BOARD OF APPEALS, CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Appeal of DANIEL DESTEFANO,

Appellant(s)

vs.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION, PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPROVAL Respondent

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on November 21, 2023, the above named appellant(s) filed an appeal with the Board of Appeals of the City and County of San Francisco from the decision or order of the above named department(s), commission, or officer.

The substance or effect of the decision or order appealed from is the issuance on November 7, 2023, to Edward Wong, of Alteration Permit No. 2023/1020/9145 (new 7x14 foot deck at rear with 3 foot staircase; revision to Permit Application No. 2023/0314/3656) at 525 Hearst Avenue.

APPLICATION NO. 2023/1020/9145

FOR HEARING ON January 31, 2024

Address of Appellant(s):	Address of Other Parties:
Daniel DeStefano, Appellant(s)	Edward Wong, Dana Wong, Permit Holder(s)
519 Hearst Avenue	1071 Portola Drive
San Francisco, CA 94112	San Francisco, CA 94127



CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF APPEALS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT FOR APPEAL NO. 23-060

I / We, Daniel DeStefano, hereby appeal the following departmental action: ISSUANCE of Alteration Permit No.

2023/1020/9145 by the Department of Building Inspection which was issued or became effective on: November

7, 2023, to: Edward Wong, for the property located at: 525 Hearst Ave..

BRIEFING SCHEDULE:

Appellant's Brief is due on or before: 4:30 p.m. on **January 11, 2024**, **(no later than three Thursdays prior to the hearing date)**. The brief may be up to 12 pages in length with unlimited exhibits. It shall be double-spaced with a minimum 12-point font. An electronic copy shall be emailed to: <u>boardofappeals@sfgov.org</u>, <u>julie.rosenberg@sfgov.org</u>, <u>corey.teague@sfgov.org</u>, <u>tina.tam@sfgov.org</u>, <u>matthew.greene@sfgov.org</u> and <u>chanarten@gmail.com</u>.

Respondent's and Other Parties' Briefs are due on or before: 4:30 p.m. on **January 25, 2024**, (no later than one **Thursday prior to hearing date**). The brief may be up to 12 pages in length with unlimited exhibits. It shall be doubled-spaced with a minimum 12-point font. An electronic copy shall be emailed to: <u>boardofappeals@sfgov.org</u>, julie.rosenberg@sfgov.org, corey.teague@sfgov.org, tina.tam@sfgov.org, matthew.greene@sfgov.org and daniel_destefano@sbcglobal.net.

Hard copies of the briefs do NOT need to be submitted to the Board Office or to the other parties.

Hearing Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Room 416 San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place.

All parties to this appeal must adhere to the briefing schedule above, however if the hearing date is changed, the briefing schedule MAY also be changed. Written notice will be provided of any changes to the briefing schedule.

In order to have their documents sent to the Board members prior to hearing, **members of the public** should email all documents of support/opposition no later than one Thursday prior to hearing date by 4:30 p.m. to <u>boardofappeals@sfgov.org</u>. Please note that names and contact information included in submittals from members of the public will become part of the public record. Submittals from members of the public may be made anonymously.

Please note that in addition to the parties' briefs, any materials that the Board receives relevant to this appeal, including letters of support/opposition from members of the public, are distributed to Board members prior to hearing. All such materials are available for inspection on the Board's website at <u>www.sfgov.org/boa</u>. You may also request a hard copy of the hearing materials that are provided to Board members at a cost of 10 cents per page, per S.F. Admin. Code Ch. 67.28.

The reasons for this appeal are as follows:

Not provided.

Appellant filed the appeal in person at the Board Office.

Permit Details Report

Report Date:

Application Number:	202310209145			
Form Number:	8			
Address(es):	3122 / 047 / 0	525	HEARST	AV
Description:	(N) 7X14 DECK	AT REAF	RW/3FTSTA	JRCASE. REV TO PA #202303143656
Cost:	\$25,000.00			
Occupancy Code:	R-3			
Building Use:	27 - 1 FAMILY I	OWELLIN	IG	

Disposition / Stage:

Action Date	Stage	Comments
10/20/2023	TRIAGE	
10/20/2023	FILING	
10/20/2023	FILED	
11/7/2023	APPROVED	
11/7/2023	ISSUED	

11/21/2023 11:21:18 AM

Contact Details:

Contractor Details:

License Number: OWN Name: OWNER OWNER Company Name: OWNER Address: OWNER * OWNER CA 00000-0000 Phone:

Addenda Details:

Station	Rev#	Arrive	Start	In Hold	Out Hold	Finish	Checked By	Review Result	Hold Description
BID- INSP		10/20/23	10/20/23			10/20/23	GONZALEZ KENNETH	Approved	
INTAKE		10/20/23	10/20/23			10/20/23	CHEUNG DEREK	Administrative	
CP-ZOC		10/26/23	10/26/23			10/26/23	SITU JIA HONG		10/26/2023: Approved from rear deck at second floor. Not more than 10 ft from existing grade. Rear stairs to deck from first floor. All work within buildable area. No other work. jiahong.situ@sfgov.org
BLDG		11/2/23	11/2/23			11/2/23	HOM CALVIN	Approved	approved otc
СРВ		11/7/23	11/7/23			11/7/23	VICTORIO CHRISTOPHER	Administrative	

This permit has been issued. For information pertaining to this permit, please call 628-652-3450.

Appointments:

Appointment Appointment	Appointment	Appointment	Description Time
Date AM/PM	Code	Type	Slots

Inspections:

Activity Date Inspector Inspection Description Inspection Status

Special Inspections:

Addenda No. Completed Date Inspected By Inspection Code Description Remarks

For information, or to schedule an inspection, call 628-652-3400 between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm.

Station Code Descriptions and Phone Numbers

Online Permit and Complaint Tracking home page.

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BRIEF SUBMITTED BY THE APPELLANT(S)

Daniel De Stefano

519 Hearst Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94112

January 9, 2024

Attn: San Francisco Board of Appeals

Subject: Appeal of Building Permit #202310209145 Issued on November 7, 2023, to at Dana Wong at 525 Hearst Ave, San Francisco, CA, 94112

Dear Members of the Appeal Board,

The appeal concerns the issuance of the Depart of Building Inspection Permit #202310209145 issued to Ms. Dana Wong on November 7, 2023 at 525 Hearst Ave. I, Daniel De Stefano, along with my wife, Mary Sullivan are the owners of 519 Hearst Ave. located immediately to the east and adjacent to the Permit Holder's Property for which the Permit was issued. I reside at 519 Hearst Ave. with my family. We are appealing the build of new structure/deck by the Permit Holder for the following reasons: The Permit Holder built a concrete flooring and installed plumbing surrounded by a concrete wall that extends approximately 17 feet from the back of 525 Hearst Ave., this was not noted in the approved Property Owner's renovation plans nor was a permit pulled for this work. **Please see Exhibit A**. I spoke with Mr. Situ Hong at the Planning Department and was informed that this type of construction work merits a permit. I've tried numerous times to clarify this situation with the Department of Building Inspection, but never given a definitive answer. I spoke with Inspector Matthews from the Department of Building Inspection after his inspection of the property regarding my concerns. He was unable to answer the need for permit question and he referred to the area as "maybe it's landscaping and permits might be needed for plumbing." This was not indicated in his inspection notes. You can also see deck brackets are now sitting on the concrete and were not installed in the same manner as noted in the original plans. **Please see Exhibit B.**

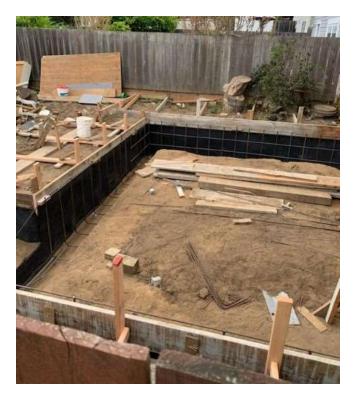
With respect to the deck that will reside on this concrete flooring, my understanding is that San Francisco Planning recommends at least a 3 feet setback and encourages a 5 feet setback when a deck proposal starts encroaching on a neighboring property's existing enjoyment of light and privacy. The deck and stair extension will definitely negatively alter our existing enjoyment of our garden and privacy given our bedroom windows face the backyard. We did receive a text message from the applicants on May 18, 2023 stating, "...we are not doing any rear addition. We just lower a little potion of the rear yard to have the same level as the basement." Clearly the scope of work goes beyond that.

I respectfully request that the Board of Appeals grant the appeal and rescind the permit.

