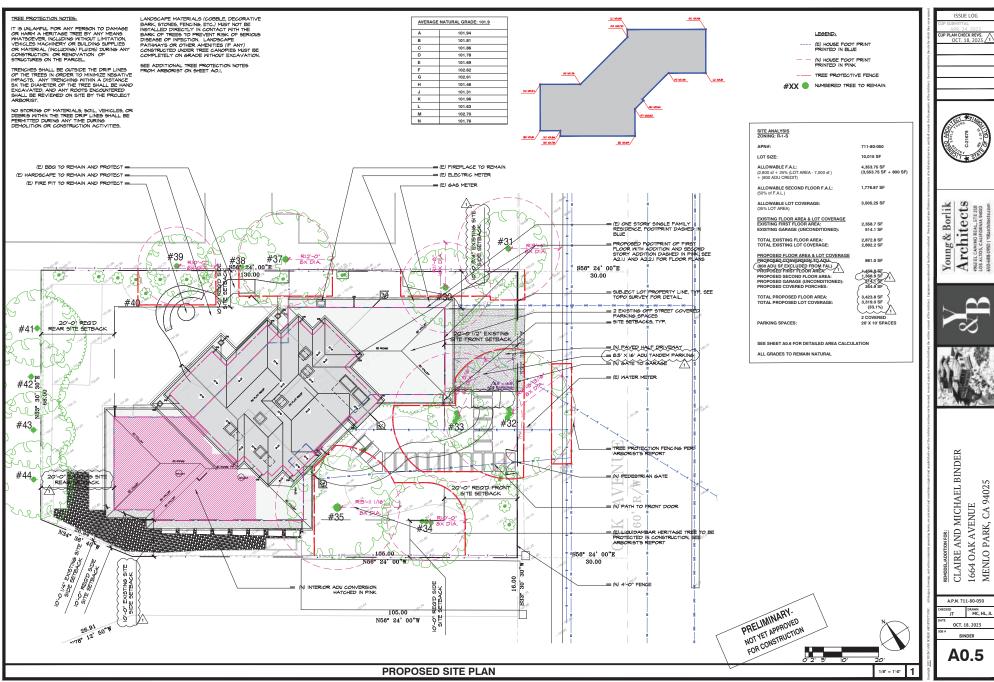
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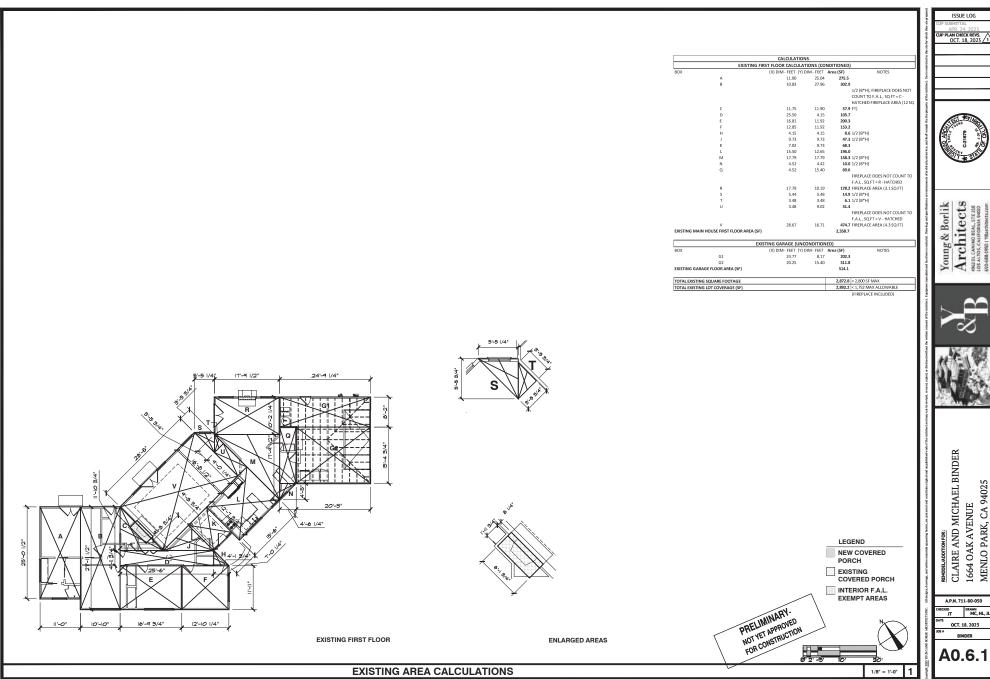
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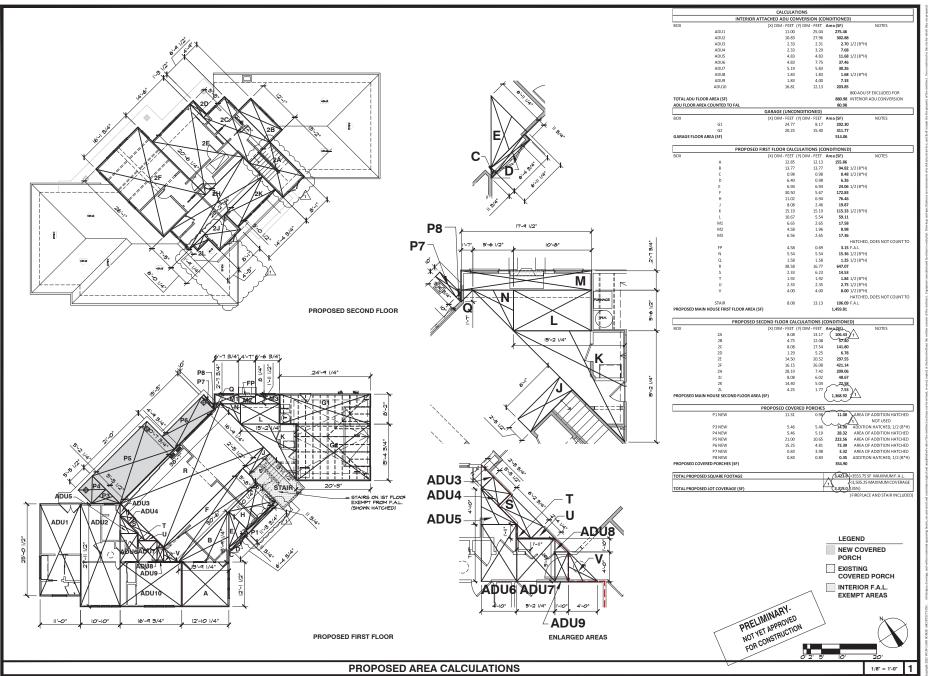




