

#### **CITY OF GLENDALE, CA**

#### **DESIGN REVIEW STAFF REPORT - SINGLE FAMILY**

October 31, 2024 1619 Bel Aire Drive, 91201

Decision Date Address

Administrative Design Review (ADR) 5622-003-002

Review Type APN

PADR-001255-2023 Haykanush Ananyan

Case Number Applicant

Chloe Cuffel, Planner Lusine and Garry Turdjian

Case Planner Owner

#### **Project Summary**

The applicant is proposing to construct a 96 square-foot addition to the ground floor and a 665 square-foot second-story addition to the rear of an existing 1,491 square-foot, single-story, single-family home (built in 1940). The total square-footage with the addition will be 2,156, and the existing detached, two-car garage will remain. The 7,188 square-foot lot is located in the "R1" (Low Density Residential Zone, Floor Area Ratio District I) zone.

#### **Environmental Review**

The project is exempt from CEQA review as a Class 1 "Existing Facilities" exemption pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the proposed addition to the existing structure will not result in an increase of more than 50% of the floor area of the structure before the addition.

#### **Existing Property/Background**

Originally developed in 1940, the project site is a flat 7,186 square-foot interior lot in the El Miradero neighborhood of west Glendale. The site was developed with a single-story 1,3square-foot Minimal Traditional residence that has been significantly altered over the years. Staff conducted a Staff Historic Evaluation and found that the property is not eligible for historic listing.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Approve with Conditions

#### **Last Date Reviewed / Decision**

First time submittal for final review.

#### Zone: R1 - FAR District: I

Although this design review does not convey final zoning approval, the project has been

reviewed for consistency with the applicable Codes and no inconsistencies have been identified.

## **Active/Pending Permits and Approvals**

None.

#### **Site Slope and Grading**

Less than 50% current average slope and less than 1500 cubic yards of earth movement (cut and/or fill); no additional review required.

#### **Neighborhood Survey**

	Average of Properties within 300 linear feet of subject property	Range of Properties within 300 linear feet of subject property	Subject Property Proposal	
Lot size	9,500 sq. ft.	5,971 sq. ft. – 19,159 sq. ft.	7,188 sq. ft.	
Setback	35 feet	19 feet – 65 feet	34 feet	
House size	2,096 sq. ft.	1,137 sq. ft. – 3,494 sq. ft.	2,156 sq. ft.	
Floor Area Ratio	0.22	0.02 - 0.34	0.21	
Number of stories	13 homes are 1-story & 8 homes are 2- stories	1 to 2-stories	2-story	

### **DESIGN ANALYSIS**

#### **Site Planning**

Are the following items satisfactory and compatible with the project site and surrounding area?

Building Location  ☑ yes □ n/a □ no					
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Setbacks of buildings on site  ☐ Prevailing setbacks on the street  ☐ Building and decks follow topography  ☐ Alteration of landform minimized					
Yards and Usable Open Space ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no					
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Avoid altering landform to create flat yards ☐ Outdoor areas integrated into open space ☐ Use of retaining walls minimized					

<ul> <li>Provide landscaping to reduce visual impact of retaining walls</li> <li>Decorative material used for retaining walls to blend into landscape and/or complement the building design</li> </ul>
Garage Location and Driveway ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Consistent with predominant pattern on street ☐ Compatible with primary structure ☐ Permeable paving material ☐ Decorative paving
Landscape Design (Existing Landscaping to Remain)  ☐ yes ☐ n/a ☒ no
<ul> <li>If "no" select from below and explain:</li> <li>         □ Complementary to building design and surrounding site         □ Maintains existing trees when possible         □ Maximizes permeable surfaces         □ Appropriately sized and located</li> </ul>
The existing conditions do not appear to comply with the minimum landscaping requirements. A condition has been included to include a revised landscaping plan that accurately shows how the project will comply with Zoning code requirements.
Walls and Fences □ yes □ n/a ⊠ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  □ Appropriate style/color/material □ Perimeter walls treated at both sides □ Retaining walls minimized □ Appropriately sized and located □ Stormwater runoff minimized  Proposed gate in existing driveway appears to swing out into the front setback. A condition is included to revise the drawings to show the setback of the gate (while open) and revise the location if it is within the front setback.

### **Determination of Compatibility: Site Planning**

The proposed site planning is appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:

- Overall, the project site planning remains relatively unchanged. With the building remaining centrally sited on the lot.
- The proposed addition will expand the building at the rear and will not significantly altar the yard or open space on the project site.

- Existing trees in the front yard of the property will remain, and a condition has been included to revise the drawings to show all landscaping requirements are met.
- The location of the garage will remain, and access will continue via a driveway off Bel Aire Drive. The driveway uses decorative paving and will not be altered by the current proposal.
- An existing gate on the eastern side of the property will remain. A condition has been included to show the prevailing setback of this gate, as it opens towards the street. The gate shall not encroach into the front setback when open.

<ul> <li>street. The gate shall not encroach into the front setback when open.</li> <li>No additional walls or fences are proposed.</li> </ul>
Massing and Scale Are the following items satisfactory and compatible with the project site and surrounding area?
Building Relates to its Surrounding Context ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Appropriate proportions and transitions ☐ Impact of larger building minimized
Building Relates to Existing Topography ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
<ul> <li>If "no" select from below and explain:</li> <li>□ Form and profile follow topography</li> <li>□ Alteration of existing land form minimized</li> <li>□ Retaining walls terrace with slope</li> </ul>
Consistent Architectural Concept ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Concept governs massing and height
Scale and Proportion ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Scale and proportion fit context  ☐ Articulation avoids overbearing forms

#### **Roof Forms**

□ Appropriate solid/void relationships□ Entry and major features well located

☐ Avoids sense of monumentality

<ul> <li>✓ yes □ n/a □ no</li> <li>If "no" select from below and explain:</li> <li>□ Roof reinforces design concept</li> <li>□ Configuration appropriate to context</li> </ul>
Determination of Compatibility: Mass and Scale
The proposed massing and scale are appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:
<ul> <li>Overall, the mass, height, proportions, and architectural concept of the project are consistent with the existing residence and proposed style change.</li> <li>The addition is significantly setback from the first story and is limited to the western side of the existing building footprint to reduce overall massing.</li> <li>The addition features a hipped-roof design with a 4:12 pitch that is consistent with the roof plan of the existing house. The material will be asphalt shingles to match the existing materials.</li> <li>The site naturally slopes from west to east, so the extension of the existing basement will not need excessive excavation and the natural topography of the site will be maintained.</li> </ul>
Design and Detailing Are the following items satisfactory and compatible with the project site and surrounding area?
Overall Design and Detailing ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
<ul> <li>If "no" select from below and explain:</li> <li>□ Consistent architectural concept</li> <li>□ Proportions appropriate to project and surrounding neighborhood</li> <li>□ Appropriate solid/void relationships</li> </ul>
Entryway  ☑ yes ☐ n/a ☐ no  If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Well integrated into design ☐ Avoids sense of monumentality ☐ Design provides appropriate focal point ☐ Doors appropriate to design
Windows □ yes □ n/a ⊠ no
If "no" select from below and explain:

<ul> <li>□ Appropriate to overall design</li> <li>□ Placement appropriate to style</li> <li>□ Recessed in wall, when appropriate</li> </ul>
The window schedule proposes recessed windows with wood sill & frames to match the existing. A condition has been included to revise the operation of the proposed windows from Sliders to Casement, Hung, or Fixed to comply with City of Glendale window guidelines.
Privacy ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Consideration of views from "public" rooms and balconies/decks ☐ Avoid windows facing adjacent windows
Finish Materials and Color ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Textures and colors reinforce design ☐ High-quality, especially facing the street ☐ Respect articulation and façade hierarchy ☐ Wrap corners and terminate appropriately ☐ Natural colors appropriate to hillside area
Paving Materials ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  ☐ Decorative material at entries/driveways ☐ Permeable paving when possible ☐ Material and color related to design
Lighting, Equipment, Trash, and Drainage □ yes ⊠ n/a ⊠ no
If "no" select from below and explain:  □ Light fixtures appropriately located/avoid spillover and over-lit facades □ Light fixture design appropriate to project □ Equipment screened and well located □ Trash storage out of public view □ Downspouts appropriately located □ Vents, utility connections integrated with design, avoid primary facades

A condition has been included to revise the drawings to show the location of all proposed site lighting and light fixtures on the building limited to the main entry and patio doors.

Ancillary Structures	
□ yes   ⊠ n/a   □ no	
If "no" select from below and explain:	
☐ Design consistent with primary structure	
☐ Design and materials of gates complement primary structure	е

#### **Determination of Compatibility: Design and Detailing**

The proposed design and detailing are appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:

- Overall, the addition's design and detailing are compatible with the existing style of the house through the use of architectural treatments, materials, windows, and colors.
- A permit was issued in 2006 to replace the existing windows with vinyl windows, using a mix of hung and slider operations with internal grids. The operation and internal grids are no longer permitted, per the City's Window Guidelines, but the existing windows are permitted and will remain. A condition has been included that all new proposed windows will be Casement, Hung, or Fixed in operation and will not have internal grids.
- The proposed balcony on the second story is 30 square-feet and is appropriately setback from all property lines, and modest in size. It does not pose significant privacy concerns.
- The existing residence includes a mix of brick and stone veneer as well as stucco.
   The addition is appropriately setback and does not pose a significant change to the front façade and will use stucco to maintain compatibility with the existing residence.

#### **Recommendation / Draft Record of Decision**

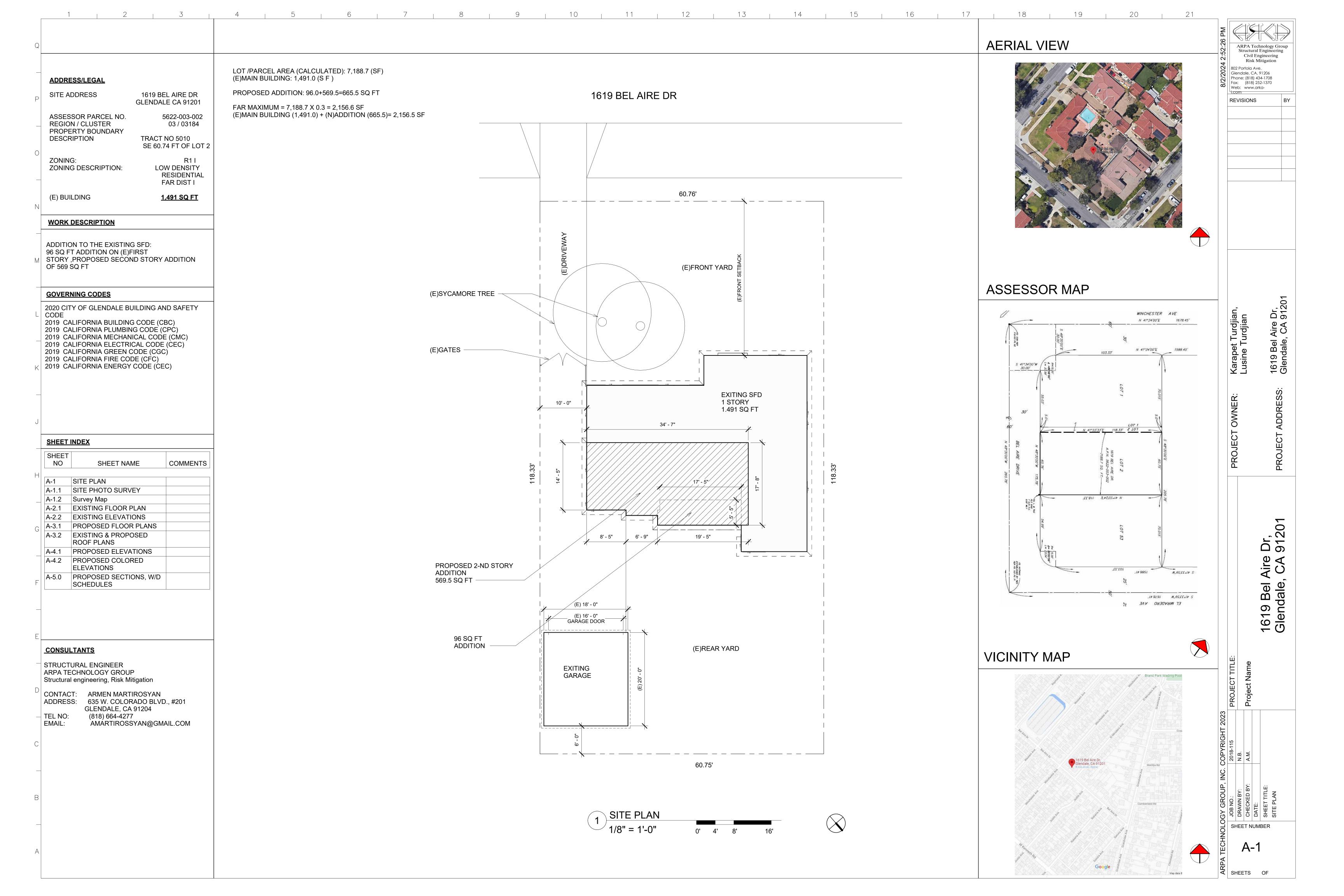
Based on the above analysis, staff recommends **Approval**. This determination is based on the implementation of the following recommended conditions:

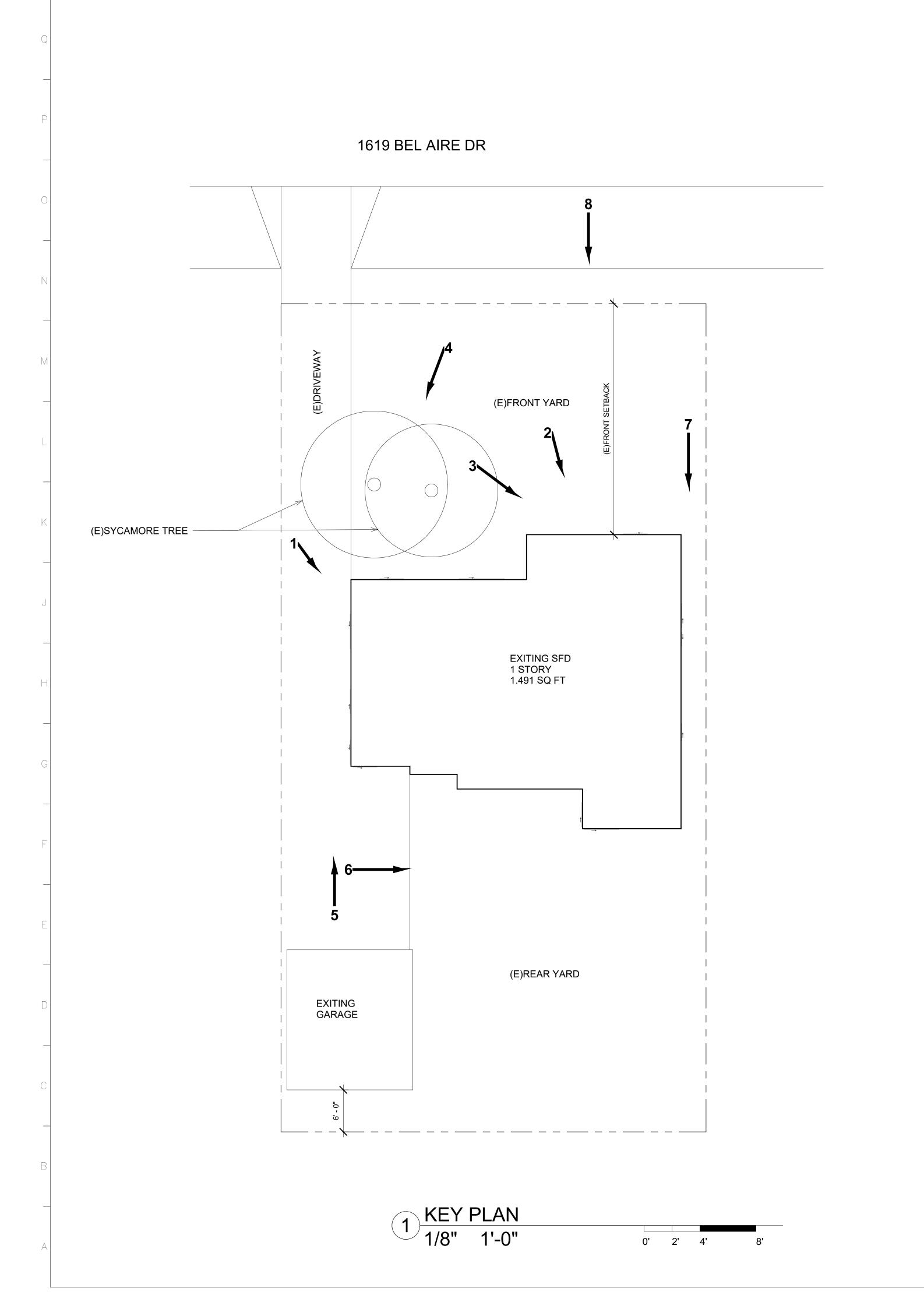
#### **Conditions**

- Provide a landscaping plan that identifies all landscaped and hardscaped areas and shows compatibility with minimum landscaping requirements (40% of total lot).
- 2. Show driveway get setback with gate open towards the street and revise location if needed to ensure the gate does not encroach into the front setback.
- 3. Revise the drawings to show the location of all proposed site lighting and light fixtures on the building limited to the main entry and patio doors.

#### **Attachments**

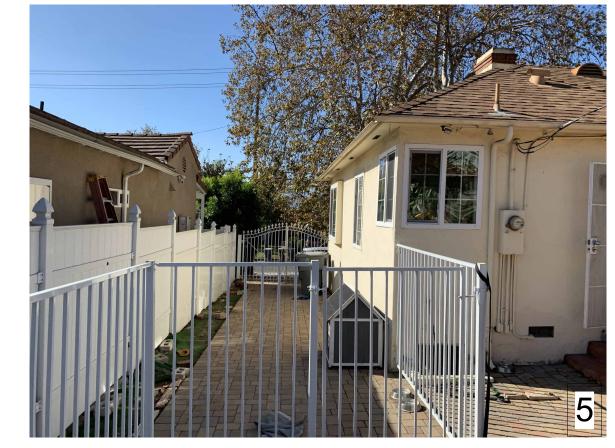
- Reduced Plans
   Photos of Existing Property
   Location Map
   Neighborhood Survey