Respectfully,

Daniel De Stefano

EXHIBIT A – PHOTO OF 525 HEARST AVE. BACKYARD PRIOR TO CONCRETE POUR



July 6, 2023



July 6, 2023

EXHIBIT B – PHOTO OF 525 HEARST AVE. BACKYARD POST CONCRETE POUR WITH BRACKETS



January 9, 2024

BRIEF SUBMITTED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER(S)

Edward & Dana Wong 525 Hearst Avenue San Francisco, CA 94112

January 23, 2024

Delivery Via Email boardofappeals@sfgov.org julie.rosenberg@sfgov.org corey.teague@sfgov.org tina.tam@sfgov.org matthew.greene@sfgov.org daniel_destefano@sbcglobal.net

Re: Appeal No.: 23-060 Appeal Title: DeStefano vs. DBI, PDA Subject Property: 525 Hearst Avenue Determination Permit Type: Alteration Permit Determination Permit No.: 2023/1020/9145 Hearing Date: January 31, 2024

Dear Members of the Appeal Board,

We, Edward and Dana Wong (the "**Respondents**") are the owners of 525 Hearst Avenue (the "**Property**"), write to oppose Appeal No. 23-060 (the "**Appeal**") of Permit No. 2023/1020/9145 (the "**Alteration Permit**"), which was properly issued by the Department of Building Inspection ("**DBI**") on November 7, 2023. The Alteration Permit authorizes a new 7 x 14 feet deck with a 3 feet staircase at the rear of the property. The Board should deny this appeal, as the Alteration Permit was properly issued. The Project is appropriately designed and It's consistent with the Guidelines for Deck per Planning Code and Residential Design Guidelines and respects the adjunction properties of light and privacy.

A. APPROVED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes a new 7 x 14 feet deck with a 3 feet staircase to the rear of the property to allow for rear yard access. The property is a detached single-family house which is situated on 30 feet wide by 112 feet and 6 inches deep lot. **Please see Exhibit**

1. Planning Code requires the minimum rear yard depth shall be equal to 30% of the total depth of the lot on which the building is situated. Building a 7 x 14 feet deck with a 3 feet staircase in our rear yard will leave more than 30% of the rear yard depth. Please refer to Page 2 of the city-approved deck plan, 2023/1020/9145. A screenshot of part of the Page 2 is also attached. **Please see Exhibit 2.** Planning recommends at least a 3 feet setback and encourages a 5 feet setback when a deck proposal starts encroaching on a neighboring property's existing enjoyment of light and privacy. The proposed desk is approximately 7 feet and 9 inches setback from Mr. DeStefano ("Appellant")'s property line. It's also approximately 8 feet setback from the other side neighbor's property line. Please see Exhibit 3. Therefore, the impact of the light and privacy of the adjoining neighbors by the proposed deck are very minimal. Furthermore, Mr. DeStefano ("Appellant")'s property is longer than our property in the rear for approximately 7 feet and the proposed deck is 7 feet deep. So, we won't be able to see Mr. DeStefano ("Appellant")'s bedroom windows which are facing to the backyard from the proposed deck. Please see Exhibit 4.

B. CONCRETE FLOOR WITH PLUMGING AND CONCRETE RETAINING WALL

The concrete floor and installed plumbing surrounded by a concrete wall are done with permits accordingly or permits are not required. We need to lower a little portion of the rear yard to level the floors to avoid the water getting inside the basement from the rear yard. By lowering the rear yard, we need to build a concrete retaining wall. The concrete retaining wall is approximately 42 inches from the bottom of the footing, which doesn't require a building permit. It's 8.5 inches wide and the height from the inner is 23 inches. The concrete retaining wall is approximately 5 feet 2 inches setback from Mr. DeStefano("**Appellant**")'s property line and it's approximately 5 feet and 4 inches setback from the other side neighbor's property line. The photos of the retaining concrete wall are attached. **Please see Exhibit 5**. The plumbing installed on the concrete flooring are the

floor drains. On 8/6/2023, our plumber obtained a plumbing permit to add floor and rain drains. **Please see Exhibit 6**. As Mr. DeStefano("**Appellant**") mentioned in his brief that he has filed the complaint numerous times with DBI but never given a definitive answer. However, the inspectors had inspected the works and had given the clear answers to Mr. DeStefano ("**Appellant**"). Please see the inspector's comments below:

- On 7/28/2023, inspector confirmed that "Site visit (9:40am): work being performed as per bpa 202303143656. Full Foundation replacement and interior remodel of 2nd and ground floor.....Real poured footing/retaining wall is not over 4', (approximately 42 inches from the bottom of footing; does not require a building permit, does not appear to be for extension of building." Please see Exhibit 7.
- On 10/10/2023, inspector again confirmed that "work being performed under bpa 202303143656." Please see Exhibit 8.
- 3. On 12/04/2023, inspector again and again confirmed that "Site Visit, work being performed under PA202303143656. There is no extension to the existing property, PA 202310209145 for a new deck has been suspended. Deck has not been built and not under construction at time of visit." Please see Exhibit 9.

C. Conclusion

As we, Edward and Dana Wong (**Respondents**) pledged to be complying neighbors and to be part of the community, we wish to solve this issue without attending the appeal. We provided more details of our proposed deck plan to Mr. DeStefano("**Appellant**") by phone calls and text messages. Furthermore, Mr. DeStefano("**Appellant**") and we went over and discussed the proposed deck plan at the job site on 12/8/2023. After the meeting, Mr. DeStefano("**Appellant**") didn't have any more questions for us, and we were hoping that Mr. DeStefano("**Appellant**") would voluntarily withdraw the appeal. We have sent several text messages to follow up with Mr. DeStefano("**Appellant**") after the meeting as

well. However, Mr. DeStefano("**Appellant**") has no intention to withdraw the appeal which is unreasonable. As illustrated herein, We, Edward and Dana Wong (**Respondents**) propose a contemplated design project. It is consistent with the Guidelines for Deck from Planning Code and Residential Design Guidelines and respects the adjunction properties of light and privacy. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Board deny the appeal.

Very truly yours,

Edward Wong

Edward Wong

Dana Wong

Dana Wong



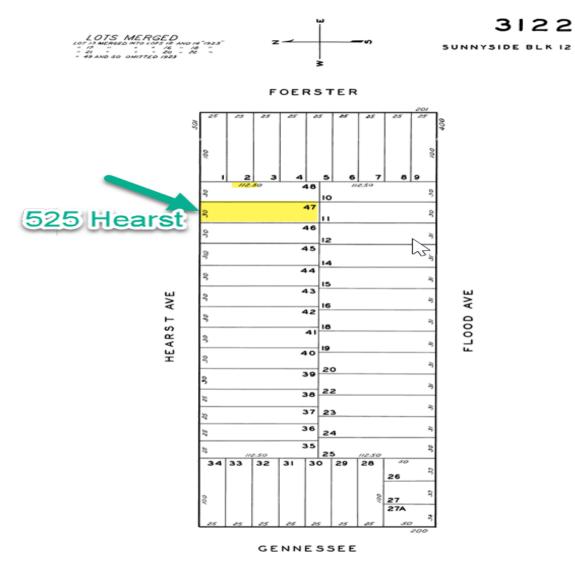
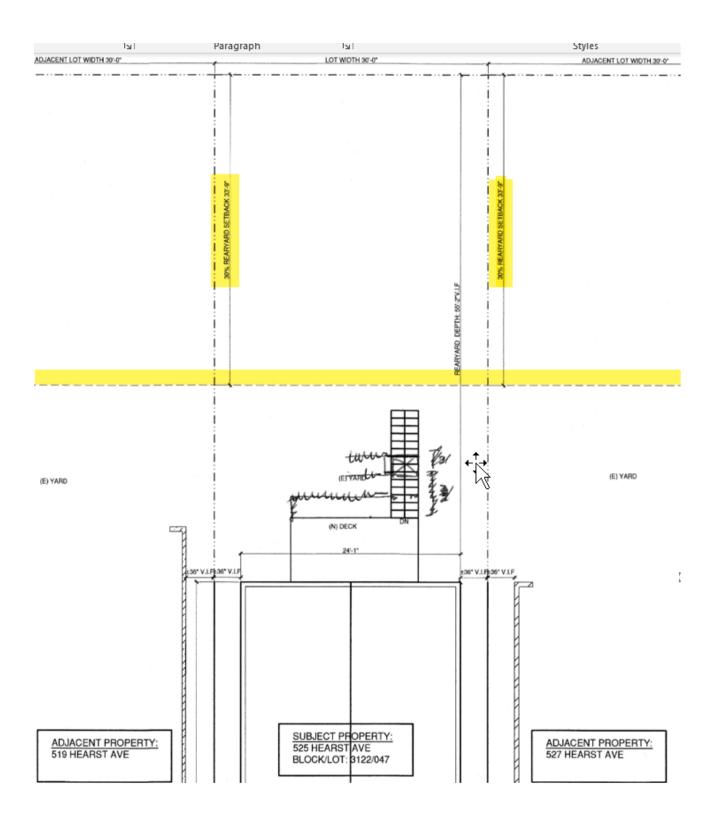


Exhibit 1





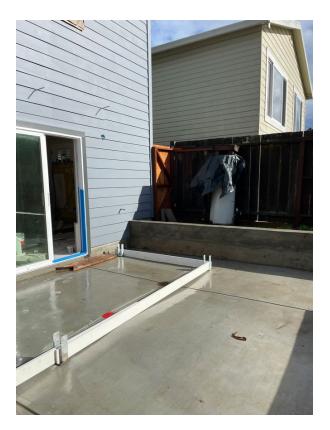
Outline of proposed deck by white baseboard

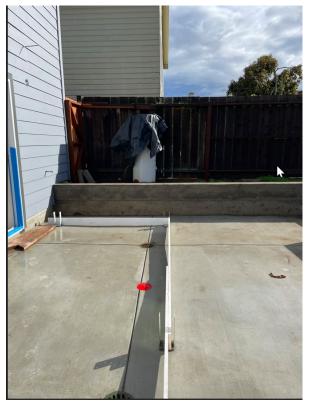


The proposed deck is approximately 7 feet and 9 inches setback from Mr. DeStefano ("Appellant")'s property line.