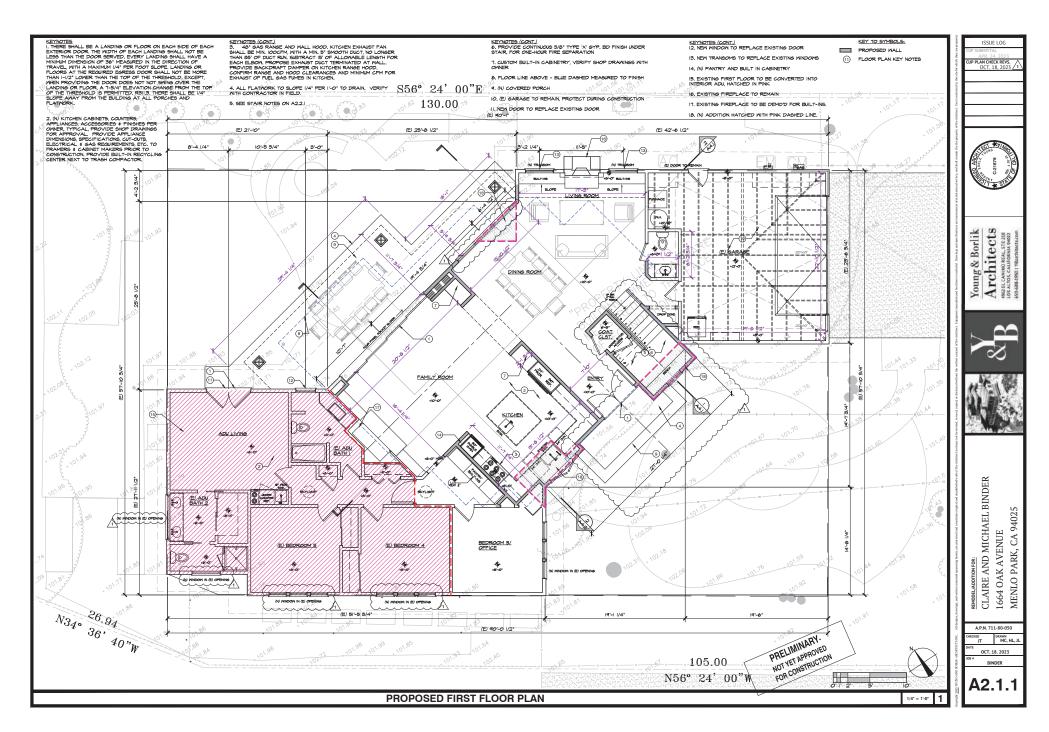


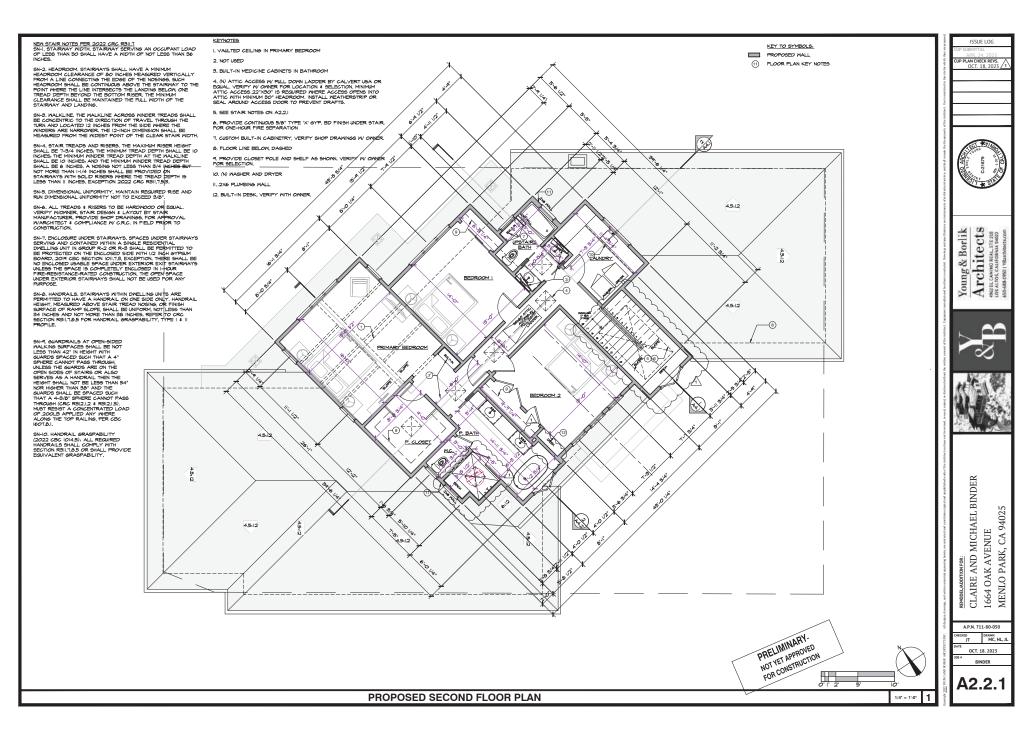


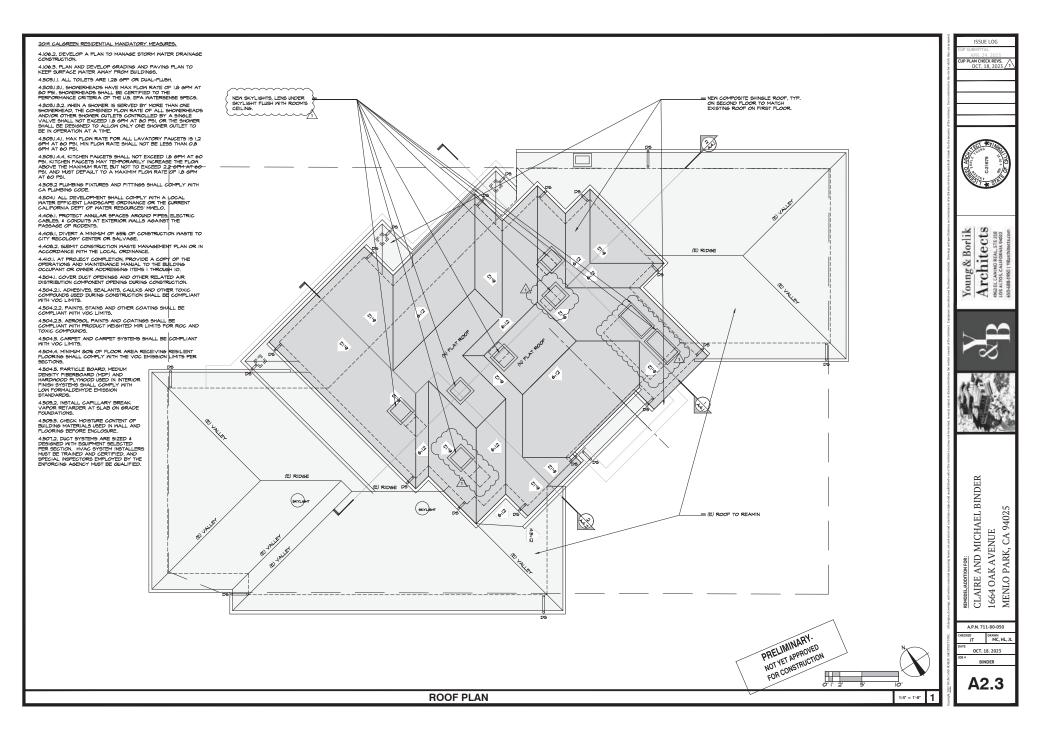


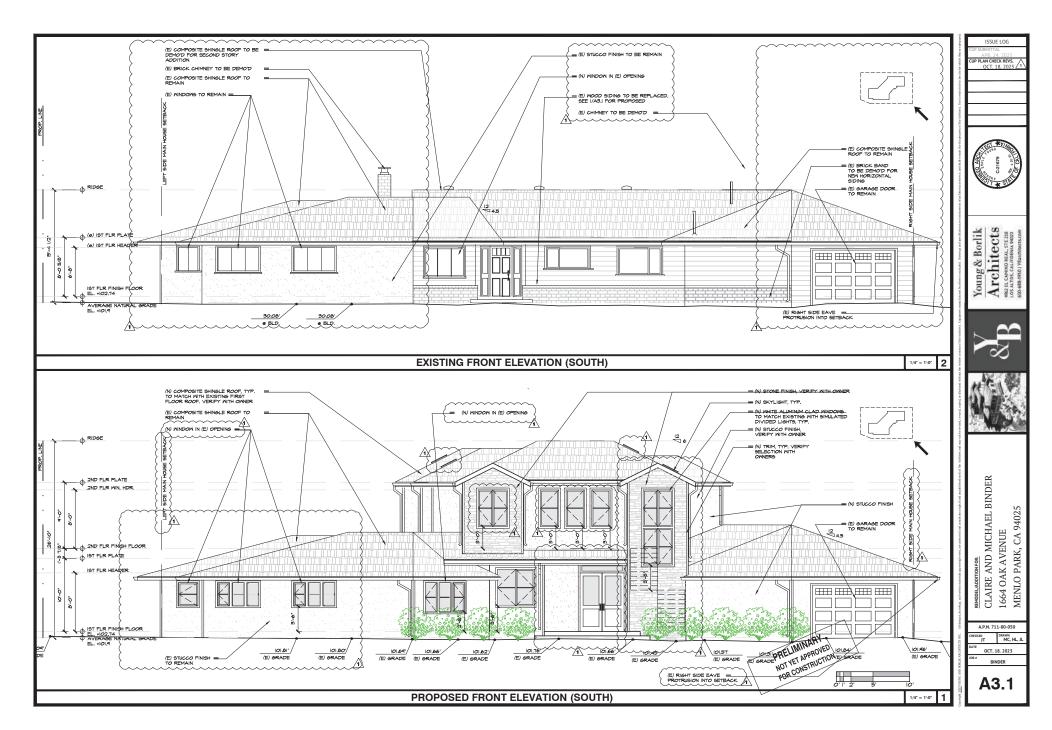


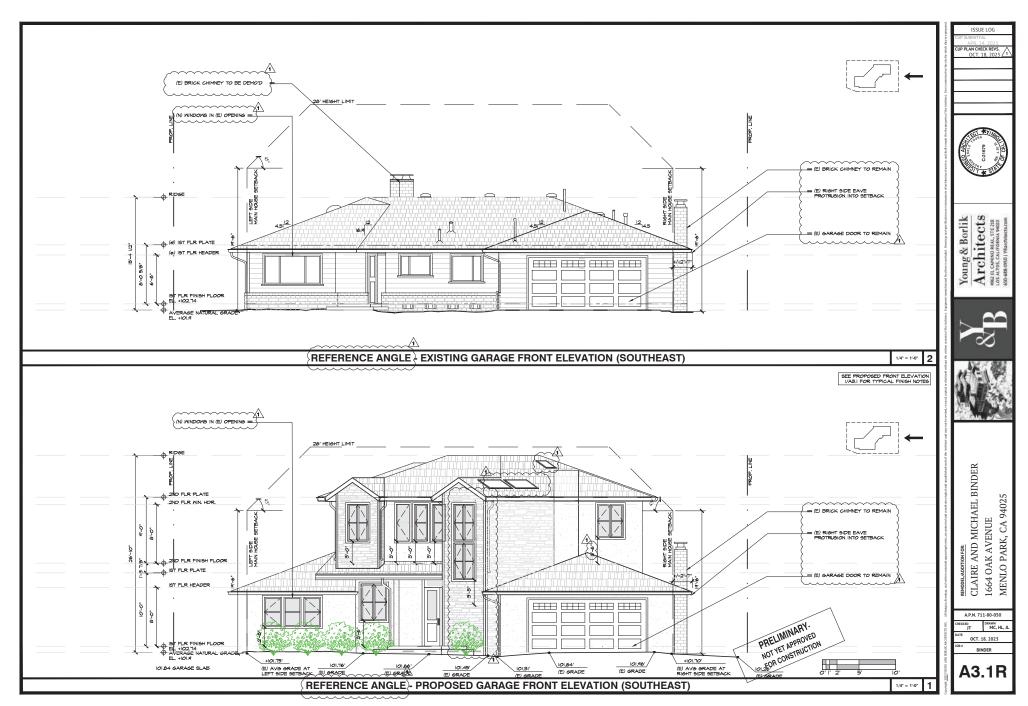


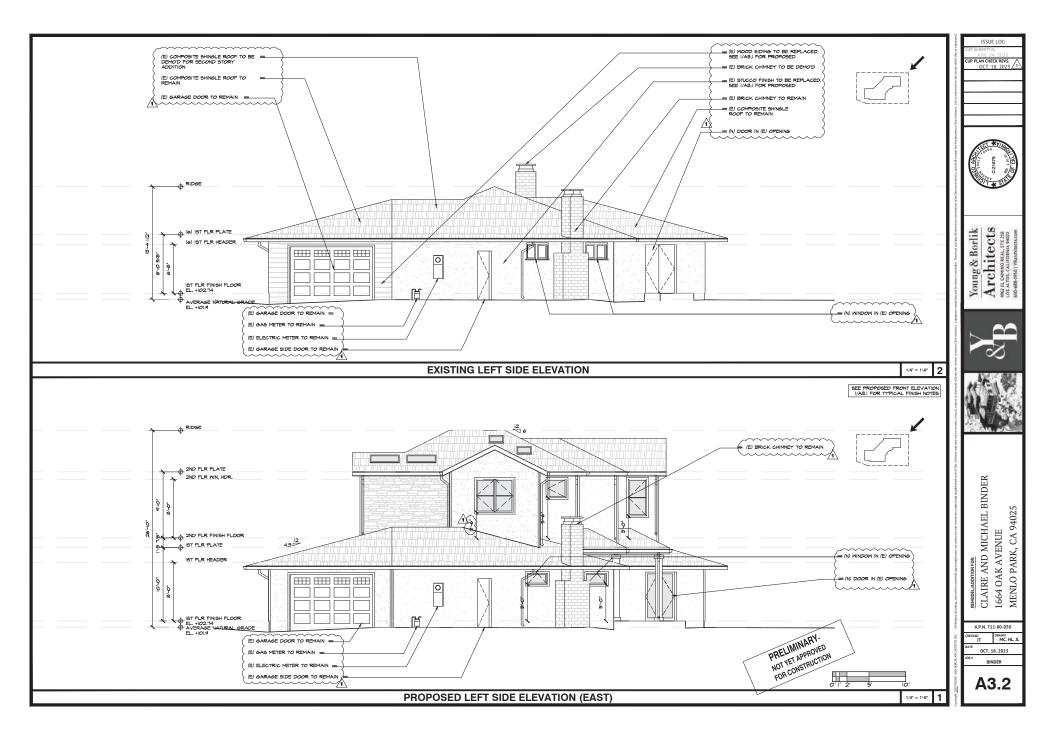


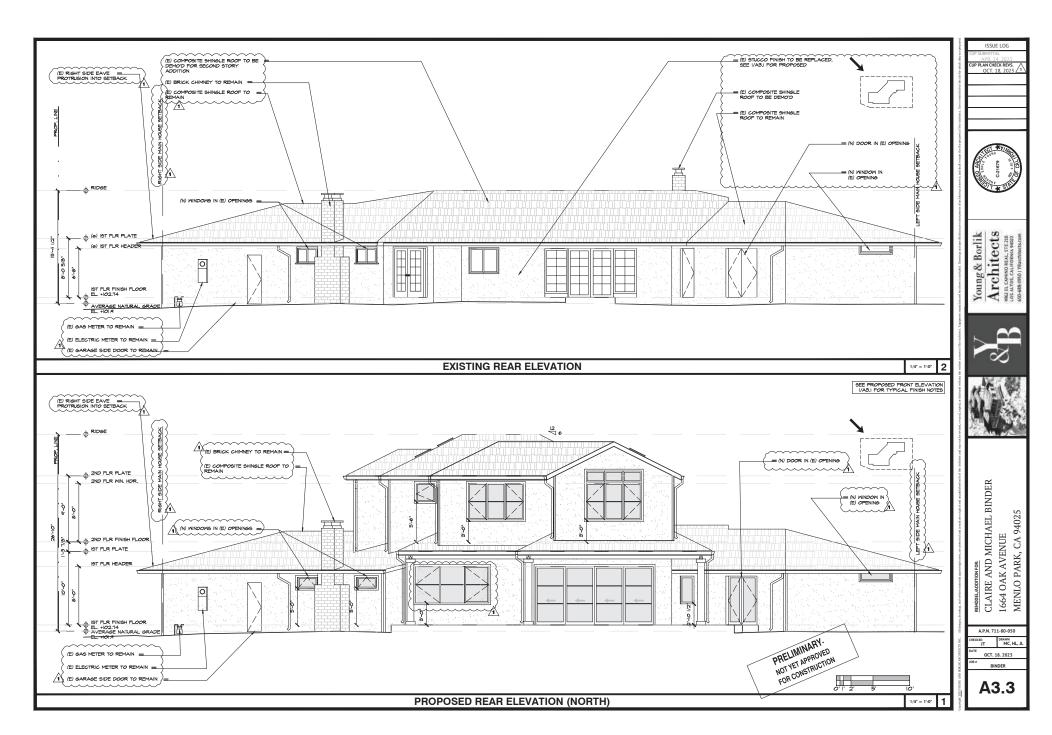


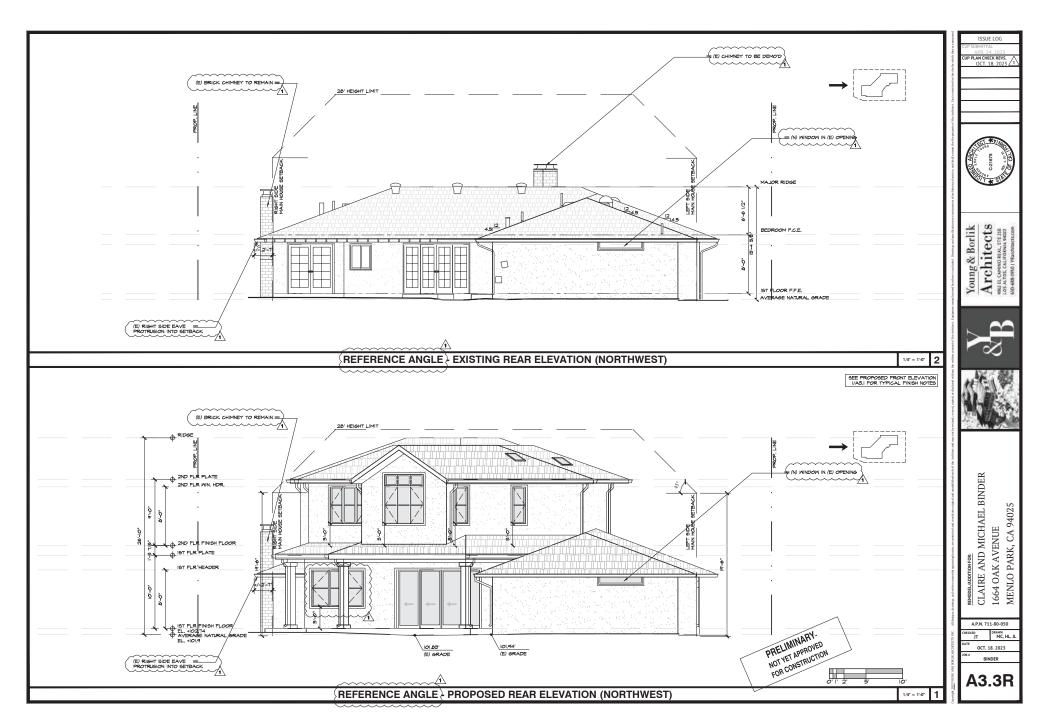


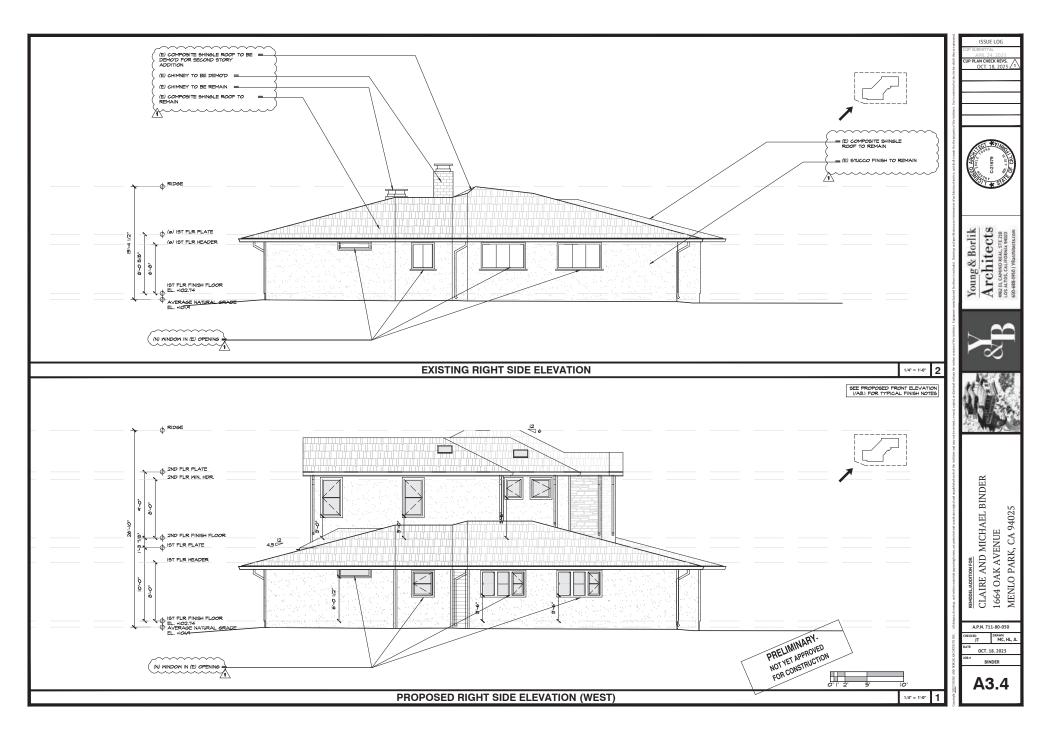


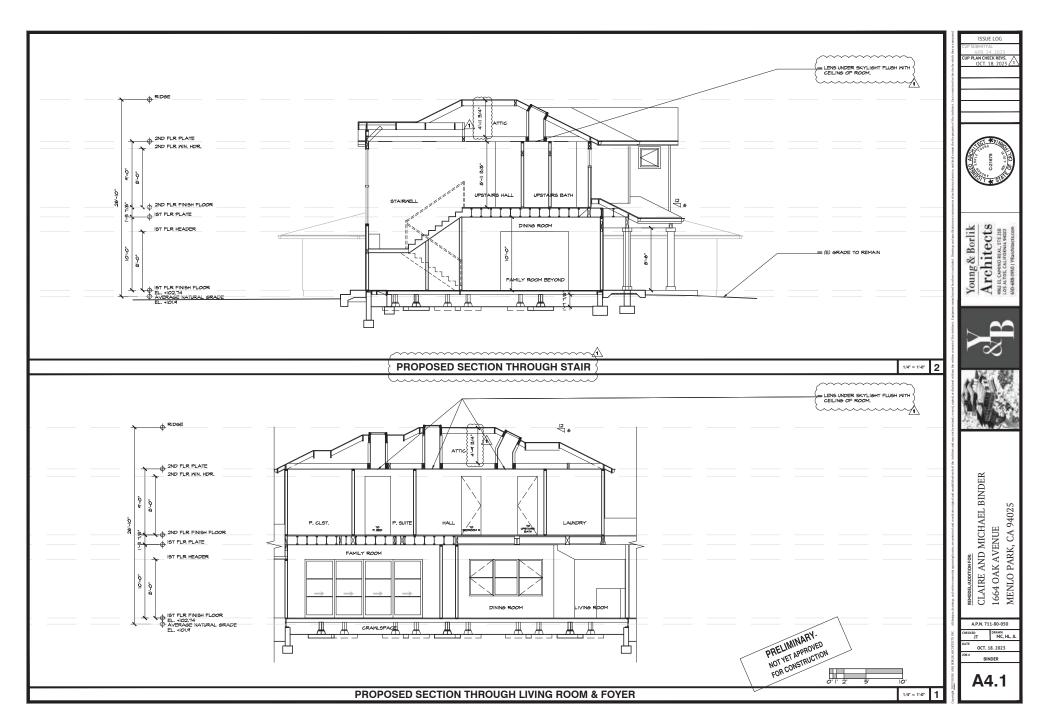


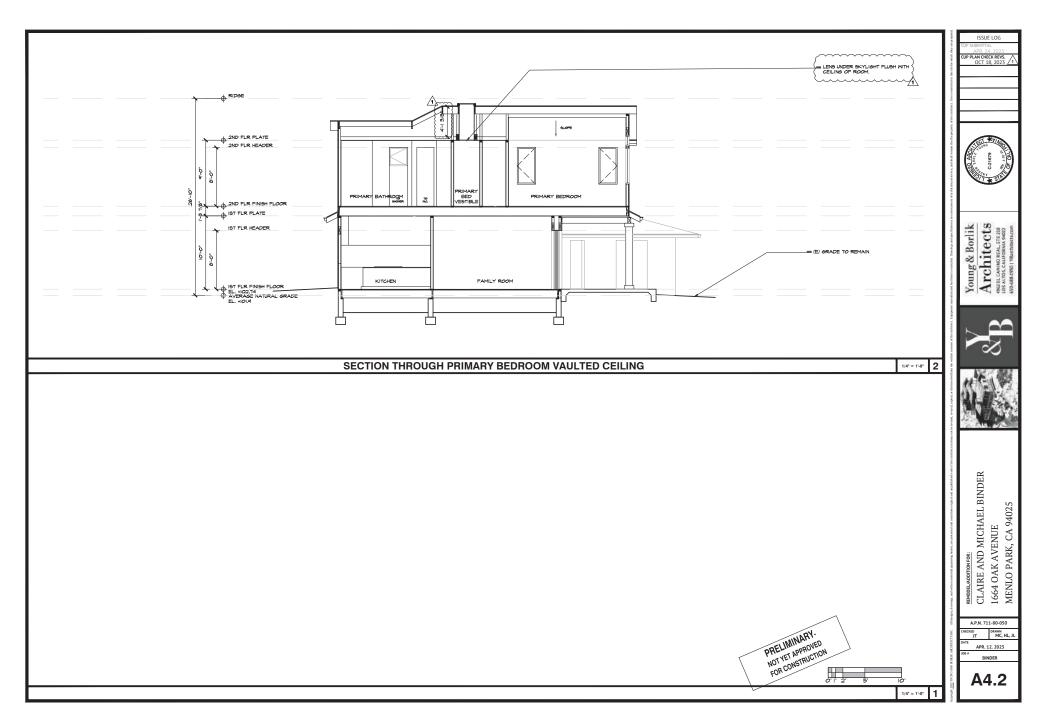


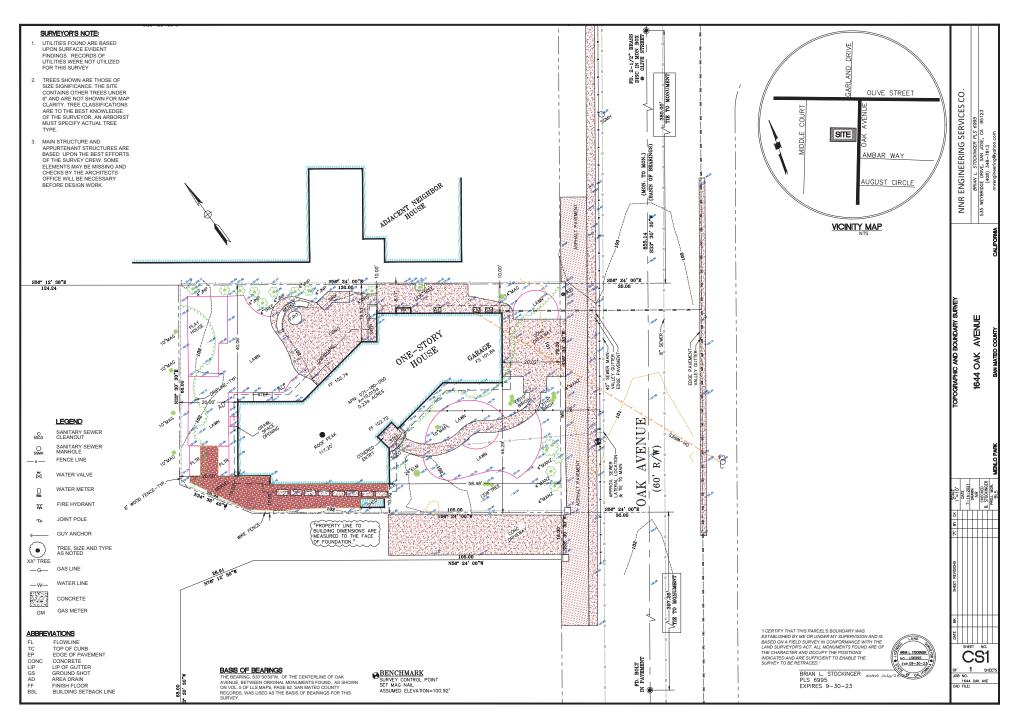


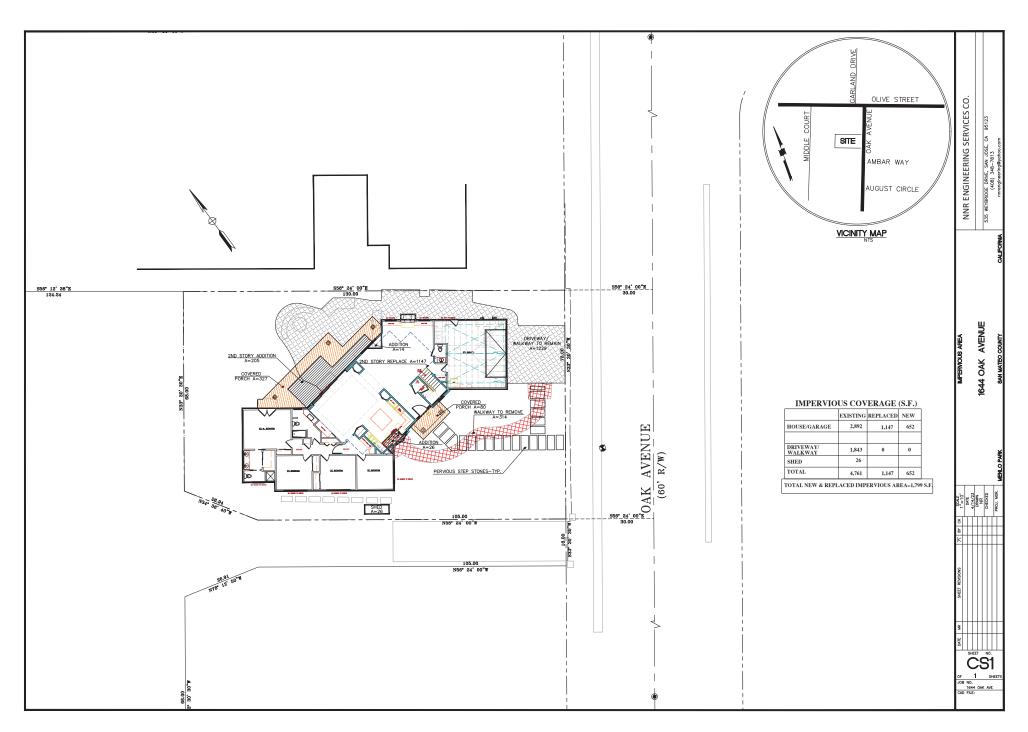














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November 07, 2023

Planning Department City of Menlo Park, Planning Division 701 Laurel St. Menlo Park, CA 94025

Re: Conditional Use Permit – Project description letter for:

Claire and Michael Binder

1664 Oak Ave

Menlo Park, CA 94025

The purpose of this letter is to describe the proposed addition and remodel project at 1664 Oak Ave. to accompany our submittal of plans and documents for the Use Permit approval. The project includes a conversion of a portion of the existing 2,872.8 SF one story home into an interior ADU, minor first floor addition of 55.7 SF, interior first floor remodel of 1,459.9 SF, and second floor addition of 1,368.9 SF. The total proposed residence will be 3,423.8 SF with a 881.0 SF interior ADU (only 800 SF permitted to exceed FAR and lot coverage maximum).

The parcel is 10,015 SF and the zoning is R1S. Based on lot dimensions, the parcel is considered substandard for the district. The lot width of 78' is less than the 80' lot width minimum.

The existing one-story structure is conforming at all setbacks. There is a non conforming right and left side existing eave protrusions into the right and left daylight planes. We would like to keep these non conformities untouched.

