Regular Meeting of the Abatement Appeals Board July 16, 2025

Appellant Statement
Exhibit F

Statement: Why I Am Not Pursuing Conversion of the Basement Storage Area to Living Space

1. Structural and Financial Burden

The basement ceiling height is less than 7 feet, which does not meet code requirements for habitable residential space. Legalizing it would require digging below the foundation and rebuilding the existing structure, which could easily cost hundreds of thousands of dollars—a level of expense that is simply unmanageable for me, especially as a senior homeowner on a fixed income.

2. Hillside Location and Moisture Risk

The house is built on a hillside, and rainwater accumulation in the basement foundation area poses a high risk of moisture intrusion. Even with modern waterproofing methods, long-term habitability would require constant maintenance and monitoring. The space is best suited for non-habitable storage, as it was used prior to 2016 and again since June 2021.

3. Loss of Yard Access for Upstairs Residents

When the basement was occupied by tenants (2016–2021), the upstairs residents—myself or other tenants—lost all access to the backyard. This had serious livability consequences. The upper level gets extremely hot in the summer, due to southwestern sun exposure—often 10–15°F above outdoor temperatures. Without yard access, this makes the home uncomfortable. Building a new deck for access would be another costly undertaking.

4. Current Use Is Appropriate and Sustainable

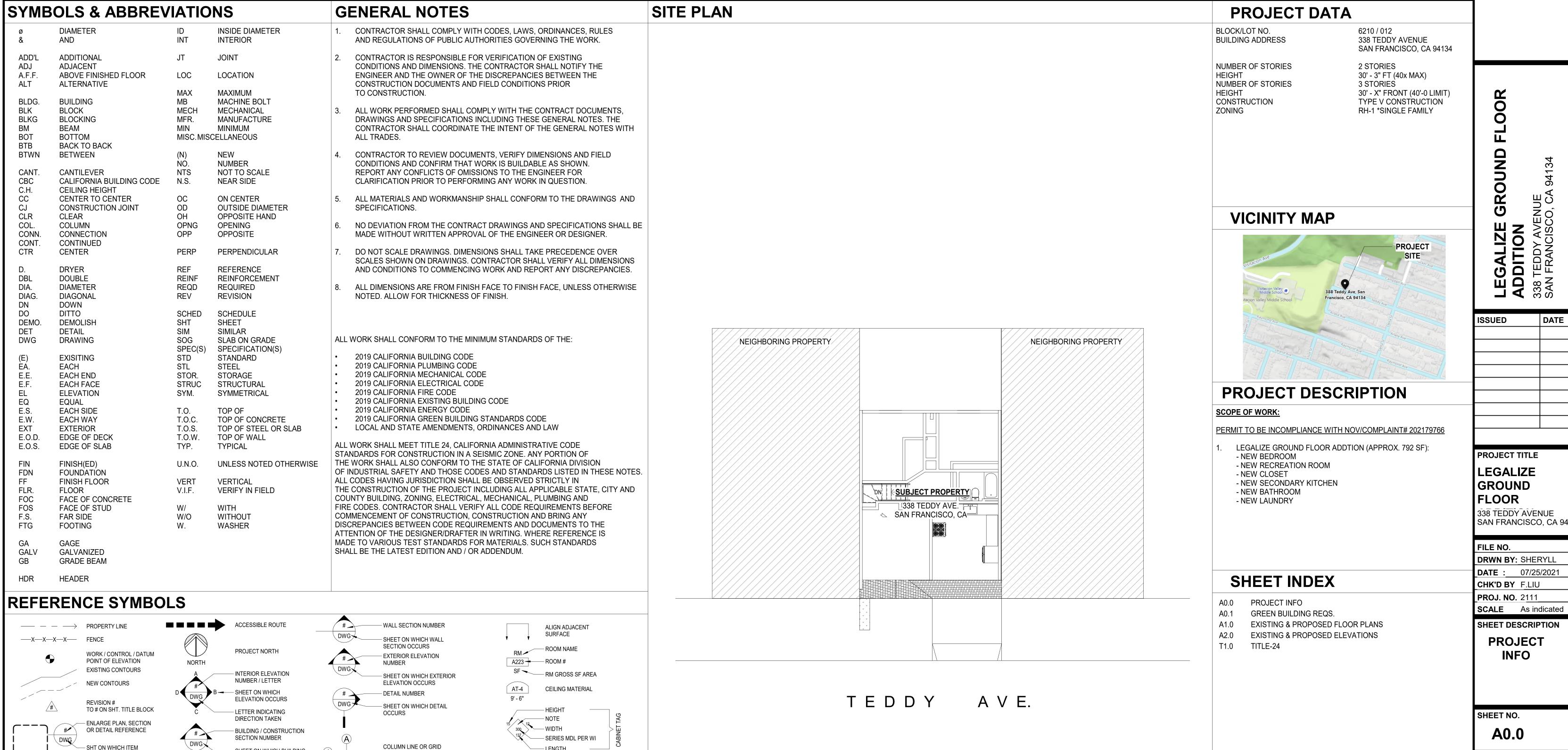
Since the tenants vacated in 2021, the space has been used solely for storage. That has worked well and has caused no burden on city services or neighbors. My architect initially pursued legalizing the space as a family room, but only under the assumption that we had no other option. My preference has always been to retain the space for non-habitable storage use, as originally intended.