The proposed deck is approximately 8 feet setback from the other side neighbor's property line.









The concrete retaining wall is approximately 8.5 inches wide and the height from the inner is approximately 23 inches.



The concrete retaining wall is approximately 5 feet 2 inches setback from Mr. DeStefano("Appellant")'s property line



The concrete retaining wall is approximately 5 feet 4 inches setback from the other side neighbor's property line.



Photo of the Floor Drains



Welcome to our Permit / Complaint Tracking System!

Plumbing Permit Details Report

Report Date: 1/19/2024 5:40:42 PM

Application Number:	PW20230806089		
Address(es):	3122 / 047 : 525	HEARST	AV
Description:		NE SET WASHER AND D	ROOMS, FOUR SHOWER PANS, ONE PRYER, <mark>FLOOR AND RAIN DRAINS.</mark> PREPLACEMENT.
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Stage:

Action Date Stage Comments					
8/6/2023	ISSUED				
		Contractor Details:			
License Number:		619642			
Name:		KEN YONG JIAN CHEN			
Company Name:		NATIONAL PLUMBING			
Address:		1472 24TH AV SAN FRANCISCO CA, 94122			
Phone:		4157531618			

Appointment Details:

Appointment Date	Appointment AM/PM	Appointment Code	Appointment Type	Description	Time Slots
1/17/2024	PM	WS	Web Scheduled	SHOWER PAN INSTALLATION	1
9/5/2023	PM	WS	Web Scheduled	ROUGH IN PLUMBING	1
8/24/2023	PM	CS	Clerk Scheduled	UNDERGROUND DWV PIPING	1

Inspection Details:

Activity Date	Inspector	Inspection Description	Inspection Status
1/17/2024	Kenneth Young	SHOWER PAN INSTALLATION	INSPECTION CANCELLED
9/5/2023	Mark Berdichevsky	ROUGH IN PLUMBING	ROUGH IN PLUMBING APPROVED
8/24/2023	Daniel Ortega	UNDERGROUND DWV PIPING	PARTIAL ROUGH

For information, or to schedule an inspection, call 558-6570 between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm.



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COMPLAINT DATA SHEET

Complaint Number: Owner/Agent: Owner's Phone: Contact Name: Contact Phone:		Date Filed: Location: Block: Lot:	525 HEARST AV 3122 047
Complainant:	COMPLAINANT DATA SUPPRESSED	Site:	
		Rating: Occupancy Code: Received By:	SLWONG
Complainant's Phone:		Division:	BID
Complaint Source:	WEB FORM		
Assigned to Division:	BID		
Description:	date last observed: 22-JUL-23; time last observed: 22-JUL-23; time last observed: Dana Wong, 415-810-; exact location: Main B OF PERMIT; ELECTRICAL WORK BEING PE PLUMBING; ; additional information: Approve being done.;	ldg; building type: Reside ERFORMED W/O PERMI	nce/Dwelling WORK BEYOND SCOPE T; STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS; OTHER

Instructions:

INSPECTOR INFORMATION

DIVISION	INSPECTOR	ID	DISTRICT	PRIORITY
BID	ZENG	6367	7	
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REFFERAL INFORMATION

COMPLAINT STATUS AND COMMENTS

DATE	TYPE	DIV	INSPECTOR	STATU S	COMMENT
07/24/23	OTHER BLDG/HOUSING VIOLATION	BID	Zeng	CASE UPDATE	Case reviewed and assigned to district inspector per CM; slw
07/24/23	CASE OPENED	BID	Zeng	CASE RECEIVED	
07/28/23	OTHER BLDG/HOUSING VIOLATION	BID	Zeng	CASE CLOSED	Site visit (9:40am): work being performed a per bpa 202303143856. Full foundation replacement and interior remodel of 2nd an ground floor. Contractor stated dispute on working hours between contractor and neighbor. I have advised contractor that he must keep work at legal working hours, Monday to sunday 7am to 8pm. Rear poure footing/retaining wall is not over 4', (approximately 42 inches from bottom of footing; does not require a building permit, does not appear to be for extension of building. Case closed. Vz-7/28/2023.

COMPLAINT ACTION BY DIVISION

NOV (HIS):

NOV (BID):

Inspector Contact Information



COMPLAINT DATA SHEET

Complaint Number:	202307867					
Owner/Agent:	OWNER DATA SUPPRESSED	Date Filed:				
Owner's Phone:		Location:	525 HEARST AV			
Contact Name:		Block:	3122			
Contact Phone:		Lot:	047			
Complainant:	COMPLAINANT DATA SUPPRESSED	Site:				
		Rating: Occupancy Code:				
		Received By:	Bonnie Kim			
Complainant's Phone:		Division:	BID			
Complaint Source:	: 311 INTERNET REFERRAL					
Assigned to Division:	BID					
Description:	cross is foerester construction in the back o like an extension to the homeconstruction has					

Instructions:

INSPECTOR INFORMATION				
DIVISION	INSPECTOR	ID	DISTRICT	PRIORITY
		6384	7	

COMPLAINT STATUS AND COMMENTS

DATE	TYPE	DIV	INSPECTOR	STATU S	COMMENT
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05/11/23	OTHER BLDG/HOUSING VIOLATION	BID	Pena	CASE UPDATE	case assigned to district inspector. bk for CM.
05/16/23	OTHER BLDG/HOUSING VIOLATION	BID	Pena	CASE UPDATE	Site visit spoke with contractor over the phone, direction given to schedule a ok to start work inspection to go over approve plan propose scope of work. J. Peña
05/16/23	OTHER BLDG/HOUSING VIOLATION	BID	Pena	CASE UPDATE	Site visit spoke with contractor over the phone, direction given to schedule a ok to start work inspection to go over approve plan propose scope of work. J. Peña
10/10/23	OTHER BLDG/HOUSING VIOLATION	BID	Zeng	CASE UPDATE	work being performed under bpa 202303143856. Case update. vz-10/10/2023

COMPLAINT ACTION BY DIVISION

NOV (HIS):

NOV (BID):

Inspector Contact Information



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COMPLAINT DATA SHEET

Complaint Number:	202316498		
Owner/Agent: Owner's Phone:	OWNER DATA SUPPRESSED	Date Filed: Location:	525 HEARST AV
Contact Name: Contact Phone:		Block: Lot:	3122 047
Complainant:	COMPLAINANT DATA SUPPRESSED	Site:	
		Rating: Occupancy Code: Received By:	Suzanna Wong
Complainant's Phone:		Division:	BID
Complaint Source:	TELEPHONE		
Assigned to Division:	BID		
Description:	Working outside scope of existing permit. The without permit.	ey have extended the floo	r/foundation in the back of the property

Instructions:

INSPECTOR INFORMATION

DIVISION	IN SPECTOR	ID	DISTRICT	PRIORITY
BID	MATTHEWS	6384	7	

REFFERAL INFORMATION

COMPLAINT STATUS AND COMMENTS

DATE	TYPE	DIV	INSPECTOR	STATUS	COMMENT
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COMPLAINT ACTION BY DIVISION

NOV (HIS):

NOV (BID):

Inspector Contact Information

City and County of San Francisco Department of Building Inspection



NOTICE

London N. Breed, Mayor Patrick O'Riordan, Interim Directe

07 2023

OB ADDRESS OLS HEARST AVE wong **OWNER NAME** Dana

Employment of Special Inspection is the direct responsibility of the OWNER, or the engineer/architect of record acting as the owner's representative. Special inspector shall be one of those as prescribed in Sec. 1704. Name of special inspector shall be furnished to DBI District Inspector prior to start of the work for which the Special Inspection is required. Structural observation shall be performed as provided by Section 1704.6. A preconstruction conference is recommended for owner/builder or designer/builder projects, complex and high-rise projects, and for projects utilizing new processes or materials.

In accordance with Chapter 17 (SFBC), Special Inspection and/or testing is required for the following work:

- 1. [] Concrete (Placement & sampling) 6. [] High-strength 2. [] Bolts installed in concrete 7. [] Structural mas 3. [] Special moment - Resisting concrete frame 8. [] Reinforced gy 4. [] Reinforcing steel and prestressing tendons 9. [] Insulating con-5 Structural welding: 10. [] Sprayed-on fi A. Periodic visual inspection 11. [] Piling, drilled [] Single pass fillet welds 5/16" or smaller 12. [] Shotcrete [] Steel deck 13. [] Special gradir [] Welded studs
 - (Geo. Engine
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 - 16. [] Exterior Facir
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- 24. Structural observation per Sec. 1704.6 (SFBC) for the following: [] Concrete construction

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- 25. Certification is required for: [] Glu-lam components
- 26. [] Firestops in high-rise building

[] Cold formed studs and joists

B. Continuous visual inspection and NDT

[] Reinforcing steel; and [] NDT required

(NDT exception: Fillet weld)

[] Moment-resisting frames

[] Stair and railing systems

[] Reinforcing steel

(Section 1704)

[] All other welding

[] Others

[] Other:

TOMMY LEE Prepared by Engineer/Architect of Record

Required information:

FAX: (

Calvin Hom. DB

Review by: DBI Engineer or Plan Checker 2 2023

APPROVAL (Based on submitted reports.)

