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For Committee Decision
APRIL 17, 2025

2942 COLLEGE AVENUE PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW

Design Review #DRCP2022-0015 to demolish a one-story (20 feet), 2,273 square-foot commercial building and construct a two-story (28 feet), 1,839 square-foot mixed-use building at the front of the lot with food service on the ground floor and two dwelling units on the upper floor, and a two-story (28 feet) 2,968 square-foot residential building at the rear of the lot containing four dwelling units.

I. Introduction

This mixed use project consists of two new buildings proposed on one parcel with a mixed use building located on the east side of the parcel, fronting College Avenue, and a residential building on the west side of the parcel. The parcel is located on College Avenue north of the Ashby Avenue northwest corner. The project parcel is located in the Elmwood Commercial (C-E) zoning district.

A demolition referral for the commercial building fronting College Avenue went before the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) in July 2021 where the Commission took no action. As part of the demolition referral, the Landmark Preservation Commission made a motion to request a revised historical resources evaluation that corrected typographic errors and provided more information and analysis of the Japanese Americans associated with the property and the early commercial history of the Elmwood neighborhood, to be conducted by a qualified historian of the Japanese American heritage.

The additional research and supplemental information was conducted by LSA Environmental Consultants and included in the Initial Study analysis. The additional research concluded that the existing building on the project site does not appear individually eligible for inclusion in the California Register at the national, State, or local level of significance for association with the Japanese Americans that previously occupied the site.

The project is before the DRC this month for Preliminary Design Review.

II. Background

The proposed project is to demolish a single-story commercial building and construct a two-story mixed-use building at the front of the lot (Building A) with food service on the ground floor and two residential units on the upper floor. Additionally, a two-story residential building (Building B) will be constructed at the rear of the lot, containing four dwelling units. The project includes the following primary components:

- Two stories – 28 feet in height
- Six dwelling units
 - Four 2-bedroom units
 - Two 1-bedroom units
 - 10 bedrooms total
- Two Buildings - 6,295 square feet gross floor area
 - Building A:
 - 1,481 square feet of commercial/restaurant
 - 1,839 square feet of residential
 - Building B:
 - 2,988 of residential

III. Project Setting

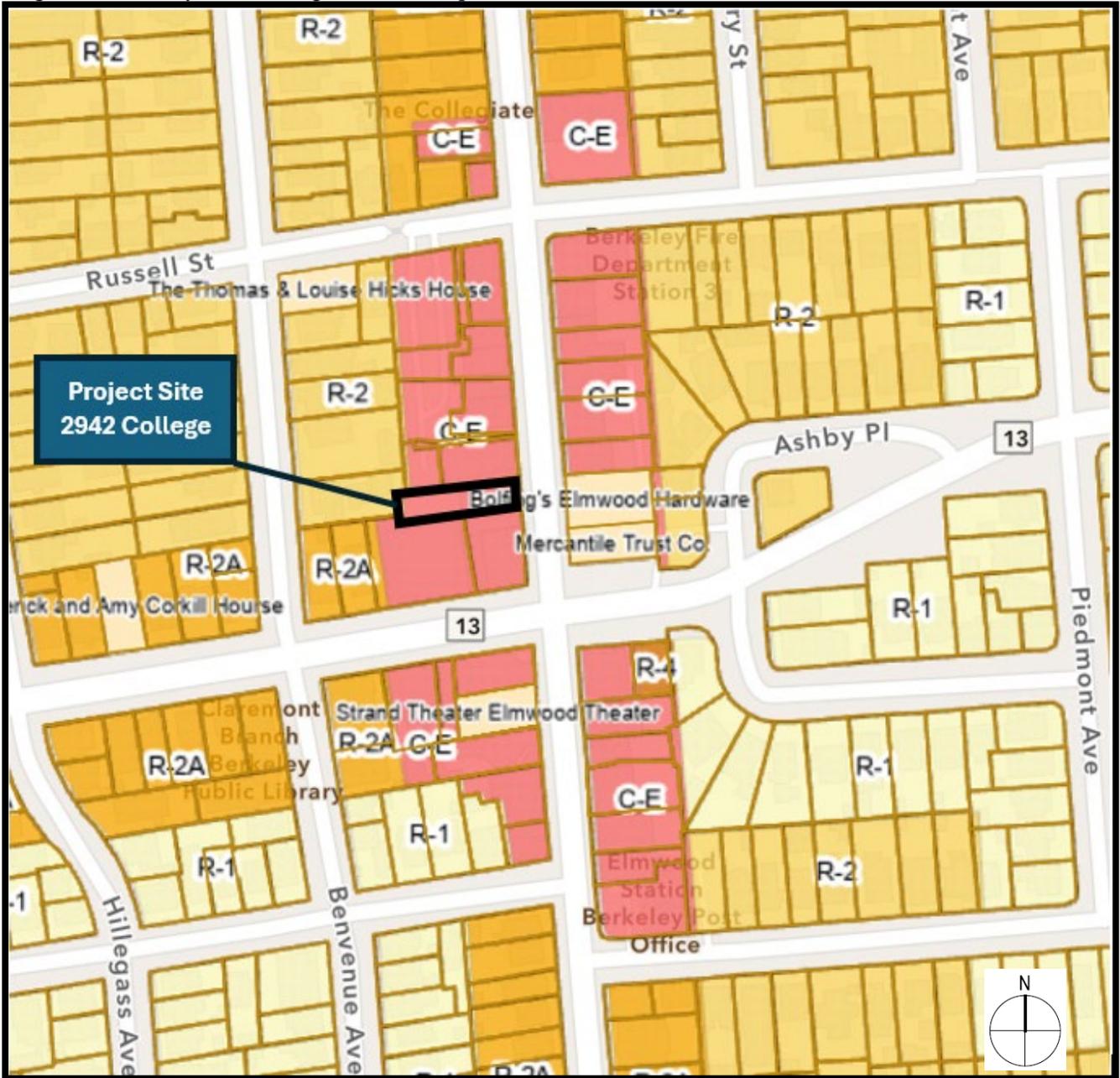
A. Neighborhood/Area Description:

The project site is located at 2942 College Avenue, on the west side of College Avenue, north of Ashby Avenue, and south of Russell Street, in the Elmwood Commercial (C-E) District. The C-E District consists primarily of low-rise buildings containing various retail and dining establishments. The surrounding neighborhoods consist of a mix of single and multi-family residences and commercial establishments.

B. Site Conditions:

The approximately 0.15-acre rectangular site (6,346 square feet) has just under forty-feet of frontage on College Avenue and is 162 feet in length. The eastern half of the project site adjacent to College Avenue is currently developed with a single-story commercial building, constructed in 1910, which has been vacant since March 2018. An accessory building is located along the northern project site boundary, and another small structure is located along the southern project site boundary. The remainder of the project site is undeveloped. Vegetation on the site consists of ruderal grasses and shrubs, two trees (one of which is dead), and a street tree located within the public right-of-way along College Avenue. The project site is served by an 8-foot sidewalk along College Avenue and is located within 100 feet of bus stops with service to several intersecting major bus routes, including AC Transit Lines 6, 7, 79, 800, 851, and E.

Figure 1: Vicinity and Zoning Districts Map



Legend:

Zoning Districts

- C-E – Elmwood Commercial District
- R-1 – Single-Family Residential District
- R-2 – Restricted Two-Family Residential District
- R-2A – Restricted Multiple-Family Residential District

Table 1: Land Use Information

Location		Existing Use	Zoning District	General Plan Designation
Subject Property		Commercial	C-E	Neighborhood Commercial
Surrounding Properties	North	Residential; single-family and multi-family homes and commercial (clothing store)	C-E	Low Medium Density Residential; Medium Density Residential; Neighborhood Commercial
	South	Residential and commercial establishments (retail shops and restaurants)	C-E and R-2A	Neighborhood Commercial; Medium Density Residential; Low Density Residential
	East	Commercial (restaurant, Wells Fargo bank, and stationary store) and Residential (single-family and multi-family homes)	C-E, R-1, and R-2	Neighborhood Commercial; Low Medium Density Residential
	West	Residential and commercial (restaurant and salons)	R-2 and R-2A	Low Medium Density Residential; Medium Density Residential

Table 4: C-E (Elmwood Commercial) Development Standards BMC Sections 23.204.080 and 23.322 Parking and Loading

Standard		Existing	Proposed Total	Permitted/ Required
Lot Area (sq. ft.)		6,346	6,346	N/A
Gross Floor Area (sq. ft.)		2,273	6,295	N/A
Commercial Floor Area (sq. ft.)		2,273	1,481	N/A
Residential Floor Area (sq. ft.)		0	4,807	N/A
Floor Area Ratio		0.38	1	8 max per BMC 1 max per SB478 ^a
Dwelling Units	Total	0	6	N/A
	Affordable	N/A	N/A	N/A
Building Height (ft. - in.)	Maximum	20	28	28
	Stories	1	2	2 max
Building Setbacks	Front (College Ave.)	0	0	0 min

Standard		Existing	Proposed Total	Permitted/ Required
(ft. - in.)	Rear	66'	16'-2"	10' min
	Left Side	0	5' -0"	0 min
	Right Side	0	5' -0"	0 min
Lot Coverage (%)		38	55	100 max
Usable Open Space (sq. ft.)		0	1,459	1,200 (200 s.f. per unit)
Parking	Commercial Automobile	0	0	0 min ^b
	Commercial Bicycle	1	0	0 min
	Residential Automobile	0	0	0 min
	Residential Bike Short Term	0	2	2 (1 space/40 bedrooms)
	Residential Bike Long Term	0	4	4 (1 space per 3 bedrooms – 10 bedrooms)
Abbreviations: sq. ft. = square feet; max. = maximum; min. = minimum; n/a = not applicable; % = percent; avg. = average, ft = feet ('), in. = inches (")				
Notes: a. SB 478 prohibits floor area ratio less than 1 on projects with 3-7 dwelling units. b. BMC 23.322.030 2. Exempts commercial uses less than 6,000 square feet in the C-E zone from parking requirements				

IV. Project Description

A. Requested Use Permits

- Use Permit under Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.204.020 to establish a mixed-use building
- Use Permit under Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.204.020 to establish multi-family dwellings
- Administrative Use Permit (AUP), under BMC Section 23.204.020 to establish a Food Service
- Use Permit under Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.204.030 for new floor area
- Use Permit under Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.326.070 to demolish a non-residential building
- Use Permit Under Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.310.030 for distilled spirits when incidental to food service

B. CEQA Determination

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The 30-day public comment period began on March 19, 2025.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Intent for this project is available online at: <https://aca.cityofberkeley.info/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx>. Click on Zoning tab; enter permit number #ZP2022-0136; click on the “Record Info” drop down menu; click on “Attachments” for a list of all application materials.

V. Design Review Guidelines

The City’s Design Guidelines are applicable for this project. Excerpts from the City-wide Design Review Guidelines are included below for your reference:

Setbacks: The street façade of commercial streets should be respected, in order to create or maintain the sense of urban space.

Parking and Driveways: Conflict with pedestrian circulation should be prevented by the proper location and design of auto entrances.

Harmony with Surroundings: The proposed design should be in harmony with its surroundings through the coordination of such design elements as cornice lines, eaves, and setbacks with those of existing neighborhood buildings.

Articulation: Street facades in general and the ground floor level in particular should include elements of pedestrian scale and three-dimensional interest.

Lighting: Lighting for circulation, security, building/sign identification should be non-obtrusive, except for lighting fixtures which are themselves decorative additions to the streetscape.

Walls and Fences: Large, unarticulated expanses of any particular wall material that deaden the pedestrian environment should be avoided. The use of clear windows for ground floor retail projects is encouraged. Walls designed to allow sitting areas for pedestrian or space for landscaping and artwork are encouraged, especially in areas of heavy pedestrian use. Landscaping and/or art work should be maximized if large expanses of wall must be left devoid of openings.

