ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Staff Report

ADDRESS: 1112 W Liberty Street, Application Number HDC20-117

DISTRICT: Old West Side Historic District

REPORT DATE: August 13, 2020

REPORT PREPARED BY: Jill Thacher, Historic Preservation Coordinator

REVIEW COMMITTEE DATE: Monday, August 10, 2019

OWNER APPLICANT

Name: Angela Cesere and Robert Thomas Same

Address: 1112 W Liberty

Ann Arbor MI 48103

Phone: (231) 620-1786

BACKGROUND: This 1 ¾ story upright and wing first appears in City Directories in 1917 as the home of Robert Reiff. It features a rubble foundation, rear one-story wing with a shed roof, and several additions.

LOCATION: The property is located on the north side of West Liberty Street, three houses east of Crest Avenue.

APPLICATION: The applicant seeks HDC approval to construct a rear dormer, remove a rear window and install a different sized window in a nearby location, and construct a rear deck and stairs.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:

From the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

(9) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

From the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (other SOI Guidelines may also apply):

Roofs

<u>Recommended:</u> Designing additions to roofs such as residential, office, or storage spaces; elevator housing; decks and terraces; or dormers or skylights when required by the new use

so that they are inconspicuous from the public right-of-way and do not damage or obscure character-defining features.

<u>Not Recommended:</u> Changing the configuration of a roof by adding new features such as dormer windows, vents, or skylights so that the historic character is diminished.

Windows

<u>Not Recommended</u>: Installing new windows, including frames, sash, and muntin configuration that are incompatible with the building's historic appearance or obscure, damage, or destroy character-defining features.

District or Neighborhood Setting

<u>Not Recommended</u>: Introducing new construction into historic districts that is visually incompatible or that destroys historic relationships within the setting.

From the Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines (other guidelines may apply):

Residential Decks and Patios

<u>Appropriate</u>: Installing a deck in the rear of the property that is subordinate in proportion to the building.

Installing railings made of wood. Custom railing designs will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis

Installing flooring made of wood or composite wood.

Roofs

Not Appropriate: Adding chimneys, cupolas, or dormers where not appropriate.

STAFF FINDINGS:

- 1. This house is a non-contributing structure in the Old West Side Historic District. The guidelines above should be considered for the proposed work's impact on surrounding historic structures and the OWSHD rather than on the non-historic building. For example, consider impacts to the historic character of the district when adding a dormer, instead of to the non-contributing house.
- 2. The dormer is on the back of the house, and extends off the roof ridge of the wing. It bumps out in the center of the house to make space for a stair landing that couldn't otherwise meet code. The dormer cuts into the rear gable and an existing window is removed. A new horizontal window is added in the half of the gable wall that remains. Staff appreciates that the dormer does not increase the height of the house. The work will not be visible from the street.
- 3. The new deck is connected to an existing side entry porch. Stair guardrails are an appropriate design with balusters sandwiched between 2x4s on flat. The deck itself is low

enough that no guardrails are required or proposed.

4. Staff finds the work generally compatible in exterior design, arrangement, material, and relationship to the rest of the building and the surrounding area, and finds that it meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation, and the Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines.

POSSIBLE MOTIONS: (Note that the motion is only a suggestion. The Review Committee, consisting of staff and at least two Commissioners, will meet with the applicant on site and then make a recommendation at the meeting.)

I move that the Commission issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application at 1112 W. Liberty Street, a non-contributing property in the Old West Side Historic District, to construct a rear dormer, remove a rear window and install a different sized window in a nearby location, and construct a rear deck and stairs, as proposed. The work is compatible in exterior design, arrangement, texture, material and relationship to the rest of the building and the surrounding area and meets the *Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines*, in particular the guidelines for residential decks and roofs, and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* and *Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, in particular standards 9 and 10 and the guidelines for roofs, windows, and district or neighborhood setting.

MOTION WORKSHEET:

I move that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work at <u>1112 W</u> <u>Liberty Street</u> in the <u>Old West Side</u> Historic District

Provided the following condition(S) is (ARE) met: 1) STATE CONDITION(s)

The work is generally compatible with the size, scale, massing, and materials and meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, standard(S) number(S) (circle all that apply): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

ATTACHMENTS: application, photos, drawings

2008 Survey Photo





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APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

OFFICE USE ONLY			
Permit Number	HDC#		
	BLDG#		
DATE STAMP			

PROPERTY LOCATION/OWNER INFORMATION				
NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER	HISTORIC DISTRICT			
Angela Cesere and Robert Thomas Old V		t Side		
PROPERTY ADDRESS		CITY		
1112 W. Liberty St.		ANN ARBOR		
ZIPCODE DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS				
48103 (231) 620-1786 angela.cesere@gmail.com	n			
PROPERTY OWNER'S ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	CITY	STATE, ZIP		
PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE				
SIGN HERE PRINT NAME Angela J. Ces	ere	DATE 7/21/2020		
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APPLICANT INFORMATION (/ NAME OF APPLICANT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)				
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ADDRESS OF APPLICANT		CITY		
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STATE ZIPCODE PHONE / CELL #	FAX No			
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EMAIL ADDRESS				
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (if different from Property Owner)				
SIGN HERE PRINT NAME X DATE				
BUILDING USE – CHECK ALL THAT APPLY				
□ SINGLE FAMILY □ DUPLEX □ RENTAL □ MULTIPLE FAMILY □	COMMERCIAL	INSTITUTIONAL		
PROPOSED WORK				
Describe in detail each proposed exterior alteration, improvement and/or repair (use additional	l paper, if necessary).			
New North Facing Dormer w/ Wood Cladding + Painted Cement B	oard Fascia w/ (2)	New Windows		
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One Demolished existing North Facing Window in an existing gable end.				
3. One New North Facing Window in an existing gable end.				
4. New Rear deck and stairs attached to an existing deck, new railings on existing and new deck.				
DESCRIBE CONDITIONS THAT JUSTIFY THE PROPOSED CHANGES:				
Changes are proposed to make the upper level of the home more usable, including better access to an				
existing bedroom and and a portion of attic space to be renovated into a bathroom.				
For Further Assistance With Required Attachments, please visit www.a2gov.org/hdc				



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION

FEE CHART				
DESCRIPTION				
STAFF REVIEW FEES	FEE			
Application for Staff Approval	\$35.00			
Work started without approvals	Additional \$50.00			
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FEES				
All other proposed work not listed below	\$100.00			
Work started without approvals	Additional \$250.00			
RESIDENTIAL – Single and 2-story Structure				
Addition: single story	\$300.00			
Addition: taller than single story	\$550.00			
New Structure - Accessory	\$100.00			
New Structure – Principal	\$850.00			
Replacement of single and 2-family window(s)	\$100 + \$25/window			
COMMERCIAL – includes multi-family (3 or more unit) structures				
Additions	\$700.00			
Replacement of multi-family and commercial window (s)	\$100 + \$50/window			
Replacement of commercial storefront	\$250.00			
DEMOLITION and RELOCATION				
Demolition of a contributing structure	\$1000.0			
Demolition of a non-contributing structure	\$250.00			
Relocation of a contributing structure	\$750.00			
Relocation of a non-contributing structure	\$250.00			

FOR COMMISSION REVIEWS:

- Application withdrawals made before public notice is published will qualify for a 50% refund of the application fee.
- Application withdrawals made after public notice is sent but before the public hearing will qualify for a 25% refund of the application fee.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

All HDC applications must be signed by the property owner and the applicant, if different, with the exception of staff approvals, which may be signed by only the applicant.