The existing home is traditional one-story "Ranch-Style", as is typical of most of the original homes in the neighborhood and in Menlo Park. The proposed design incorporates a modern transitional aesthetic with hipped roofs to match the existing single-story portions. The entry has hierarchy and balance centered between massing at the front for the new stairwell and master bath gable features. The second story addition and entrance will follow the existing 45-degree angle of the home to continue a softened street view.

We are proposing that the existing wood siding be removed and replaced stucco. The two balanced vertical protrusions will be clad in stone. All other second floor exterior walls will be smooth finish stucco. We are proposing composition asphalt shingles for the new portions of roof to match existing. All new windows will be aluminum clad with wood trim, predominantly casements. Trim, casing, and moldings will be painted.

Re: Conditional Use Permit Project Description Letter April 20, 2023

The second floor addition is stacked on top of the portion of the first floor to be remodeled at 45 degrees and sits within the daylight plane.

The surrounding neighborhood is all single-family dwellings. The immediate vicinity has a mix of one- and two-story homes. Most residences have front-facing two car garages with a double wide driveway connecting to the street for additional off-street parking.

There are 5 heritage trees on the property, two magnolia trees, two birches, and a liquidambar to remain protected during construction.

As part of the outreach efforts for this project, the owners have reached out to the adjacent neighbors to the side and rear, as well as a few others, to provide awareness of the proposed improvements and to solicit feedback and support. The owners met with and provided plans and elevations of the proposed residence with neighbors at the following addresses in July 2023:

- 1674 Oak Avenue
- 1672 Oak Avenue
- 1670 Oak Avenue
- 1660 Oak Avenue
- 375 Ambar Way
- 370 August Circle

Thank you for your time in review of this project. We are proud to present this design for your consideration and look forward to the opportunity to see this new design compliment the neighborhood. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact me directly at the above contact information.

Sincerely, Jackie Tenell

Jackie Terrell

Young and Borlik Architects Inc.

LOCATION: 1664 Oak	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Harmonie	OWNER: Claire and
Avenue	PLN2023-00011	Lau	Michael Binder

#### PROJECT CONDITIONS:

- 1. The use permit shall be subject to the following **standard** conditions:
  - a. The applicant shall be required to apply for a building permit within one year from the date of approval (by November 13, 2024) for the use permit to remain in effect.
  - b. Development of the project shall be substantially in conformance with the plans prepared by Young and Borlik Architects consisting of 21 plan sheets, dated received September 1, 2023 and approved by the Planning Commission on November 13, 2023, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval of the Planning Division.
  - c. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.
  - d. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all requirements of the Building Division, Engineering Division, and Transportation Division that are directly applicable to the project.
  - e. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall submit a plan for any new utility installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Building Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show exact locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay boxes, and other equipment boxes.
  - f. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit plans indicating that the applicant shall remove and replace any damaged and significantly worn sections of frontage improvements. The plans shall be submitted for review and approval of the Engineering Division.
  - g. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit a Grading and Drainage Plan for review and approval of the Engineering Division. The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits.
  - h. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and the arborist report prepared by Urban Tree Management, Inc., dated received May 1, 2023.
  - i. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall pay all fees incurred through staff time spent reviewing the application.
  - j. The applicant or permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Menlo Park or its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Menlo Park or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the Planning Commission, City Council, Community Development Director, or any other department, committee, or agency of the City concerning a development, variance, permit, or land use approval which action is brought within the time period provided for in any applicable statute; provided, however, that the applicant's or permittee's duty to so defend, indemnify, and hold harmless shall be subject to the City's promptly notifying the applicant or permittee of any said claim, action, or proceeding

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## 1664 Oak Avenue – Attachment A, Exhibit C

LOCATION: 1664 Oak	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Harmonie	OWNER: Claire and
Avenue	PLN2023-00011	Lau	Michael Binder

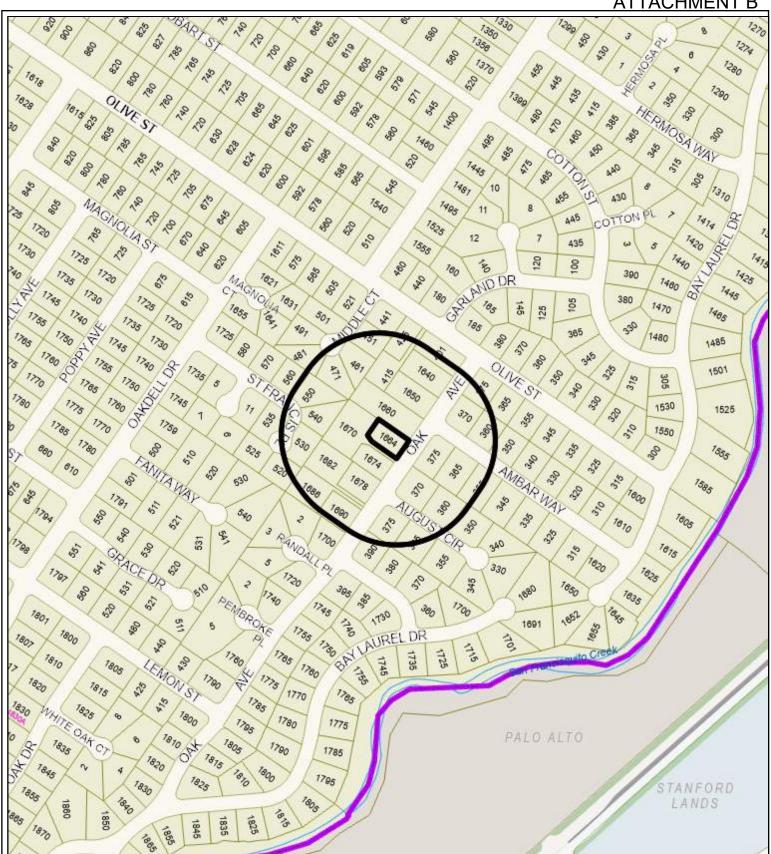
#### PROJECT CONDITIONS:

and the City's full cooperation in the applicant's or permittee's defense of said claims, actions, or proceedings.

- k. Notice of Fees Protest The applicant may protest any fees, dedications, reservations, or other exactions imposed by the City as part of the approval or as a condition of approval of this development. Per California Government Code 66020, this 90-day protest period has begun as of the date of the approval of this application.
- 2. The use permit shall be subject to the following project-specific condition:
  - a. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall provide revised plans for the removal and replacement of the asphalt parking strip and the 3-foot concrete valley gutter along the entire project frontage, subject to review and approval by the Engineering Division.

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ATTACHMENT B





City of Menlo Park **Location Map** 1664 Oak Avenue



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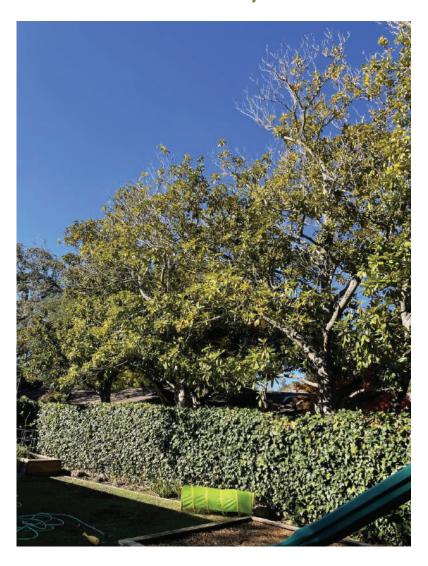
## 1664 Oak Avenue – Attachment C: Data Table

	_	POSED OJECT		EXIST PROJ		ZONING ORDINANCE					
Lot area	10,015	sf		10,015	10,015 sf			10,000 sf min			
Lot width	68	ft		68 f	ft		80	ft min			
Lot depth	130.1	ft		130.1 f	ft		100	ft min			
Setbacks				•			1				
Front		ft			ft		20	ft min			
Rear		ft			ft		20	ft min			
Side (left)	10	ft			ft		10 ft min	on left an	d right		
Side (right)		ft			ft			sides			
Building coverage*	3,209.8*	sf		2,891.5	sf		3,505.25	sf max			
	32*	%			%		35	% max			
FAL (Floor Area Limit)*	4,223.8*	sf		,	sf		3,553.75 sf max				
Square footage by floor	1,459.8 sf/1 <sup>st</sup> 1,368.9 sf/2 <sup>nd</sup> 514.1 sf/garage 881.0 sf/ADU 354.9 sf/covered porches			2,358.7 sf/1 <sup>st</sup> 514.1 sf/garage							
Square footage of buildings	4,223.8	sf		2,891.5	sf						
Building height		ft			ft		28	ft max			
Parking	sp	2 covered and 1 uncovered spaces			2 covered spaces				1 covered and 1 uncovered space		
	Note: Areas	shown hi	ighlighte	ed indicate a nonco	onformin	g or su	bstandard sit	uation			
Trees	Heritage tree	Heritage trees 8		Non-Heritage trees 7		7	New trees		0		
	Heritage tree proposed for removal		0	Non-Heritage tre proposed for ren		0	Total Numl trees	per of	1		

<sup>\*</sup> Floor area and building coverage for the proposed project includes the ADU, which is allowed to exceed the maximum floor area and building coverage by up to 800 square feet



# **Arborist Report**



1664 Oak Ave Menlo Park, CA 94025

> Inspection Date: November 10, 2022

Prepared by: Colin Blackie/Michael Young
Project Arborist: Michael Young

contractor's license # 755989 certified arborist WC ISA #623

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## **Assignment**

It was our assignment to physically inspect all trees in the survey area based on a topographic map of the property. We were to map, tag and compile data for each tree and write an inventory/survey report documenting our observations.

#### **Summary**

This survey provides a numbered map and complete and detailed information for each tree surveyed. There are fifteen (15) trees included in this report with eight (8) being protected under the City of Menlo Park's tree protection ordinance. During our survey, none (0) of the trees were rated "A" condition, one (1) tree was rated "B" condition, fourteen (14) trees were rated "C" condition, and none (0) of the trees were rated "D" condition.