Landscape and Open Space: Sidewalk areas should include landscaping that is coordinated with the neighborhood design.

Building Entrances: Entrance points should be clearly defined and easily identifiable by pedestrians by appropriate locations and by elements such as awnings, signage, artwork or changes in paving material to define the entry point.

VI. Issues and Analysis

A. Design Review Issues:

Neighborhood Context The project site is located at 2942 College Avenue, on the west side of College Avenue, north of Ashby Avenue, and south of Russell Street, in the Elmwood Commercial (C-E) District. The C-E District consists primarily of low-

rise buildings containing various retail and dining establishments. The surrounding neighborhoods consist of a mix of single and multi-family residences and commercial establishments.

Massing The massing for this project includes a two-story building proposed on the portion of the parcel fronting on College and a separate two-story residential building proposed in the rear of the parcel.

Building Design At the street, the proposed two-story mixed use building will maintain the existing pedestrian orientation to the street. The deep front patio will provide interest and some space off the narrow busy sidewalk area. The four unit residential structure at the rear of this parcel provides a quiet residential opportunity that is still well within this busy commercial area.

Landscape/ Open Space Proposed landscape and open space for the residents is included on Sheet L001. Preliminary Plant Legend is included on Sheet L002, and WELO Calculations on Sheet L003.

Colors and Materials The project proposes a mix of stucco, Ceraclad siding, ceramic tile, and wood composite rainscreen. Materials can be found on the rendered elevations on Sheets A201 and A202 of the drawing set.

B. Issues for Discussion:

- Massing
- Building Design
- Landscape/ Open Space
- Colors and Materials

VII. Recommendation

Staff recommends that the DRC discuss the above issues and forward a favorable recommendation to ZAB with specific direction for Final Design Review.

Attachments:

1. Project Plans, received February 26, 2025
2. Applicant Statement, received November 28, 2023
3. Correspondence Received

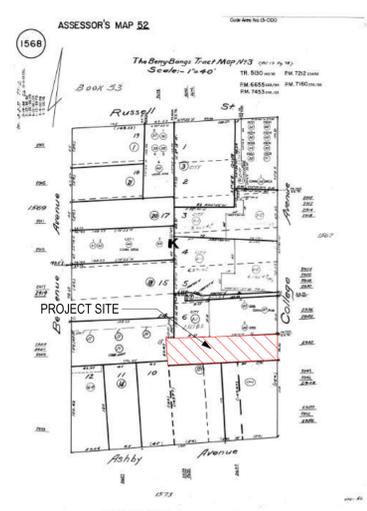
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5 LOCATION MAP
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4 VICINITY MAP
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3 PARCEL MAP
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ZONING CODE INFORMATION				
SITE INFORMATION				
ADDRESS	2492 COLLEGE AVE, BERKELEY, CA			
APN	052-15680900			
ZONING DISTRICT	C-E ELMWOOD COMMERCIAL			
SEISMIC SAFETY				
ALQUIST PRICLO	NO	LIQUEFACTION ZONE	NO	
LANDSLIDE ZONE	NO	UNREINFORCED MASONRY	NO	
HISTORIC INFO				
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	NO			
LANDMARK / STRUCTURE OF MERIT	NO			
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY				
CREEK BUFFER	NONE	FIRE ZONE	1	
ENVIRONMENTAL MGMT AREA	NO	FLOOD ZONE	NO	
BUILDING DATA PER PLANNING CODE				
	EXISTING	PROPOSED	PERMITTED / REQUIRED	NOTES / CODE REFERENCE
BUILDING / LOT INFO				
LOT AREA	6,346 SF	6,346 SF		
BUILDING FOOTPRINT	2,408	BLDG A: 1,481 SF BLDG B: 1,521 SF	BLDG A + BLDG B = 3,010 SF	
LOT COVERAGE	38%	55%	100%	BMC 23.204-21
MAX FLOOR AREA RATIO	0.38	0.99	0.8 - BMC 1.0 - SB 478	SB 478 prohibits FAR "less than 1.0 on projects of 57 units"
AREAS				
COMMERCIAL FLOOR AREA	2,273 SF	BLDG A: 1,481 SF		
RESIDENTIAL FLOOR AREA	0	1,839 SF BLDG A 2,968 SF BLDG B 4,807 TOTAL	BLDG A: 2 UNIT BLDG B: 4 UNITS	
GROSS FLOOR AREA	2,273 SF	6,287 SF	6,346	PER FAR: 1 MAX
USABLE OPEN SPACE	-	1,377 SF	1,200 SF	200 SF/UNITS x 6 UNITS BMC 23.204-21
IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA	2,912	3,943		SEE STORMWATER REQ CHECKLIST TABLE I.B.
HEIGHT				
# STORIES	1	BLDG A: 2 BLDG B: 2	2 MAX	BMC 23.204-21
MAX BLDG HEIGHT	20'-0"	28'-0"	28'-0"	BMC 23.204-21
SETBACKS				
	EXISTING	PROPOSED	PERMITTED / REQUIRED	NOTES / CODE REFERENCE
FRONT YARD SETBACKS	0	0		
SIDE YARD SETBACK RIGHT	NO MIN	5'-0"		BMC 23.204-1 confronting a non-residential district
SIDE YARD SETBACK LEFT	NO MIN	5'-0"		BMC 23.204-1 confronting a non-residential district
REAR YARD SETBACK	66'	16'-2"	16'-2"	BMC TABLE 23.304-3 10' or 10% of lot depth whichever is less
BUILDING SEPARATION	NA	17'-10"	NO MIN	BMC 23.204-21
UNITS				
1-BR	0	2		
2-BR	0	4		
PARKING				
	EXISTING	PROPOSED	PERMITTED / REQUIRED	NOTES / CODE REFERENCE
RESIDENTIAL CAR PARKING	0	0	0	23.322-030
COMMERCIAL PARKING	0	0	0	23.322-3 Parking Exemptions...
COMM. BIKE PARKING (SHORT TERM)	1	0	0	23.322.090 A, 1
COMM. BIKE PARKING (LONG TERM)	0	0	0	23.322.090 A, 1
RES. BIKE PARKING (SHORT TERM)	-	2	2	Table 23.322-11 2, or 1 space/ 40 bedrooms
RES. BIKE PARKING (LONG TERM)	-	4	4	Table 23.322-11 1 space per 3 bedrooms (10 bedrooms / 3)
GARBAGE / RECYCLING				
RESIDENTIAL REFUSE	-	95 GAL / WK	80 GAL/WK	Alameda County StopWaste
RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING	-	64 GAL - PAPER / 64 GAL-CONTAINER	80 GAL/WK	Alameda County StopWaste
RESIDENTIAL COMPOST	-	64 GAL/WK	40 GAL/WK	Alameda County StopWaste
COMMERCIAL REFUSE	-	96 GAL/WK	-	-
COMMERCIAL RECYCLING	-	96 GAL - PAPER / 96 GAL-CONTAINER	-	-
COMMERCIAL COMPOST	-	96 GAL/WK	-	-

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MIXED-USE COLLEGE AVE DEVELOPMENT

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 BERKELEY, CA 94705

RUE01 - USE PERMIT - RESPONSE TO COMMENTS - 2/26/25



SHEET #	SHEET NAME	ZONING APP 8/19/22	Comments Response 11/28/23	Comments Response 1/31/24	CoC Response - 3/7/24
GENERAL					
G001	PROJECT INFO	*	*	*	*
G002	PROJECT INFO (CONTD) SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS	*	*	*	*
G003	STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES	*	*	*	*
G004	IMPERVIOUS AREAS DIAGRAM	*	*	*	*
G005	STORMWATER CHECKLIST	*	*	*	*
G007	AREA PLANS & UOS ANALYSIS	*	*	*	*
G008	AHCP RUFA PLAN	*	*	*	*
G010	EXISTING SITE PHOTOS	*	*	*	*
G030	STREET STRIP ELEVATIONS	*	*	*	*
G031	PERSPECTIVE VIEWS - PHOTO MONTAGE	*	*	*	*
G050	SHADOW STUDIES - DECEMBER 21	*	*	*	*
G051	SHADOW STUDIES - JUNE 21	*	*	*	*
G052	SHADOW STUDIES - AUGUST 21	*	*	*	*
CIVIL					
C001	BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY	*	*	*	*
LANDSCAPE					
L001	LANDSCAPE PLAN	*	*	*	*
L002	PLANTING PLAN	*	*	*	*
L003	WELO CALCULATIONS	*	*	*	*
ARCHITECTURAL					
A050	EXISTING & DEMO SITE PLAN	*	*	*	*
A100	SITE PLAN	*	*	*	*
A101	FLOOR PLANS	*	*	*	*
A201	ELEVATIONS - BLDG A	*	*	*	*
A202	ELEVATIONS - BLDG B	*	*	*	*
A600	DOOR AND WINDOW SCHEDULE	*	*	*	*
A601	MISC. SPECS AND DETAILS	*	*	*	*

NATURAL GAS PROHIBITION

THE BUILDING WILL NOT INCLUDE ANY NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IN COMPLIANCE WITH BMC CHAPTER 12.80, OR DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXCEPTION OR PUBLIC INTEREST EXEMPTION TO THE NATURAL GAS PROHIBITION IF THE CONDITIONS OF BMC SECTION 12.80.04(A) 1 OR 12.80.050 ARE MET. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO COMPLY WITH THE BERKELEY ENERGY CODE (BMC CHAPTER 19.36) AND BERKELEY GREEN CODE (BMC CHAPTER 19.37), ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 3RD, 2019, INCLUDING SOLAR PV SYSTEM, ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING, AND LOW-CARBON CONCRETE REQUIREMENTS. BUILDING DESIGN MUST INCORPORATE ALL-ELECTRIC SYSTEMS UNLESS AN EXCEPTION OR PUBLIC INTEREST EXEMPTION TO THE NATURAL GAS PROHIBITION IS GRANTED. ELECTRIC READINESS AND INCREASED ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS REQUIRED FOR ANY MIXED-FUEL BUILDING.

APPLICABLE BUILDING CODE REGULATIONS

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

WHEN APPLICABLE FOR DEFERRED SUBMITTALS:
 SPRINKLER SYSTEM: NFPA 13
 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM: NFPA 72
 FIRE SPRINKLER TEST WATER TO DISCHARGE TO LANDSCAPE OR SANITARY SEWER

SOIL & GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DEMOLITION SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO BUILDING PERMIT ISSUANCE

THE SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES:

- DEMOLITION OF (E) BUILDING.
- BUILDING A**
 NEW 2 STORY 3,320 SF BUILDING: 1,481 SF COMMERCIAL ON GROUND FLOOR AND 1,839 SF RESIDENTIAL ON THE 2ND FLOOR WITH 2 UNITS.
- BUILDING B**
 NEW 2 STORY BUILDING 2,968 SF RESIDENTIAL: 2 UNITS PER FLOOR, 4 UNITS TOTAL

1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION
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USE PERMIT - RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

PROJECT ISSUE RECORD:	DATE	DESCRIPTION
02/22/21	USE PERMIT SET	
08/12/21	UP RESUBMITAL	
9/15/21	UP RESUBMITAL 2	
8/19/22	USE PERMIT SET	
11/28/23	USE PERMIT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS #5	
2/2/24	USE PERMIT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS #5	
3/7/24	USE PERMIT - COA RESPONSE	
2/25/25	USE PERMIT - COMPLETION COMMENTS RESPONSE	