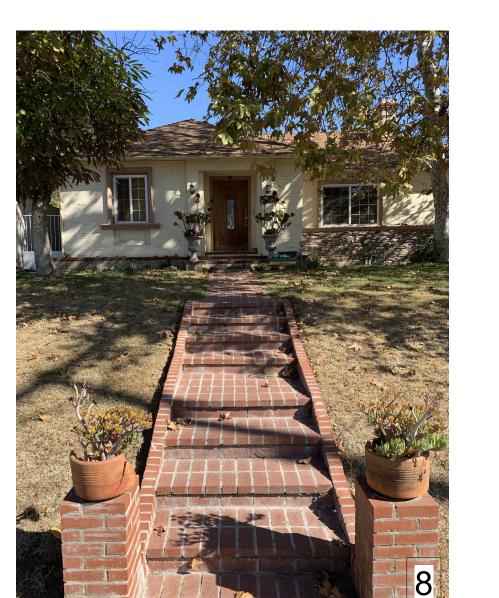












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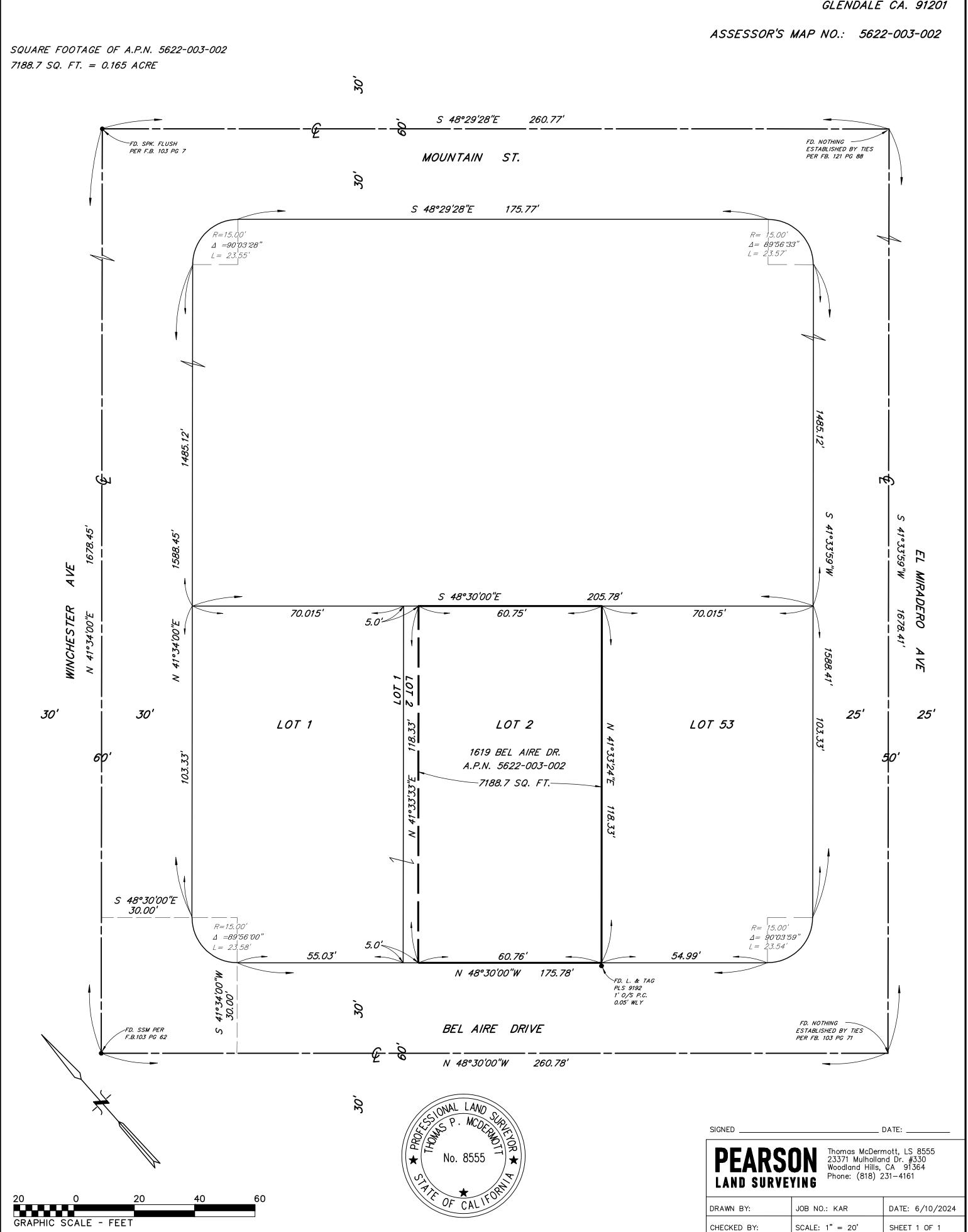
IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEING A SURVEY OF LOT 2 EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 5 FEET THEREOF OF TRACT NO. 5010 AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 126 PAGES 75 AND 76 OF MAPS RECORDED IN THE COUNTY RECORDER OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY

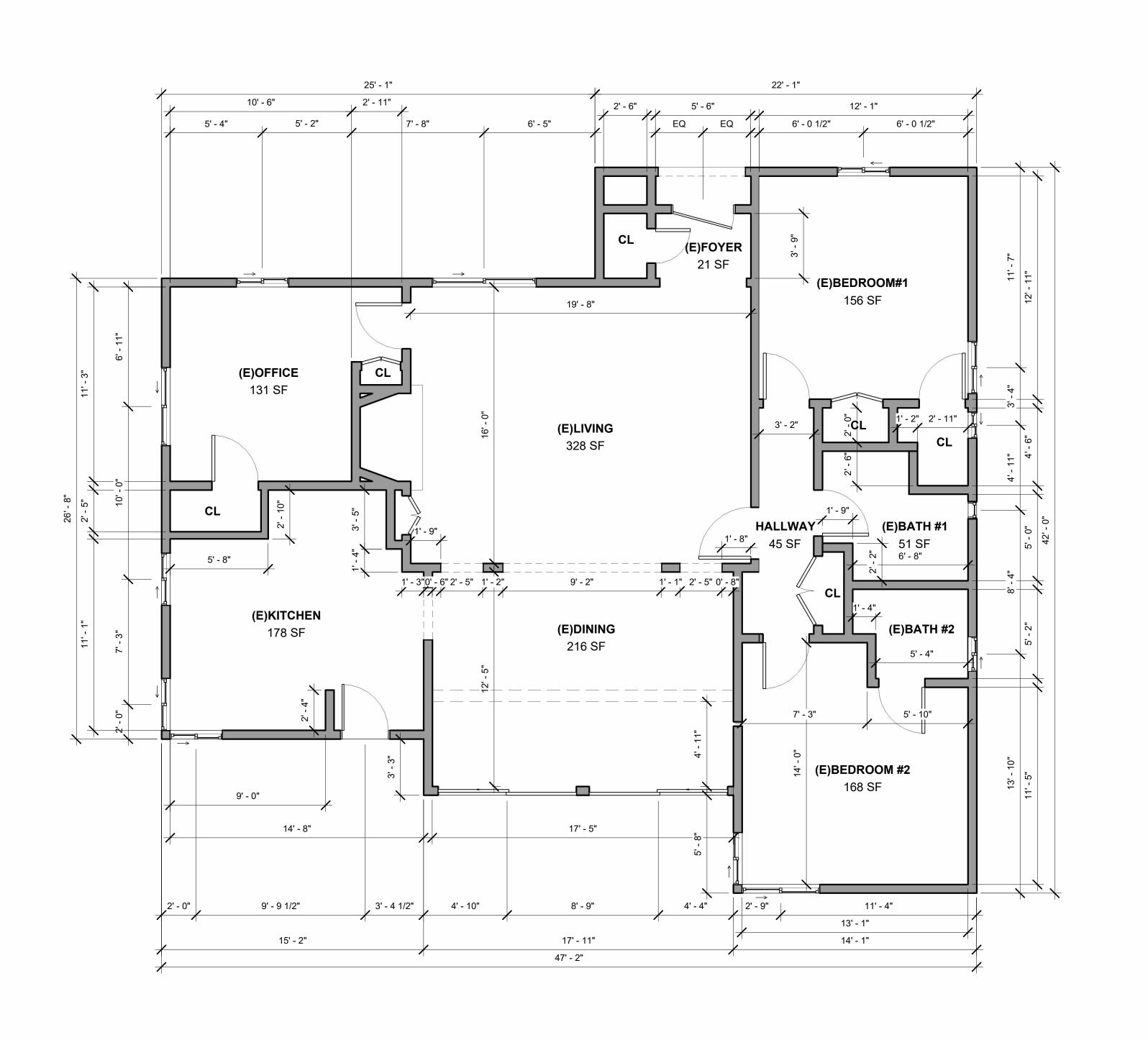
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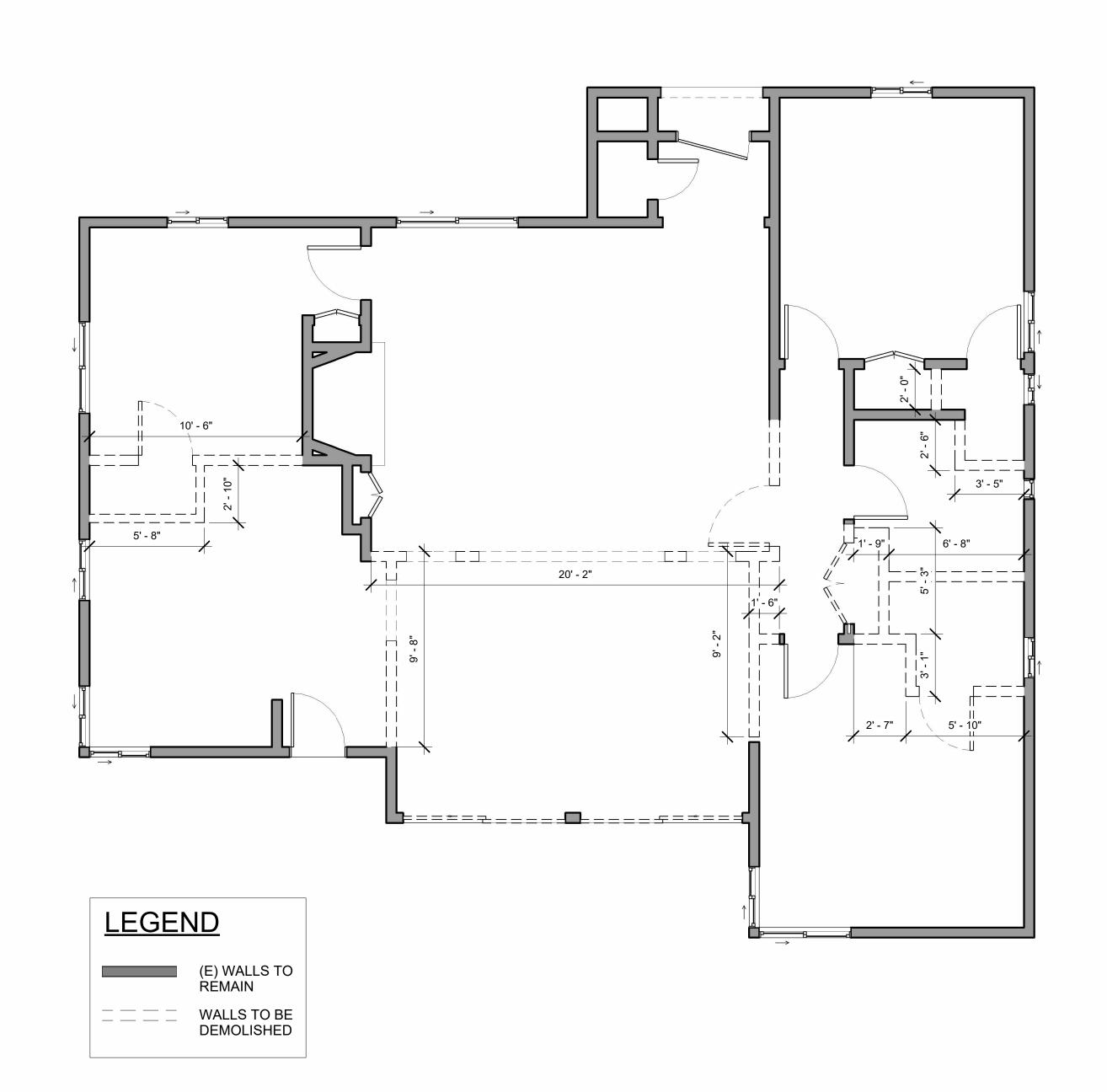
SCALE 1"=20'