All completed HDC applications and their attachments may be submitted to Planning and Development Services by mail, in person (paper or digital), faxed, or via email to building@a2gov.org.

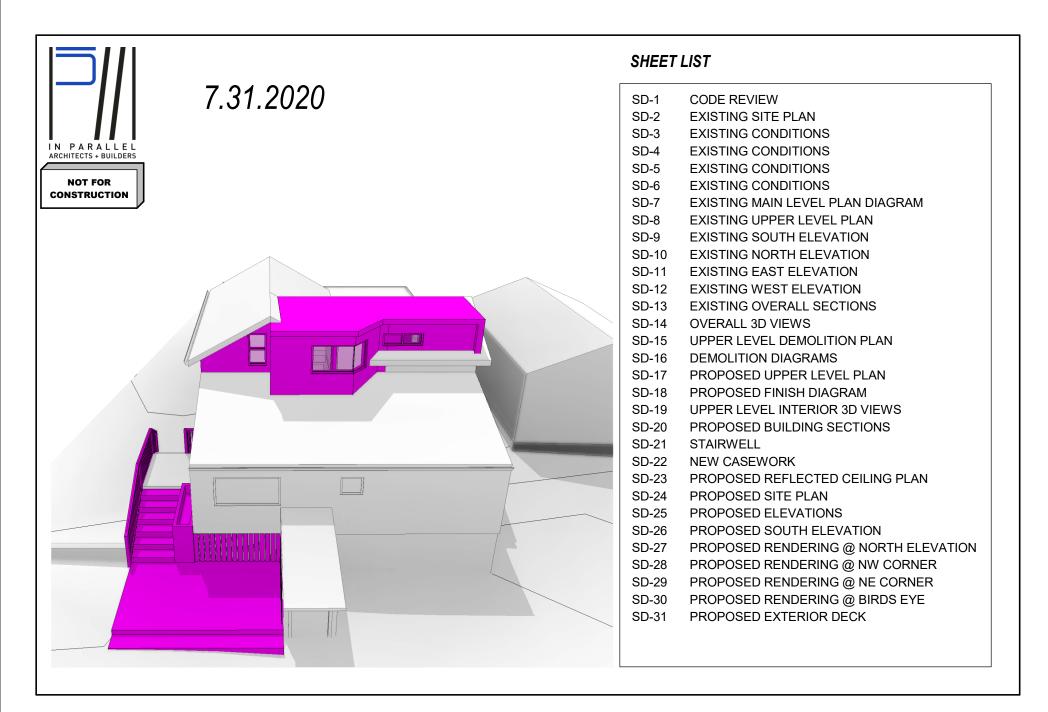
We accept CASH, CHECK, and all major credit cards. Checks should be made payable to "City of Ann Arbor"

HDC applications that are incomplete or not submitted with the required documentation or payment will not be processed or approved.

APPLICATION EXPIRATION

HDC applications expire three (3) years after the date of approval.

OFFICE USE ONLY				
Date of Hearing:				
Action	☐ HDC COA	☐ HDC Denial		
	☐ HDC NTP	☐ Staff COA		
Staff Signature				
Comments				
Fee:	\$			
Payment Type	☐ Check: # ☐ Cash ☐ Credit Card			



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Zoning and Code Requirements

Governing Codes

2015 - Michigan Residential Code Unified Development Code - City of Ann Arbor Ann Arbor Historic Distric Commission Historic District Design Guidelines

Relevant Excerpts (2015 Michigan Residential Code)

Appendix J - Existing Buildings and Structures

- Section AJ501 Alterations
- Section AJ601 Reconstructions

Ann Arbor Zoning

Property Facts:

Zoning District: R1D Gross Lot Size: 9,640 sqft Square Footage: 1,240 sqft Garage Area: 360 sqft Year Built: 1956 Bedrooms: 3

Full Baths: 1 Crawl Space: 328 Historical District: Yes

Historic Distric Status: Non Contributing Structure

R1D Zoning District Facts:

Minimum Gross Lot Size: 5,000 SF Minimum Lot Area Per Dwelling: 5,000 SF

Minimum Lot Width: 40' Minimum Front Setback: 25'

(unless average front setback applies)

Minimum Rear Setback: 20' Maximum Height: 30'

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Addition % of Square Footage Restrictions:

The addition's footprint should not exceed half of the original building's footprint, or half of the original building's total floor area.

Because zone of work is in existing attic space, addition footprint does not add additional square footage to the building.

<u>Differentiation</u>

Considered appropriate: "designing a new addition in a manner that makes it clear what is historic and what is new."

Materials and Windows

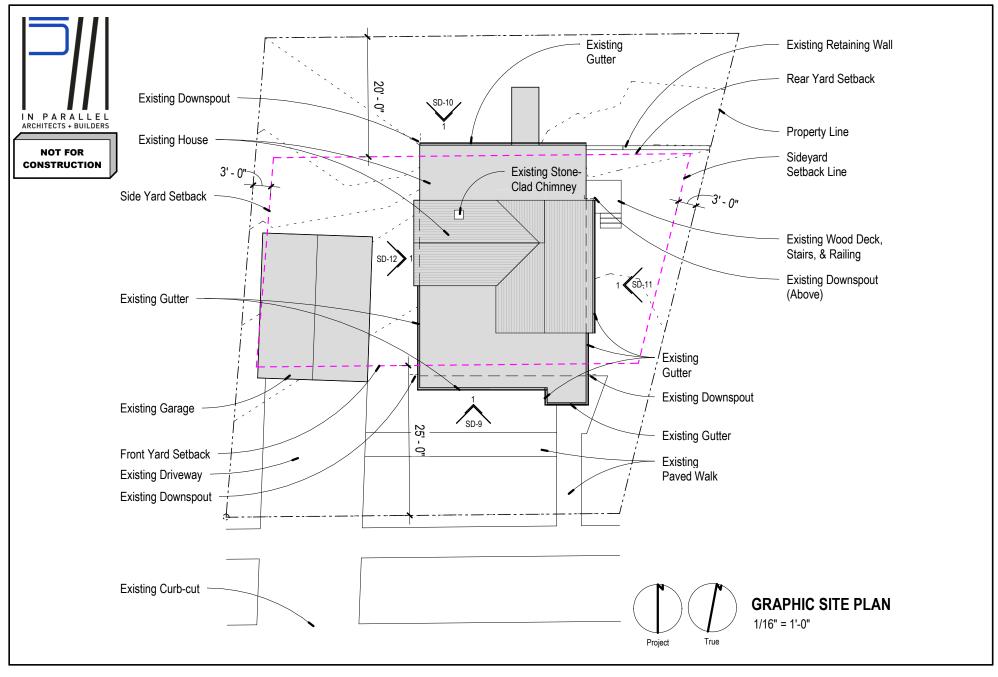
Considered appropriate: "designing the addition so it is compatible in terms of massing, materials, relationship of solids to voids, and proportion of openings"

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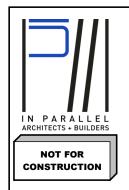
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CODE REVIEW