PROJECT #: RUE01
 ISSUE DATE: 1/31/24

PROJECT INFO

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&	AND
@	DIAMETER OR ROUND
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ABV	ABOVE
A/C	AIR CONDITIONING
AC	ASPHALTIC CONCRETE
ACC	ACCESSIBLE
ACOUS	ACOUSTICAL
ACT	ACOUSTICAL CEILING TILE
AD	AREA DRAIN
ADA	AMERICAN W/ DISABILITIES ACT
ADDM	ADDENDUM
ADJ	ADJACENT OR ADJUSTABLE
AFF	ABOVE FINISHED FLOOR
AGG	AGGREGATE
AL or ALUM	ALUMINUM
ALT	ALTERNATE
L or ∠	ANGLE
A.P.	ACCESS PANEL
APPROX	APPROXIMATE
ARCH	ARCHITECT(URAL)
ASPH	ASPHALT
ASTM	AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS
BB	BULLETIN BOARD
BD	BOARD
BF	BRACE FRAME
BITUM	BITUMINOUS
BLDG	BUILDING
BLK	BLOCK
BLKG	BLOCKING
BLKHD	BULKHEAD
BM	BEAM
BN	BULLNOSE
BO	BOTTOM OF
BOH	BACK OF HOUSE
BOT	BOTTOM
BS	BOTTOM OF STAIR
BUR	BUILT-UP ROOF
BW	BOTTOM OF WALL
BDRY	BOUNDARY
CAB	CABINET
CAP	CAPACITY
CB	CATCH BASIN
CBU	CEMENTITIOUS BACKER UNIT
CEM	CEMENT
CER	CERAMIC
CG	CORNER GUARD
CIP	CAST-IN-PLACE
CJ	CONTROL JOINT
C	CENTER LINE
CLG	CEILING
CLO	CLOSET
CLR	CLEAR
CMU	CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT
CO	CLEANOUT OR CASSED OPENING
COL	COLUMN
CONC	CONCRETE
CONST	CONSTRUCTION
CONT	CONTINUOUS
CORR	CORRIDOR
CPT	CARPET
CT	CERAMIC TILE
C.T.	COLLAR TIE
CTRL	CONTROL
CU FT	CUBIC FOOT (FEET)
CU YD	CUBIC YARD(S)
CW	COLD WATER
D	DRYER
* or d	DEGREE
DBH	DIAMETER AT BREAST HEIGHT
DEMO	DEMOLITION
DEPT	DEPARTMENT
DET	DETAIL
DF	DRINKING FOUNTAIN
D.F.	DOUGLAS FIR
DIA	DIAMETER
DIAG	DIAGONAL
DIM	DIMENSION
DISP	DISPENSER
DIV	DIVISION
DR	DOOR
DS	DOWNSPOUT
DSP	DRY STANDPIPE
DWG	DRAWING
E	EAST
(E)	EXISTING
EA	EACH
EIFS	EXTERIOR INSULATION AND FINISH SYSTEM
EGSB	EXTERIOR GYPSUM SHEATHING BOARD
EJ	EXPANSION JOINT
EL or ELEC	ELEVATION
ELEV	ELEVATOR or ELEVATION
ELEVS	ELEVATIONS
EMER	EMERGENCY
ENCL	ENCLOSURE
EOS	EDGE OF SLAB
EP	ELECTRICAL PANELBOARD
EQ	EQUAL
EQUIP	EQUIPMENT
EST	ESTIMATE
EXCAV	EXCAVATE
EXF	EXTERIOR FINISH SYSTEM
EXH	EXHAUST
EXP	EXPANSION
EXT	EXTERIOR

O/	OVER
OC	ON CENTER
OCC	OCCUPANCY, OCCUPANT(S)
OD	OUTSIDE DIAMETER or DIMENSION
OFD	OVERFLOW DRAIN
OH	OPPOSITE HAND
OPNG	OPENING
OPP	OPPOSITE
OPT	OPTIONAL or OPTIMUM
ORD	OVERFLOW ROOF DRAIN
OSCI	OWNER SUPPLIED, CONTRACTOR INSTALLED
OZ	OUNCE
PART BD	PARTICLE BOARD
PBO	PROVIDED BY OWNER
PCC	PRECAST CONCRETE
PCP	PORTLAND CEMENT PLASTER
PERF	PERFORATED
PL	PLATE or PROPERTY LINE
P-LAM	PLASTIC LAMINATE
PLAS	PLASTER
PLYWD	PLYWOOD
PNL	PANEL
POL	POLISHED
PR	PAIR
PRC	POLYMER REINFORCED CONCRETE
PREFAB	PREFABRICATED
PRKG	PARKING
PSD	PARKING STRUCTURE DRAWINGS
PSF	POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT
PSI	POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH
PTD	PAINTED
PT	POINT
PTN	PARTITION
PVMT	PAVEMENT
R	RADIUS or RISER
(R)	REMOVE
RA	RETURN AIR
RC	REINFORCED CONCRETE
RD	ROOF DRAIN
REC	RECESSED
REF	REFERENCE
REF	REFRIGERATOR
REFL	REFLECTED or REFLECTIVE
REG	REGISTER
REINF	REINFORCED
REQD	REQUIRED
RESIL	RESILIENT
REV	REVISION
RH	RIGHT HAND or ROOF HATCH
RM	ROOM
RO	ROUGH OPENING
RTU	ROOF TOP UNIT
RWL	RAIN WATER LEADER
RV	ROOF VENT
S	SOUTH
SA	SUPPLY AIR
SAB	SOUND ATTENUATION BLANKET
SC	SOLID CORE
SCHED	SCHEDULE
SCP	SCUPPER
SD	STORM DRAIN
SECT	SECTION
SEP JT	SEPARATION JOINT
SF	SQUARE FEET
SHT	SHEET
SHTG	SHEATHING
SHM	SELF HEALING MEMBRANE
SHV	SHELVING
SI or IN²	SQUARE INCHES
SIM	SIMILAR
SKYLT	SKYLIGHT
SLNT	SEALANT
SP	STANDPIPE
SPEC	SPECIFICATION
SQ	SQUARE
SS	STAINLESS STEEL
SED #	SEE ELECTRICAL DRAWING
SMD #	SEE MECHANICAL DRAWING
SSD #	SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWING
STD	STANDARD
STL	STEEL
STN	STAIN
STRUC	STRUCTURAL
SUSP	SUSPENDED
SYMM	SYMMETRICAL
T	TEMPERED
T	TREAD
TA	TOILET ACCESSORY
TBD	TO BE DETERMINED
TD	TRENCH DRAIN
TEL	TELEPHONE
TEMP	TEMPERED
T&G	TONGUE AND GROOVE
THK	THICK
THRU	THROUGH
TC	TOP OF CURB
TO	TOP OF
TOC	TOP OF CONCRETE
TOP	TOP OF PARAPET
TOPO	TOPOGRAPHIC
TOS	TOP OF STEEL
TP	TOP OF PAVEMENT
TS	TOP OF STAIR
TV	TELEVISION
TW	TOP OF WALL
TYP	TYPICAL

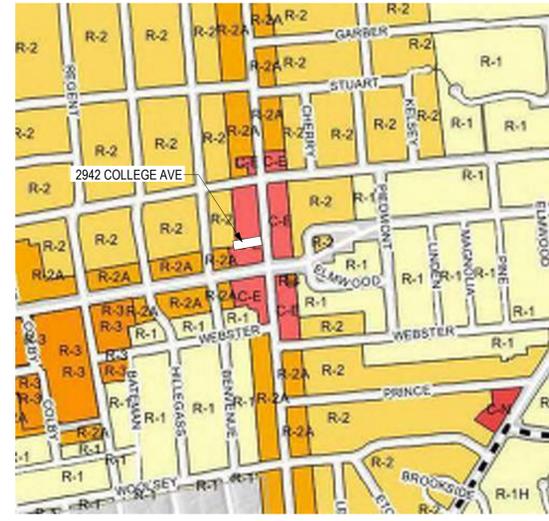
UBC	UNIFORM BUILDING CODE
UC	UNDER CUT
UFC	UNIFORM FIRE CODE
UL	UNDERWRITER'S LABORATOR
UNF	UNFINISHED
UNO or UON	UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE
VERT	VERTICAL
VG	VERTICAL GRAIN
VIF	VERIFY IN FIELD
VWC	VINYL WALL COVERING
W	WEST or WIDTH or WASHER
W	WITH
WC	WATER CLOSET
WD	WOOD
WDW	WINDOW
WH	WEEP HOLE or WATER HEATER
WI	WITHIN

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLIANCE PLAN

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL AREA: 4,080 SF (SEE G008)
 NUMBER OF UNITS: 6
 NUMBER OF UNITS REQUIRED BMR: 20%
 NUMBER OF UNITS BMR PROVIDED: 0
 IN LIEU FEE: \$38.75/ SF FOR PROJECTS 5,000-5,999 SF

IN LIEU FEE CALCULATION:
 4,080 SF X \$38.75/SF = \$158,100

2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLIANCE



1 ZONING MAP
1" = 30'-0"

	VIEW NO. ON SHEET	VIEW REFERENCE		PROJECT NORTH	NORTH ARROW
	SHEET NO.	SECTION REFERENCE		TRUE NORTH	
		DETAIL SECTION REFERENCE			REVISION CLOUD
		ELEVATION REFERENCE			KEY NOTE: SEE LEGEND ON DRAWINGS FOR EXPLANATION OF EACH NOTE
		INTERIOR ELEVATION REFERENCE			WALL, FLR/CLG, AND ROOF TYPE
		ENLARGED PLAN / DETAIL REFERENCE			DOOR SYMBOL
					WINDOW SYMBOL
					PLUMBING FIXTURE / APPLIANCE SYMBOL
					FINISH REFERENCE

GRAPHIC SYMBOLS
1/8" = 1'-0"

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TABULATION FORM

Project Address: 2942 COLLEGE AVENUE Date: 8/19/2022

Applicant's Name: STUDIO KDA

Zoning District: C-E (ELMWOOD COMMERCIAL)

Please print in ink the following numerical information for your Administrative Use Permit, Use Permit, or Variance application:

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted/ Required
Units, Parking Spaces & Bedrooms			
Number of Dwelling Units (#)	0	6	-
Number of Parking Spaces (#)	0	0	-
Number of Bedrooms (#) (R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-2A, and R-3 only)	0	10	-
Yards and Height			
Front Yard Setback (Feet)	0'	0'	0'
Side Yard Setbacks (facing property) Left: (Feet)	5' 6"	5'	0'
Right: (Feet)	2' 3"	5'	0'
Rear Yard Setback (Feet)	82'	16'-2"	10'-0"
Building Height* (# Stories)	1	2	2 MAX
Average* (Feet)			
Maximum* (Feet)	20'	BLDG A: 28'-0" BLDG B: 28'-0"	28' MAX
Areas			
Lot Area (Square-Feet)	6,346 SF	unchanged	-
Gross Floor Area* (Square-Feet)	2,408 SF	6,295 SF	-
Total Area Covered by All Floors (Square-Feet)	2,408 SF	blgd a: 1,481 sq ft blgd b: 1,525 sq ft total: 3,010 SF	-
Building Footprint* (Footprint/Lot Area)			
Lot Coverage* (%)	38%	55%	100%
Useable Open Space* (Square-Feet)	NA	1,459 SF	1,200 SF
Floor Area Ratio* Non-Residential only (Except ES-R)	0.38	0.99	1.0

*See Definitions - Zoning Ordinance Title 23F. Revised: 05/15
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MIXED-USE COLLEGE AVE DEVELOPMENT

2942 COLLEGE AVENUE
BERKELEY, CA 94705



USE PERMIT - RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

PROJECT ISSUE RECORD:

DATE	DESCRIPTION
08/12/21	IP RESUBMITAL
9/15/21	IP RESUBMITAL 2
8/19/22	USE PERMIT SET
2/2/24	USE PERMIT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS #1
2/25/2025	USE PERMIT - COMPLETION
5	COMMENTS RESPONSE

PROJECT # : RUE01
 ISSUE DATE: 1/30/24
 PROJECT INFO (CONT'D) SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS

G002

C.3 Stormwater Requirements Checklist
Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP3)
Stormwater Controls for Development Projects

I. Applicability C.3 Stormwater Requirements
All projects must complete Section I.

IA. Enter Project Data (Data for "C.3 Regulated Projects" will be reported in the municipality's stormwater Annual Report)