5. Parking Considerations

While my street is of average width by San Francisco standards, parking is still very limited and competitive. The property has only a 25-foot frontage, and adding a second household would likely increase the number of vehicles. This would place additional strain on the street and create parking congestion for both myself and my neighbors. The property is not designed to accommodate the needs of two households.

LEGALIZE GROUND FLOOR ADDITION

338 TEDDY AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134



SHEET ON WHICH BUILDING

——√ DRAWING BREAK

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GS5: San Francisco Green Building Submittal Form for Residential Alteration + Addition Projects

				Form version: March 11, 2020 (For permit applications January 2020 - December 2022)		
INST	RUCTIONS:	OTHER RESIDENTIAL	VERIFICATION			
	out the project information in the Verificati mittal must be a minimum of 11" x 17".	on box at the right.	ALTERATIONS +	Indicate below who is responsible for ensuring green		
	form is for permit applications submitted	January 2020 through December 2022.	ADDITIONS	building requirements are met. Projects that increase		
		SOURCE OF	adds any amount of conditioned	total conditioned floor area by ≥1,000 sq. ft. are required to have a Green Building Compliance Professional of		
	TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT	area, volume, or size	Record as described in Administrative Bulletin 93. For		
	GRADING & PAVING	CALGreen 4.106.3 Show how surface drainage (grading, swales, drains, retention areas) will keep surface water from entering the building.	if applicable	projects that increase total conditioned floor area by		
	RODENT PROOFING	CALGreen 4.406.1 Seal around pipe, cable, conduit, and other openings in exterior walls with cement mortar or DBI-approved similar method.	•	<1,000 sq. ft., the applicant or design professional may sign below, and no license or special qualifications are required. FINAL COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION form		
F	FIREPLACES &		•			
Ē	WOODSTOVES	CALGreen 4.503.1 Install only direct-vent or sealed-combustion, EPA Phase II-compliant appliances.	•	will be required prior to Certificate of Completion		
SIDE	CAPILLARY BREAK,	CALGreen 4.505.2 Slab on grade foundation requiring vapor retarder also requires a capillary break such as: 4 inches of base 1/2-inch aggregate under retarder; slab design specified by licensed	•	LEGALIZE GROUND FLOOR ADDITION		
Ä	SLAB ON GRADE	professional.		PROJECT NAME 6210 / 012		
	MOISTURE CONTENT	CALGreen 4.505.3 Wall + floor <19% moisture content before enclosure.	•	BLOCK/LOT		
	BATHROOM EXHAUST	CALGreen 4.506.1 Must be ENERGY STAR compliant, ducted to building exterior, and its humidistat shall be capable of adjusting between <50% to >80% (humidistat may be separate component).	•	338 TEDDY AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134		
S				ADDRESS		
I N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	LOW ENTITING MATERIALS	CALGreen 4.504.2.1-5, Use products that comply with the emission limit requirements of 4.504.2.1-5, 5.504.4.1-6 for adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings, carpet systems including cushions and adhesives,	•			
MATERIAL EMISSIONS	LOW-EMITTING MATERIALS	SFGBC 4.103.3.2 resilient flooring (80% of area), and composite wood products.		PRIMARY OCCUPANCY		
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	INDOOR WATER USE	CALGreen 4.303.1, Meet flush/flow requirements for: toilets (1.28 gpf); urinals (0.125 gpf wall, 0.5 gpf floor); showerheads (1.8 gpm); lavatories (1.2 gpm private, 0.5 gpm public/common); kitchen faucets		GROSS BUILDING AREA		
监	REDUCTION	SF Housing Code (1.8 gpm); wash fountains (1.8 gpm); metering faucets (0.2 gpc); food waste disposers (1 gpm/8 gpm). Residential major improvement projects must upgrade all non-compliant fixtures per sec.12A10 SF Housing Code sec.12A10.	•	INCREASE IN CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA		
VAT	WATER FEEDLENT			I have been retained by the project sponsor to verify that		
>	WATER-EFFICIENT IRRIGATION	Administrative Code If modified landscape area is ≥1,000 sq.ft., use low water use plants or climate appropriate plants, restrict turf areas and comply with Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance ch.63 restrictions by calculated ETAF of ≤.55 or by prescriptive compliance for projects with ≤2,500 sq.ft. of landscape area.	•	approved construction documents and construction fulfill		