SITE ADDRESS: 1619 BEL AIRE DR.

GLENDALE CA. 91201







1 EXISTING 1-ST FLOOR PLAN
1/4" 1'-0" 0' 2' 4' 8'

2 DEMO 1-ST FLOOR PLAN
1/4" 1'-0" 0' 2'

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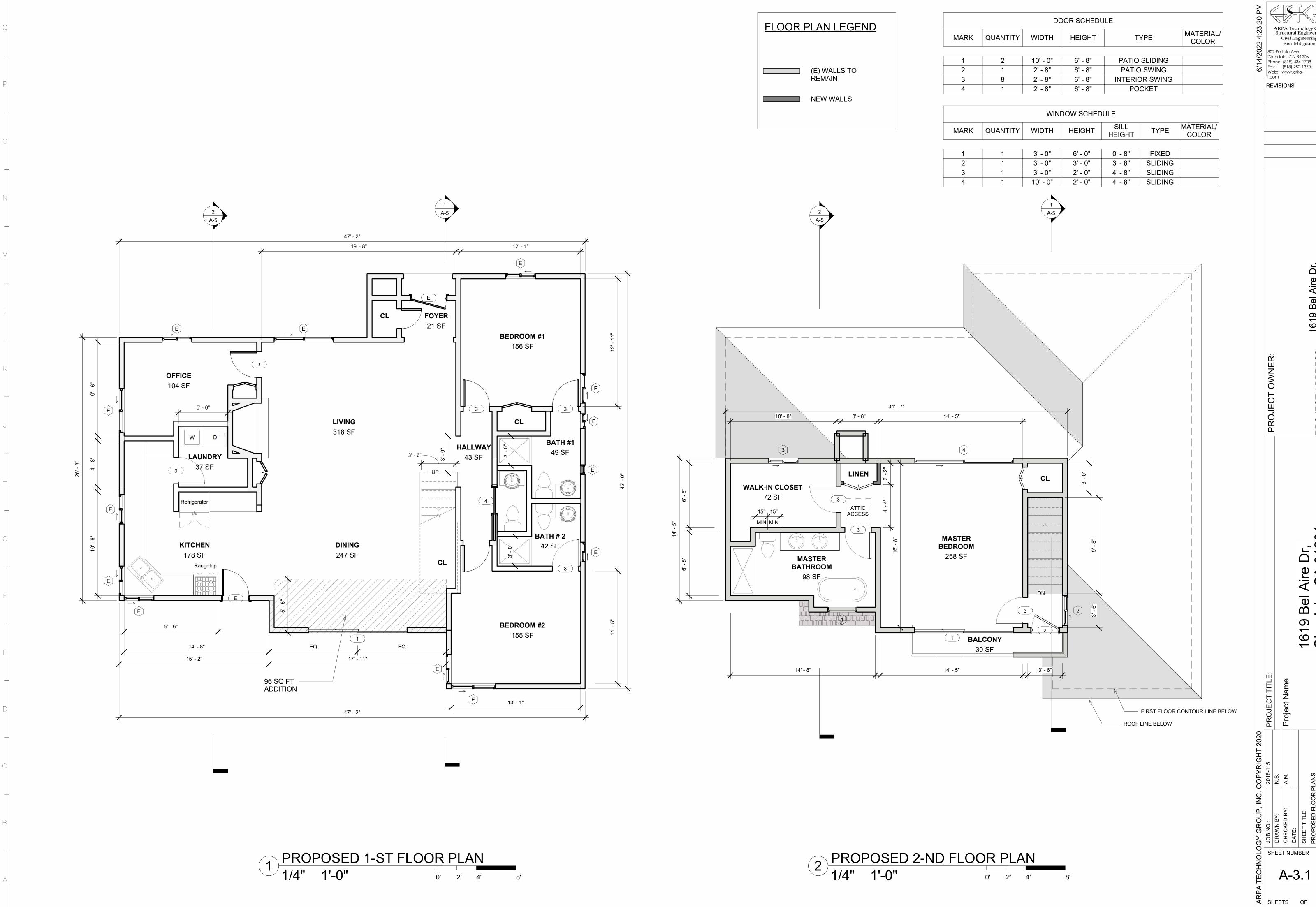
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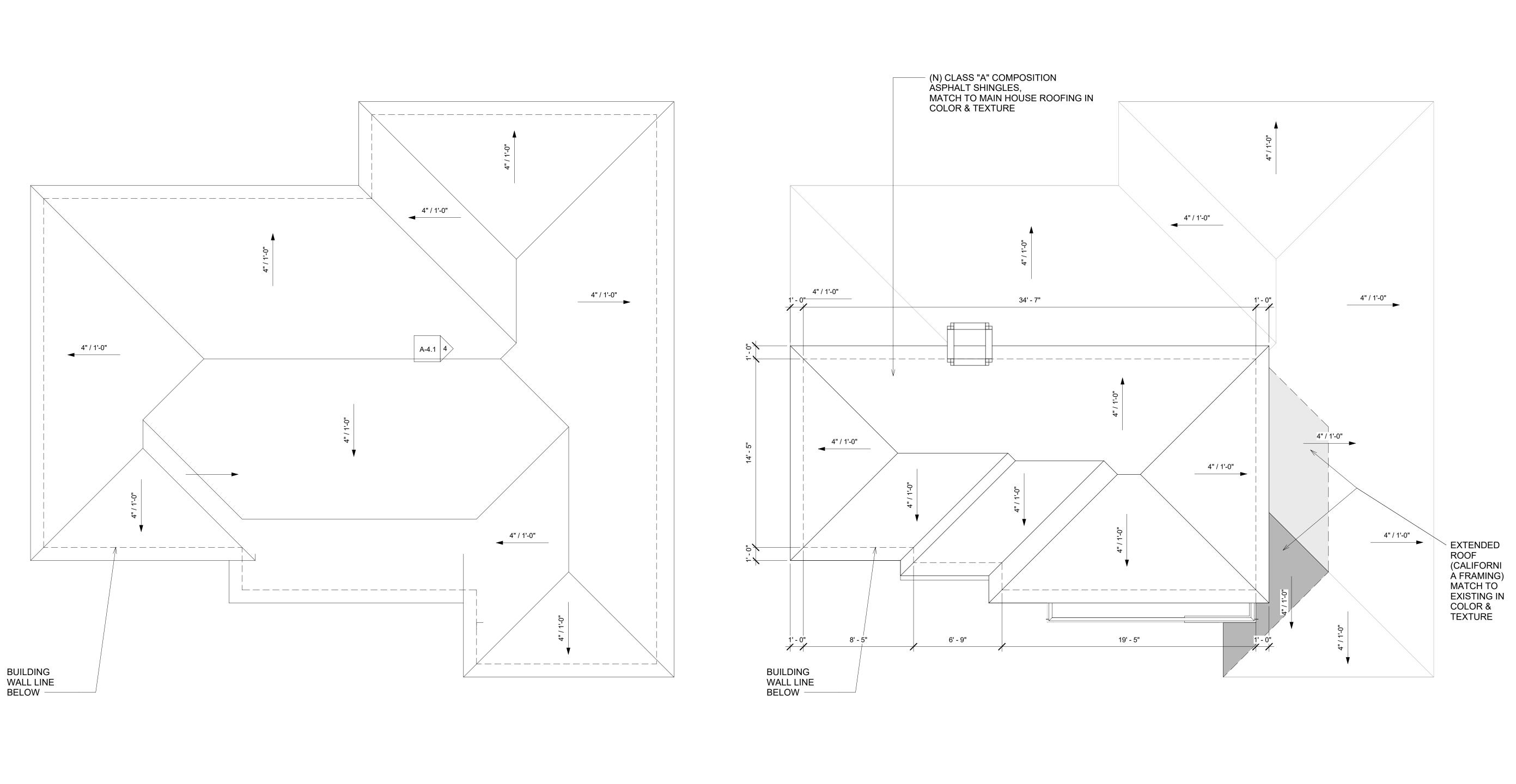