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EXISTING SITE PLAN



HISTORIC RECORD OF **BUILDING PERMITS**

ITEM A: (2019) VINYL WINDOWS,11 REPLACED IN 2019, 9 REPLACED IN 2010

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ITEM C: (POST 1982) ALUMINUM WINDOW TRIM AND SHUTTERS

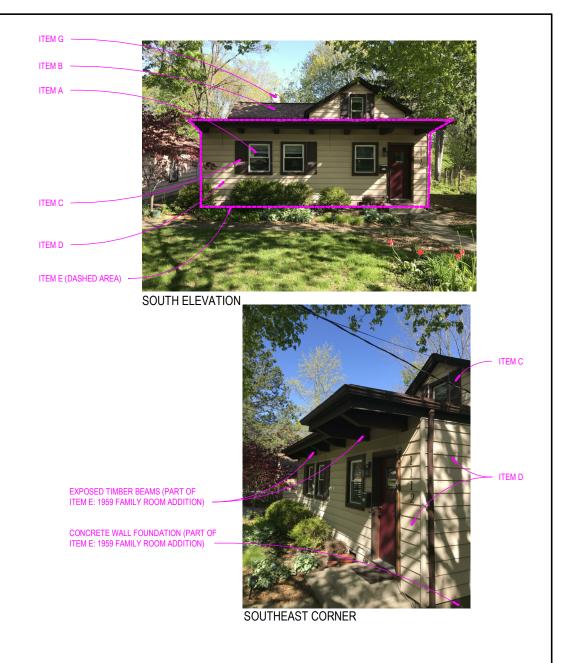
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ITEM E: (1959) FRONT FAMILY **ROOM ADDITION**

ITEM F: (YEAR UNKNOWN) CMU FOUNDATION, INDICATING LIKELEY AREA OF **BACK ADDITION**

ITEM G: (YEAR UNKNOWN) STONE-CLAD MASONRY CHIMNEY

ITEM H: RUBBLE FOUNDATION



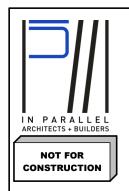
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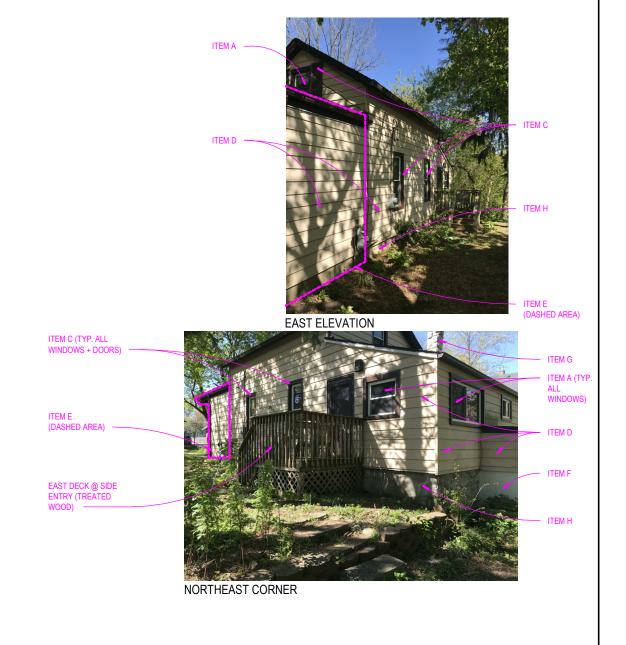
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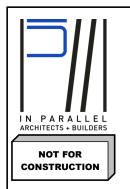
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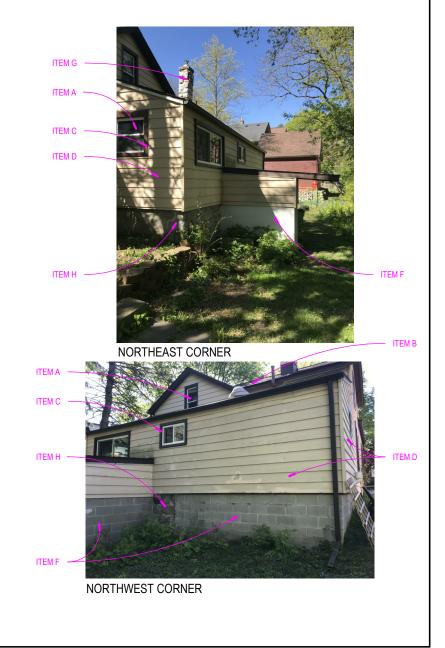
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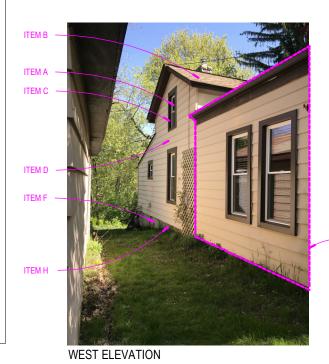
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NORTHWEST CORNER

ITEM E (DASHED AREA)

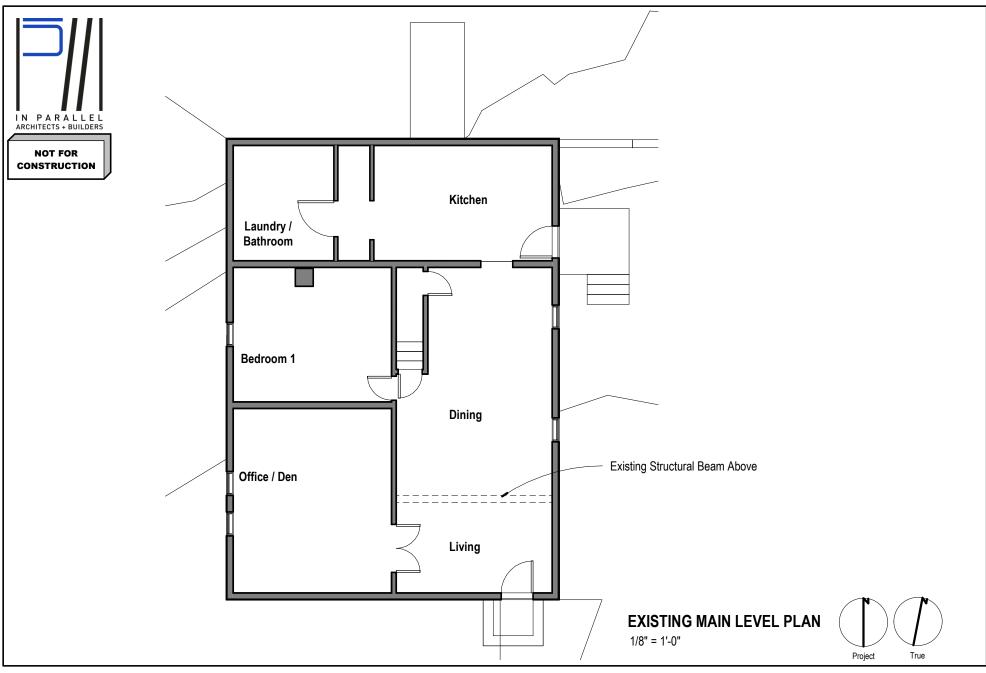
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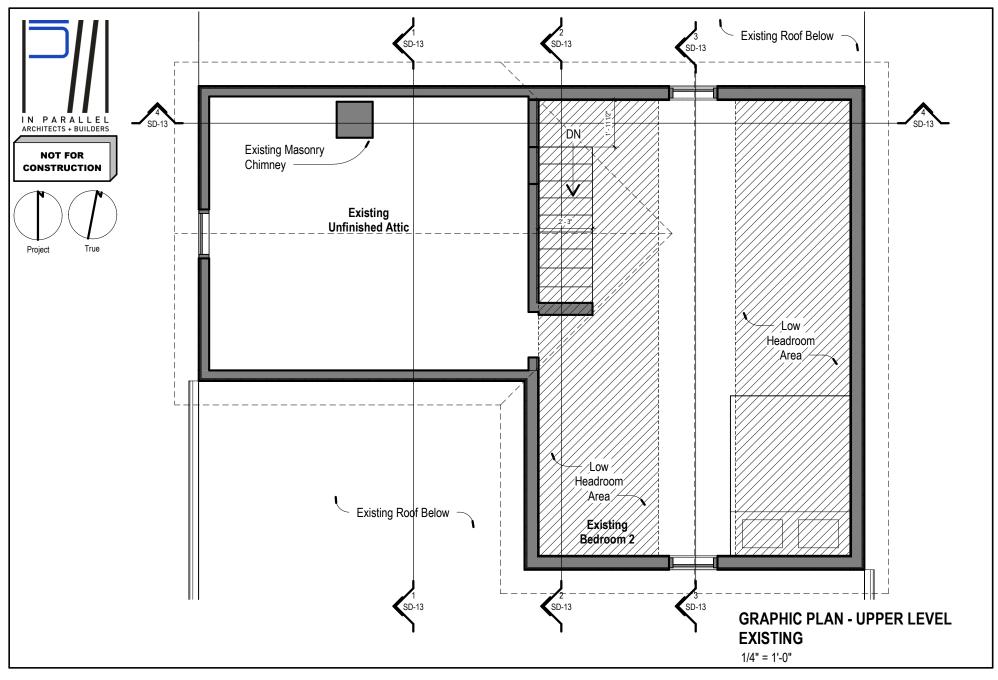
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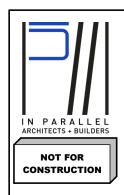
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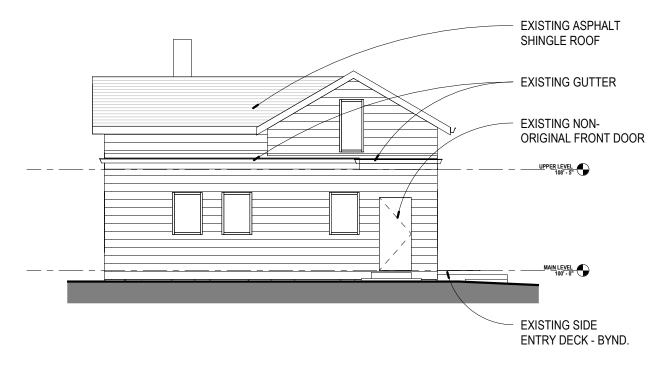