- A Retain, condition warrants long-term preservation.
- B Preservable, tree is a benefit and may be worthy of extensive effort or design accommodation.
- C- May be preservable but is not worthy of extensive effort or design accommodation.
- D Recommend removal due to existing condition and/or structure.

The valuation for all protected trees in the survey area using the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Guide for Plant Appraisals is \$22,060.

All on-site trees protected by the City's Municipal Code will require replacement according to its appraised value if it is damaged beyond repair as a result of construction.

#### **Discussion**

All trees surveyed were examined and then rated based on their individual health and structure according to the following table. For example, a tree may be rated "good" under the health column for excellent/vigorous appearance and growth, while the same tree may be rated "fair/poor" in the structure column if structural mitigation is needed. More complete descriptions of how health and structure are rated can be found under the "Methods" section of this report. The complete list of trees and all relevant information, including their health and structure ratings, their "protected/significant" status, a map and recommendations for their care can be found in the data sheet that accompanies this report.

Rating	<u>Health</u>	<u>Structure</u>
Good	excellent/vigorous	Flawless
Fair/good	no significant health concerns	very stable

Fair	showing initial or temporary disease, pests, or lack of vitality. measures should be taken to improve health and appearance.	routine maintenance needed such as pruning or end weight reduction as tree grows
Fair/poor	in decline, significant health issues	significant structural weakness(es), mitigation needed, mitigation may or may not preserve the tree
Poor	dead or near dead	hazard

#### **Tree Disposition Categories**

Each tree onsite has been categorized for its suitability for preservation relative to its existing condition. Factors such as tree health, condition, age, planting location, species, and structure are all considered to determine if each tree is suitable for preservation. Each tree in the survey (Tree Data Table) has been assigned one of the following categories:

- A Retain, condition warrants long-term preservation.
- B Preservable, tree is a benefit and may be worthy of extensive effort or design accommodation.
- C- May be preservable but is not worthy of extensive effort or design accommodation.
- D Recommend removal due to existing condition and/or structure.

If trees with poor structure or less than ideal conditions are retained, they may require further assessments, monitoring, access restrictions, maintenance, or eventual removal. More thorough conversations about impacts and specific preservation plans can be reported as the project evolves.

## **Survey Methods**

The trunks of the trees are measured using an arborist's diameter tape at 54" above soil grade. In cases where the main trunk divides below 54" but above grade, the tree is measured (per the City of Menlo Park's protected tree ordinance) at the point where the trunks divide. In these cases, the height of that measurement is given in the note's column on the attached data sheet. In cases where the main trunk divides below grade, each trunk is measured and tagged as an individual tree. The canopy height and spread are estimated using visual references only.

The condition of each tree is assessed by visual observation only from a standing position without climbing or using aerial equipment. No invasive equipment is used. Consequently, it is possible that individual tree(s) may have internal (or underground) health problems or structural defects, which are not detectable by visual inspection. In cases where it is thought further investigation is warranted, a "full tree risk assessment" is recommended. This assessment may be inclusive of drilling or using sonar equipment to detect internal decay and include climbing or the use of aerial equipment to assess higher portions of the tree.

The health of an individual tree is rated based on leaf color and size, canopy density, new shoot growth and the absence or presence of pests or disease.

Individual tree structure is rated based on the growth pattern of the tree (including whether it is leaning); the presence or absence of poor limb attachments (such as co-dominant leaders); the length and weight of limbs; and the extent and location of apparent decay. For each tree, a structural rating of "fair" or above indicates that the structure can be maintained with routine pruning such as removing dead branches and reducing end weight as the tree grows. A "fair/poor" rating indicates that the tree has significant structural weaknesses and corrective action is warranted. The notes section for that tree will then recommend a strategy/technique to improve the structure or mitigate structural stresses. A "poor" structural rating indicates that the tree or portions of the tree are likely to fail and that there is little that can constructively be done about the problem other than removal of the tree or large portions of the tree. Very large trees that are rated "fair/poor" for structure AND that are near structures or in an area frequently traveled by cars or people, receive an additional \*\*CONSIDER REMOVAL" notation under recommendations. This is included because structural mitigation techniques do not guarantee against structural failure, especially in very large trees. Property owners may or may not choose to remove this type of tree but should be aware that if a very large tree experiences a major structural failure, the danger to nearby people or property is significant.

## **Survey Area Observations**

The property is in a residential area in the City of Menlo Park and abuts a flag lot directly behind the house's backyard. The lot is rectangular in shape and located on a flat grade. Southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*) is the most common species found in the survey area.

## **Tree Health on this Property**

The health of the trees in the survey area ranges from "fair" to "fair/poor", with the majority of trees receiving "fair" health ratings. Overall tree health on the property would benefit from the installation of mulch around specimens where possible. Individual issues and recommendations for each tree are listed under the "Notes" column on the accompanying data sheet.

## **Tree Structure on this Property**

Tree structure in the survey area ranges from "fair" to "fair/poor". The majority of trees surveyed received "fair/poor" structural ratings due to the presence of codominant leaders and branching habits resulting from a lack of developmental structure pruning at a young age. Ideally, trees are pruned for structure when young and are properly maintained to reduce endweight and correct structural weaknesses as they grow. This practice prevents the growth of codominant leaders, epicormic sprouts, and excessively long, lateral branches that are prone to breakage.

## Recommended Removals Based on Health/ Structure/Species

There are no trees recommended for removal at this time.

## **Site Images**







Trees #37 and #38

Trees #39 and #40

Trees #42-#44

## **Local Regulations Governing Trees**

## Definition of a heritage tree

- 1. Any tree having a trunk with a circumference of 47.1 inches (diameter of 15 inches) or more measured at 54 inches above natural grade.
- 2. Any oak tree native to California, with a circumference of 31.4 inches (diameter of 10 inches) or more measured at 54 inches above natural grade.
- 3. Any tree or group of trees specifically designated by the City Council for protection because of its historical significance, special character or community benefit.
- 4. Trees with more than one (1) trunk shall be measured at the diameter below the main union of all multi-trunk trees unless the union occurs below grade, in which case each stem shall be measured as a stand-alone tree. A multi-trunk tree under twelve (12) feet in height shall not be considered a heritage tree.

## **Risks to Trees by Construction**

Besides the above-mentioned health and structure-related issues, the trees at this site could be at risk of damage by construction or construction procedures that are common to most construction sites. These procedures may include the dumping or stockpiling of materials over

root systems; trenching across root zones for utilities or for landscape irrigation; or the routing of construction traffic across root systems resulting in soil compaction and root dieback. It is therefore essential that Tree Protection Fencing be used as per the Project Arborist's recommendations. In constructing underground utilities, it is essential that the location of trenches be placed outside the drip lines of trees except where approved by the Project Arborist.

#### **Tree Protection Plan**

Protective fencing is required to be provided during the construction period to protect trees to be preserved. This fencing must protect a sufficient portion of the root zone to be effective. Fencing is recommended to be located eight to ten (8x to 10x) times the diameter at breast height (DBH) in all directions from the tree. DBH for each tree is shown in the attached data table. The minimum recommendation for tree protection fencing location is six (6x) times the DBH, where a larger distance is not possible. There are areas where we will amend this distance based upon tree condition and proposed construction. In my experience, the protective fencing must:

- a. Consist of chain link fencing and have a minimum height of 6 feet.
- b. Be mounted on steel posts driven approximately 2 feet into the soil.
- c. Fencing posts must be located a maximum of 10 feet on center.
- d. Protective fencing must be installed prior to the arrival of materials, vehicles, or equipment.
- e. Protective fencing must not be moved, even temporarily, and must remain in place until all construction is completed, unless approved be a Certified Arborist.
- f. Tree Protection Signage shall be mounted to all individual tree protection fences.

Based on the existing development and the condition and location of trees present on site, the following is recommended:

- 1. The Project Arborist is Michael Young (650) 321-0202. The Project Arborist should supervise any excavation activities within the tree protection zones of these trees.
- 2. Any roots exposed during construction activities that are larger than 2 inches in diameter should not be cut or damaged until the Project Arborist has an opportunity to assess the impact that removing these roots could have on the trees.
- 3. The area under the driplines of trees should be thoroughly irrigated to a soil depth of 18" every 2 weeks during the dry months.
- 4. Mulch should cover all bare soils within the tree protection fencing. This material must be 6-8 inches in depth after spreading, which must be done by hand. Coarse wood chips are preferred because they are organic and degrade naturally over time.
- 5. There must be no grading, trenching, or surface scraping inside the driplines of protected trees, unless specifically approved by a Certified Arborist. For trenching, this means:

- a. Trenches for any underground utilities (gas, electricity, water, phone, TV cable, etc.) must be located outside the driplines of protected trees, unless approved by a Certified Arborist. Alternative methods of installation may be suggested.
- b. Landscape irrigation trenches must be located a minimum distance of ten (10x) times the trunk diameter from the trunks of protected trees unless otherwise noted and approved by the Arborist.
- 6. Materials must not be stored, stockpiled, dumped, or buried inside the driplines of protected trees.
- 7. Excavated soil must not be piled or dumped, even temporarily, inside the driplines of protected trees.
- 8. Landscape materials (cobbles, decorative bark, stones, fencing, etc.) must not be installed directly in contact with the bark of trees because of the risk of serious disease infection.
- 9. Landscape irrigation systems must be designed to avoid water striking the trunks of trees, especially Oak trees.
- 10. Any pruning must be done by a Company with an Arborist Certified by the ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) and according to ISA, Western Chapter Standards, 1998.
- 11. Any plants that are planted inside the driplines of oak trees must be of species that are compatible with the environmental and cultural requirements of oak trees. Plants compatible with California native oaks can be found in The California Oak Foundation's 1991 publication "Compatible Plants Under & Around Oaks." This publication details plants compatible with California native oaks and is currently available online at: http://californiaoaks.org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/04/CompatiblePlantsUnderAroundOaks.pdf

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I certify that the information contained in this report is correct to the best of my knowledge and that this report was prepared in good faith. Please call me if you have questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,

Michael P. Young

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## **TREE SURVEY DATA**

Address: 1664 Oak Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Inspection Date: 11/10/2022

Ratings for health and structure are given separately for each tree according to the table below. IE, a tree may be rated "Good" under the health column For excellent, vigorous appearance and growth, while the same tree may be rated "Fair, Poor" in the structure column if structural mitigation is needed.