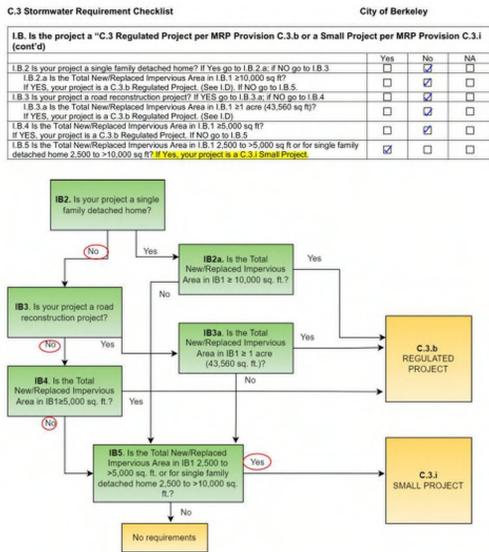
IA.1 Project Name:	Mixed-Use College Ave. Development
IA.2 Project Address (include cross street):	2942 College Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705 (College Ave at Kirby Ave)
IA.3 Project APN(s):	052-15680900
IA.4 Project Watershed:	Potter and Derby Creeks Watershed
IA.5 Applicant Name:	Christie Deng
IA.6 Date Submitted:	1/21/2024
IA.7 Applicant Address:	1810 6th St., Berkeley, CA 94710
IA.8 Applicant Phone:	510841-3555 IA.9 Applicant E-mail Address: christie@studiodka.com
IA.10 Development Type (check all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed-Use <input type="checkbox"/> Streets, Roads, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Detached Single Family Home <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment?
IA.11 Project Description (include any past or future phase of the project):	Demolition of existing single story commercial building on site. The construction of Building A: new 2-story 3,409 SF building; 1,722 SF restaurant on ground floor and 1,847 SF (2) residential units on 2nd floor. Building B: New 2-story building with 1,447 SF at each floor: 2 units per floor, 4 units total.
IA.12 Total Project Area:	6,346 SF IA.13 % Slope on Site: 3.3%
IA.14 Total Land Disturbance Area (include all areas to be cleaned, excavated, graded, and borrow and stockpile areas):	6,346 SF

IB. Is the project a "C.3 Regulated Project" per MRP Provision C.3.b or a Small Project per MRP Provision C.3.i? Yes

IB.1 Complete the Impervious and Pervious Surface Table

Type of Impervious Surface ^a	Pre-Project Impervious Area (sq ft)	Existing Impervious Area to be Replaced (sq ft)	New Impervious Area to be Created (sq ft)	Post-Project Pervious Area (sq ft)
a. Impervious roof areas ^b	2,298	2,298	1,356	
b. Impervious sidewalks, patios, paths, driveways ^c	614		289	
c. Uncovered impervious parking ^d				NA
d. Streets (public)				
e. Streets (private)				
Totals	2,912	2,298	1,645	
Existing Impervious Area to remain in place ^e	0			
Total New/Replaced Impervious Area (sum columns b and c)		3,943		

^a Watershed is defined by the maps from the Alameda County Flood Control District at <http://acfd.floodcontrol.org/resources/watersheds>
^b As defined by HMP: existing, adding and/or replacing exterior existing impervious surface on a site where past development has occurred.
^c A surface covering or pavement of a developed parcel of land that prevents the land's natural ability to absorb and infiltrate rainfall/stormwater.
^d Replaced impervious area means any impervious area that is removed and replaced in kind or upgraded. See Chapter 2 of the C.3 Technical Guidance.
^e Exclude green roofs.
^f A green surface is an impervious surface, except when it is constructed as part of a properly designed pervious pavement system.
^g Uncovered parking includes top level of a parking structure unless drainage from the uncovered portion is connected to the sanitary sewer along with the covered portions of the parking structure.



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IC. Pervious Pavement Systems

IC.1 Will your project install 1,000 sq ft or more of pervious pavement systems (not including private-use patios at residences)? Yes No

IC.2 Stormwater treatment system inspection requirements (C.3.b) apply. (Municipal staff - add this site to your list of sites needing a final inspection at the end of construction and on-going O&M inspections.) Yes No

ID. Projects not regulated by C.3

If your project is not regulated by C.3.b or C.3.i you are not subject to stormwater treatment requirements, however you are encouraged to incorporate site design and source control measures. The municipality may determine that source controls and site design measures are required for your project, if so, you must complete Section II and if required by the municipality, complete Sections III.A and III.B.

IE. C.3.i Small Projects

If your project is regulated by C.3.i you are considered a "Small Project" and must implement site design (See III.A) and source control requirements (See III.B). You are not required to implement stormwater treatment requirements. **You must complete Sections III.A and III.B.**

IF. C.3.b Regulated Projects

If your project is a C.3.b regulated project, the project must include appropriate site design measures and source controls AND hydraulically-sized stormwater treatment measures. Hydromodification management may also be required. Complete Sections II, III, and IV.

II. Applicability C.6 Stormwater Requirements
All projects must complete Section II.

II.A Does the project disturb one acre or more of land? If YES you are required to obtain coverage under the State Construction Stormwater Permit, see https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/construction.htm. You must submit your WQID number and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan to the municipality before a building or grading permit will be issued. You do not need to complete Section IV. Yes No

II.B Does the project disturb less than one acre of land? If YES you are subject to MRP C.6 requirements. Complete Section IV to identify best management practices (BMPs) that will be in the erosion control plan and implemented during construction. Yes No

II.C Priority Inspection Factors

II.C.1 Is the project 1 acre or more? Yes No

II.C.2 Does the project require a grading permit? Yes No

II.C.3 Is the project adjacent to a creek or waterway? Yes No

II.C.4 Is the project in a municipally defined hillside development area or meet local hillside criteria? Yes No

II.C.5 Does the project site have a slope of >15% and disturb > 5,000 sq ft? Yes No

II.C.6 Does the project involve demolition of a structure subject to the PCBs Building Demolition requirements? If yes the completion of the PCBs Building Material Demolition is required. Yes No

(Municipal staff - refer projects answering YES to any questions in section II.C to construction site inspection staff to be added to their list of projects that require stormwater inspections at least monthly during the wet season (October 1 through April 30) and other times of the year as appropriate.)

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III. Implementation of C.3 Stormwater Requirements

C.3.b Regulated Projects must complete all of Section III.
C.3.i Small Projects must complete Sections III.A and III.B.
Projects not regulated by C.3 must complete Sections III.A and III.B if directed by the municipality.

III.A Select Appropriate Site Design Measures
C.3.b Regulated Projects must implement appropriate and feasible site design measures.
C.3.i Small Projects must implement at least one of site design measures listed in items a-f.
Projects not regulated by C.3 are encouraged to implement appropriate site design measures and those directed by the municipality.

Site Design Measure

Site Design Measure	Plan Sheet #	Yes	No
a. Direct runoff into ditches or rain barrels and use rainwater for irrigation or other non-potable uses.	L001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Direct runoff onto vegetated areas.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Direct runoff from sidewalks, walkways, and/or patios onto vegetated areas.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Direct runoff from driveways and/or uncovered parking lots onto vegetated areas.	L001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Construct sidewalks, walkways, and/or patios with pervious pavement systems. ¹		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Construct bike lanes, driveways, and/or uncovered parking lots with pervious pavement systems. ²		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Minimize land disturbance and impervious surface (especially parking lots).		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Maximize permeability by clustering development and preserving open space.	L001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Use micro-depletion, including distributed landscape-based detention.	L001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Protect sensitive areas, including wetland and riparian areas, and minimize changes to the natural topography.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Self-retaining area (see Chapter 5 of the C.3 Technical Guidance).	L001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Self-retaining area (see Chapter 5 of the C.3 Technical Guidance).		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III.B Select Appropriate Source Control Measures
C.3.b Regulated Projects must select and implement appropriate source control measures.
C.3.i Small Projects and projects not regulated by C.3 are encouraged to select and implement appropriate source control measures and those directed by the municipality.

Features in the project?	Features requiring source controls	Source control measures (Refer to Local Source Control List for detailed requirements)	Measure included in project plans?	Plan Sheet #	
Yes	No		Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Storm Drain	Mark on-site sheets with the words "No Dumping! Flows to Bay" or equivalent.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Floor Drains	Plumb interior floor drains to sanitary sewer ³ (or prohibit).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parking garage Landscaping	Plumb interior parking garage floor drains to sanitary sewer. ³ • Retain existing vegetation as practicable. • Select diverse species appropriate to the site. Include plants that are pest- and/or disease-resistant, drought-tolerant, and/or attract beneficial insects. • Minimize use of pesticides and quick-release fertilizers. • Use efficient irrigation system. Design to minimize runoff. • Provide connection to the sanitary sewer to facilitate draining. ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	L001
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pool/Spa/ ⁴ Fountain	Provide sink or other area for equipment cleaning, which is: • Connected to a grease interceptor prior to sanitary sewer discharge. ³ • Large enough for the largest mat or piece of equipment to be cleaned. • Indoors or in an outdoor roofed area designed to prevent stormwater run-on and run-off and signed to require equipment washing in this area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Food Service Equipment (non-residential)	Provide sink or other area for equipment cleaning, which is: • Connected to a grease interceptor prior to sanitary sewer discharge. ³ • Large enough for the largest mat or piece of equipment to be cleaned. • Indoors or in an outdoor roofed area designed to prevent stormwater run-on and run-off and signed to require equipment washing in this area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Refuse Areas	Provide a roofed and enclosed area for dumpsters, recycling containers, etc., designed to prevent stormwater run-on and runoff.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A100 A101

¹ Use the specifications in the C.3 Technical Guidance for all small projects. See the BSMMA Pervious Paving Factsheet. For these documents and others go to www.stormwater.org and click on "Resources".
² Any connection to the sanitary sewer system is subject to sanitary district approval.

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III.C Stormwater Treatment Measures
C.3.b Regulated Projects must select and implement stormwater treatment measures to manage the C.3.d numeric sizing criteria. Complete the applicable sections below.

III.C.1 Is the project a Special Project? (See Appendix J of the C.3 Technical Guidance for Special Project criteria.)
If YES, complete the Special Projects Worksheet and consult with municipal staff about the need to prepare a discussion of the feasibility and infeasibility of 100% LID treatment. Indicate the type of non-LID treatment to be used, the hydraulic sizing method¹, and percentage of the amount of runoff specified in Provision C.3.d that is treated.

III.C.2 Is the project using bioretention to treat the C.3.d amount of runoff? (See the C.3 Technical Guidance for information on infiltration and rainwater harvesting² and use of stormwater.)
If YES, indicate the bioretention measures to be used, and the hydraulic sizing method.

III.C.3 Is the project using a combination of bioretention and infiltration to treat the C.3.d amount of runoff? (See the C.3 Technical Guidance for information on infiltration and rainwater harvesting² and use of stormwater.)
If YES, indicate the bioretention and infiltration measures to be used, and the hydraulic sizing method.

Note 1. Indicate which of the following Provision C.3.d.i hydraulic sizing methods were used:

1. Volume based approaches - Refer to Provision C.3.d.i(1):
1(a) Urban Runoff Quality Management approach, or
1(b) R2% capture approach (recommended volume-based approach).

2. Flow-based approaches - Refer to Provision C.3.d.i(2):
2(a) 10% of 50-year peak flow approach,
2(b) Permissible rainfall intensity approach, or
2(c) 0.2-inh-per-hour intensity approach (this is recommended flow-based approach AND the basis for the 4% rule of thumb described in Section 7.1 of the C.3 Technical Guidance).

3. Combination hydraulic sizing approach - Refer to Provision C.3.d.i(3).
If a combination flow and volume design basis was used, indicate which flow-based and volume-based criteria were used.