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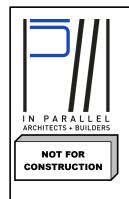
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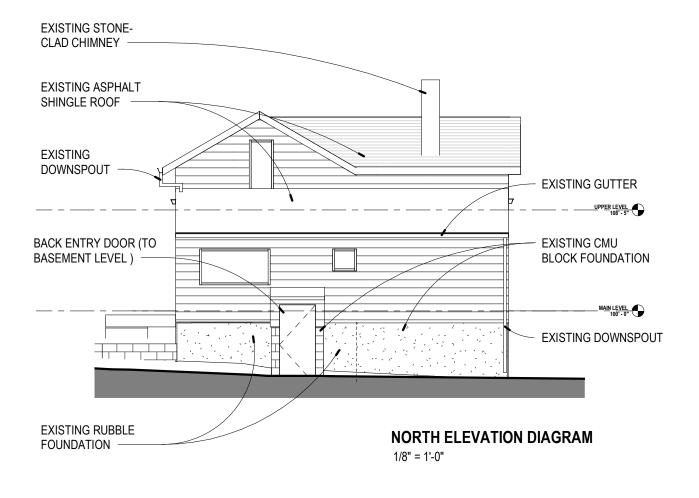
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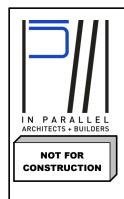
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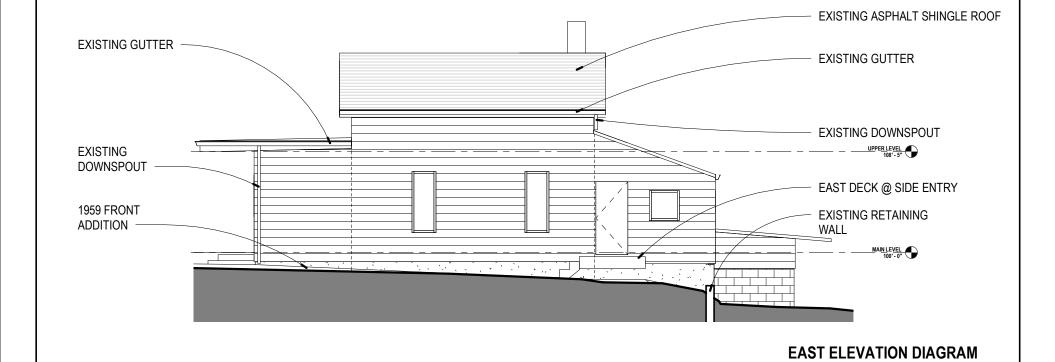