DATE

QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIAL INSPECTION AND STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: Special Inspection Services (628) 652-3407; or, dbi.specialinspections@sfgov.org

Special Inspection Services 49 South Van Ness Ave - Suite 400 - San Francisco CA 94103 Office (628) 652-3407 - www.sfdbi.org

Updated 10/05/2020



Ext 1.

Note:

Before final building inspection is scheduled, documentation of special inspection compliance must be submitted to and approved by the Special Inspection Services staff. To avoid delays in this process, the project owner should request final compliance reports from the architect or engineer of record and/or special inspection agency soon after the conclusion of work requiring special inspection. The permit will not be finalized without

STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

Structural observation shall be provided as required per Section 1704.6. The building permit will not be finalized without compliance with the structural observation requirements.

Special Inspection Services Contact Information

- 2. Email:
- 3. In person: 49 South Van Ness Ave Suite 400

SPECIAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

Please note that the Special Inspections shown on the approved plans and checked on the Special Inspections form issued with the permit are required for this project. The employment of special inspectors is the direct responsibility of the owner or the engineer/architect of record acting as the owner's representative.

These special inspections are required in addition to the called inspections performed by the Department of Building Inspection. The name of the special inspector shall be furnished to the district building inspector prior to start of work for which special inspection is required.

For questions regarding the details or extent of required inspection or tests, please call the Plan Checker assigned to this project or 628-652-3407. If there are any field problems regarding special inspection, please call your District Building Inspector or 628-652-3400

compliance with the special inspection requirements.

1. Telephone: (628) 652-3407

dbi.specialinspections@sfgov.org

We are moving towards a "paperless" mode of operation. All special inspection submittals, including final letters, may be emailed (preferred) or faxed. We will also be shifting to a paperless fax receipt mode.

SPECIAL INSPECTION AND STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE KEPT WITH THE APPROVED STRUCTURAL DRAWING SET

