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For Committee Decision/  
Majority Recommendations  
OCTOBER 16, 2025

## 2029 UNIVERSITY AVENUE PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW

**Design Review #DRCP2025-0001 to demolish an existing two-story commercial building and a ten-spaced garage building on a 12,385 square-foot lot and to construct a 23-story (256-feet) approximately 190,830 square-foot residential building (multifamily) containing 240 dwelling units including 18 Very Low-Income (VLI) units (15%) and 18 Moderate Income (MI) units (15%) and a 100% density bonus (AB1287). The proposed project provides 29 off-street parking spaces, 167 long-term and 8 short-term bike parking spaces.**

### I. Introduction

This highrise mixed-use project is proposed in the C-DMU – Downtown Mixed-Use Commercial District – Outer Core Sub-area. The subject parcel is on the north side of University Avenue, mid-block between Shattuck Avenue and Milvia Street.

This project is applying under the Housing Crisis Act, SB 330, which seeks to boost homebuilding throughout the State with a focus on urbanized zones by expediting the approval process for and suspending or eliminating restrictions on housing development and limiting the number of public meetings. Housing development is defined as a project that is: all residential; a mixed-use project with at least two-thirds of the square-footage residential; or for transitional or supportive housing. The SB330 application vesting date was January 9, 2025.

The demolition referral went before the Landmarks Preservation Commission on September 4, 2025, where the Commission took no action. The project is scheduled to go before the Zoning Adjustments Board on November 13, 2025.

It is before the Design Review Committee this month for Preliminary Design Review where the Committee will discuss the project's overall massing and design and provide specific feedback to the applicants for Final Design Review.

## II. Background

The proposed project would demolish the existing commercial building, to construct a 23-story, 256 feet, approximately 190,830 square foot residential building with 240 units. The major components of this multifamily building are as follows:

- 240 dwellings (80 Studios, 60 Junior one-bedroom, 60 one-bedroom, 40 two-bedroom)
- 280 Bedrooms
- Ground Floor residential amenities including the lobby, bike room, mail room, as well as the trash room, back of house service areas and utilities
- 2,905 square feet Community spaces lounge/work area on Level 23
- 2,197 square feet Fitness center on Level 23
- 2,055 square feet roof deck Useable Open Space on Level 23
- 29 off-street parking spaces on Second Floor
- 167 Long-Term and 8 Short-Term Bicycle parking spaces

## III. Project Setting

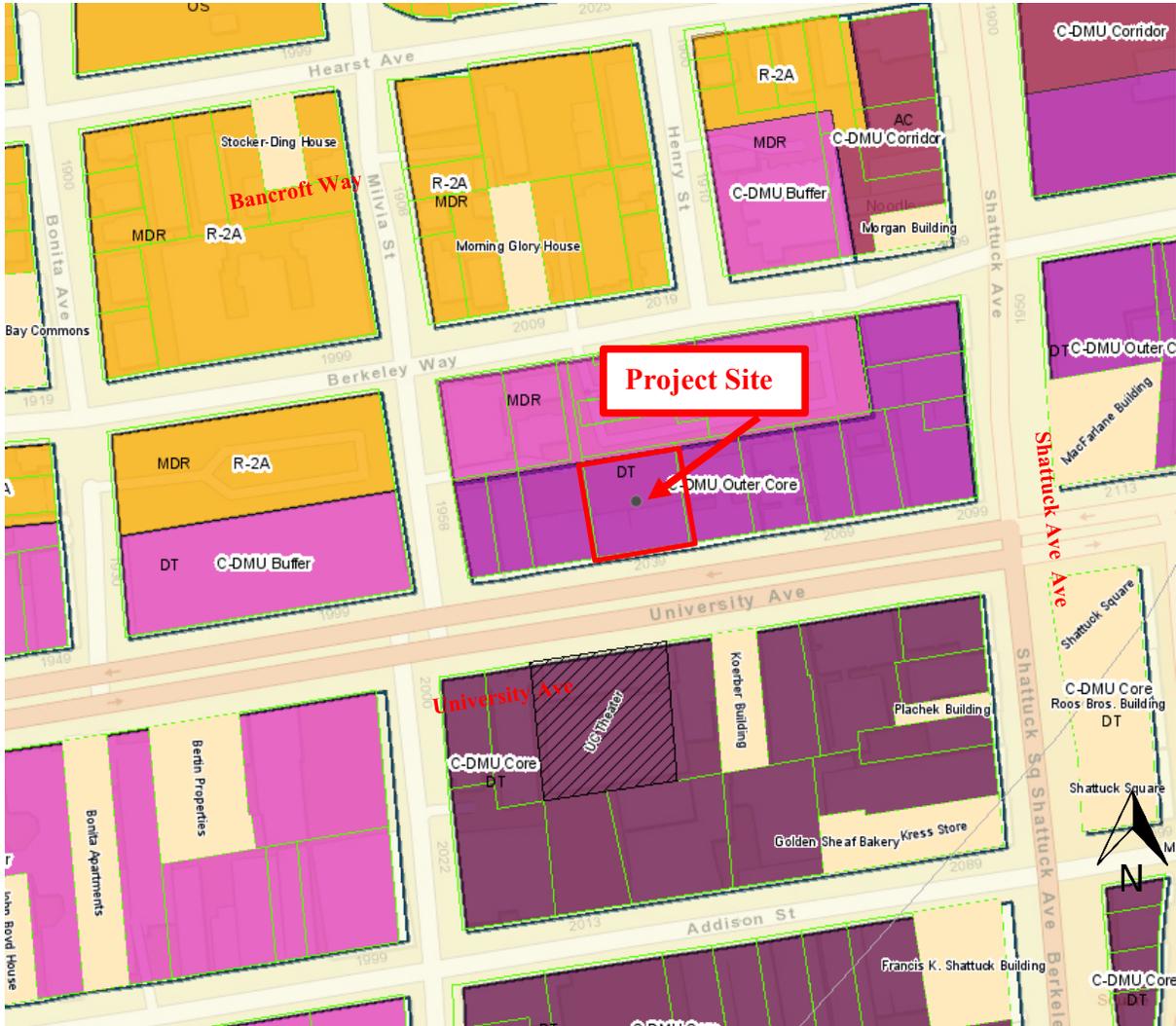
### A. Neighborhood/Area Description:

The project site is located along University Avenue west of Shattuck Avenue within the Downtown Mixed-Use District (C-DMU), Outer Core Sub-Area, as identified in the City's Downtown Area Plan (DAP). The project site is surrounded primarily by commercial and multi-family residential/mixed-use buildings ranging in height from one story (2013 University Avenue) to eight stories (2067 University Avenue). The project site is located in an area where several modes of public transportation are available – multiple AC Transit bus lines on University Avenue, bike share station, and the Downtown Berkeley BART station, which is located 0.3 mile to the southeast of the site.

### B. Site Conditions:

The subject property is an approximately 12,385 square-foot, interior lot on the north side of the 2000-block of University Avenue, between Shattuck Avenue and Milvia Street. It is a flat rectangular parcel, 114 feet deep and 108 feet wide with street frontage facing University Avenue to the south. It includes one, 9,401 square feet, two-story non-residential building containing five commercial spaces in the front and a detached ten-spaced garage building in the rear of the lot, both proposed to be demolished. A covered driveway connects the curb cut on University Avenue to the garage building in the rear.

Figure 1: Vicinity and Zoning Districts Map



**Table 1: Land Use Information**

<b>Comparison of Adjacent Properties</b>			
<b>Vicinity</b>	<b>GP Land Use</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Current Use</b>
<b>Subject Property</b>	Downtown Mixed-Use (DMU)	Downtown Mixed-Use District Outer Core Sub-Area (C-DMU Outer Core)	Retail spaces and garage (Avenue Commercial)
<b>North</b>	Downtown Mixed-Use (DMU)	Downtown Mixed-Use District, Buffer Sub-Area (C-DMU Buffer)	Residential Building/ Hope Center (Downtown Mixed-Use)
<b>South</b>	Downtown Mixed-Use (DMU)	Downtown Mixed-Use District, Core Sub-Area (C-DMU Core)	Food Service, Retail, Theater, (Avenue Commercial)
<b>East</b>	Downtown Mixed-Use (DMU)	C-DMU Outer Core Downtown Mixed-Use District Outer Core Sub-Area	Avenue Commercial (Nash Hotel)
<b>West</b>	Avenue Commercial (AC)	Downtown Mixed-Use District Outer Core Sub-Area (C-DMU Outer Core)	Retail (Avenue Commercial)

**Table 3: C-DMU Zoning District Development Standards BMC Sections 23.204.130 and 23.322 Parking and Loading**

Standard		Existing	Proposed Total	Permitted/ Required
Lot Area (sq. ft.)		12,385	Same	N/A
Gross Floor Area (sq. ft.)		9,401	190,830	N/A
Commercial Floor Area		9,401	0	N/A
Residential Floor Area		0	190,830	N/A
Floor Area Ratio		0.92	15.41	N/A
Dwelling Units	Total	0	240	N/A
Building Height (ft. - in.)	Maximum	21	256	75 ft. + 5 ft.
Building Setbacks (ft. - in.)	Front (south) Durant Avenue	0	0	0 min
	Interior Side (west)	0	8'-10"	0 min
	Interior Side (east)	0	8"	0 min
	Rear (north)	0	6"	0 min
Usable Open Space (sq. ft.)		0	2,055	80 sq. ft. per unit (19,200 sq. ft.)
Lot Coverage (%)		54	91	N/A
Automobile Parking		10	29	N/A
	Residential Bike Short Term	0	8	7 (1 space/40 bedrooms)
	Residential Bike Long Term	0	167	94 (1 space per 3 bedrooms)
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;"> <span style="font-size: 0.8em;"> </span> = Concession or Waiver requested to modify the district standard </div>				
<small>Abbreviations: sq. ft. = square feet; max. = maximum; min. = minimum; n/a = not applicable; % = percent; avg. = average; ft = feet ('), in. = inches (")</small>				

## IV. Project Description

### A. Requested Use Permits

- Use Permit pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.326.070 (A) to demolish non- residential buildings;
- Use Permit pursuant to BMC Section 23.204.020(A) to construct a new multi-family building;
- Use Permit pursuant to BMC Section 23.204.030(A)(1) to establish new residential floor area in the C-DMU zoning district;
- Use Permit pursuant to BMC Section 23.204.130(E)(3)(b) to modify the setback standards in Table 23.204-38 for the front, side and rear setbacks; and
- Administrative Use Permit pursuant to BMC Section 23.304.050 for projections above the height limit.

### B. CEQA Determination

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65589.5, it is staff's determination that the project is categorically exempt under Section 15332 ("Infill Development Projects") of the CEQA Guidelines.

### C. Concessions and Waivers and Pursuant to State Density Bonus Law (CA Gov't. Code Section 65915)

#### Waivers

- Waiver of BMC Section 23.204.140(E)(4) for providing 2,055 sq. ft. of Usable Open Space, where 19,200 sq. ft. is required;
- Waiver of BMC Section 23.304.90 for Usable Open Space landscaped area to be 27 square feet where 7,680 square feet (40%) is required;
- Waiver of BMC Section 23.204.130(E)(1)(a) to exceed building height limits—to be 256 ft. while 75 ft. + 5 ft. parapet is the allowable height; and
- Waiver of BMC Section 23.204.130(E)(3)(d) for the building's width over 120 feet of height, to be 139'-6" at the widest point (on the diagonal in plan review) where maximum width allowed is 120 feet.

#### Concessions

- Exemption from the Healthcare and Apprenticeship Standards for Private Development as required by BMC Section 13.107;
- Exemption from the Prevailing Wage requirements as required by BMC Section 13.108A; and
- Exemption from the Bird Safe Building requirements, as required by BMC 23.304.150.

## V. Design Review Guidelines

Following are several key guidelines in the Downtown Design Guidelines which relate closely to this project.

### All Buildings

- For new construction projects located on narrow east-to-west streets and over 75 feet in height, prepare an analysis of shade impacts on public open spaces and pedestrian sidewalks across the street.
- Maintain and reinforce Downtown's historic street wall at the property line. Upper floor step backs are desirable above 60 feet and should be used above 75 feet.
- For buildings over 85 feet in height, prepare an analysis of potential wind impacts. Protect sidewalk and public open space by deflecting downward wind drafts ("wind shear") by using building setbacks, recesses, projections and other devices.
- Consider how the building's form and orientation can take advantage of sun and shade to appropriately heat and cool the building.
- Consider using continuous vertical features to unify upper and lower floors, while stepping back upper floors.
- Respect the height of neighboring buildings, and provide a sense of continuity and enclosure which avoids abrupt changes in height.

### Facades

- Reflect and reinforce the scale, massing, proportions, rhythm and attention to detailing which are established by the facades of Landmark and Significant buildings.
- Incorporate elements which break up façade planes and create a visual play of light and shadow. Avoid long, uninterrupted horizontal surfaces. Consider the use of bay windows, balconies and architectural projections.
- Vertical divisions of ground and upper floors should be consistent. Generally maintain a cornice that projects horizontally between the ground floor (and its mezzanines) and upper stories.
- Architecturally distinguish the ground floor from the upper façade, to form a visual base for the building. Create an intimate scale for the pedestrian environment.
- Architecturally distinguish the upper façade from the top of the façade to provide a visual termination for the building. Generally maintain a cornice that projects horizontally at the top of the 5th floor, or near the top of the buildings that are less tall.
- Maintain the typical rhythm of structural bays and enframed storefronts of 15-30 feet spacing at ground level, in order to enhance visual continuity with existing buildings and pedestrian scale. Curtain walls, if used, should be designed with rhythm, patterns and modulation to be visually interesting.

### Parking and Garage

- Give first consideration to pedestrians during the site planning process.
- For on-site loading and on-site parking, mitigate impacts on the pedestrian to

the extent possible.

- Locate and design loading areas to minimize their visibility from public spaces, use walls and landscaping to screen views of loading areas.
- Locate parking behind buildings, underground, or behind ground floor storefronts.

**University Avenue is designated as a required public serving frontage (refer to figure 43 in the 2012 Downtown Guidelines)**

- At least one publicly-accessible street-level entrance to be provided for every 40 feet along a street facing frontage. Any remainder exceeding 30 feet shall also have a publicly-accessible street-level entrance. No two entrances shall be separated by more than 50 feet.
- Clear Glass shall comprise at least 60% of the street facing façade where it is between 3 feet and 8 feet above elevation of adjacent sidewalk
- The design of the ground floor shall be visually open to pedestrians such that the design should enable the main activities of the proposed use to be carried out towards the front of the space.

A complete set of the Downtown Design Guidelines can be found online at:

[120330\\_DBDesignGuidelines\\_ADDITIONAL GRAPHICS.indd](#)

## VI. Issues and Analysis

### A. Design Review Issues:

**Neighborhood Context** This new mixed-use development is proposed in the C-DMU Outer Core sub-area of Downtown Berkeley. The subject parcel is situated mid-block on University between Shattuck Avenue and Milvia Street. The project site is surrounded by commercial, institutional and mixed-use buildings ranging in height from one to eight stories.

**Massing/Building Design** Project is designed to continue the urban street fabric on University Avenue. The program and the design emphasize verticality with transparency at the main entrance and lobby and an articulated parking area above. The residential units stack vertically, and the residential amenity above becomes the top to the design.

**Setbacks** Project meets the property lines on University Avenue, as well as the north and east sides of the parcel. The design sets back 10' on the west side of the parcel for a side yard.

**Ground Floor Design** Main residential entry is proposed on University Avenue with the lobby, mailboxes and leasing office directly inside. Also accessed from University Avenue is the parking level above, on the second floor. Trash is located in the side yard.

**Landscape/ Open Space** Landscape plans, with a plant list, have been included for your reference. There are some ground and podium level planters, and roof top outside seating with perimeter planters.

**Encroachment** The only encroachment proposed over the University Street Right-of-way appears to be the main entry canopy and requires Public Works approval.

**Colors and Materials** Rendered building elevations are on Sheets A3.1 – A3.4. The design team will present colors and materials at the meeting.

**B. Issues for Discussion:**

- Neighborhood Context
- Massing
- Building Design
- Landscaping
- Colors and Materials.

**VII. Recommendation**

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

**Attachments:**

1. Project Plans, received July 23, 2025
2. Applicant Statement, received April 12, 2025



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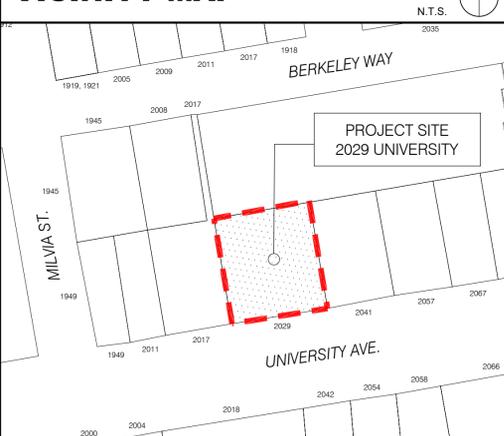
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## VIEW ALONG UNIVERSITY



### VICINITY MAP



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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** 2029 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704 (APN: 57-2053-8-1)

**SCOPE OF WORK:**  
 THIS IS A ZONING APPLICATION FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, WHICH VESTS RIGHTS UNDER ZONING APPLICABLE AS OF THE SUBMITTAL DATE PER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65941.1. THE PROJECT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 23-STORY (256'-0"), 240-UNIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITH 190,830 SF OF NEW RESIDENTIAL USE AND PARKING GARAGE FOR UP TO 29 SPACES. THE PROJECT INCLUDES REMOVAL OF EXISTING NON-LANDMARKED 2-STORY COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE AND SURFACE PARKING. 15% (18 UNITS) OF THE BASE UNITS WILL BE AFFORDABLE TO VERY-LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, AND 15% (18 UNITS) OF THE BASE UNITS WILL BE AFFORDABLE TO MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, MAKING THE PROJECT ELIGIBLE FOR A 100% DENSITY BONUS, WAIVERS, AND UP TO 3 CONCESSIONS AS A STATE DENSITY BONUS LAW DEVELOPMENT PER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 65915.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL COMPLY WITH THE BERKELEY ENERGY CODE (BMC CHAPTER 19.36) AND THE BERKELEY GREEN CODE (BMC CHAPTER 19.37), INCLUDING PROVIDING A SOLAR PV SYSTEM, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE, ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING, AND LOW-CARBON CONCRETE REQUIREMENTS

### ZONING CODE SUMMARY

(BASED ON THE BERKELEY MUNICIPAL ZONING CODE)

ZONING: C-DMU OUTER CORE

SEE SHEET A0.1 FOR COMPLETE ZONING DATA

### DRAWING LIST

SHEET NO. & TITLE		LANDSCAPE	
<b>A0.0</b>	<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	<b>A3.1</b>	<b>BUILDING ELEVATIONS</b>
<b>A0.1</b>	<b>ZONING DATA</b>	<b>A3.2</b>	<b>BUILDING ELEVATIONS</b>
<b>A0.2</b>	<b>DENSITY BONUS DIAGRAMS</b>	<b>A3.3</b>	<b>BUILDING ELEVATIONS</b>
<b>A0.3</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY AHCP DIAGRAMS</b>	<b>A3.4</b>	<b>BUILDING ELEVATIONS</b>
<b>A0.4A</b>	<b>SHADOW STUDIES - DEC 21ST</b>	<b>A3.5</b>	<b>STREET STRIP ELEVATIONS</b>
<b>A0.4B</b>	<b>SHADOW STUDIES - JUNE 21ST</b>	<b>A3.6</b>	<b>PHOTO CONTEXT VIEWS</b>
<b>A0.4C</b>	<b>SHADOW STUDIES - MARCH 26TH</b>	<b>A3.7</b>	<b>CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS</b>
<b>A0.5</b>	<b>SITE CONTEXT PHOTOS</b>	<b>A3.8</b>	<b>CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS</b>
<b>A0.6</b>	<b>VICINITY MAP</b>	<b>A3.9</b>	<b>CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS</b>
<b>A1.0</b>	<b>EXISTING SITE PLAN</b>	<b>A3.10</b>	<b>CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS</b>
<b>A1.1</b>	<b>EXISTING SURVEY</b>	<b>MAT</b>	<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>
<b>A2.0</b>	<b>PLAN AT BASEMENT LEVEL</b>	<b>AA.1</b>	<b>SECTIONS</b>
<b>A2.1</b>	<b>PLAN AT GROUND LEVEL</b>		
<b>A2.2</b>	<b>PLAN AT LEVEL 2</b>		
<b>A2.3</b>	<b>PLAN AT LEVEL 3</b>		
<b>A2.4</b>	<b>PLAN AT LEVELS 4-22</b>	<b>CIVIL</b>	
<b>A2.5</b>	<b>PLAN AT LEVEL 23</b>	<b>C1.0</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN</b>
<b>A2.6</b>	<b>PLAN AT ROOF LEVEL</b>	<b>C2.0</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY STORMWATER CONTROL PLAN</b>

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ZONING	BASE ZONING ALLOWABLE / REQUIRED	ALLOWABLE W/ UP OR AUP MODIFICATION	PROPOSED W/DENSITY BONUS	ZONING COMPLIANCE
ZONING	C-DMU Outer Core			COMPLIES
TOTAL LOT SIZE (SQ. FT.)	12,385			COMPLIES
TOTAL LOT SIZE (ACRES)	0.28			COMPLIES
FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)	NA	NA	15.41	COMPLIES
DWELLING UNITS (SEE TABLE)	NA	NA	240	COMPLIES
RESIDENTIAL BEDROOMS	NA	NA	280	COMPLIES
HEIGHT - FEET	60'-0"	75'-0"	256'-0"	COMPLIES W/ SDB WAIVER
HEIGHT - STORIES	NA	NA	23	COMPLIES
LOT COVERAGE	NA	NA	90%	COMPLIES
SETBACK - FRONT (UNIVERSITY) (SEE TABLE)	0'-15'	0'	SEE TABLE	COMPLIES W/ UP
SETBACK - INTERIOR SIDE (SEE TABLE)	0'-15'	0'	SEE TABLE	COMPLIES W/ UP
SETBACK - REAR (SEE TABLE)	0'-15'	0'	SEE TABLE	COMPLIES W/ UP
SETBACK - MAX. DIMENSION ABOVE 120'	120'	120'	139'-6"	COMPLIES W/ SDB WAIVER
RESIDENTIAL PARKING (SEE TABLE)	0	0	29	COMPLIES
COMMERCIAL PARKING (SEE TABLE)	NA	NA	0	COMPLIES
RES. BIKE PARKING LONG TERM (SEE TABLE)	94	94	167	COMPLIES
RES. BIKE PARKING SHORT TERM (SEE TABLE)	7	7	8	COMPLIES
COM. BIKE PARKING SHORT TERM (SEE TABLE)	NA	NA	0	COMPLIES
RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACE (SEE TABLE)	19200	19200	2055	COMPLIES W/ SDB WAIVER
COMMERCIAL PRIVATELY OWNED OPEN SPACE	NA	NA	NA	COMPLIES

PARKING CALCULATIONS	QNTY	CARS	PER	REQ'D	PROVIDED
RESIDENTIAL (none per Table 23.322-2)	240	0	0	0	29

BIKE PARKING CALCULATIONS	QNTY	BIKES	PER	REQ'D	PROVIDED
RESIDENTIAL (LONG TERM) (PER BEDROOM)	280	1	3	94	167
RESIDENTIAL (SHORT TERM) (PER BEDROOM)	280	1	40	7	8

SETBACKS TABLE	BASE ZONING ALLOWABLE / REQUIRED	ALLOWABLE W/ UP OR AUP MODIFICATION	PROPOSED W/DENSITY BONUS	ZONING COMPLIANCE
SETBACK - FRONT (UNIVERSITY)				
0'-20'	0'	0'	0' TO 3'	COMPLIES
21'-75'	0'	0'	0' TO 6"	COMPLIES
76'-120'	15'	0'	0' TO 1'-4"	COMPLIES W/ UP
> 120'	15'	0'	0' TO 31'-0"	COMPLIES W/ UP
SETBACK - INTERIOR SIDE (<65' FROM FRONT)				
0'-20'	0'	0'	6" TO 10'	COMPLIES
21'-75'	0'	0'	10' TO 11'-4"	COMPLIES
76'-120'	5'	0'	10' TO 11'-4"	COMPLIES
> 120'	15'	0'	15' TO 16'-6"	COMPLIES
SETBACK - INTERIOR SIDE (>65' FROM FRONT)				
0'-20'	0'	0'	6" TO 10'	COMPLIES
21'-75'	5'	0'	10' TO 11'-4"	COMPLIES
76'-120'	15'	0'	10' TO 11'-4"	COMPLIES W/ UP
> 120'	15'	0'	16'-6" TO 34'-10"	COMPLIES
SETBACK - REAR				
0'-20'	0'	0'	6"	COMPLIES
21'-75'	5'	0'	6'-6" TO 9'-6"	COMPLIES
76'-120'	15'	0'	6'-6" TO 9'-6"	COMPLIES W/ UP
> 120'	15'	0'	6'-6" TO 9'-6"	COMPLIES W/ UP
MAX. WIDTH DIMENSION ABOVE 120'	120'	120'	139'-6"	COMPLIES W/ SDB WAIVER

OPEN SPACE CALCULATIONS	UNITS	SF / UNIT	TOTAL REQ'D	23RD FLOOR TERRACE	TOTAL PROVIDED
RESIDENTIAL UNITS	240	80	19,200	2,055	2,055
Landscape		40%	822	690	690

ROOFTOP ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS CALCS	ALLOWABLE	PROPOSED
AVERAGE AREA OF FLOORS		8,218
AREA OF ROOFTOP ARCH. ELEMENTS	1,233	1,167
% AREA OF ROOFTOP ARCH. FEATURES	15.0%	14.2%