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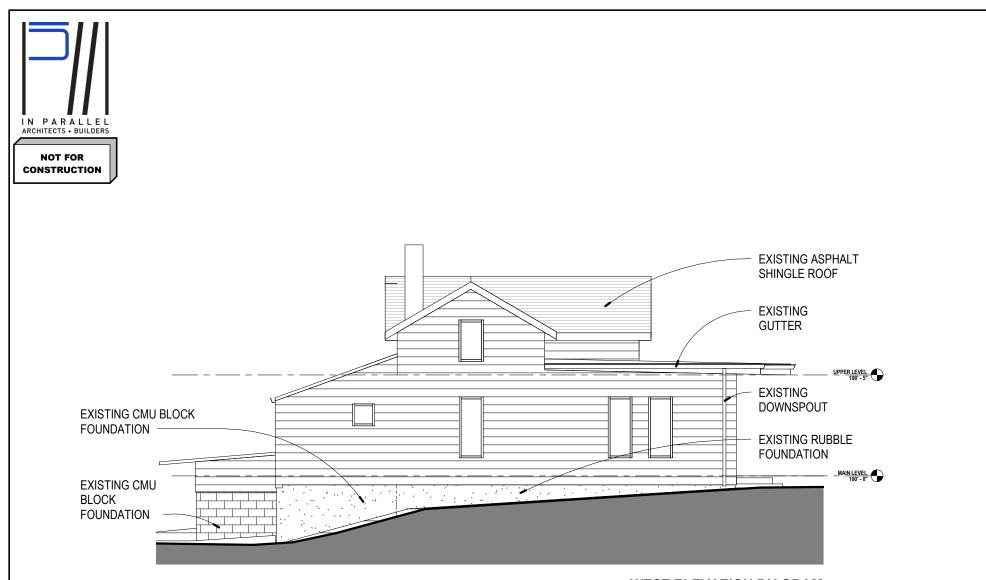
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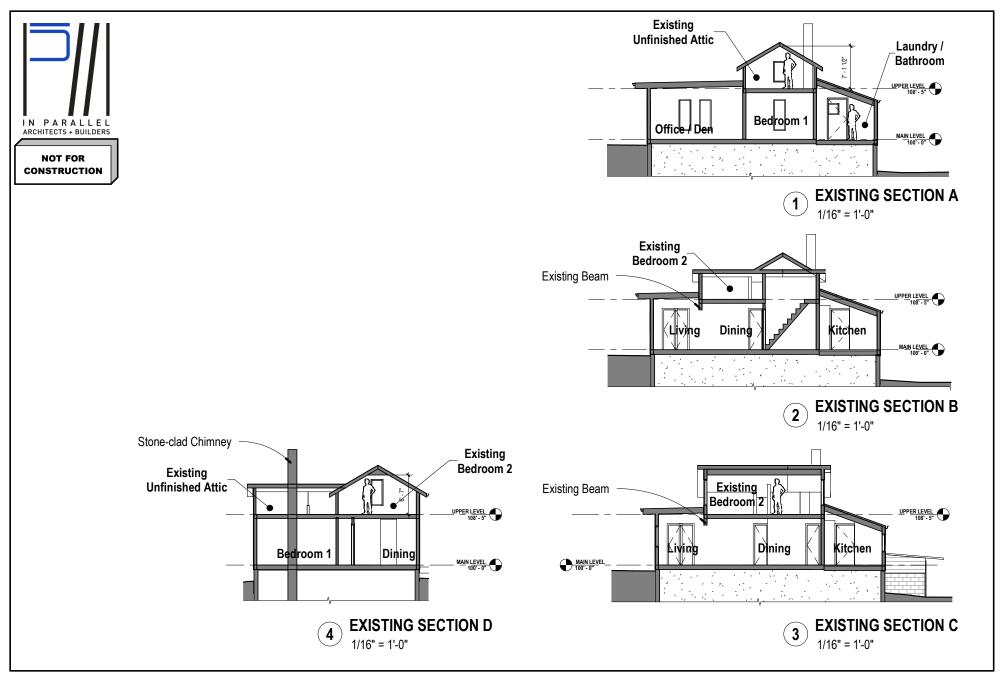
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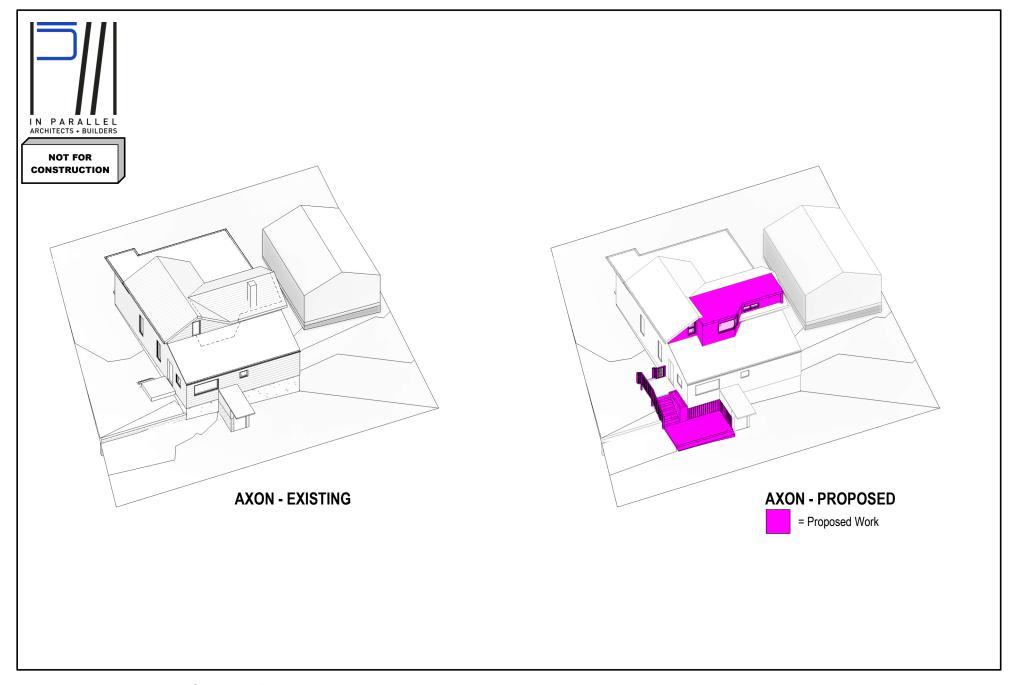
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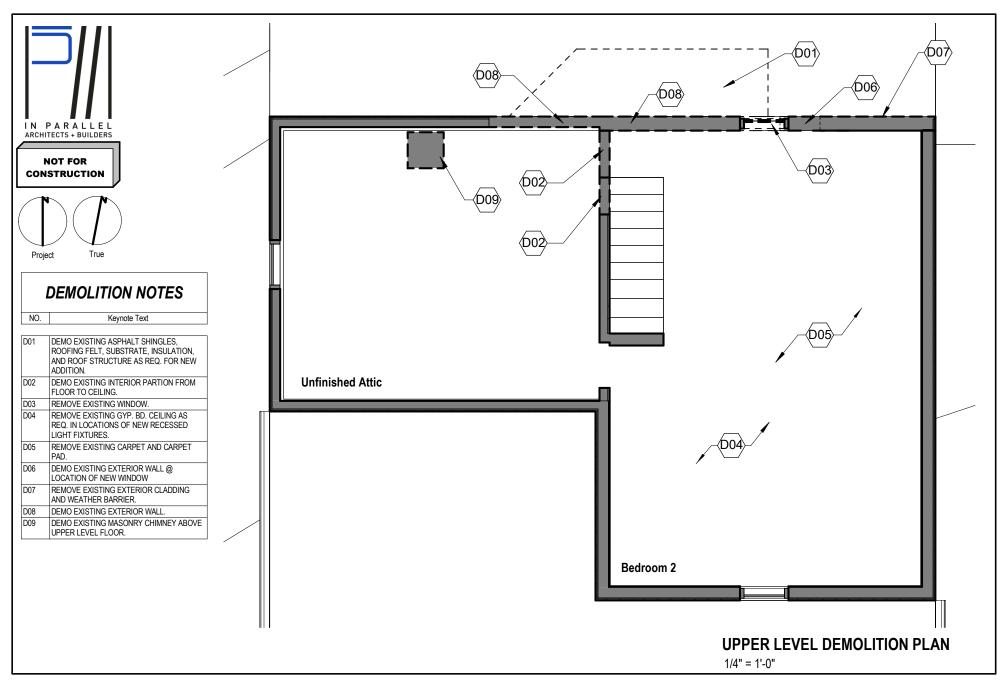
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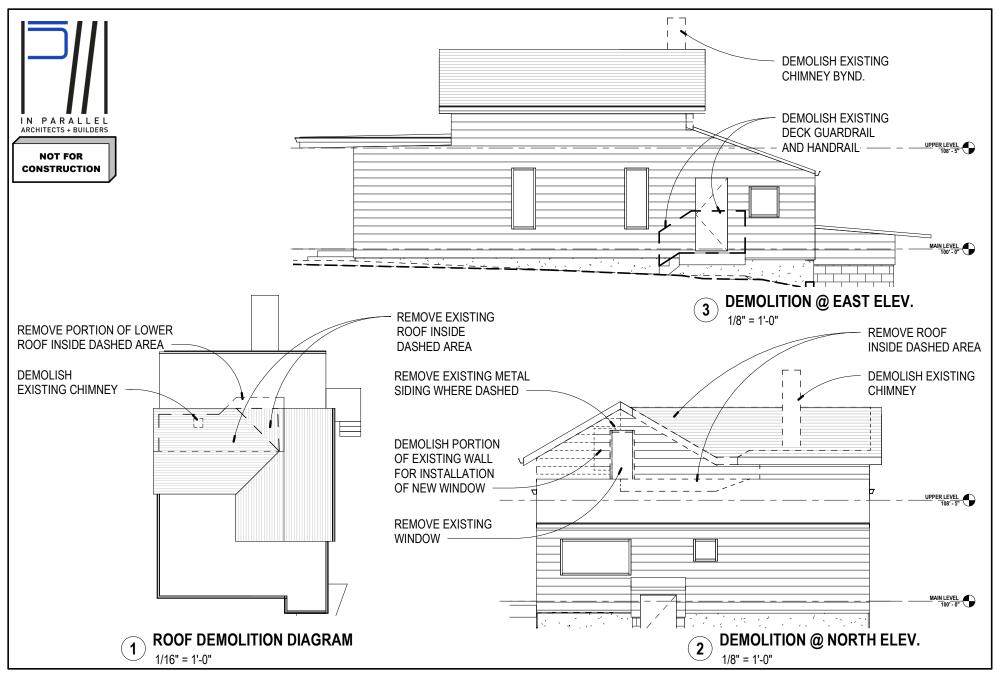
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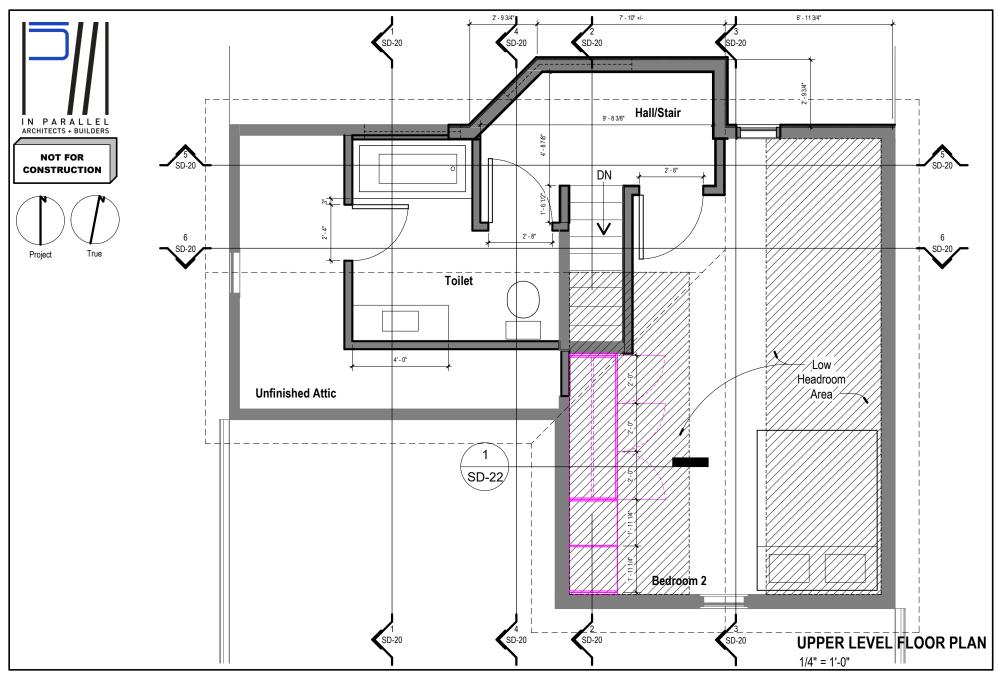
UPPER LEVEL DEMOLITION PLAN