III.D Hydromodification Management (HM) Requirements
C.3.b Regulated Projects must complete this section

III.D.1 Does the project create and/or replace 1 acre (43,560 sq. ft.) or more of impervious area? If YES continue to item III.D.2. If NO, this project is not subject to the HM requirements. Yes No

III.D.2 Is the total impervious area increased from the pre-project condition? If YES continue to item III.D.3. If NO, this project is not subject to the HM requirements. Yes No

III.D.3 Is the site located in a specially influenced/positional area, or in the extreme eastern portion of the county that is not subject to HM requirements? (See HMP Susceptibility Map.) If YES continue to item III.D.4. If NO the project is exempt from HM requirements. Attach map indicating project location. Skip to III.D.6 and check "NO". Yes No

III.D.4 Is the site located in a high slope zone or special consideration watershed, as shown on the HMP Susceptibility Map? If YES, if NO, continue to III.D.5. Yes No

III.D.5 For sites located in a white area on the HMP Susceptibility Map, has an engineer or qualified environmental professional determined that runoff from the project flows only through a hardened channel or enclosed pipe along its entire length before emptying into a waterway in the exempt area? If YES, the project is exempt from HM requirements. Attach signed statement by qualified professional. Go to III.D.6 and check "NO". If NO, the project is subject to HM requirements. Attach map indicating project location. Skip to item C.8 and check "YES". Yes No

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² Additional information on Construction Phase BMPs can be found in MRP Provision C.6 and the California Stormwater Quality Association's Construction BMP Handbook.

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III.D.6 Is the project a Hydromodification Management Project?

YES the project is subject to the HM requirements in MRP Provision C.3.g.
 NO, the project is not subject to the HM requirements.

If the project is subject to the HM requirements, incorporate in the project flow duration stormwater control measures designed such that post-project stormwater discharge rates and durations match pre-project discharge rates and durations. The Bay Area Hydrology Model (BAHM) has been developed to size flow duration controls. See <https://www.cdegrain.com/bahm/info/usingbahm>. Guidance is provided in the C.3 Technical Guidance.

IV. Implementation of C.6 Construction Phase Requirements
All projects must complete Section IV.

IV.A Select Appropriate Construction Phase BMPs^{1,2}

Attach the municipality's construction BMP plan sheet to project plans and require contractor to implement the applicable BMPs on the plan sheet.
Implement temporary erosion controls to stabilize all disturbed areas until permanent erosion controls are established.
Delimitate with field markers clearing limits, easements, setbacks, sensitive or critical areas, buffer zones, trees, and drainage courses.
Provide notes, specifications, or attachments describing:
• Construction, operation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls, include inspection frequency.
• Methods and schedule for grading, excavation, filling, clearing of vegetation, and storage and disposal of excavated or cleaned material.
• Specifications for vegetative cover and mulch, include methods and schedules for planting and fertilization.
• Provisions for temporary and/or permanent irrigation.

Perform clearing and earth moving activities only during dry weather.
Use sediment controls or filtration to remove sediment when disturbing and obtain all necessary permits.
Protect all storm drain inlets in vicinity of site using drop inlet protection.
Trap sediment on-site, using BMPs such as sediment basins or traps, earthen dikes or berms, silt fences, check dams, erosion control blankets, covers for soil stock piles, etc.
Divert on-site runoff around disturbed areas and construction materials; divert off-site runoff around the site (e.g., swales and dikes).
Protect adjacent properties and undisturbed areas from construction impacts using vegetative buffer strips, sediment barriers or filters, dikes, mulching, or other measures as appropriate.
No cleaning, filling, or maintaining vehicles on-site, except in a designated area where wash water is contained for proper management and spill controls are in place.
Store, handle, and dispose of construction materials/wastes properly to prevent contact with stormwater.
Contractor shall train and provide instruction to all employees/subcontractors re: construction BMPs.
Control and prevent the discharge of all potential pollutants, including pavement cutting wastes, paints, concrete, petroleum products, chemicals, wash water or sediments, rise water from architectural copper, and non-stormwater discharges to storm drains and watercourses.

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V. Stormwater Treatment Measure and/HM Control Owner or Operator's Information
C.3.b Regulated Projects must complete Section V.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Applicant must call for inspection and receive inspection within 45 days of installation of treatment measures and/or hydromodification management controls.

Name of Applicant Completing Form: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

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Issue #	Date	Description	Status
1	2/2/24	USE PERMIT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS #3	

PROJECT #: RUE01

ISSUE DATE: 1/31/24

STORMWATER
CHECKLIST

G005

Area Schedule (RUFA)		
Name	UNIT TYPE	Area
RES A - UNIT B	2 BEDROOM	719 SF
RES A - UNIT A	2 BEDROOM	769 SF
RES B - UNIT A	1 BEDROOM	589 SF
RES B - UNIT B	2 BEDROOM	707 SF
RES B - UNIT C	1 BEDROOM	589 SF
RES B - UNIT D	2 BEDROOM	707 SF
Grand total		4080 SF



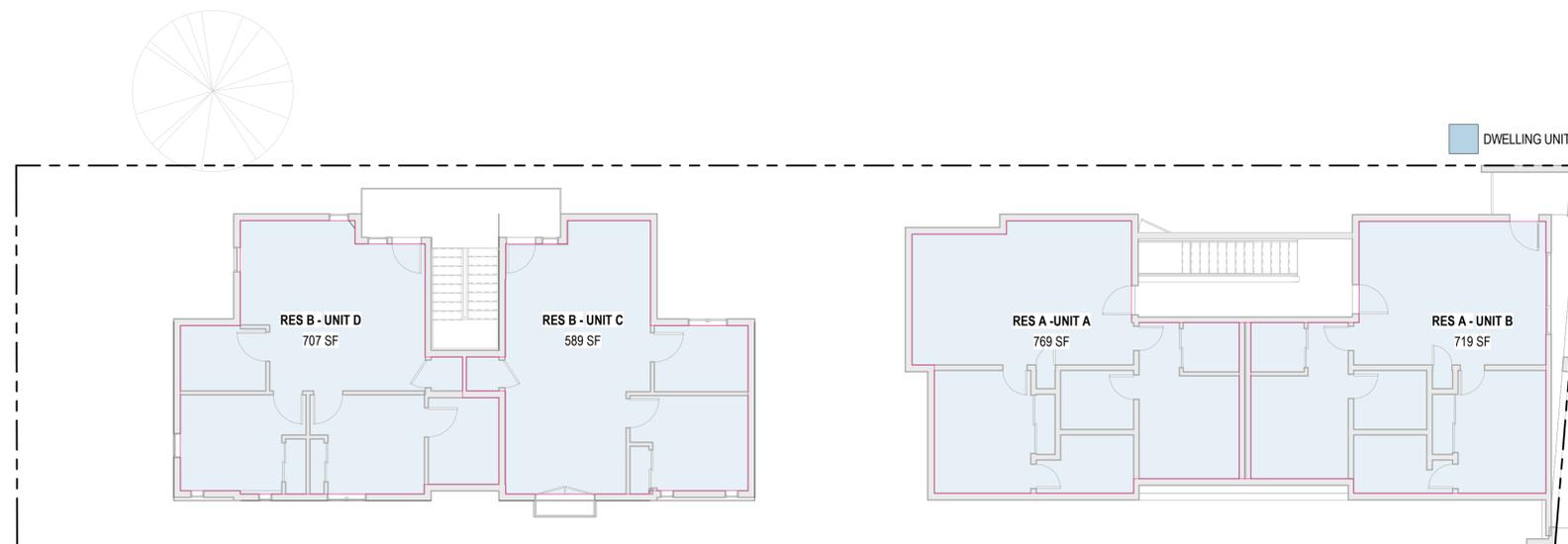
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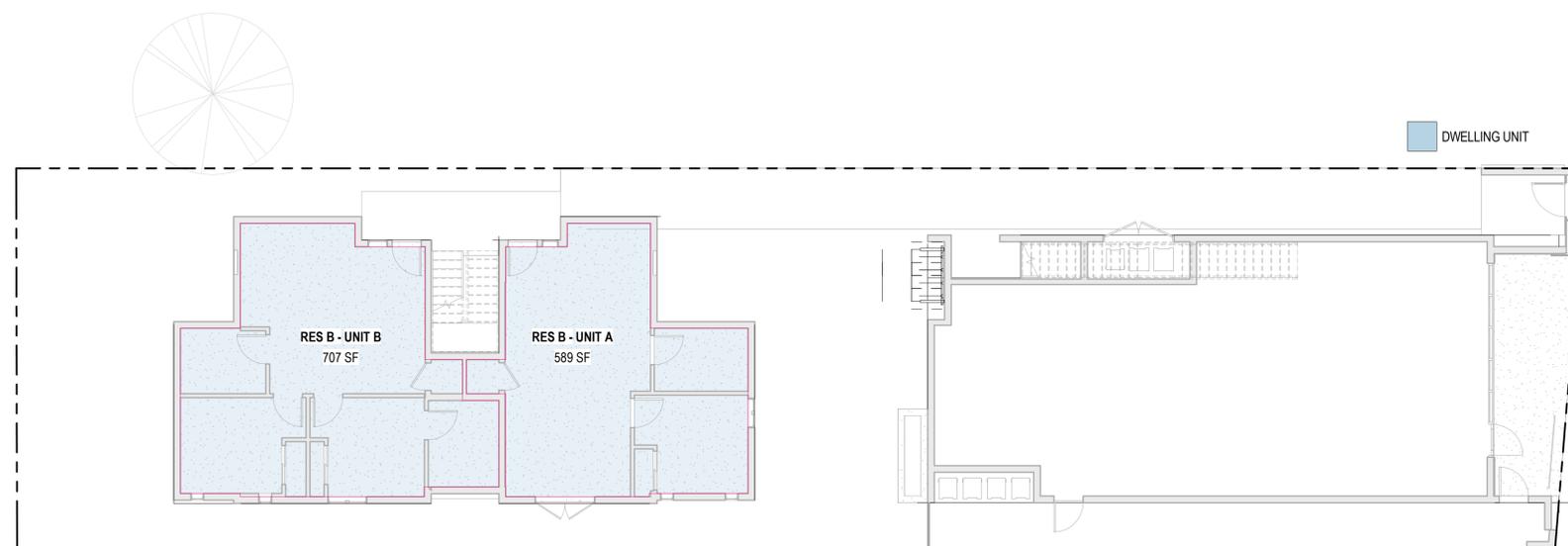
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 1/8" = 1'-0"



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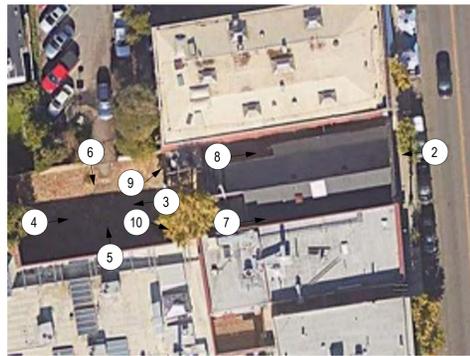
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PROJECT #: RUE01