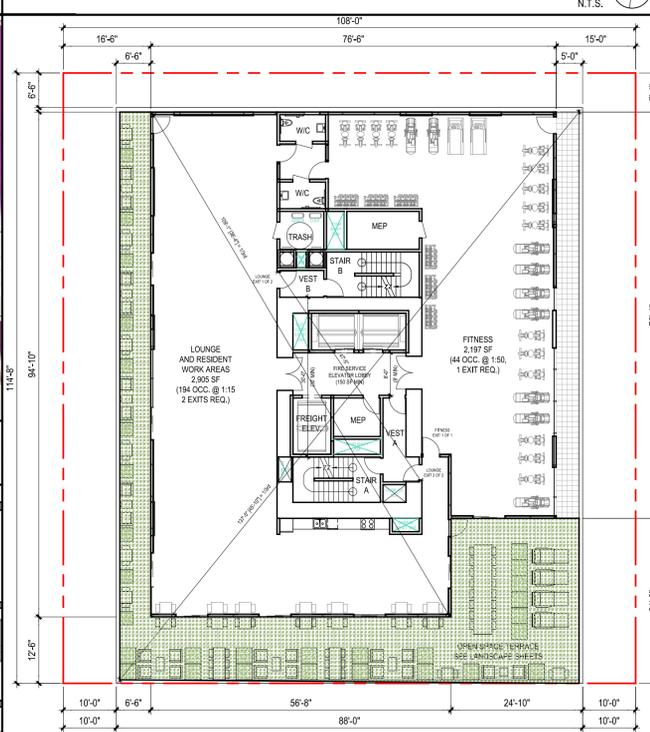
AREA TABLE	RESIDENTIAL
LEVEL 23	6,219
LEVEL 22	8,698
LEVEL 21	8,698
LEVEL 20	8,698
LEVEL 19	8,698
LEVEL 18	8,698
LEVEL 17	8,698
LEVEL 16	8,698
LEVEL 15	8,698
LEVEL 14	8,698
LEVEL 13	8,698
LEVEL 12	8,698
LEVEL 11	8,698
LEVEL 10	8,698
LEVEL 9	8,698
LEVEL 8	8,698
LEVEL 7	8,698
LEVEL 6	8,698
LEVEL 5	8,698
LEVEL 4	8,698
LEVEL 3	8,698
LEVEL 2	1,188
GROUND LEVEL	7,742
BASEMENT	3,023
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>192,132</b>

DWELLING UNIT TABLE	STUDIO	JR-1 BD	1 BD	2 BD
LEVEL 23				
LEVEL 22	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 21	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 20	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 19	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 18	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 17	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 16	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 15	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 14	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 13	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 12	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 11	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 10	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 9	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 8	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 7	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 6	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 5	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 4	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 3	4	3	3	2
LEVEL 2				
GROUND LEVEL				
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>BEDROOMS / UNIT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL BEDROOMS</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>80</b>

ZONING MAP

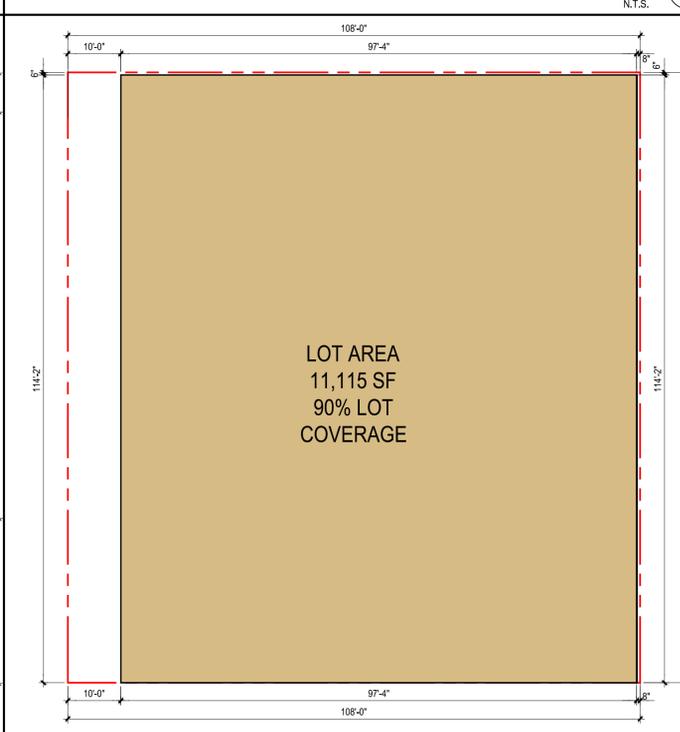


OPEN SPACE DIAGRAMS



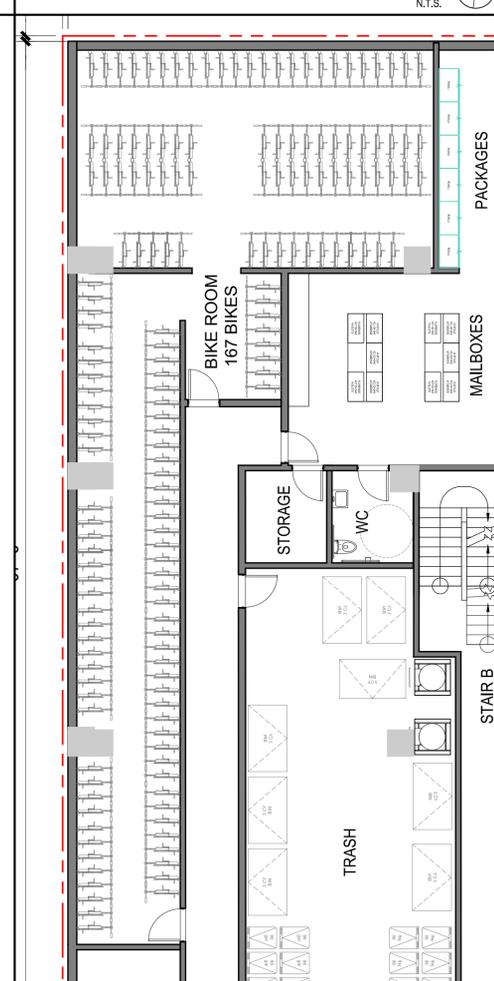
LEVEL 23 USABLE OPEN SPACE PLAN  
 2,055sf

LOT COVERAGE DIAGRAMS

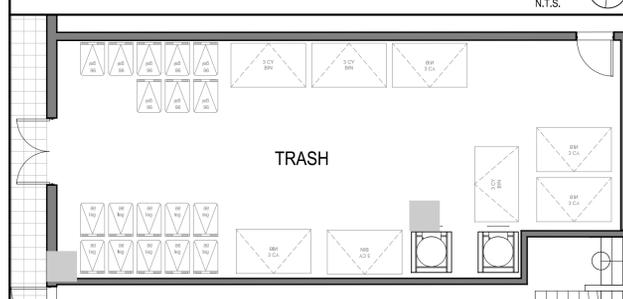


LOT AREA 12,385 SF

BIKE PARKING



REFUSE AND RECYCLING



Waste and Recycling Calculation							
# of Bedrooms	Factor	Occupants	Total cuft required (.25cy or 50 gallons / 3 occ)	Waste (40%)	Recycling (40%)	Compost (20%)	
280	1.00	280	23.33 cy	4,667 gal	9,333 cuft	1,867 gal	1,867 gal
Space Calculation			Container Quantities	Space Required	150% Additional Increase		
	Waste	Recycling	Compost	Factor/container	Space/Container	Required	Provided
	3cy bin (605 gal)	2	2		28 sf	112 sf	
	2cy bin (404 gal)	1	1		28 sf	56 sf	
	96 gallon cart	3	3	10	7 sf	112 sf	
	64 gallon cart				6 sf		
	<b>Total capacity</b>	<b>1902 gal</b>	<b>1902 gal</b>	<b>960 gal</b>	<b>280 sf</b>	<b>420 sf</b>	<b>375</b>

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DENSITY BONUS  
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DENSITY BONUS TABLE										
Base Project	Base Units Calculation	Base # Units	% VLI Units	# VLI Units	% MI Units	# MI Units	Bonus %	# DB Units	Maximum DB Project	Proposed Project
sq. ft. - see calculation below	base project area / avg. unit size	base project units (rounds up)		% VLI x Base # Units (rounded up)		% MI x Base # Units (rounded up)		% Bonus x Base # Units (rounded up)	% Bonus x Base # Units (rounded up)	
95,417	119.19	120	15%	18	15%	18	100.0%	120	240	240

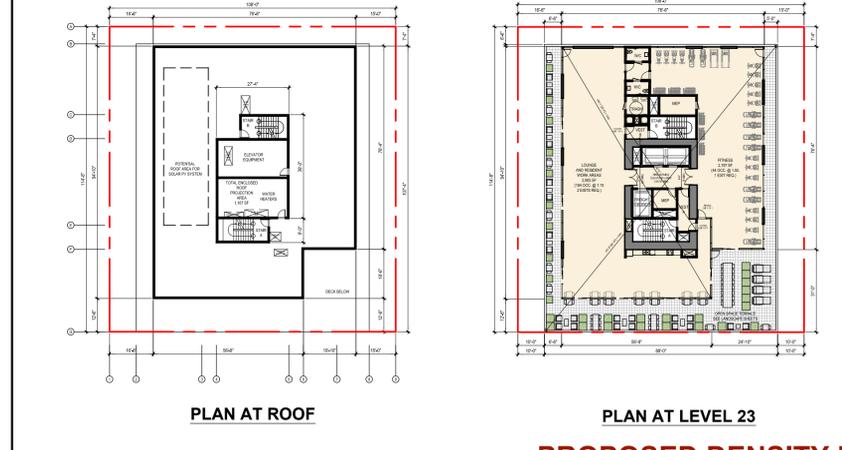
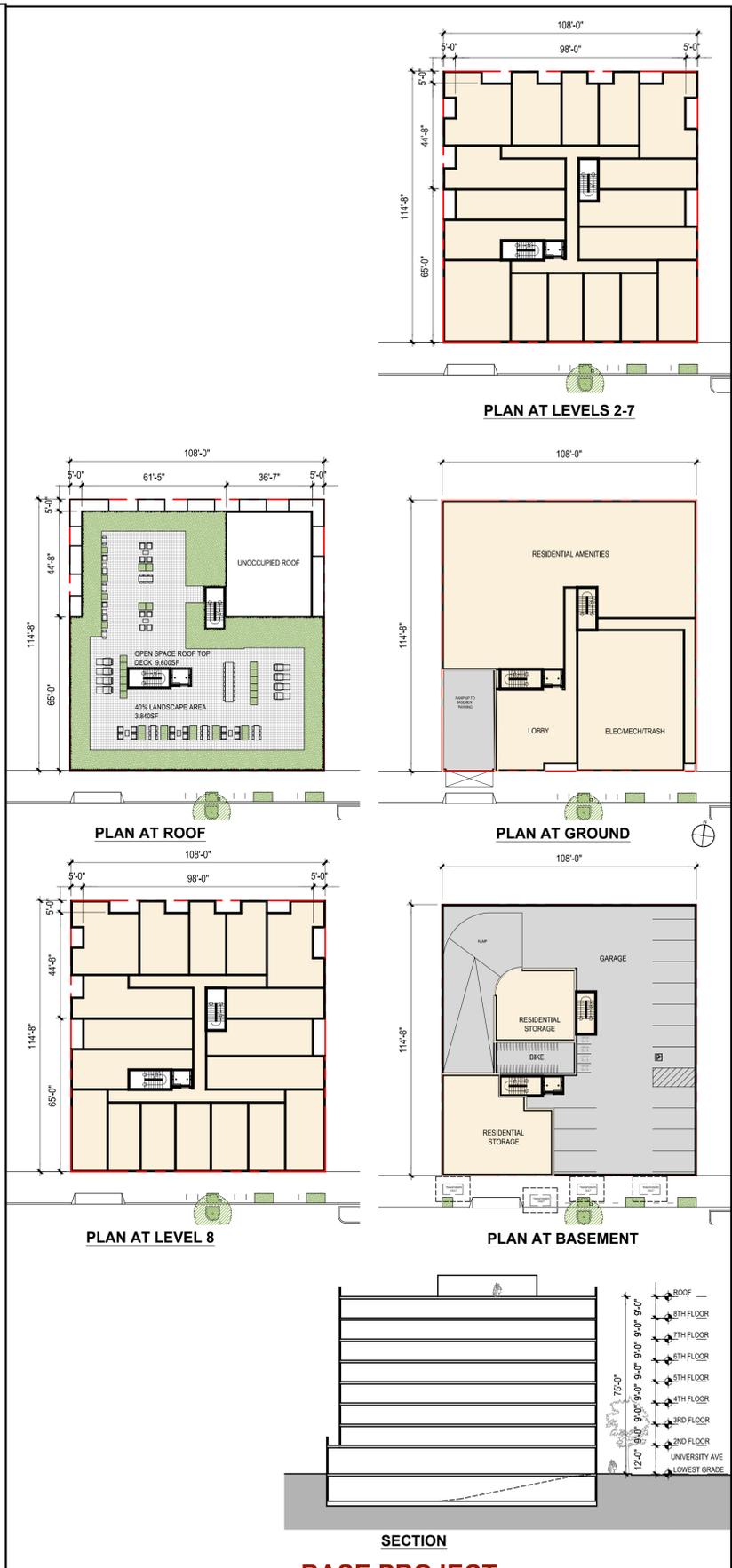
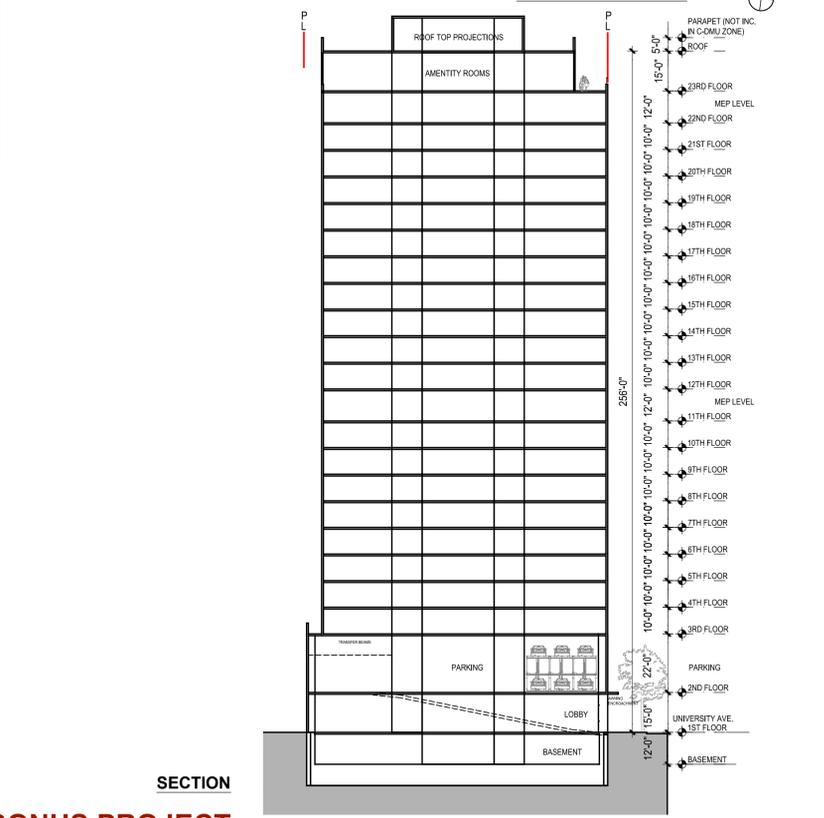
  

Base Project Res. Area	Floor	Proposed Project Res. Area	Base Project # of Units	Floor	Proposed Project # of Units	#VLI	%VLI	%DB	#DB
	Level 23	6,219		Level 23		6	5%	20.0%	144
	Level 22	8,698		Level 22	12	8	6%	22.5%	147
	Level 21	8,698		Level 21	12	9	7%	25.0%	150
	Level 20	8,698		Level 20	12	10	8%	27.5%	153
	Level 19	8,698		Level 19	12	11	9%	30.0%	156
	Level 18	8,698		Level 18	12	12	10%	32.5%	159
	Level 17	8,698		Level 17	12	14	11%	35.0%	162
	Level 16	8,698		Level 16	12	15	12%	37.5%	167
	Level 15	8,698		Level 15	12	16	13%	42.5%	171
	Level 14	8,698		Level 14	12	17	14%	46.3%	176
	Level 13	8,698		Level 13	12	<b>18</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>180</b>
	Level 12	8,698		Level 12	12				
	Level 11	8,698		Level 11	12	#MI	%MI	%DB	#DB
	Level 10	8,698		Level 10	12	6	5%	20.0%	204
	Level 9	8,698		Level 9	12	8	6%	22.5%	207
	Level 8	8,698	18	Level 8	12	9	7%	25.0%	210
	Level 7	8,698	17	Level 7	12	10	8%	27.5%	213
	Level 6	8,698	17	Level 6	12	11	9%	30.0%	216
	Level 5	8,698	17	Level 5	12	12	10%	32.5%	219
	Level 4	8,698	17	Level 4	12	14	11%	35.0%	222
	Level 3	8,698	17	Level 3	12	15	12%	37.5%	227
	Level 2	1,188	17	Level 2	12	16	13%	42.5%	231
	Ground	7,742		Ground		17	14%	46.3%	236
	Basement	3,023		Basement		<b>18</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>240</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>192,132</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>				

Proposed Area:	192,132
Proposed Units:	240
Average Unit Size:	801

BASE PROJECT ZONING COMPLIANCE CHECKS					
ZONING	ALLOWABLE BASE PROJECT WITH AVAILABLE AUP AND UP			BASE PROJECT	COMPLIANCE CHECK
	UNMODIFIED REQUIREMENT	ALLOWABLE MODIFICATION	CODE SECTION		
TOTAL LOT SIZE (SQ. FT.)			12,385		
TOTAL LOT SIZE (ACRES)			0.28		
DWELLING UNITS	NA	NA		120	COMPLIES
RESIDENTIAL BEDROOMS	NA	NA		120	COMPLIES
HEIGHT - FEET	60'	75'	Table 23.204-37	75'	COMPLIES W/ UP
SETBACK - FRONT	0'-15'	0'	23.204.130.E.3.b	0'	COMPLIES W/ UP
SETBACK - REAR	0'-15'	0'	23.204.130.E.3.b	0'	COMPLIES W/ UP
SETBACK - INTERIOR SIDE	0'-15'	0'	23.204.130.E.3.b	0'	COMPLIES W/ UP
HEIGHT - STORIES		NOT LIMITED		8	
FAR		NOT LIMITED		NA	
OPEN SPACE		80 SF / UNIT		9,600	COMPLIES
OPEN SPACE LANDSCAPE		40% OF 9,600SF		3,840	COMPLIES
PARKING - RESIDENTIAL	NONE REQ'D	NONE REQ'D	Table 23.322-2	0	COMPLIES
RES. BIKE PARKING LONG TERM	1/3 BED ROOMS			40	COMPLIES
RES. BIKE PARKING SHORT TERM	1/40 BED ROOMS			3	COMPLIES
STORMWATER	4% OF ROOF AREA = 455SF			455	COMPLIES



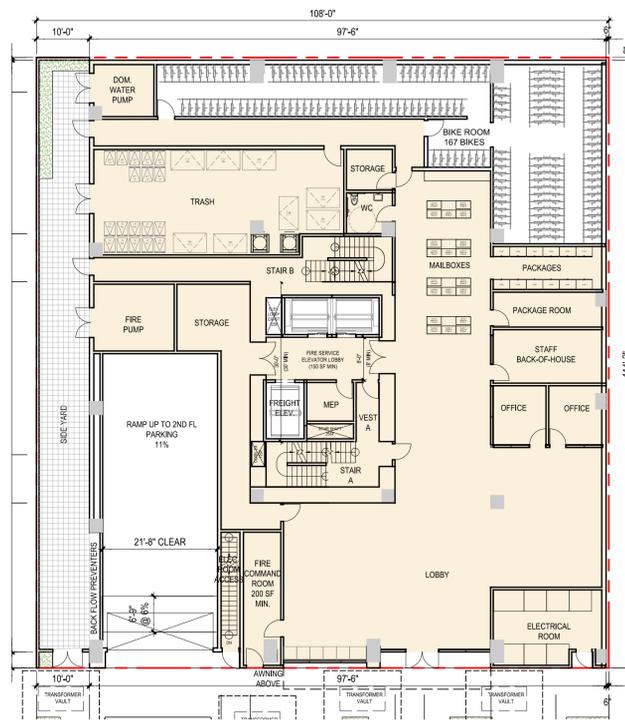
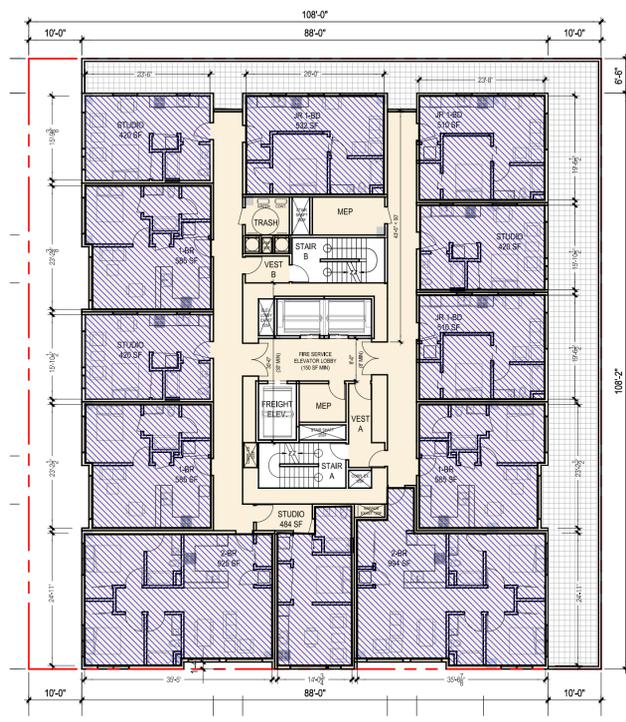
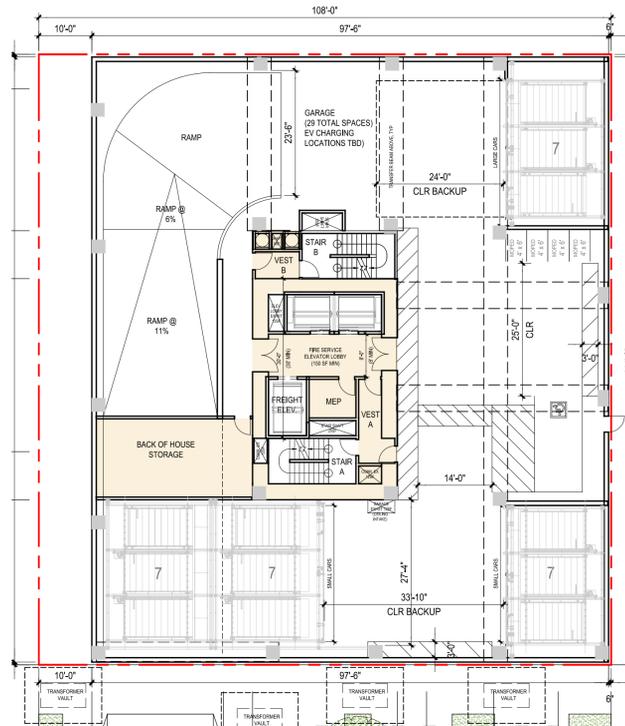
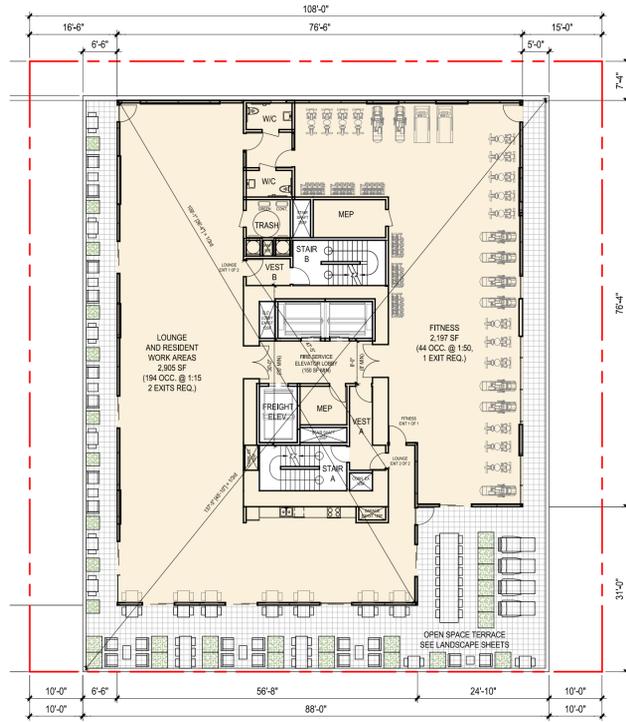
PROPOSED DENSITY BONUS PROJECT

BASE PROJECT

**PROPOSED PROJECT RESIDENTIAL UNIT FLOOR AREA DIAGRAM**

**LEGEND**

- DWELLING UNIT RUFA
- RESIDENTIAL AMENITY (NOT RUFA)



**PROPOSED PROJECT AREA AND UNIT CALCULATIONS**

Calculation of the Final Proposed Residential Unit Floor Area:

Floor	Proposed Project Res. Unit Area	Proposed Project Residential Units
23rd		
22nd	6,274	12
21st	6,274	12
20th	6,274	12
19th	6,274	12
18th	6,274	12
17th	6,274	12
16th	6,274	12
15th	6,274	12
14th	6,274	12
13th	6,274	12
12th	6,274	12
11th	6,274	12
10th	6,274	12
9th	6,274	12
8th	6,274	12
7th	6,274	12
6th	6,274	12
5th	6,274	12
4th	6,274	12
3rd	6,274	12
2nd		
1st		
<b>Final Proposed Residential Unit Floor Area</b>	<b>125,480</b>	<b>240</b>

Calculation of Base Project Residential Floor Area:

Final Proposed DB Residential Unit Floor Area	125,480
One plus the DB % (1 + 100%)	2
Base Project Residential Unit Floor Area	62,740

Calculation of the Affordable Housing Fee:

A Total Base Project Residential Unit Floor Area	62,740
B Total Base Project Units	120
C Total BMR Requirements (20% of Base)	24
D Total BMR Units Proposed	18
Fee per Square Foot	\$62.83
Total Base Project Residential Unit Floor Area	62,740
In Lieu Fee Percentage Calculation (C-D)/C	25.00%
Total Fee Due	\$985,488.55