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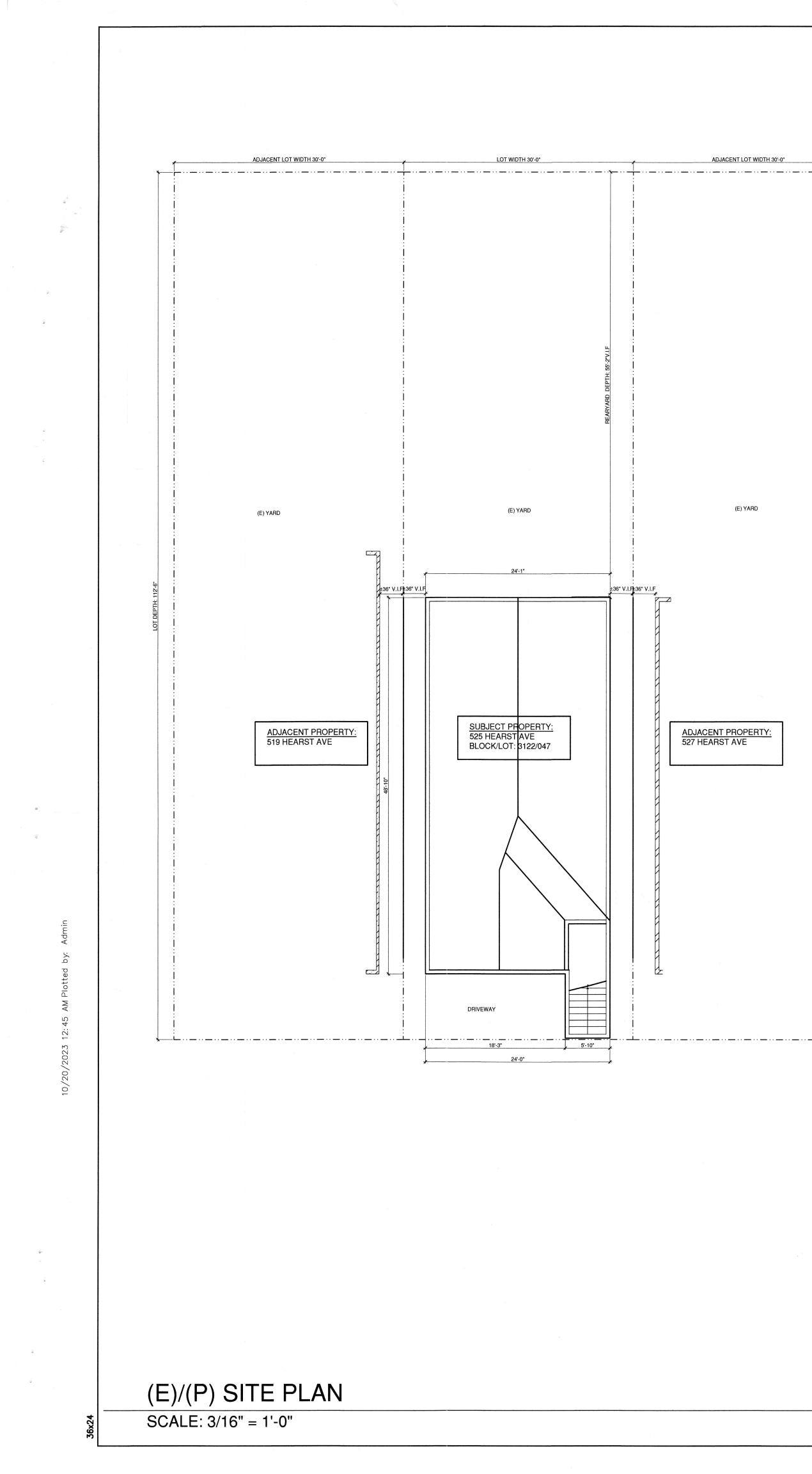
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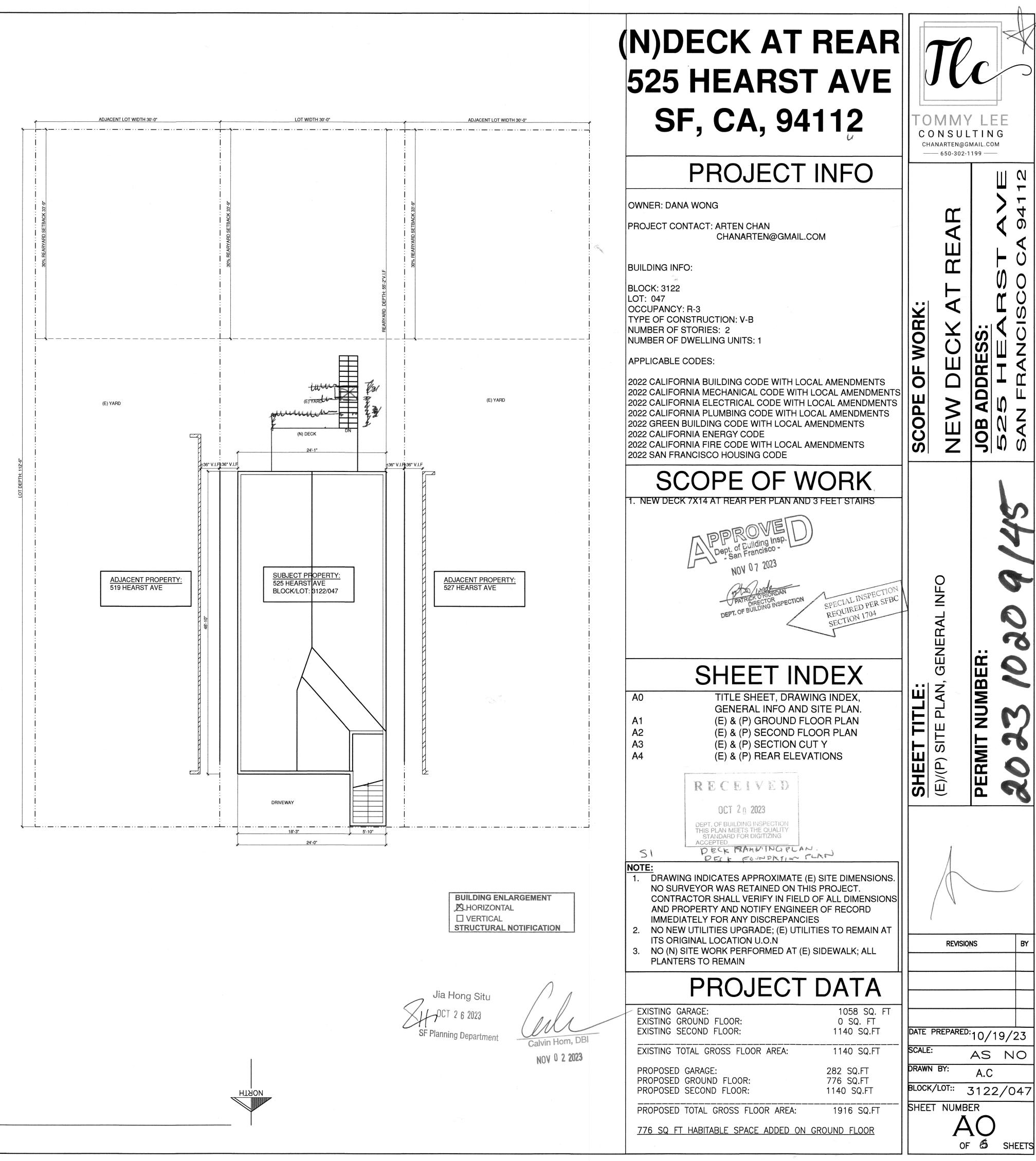
18. Bolts Installed in existing concrete or masonry:
[] Concrete [] Masonry
[] Pull/torque tests per SFEBC Sec. 507C & 515C
19. [] Shear walls and floor systems used as shear
diaphragms
20. [] Holdowns
21. Special cases:
[] Shoring
[] Underpinning:[] Not affecting adjacent property
[] Affecting adjacent property: PA
[] Others