KEY	Health	Structure
Good	excellent, vigorous	flawless
Fair - Good	no significant health concerns	very stable
Fair	declining; measures should be taken to improve health and appearance	routine maintenance needed
Fair - Poor	in decline: significant health issues	mitigation needed, it may or may not preserve this tree
Poor	dead or near dead	hazard

TAG NO.	COMMON NAME	DIAMETER AT BREAST HEIGHT"	H'/W'	HEALTH	STRUCTURE	PROTECTED (X)	TREE DISPOSITION	NOTES, RECOMMENDATIONS
30	Southern magnolia	17	35'/20'	f	f	Х	В	DWR, EWR
31	Olive	16 est.	35'/15'	fp	fp	Х	С	Neighbor's tree, no tag, removed uncallused CDs, decay at trunk, DWR
32	Birch	25.1 at 1'	38'/22'	f	fp	Х	С	3 CDs at 2', DWR, EWR
33	Birch	24.9 at 1'	38'/14'	f	fp	Х	С	3 CDs at 1.5', DWR
34	Magnolia species	15 at 6"	20'/12'	f	fp	Х	С	CDs at 1', DWR, SP
35	Liquidambar	22.1	48'/18'	f	fp	Х	С	CD at 17', DWR, EWR, RCE, partially over house
36	Japanese maple	8.7 at 1'	18'/20'	f	fp		С	CD at 2', RCE, DWR
37	Southern magnolia	18 est.	32'/22'	f	fp	Х	С	Neighbor's tree, tag on fence, CD at 10', DWR, EWR
38	Japanese cheesewood	8 est.	15'/13'	f	fp		С	Neighbor's tree, tag on fence, CDs, DWR, EWR
39	Eugenia	15 est.	40'/18'	f	fp	Х	С	Neighbor's tree, tag on fence, DWR, EWR, crown thin
40	Cherry	4.3	16'/11'	f	fp		С	SP, unbalanced canopy
41	Southern magnolia	10 est.	33'/14'	fp	f		С	Neighbor's tree, tag on fence, dead top, DWR, EWR
42	Southern magnolia	11 est.	30'/20'	fp	fp		С	Neighbor's tree, tag on fence, CD at 5', dead top, DWR, EWR
43	Southern magnolia	8 est.	26'/13'	fp	fp		С	Neighbor's tree, tag on fence, CD at 10', dead top, DWR, EWR
44	Southern magnolia	7 est.	30'/15'	f	fp		С	Neighbor's tree, tag on fence, CD at 15', DWR, EWR

A = Retain, condition warrants long-term preservation	0
B = Preservable, tree is a benefit and may be worthy of extensive effort or design accommodation.	1
C = May be preservable but is not worthy of extensive effort or design accommodation.	14
D= Recommend removal due to existing condition and/or structure	0
TOTAL TREES	15

#### KEY TO ACRONYMS

DWR - Dead Wood Removal pruning recommended.

EWR - End Weight Reduction: pruning to remove weight from limb ends, thus reducing the potential for limb failure(s).

RCE - Root Collar Excavation: excavating a small area around a tree that is currently buried by soil or refuse above buttress roots, usually done with a hand shovel.

 ${\bf SP-Structural\ pruning-removal\ of\ selected\ non-dominant\ leaders\ in\ order\ to\ balance\ the\ tree.}$ 

 ${\bf CD-Codominant\ Leader,\ two\ leaders\ with\ a\ narrow\ angle\ of\ attachement\ and\ prone\ to\ failure.}$ 

LCR-Live Crown Ratio.

RR - Recommend Tree Removal based upon Health or Structure of tree.

 $\label{prop:prop:steel} \textbf{Prop - Steel prop in concrete footing recommended to help support a tree/limb.}$ 

Cable - Recommend a steel cable(s) be installed to help support a weakly attached limb(s).

#### TREE ORDINANCE

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## TREE SURVEY DATA

TAG NO.	COMMON NAME	DIAMETER AT BREAST	H'/W'	HEALTH	STRUCTURE	PROTECTED (X)	TREE DISPOSITION	NOTES, RECOMMENDATIONS
		HEIGHT"						
	Common Name	Latin Name		-	-			
	Southern magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora						
	Olive	Olea europea						
	Birch	Betula spp.						
	Magnolia species	Magnolia spp.						
	Liquidambar	Liquidambar styraciflua						
	Japanese maple	Acer palmatum						
	Japanese cheesewood	Pittosporum tobira						
	Eugenia	Eugenia spp.						
	Cherry	Prunus spp.						

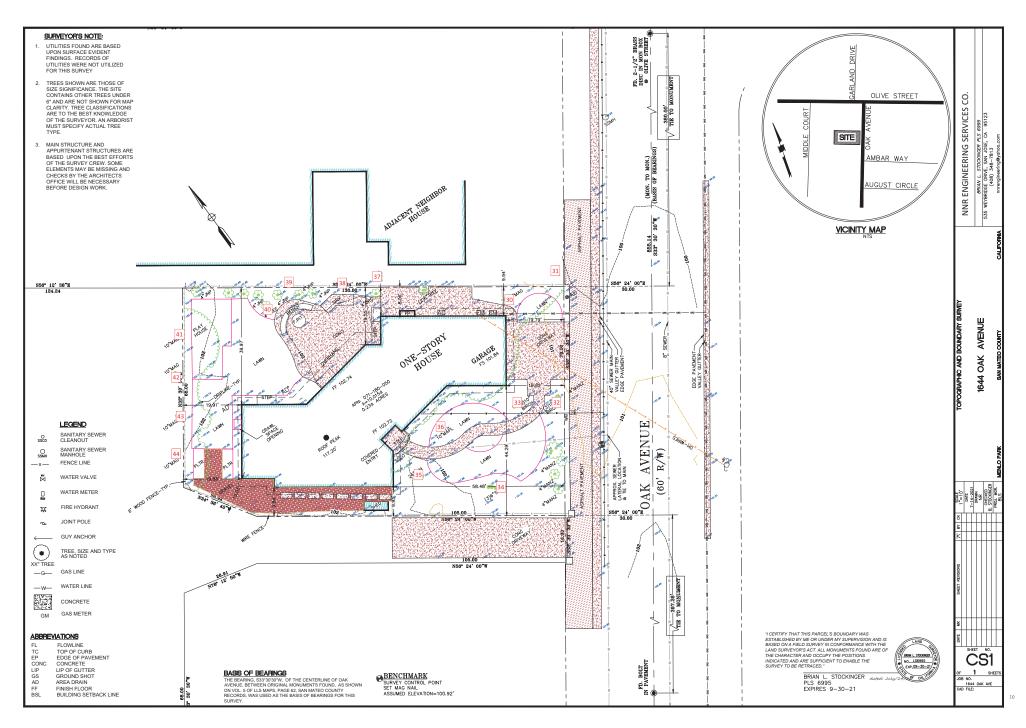
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URBAN TREE MANAGEMENT, INC Tree Valuations-Guide for Tree Appraisals 10th Edition

Address: 1664 Oak Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025

**Date:** 11/10/2022

Tree No.	<b>Species</b> (example)	Condition 0 to 1.0	Trunk Diameter	Func. Limitation 0 to 1.0	Ext. limitation 0 to 1.0	Replacement tr Size Co		Total Cost	Unit Tree cost	Appraised Trunk area	Basic tree cost	Depreciated cost	Reproduction cost (rounded)
30	Southern magnolia	0.6	17	0.6	0.8	172.	73 172.73	345.46	36.36	227.0	8,253	2,722	
31	Olive	0.3	16	0.7	0.8	172	73 172.73	345.46	36.36	201.1	7,311	1,574	
32	Birch	0.5	25.1	0.6	0.7	172.	73 172.73	345.46	36.36	494.8	17,991	4,124	
33	Birch	0.5	24.9	0.5	0.8	172	73 172.73	345.46	36.36	487.0	17,706	3,887	
34	Magnolia spp.	0.5	15	0.8	0.8	172	73 172.73	345.46	36.36	176.7	6,425	2,402	
35	Liquidambar	0.5	22.1	0.6	0.8	172	73 172.73	345.46	36.36	383.6	13,948	3,693	
37	Southern magnolia	0.5	18	0.5	0.7	172	73 172.73	345.46	36.36	254.5	9,252	1,965	
39	Eugenia	0.5	15	0.6	0.7	172.	73 172.73	345.46	36.36	176.7	6,425	1,695	
											Total:	22,060	



## **Community Development**



#### **MEMORANDUM**

Date: 10/27/2023

To: Planning Commission

From: Chris Turner, Associate Planner

Re: 1065 Trinity Drive – Exterior modifications: Determination of Substantial

Conformance (PLN2016-00123\_SC01)

For all applications that involve the construction or alteration of structures (e.g., Architectural Control and Use Permit), a standard condition of approval is applied requiring the subsequent development to be in substantial conformance with the approved plans. In the following case, staff believes that a project's proposed changes are in substantial conformance with its original approval, although the modifications warrant notification of the Planning Commission. As is described in more detail below, any Planning Commissioner may request that the item be added to the agenda of the next available Planning Commission meeting for further discussion.

## **Background**

On April 24, 2017, the Planning Commission approved a use permit application at 1065 Trinity Drive for an addition and interior remodel of an existing nonconforming two-story residence in the R-E-S (Residential Estate Suburban) zoning district where the value of work would exceed 50 percent of the existing value within a 12-month period. The Planning Commission staff report with approved plans and meeting minutes are available through the links provided below.

#### Staff report

https://menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/14226/F1---1065-Trinity-Drive?bidId=

#### **Minutes**

https://menlopark.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/ 04242017-2913

A building permit for the work is currently under review.