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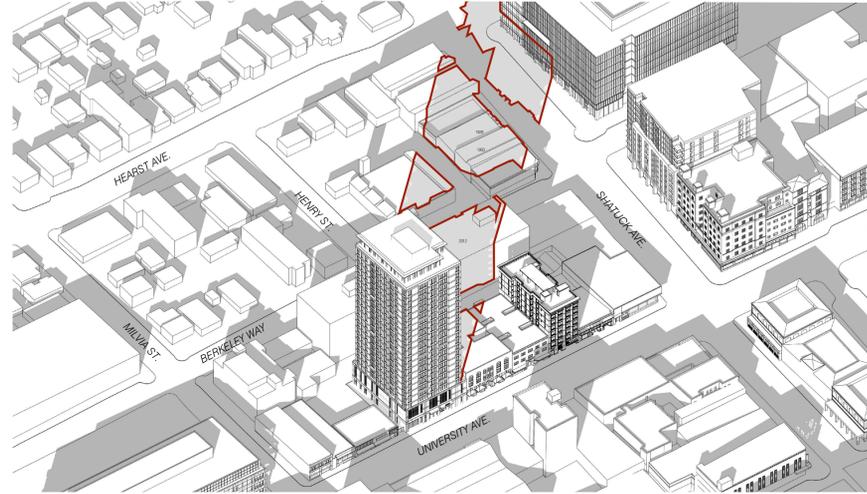
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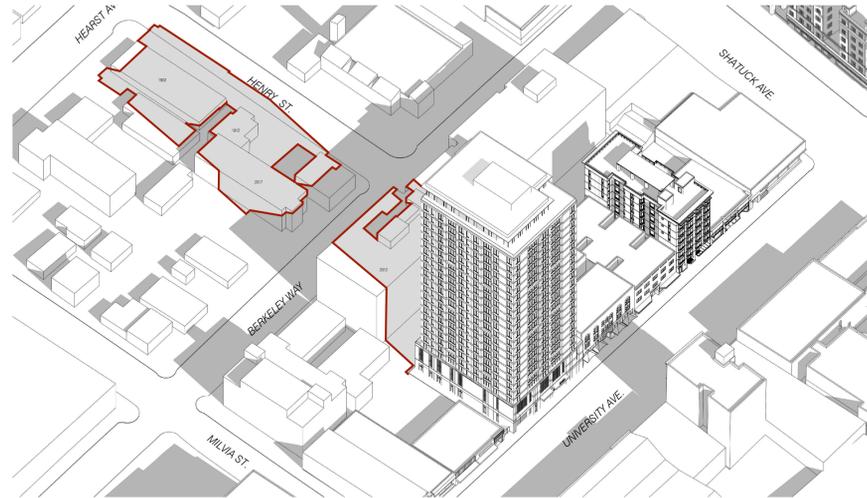


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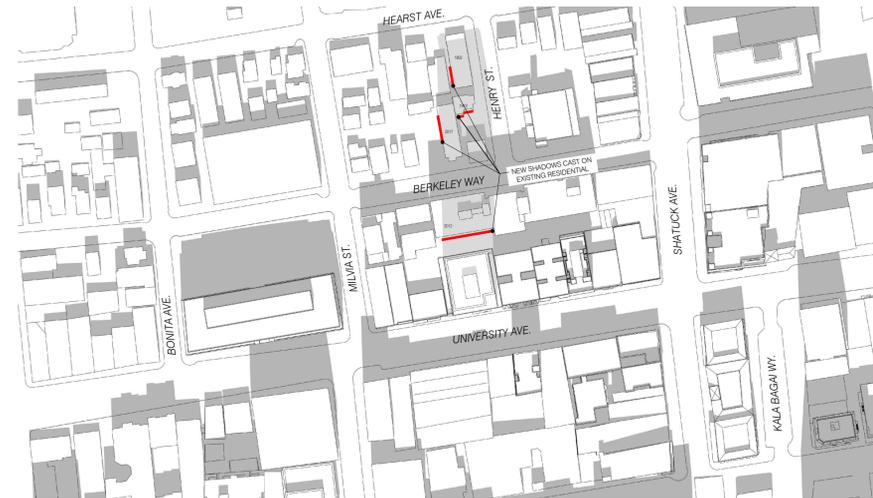
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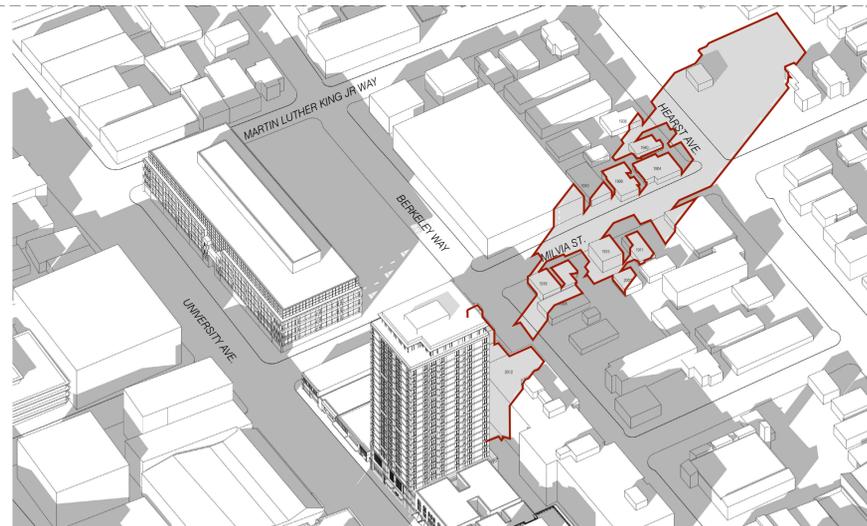


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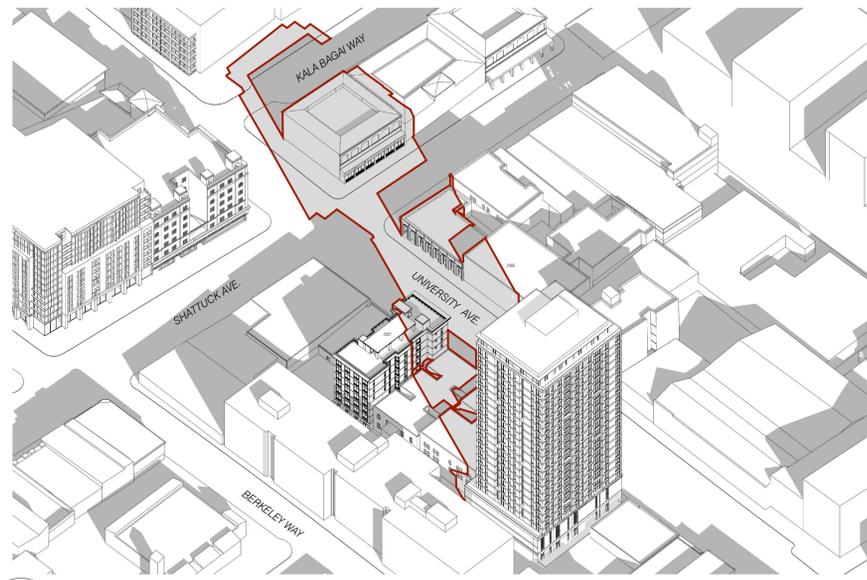
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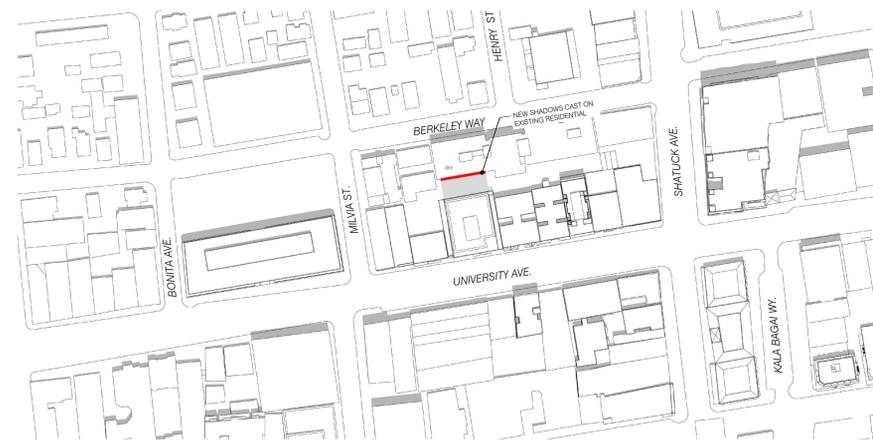
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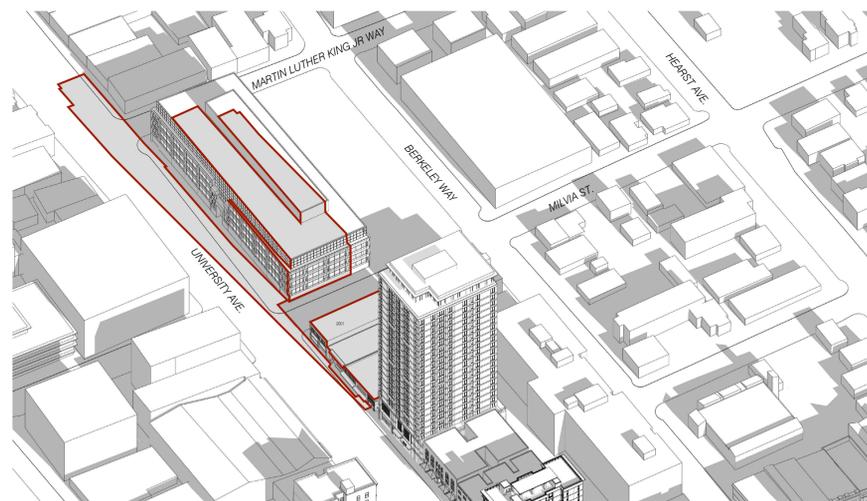


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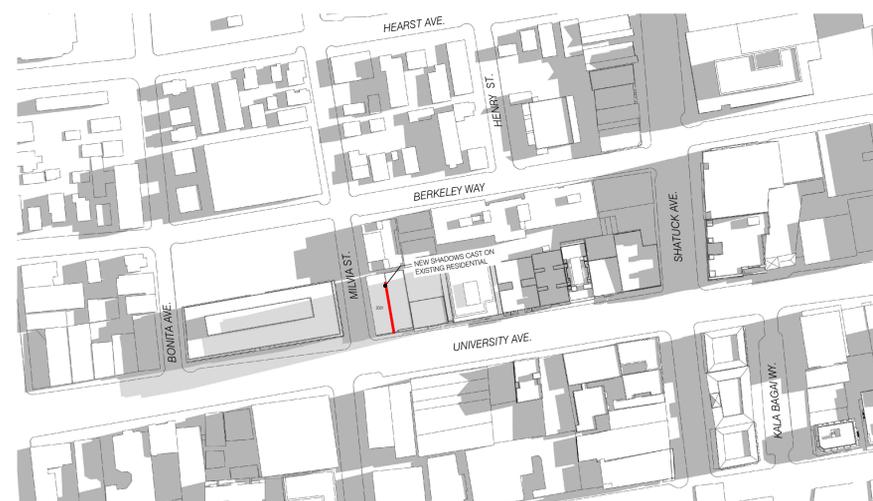
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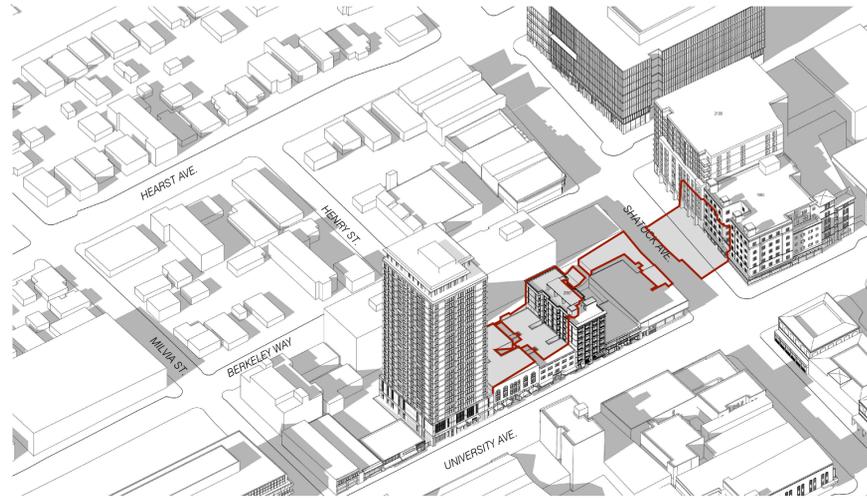
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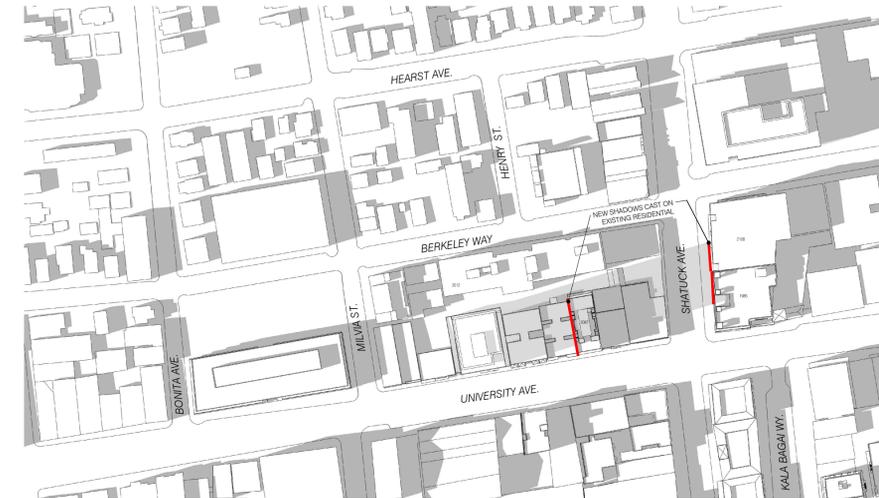
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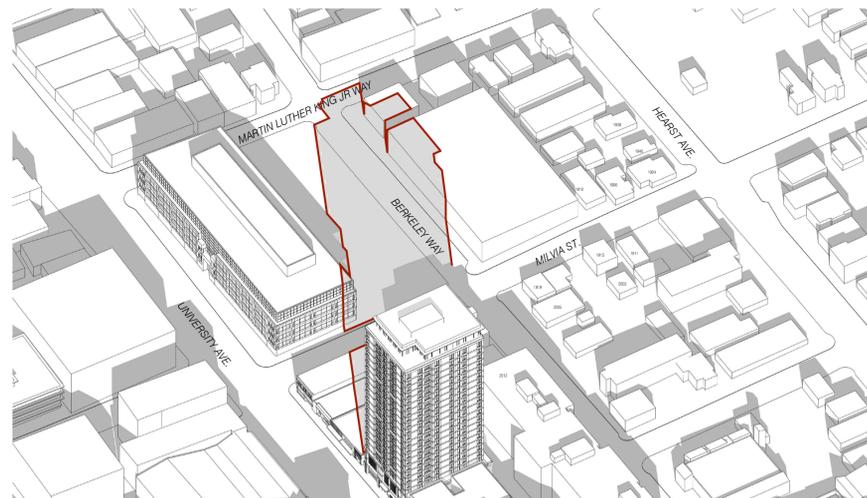
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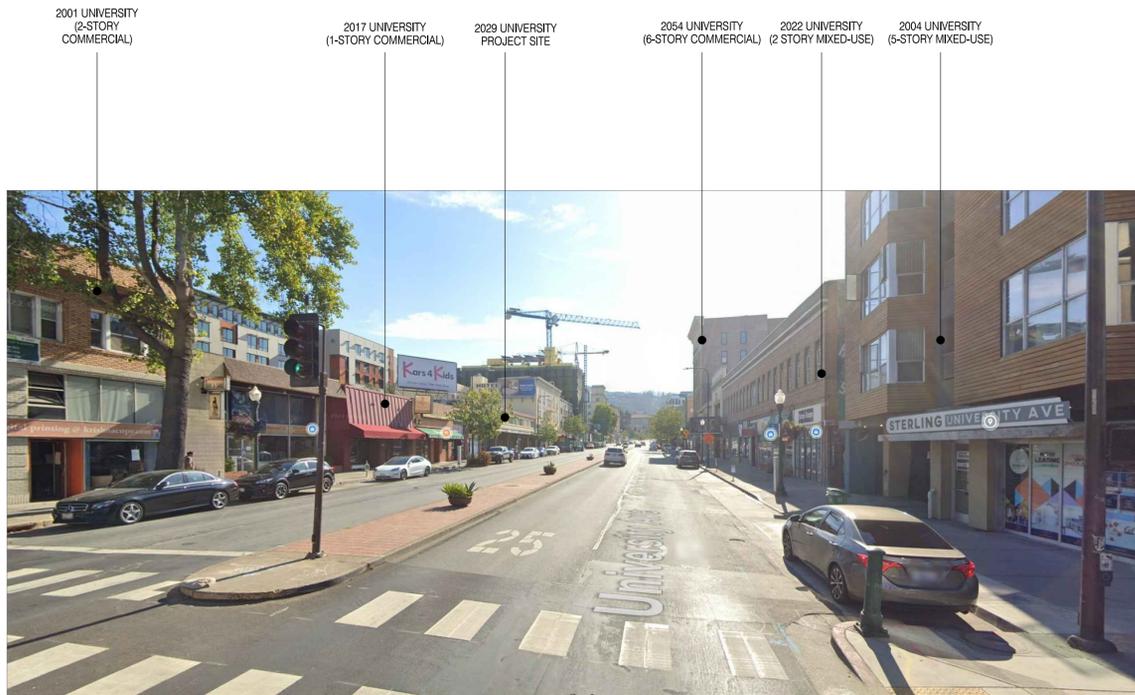
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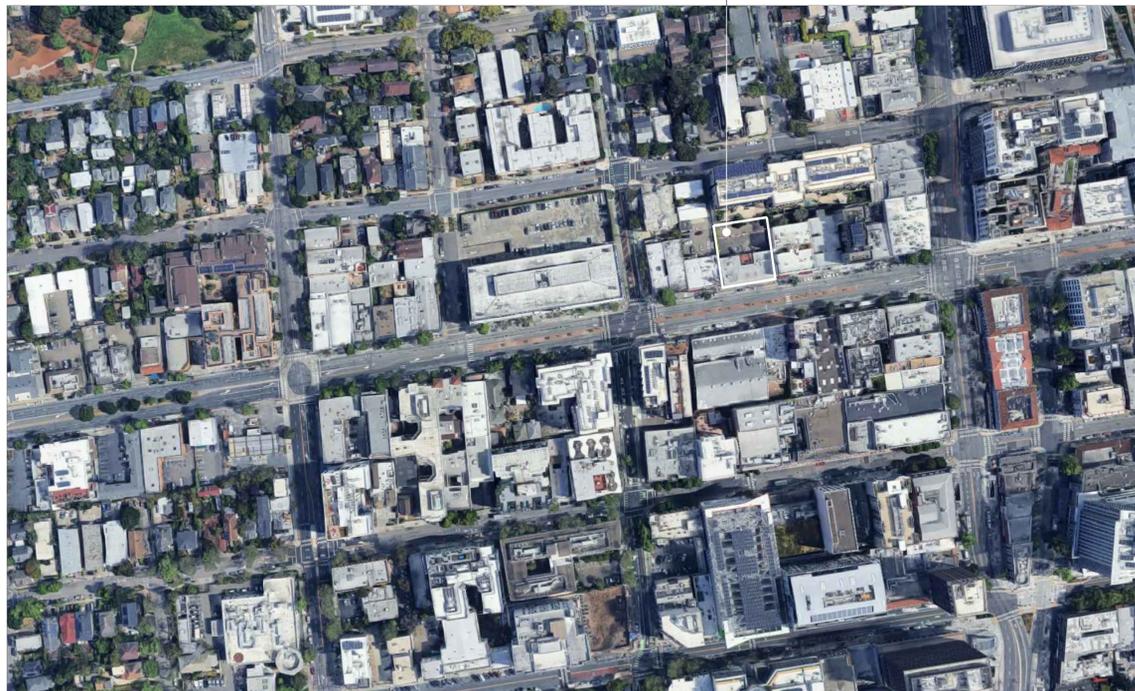
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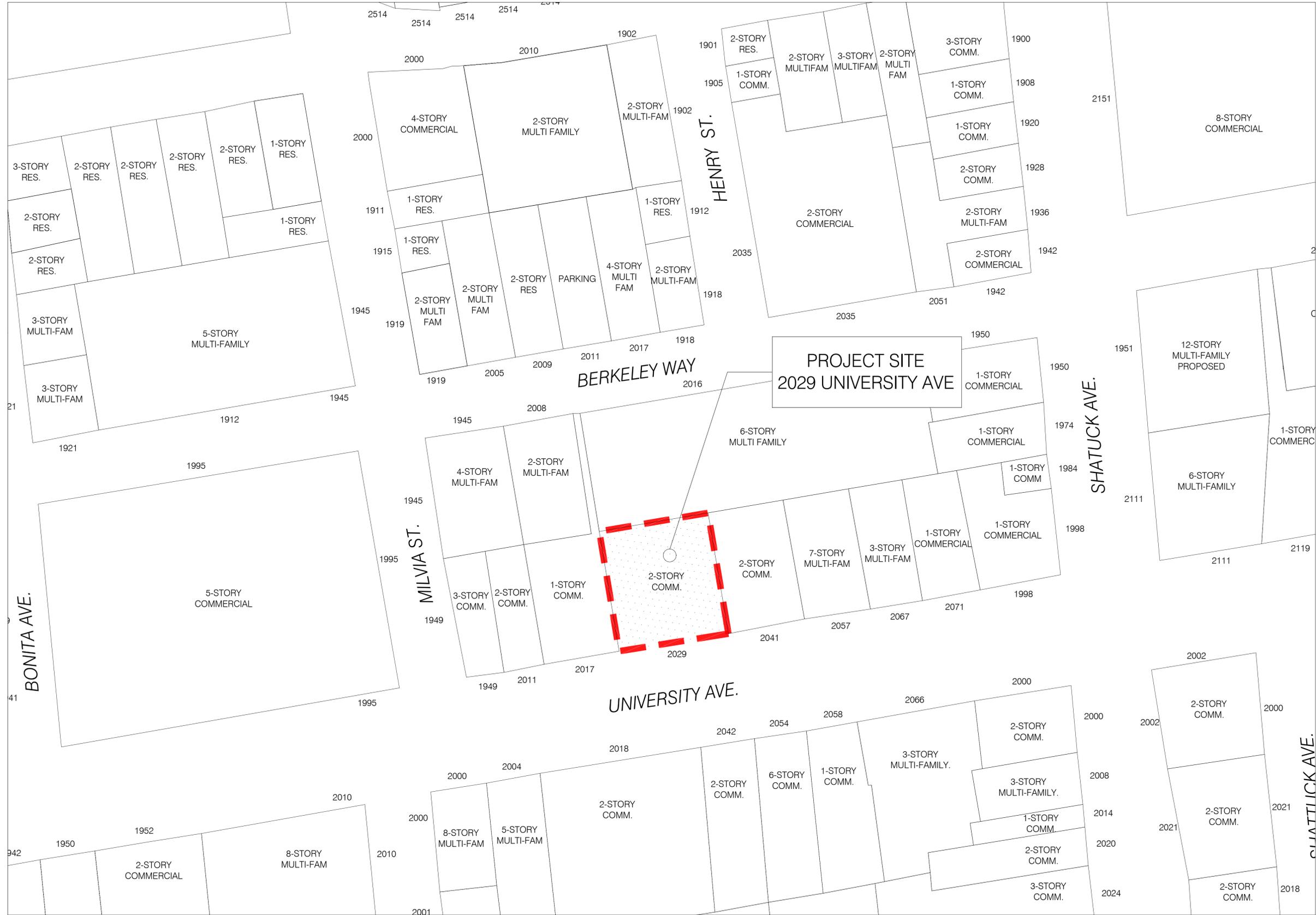
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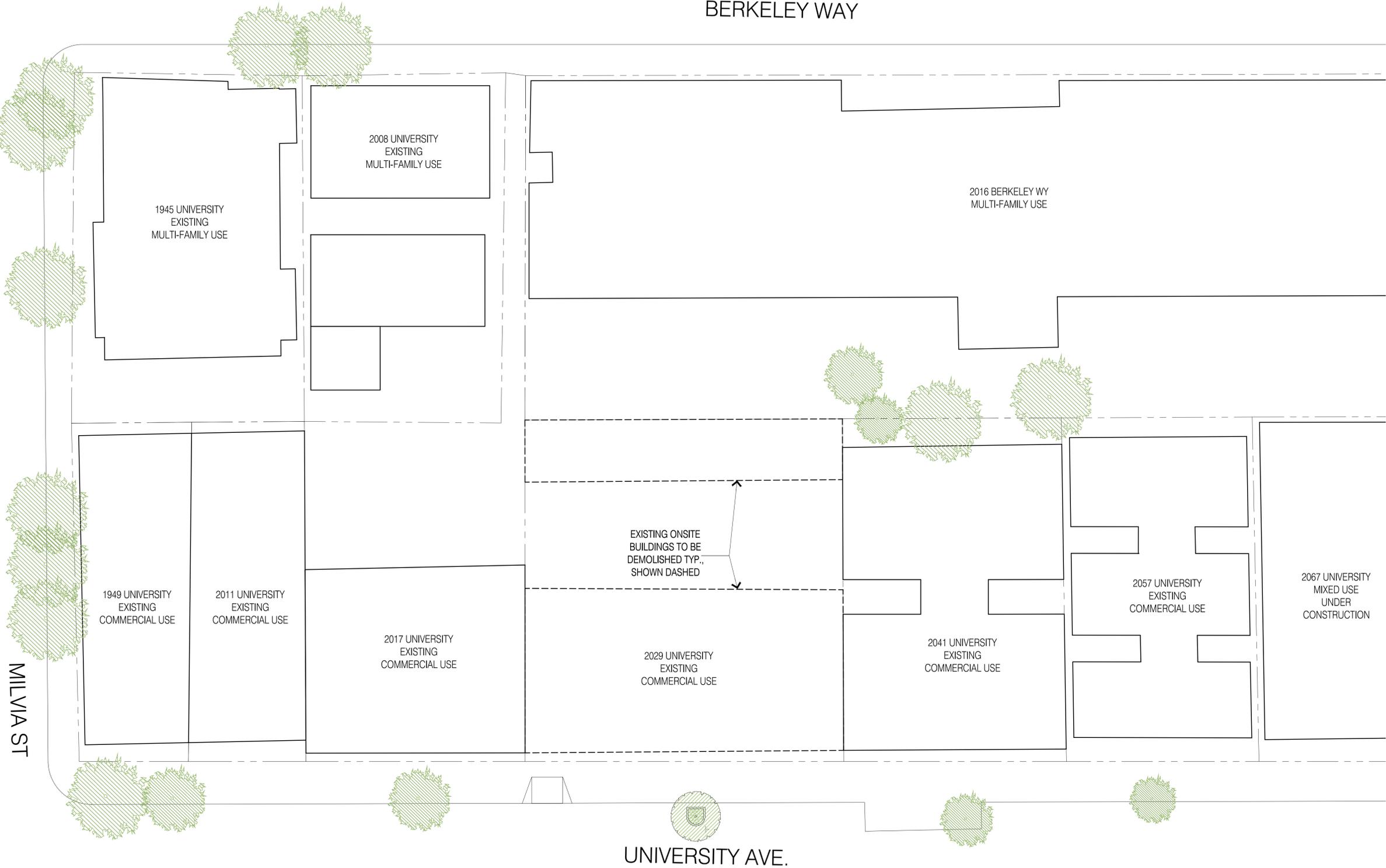
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EXISTING  
SITE PLAN