22. [] Crane safety (Apply to the operation of
tower cranes on high-rise building)
(Section 1705.22)
23. [] Others: "As recommended by professional
of record"
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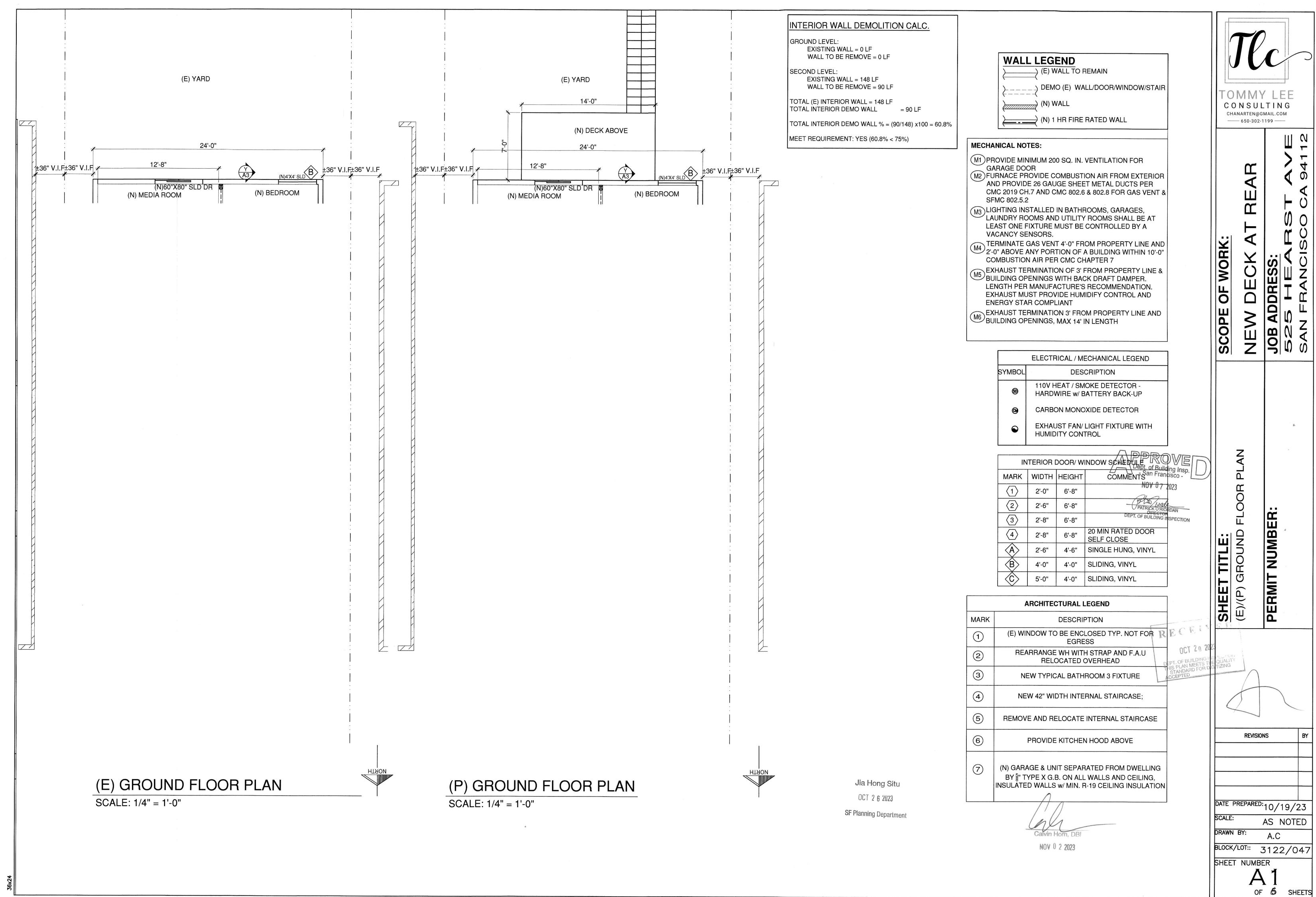
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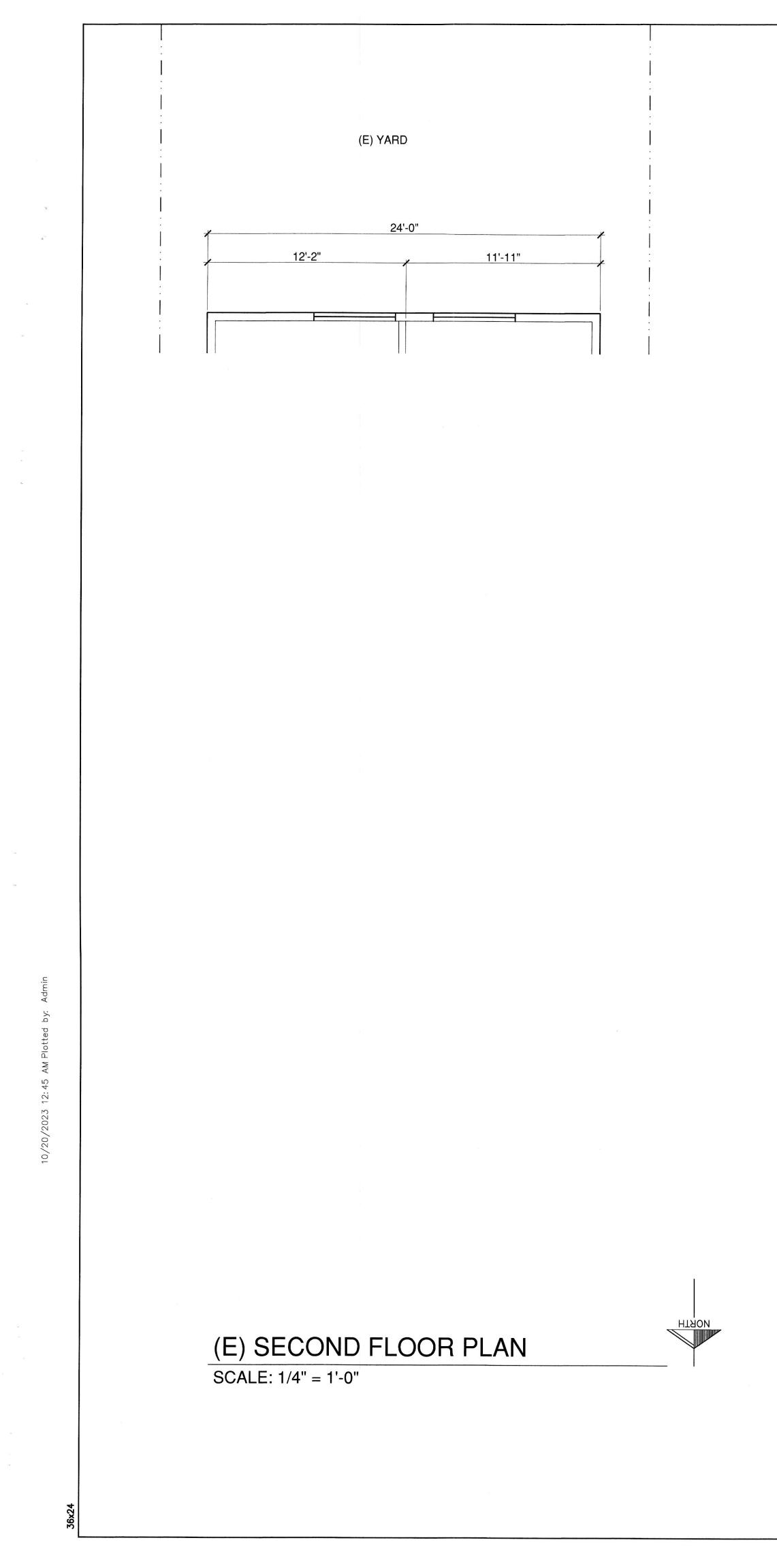
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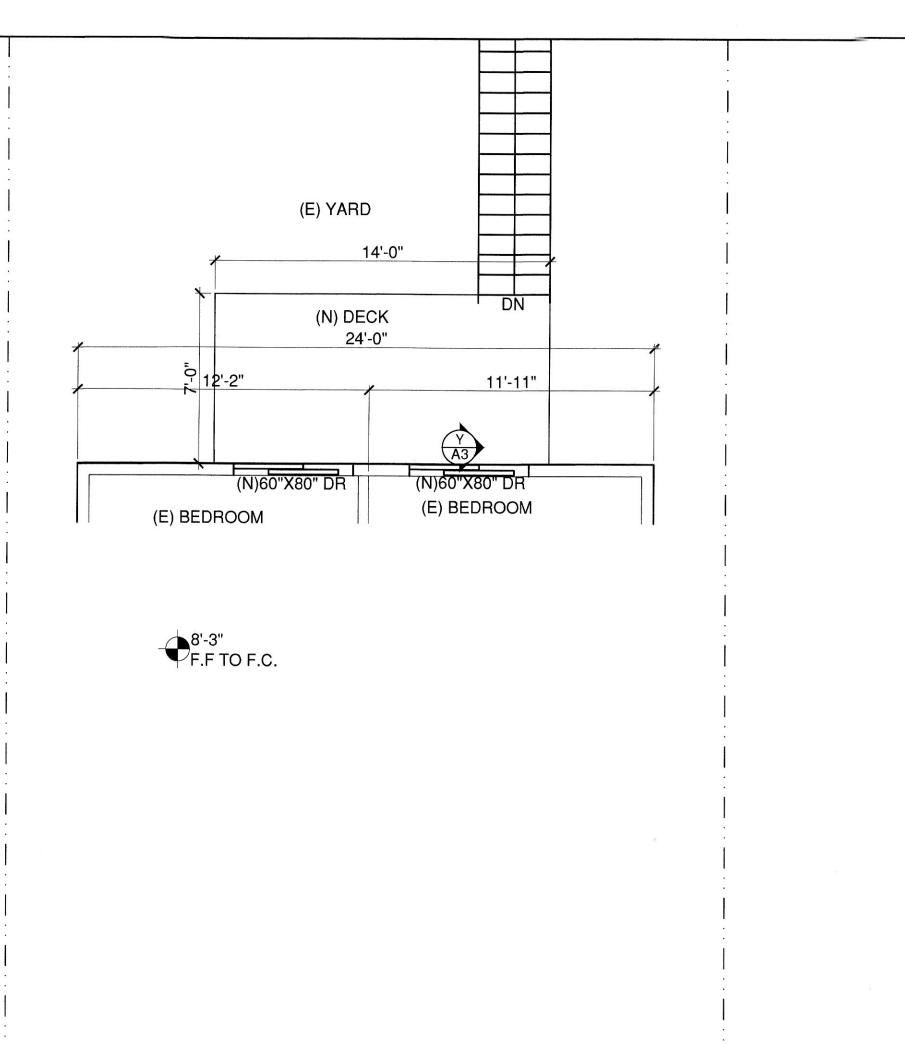
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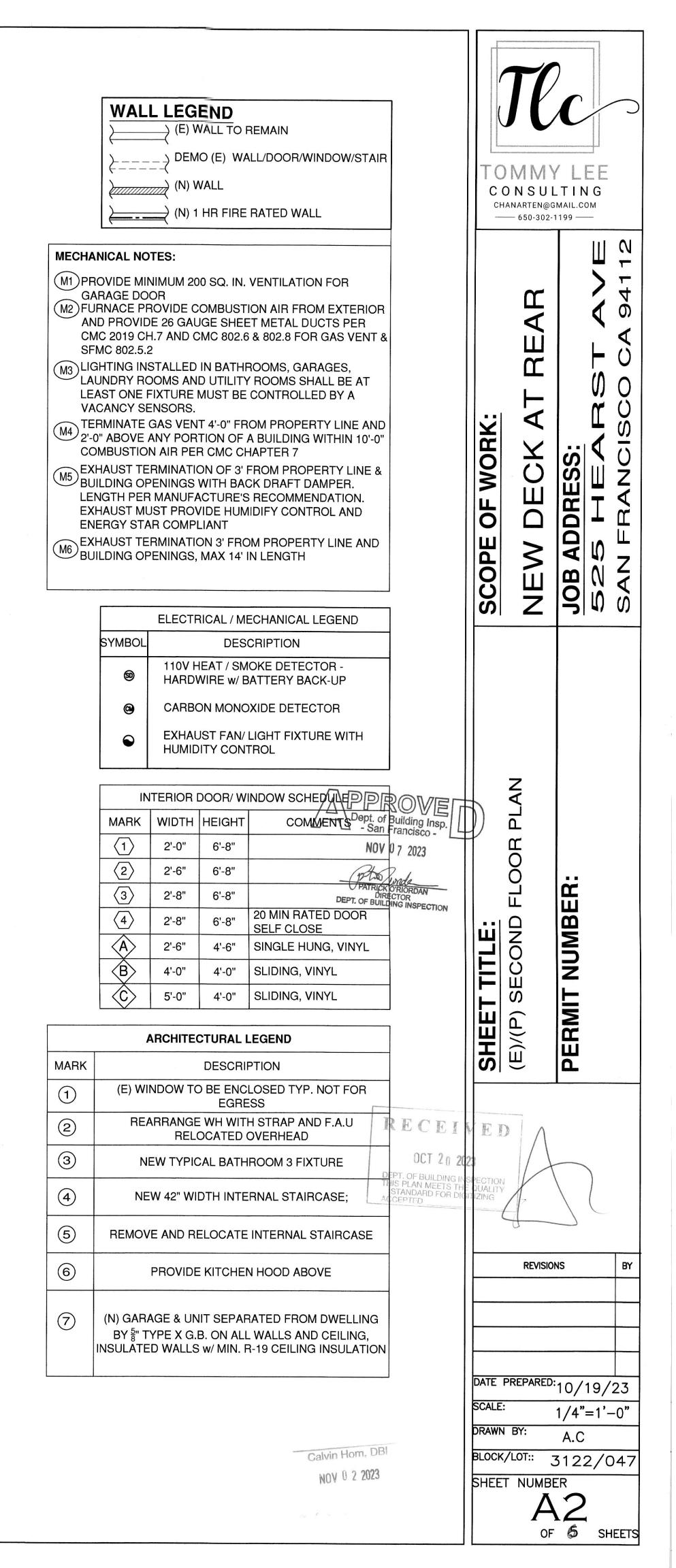