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PROPOSED ROOF PLAN
1/4" 1'-0"

2 EXISTING ROOF PLAN 1/4" 1'-0"

0' 2' 4' 8'

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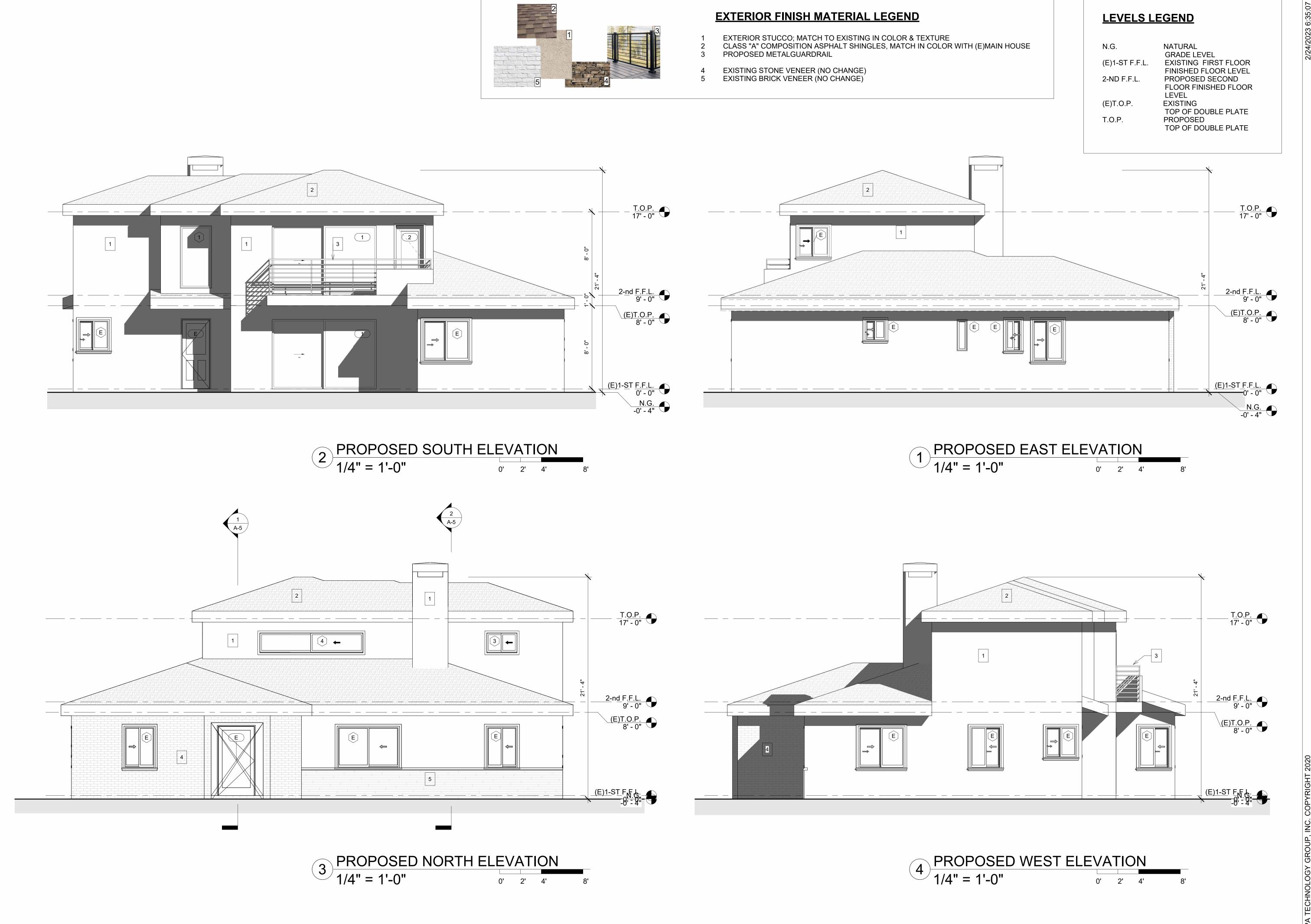
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3 COLORED EAST ELEVATION
1/4" 1'-0" 0' 2' 4' 8'