# A1.0

BERKELEY WAY



## EXISTING SITE PLAN

1/32"=1'-0" @ 11x17 1/16"=1'-0" @ 24x36



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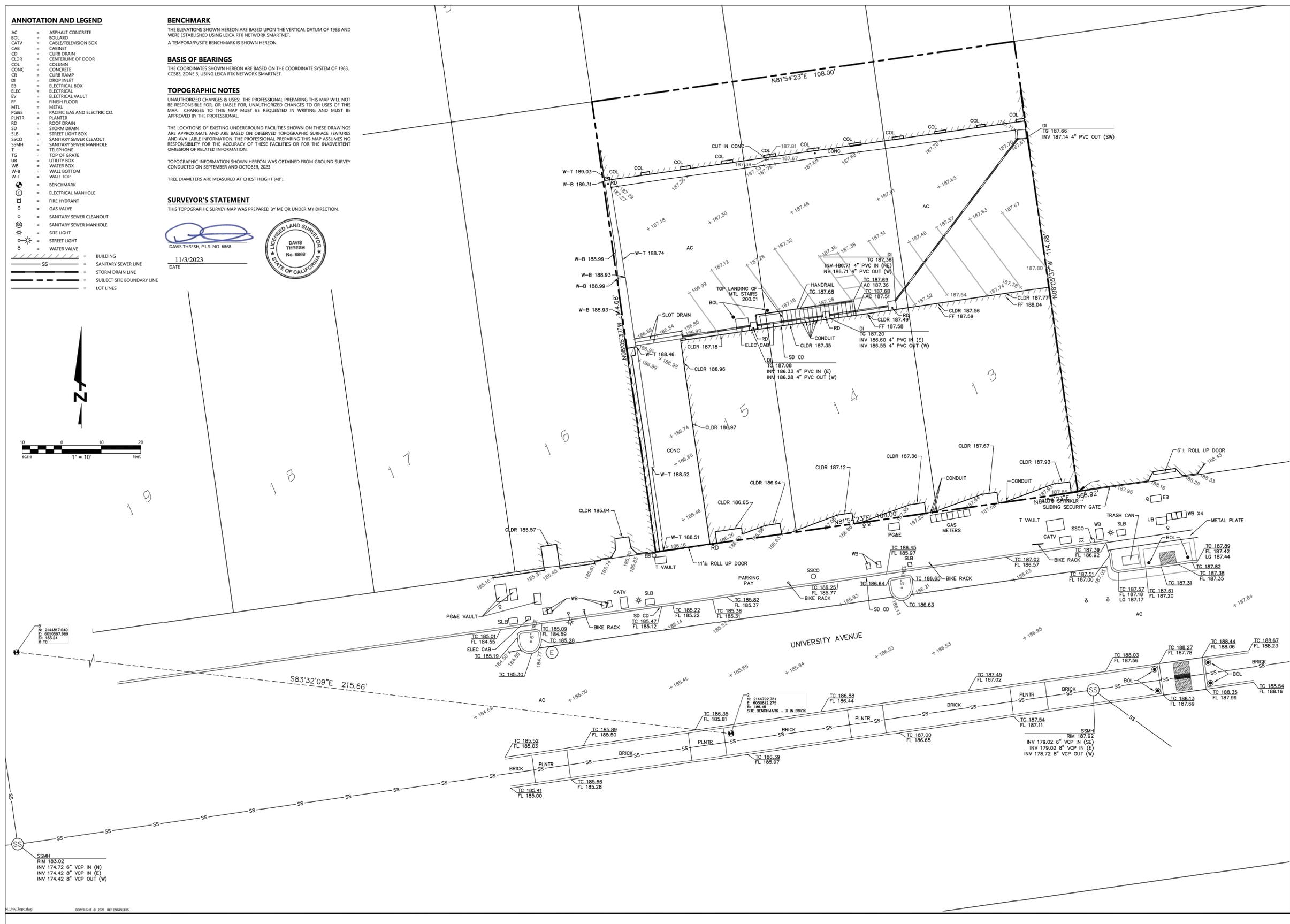
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A1.1



- ANNOTATION AND LEGEND**
- AC = ASPHALT CONCRETE
  - BOL = BOLLARD
  - CATV = CABLE/TELEVISION BOX
  - CAB = CABINET
  - CD = CURB DRAIN
  - CLDR = CENTERLINE OF DOOR
  - COL = COLUMN
  - CONC = CONCRETE
  - CR = CURB RAMP
  - DI = DROP INLET
  - EB = ELECTRICAL BOX
  - ELEC = ELECTRICAL
  - EV = ELECTRICAL VAULT
  - FF = FINISH FLOOR
  - MTL = METAL
  - PG&E = PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO.
  - PLNTR = PLANTER
  - RD = ROOF DRAIN
  - SD = STORM DRAIN
  - SLB = STREET LIGHT BOX
  - SSCO = SANITARY SEWER CLEAOUT
  - SSMH = SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
  - T = TELEPHONE
  - TG = TOP OF GRATE
  - UB = UTILITY BOX
  - WB = WATER BOX
  - WB-B = WALL BOTTOM
  - WB-T = WALL TOP
  - W-T = BENCHMARK
  - W-B = ELECTRICAL MANHOLE
  - W-B-B = FIRE HYDRANT
  - W-B-T = GAS VALVE
  - W-B-B-B = SANITARY SEWER CLEANOUT
  - W-B-B-T = SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
  - W-B-B-B-B = SITE LIGHT
  - W-B-B-B-T = STREET LIGHT
  - W-B-B-B-B-B = WATER VALVE
- SS = BUILDING  
 SS = SANITARY SEWER LINE  
 SS = STORM DRAIN LINE  
 SS = SUBJECT SITE BOUNDARY LINE  
 SS = LOT LINES

**BENCHMARK**  
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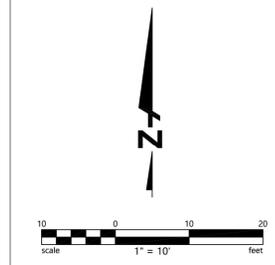
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TREE DIAMETERS ARE MEASURED AT CHEST HEIGHT (48").

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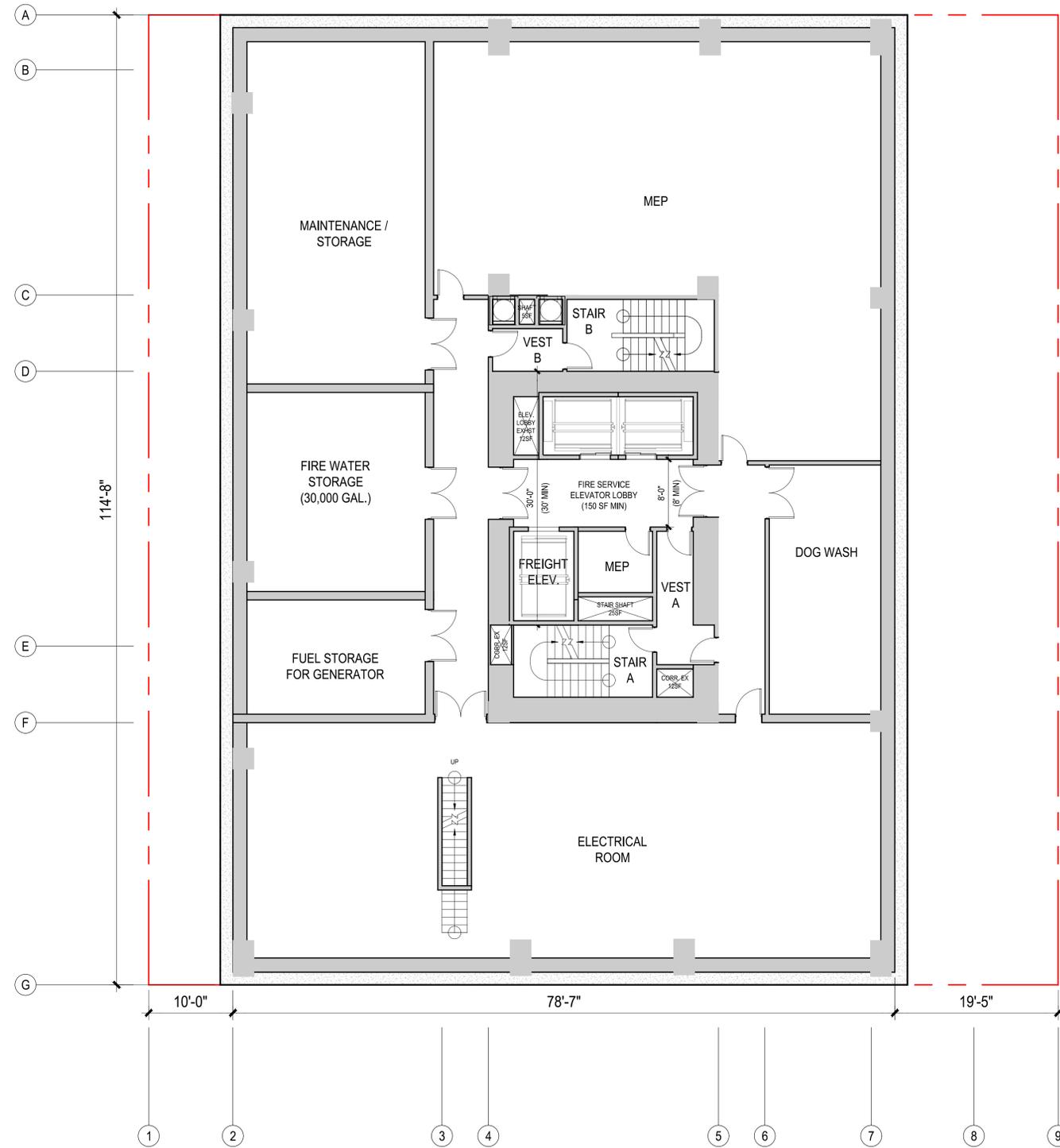
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PLAN AT  
 BASEMENT LEVEL

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1 PLAN AT BASEMENT LEVEL  
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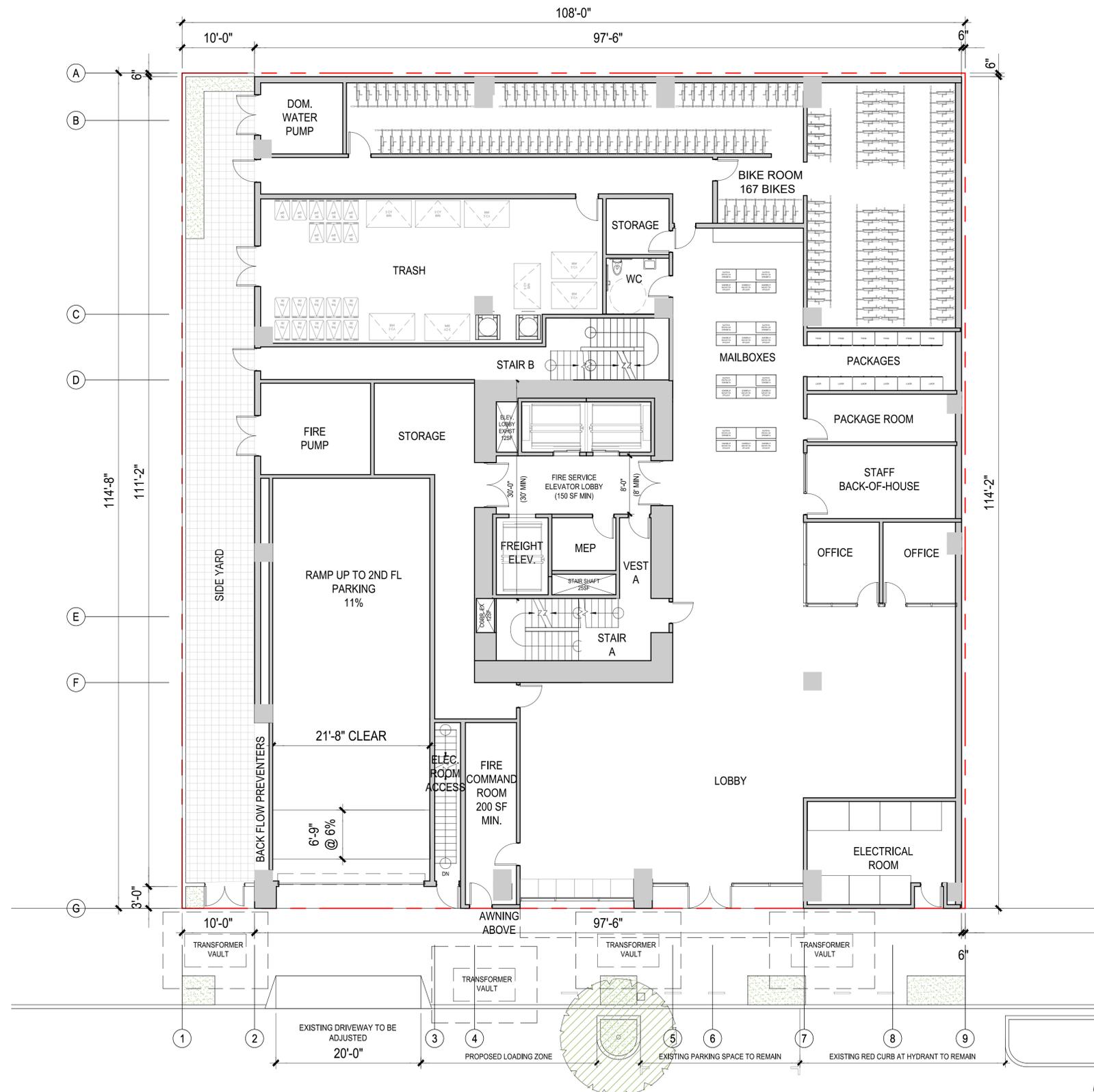
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1 GROUND LEVEL PLAN  
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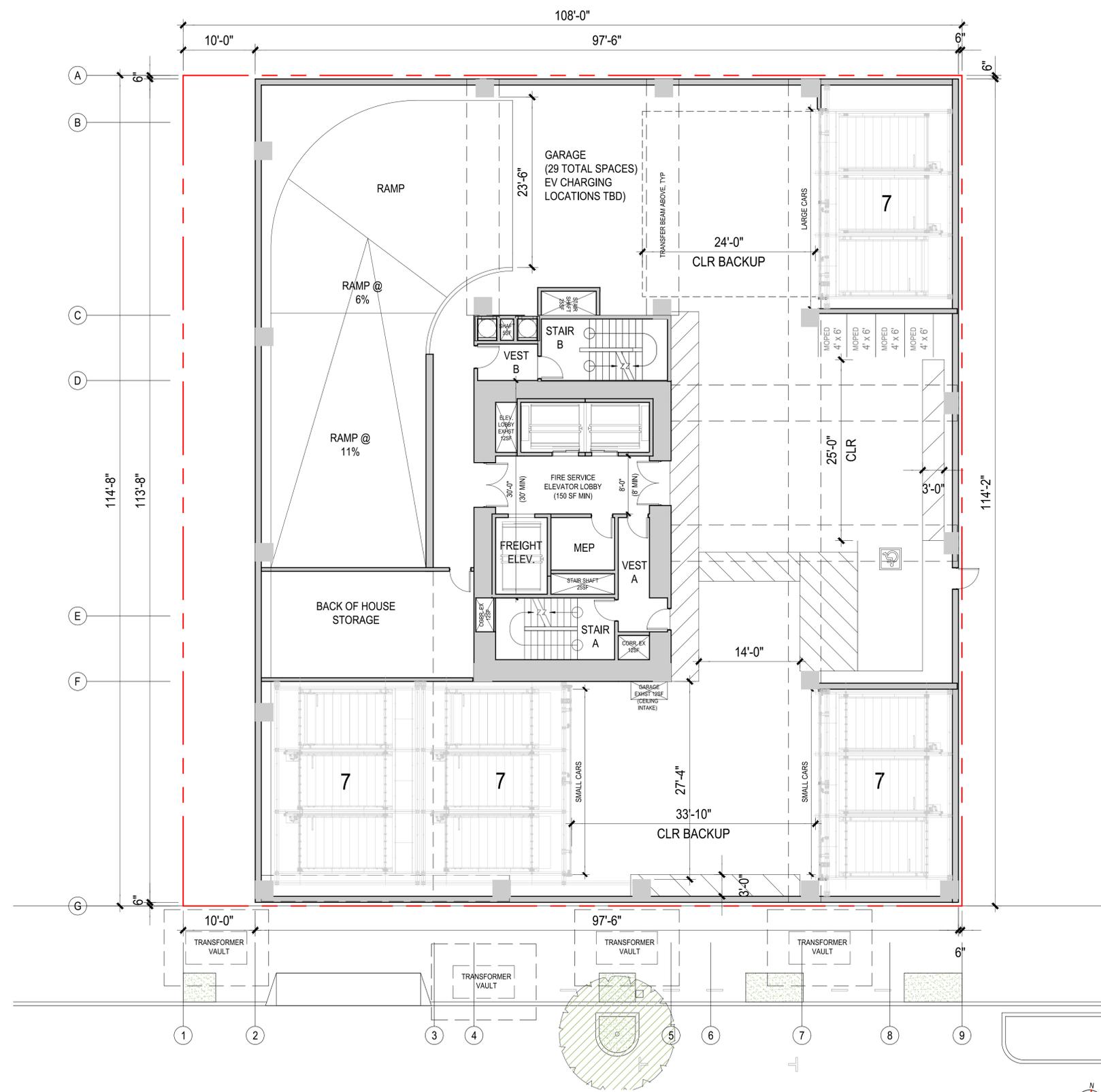
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1 PLAN AT LEVEL 2  
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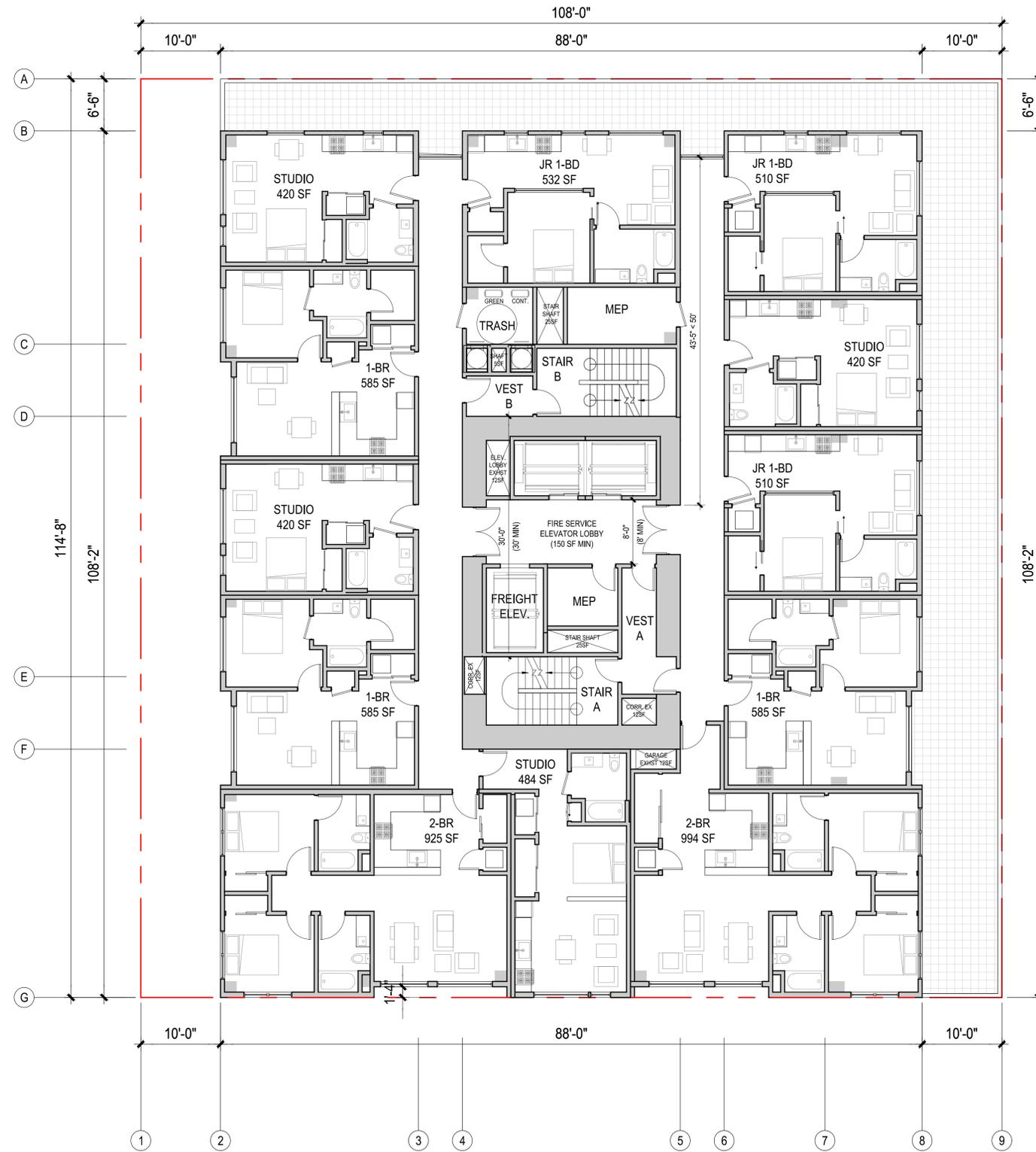
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PLAN AT  
 LEVEL 3

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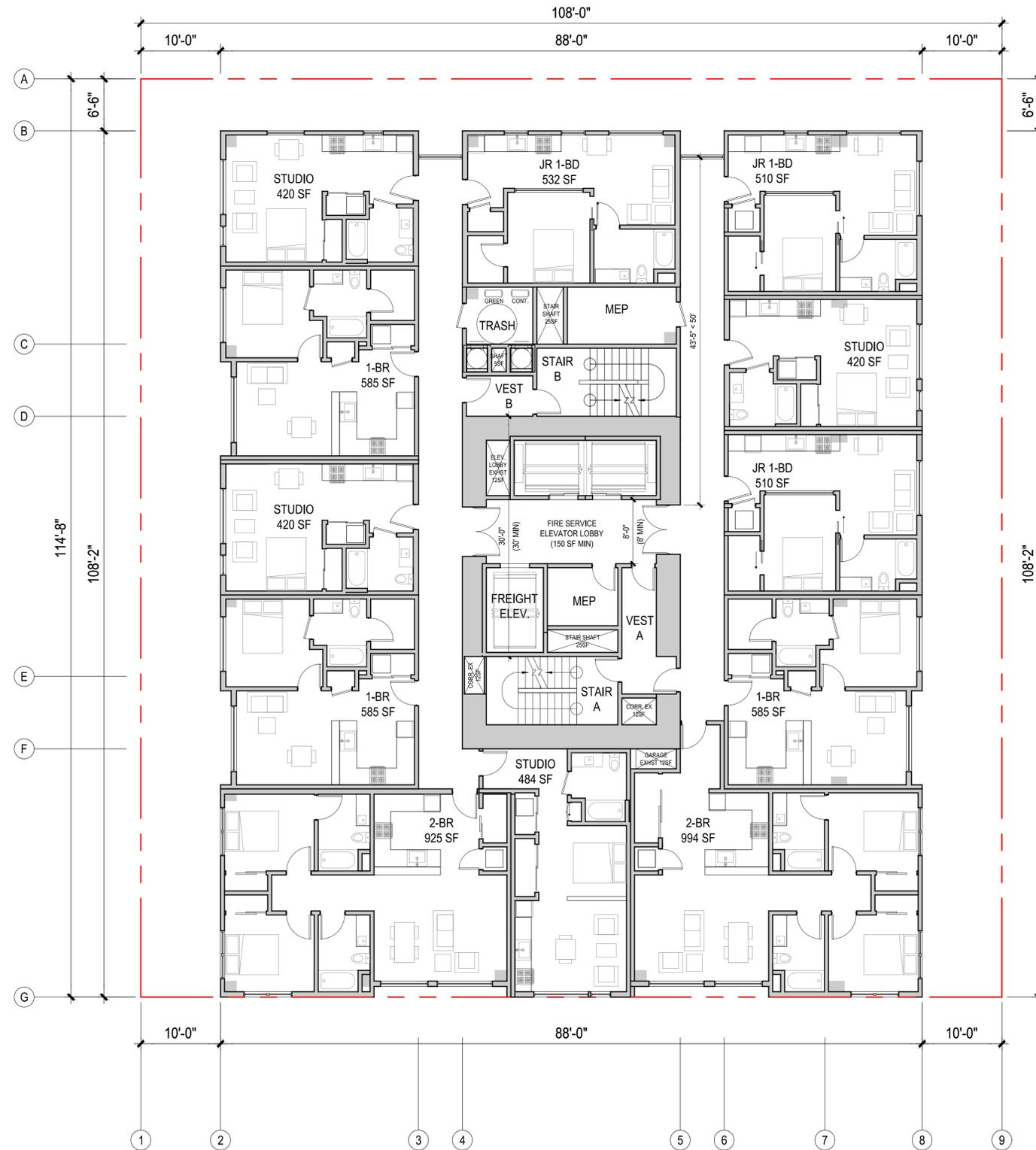
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PLAN AT  
 LEVELS 4-22