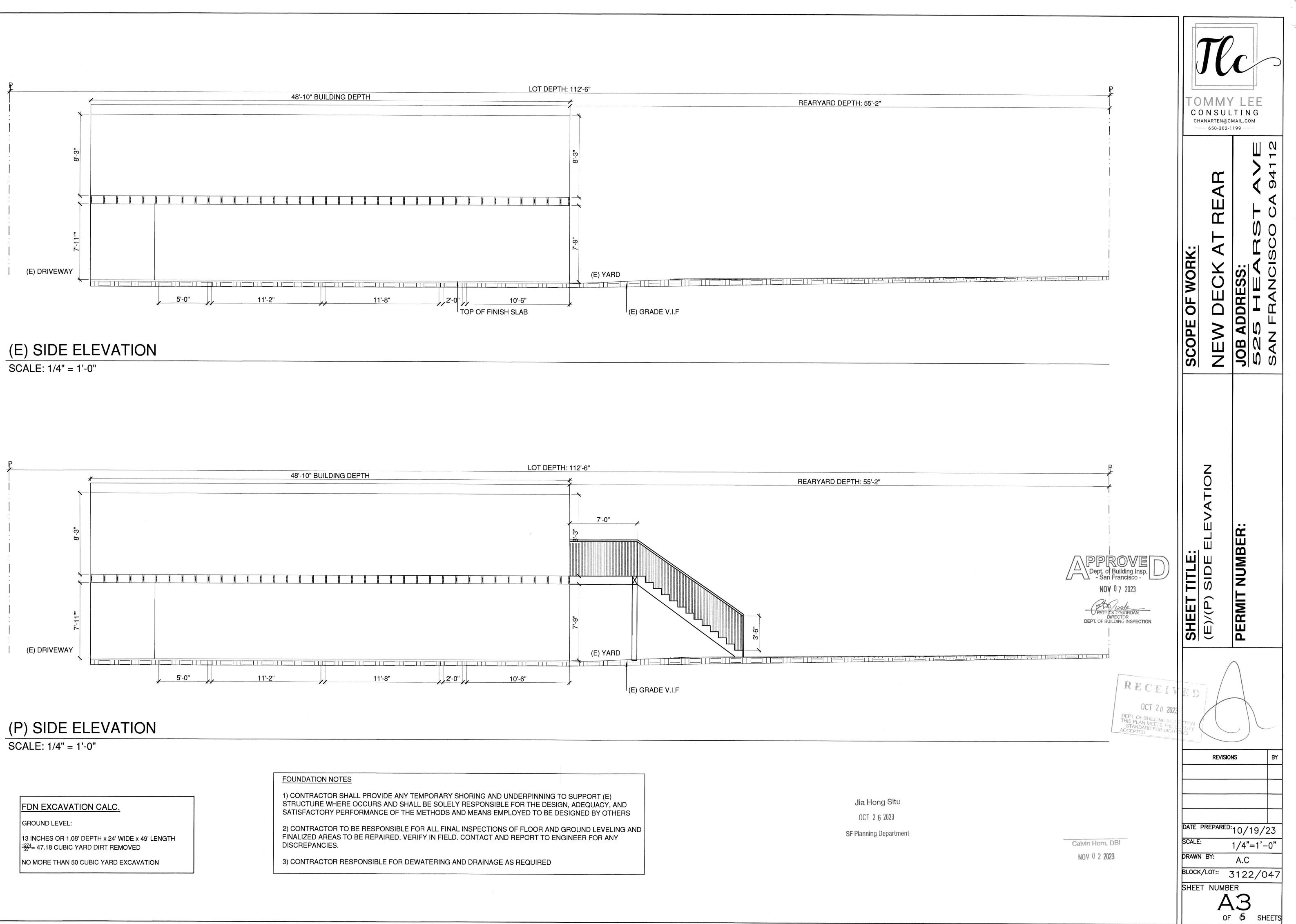
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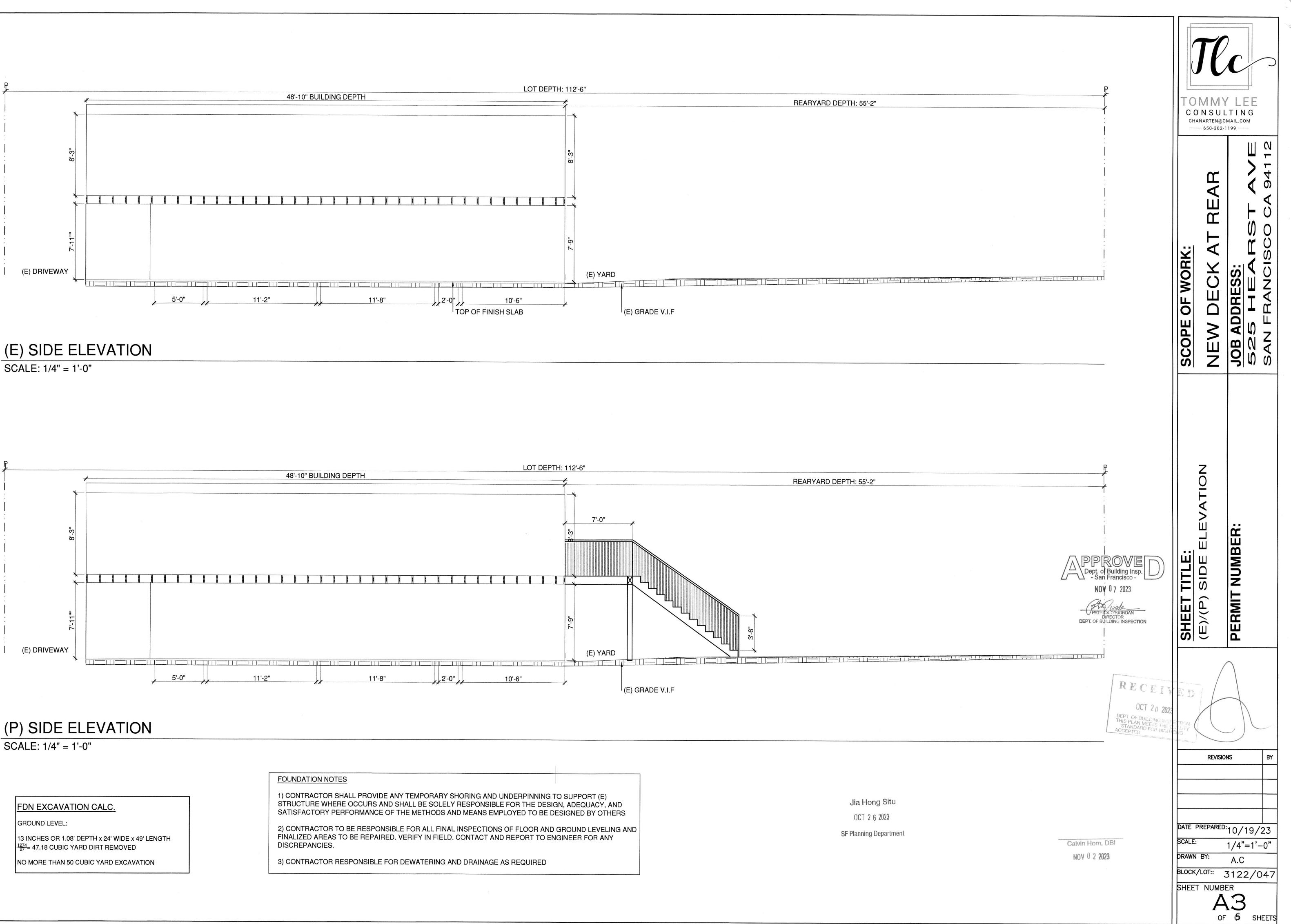
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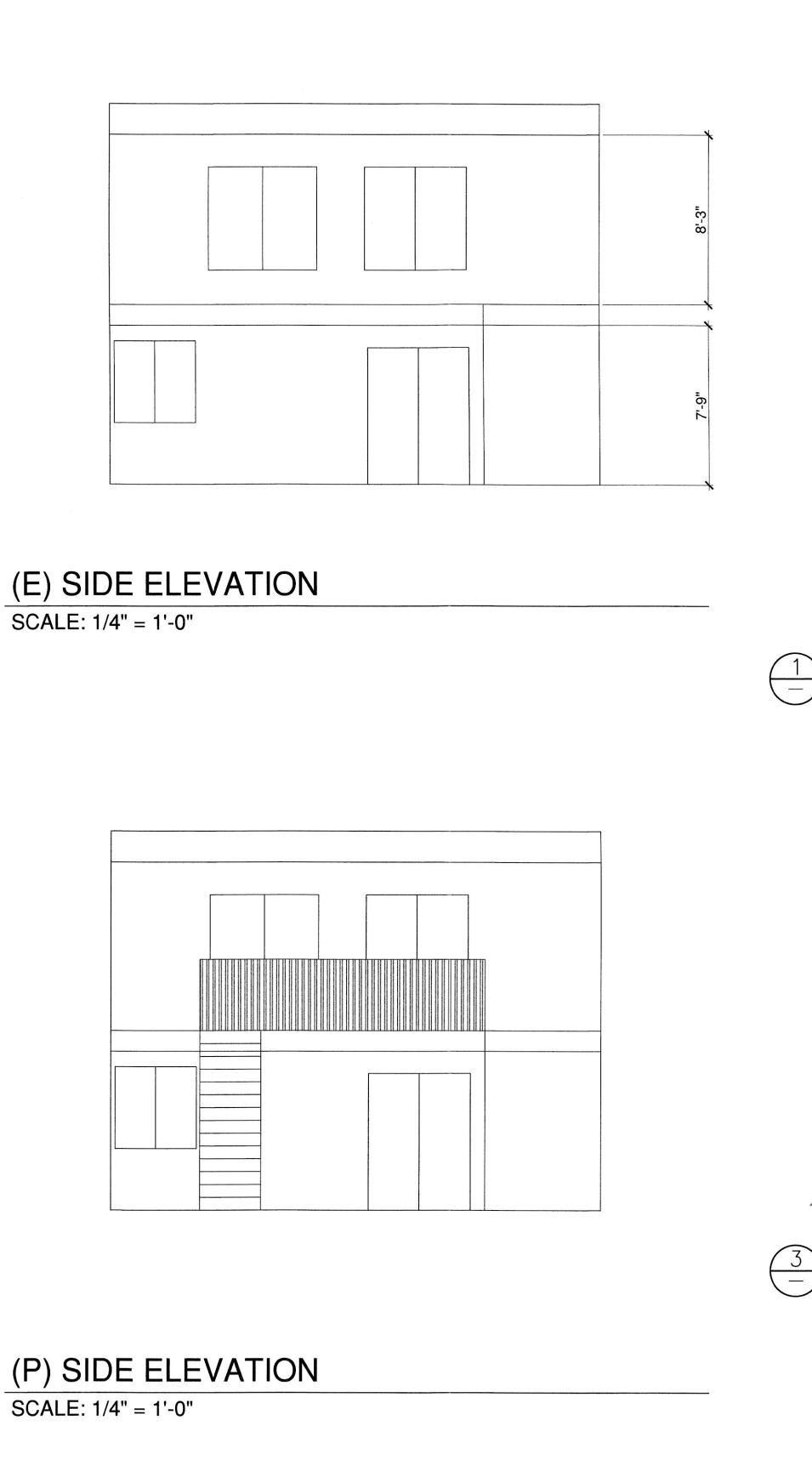
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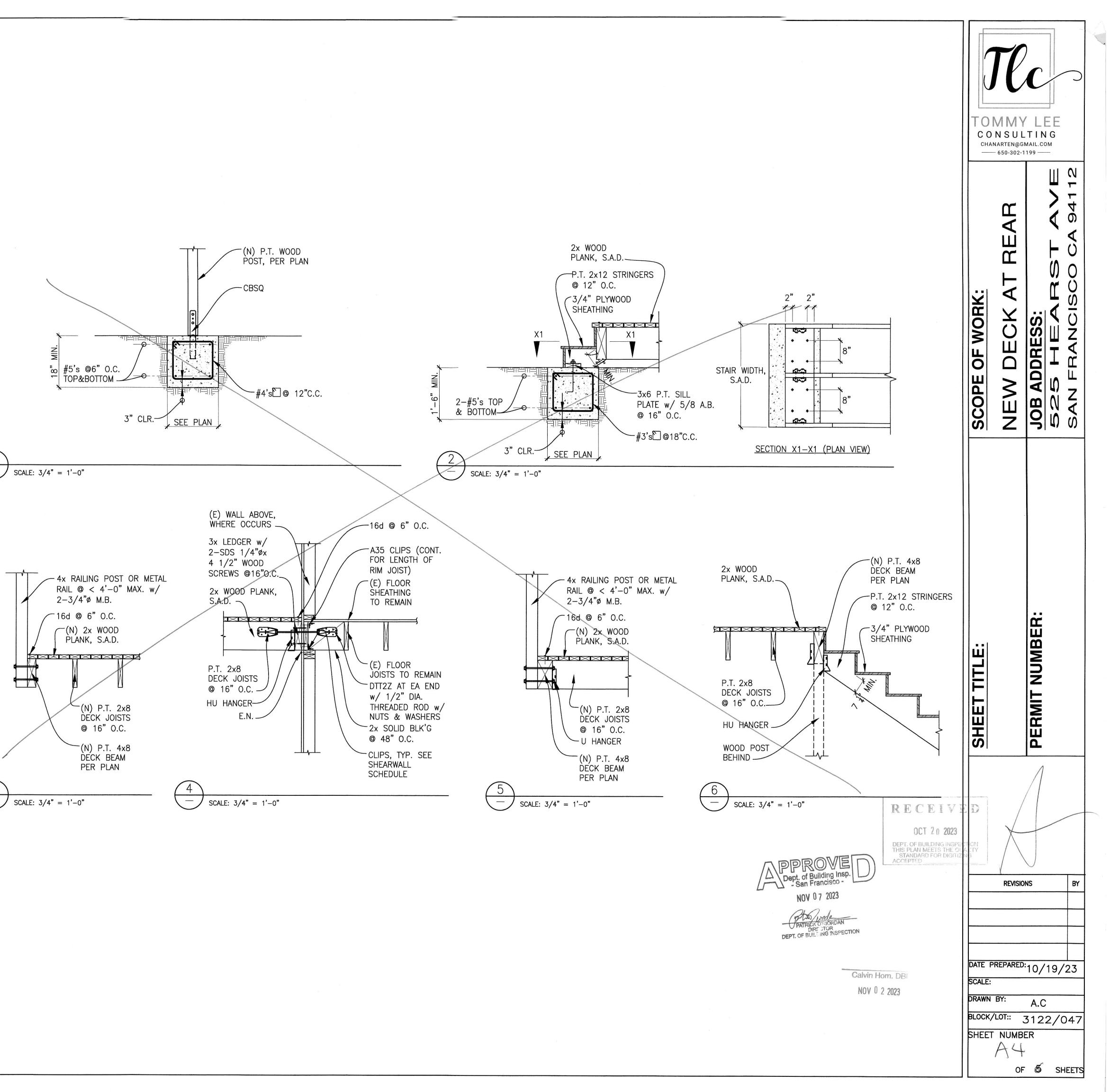
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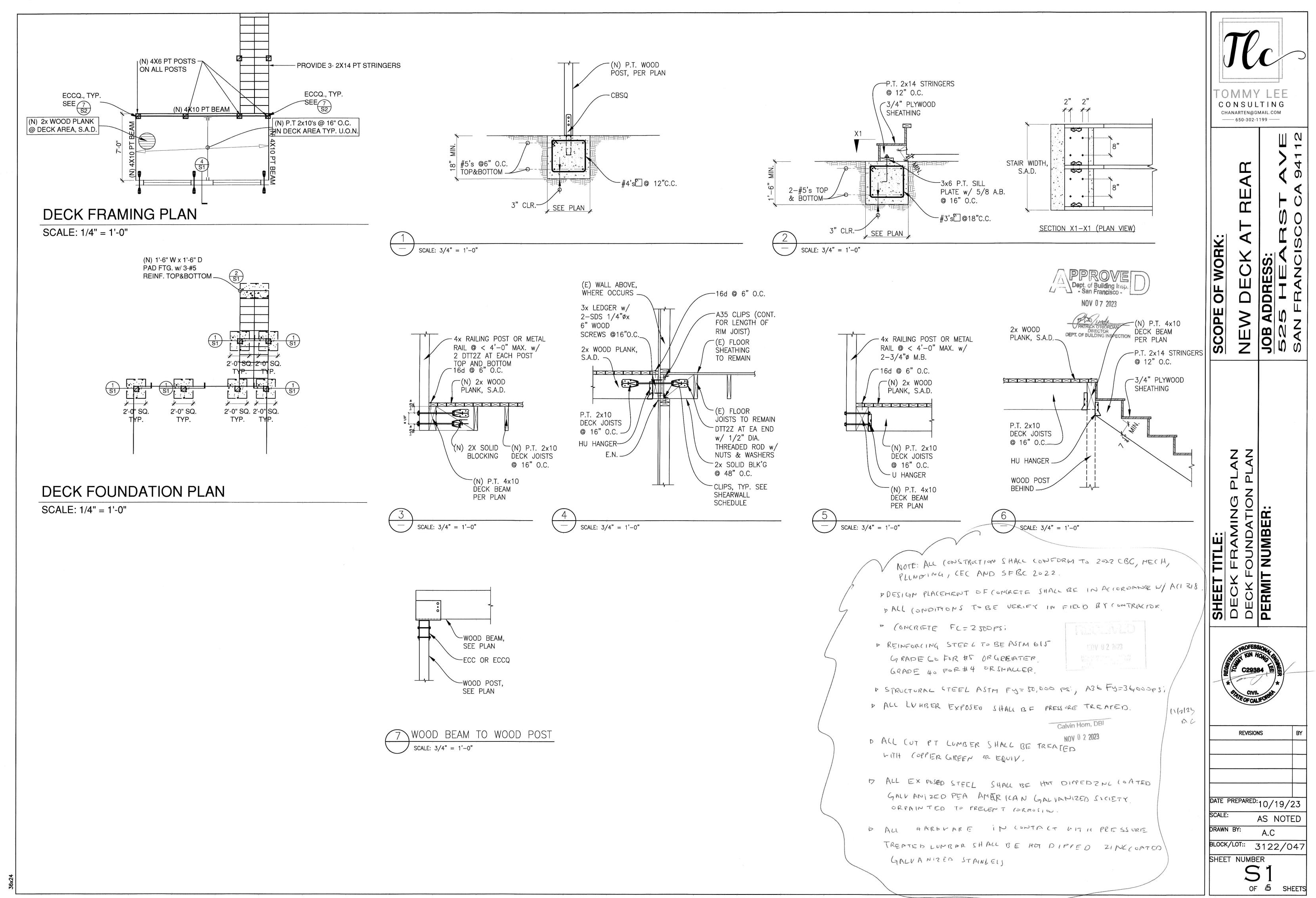
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mimi Wong 239 Foerster Street San Francisco, CA 94112