2 COLORED NORTH ELEVATION
1/4" 1'-0"
0' 2' 4'



4 COLORED WEST ELEVATION \_ 1/4" 0' 2' 4' 8'

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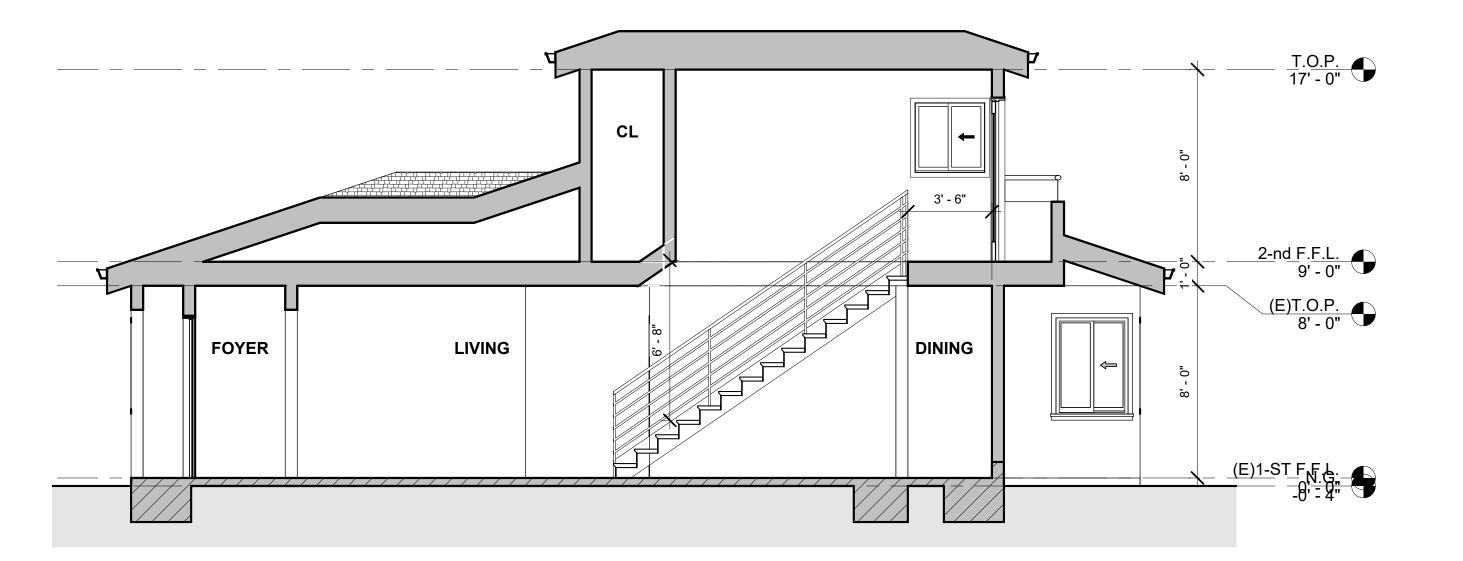
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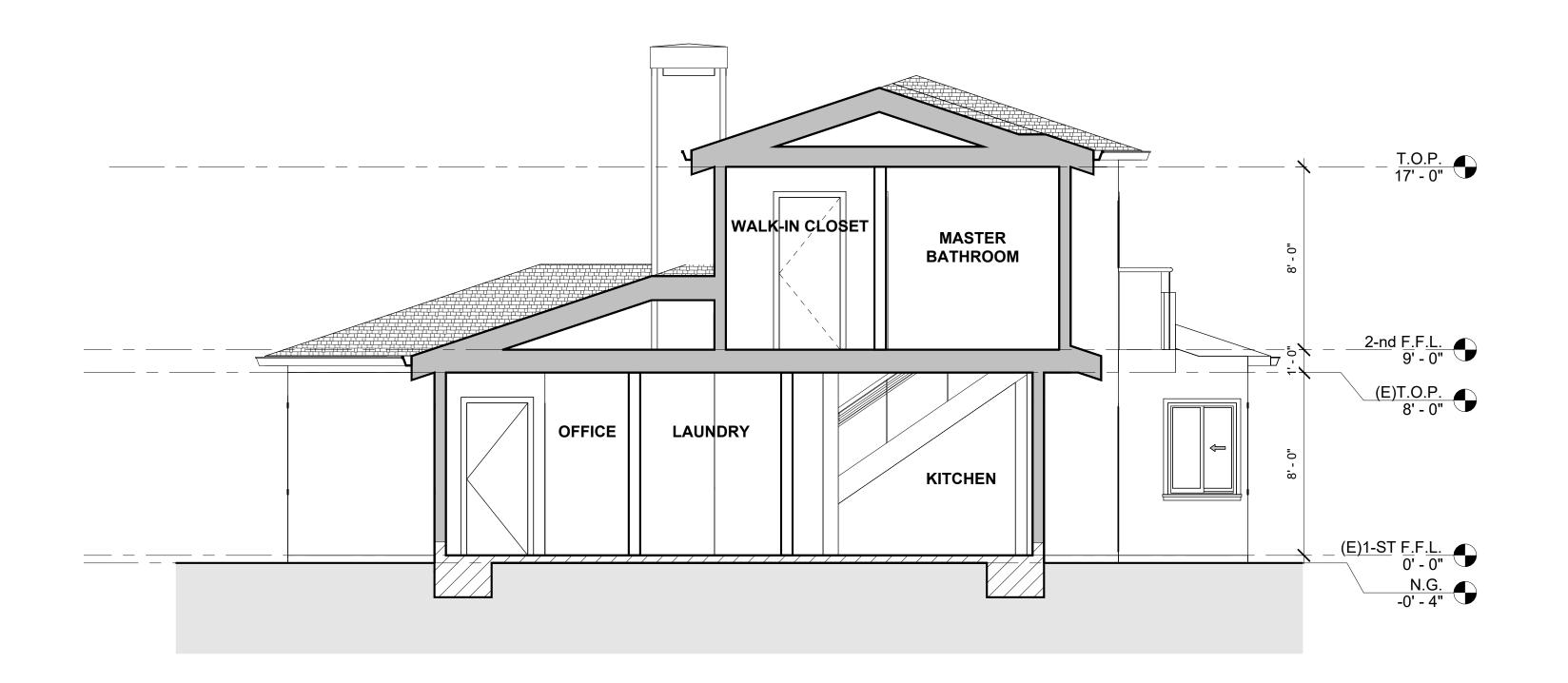
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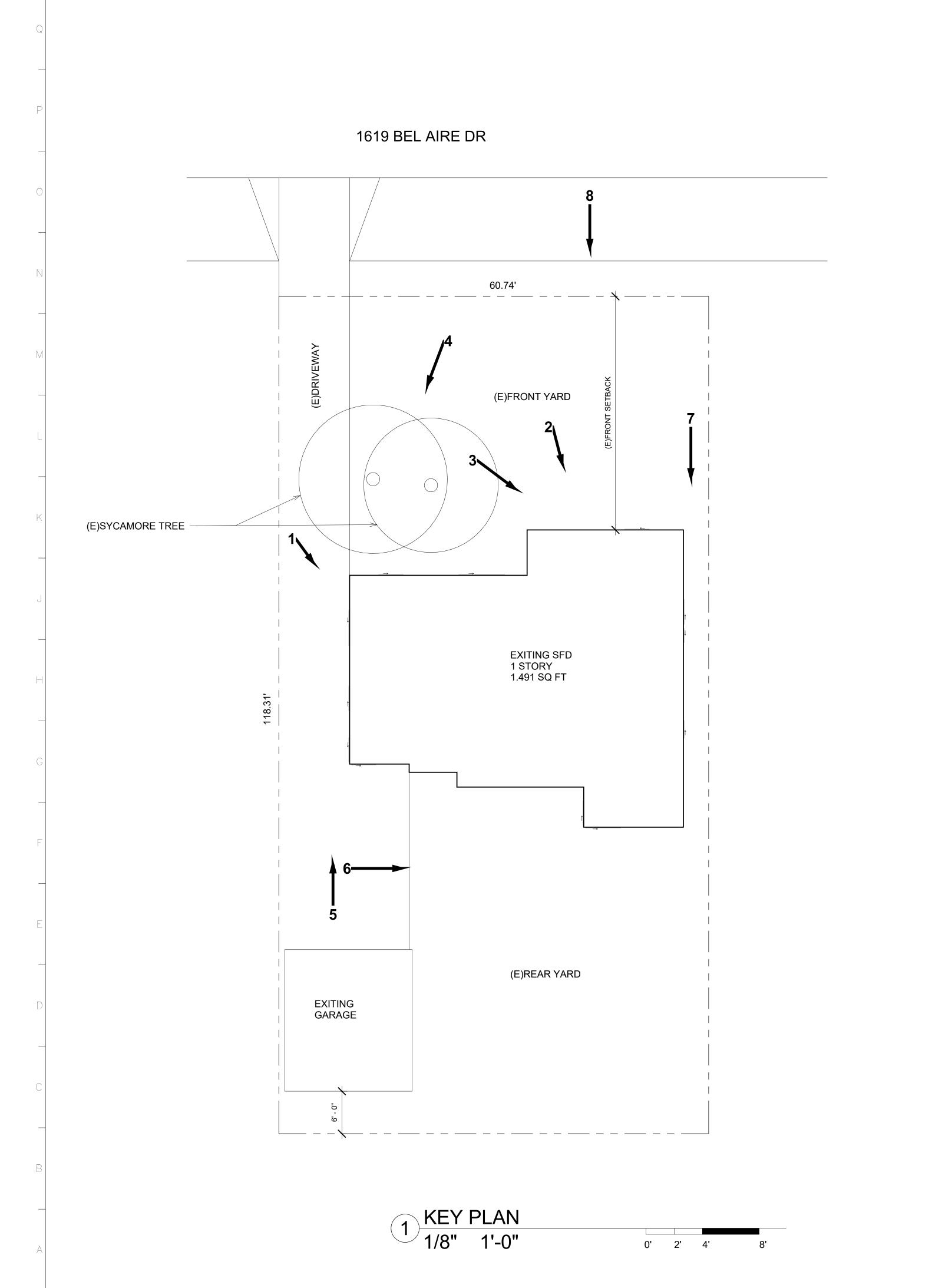
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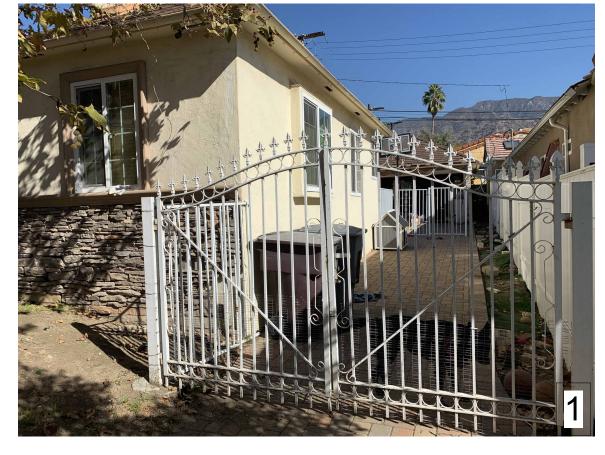
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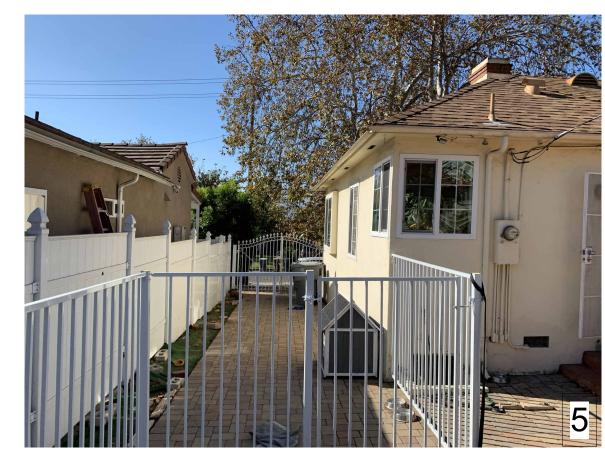
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LOCATION MAP 1619 BEL AIRE DR GLENDALE, CA 91201 APN: 5622-003-002 500' RADIUS DATE: 06-06-2022