**A2.4**



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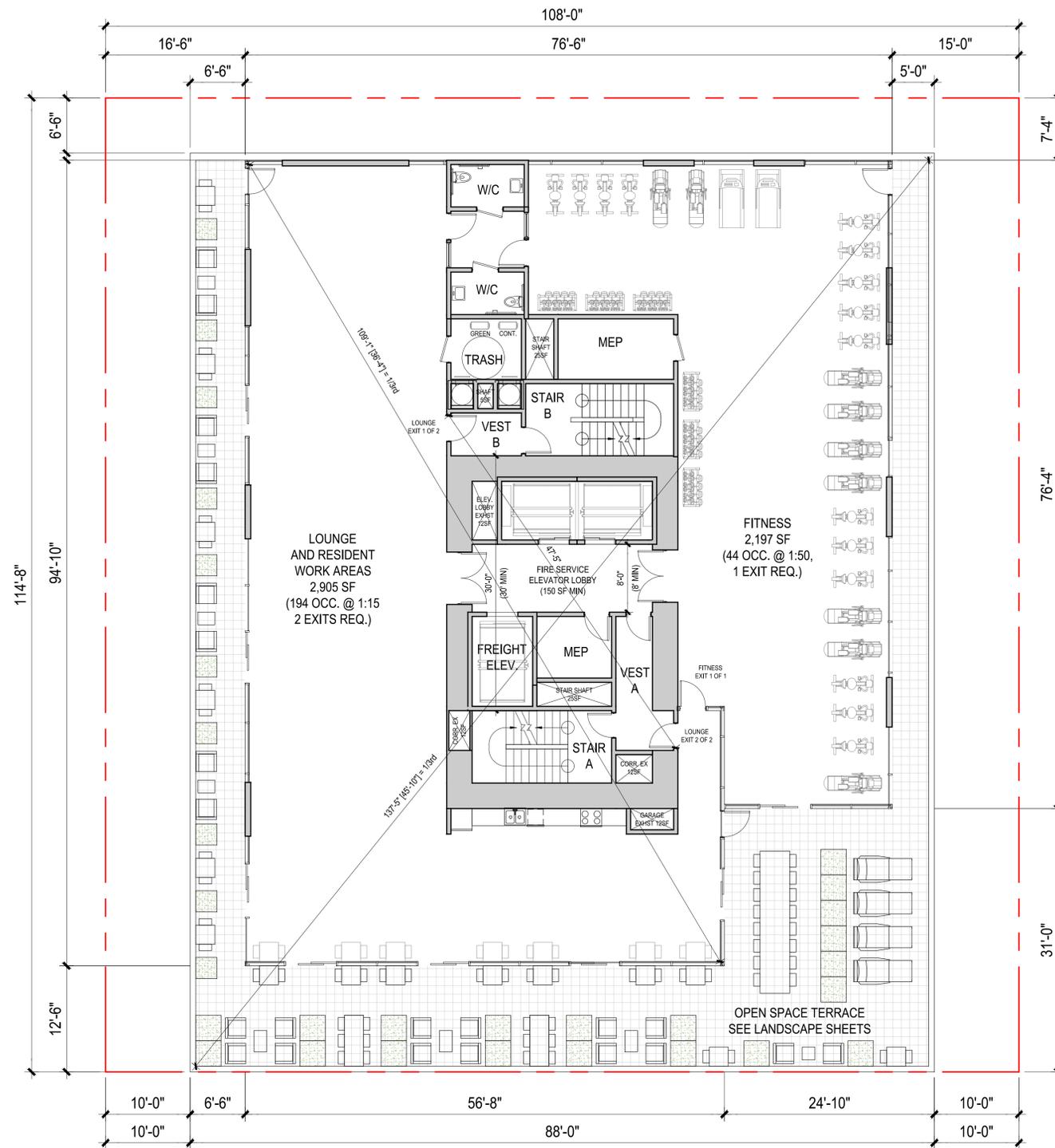
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PLAN AT  
 LEVEL 23

**A2.5**



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**PLAN AT LEVEL 23**

1/16" = 1' @ 11 X 17    1/8" = 1' @ 24 X 36



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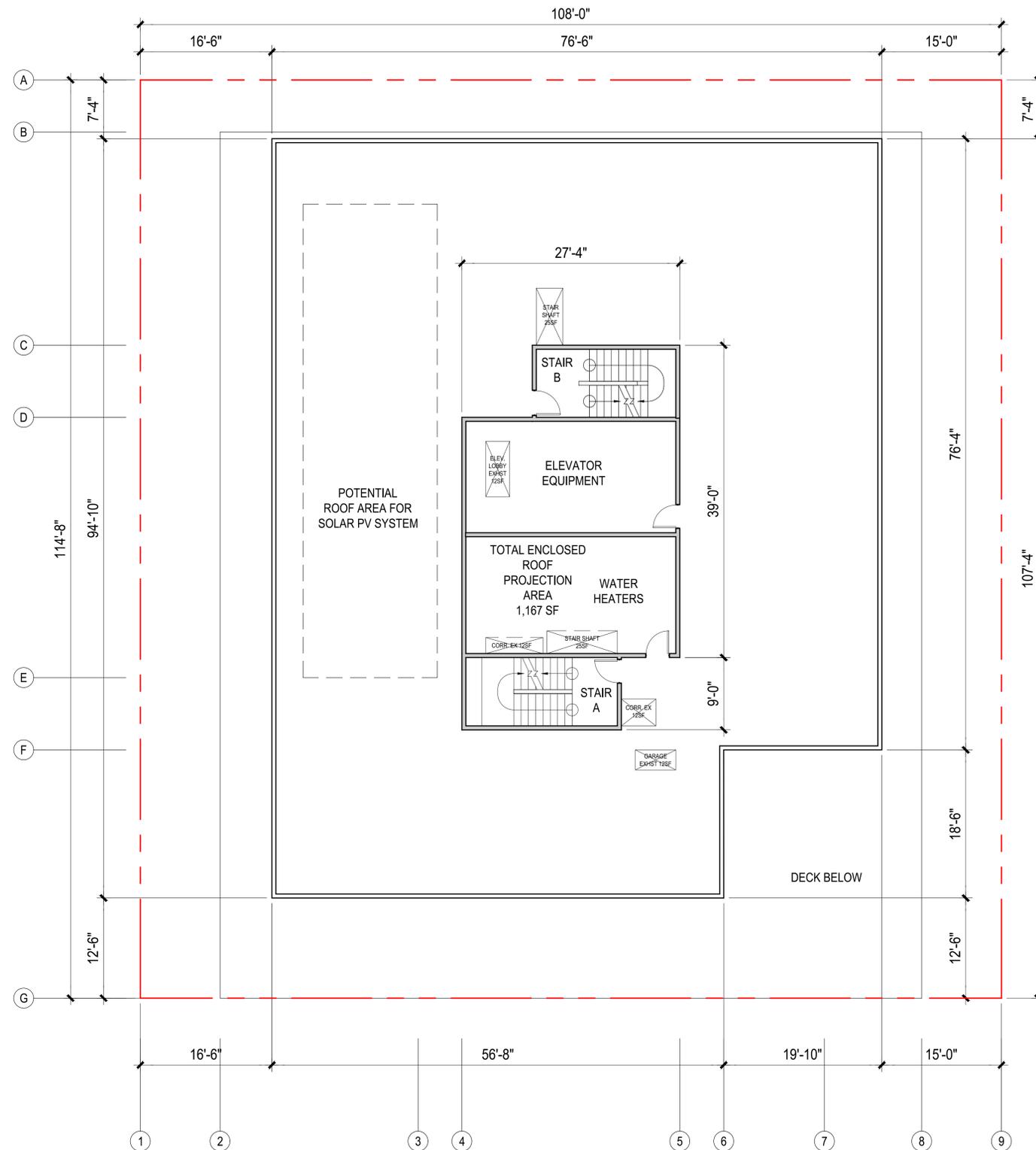
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PLAN AT  
 ROOF LEVEL

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1 PLAN AT ROOF LEVEL  
 1/16" = 1' @ 11 X 17 1/8" = 1' @ 24 X 36



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BUILDING  
 ELEVATIONS

**A3.1**



WINDOW AREA PERCENTAGE: 27%  
 266'-0" PROPOSED DENSITY BONUS PROJECT MAX. BLDG HT

- 5'-0" PARAPET (NOT INC. IN C-DMU ZONE)
- ROOF
- 15'-0" 23RD FLOOR
- 12'-0" MEP LEVEL
- 22ND FLOOR
- 10'-0" 21ST FLOOR
- 10'-0" 20TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 19TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 18TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 17TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 16TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 15TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 14TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 13TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 12TH FLOOR
- 12'-0" MEP LEVEL
- 11TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 10TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 9TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 8TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 7TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 6TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 5TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 4TH FLOOR
- 10'-0" 3RD FLOOR
- 22'-0" GARAGE
- 16'-0" 2ND FLOOR

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**SOUTH ELEVATION**

1/32" = 1'-0" @ 11X17 1/16" = 1'-0" @ 24X36



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 ELEVATIONS

**A3.2**



1 WEST ELEVATION

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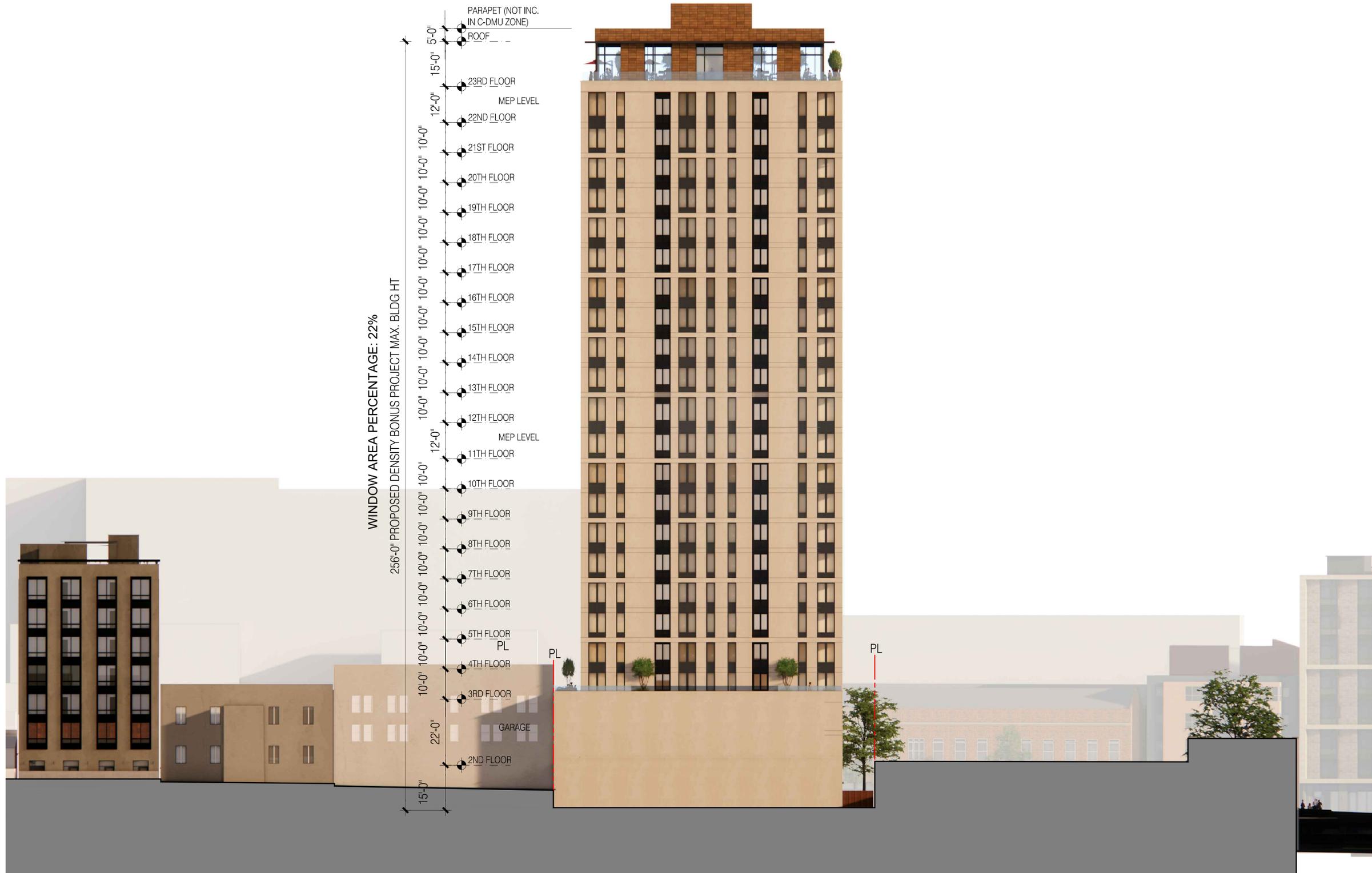
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**A3.3**



WINDOW AREA PERCENTAGE: 22%

256'-0" PROPOSED DENSITY BONUS PROJECT MAX. BLDG HT

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**NORTH ELEVATION**

1/32" = 1'-0" @ 11X17 1/16" = 1'-0" @ 24X36

0 4 8 16 32

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 ELEVATIONS

**A3.4**



1 EAST ELEVATION  
 1/32" = 1'-0" @ 11X17 1/16" = 1'-0" @ 24X36  
 0 4 8 16 32

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STREET STRIP  
ELEVATIONS

# A3.5



STREET STRIP ELEVATION @ UNIVERSITY AVE.

1/2" = 50'-0" @ 11X17    1" = 50'-0" @ 24X36





4 UNIVERSITY LOOKING EAST - AFTER  
A3.6



2 UNIVERSITY LOOKING WEST - AFTER  
A3.6



3 UNIVERSITY LOOKING EAST - BEFORE  
A3.6



1 UNIVERSITY LOOKING WEST - BEFORE  
A3.6

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**A3.7**



1 PERSPECTIVE VIEW - UNIVERSITY LOOKING NORTHWEST

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1 SIDEWALK VIEW - UNIVERSITY LOOKING NORTHWEST

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1 PERSPECTIVE VIEW - UNIVERSITY LOOKING NORTHEAST

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**SOUTH ELEVATION**

3/64" = 1'-0" @ 11X17    3/32" = 1'-0" @ 24X36



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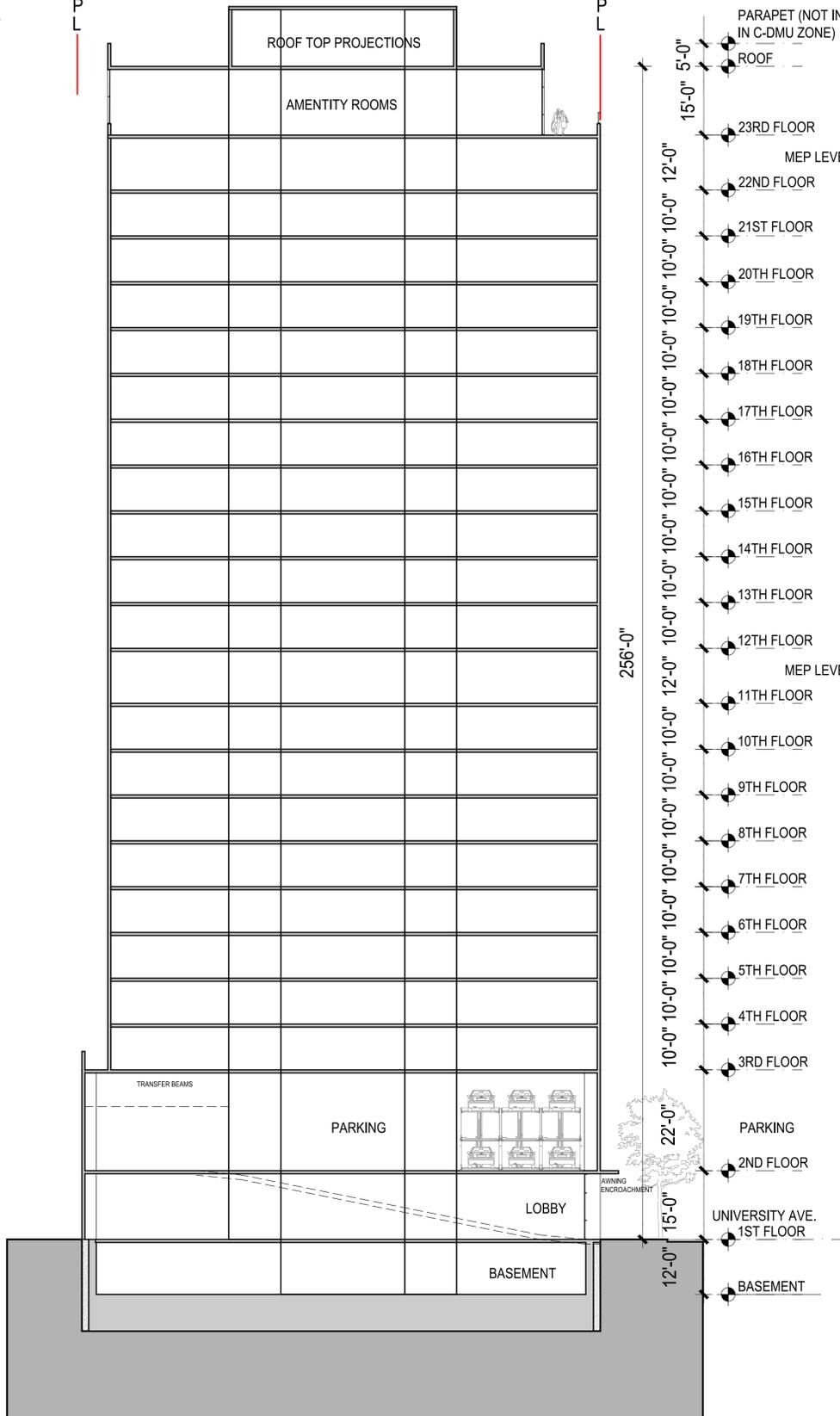
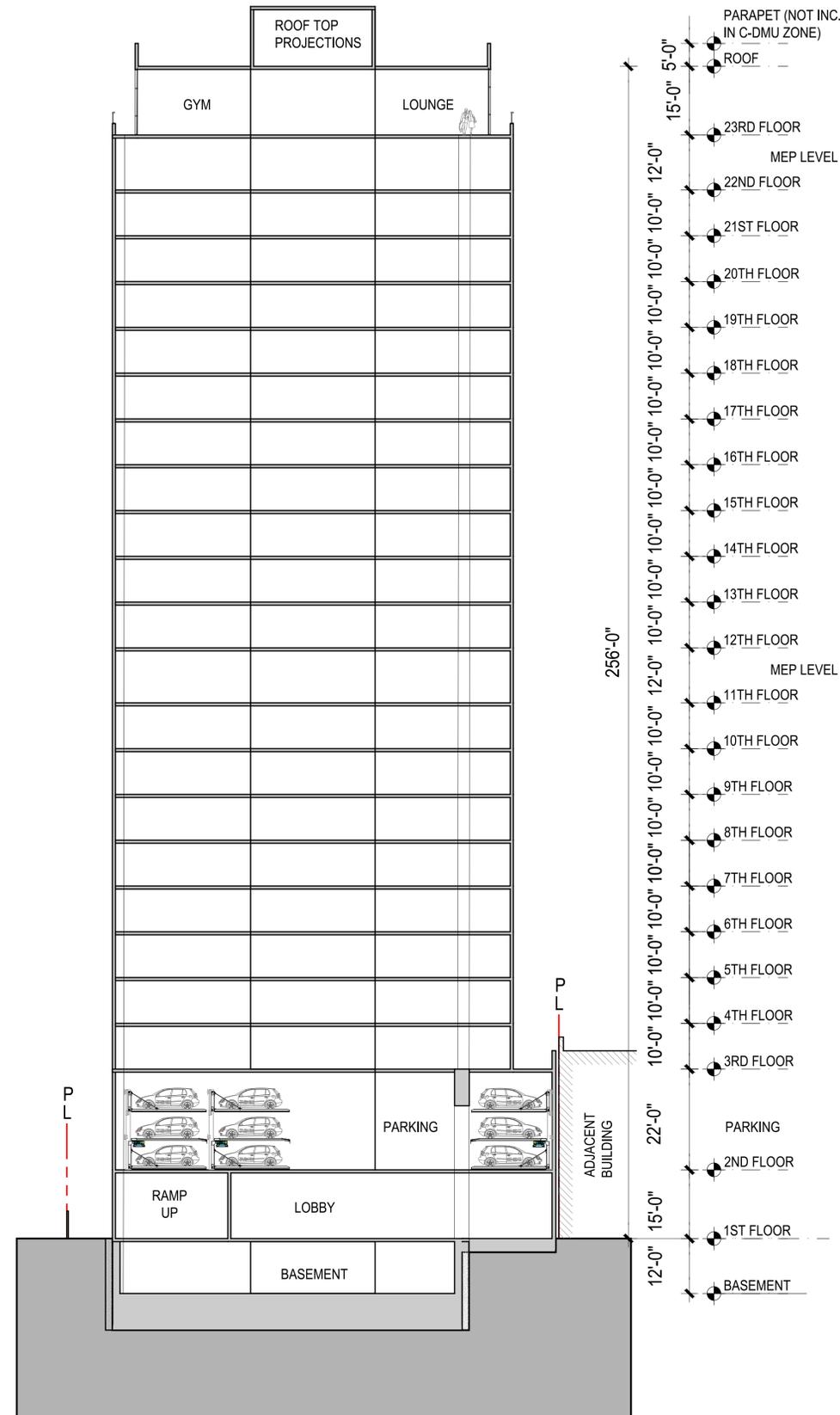
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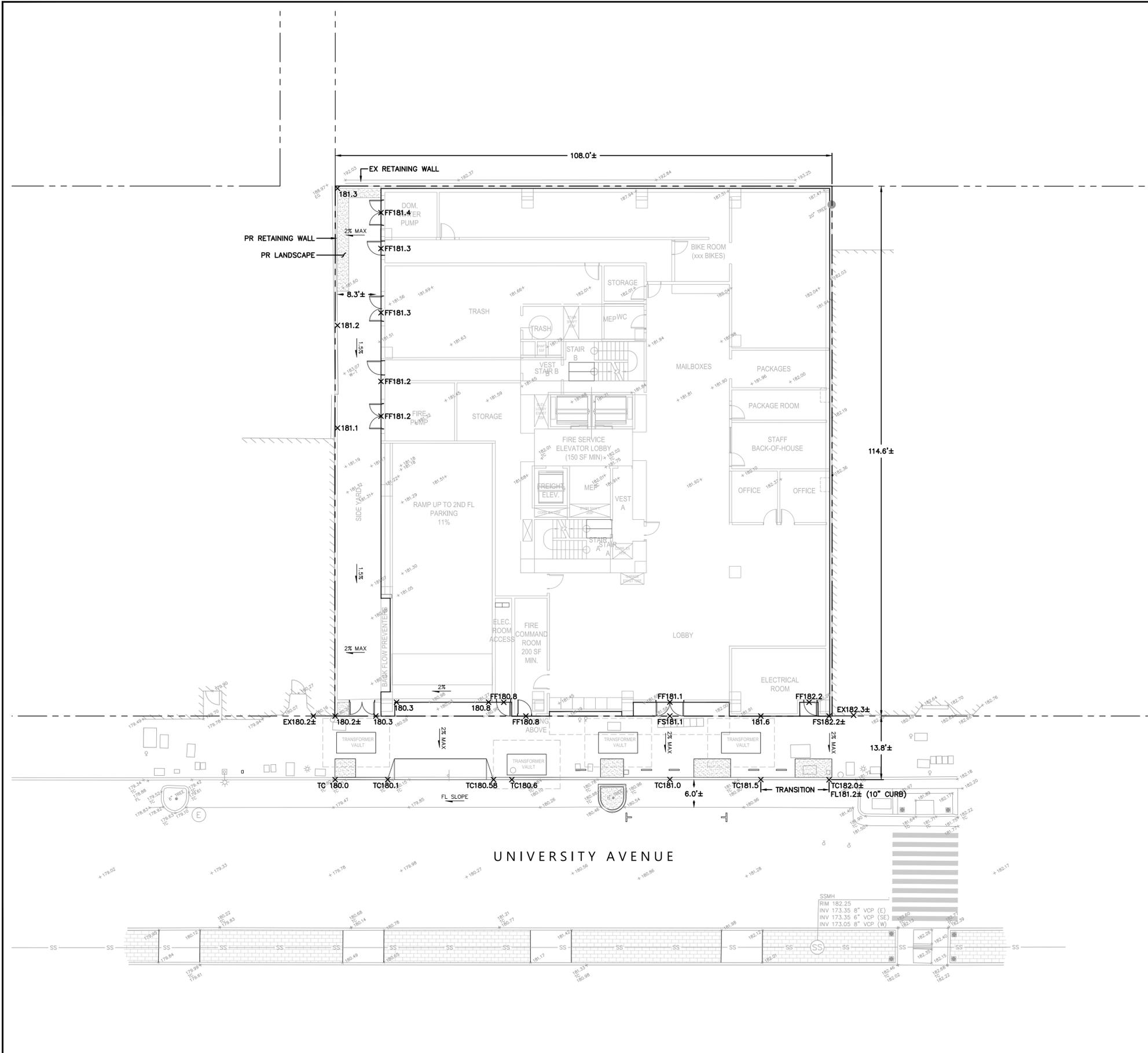
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2 EAST WEST SECTION  
 1/32" = 1' @ 11 X 17 1/16" = 1' @ 24 X 36

1 NORTH SOUTH SECTION  
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**GENERAL NOTES**

- UTILITIES AND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES INDICATED ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THE LOCATION AND DEPTH WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES. NEITHER THE OWNER NOR THE CITY NOR THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE UTILITIES AND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES INDICATED WILL BE THE UTILITIES AND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES ENCOUNTERED.
- BOUNDARY INFORMATION SHOWN ACCORDING TO A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY BKF ENGINEERS ON JULY 26, 2024.
- BASIS OF BEARINGS:** THE BEARING OF N05°35'30"W BETWEEN FOUND CITY OF BERKELEY MONUMENTS ON SHATTUCK AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND ADDISON STREET AS SHOWN ON PARCEL MAP 6772 FILED ON JANUARY 18, 1995, IN BOOK 216 PAGE 41, WAS TAKEN AS THE BASIS OF BEARINGS OF THIS SURVEY.
- BENCHMARK:** THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON A FOUND CITY OF BERKELEY BENCHMARK, MONUMENT B0490, A 2" CITY OF BERKELEY BRASS DISK WITH PUNCH IN A MONUMENT WELL. ELEVATION 187.09 FEET (DATUM = CITY OF BERKELEY).
- FIELD SURVEY DATE: JULY 24, 2024 BY BKF ENGINEERS
- ALL GRADING SHALL BE PERFORMED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE AIR QUALITY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR AIRBORNE PARTICULATES (DUST).
- ALL THE GRADING SHALL CONFORM TO APPROVED SPECIFICATIONS PRESENTED HEREON OR ATTACHED HERETO. ALL GRADING WORK SHALL BE OBSERVED AND APPROVED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER. THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER SHALL BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE BEGINNING ANY GRADING. UNOBSERVED AND UNAPPROVED GRADING WORK SHALL BE REMOVED AND REDONE AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

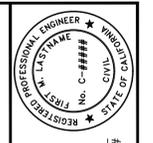
- EX EXISTING
- FF FINISHED FLOOR
- FS FINISHED SURFACE
- PR PROPOSED
- TC TOP OF CURB

**CUT AND FILL CALCULATIONS**

	CUT/FILL AREA (SF)	APPROXIMATE CUT/FILL DEPTH (FT)	TOTAL VOLUME (CY)
PROPOSED BUILDING & SITE	12,380	20	9,200

- THE EARTHWORK TABLE WAS PREPARED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE FOR PRELIMINARY COST, AND PLANNING PHASE. THIS DOES NOT REFLECT THE FINAL DESIGN. ALL ASSUMPTIONS ARE PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO BE ALTERED UNTIL FINAL PERMIT AND APPROVAL.
- EARTHWORK QUANTITY IS A ROUGH ESTIMATE BASED ON APPROXIMATE DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF BASEMENT PARKING LEVEL.
- BASEMENT LEVEL BASED ON SHEET A4.1.
- EARTHWORK QUANTITIES DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SOIL SHRINKAGE, SOIL SWELLING, TRENCH SPOILS, SITE OVER-EXCAVATION REQUIREMENTS, OR ANY OTHER GEOTECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

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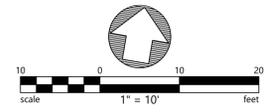
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STORMWATER TREATMENT TABLE

	LOCATION	IMPERVIOUS (SF)	PERVIOUS (SF)	TOTAL AREA (SF)	REQ. TREATMENT AREAS (SF) <sup>(1)</sup>	TREATMENT PROVIDED (SF)		NOTES
DMA1	ROOF LVL	6,900	-	6,900	475	720	IMP1	
DMA2	23RD LVL ROOF DECK	2,600	-	2,600				
DMA3	GROUND LVL SIDE YARD	2,600	300	2,900	145	150	IMP2	
TOTALS		12,100	300	12,400	620	870 <sup>(2)</sup>		

<sup>(1)</sup> REQUIRED TREATMENT IS PRELIMINARY PERFORMED AT 8% OF IMPERVIOUS AREA WITHIN EACH DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT AREA (DMA).  
<sup>(2)</sup> THE TOTAL AREA OF TREATMENT OF LEVEL 3 UNCOVERED PAVEMENT PORTION OF DMA1 COULD BE CREDIT TO AREAS SHOWN IN SITES IF NECESSARY TO ALIGN WITH BUILDING OPEN SPACE PROGRAMMING.  
<sup>(3)</sup> AVAILABLE SPACE FOR TREATMENT AREAS MAY BE INTERCHANGEABLE, AS NECESSARY.