January 24, 2024

City & County of San Francisco Board of Appeals 49 South Van Ness, Suite 1475 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Members of Board of Appeals:

Re: Appeal No. 23-060, 525 Hearst Avenue

As the owner-resident of 239 Foerster Street, I am writing to express my objection to the erection of a 7x14 foot elevated deck at the rear of 525 Hearst. The reason is that the proposed structure, if built, will allow its users to intrude on my and the surrounding neighbors' privacy.

Referring to the attached annotated Google Earth image of the intersection of Hearst Avenue and Foerster Street, with the proposed structure sketched to scale: the elevated deck extending from the back wall of 525 Hearst will allow a person situated next to the deck railing to have a direct line of sight to my backyard and into my bedroom. To preserve privacy, I will have to keep my curtains closed at all time and thus depriving me of the view of my own garden. Needless to say, the privacy intrusion on the immediate neighbors is even more severe. While I understand that outdoor space is desirable, would it not be sufficient to install the already permitted patio on the ground floor, where the privacy of the neighbors, as well as the residents of 525 Hearst, will be respected?

I urge Members of the Board of Appeals to consider the negative impact of the proposed elevated deck on the surrounding neighbors, and retract the permit for the erection of the structure. Your consideration in favor of the welfare of the current and future residents of the neighborhood will be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Mimi Wong Concerned Neighbor

Incl. Goole Earth sketch