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AHCP RUFA PLAN





1 2942 COLLEGE AVE SITE CONTEXT PHOTO KEY
 G010 NOT TO SCALE



2 STREET VIEW LOOKING WEST



3 REARYARD, LOOKING WEST



4 REAR YARD, LOOKING EAST



5 REAR YARD LOOKING NORTH



6 REAR YARD, LOOKING SOUTH



7 SOUTH SIDERYARD, LOOKING EAST



8 NORTH SIDERYARD, LOOKING EAST



9 REAR YARD, (E) SHED (NORTH)



10 REAR YARD, (E) SHED (SOUTH)



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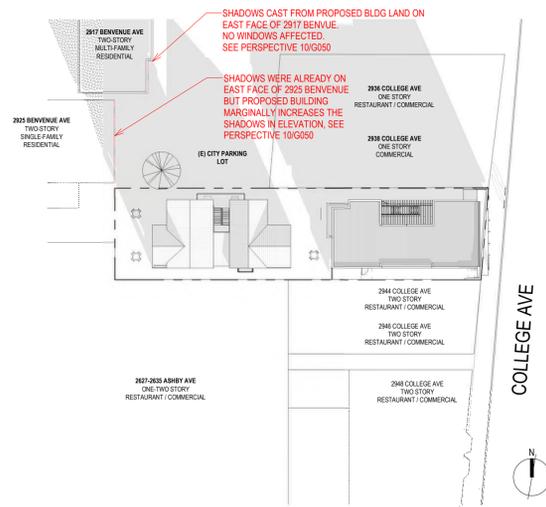
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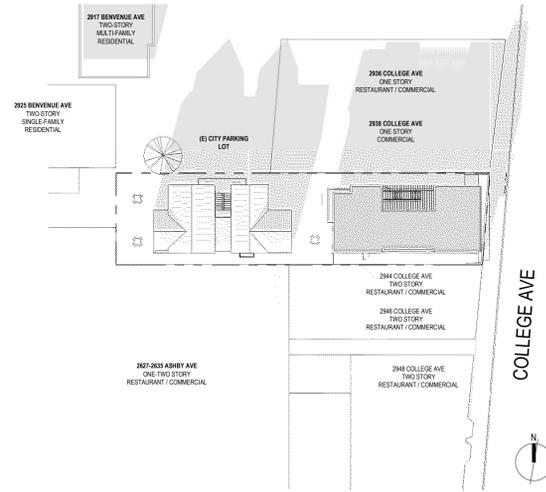
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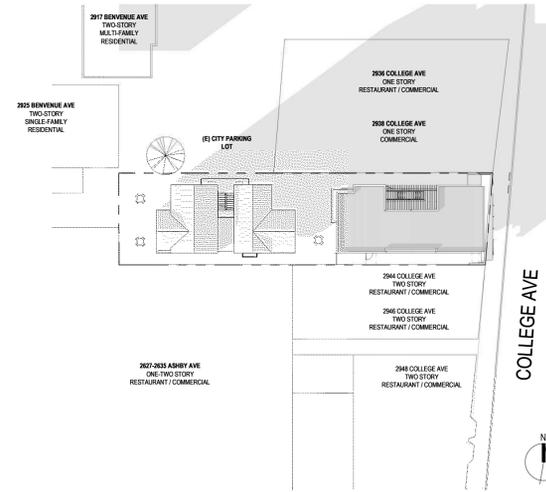
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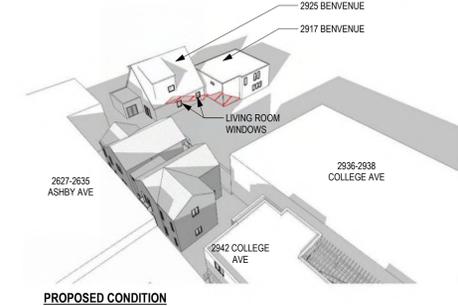
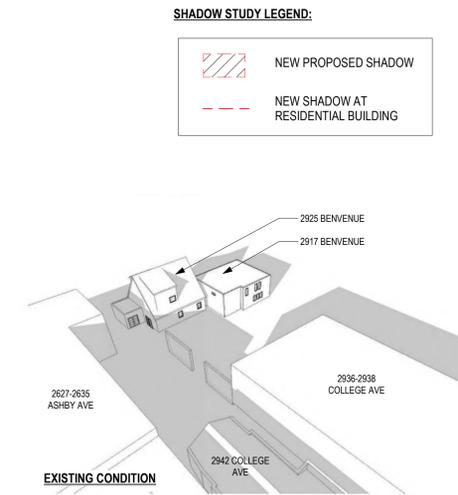
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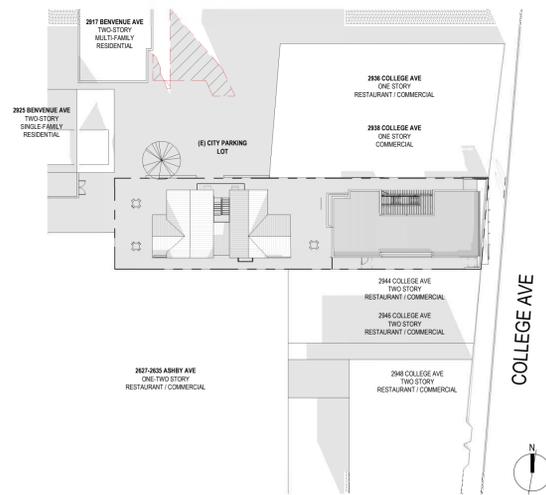
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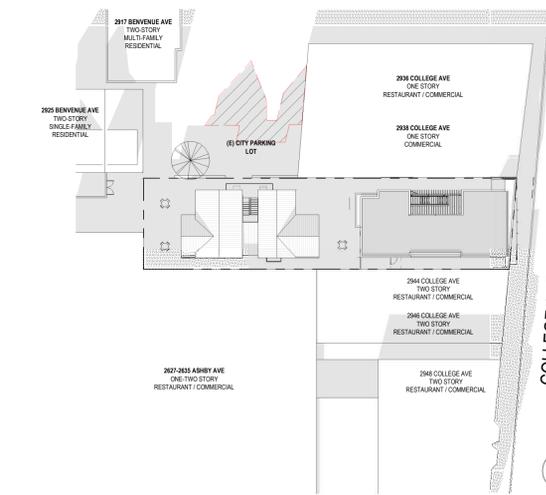
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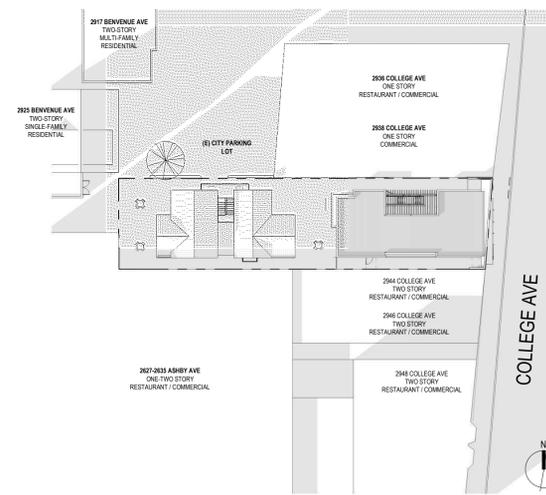
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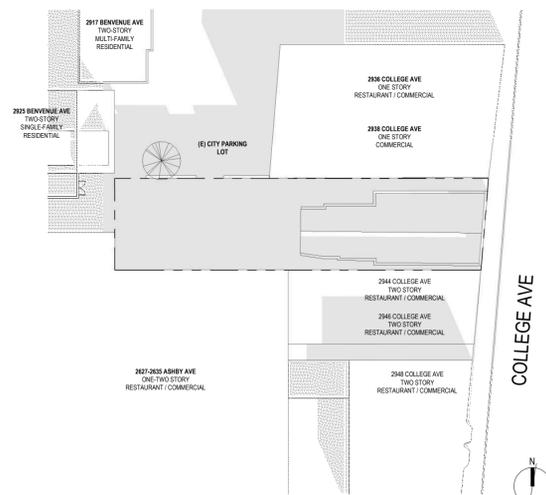
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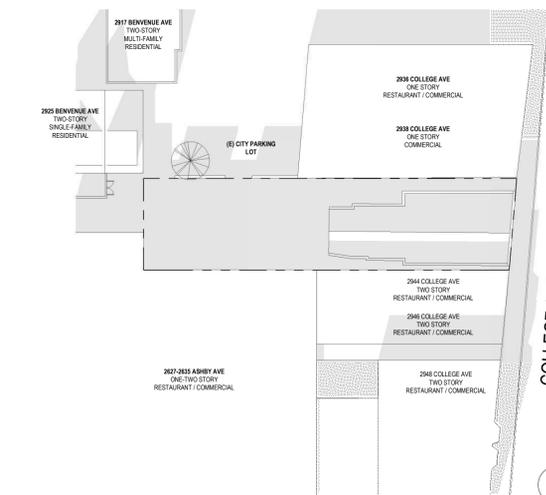
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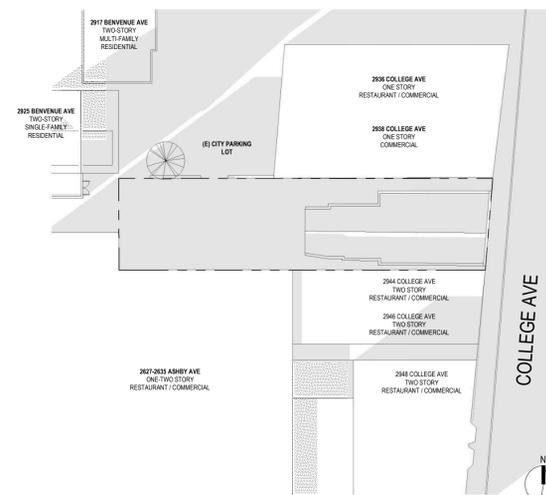
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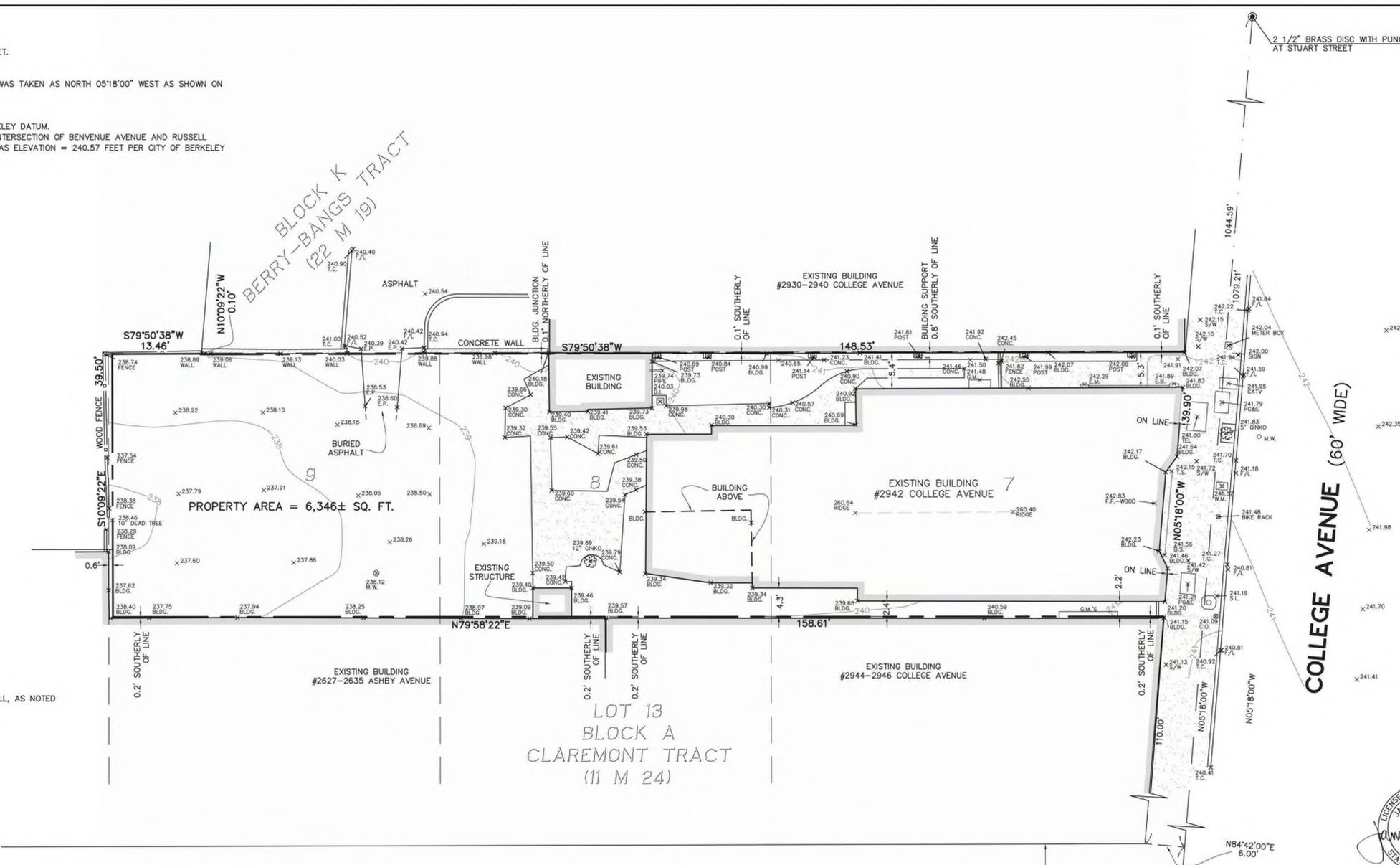
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LEGEND