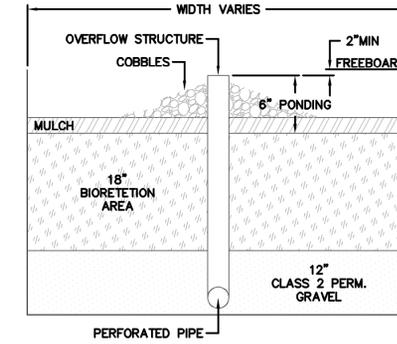
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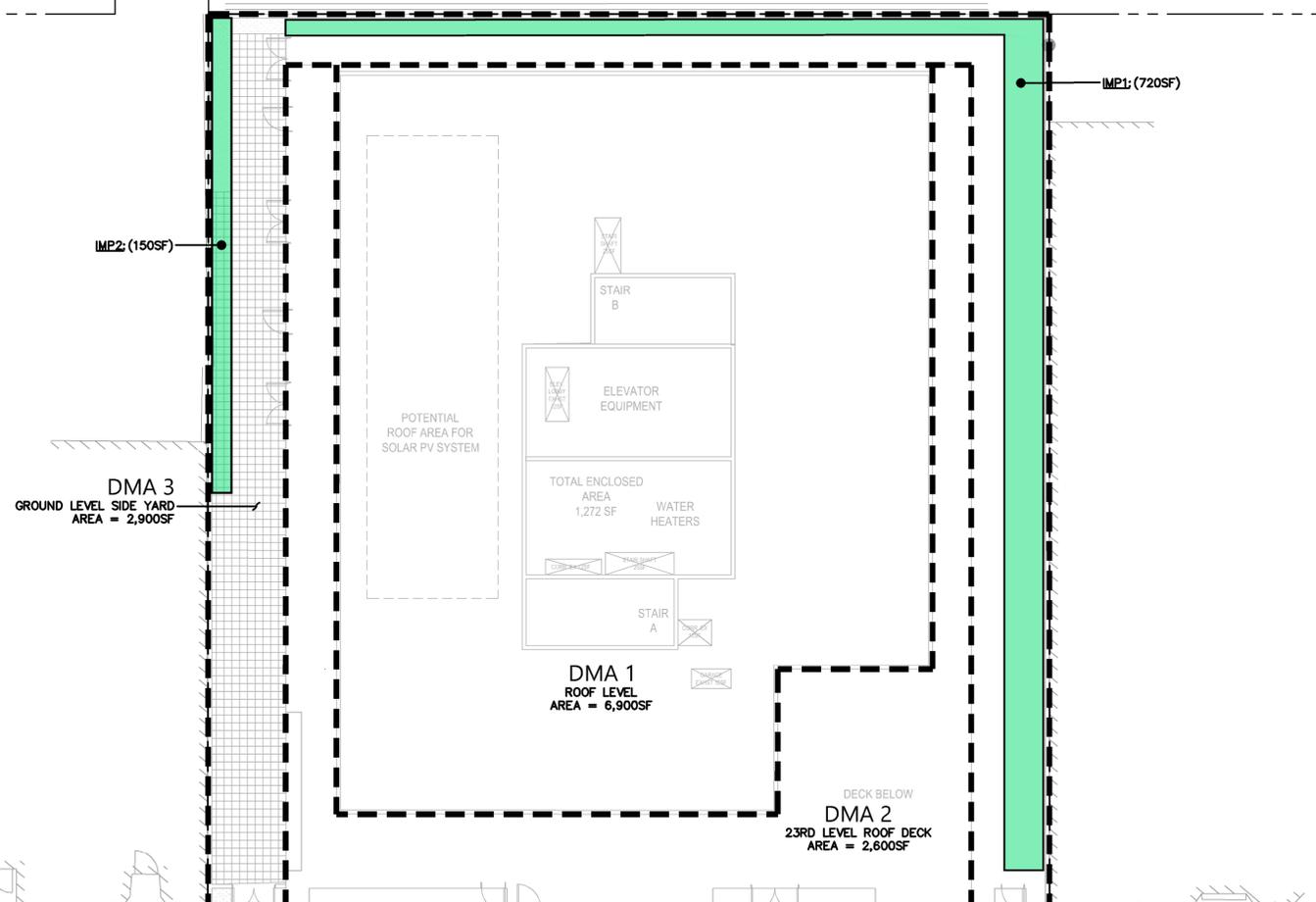
IMP AREA

ABBREVIATIONS

DMA DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT AREA  
 IMP INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN  
 LVL LEVEL  
 SF SQUARE FOOT



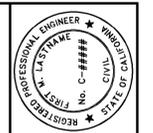
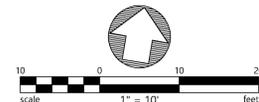
TYPICAL BIORETENTION SECTION  
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 NOT TO SCALE



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RIM	182.25
INV	173.35 8" VCP (E)
INV	173.35 6" VCP (SE)
INV	173.05 8" VCP (W)



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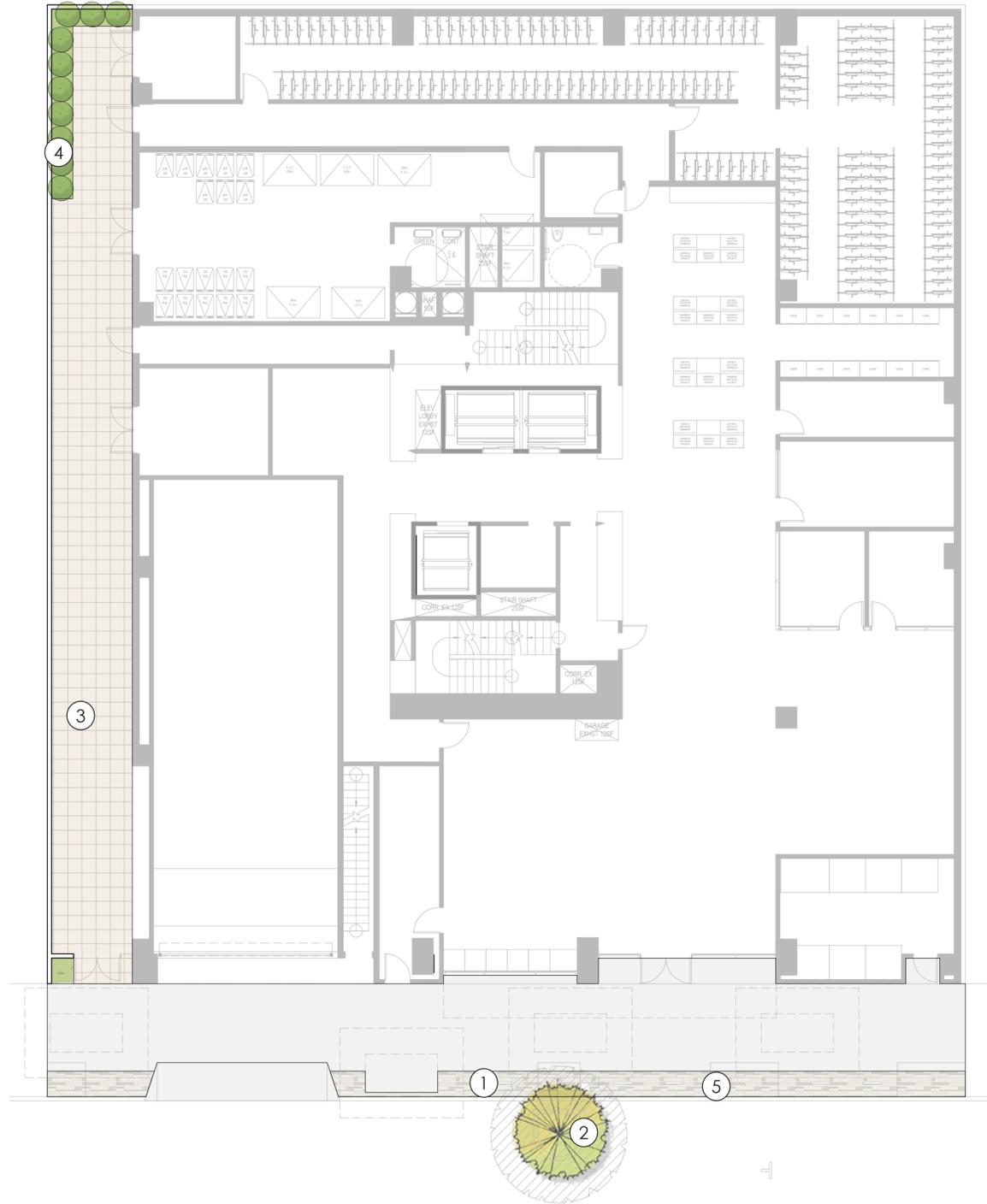
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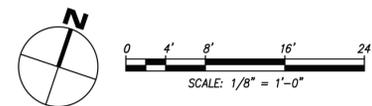
- ① BIKE RACK 5 TOTAL (10 BIKE PARKING SPACES)
- ② EXISTING TRIDENT MAPLE STREET TREE TO REMAIN. PROTECT IN PLACE. SEE SHEET L3.01 FOR TREE PROTECTION FENCING DETAIL AND GUIDELINES.
- ③ CONCRETE PAVING AT SIDE YARD
- ④ NATIVE SHRUB PLANTING
- ⑤ 3-FOOT WIDE CITY STANDARD PAVER BAND

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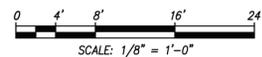
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 PODIUM LEVEL**



**LEGEND**

- ① CMU STORMWATER PLANTERS, TYP - 634 SF TOTAL
- ② MAINTENANCE WALKWAY



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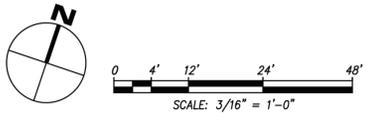
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 ROOF DECK**

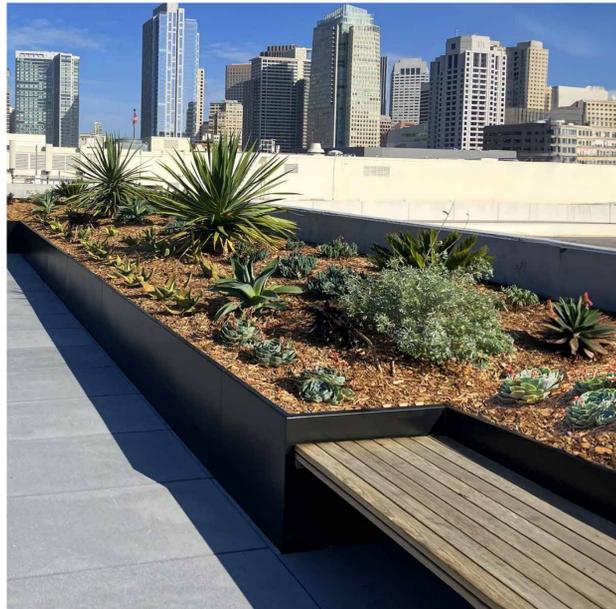
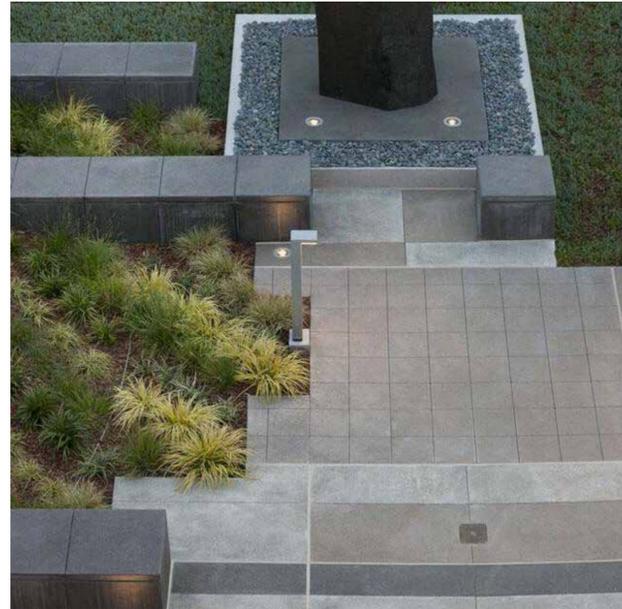
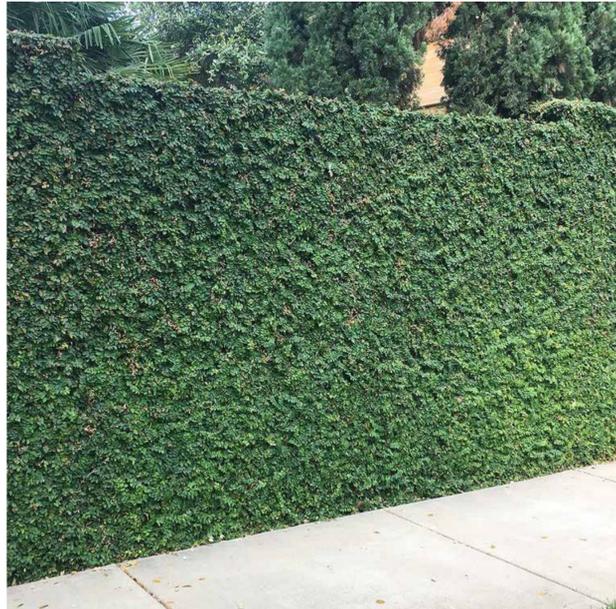
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**LEGEND**

- ① FAMILY STYLE DINING TABLE
- ② GREEN ROOF PLANTING
- ③ TABLE WITH CHAIRS
- ④ LOUNGE FURNISHING





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**PRECEDENT IMAGES**

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**NATIVE SCREENING SHRUBS**



**SHRUBS**



**GROUNDCOVER**

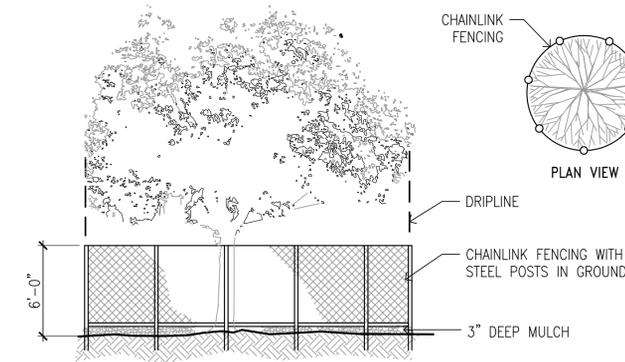
**GENERAL PLANTING AND IRRIGATION NOTES**

1. LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION PLANS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CRITERIA OF THE CALIFORNIA MODEL WATER EFFICIENCY ORDINANCE AND APPLY THOSE CRITERIA FOR THE EFFICIENT USE OF WATER IN THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN PLAN.
2. LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION PLANS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE CITY CODES AND ORDINANCES.
3. ALL PLANTING AREAS SHALL BE TOP-DRESSED WITH A 3" LAYER OF ORGANIC, UN-DYED MULCH RECYCLED FROM LOCAL ORGANIC MATERIALS SUCH AS TREE TRIMMINGS, PLANT, OR CLEAN WOOD WASTE. COMPOST APPLICATION TO ACHIEVE A MINIMUM OF 6% ORGANIC MATTER IN SOIL COMPOSITION BASED ON MWEO SPECIFIED SOIL ANALYSIS RESULTS FOR THE SITE SOIL PER [CGBSC 4.304].
4. 50% OF ALL SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVER SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 5-GALLON SIZE OR LARGER.
5. IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS TO BE A FULLY AUTOMATIC WEATHER-BASED SYSTEM USING LOW FLOW DRIP AND BUBBLER SYSTEM.
6. STREET TREES SHALL BE TIED INTO IRRIGATION SYSTEM.
7. 58% OF ALL PLANTS PROPOSED ARE NATIVE AND WILD-LIFE SUPPORTING.
8. PLANT SELECTION AND DESIGN TO COMPLY WITH BAY-AREA FRIENDLY BASICS LANDSCAPE CHECKLIST.

 DENOTES POLLINATOR PLANT SPECIES

**EXISTING TREE PROTECTION NOTES**

1. PRIOR TO AND DURING DEMOLITION, GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION, THE EXISTING TREE ON THE DRAWINGS SHALL BE PROTECTED BY FENCING INSTALLED OUTSIDE THE EXISTING DRIPLINE OF THE TREE, OR AS OTHERWISE SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS. FENCING MAY OCCUR AT THE COMBINED DRIPLINES OF GROVES OF TREES.
2. EXISTING TREE DRIPLINES ARE SHOWN DIAGRAMMATICALLY ON THE PLANS; TREE PROTECTION FENCING INDICATED AT THEIR PERIMETER IS LIKEWISE DIAGRAMMATIC. THE LENGTH OF ALL TREE PROTECTION FENCING IS TO BE MEASURED IN THE FIELD ACCORDING TO THE TRUE SHAPE AND DIAMETER OF TREE DRIPLINES.
3. FENCING SHALL BE SIX FOOT HIGH CHAIN LINK WITH STEEL POSTS EMBEDDED IN THE GROUND. ALL FENCE SECTIONS SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH A SIGN STATING, "TREE PROTECTION ZONE."
4. FENCING SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD UNTIL FINAL LANDSCAPE INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
5. 3" DEEP MULCH IS TO BE PLACED BENEATH THE DRIPLINE OF ALL TREES SHOWN TO BE PROTECTED WITH FENCING.
6. NO GRADING OR CONSTRUCTION WORK SHALL OCCUR WITHIN THE DRIPLINE OF EXISTING TREES, WHETHER SHOWN WITH TREE PROTECTION FENCING OR NOT. IF EXCAVATION WITHIN THE DRIPLINE IS NECESSARY, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAND DIG UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A CERTIFIED ARBORIST. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY AND COORDINATE WITH CERTIFIED ARBORIST AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY WORK BEING DONE IN DRIPLINE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE A CERTIFIED ARBORIST ON SITE TO MONITOR ALL ROOT PRUNING AND BRANCH PRUNING OF EXISTING TREES.
7. NO STOCKPILING/STORAGE OF FILL, ETC., SHALL TAKE PLACE UNDERNEATH OR WITHIN FIVE FEET OF THE DRIPLINE OF THE EXISTING TREES.
8. FOR ALL TREES TO REMAIN, NO OIL, GASOLINE, CHEMICALS, LIQUID WASTER, OR OTHER HARMFUL MATERIALS SHALL BE DEPOSITED, DISPOSED OR STORED WITHIN THE DRIPLINE OF THE TREES OR IN DRAINAGE CHANNELS, SWALES, OR AREAS THAT MAY LEAD TO THE DRIPLINE WHETHER SHOWN WITH TREE PROTECTION FENCING OR NOT. LIKEWISE, NO EQUIPMENT MAY BE WASHED WITHIN THE DRIPLINE OR DRAINAGE CHANNEL OF ANY TREE.
9. NO EQUIPMENT MAY BE STORED WITHIN OR BENEATH THE DRIPLINES OF THE EXISTING TREES.
10. THE CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO WATER, FERTILIZE, AND ATTEND TO ALL MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF ANY EXISTING TREES, SHRUBS AND TURF TO REMAIN WHERE AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION WORK IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.
11. UNAUTHORIZED TREE REMOVAL IS SUBJECT TO REPLACEMENT EQUAL TO THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE TREE LOST.



- NOTES**
1. NO EXISTING TREE MAY BE PRUNED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE CITY ARBORIST.
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**IRRIGATION SYSTEM DESIGN INTENT**

1. THIS PLAN SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE (MWEO), CITY OF BERKELEY, AND EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (EBMUD) WATER DISTRICT.
2. THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF WATER NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN GOOD PLANT HEALTH.
3. THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS TO BE A FULLY AUTOMATIC, WEATHER-BASED SYSTEM USING RAIN SENSOR, LOW FLOW DRIP, BUBBLER DISTRIBUTION, AND ROTOR WITH MATCHED PRECIPITATION RATE NOZZLES DESIGNED FOR HEAD-TO-HEAD COVERAGE.
4. ALL SELECTED COMPONENTS SHALL BE PERMANENT, COMMERCIAL GRADE, SELECTED FOR DURABILITY, VANDAL RESISTANCE AND MINIMUM MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENT, INSTALLED BELOW-GRADE, AND DESIGNED FOR 100% COVERAGE.
5. THE SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE A MASTER CONTROL VALVE, RAIN SENSOR AND FLOW SENSING CAPABILITY CONNECTED TO THE IRRIGATION CONTROLLER WHICH WILL SHUT DOWN ALL OR PART OF THE SYSTEM IF LEAKS ARE DETECTED.
6. THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO DELIVER WATER TO HYDROZONES BASED ON MOISTURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLANT GROUPING.
7. COLOR CODED HYDROZONE LANDSCAPING HYDROZONE MAP WITH GROUPING AND COLLOCATING PLANTING MATERIAS BY WUCOLS WATER USE CATEGORY VL, L, M, OR H, PER [CGBSC 4.304], TO BE PROVIDED IN PERMIT DRAWINGS.
8. RAIN SENSOR AND CONTROLLER LOCATION TO BE PROVIDED IN PERMIT DRAWINGS.