Centerpoint

SCALE: 1" = 200'



Survey List

Number	Address	Stories	Approx Setback (ft)	Floor Area Ratio	House Size (sf)	Lot Size (sf)
1	1600 Bel Aire Dr	2	65.7	0.15	2626	17292
2	1606 Bel Aire Dr	1	31.7	0.13	1137	8600
3	1610 Bel Aire Dr	2	30.9	0.27	3494	12958
4	1614 Bel Aire Dr	2	35.3	0.22	1863	8540
5	1618 Bel Aire Dr	2	34.9	0.25	2190	8713
6	1622 Bel Aire Dr	1	33.8	0.15	1512	9766
7	1630 Bel Aire Dr	2	34.9	0.26	2337	9009
8	1636 Bel Aire Dr	1	33.4	0.22	1794	8470
9	1640 Bel Aire Dr	1	34.1	0.16	1291	8284
10	1644 Bel Aire Dr	1	32.7	0.32	2759	8520
11	1643 Bel Aire Dr	1	40.8	0.22	1780	8183
12	1635 Bel Aire Dr	1	31.7	0.34	2983	8803
13	1633 Bel Aire Dr	1	41.4	0.15	1461	9558
14	1410 Winchester Ave	1	19.7	0.33	2116	6394
15	1625 Bel Aire Dr	1	33.2	0.2	1739	8565
16	1619 Bel Aire Dr	1	34.5	0.21	1491	7188.7
17	1611 Bel Aire Dr	2	33	0.25	1965	7988
18	1411 El Miradero Ave	1	25	0.29	1737	5971
19	1603 Bel Aire Dr	1	38.4	0.13	1605	11955
20	1555 Bel Aire Dr	2	54.2	0.15	2916	19159
21	1551 Bel Aire Dr	2	34.8	0.17	3210	18772
<b>Averages</b>			35.9	0.22	2096	9500