- B.S. BASE OF STEPS
- BLDG. BUILDING
- C.O. CLEAN OUT
- CATV CABLE TELEVISION
- CONC. CONCRETE
- D.I. DRAIN INLET
- E.B. ELECTRIC BOX
- E.M. ELECTRIC METER
- E.P. EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- F.F. FINISHED FLOOR
- F/L FLOWLINE
- G.M. GAS METER
- M.H. MANHOLE
- M.W. MONITORING WELL
- PG&E PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
- S/W SIDEWALK
- S.L. STREET LIGHT
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- T.S. TOP OF STEPS
- TEL. TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- W.M. WATER METER
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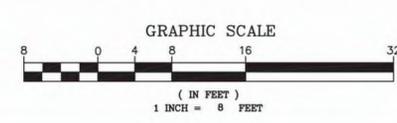
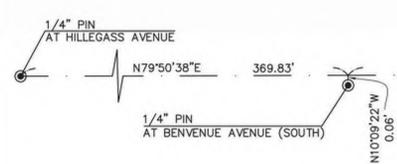
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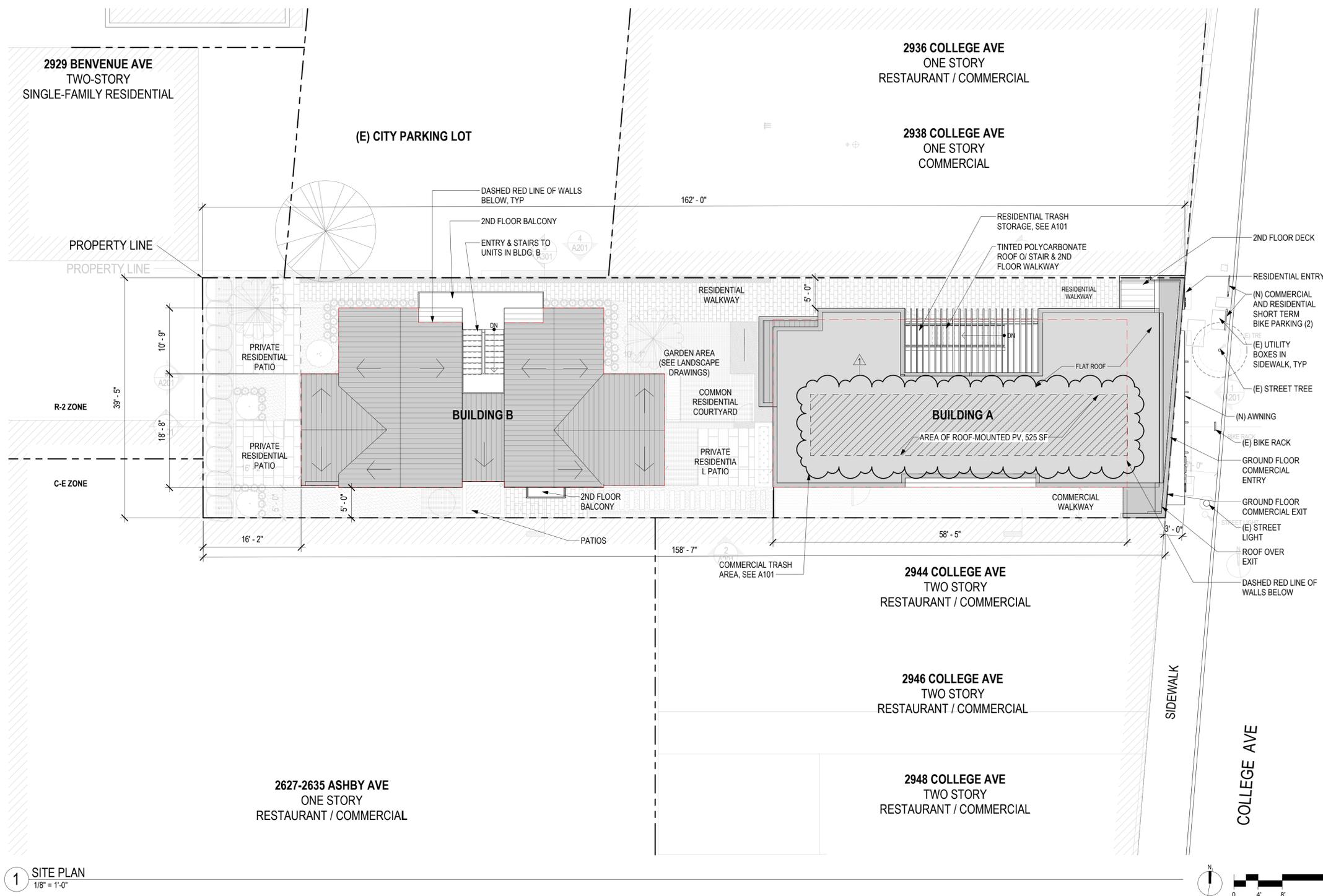
A PORTION OF LOT 13, BLOCK A, MAP OF CLAREMONT TRACT, (11 M 24) AND A PORTION OF LOTS 7, 8, AND 9, BLOCK K, THE BERRY-BANGS TRACT MAP NO. 3 (22 M 19) LOCATED AT 2942 COLLEGE AVENUE CITY OF BERKELEY, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

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1 SITE PLAN
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SITE PLAN

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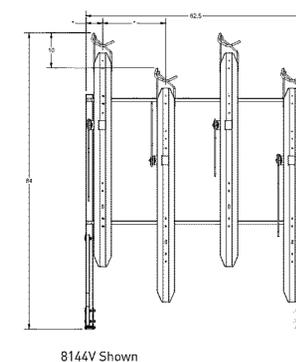
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8144V Shown

Dimensions				
Model #	Single Sided (SS)/ Double Sided (DS)	Total # of Bikes Parked	Bike Spacing	Frame Width
Locking				
8133V	SS	3	15-18"	44.5"
8134V	SS	3	24"	62.5"
8144V	SS	4	15-18"	62.5"
8145V	SS	4	24"	80.5"
8155V	SS	5	15-18"	80.5"
8166V	DS	6	15-18"	44.5"
8168V	DS	6	24"	62.5"
8188V	DS	8	15-18"	62.5"
8180V	DS	8	24"	80.5"
8100V	DS	10	15-18"	80.5"

2 SARIS VERTICAL BIKE RACK
 A601 NOT TO SCALE



Product Features



- Circular bike parking rack Omega
- Available in galvanized, stainless or black powder
- 2 bike capacity
- Thick HSS steel tubing for added security
- U-Lock Compatible
- Galvanized series meets San Francisco's bike parking guidelines
- Similar to the Arc, Round, Orion and Ring racks
- Surface mount only

1 OMEGA BIKE RACK
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MISC. SPECS AND
 DETAILS

A601

A second 2-story residential building with 4 units, “Building B”, is proposed towards the rear of the lot. The two proposed buildings will be separated by 17’-10” with a common courtyard area all residential units located in-between the two buildings. The minimum, 16’-2” rear yard setback has been designed to provide a private landscaped space dedicated to the residential tenants.

At the street, the proposed 2 level (28’-0” high) mixed use building will maintain the existing pedestrian orientated fabric of street. The 8’ plus deep front patio will provide an inviting respite to the narrow and often pedestrian crowded sidewalk, complimenting the beloved La Mediterranee restaurant’s patio just to north. The proposed new façade builds off the existing rhythm of storefront bays with clerestory windows above, but also separates itself with subtle asymmetry and shifting of planes highlighted by a wood patterned HPL paneling. The horizontal grained paneling plane is perpendicular to the east-west property lines while the white stucco clad building frame follows north-east angle of College Ave, creating deeper insets and shadows as the façade runs south to north. The residential entry is located to the north side of front façade, recessed from the street and with an awning to provide cover and bring attention the residential entry for the upper and back units. Just inside the custom decorative patterned residential entry gate off of College Ave is a covered mailbox and package drop area leading to 6’-10” wide walkway between the existing 2940 College Avenue building to the north and the new building.

The walkway to the rear residential building, “Building B” leads past the stairs to the upper units in “Building A” and past a residential common courtyard area and covered bike storage area. The entries to the 4 new stacked units in “Building B” are located on the north side of the building to provide privacy from “Building A” and the ground level patio. In addition to 17 foot plus separation between the buildings, the floor levels in each building are offset from each other and the windows in the “Building B” are located on the north and south facades to minimize noise infiltration and allow for privacy between units and outdoor spaces. A large private back yard area has been provided at the rear of the property for exclusive use of the residential tenants and their guests. “Building B” features a neutral warm complimentary color pallet, but it is more residential in form and materials, reflecting its use, as well as to reduce the mass of the building to increase light and air to balance of the site.



Zoning Information

Standard (BMC Section 23D.36)		Existing	Proposed Total	Permitted/Required
Lot Area (sq. ft.) – Total		6,346 SF	6,346 SF	NA
Commercial Floor Area		2,408 SF	1,296 SF	NA
Residential Floor Area		0	3,278 SF	NA
Gross Floor Area (sq. ft.) – Total		2,408 SF	4,574 SF	NA
Building Footprint		2,408 SF	2,538 SF	NA
Lot Coverage		38%	40%	NA
FAR		.38	.72	.8
Dwelling Units		0	4	NA
Height	Maximum	20'	26'5" BLDG A 22'0" BLDG B	28' max.
	Stories	1	2	2 max.
Building Setbacks	Front	0	0	0
	Side	5'6" (Left) 2'3" (Right)	5' (Left) 5' (Right)	0
	Rear	82'	30'	10' min.
Usable Open Space – Rear Yard		0	1,184 SF	
Usable Open Space – Total (sq. ft.)		0	1,184 SF	200 sf/unit = 800 SF
Parking	Residential	0	0	Per R-3, 1/Unit = 4
	Commercial	0	0	0 Spaces where commercial space is less than 6,000 SF
	Total	0	0	4
	Bicycle	0	4	0

Use Permits Requested

- 23E.44.030 (UPPH)** – to authorize new Mixed Use Development with 6 new residential units and commercial space
- 23E.44.030 (AUP)** – to authorize new Food Service Establishment
- 23E.44.040** – to allow for numerical limitations to be exceeded for new Food Service Establishments

CEQA Determination

The project is eligible for a CEQA Categorical Exemption as an In-Fill Development Project, pursuant to Section 15332: In-Fill Development Projects. This project meets the eligibility for a Class 32 exemption as follows:

- The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. The project site is designated in the General Plan as a community commercial district, consistent with the proposed use and density of the project which conforms to all Zoning Ordinance development standards, except for the residential off-site parking requirement. The project is zoned C-E (Elmwood Commercial) which allows mixed use development where scale and balance of retail goods and services are maintained.
- The project occurs within city limits on a project site of less than five acres that is entirely surrounded by urban uses. The site is flanked to the north and south and across the street to the east by commercial uses. Residential uses within the R-2 zone to the west
- The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species. No habitat exists on the site, which is currently used as a parking lot.
- Approval of the project would result in a development of a small scale that would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. The project is of modest density residential scale, close to public transportation options and within the scope of the development anticipated by City policies and zoning.
- The site is adequately served by all required utilities and public services. The property is a small infill parcel, and consistent with land use policies, is not of a scale to trigger the need for analysis or expansion of utilities and services.