**LANDSCAPE AREA CALCULATION:**

	LANDSCAPE AREA
GROUND LEVEL:	- 77 SF
PODIUM LEVEL:	- 634 SF
ROOF DECK LEVEL:	- 237 SF
TOTAL:	- 948 SF

**STORMWATER TREATMENT AREA:**

REQUIRED STORMWATER TREATMENT AREA= 455  
4% OF THE BUILDING FOOTPRINT (- PROPOSED STORMWATER TREATMENT AREA= - 634 SF

**BIKE PARKING CALCULATIONS:**

TOTAL SHORT TERM BIKE PARKING STALLS PROVIDED: 10 STALLS (5 BIKE RACKS)



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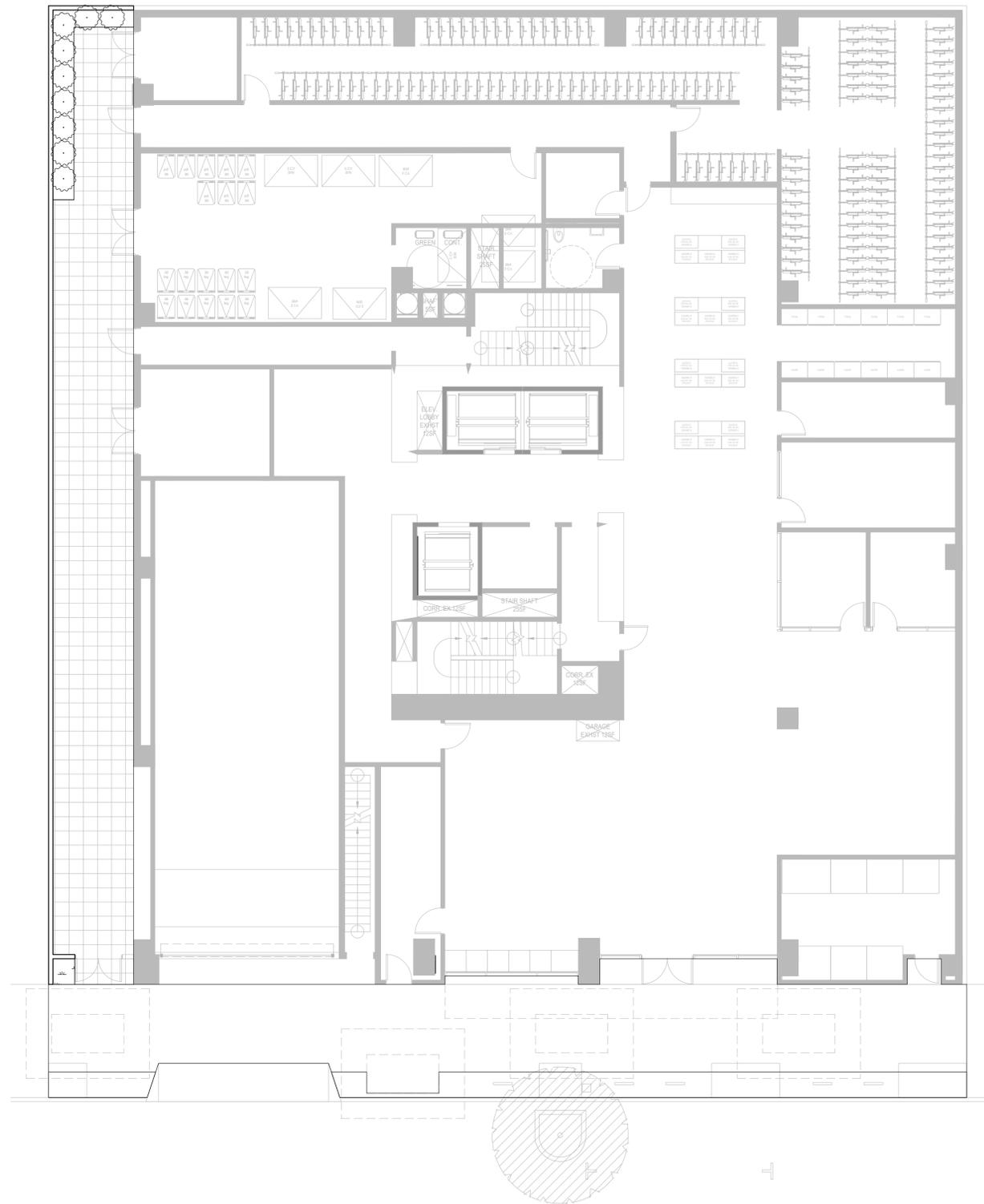
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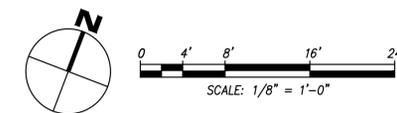
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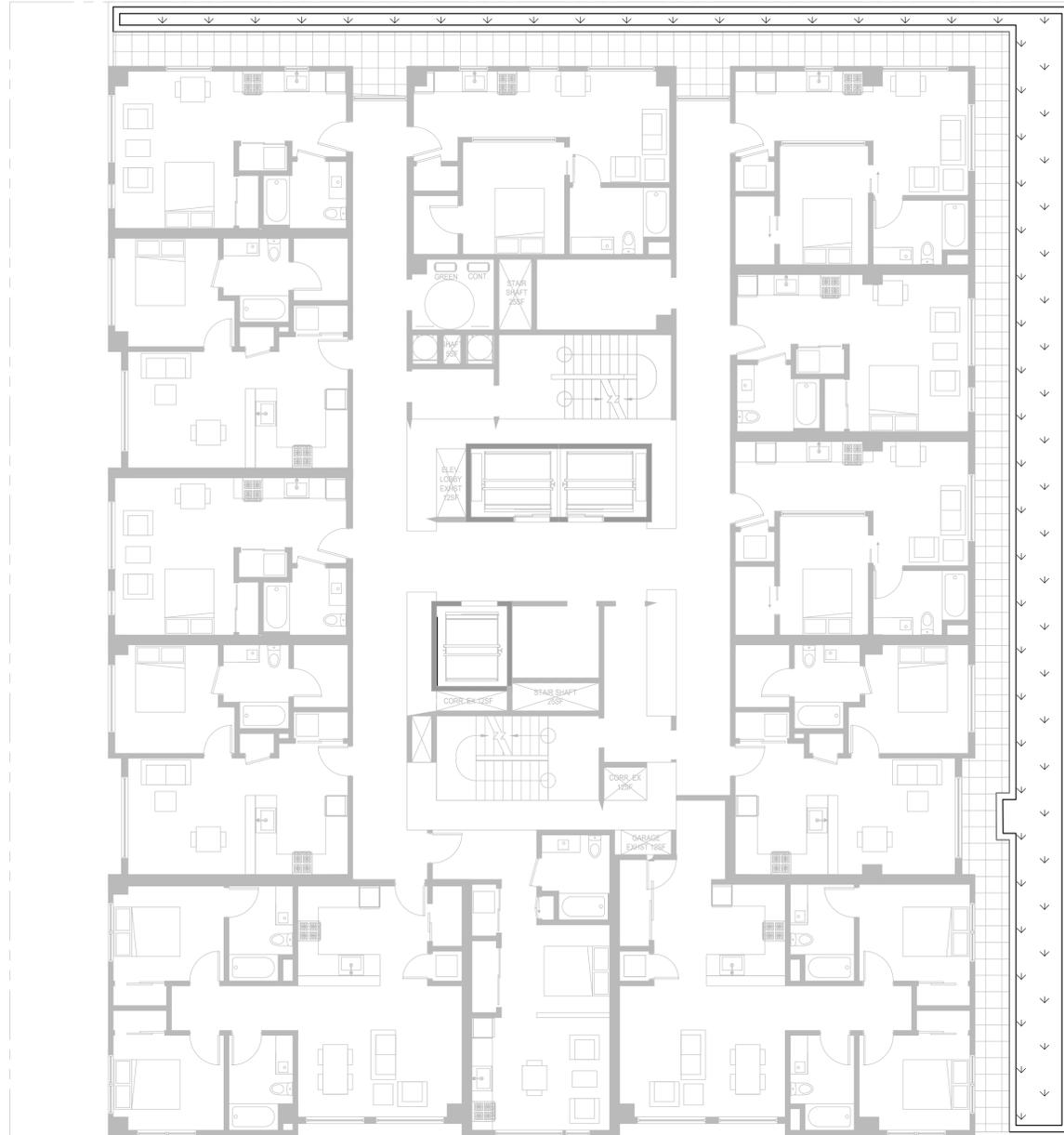
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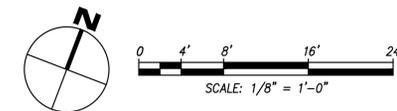
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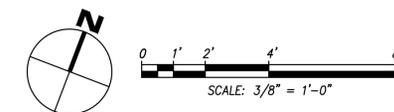
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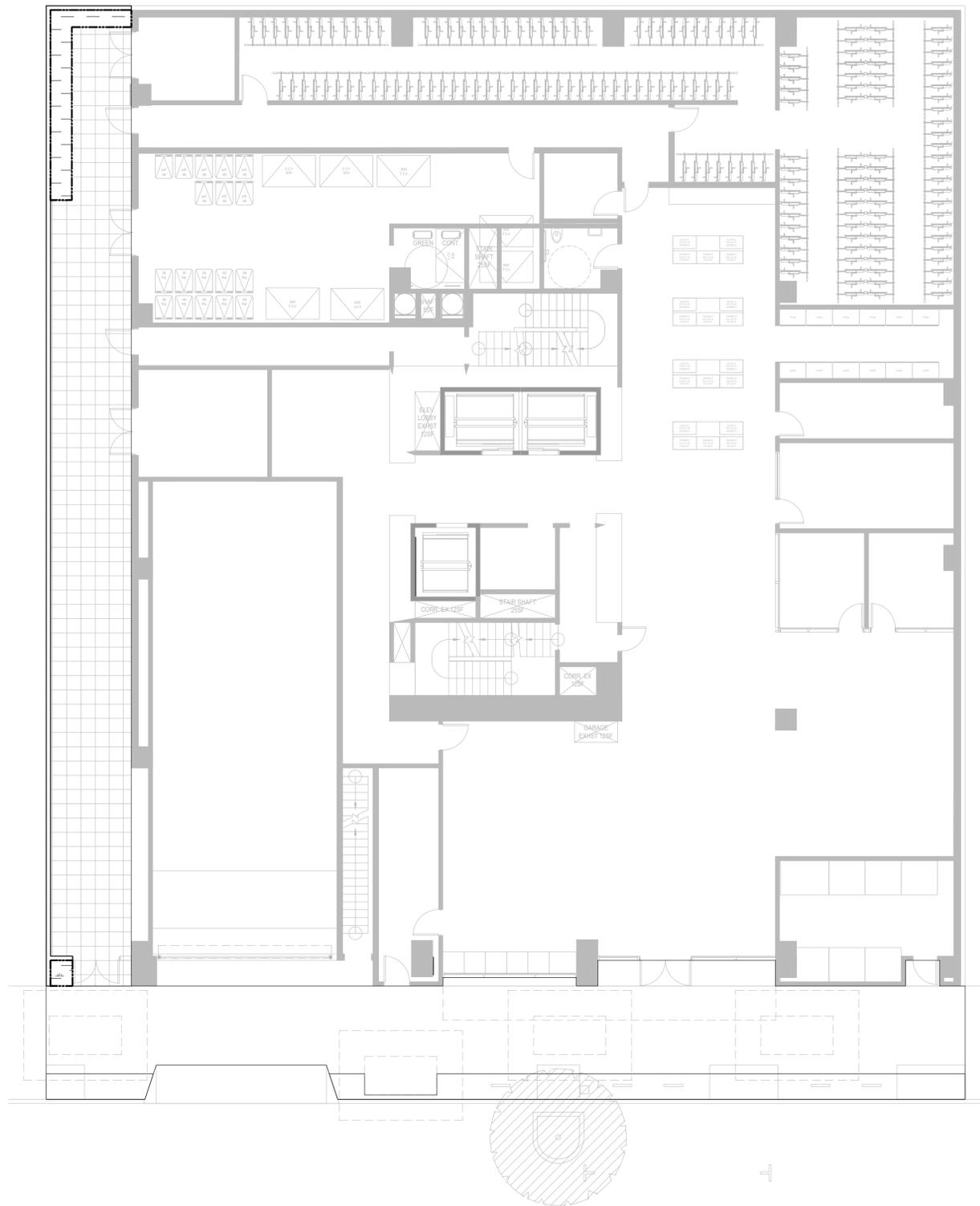
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HYDROZONE LEGEND						
SYMBOL	ZONE	HYDROZONE	PLANT TYPE	IRRIGATION TYPE	AREA (SF)	TOTAL (SF) % LANDSCAPE
[Symbol]	1	LOW WATER USE	SHRUB & GROUNDCOVER	DRIP	895	895.0 94%
[Symbol]	2	LOW WATER USE	TREES	BUBBLER	0	
[Symbol]	3	MODERATE WATER USE	SHRUB & GROUNDCOVER	DRIP	54	54 6%
[Symbol]	4	MODERATE WATER USE	TREES	BUBBLER	0	
TOTAL					949.0	100%

HYDROZONE INFORMATION TABLE			
REFERENCE ANNUAL ET <sub>0</sub> FOR:	BERKELEY (MWELO REF. ET TABLE)		41.8

ET ADJUSTMENT FACTOR	0.55	ET ADJ FACTOR PER MWELO: 0.80= EXISTING NON-REHABILITATED LANDSCAPE, 0.65= SCHOOL 0.55= RESIDENTIAL, 0.45= NON-RESIDENTIAL	SLA ADDITIONAL WATER ALLOWANCE (1.0-ETAF)	0.45
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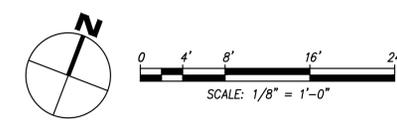
HYDROZONE	WUCOLS IV PLANT FACTOR (PF)	IRR METHOD DRIP & BUBBLER: 0.81 SPRAY & ROTOR: 0.75	IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY (IE)	ETAF <sub>2</sub> (PF/IE)	LANDSCAPE AREA (SQ FT)	ETAF <sub>2</sub> x AREA	ESTIMATED TOTAL WATER USE (ETWU)
1	0.3	D	0.81	0.37	77	28.52	739.09
2	0.3	B	0.81	0.37	634	234.81	6085.46
3	0.3	D	0.81	0.37	183	67.78	1756.53
4	0.6	B	0.81	0.74	54	40.00	1036.64
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TOTAL					948.00	371.11	9,617.72

SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREAS			
5		1	0.00
--		0	0.00
TOTAL		0	0.00
TOTAL		0	0.00
TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA (LA + SLA)			
		948.00	

TOTAL ETWU	TOTAL ETWU ALL AREAS (SLA AND REGULAR LA)	TOTAL ETWU	9,617.72
MAWA	(ANNUAL ET <sub>0</sub> )(0.62 CONVERSION FACTOR) [(ET ADJUSTMENT FACTOR)(TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA) + (1-ETAF)*SLA]]	MAWA	13,512.60

AVERAGE SITEWIDE ETAF	SUM(ETAF <sub>2</sub> X AREA) / TOTAL AREA (AVERAGE ETAF AS DESIGNED, EXCLUSIVE OF SLA <sub>s</sub> )	0.39
	TOTAL ETAF X AREA / TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA (INCLUDES SLA <sub>s</sub> )	0.39

- IRRIGATION DESIGN INTENT**
- THIS PLAN SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE (MWELO), CITY OF BERKELEY, AND EAST BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT (EBMUD) WATER DISTRICT.
  - THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF WATER NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN GOOD PLANT HEALTH.
  - THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS TO BE A FULLY AUTOMATIC, WEATHER-BASED SYSTEM USING RAIN SENSOR, LOW FLOW DRIP, BUBBLER DISTRIBUTION, AND ROTOR WITH MATCHED PRECIPITATION RATE NOZZLES DESIGNED FOR HEAD-TO-HEAD COVERAGE.
  - ALL SELECTED COMPONENTS SHALL BE PERMANENT, COMMERCIAL GRADE, SELECTED FOR DURABILITY, VANDAL RESISTANCE AND MINIMUM MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENT, INSTALLED BELOW-GRADE, AND DESIGNED FOR 100% COVERAGE.
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  - THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO DELIVER WATER TO HYDROZONES BASED ON MOISTURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLANT GROUPING.





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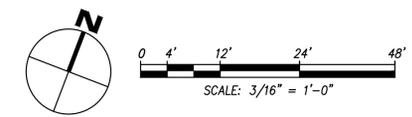
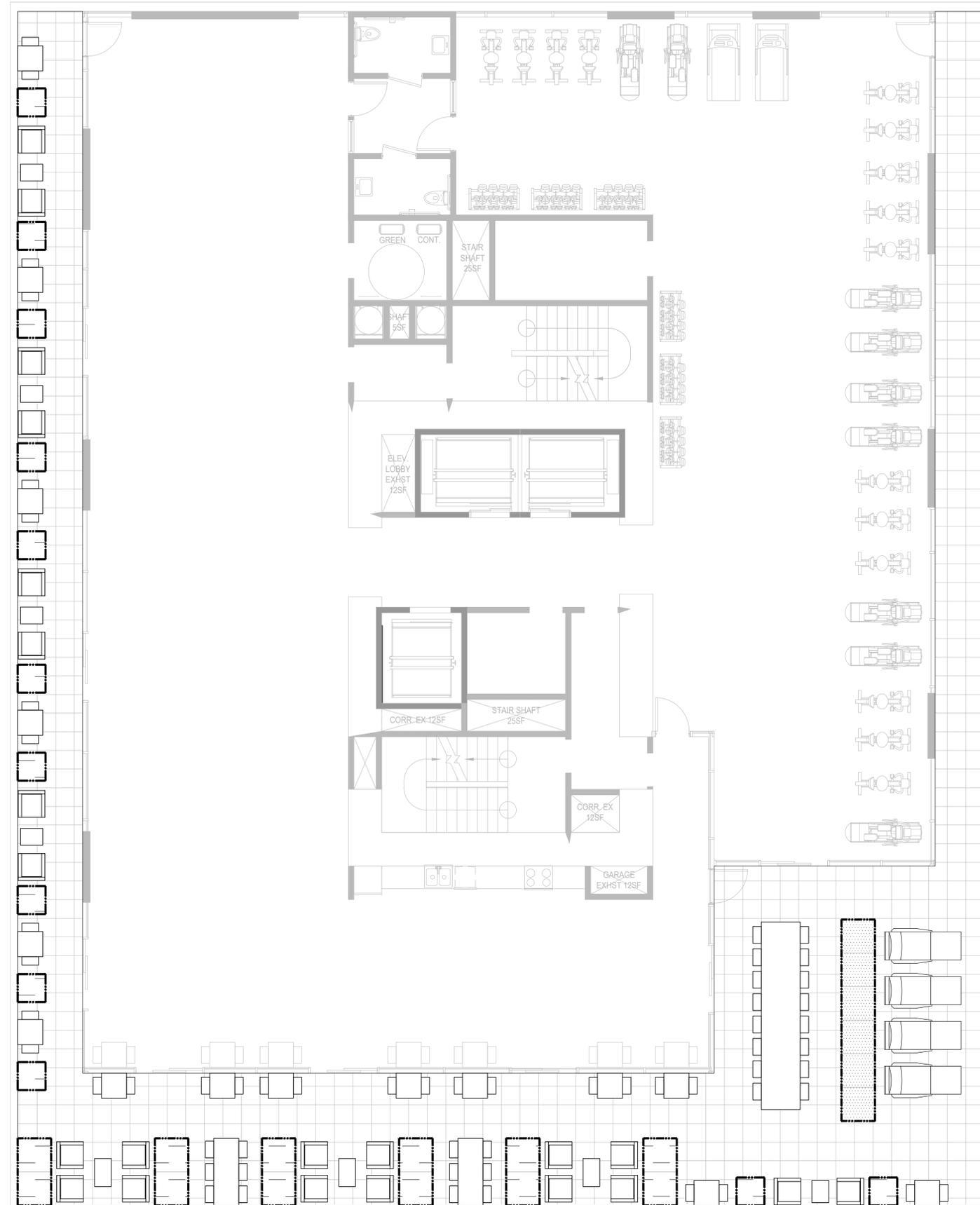
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## IRRIGATION PLAN - ROOF DECK

# L5.03

SEE SHEET L5.01 FOR IRRIGATION NOTES AND CALCULATION



# 2029 University Avenue Development (Apartments)

## Revised Applicant Statement

April 2, 2025

### OVERVIEW AND PROJECT INTRODUCTION

The applicant team is pleased to submit this application package for a new 240 unit multifamily residential infill project located at 2029 University Avenue in Berkeley. This applicant statement includes:

1. Project Description
2. Project Background
3. Compliance with General Plan and Zoning Code
4. Project Analysis
5. CEQA Analysis and Legislative Context
6. Required Findings
7. Community Outreach
8. Project Team Contact Information

### Property Information

APN: 57-2053-8-1

Parcel Area: 12,385/.28 acres

General Plan Designation: Downtown

Zoning District: C-DMU Outer Core

Area Plan: Downtown Area Plan

### 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes the demolition of the existing commercial building to construct 240 dwelling units with 280 bedrooms in a new 190,830 gross square foot building. The proposed housing development project is submitted pursuant to Senate Bill 330 (Gov. Code § 66300) and subject to the modifications and protections of State Density Bonus Law (Gov. Code § 65915) and the Housing Accountability Act (Gov. Code § 65589.5). The project includes 36 affordable units, which is 15% of the base project units for rent to Very-Low Income households (earning less than 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and 15% to Moderate Income households (earning less than 120% AMI). That affordability entitles the project to a 100% density bonus for a total of 240 units. An



Figure 1. Proposed project at 2029 University Ave



Figure 2. View of Project Site and Existing Building

Affordable Housing Mitigation Fee of approximately \$882,281 will also apply to the project and be paid to the City of Berkeley. The Streets and Open Space Improvement Plan (SOSIPS) fee paid by the Applicant will be approximately \$359,000.

The project site is a 12,385 square foot lot (0.28 acres) that is zoned C-DMU Downtown Outer Core a designation that aims to implement the vision and goals of the Downtown Area Plan which include environmental sustainability, great urban design, and economic development. (BMC § 23.204.130(A)). The new residential development will have (80) Studios, (60) Jr-1-bedroom units, (60) 1-bedroom units, and (40) 2-bedroom units. The proposed project will add 280 bedrooms to Berkeley’s housing stock to help alleviate the housing pressure near the University of California’s Berkeley (UCB) campus. The project will have residential amenities such as rooftop decks, fitness center, lounges/work areas, and secure bicycle parking.

<b>Unit Type</b>	<b>Unit Count</b>
<b>Studio</b>	80
<b>JR-Bedroom</b>	60
<b>1-Bedroom</b>	60
<b>2-Bedroom</b>	40
<b>Total</b>	240

The existing commercial building has zero dwelling units, and the proposed project will construct 240 units. This will result in a net increase of 240 units with a total of 280 bedrooms. The project will be able to add 36 units to the City of Berkeley’s deed-restricted affordable housing stock as well as increasing the residential density onsite. There will be no residential units on the ground floor, only residential amenity spaces.

The project site is on the north side of University Avenue between Milvia Street and Shattuck Avenue. 2029 University Avenue is approximately 0.3 miles west of the UCB campus. University Avenue is a transit and commercial corridor with a wide variety of goods and services. The location of this project will provide future residents with outstanding access to the campus and the downtown area.

The site is highly accessible via public transit or active transportation. It is located 0.3 miles from the Downtown Berkeley BART station and is well served by multiple bus routes. The project will provide 29 parking spaces in a secure garage. The project will provide ample bicycle parking with 167 long term spaces for residents and 8 short term spaces for their guests. This proposed urban infill project is exceptionally well-suited for future residents to rely solely on sustainable modes of transportation. The building itself will be designed with solar PV.

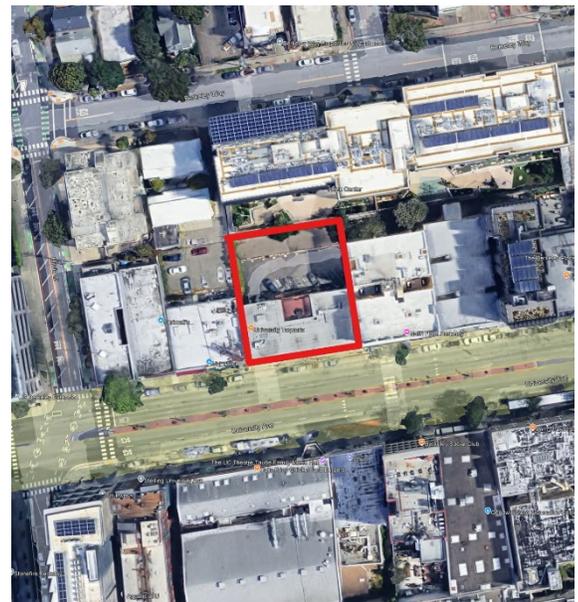


Figure 3. Aerial View of Neighborhood Vicinity

The proposed project will provide open space, a deck on Level 23, that will have beautiful views of the Bay and Berkeley Hills. The ground floor of the project includes residential amenities such as a lobby, bike room, mail room, as well as the trash room, back of house service areas and utilities.

Key elements of the project include:

- 240 total units in 23 stories
- 18 units affordable to very low-income households @ 50% AMI & 18 units to moderate-income households @120% AMI.
- 167 total bicycle parking spaces, 29 vehicle parking spaces.
- Common Open Space at the roof deck.
- Lounges/work areas and a fitness room.
- Affordable Housing Mitigation Fee of approximately \$882,281 paid to City of Berkeley Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

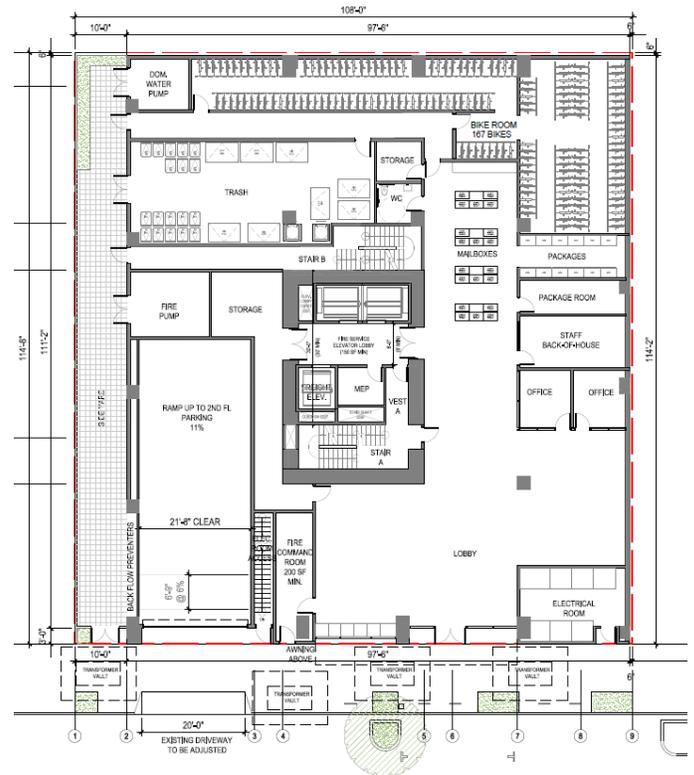


Figure 4: Ground Floor Plan

## 2. PROJECT BACKGROUND

### Existing Conditions

The existing commercial building located at 2029 University Avenue will be demolished and replaced with a 23-story residential building that will increase the residential density along the University Avenue commercial corridor. The existing building is a two-story commercial structure with 9,401 square feet. There are five commercial spaces fronting University Avenue. The proposed project seeks to increase the residential density onsite from the current density of 0 dwelling units to the proposed project's 240 units, adding to the housing stock in the Downtown.

### Environmental Conditions

A Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) was completed for this project in October 2023 (with a letter update for the report November 6, 2024). The evaluation was conducted by Caitlin Hibma of Left Coast Architectural History. The

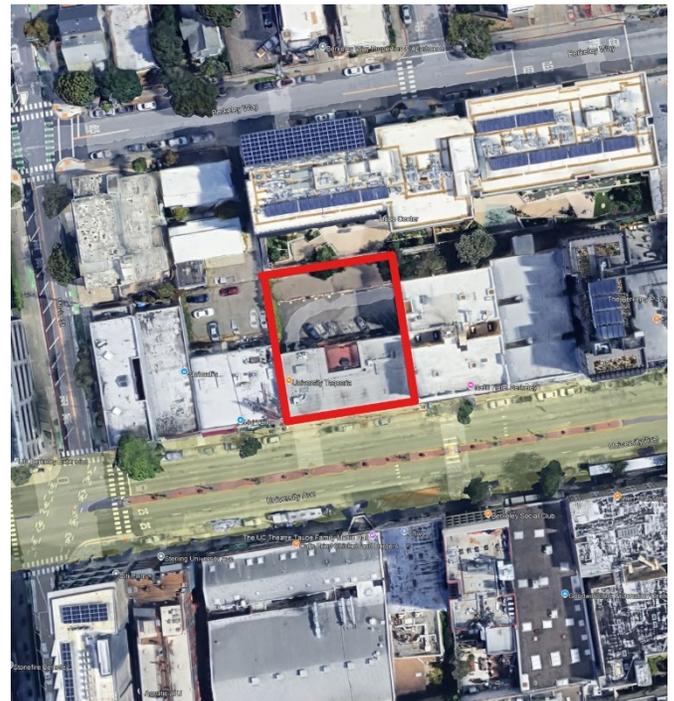


Figure 5. Aerial View of Project Site

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HRE concluded that the existing commercial building and garage were built in 1953 and 1943, respectively.