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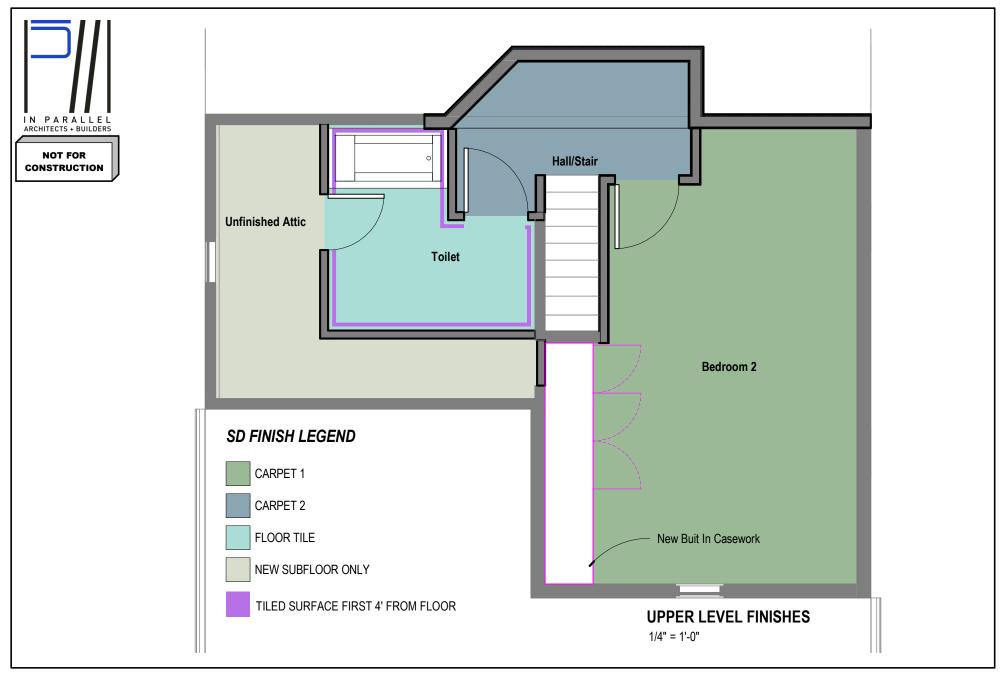
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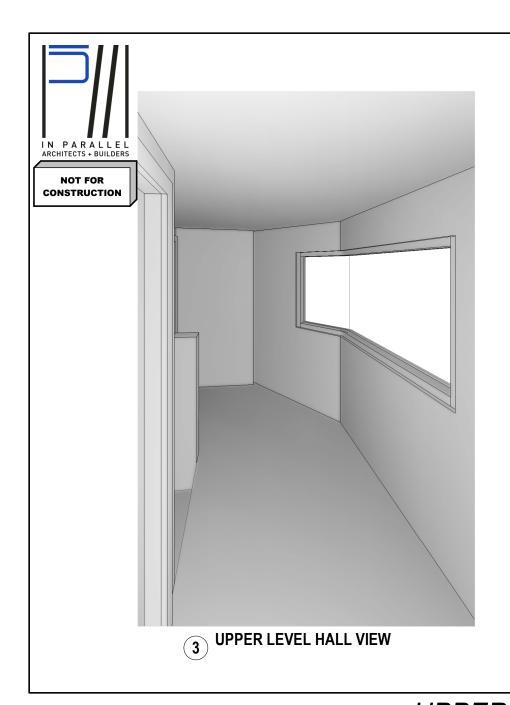
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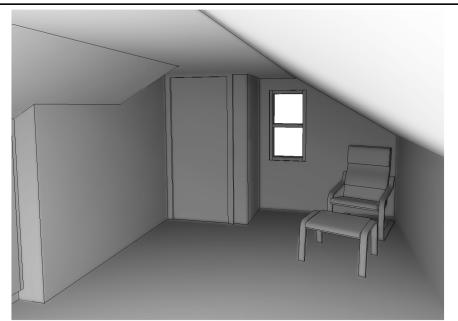
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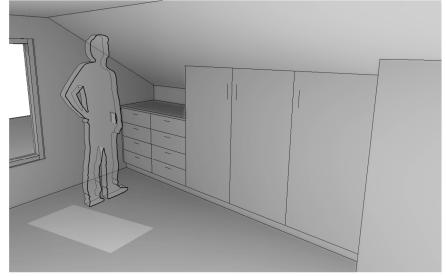
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PROPOSED FINISH DIAGRAM