Project Setting

The project site is located on a lot of 6,346 square feet within the Elmwood-Commercial District (C-E) on the west side of College Avenue, between Ashby Avenue and Russell Street, APN number 052-1568 009. The site currently has a single story 2,408 square foot commercial building facing College Avenue. This section of College Ave is a vibrant commercial corridor with retail, restaurant and services located within a mix of low 1 and 2 story buildings, with office and residential uses primarily featured on the second level. The location of the project 8/10 mile from the UC Berkeley Campus along the north-south College Ave transportation corridor, less than 3/8 mile to the north-south Telegraph Ave transportation corridor and less than 1 mile from Ashby and Rockridge BART Stations offers public, shared or vehicle-less transportation and access to schools, shopping, services and employment opportunities.

Natural Gas Prohibition

The proposed project will be all electric, with no reliance upon natural gas infrastructure in compliance with BMC Chapter 12.80. The project is designed to comply with the Berkeley Energy Code, BMC Chapter 19.36, and Berkeley Green Code, BMC Chapter 19.37, with roof areas solar ready for solar PV systems and installed conduits from roof to electrical panels.

Required Use Permit Findings

Findings to Authorize Approval of Use Permits – Section 23.406.040E. This section authorizes the approval of Use Permits upon finding that the establishment, maintenance or operation of the use, or construction of a building, will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort or general welfare of persons residing or working in the area or neighborhood or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements of the adjacent properties, the surrounding area or neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City. Approval of a Use Permit also requires making the findings of the District.

Response: The construction, establishment, maintenance, and operation of the proposed project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, or general welfare of the neighborhood or the City as a whole. The project will redevelop an unoccupied 1-story commercial building into a 2-story mixed use building with an active street and sidewalk engagement and provision of new housing opportunities in a scale appropriate to the neighborhood. Residents at the project site will be in proximity to a number of education and employment opportunities as well as close proximity to the goods and services along College Avenue. As such, the project fulfills the goals of the City’s General Plan and Climate Action Plan. Therefore, the project will not be in any way detrimental to the area or neighborhood or to the City as a whole.

Findings to Authorize Approval of Use Permits – Section 23.204.080.A *District Purpose.*

The purpose of the Elmwood Commercial (C-E) district is to:

1. Implement the General Plan’s designation for a community commercial district in this area;
2. Maintain a scale and balance of retail goods and services in the district to compatibly serve the everyday needs of surrounding neighborhoods by:
 - (a) Providing locations for retail goods and service establishments to serve surrounding neighborhoods;
 - (b) Preventing development which exceeds the amount and intensity of use that is compatible with adjacent residential neighborhoods;
 - (c) Limiting the space occupied by businesses that generate high traffic and/or parking demands;
 - (d) Controlling the proliferation of establishments which, if not limited, might expand to displace establishments needed to serve surrounding neighborhoods; and
 - (e) Permitting other uses which serve this objective; and
3. Ensure that new buildings, alterations, and additions to existing buildings harmonize with their surroundings.

Response: The proposed project aligns with the Elmwood Commercial District’s purpose through its thoughtful consideration of the existing commercial building fabric and engaging pedestrian experience. The commercial building will be replaced by a new mixed-use development with restaurant use on the ground level and residential uses above and behind. The primary street facing façade harmonizes with the existing streetscape following the pattern of existing storefronts with clerestory windows above but with a modern design influence. To build upon the active neighborhood and destination restaurant scene, the restaurant storefront will be recessed to allow for comfortable and protected outdoor seating adjacent to the sidewalk that does not encroach upon the narrow sidewalk but will enhance both the pedestrian and dining experience. As the restaurant serves the neighborhood, so do the residential units which provides desirable low rise residential housing with dedicated ground level landscaped open space.

Findings to Authorize Approval of Use Permits – Section 23.204.080.B.2

Numerical and Size Limitations. Food Service Establishments number limit is 25 total

Response: At the time of initial use permit application there was 1 remaining food service space. If that spot no longer exists at the time of finalizing the use-permit then we intend to appeal to ZAB to allow a use to exceed the limitations given that, per Section 23.204.80.B.2. footnote 2 : i. *The use will result in the positive enhancement of the purposes of the district;* and ii. *The use is likely to experience substantial patronage by surrounding residents as indicated by neighborhood resident support, merchant support, marketing surveys, or other information.*

Findings to Authorize Approval of Use Permits – Section 23.204.080.E

Permit Findings. To approve an AUP or Use Permit for a project in the C-E district, the review authority must make the findings in Section [23.406.040](#) (Use Permits) and find the following:

1. The proposed use or structure will:
 - (a) Encourage and maintain the present street frontage and pedestrian orientation of the district;
 - (b) Be compatible in design and character with the commercial district and the adjacent residential neighborhoods; and
 - (c) Be compatible with the purposes set forth in Section [23.204.080.A](#) (District Purpose) and the existing character of the district.
2. The proposed use or structure will not:
 - (a) Interfere with the continuity of retail or compatible service facilities at the ground level;
 - (b) Interrupt a continuous wall of building facades;
 - (c) Generate traffic and parking demand beyond the capacity of the commercial district or significantly increase impacts on adjacent residential neighborhoods;
 - (d) Result in domination of this district by one type of use; and
 - (e) Generate objectionable odors nor excessive levels of noise. (Ord. 7850-NS § 15, 2023; Ord. 7835-NS § 2, 2022; Ord. 7787-NS § 2 (Exh. A), 2021)

Response: As a small scale mixed-use development, the proposed project will add to the much needed housing in this desirable neighborhood, maintain the active commercial street frontage and enhance the pedestrian experience of the district. By definition, the mixed-use project will not result in domination of

one type of use in this district in providing both commercial and residential uses. As mentioned in the findings for Section 23.204.080A the recessed frontage of the restaurant will allow for outdoor patio seating which benefits the pedestrian experience along College Ave. Much care has been taken in harmonizing the street frontage with the adjacent street frontages, by matching the storefront and clerestory window scale and incorporating high quality materials with texture, which will enrich and complement the sidewalk level experience. The proposed restaurant faces College Ave to the east which should serve to minimize noise level concerns by directing any tenant/patron generated noise towards an already active street. Several existing restaurants are in the immediate vicinity and the proposed restaurant use should not create additional odors or can be mitigated by odor reduction devices such as 'smog hog'.

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March 31, 2025

City of Berkeley Planning and Development Department
Land Use Planning Division
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Berkeley, CA 94704

Re: Planned development at 2942 College Avenue

To whom it may concern,

Although I own and operate a business in the Elmwood Business District, I am writing this letter as a private citizen.

Yesterday I received a letter from your department describing the planned development at 2942 College Avenue, tearing down one building which housed a drycleaning business and replacing it with two buildings, one with commercial on the ground floor and two residential units above and the other with four residential units. The letter states that an initial study has determined that "this project would have a less than significant impact on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures, and therefore a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is proposed."

I am in favor of building more housing in Berkeley to meet housing needs. My concerns are related to how this project will be built safely without disrupting the lively Elmwood business community.

I live across the street from Willard Park where, for over a year now, the former clubhouse was removed and is being replaced by a much larger community center. The neighbors have lived with more than a year of disruption, and this project is not yet finished. A large slice of the park has been fenced off for access to the site and storage of construction vehicles and materials. Even though work hours are not supposed to start until 7 am, large trucks have delivered loads of materials as early as 5 am, making lots of noise. Monday through Friday the street has been full of construction vehicles and the workers' personal vehicles, reducing the available parking for residents and people using the part of the park that is still open.

I look at the 2900-2959 block of College Avenue and don't see how this proposed construction project will work without substantial mitigations.

The ground needs to be tested for the presence of chemicals from the former drycleaning business, and if chemical contamination is found, it needs to be removed. This must be a requirement for CEQA.

The construction workers need to park their personal vehicles at a remote location and be bussed to the site so as not to take away parking that is used by the existing businesses and their customers.

During demolition and construction, something needs to be done to control dust.

I believe that there is a continuing rodent problem in the area behind the restaurants. Construction is only going to stir up this activity. What will be done to keep the rodent population under control?

The developer needs to work with the businesses, particularly on the even numbered side of the street, to work out the hours when materials can be delivered and debris removed, and where materials can be stored.

The developer needs to install a porta-potty for the use of the workers.

How long is the demolition and reconstruction expected to last? What route will construction vehicles use to access the site—from Benvenue through the road restriction on Russell or from College Avenue? Both options present challenges.

Have the owners and residents of the buildings on Russell Street been notified? 2638 Russell will probably be impacted the most, but so will all the other people living on either side of that half block.

The AC Transit 51B bus runs along College Avenue. This is the route with the highest ridership in the entire AC Transit system. What will be done to make sure that construction vehicles do not interfere with this route?

I observe over the past few years some businesses in the Elmwood closing and spaces remaining vacant for extended periods of time before a new business moves in. I conclude that this is still a challenging time to run a store. My concern is that the disruption that this project will put too much strain on some existing businesses so that at the end of the project there will be one new space for a business, six new residential units, and a number of newly vacant storefronts on College Avenue. I would not consider this a success.

Although, except for the possible presence of chemical contamination, this project does not need any other CEQA mitigations, the nature of the project and the limitations that the site imposes require extensive mitigations for non-CEQA issues. This project should not be approved until the developer, Berkeley Planning staff, representatives of the Elmwood Business Association have met and negotiated a plan that will allow the project to be built without causing substantial harm to the Elmwood Business District and the adjacent neighborhood. I hope that a plan to facilitate these negotiations is already underway.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Oram
Owner, ERI Property Management
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Berkeley, CA 94705

Cc: Councilmember Humbert

Re Proposed Design for 2942 College Ave. - Request Rejection

April 3, 2025

Dear members of the Design Review Committee,

My Perspective. I write to you as a lifelong resident of the Elmwood neighborhood and patron of its merchants. From the late 1970s to mid-1980s, I also served eight years on Berkeley's Design Review Committee, including a term as its chair.

Eastern Elevation. Assuming Mr. Karimzadegan's April 1, 2025 statement to me by email is accurate, there has been no change to the proposed eastern elevation of the project since the 2021 Zoning application (please see attached rendering from page 10 of this application.)

If there has been no change, then I respectfully request you reject the design, and require the architects to submit a new proposed eastern elevation.

When this proposed street elevation was originally posted on the property several years ago, I'm told a number of concerned merchants and neighbors met with the architects requesting changes to the colors, texture, and height at the street. It appears the architects were not responsive to their concerns.

Existing Neighborhood Architecture. Please require the eastern elevation be redesigned to blend in with the existing architecture of this unusual two-block commercial district. As you know, this district consists almost entirely of century-old buildings with many dozens of small retail shops and restaurants. Most of these are owned and operated by local residents.

Increased Building Height at Street. The proposed design would unnecessarily set a precedent for increasing the height of the intermediate commercial structures on this block front. The buildings at each end of this block front are taller, but all commercial buildings between these two corner buildings are of significantly lower heights. The same is true for the commercial buildings on the eastern side of this block front.

The lower height of all of these intermediate commercial buildings provides an unusually open sunny corridor in this block. This is an important aspect of the appeal of its many restaurants with outdoor street-side seating, and its general appeal as a walkable commercial district.

Increased Shadow. Please require the second floor of the eastern elevation be redesigned with a lower height to match the existing mid-block buildings, or a small setback to avoid the substantial increase of the afternoon shadow over the shadow cast by the existing building.

Commercial Viability. City officials have often indicated they support the continued commercial viability of this small neighborhood shopping district. Redesign of the eastern elevation of the proposed project will help accomplish this.

Existing Context. The applicant's submission states an intent to maintain the existing neighborhood commercial street context. Please require their design accomplishes this.

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