## **Proposed Revisions**

The applicant is requesting to change the proposed window styles, as well as modify the garage and front door styles and material. The proposed windows would remove any grid patterns. The size and location of windows would be generally consistent with the approved use permit plans, with minor modifications to fit the manufacturer's specifications; however, one front-facing window on the lower floor and three windows on the right side of the upper floor of the residence would be removed. The garage door would be a single doublewide door rather than two single garage doors. The applicant states the proposed modifications to the windows are primarily a result of warranty issues with the originally intended window manufacturer, necessitating use of a different window manufacturer with different window specifications and styles. The applicant is proposing a number of interior modifications that do not affect

the exterior of the residence, with the exception of a small 28-square-foot addition to the dining room in the rear, which would be converted from existing covered patio space. The modifications include a conversion of a portion of the lower floor into an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), which was not part of the original use permit approval. The ADU is not within the scope of this substantial conformance review since ADU conversions are generally exempt from discretionary review.

Project plans comparing the approved and proposed elevations, juxtaposed on the same sheet, are included as Attachment A, and a project description letter summarizing the changes is included as Attachment B.

#### Staff Review

Staff has determined that the changes to the project plans are in substantial conformance with the Planning Commission's previous action based on the following:

- Although there is a small increase in floor area, the area of addition would be converted from existing covered patio space, so there would be no addition of building coverage. The addition is also located at the rear and would not have an aesthetic impact as seen from the street.
- The changes to the window styles would be implemented comprehensively, and therefore, the overall integrity of the architectural design is maintained with the proposed exterior changes.
- The proposed changes to window locations and sizes would be minor, and would be generally consistent with the approved sizes and locations. The windows on the right side of the house that prompted privacy concerns at the hearing would generally be in the same location, with the exception of the removal of three windows, which could reduce potential privacy impacts.

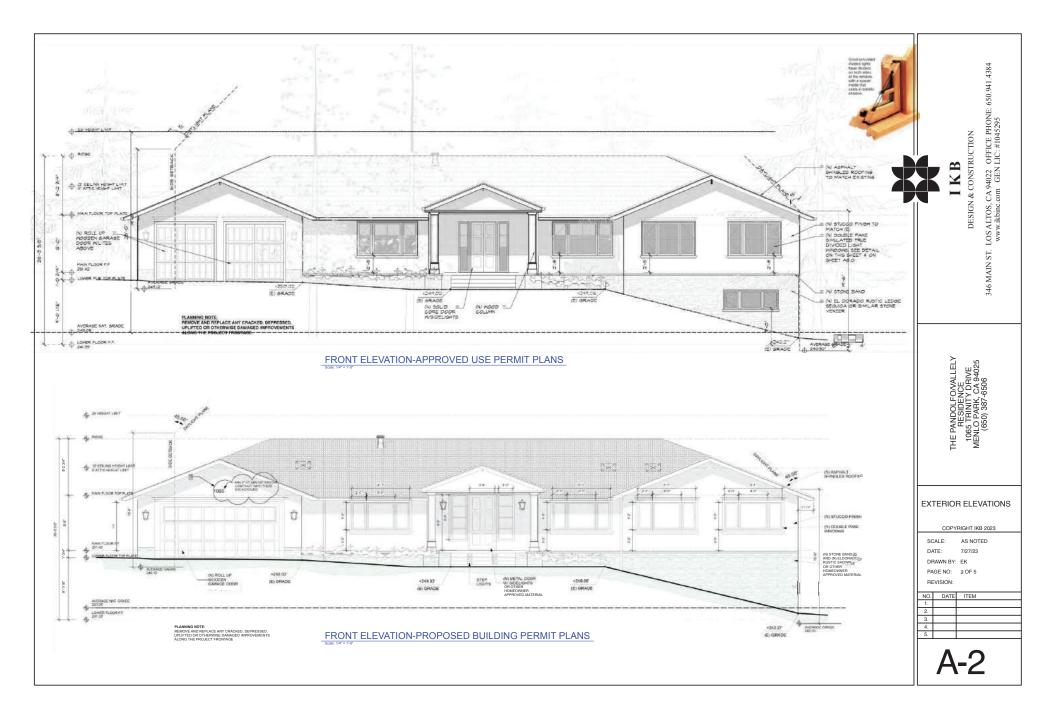
## **Planning Commission Review**

If any member of the Commission would like to discuss the changes to the plans described above at the November 13, 2023 Planning Commission meeting, please notify staff no later than **5:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. If staff does not receive a request from a Planning Commissioner, there will be no further review, and the City will proceed with processing the described modifications as part of the building permit application. If any member of the Commission makes such a request, the item would be placed on the November 13, 2023 agenda as a regular business item to give the full Commission the opportunity to determine whether or not the proposed modifications meet the intent of the original approval. No additional materials beyond what is contained in this memorandum would be prepared for the agenda item.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Chris Turner at crturner@menlopark.gov. If you wish to request that this item be scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting, please contact Kyle Perata at ktperata@menlopark.gov.

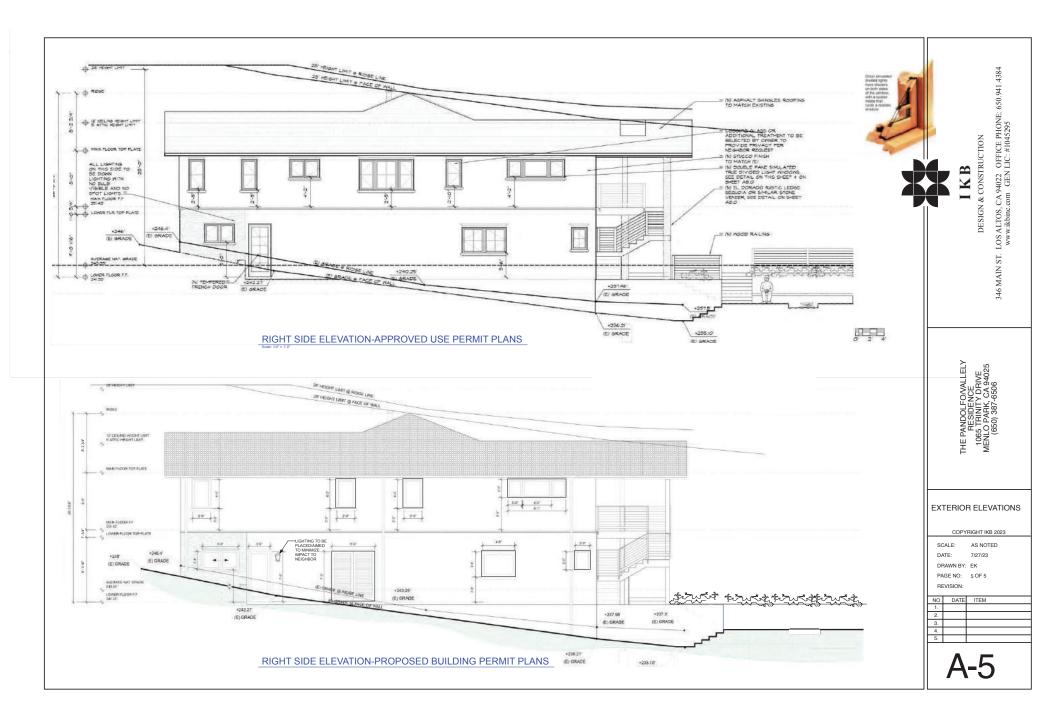
## **Attachments**

- A. Approved and Revised PlansB. Project Description Letter











August 25, 2023

City of Menlo Park 701 Laurel Street Menlo Park, CA 94025

## Re: Project Description Letter for Substantial Conformance Memo for BLD2019-00361

Dear Chris Turner or other Planning Professional,

This letter explains and details changes that may be of interest to Planning in preparing its substantial conformance memo. It is meant to accompany the four elevation comparison sheets we have provided. Each sheet shows the elevation from the approved use permit set above its counterpart from the current plan submission set.

Please let us know if you have any questions or suggested changes.

## **Changes and explanations**

- 1. IKB Design & Construction replaced Young and Borlick as architect all related sheets redrafted and updated per changes below
- 2. Reconfigured main floor interior remodeled areas (eg great room, kids bathrooms)
  - No changes to footprint/envelope
  - About 28 sqft of main floor rear porch converted to dining room to fit Homeowner's dining room table
  - New skylight locations to align with roof framing; updates to related calcs
- 3. Added cooktop to lower level wet bar area making it an ADU
  - Changed lower level rear slider in new ADU area to include fixed panels and swing doors to meet ADU reqmts
  - Added ADU dual-locking separation door at stairs to meet ADU regmts
- 4. Front elevation
  - Changed from Kolbe divided light windows to Marvin because of Kolbe's warranty/legal problems (all elevations)
  - Changed from 2 single garage doors to 1 double door of similar style to fit Homeowner's SUV
  - Removed front lower level bedroom window didn't fit with proposed guest bed location
  - Added sconces at front door improves lighting and balances/matches sconces flanking garage



- Provided street number above garage as required
- 5. Left elevation
  - Corrected left side drafting errors (eg. no bedroom projecting past garage, adding exterior lights at exits)
- 6. Rear elevation
  - Shifted mudroom door to window location
  - Adjusted 2 trapezoid windows to fit with structural and manufacturer constraints
  - Changed great room fixed window and two sliders to one slider and two fixed windows to allow posts between
  - Adjusted master bathroom windows to fit smaller header
  - Added lower level MEP access
- 7. Right elevation
  - On main floor, removed one bedroom and one closet window; also changed xox bedroom window to single casement
  - o On lower level, added one bathroom window and crawl space access doors
- 8. Throughout the plan set, tweaks to align with new and revised structural, civil, landscape, MEP plans (eg thicker walls for shear, access to HVAC equip etc)
- 9. Throughout the plan set, additional design detail such as cabinetry, countertops, lighting plumbing, flooring and other Homeowner-selected items/materials

Thank you,

Chris Pandolfo Vice President

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