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UPPER LEVEL BR CASEWORK

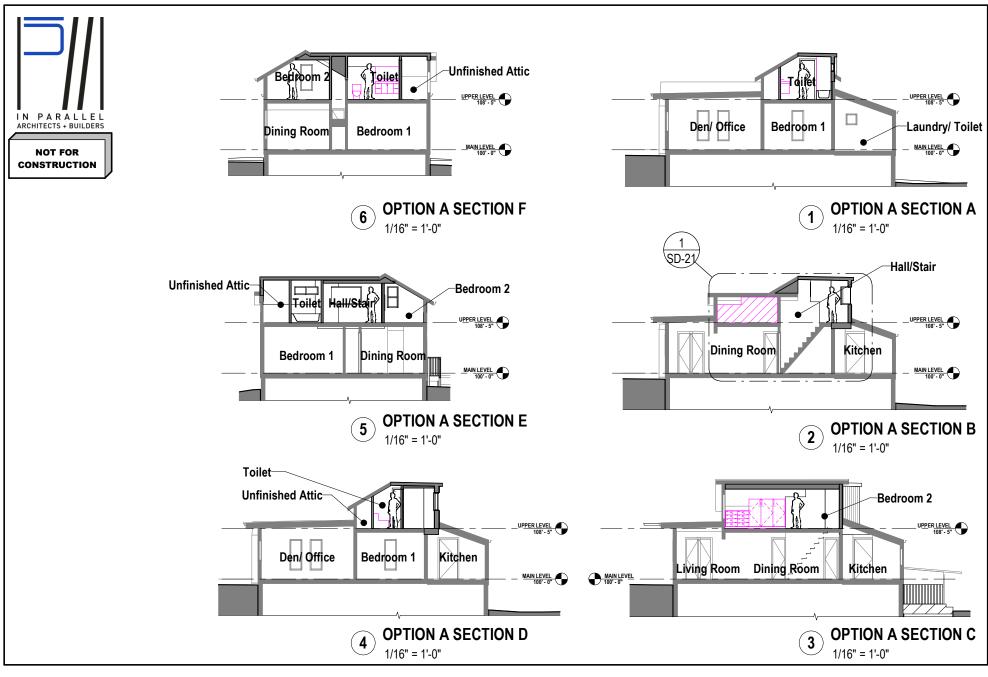
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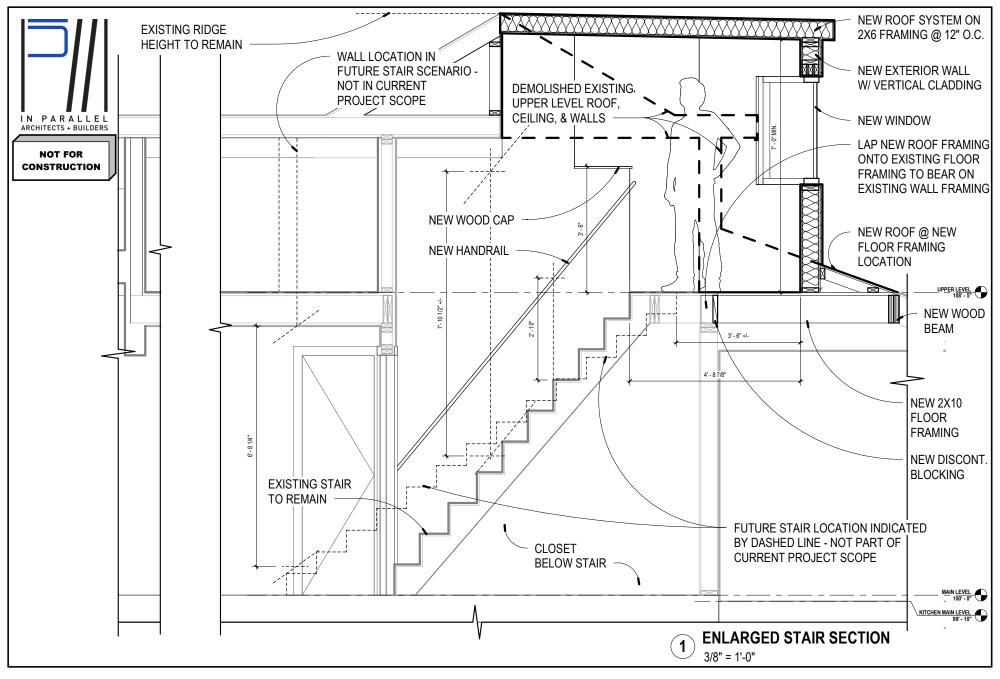
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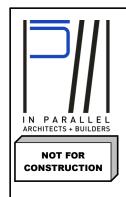
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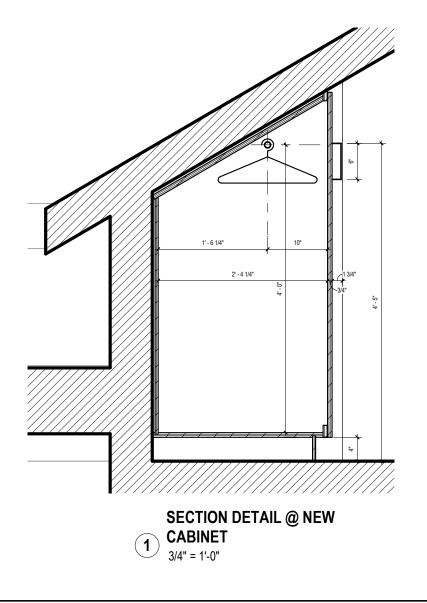


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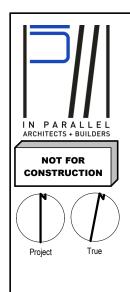