The project does not appear on the California Environmental Protection Agency’s (CalEPA) Cortese Lists. The project site does not contain any hazardous materials onsite. Refer to the Hazardous Waste and Substances Statement and the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report that is included as part of this project application packet for more information.

**Table 2: Surrounding Uses and Zoning**

<u>Direction</u>	<u>Uses</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
<b>North</b>	Commercial	C-DMU Buffer
<b>East</b>	Commercial	C-DMU Outer Core
<b>South</b>	Commercial	C-DMU Core
<b>West</b>	Commercial	C-DMU Outer Core

The project site does not have any protected, culverted, or historic creek beds on the property. As such, the Creek Protection Documentation required as part of the City of Berkeley’s Zoning Project Application is not applicable to this project.

The proposed project should be deemed to be exempt from the CEQA Guidelines pursuant to Section 15332, Infill Development Projects section. The project meets each of criteria A through E of that section, as also noted in the CEQA discussion in Section 5 of this Applicant Statement.

**3. PROJECT COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CODE**

The City of Berkeley General Plan designates this project site as Downtown. The Downtown designation is characterized by pedestrian-oriented commercial development including retail and restaurant uses. This site is located in the outer core of the Downtown.

The proposed project site is zoned C-DMU outer core and will advance the goals of Berkeley’s Downtown Area Plan by advancing residential infill development that is sustainable, close to transit, and will add to the economic vitality of the Downtown.



Figure 6: City of Berkeley Zoning Map

The proposed project will meet all of the zoning district development standard requirements except as modified pursuant to SDBL. The project complies with the C-DMU zone development standards for height (stories), FAR, front, interior side, rear setbacks, lot coverage, and vehicle and bicycle parking requirements. State Density Bonus Law waivers are required for the following zoning development standards: maximum building height (feet), setback maximum dimension above 120’, maximum diagonal width of

120' for building's width over 120 feet of height, and residential open space. Table 3 identifies the applicable development standards and how the proposed project complies with them.

**Table 3: Major Development Standards (C-DMU)**

Standard		Existing	Addition / (Reduction)	Proposed Total	Permitted / Required
Lot Area (sq. ft.)		12,682 sf	0 sf	12,682 sf	min: 12,682 sf
Gross Floor Area (sq. ft)		11,420 sf	179,410 sf	190,830 sf	max: N/A
Floor Area Ratio		0.92	14.13	15.05	max: N/A
Dwelling Units	Total	0	240	240	max: N/A
	Affordable	0	36	18 VLI, 18 MI	min: N/A
Building Height (ft. - in.)	Average	N/A	N/A	N/A	max: N/A
	Maximum	21'	235'	256' *	max: 75' w UP
	Stories	2	21	23	max: N/A
Building Setbacks (ft. - in.)  See Setback table below	Front (University Ave.)	0 to 3'	0 to 31'	0 to 31'	min: 0 w UP
	Rear	0	6" to 9'-6"	6" to 9'-6"	min: 0 w UP
	Left Side	0	10' to 16'-6"	10' to 16'-6"	min: 0 w UP
	Right Side	0	6" to 16'-6"	6" to 34'-10"	min: 0 w UP
	Street Side	N/A	N/A	N/A	min: N/A
Lot Coverage (%)		54%	36%	90%	max: N/A
Usable Open Space (sq. ft.)		N/A	2,055 sf	2,055 sf *	min: 12,800 sf
Parking	Automobile	19	10	29	min: 0 max: N/A
	Bicycle	0	167	167	min: 94
* = Concession or Waiver requested to modify the district standard Abbreviations: sq. ft. = square feet; max. = maximum; min. = minimum; N/A = not applicable; % = percent; ft = feet ('); in. = inches (")					
<b>Notes:</b> a. AB-2097, effective January 1, 2023, prohibits local jurisdictions from requiring minimum parking for most non-residential uses.					

**Table 3: Setbacks Table**

Setbacks								
Portion of building at height	Front		Min. Interior side 35' and less from lot frontage		Min. Interior side over 65' from lot coverage		Minimum Rear	
	Required	Provided	Required	Provided	Required	Provided	Required	Provided
0'-20'	5' max	0 to 3'	N/A	6" to 10'	N/A	6" to 10'	N/A	6"

<b>21'-75'</b>	N/A	0 to 6"	N/A	10' to 11'-4"	5'	10' to 11'-4"	5'	6'-6" to 9'-6"
<b>76'-120'</b>	15' min.	0 to 1'-4"	5'	10' to 11'-4"	15'	10' to 11'-4"	15'	6'-6" to 9'-6"
<b>120'-260'</b>	X	0 to 31'	X	16'-6" to 34'-10"	X	15' to 16'-6"	X	6'-6" to 9'-6"

**4. PROJECT ANALYSIS**

***Density Bonus Eligibility***

The proposed project is eligible for the State Density Bonus because it:

- a) Meets all objective development standards, and
- b) Provides a sufficient number of units as affordable housing.

**Table 5. Unit Breakdown (SDBL)**

<u>Project Proposals</u>	<u>Market Rate Units</u>	<u>Below Market Rate Units</u>	<u>Total Units</u>
<b>Base Project</b>	102	18 (15% of base)	120
<b>Density Bonus Project</b>	222	18	240

The proposed base project that meets all objective standards includes 120 dwelling units, 18 of which are affordable for very low-income households (less than 50% AMI). These 18 affordable units comprise 15% of the proposed base project. The project is also providing 18 units (15% of base project) at Moderate Income levels (120% AMI). Per State Density Bonus Law, the project is eligible for a 100% density bonus. With this density bonus, the project is entitled to use an unlimited number of waivers and up to three concessions for development standards that impede the project’s ability to utilize the density bonus or increase feasibility. The average unit size for the base project is 801 SF and density bonus project is 801 SF. The following Table 6 shows the waivers that are requested to be granted to accommodate the project. Without these waivers being granted, the proposed project could not physically be built.

**Table 6: Waivers and Concessions Requested to Accommodate Density Bonus**

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<b><i>Waivers Requested</i></b>		
Building Height and <i>(per BMC Table 23.204-37)</i>	120’	256’ & 23 stories
Setback-Max. Dimension Above 120’ <i>(per BMC Table 23.204-38)</i>	120’	138’-11”
Residential Open Space <i>(per BMC Table 23.204-32)</i>	80 sf/unit (19,200 sf)	2,055 sf
Landscaped UOS	40% (8,22 sf)	27 sf

<i>(per BMC 23.304.090.B.7)</i>		
Maximum Diagonal Width of 120' for Building's Width over 120 feet of Height <i>(per BMC § 23.204.130(E)(3)(d))</i>	120'	139'-6"
<b>Concessions Requested</b>		
Hard Hats ordinance Apprenticeship Requirements <i>(per BMC 13.07.040)</i>	Requirements in BMC 13.07.040	The estimated costs of the apprenticeship requirements in BMC 13.07.040 are approximately \$1,893,000 which is not feasible for the project. Avoiding this requirement would result in actual and identifiable cost savings for the project.
Hard Hats Healthcare Expenditures <i>(per BMC 13.107.050)</i>	Requirements in BMC 13.07.050	The estimated costs of the healthcare expenditure requirements in BMC 13.07.050 are approximately \$2,839,000 which is not feasible for the project. Avoiding this requirement would result in actual and identifiable costs savings for the project.
Bird Safe Building <i>(per BMC 23.304.150)</i>	Requirements in BMC 23.304.150	The estimated costs of the bird safe building requirements in BMC 23.304.150 are approximately \$799,000 which is not feasible for the project. Avoiding this requirement would result in actual and identifiable costs savings for the project.

### ***Project Design, Landscaping, Downtown Design Guidelines***

The proposed project is located in the City of Berkeley's Downtown Plan Area and is within the Outer Core Sub-Area. The proposed project complies with many of the Downtown Design Guidelines. The project team has carefully designed the building to meet today's need for housing and to respect the architectural context and history of Berkeley's eclectic Downtown. The Downtown Design Guidelines do not contain objective standards and as such, are not applicable to the project.



*Figure 7: Rendering of Proposed Project*

There are many ways in which the proposed project is compatible and compliant with the goals and standards of the Downtown Area Plan.

### ***Building Design***

The proposed project is sited and articulated so as to continue the urban building fabric along University Avenue in Berkeley's downtown core area. The project is ideally located for a high-density development as it is located midblock of a major arterial street and walkable to BART, transit, groceries and services. The project will create much needed housing, especially additional affordable housing and will benefit Berkeley by providing a high-quality infill development.

The ground floor design maximizes visual transparency into the residential lobby and locates the back of house spaces towards the rear of the building. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor garage façade is designed to be consistent with the street level visual appearance, giving the base of the 23-story building a strong civic scale. The building steps in at the 3<sup>rd</sup> level, allowing light and air into the residential units. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> level, the building steps back further to allow a sky garden that is connected to the residential lounge and fitness room.

Sustainable design within the landscape is a guiding principle throughout the project: the use of native plant species, sustainable materials, light colored pavements to mitigate urban heat island gain, maximizing water conservation and meeting or exceeding the City and State's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

The new streetscape will blend seamlessly into the existing pedestrian network and the existing street tree will be protected in place.

The project's usable open space is provided at the roof level at the sky garden. Here, a range of gathering spaces are provided with low green roof plantings and raised metal planters with

medium-sized focal feature shrubs. Residents can meander amongst the plantings, gather with friends to enjoy the sweeping views of the East Bay Hills, City, and the San Francisco Bay.

### ***Sustainability***

The proposed project will comply with the Berkeley Energy Code (BMC Chapter 19.36) and the Berkeley Green Code (BMC Chapter 19.37), including providing a solar PV system, battery energy storage, electric vehicle charging, and low-carbon concrete requirements.

The proposed project will use Bird Safe Glass on windows up to 75 feet, in compliance with Berkeley's Bird Safe Building Ordinance.

The project site is very well-located for future residents to use sustainable modes of transportation. The proposed project is 0.3 miles from the Downtown Berkeley BART station and is adjacent to multiple AC Transit bus lines, as well as City of Berkeley bicycle routes. There will be minimal vehicle parking provided onsite (29 spaces) and ample bicycle parking. The proposed project will have a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program that will provide unlimited local bus passes to each unit and will comply with the TDM requirements in BMC Section 23.322.060.

The building is so close to goods and service that the project expects the majority of trips to be completed by active transportation or public transit modes. With the provision of free bus passes, the TDM Program will provide an additional incentive for future residents to use public transit. There are also two grocery stores nearby in a ½ - 1 mile walking distance. Therefore, the project contributes to Berkeley's Climate Action Plan goals of providing housing in locations close to goods and services, and oriented to use of public- and active-transportation, serving to reduce the City's overall per capita carbon footprint. The project will comply with the requirements in BMC 23.304.130.G and will achieve a LEED Gold rating or equivalent for environmental sustainability.

### ***Project & Community Benefits***

In addition to the in-lieu and mitigation fees, and community benefits, the following benefits of the proposed project. The proposed project will offer the following benefits to the City of Berkeley:

- Redevelop an underutilized parcel in the downtown area
- Provide 240 dwelling units of dense, transit-oriented housing.
- Provide 36 affordable dwelling units: 18 Very Low-Income Households (at <50% AMI) and 18 Moderate-Income Households (at 80% to 120% AMI)
- Encourage alternative modes of transportation – low parking ratio & 167 bicycle parking spaces.
- LEED Gold or equivalent, with a rooftop that is solar-ready.
- Units will be equipped with energy efficient appliances and low flow fixtures, and the site will be planted with drought tolerant landscaping that supports the project's stormwater management plan.

- Compliant with Bird Safe Glass requirements as per BMC 23.304.150.

## 5. CEQA OVERVIEW AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The housing crisis continues to have a significant impact on Californians across the state. The Government Code sections discussed below are state legislative efforts that recognize the severity of California’s housing crisis and the difficulties associated with developing new housing at appropriately zoned, transit-oriented, and urbanized locations. These pieces of legislation are applicable to the proposed project:

- California Environmental Quality Act Class 32 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guideline § 15332)
- Permit Streamlining Act (Gov. Code § 65920 et seq.)
- State Density Bonus Law (Gov. Code § 65915)
- Housing Accountability Act (Gov. Code § 65589.5)
- Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (Gov. Code § 66300)

### ***CEQA, Infill Project***

This project is eligible for a categorical exemption from CEQA. Because the proposed project is located in an urbanized area and because it is an infill development project, the CEQA Class 32 “Infill” Categorical Exemption applies.

#### Class 32 Exemption characteristics:

- “(a) 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.  
(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.  
(c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.  
(d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.  
(e) The site can adequately be served by all required utilities and public services.”

This proposed infill project is consistent with the City of Berkeley’s objective design and development standards with the use of State Density Bonus Law, so it is subject to the categorical exemption under CEQA. The proposed development occurs within the City of Berkeley, on a site that is 0.28 acres and 100% surrounded by urban uses. The project site is already fully developed with an existing commercial building, so the site has no value for endangered, rare, or threatened species.

In terms of CEQA, this project is environmentally benign as it will not result in any significant traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality impacts. The project will provide minimal (29 spaces) vehicle parking, so will not generate any significant traffic or air quality impacts. There will be residential noise which will not constitute an impact. The proposed project provides a

Stormwater Control Plan to protect water quality. The site is on an urbanized parcel that has existing service connections to all required utilities and public services.

### ***Historic Resource Evaluation***

The following Historic Resource Evaluation was provided by Caitlin Hibma of Left Coast Architectural History. The subject property is over 40 years old but does not have any significant associations with historically important events or noteworthy historical figures. The historic evaluation found that the property is not historically significant at either the local or State level and therefore does not qualify as an historic resource for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Under the City of Berkeley's Landmarks Preservation Ordinance and its Landmark/Structure of Merit criteria, there is no specific age threshold or criteria. In sum, 2029 University Avenue has no potential cultural, historical, architectural or educational values or importance;

- Is not associated with any cultural or historical period or events;
- Is not a first, last, prototypical or important example of its type;
- Is not contemporary with any nearby landmarks.

Consequently, the property and building at 2029 University Avenue has no potential eligibility as a City of Berkeley Landmark or Structure of Merit.

### ***SB 330/Housing Crisis Act***

On December 10, 2024, an SB 330 Preliminary Application was submitted to the City of Berkeley that locked in the standards and fees applicable at the time of submission. The Housing Crisis Act (Gov. Code § 66300) prohibits a local agency from disapproving, or conditioning approval in a manner that renders infeasible, a housing development project that provides affordable housing. The act also requires that a development project must comply with applicable, objective general plan and zoning standards and criteria that were in effect at the time the application was deemed to be complete. The law also requires the city or county to consider and either approve or disapprove the housing development project within the 5 allowable public hearings under HCA, and consistent with the applicable timelines under the Permit Streamlining Act.

### ***Permit Streamlining Act***

The project is required to go through a completeness review under the Permit Streamlining Act ("PSA"), Government Code § 65920 et seq. The PSA imposes several relevant obligations on the City as it conducts its completeness review of the project's application.

First, the City is required to compile lists that include the information required for a complete submittal (Gov Code § 65940 et seq). The City has several checklists and application documents governing what needs to be included in planning applications. Second, Gov Code § 65943 spells out a jurisdiction's obligations after submittal:

Not later than 30 calendar days after any public agency has received an application for a development project, the agency shall determine in writing whether the application is complete and shall immediately transmit the determination to the applicant for the development project. If the application is determined to be incomplete, the lead agency shall provide the applicant with an exhaustive list of items that were not complete. That list shall be limited to those items actually required on the lead agency's submittal requirement checklist. In any subsequent review of the application determined to be incomplete, the local agency shall not request the applicant to provide any new information that was not stated in the initial list of items that were not complete.

The section above requires a jurisdiction to:

1. Return a completeness determination within 30 days of submittal.
2. An incomplete determination must be exhaustive.
3. A jurisdiction's review must be limited to only those items found on the agency's submittal requirement checklist.
4. Subsequent completeness determinations may not request new information.

Lastly, if the City determines that the application is incomplete, the City is required to "specify those parts of the application which are incomplete and shall indicate the manner in which they can be made complete" (Gov Code § 65943).

### ***Housing Accountability Act***

The project is subject to the Housing Accountability Act (Gov. Code § 65589.5) which requires the City of Berkeley to approve the project because it is consistent with all objective standards. Under the Housing Accountability Act, the City is only permitted to reject a project if it can make findings based on a *preponderance* of evidence that the project would have a significant, unavoidable, and quantifiable impact on "objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions." (Gov. Code §65589.5(j)). The Legislature recently affirmed its expectation that these types of conditions "arise infrequently." (Ch. 243, Stats. 2018, § 1 (adding subdivision (a)(3) to Gov. Code § 65585.5)). Here, there is no evidence, let alone a preponderance of evidence, that the project would have any impact on public health and safety.

The following legislative findings (from Government Code § 65589.5(a)(2)) are instructive of how, and why, the City must interpret and implement these laws:

California has a housing supply and affordability crisis of historic proportions. The consequences of failing to effectively and aggressively confront this crisis are hurting millions of Californians, robbing future generations of the chance to call California home, stifling economic opportunities for workers and businesses, worsening poverty and homelessness, and undermining the state's environmental and climate objectives...

The Legislature’s intent in enacting this section in 1982 and in expanding its provisions since then was to significantly increase the approval and construction of new housing for all economic segments of California’s communities by meaningfully and effectively curbing the capability of local governments to deny, reduce the density for, or render infeasible housing development projects and emergency shelters. That intent has not been fulfilled...

It is the policy of the state that this section should be interpreted and implemented in a manner to afford the fullest possible weight to the interest of, and the approval and provision of, housing.

The Housing Accountability Act (Gov. Code § 65589.5) also requires the City of Berkeley to approve the project. The project is protected under the Housing Accountability Act because it complies with the City’s objective standards and criteria, as demonstrated in document 009-MS-C of this application. The City is only permitted to reject a project under these circumstances if it can make findings based on a preponderance of evidence that the project would have a significant, unavoidable, and quantifiable impact on “objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions.” (Gov. Code § 65589.5(j)). The Legislature recently affirmed its expectation that these types of conditions “arise infrequently.” (Ch. 243, Stats. 2018, § 1 (adding subdivision (a)(3) to Gov. Code § 65585.5)). Here, there is no evidence, let alone a preponderance of evidence, that the project would have any impact on public health and safety.

A broad range of plaintiffs can sue to enforce the Housing Accountability Act, and the City would bear the burden of proof in any challenge (Gov. Code § 65589.5(k)). As recently reformed in the 2017 legislative session, the act makes attorney’s fees and costs of suit presumptively available to prevailing plaintiffs, requires a minimum fine of \$10,000 per housing unit for jurisdictions that fail to comply with the act within 60 days, and authorizes fines to be multiplied by five times if a court concludes that a local jurisdiction acted in bad faith when rejecting a housing development.

## **6. REQUIRED FINDINGS**

This section outlines the proposed project’s compliance with the required findings for approval of the requested Use Permits for this project.

1. Use Permit, under BMC §23.204.020(A), to allow multi-family residential building
2. Use Permit, under BMC § 23.204.030(A)(1)(a) to construct new floor area
3. Use Permit, under BMC § 23.326.070(A): Demolition of a Non-Residential Building
4. Administrative Use Permit, under BMC § 23.304.050(A) to construct rooftop architectural elements which exceed the height limit for the district

### ***Use Permit Findings***

1. Use Permit, under BMC § 23.204.020(A), to allow a multi-family residential building

*Table 23.204-1: Allowed Uses in the Commercial Districts.*

- Multi-Family Residential: UP(PH)

Response: The project will replace the existing underutilized commercial building with 240 new units that have a modern and sustainable design. The efficient project design will offer 280 bedrooms to help meet the demand for student-oriented and downtown-adjacent housing. The housing crisis is felt acutely here in Berkeley, with people paying extremely high rents to be able to live near campus or downtown because there are so few options available. The project at 2029 University Avenue will be able to offer 18 of the proposed units as affordable for very low-income households earning less than 50% of AMI and 18 units at moderate income households. This project will supply some of this badly needed housing at market rate and below market rate, offering amenities tailored to the downtown lifestyle.

2. Use Permit, under BMC § 23.204.030(A)(1)(a) to construct new floor area

*Table 23.204-2: New Floor Area Permit Requirements*

- C-DMU District, over 10,000 sq. ft. or more = UP(PH)

Response: Because this Use Permit does not have any objective standards in the required findings, the density bonus project assumes the Use Permit to construct new floor area. 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 site is 12,385 SF and currently contains a 9,401 SF commercial building. The proposed project has 190,830 gross square feet and will significantly increase the intensity of development at this site by providing 240 units.

5. Use Permit, under BMC § 23.326.070(A): Demolition of a Non-Residential Building

A. Main Non-Residential Buildings. A main building used for non-residential purposes may be demolished with a Use Permit.

D. *Findings.* A Use Permit or an AUP for demolition of a non-residential building or structure may be approved only if the ZAB or the Zoning Officer finds that:

1. The demolition will not be materially detrimental to the commercial needs and public interest of any affected neighborhood or the City of Berkeley; and
2. The demolition:
  - (a) Is required to allow a proposed new building or other proposed new use;
  - (b) Will remove a building which is unusable for activities which are compatible with the purposes of the district in which it is located or which is infeasible to modify for such uses;
  - (c) Will remove a structure which represents an inhabitable attractive nuisance to the public; or
  - (d) Is required for the furtherance of specific plans or projects sponsored by the City of Berkeley or other local district or authority upon a demonstration that it is infeasible to obtain prior or concurrent approval for the new construction or new use which is contemplated by such specific plans or projects and that

adhering to such a requirement would threaten the viability of the plan or project.

Response: The demolition of this existing commercial building is necessary to allow the proposed new building to be constructed. The demolition of the existing two-story, 12,385 SF building will not be materially detrimental to the commercial needs and public interest of the affected neighborhood. In fact, an intention of the Downtown Mixed-Use District (C-DMU) is to implement the vision and goals of the Downtown Area Plan including environmental sustainability, urban design, and increase housing stock including affordable housing. (BMC § 23.204.130(A)) Though the existing property is a two-story building, it is an underutilized parcel with multiple vacant commercial tenant spaces. It is not a historically significant and will be replaced by a multi-family development with 240 dwelling units containing a total of 280 bedrooms.

The proposed project is both compatible with the zoning district's intent and will continue to maintain the present street frontage of the district. The proposed project will not interfere with the continuity of streetscape, and the design of the building will maintain the continuity of building facades along University Avenue. This is a true infill development project, which will redevelop an underutilized parcel containing a two-story, partially vacant commercial building into a vibrant multi-family residential address with an attractive pedestrian atmosphere.

6. Administrative Use Permit, under BMC § 23.304.050(A) to construct rooftop architectural elements which exceed the height limit for the district.

Response: Because this Administrative Use Permit does not have any required findings, the density bonus project assumes the AUP to construct rooftop architectural elements that exceed the C-DMU zone height limit.

***Required Findings for Use Permits in the C-DMU Zone***

E. *Permit Findings.* To approve an AUP or Use Permit for a project in the C-DMU district, the review authority must make the findings in Section 23.406.040 (Use Permits) and find that the proposed use or structure:

1. Is compatible with the purposes of the district;
2. Encourages and maintains the present street frontage of the district;
3. Does not interfere with the continuity of retail or compatible service facilities at the ground level;
4. Does not interrupt a continuous wall of building facades;
5. Is compatible in design and character with the district and the adjacent residential neighborhoods;
6. Does not generate traffic or parking demand significantly beyond the capacity of the district or significantly increase impacts on adjacent residential neighborhoods; and
7. Complies with the Southside Plan's adopted Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP)

Response: The proposed project meets all the objective standards of the required findings for approving a Use Permit in the C-DMU zone. This SB 330 Housing Project is not subject to standards that are not objective. Items 1 and 5 are not objective standards, however the project does comply with them. Surrounding land uses include other multi-family residential developments of similar scale to the proposed project. The project is located within the C-DMU zone, which the City of Berkeley envisioned to support dense housing development near regional transit, shops, and amenities that the Downtown and campus areas provide.

The proposed project is both compatible with the zoning district's intent and will continue to maintain the present street frontage of the district. The proposed project will not interfere with the continuity of streetscape at the ground level, and the design of the building will maintain the continuity of facades along University Avenue.

This infill project is especially sustainable in its provision of housing opportunities so near to services and public transportation. The project is near the Downtown Berkeley BART Station and multiple AC Transit lines on University Avenue. Providing dense housing in close proximity to regional transit, bicycle routes, UC Berkeley campus, shops, and services will reduce vehicle miles traveled, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions impacts of the future residents.

The proposed project is not anticipated to generate significant traffic or parking demand because it is located in the City of Berkeley's Low Vehicle-Miles Traveled (VMT) Area. This Low VMT area includes the University Avenue commercial corridor because the VMTs per resident are an average of 15% less than the rest of the Bay Area. In addition, the proposed project will have a Transportation Demand Management Program. Future residents will not be eligible for Residential Parking Permits (RPP). The proposed project will comply with all objective standards in the Downtown Area Plan's adopted Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP). As a result, the project would not be materially detrimental to the housing needs or public interest of the affected neighborhood and the City of Berkeley.

## **7. COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

A neighborhood meeting was held on December 13, 2024 at 5:30PM. The meeting was held on Zoom. Nine people joined the meeting, five of which were from the project team and the other four from the general public. The project architect presented the project via a power point presentation, and one member of the public asked questions at the conclusion of the presentation. The questions were from the owner of Red Tomato Pizza located at 2017 University Avenue. His questions were regarding traffic control during construction. The team answered his questions and outlined the standard Conditions of Approval that are part of the Use Permit application approval.

## **8. PROJECT TEAM**

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