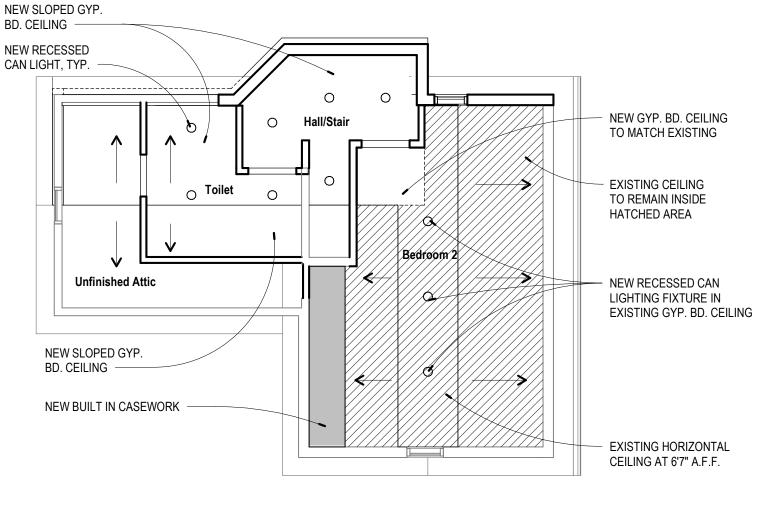


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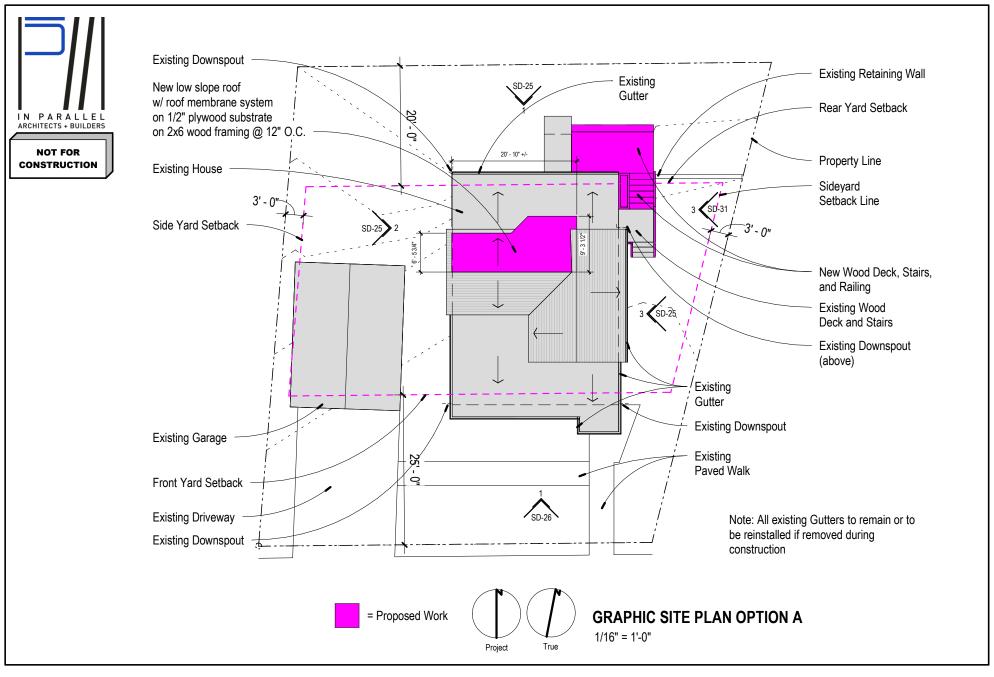


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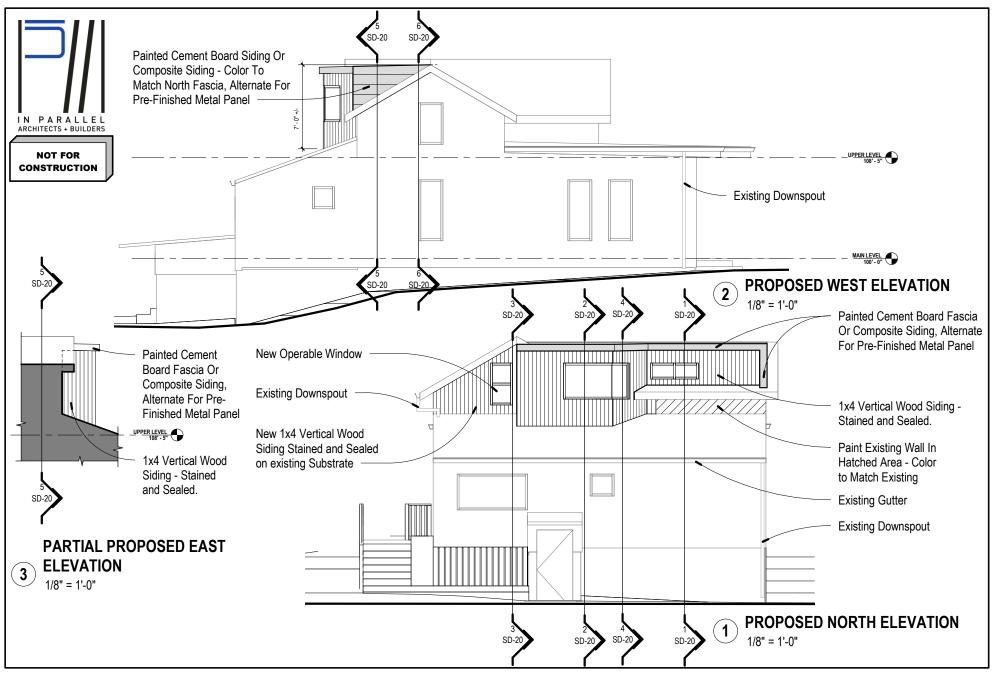
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PROPOSED REFLECTED CEILING
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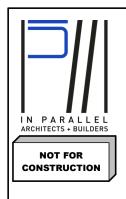
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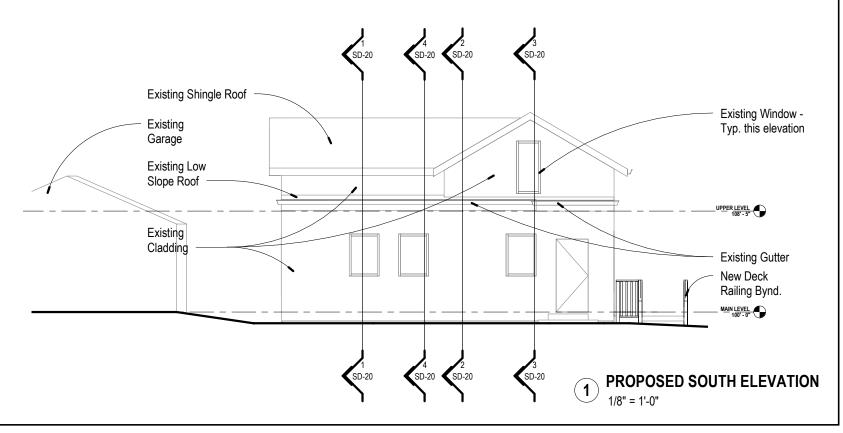


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PROPOSED ELEVATIONS





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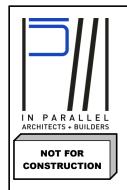




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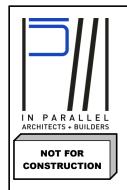




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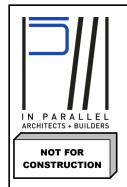
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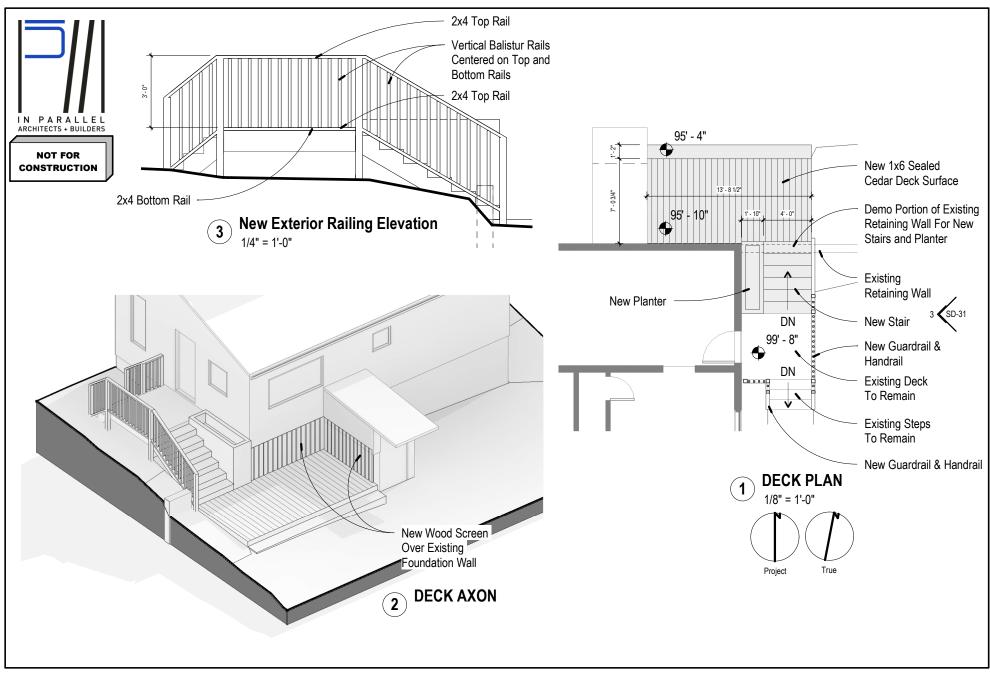




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PROPOSED RENDERING @ BIRDS EYE



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PROPOSED EXTERIOR DECK