				the requirements of San Francisco Green Building Code. It is my professional opinion that the requirements of the San		
RG✓	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	CA Energy Code Comply with all provisions of the CA Energy Code.		Francisco Green Building Code will be met. I will notify the		
	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	CA Energy Code Comply with all provisions of the CA Energy Code.	•	Department of Building Inspection if the project will, for any		
				reason, not substantially comply with these requirements, if I am no longer the Green Building Compliance Professional		
Ž X	BICYCLE PARKING	Planning Code Provide short- and long-term bike parking to meet requirements of SF Planning Code sec.155.1-2.	if applicable	of Record for the project, or if I am otherwise no longer		
PAR	2101022171111110	sec.155.1-2	п аррпоавто	responsible for assuring the compliance of the project with the San Francisco Green Building Code.		
		SE Building Code 106A 3.3 —				
RESOURCE RECOVERY	RECYCLING BY OCCUPANTS	SF Building Code 106A.3.3, CalGreen 5.410.1, AB-088 Provide adequate space and equal access for storage, collection, and loading of compostable, recyclable and landfill materials.	•	LICENSED PROFESSIONAL (sign & date)		
	CONSTRUCTION &	Environment Code ch. 14 SFGBC 4.103.2.3 Construction Discards Management - 100% of mixed debris must be taken by a Registered Transporter to a Registered facility and processed for recycling. Demonstrate ≥65% recovery.		May be signed by applicant when <1,000 sq. ft. is added.		
RES N	DEMOLITION (C&D) DISCARDS MANAGEMENT	CalGreen 4.408.2, 4.408.5	•	AFFIX STAMP BELOW:		
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¥c	HVAC INSTALLER QUALS	CALGreen 4.702.1 Installers must be trained in best practices.	•			
ĹÍ	HVAC DESIGN	CALGreen 4.507.2 HVAC shall be designed to ACCA Manual J, D, and S.	•			
OR O	BIRD-SAFE BUILDINGS	Planning Code Glass facades and bird hazards facing and/or near Urban Bird Refuges may need to treat their glass for opacity.	•			
300D GHBOR	BIND ON E BOILDING	sec.139	-			
N N N	TOBACCO SMOKE CONTROL	Health Code art.19F Prohibit smoking within 10 feet of building entries, air intakes, and operable windows and enclosed common areas.	•			
-7	STORMWATER	Public Works Code Projects disturbing >5 000 og ft. in combined or concrete course areas and the concrete course areas and the concrete course are a course of the concrete course areas and the concrete course are a course of the concrete course areas and the concrete course are a course areas and the concrete course areas and the concrete course are a course areas and the concrete course are a course areas and the concrete course are a course are a course areas and the concrete course are a course areas and the concrete course are a course areas and the course areas are a course areas and the course areas are a course areas and the course areas are a course areas areas are a course areas are a course areas are a course areas areas are a course areas areas areas are a course areas areas areas are a course areas areas are a course areas ar	if project extends			
	CONTROL PLAN	Public Works Code Projects disturbing ≥5,000 sq.ft. in combined or separate sewer areas, or replacing ≥2,500 impervious sq.ft. in separate sewer area, must implement a Stormwater Control Plan meeting art.4.2 sec.147 SFPUC Stormwater Management Requirements.	if project extends outside envelope	Projects that increase total conditioned floor area by ≥1,000 sq.ft.: Green Building Compliance Professional of Record will verify compliance.		
VEN		Public Works Code	· ·	of Record will verify compliance.		
POLLUTION PREVENTION	CONSTRUCTION SITE RUNOFF	Public Works Code art.4.2 sec.146 Provide a construction site Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and implement SFPUC Best Management Practices.	if project extends outside envelope			
			·	GREEN BUILDING COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONAL		
INDOOR AIR QUALITY	AIR FILTRATION			(name & contact phone #)		
DOO DOO	(CONSTRUCTION)	CALGreen 4.504.1 Seal permanent HVAC ducts/equipment stored onsite before installation.	•			
Ž				FIRM		
	Indoor V	/ater Efficiency Water Efficiency of Existing Non-Compliant Fixtures		Jam all EED Approdited Professional		
≿	Each fixture must not exceed	CALGreen 4.303 maximum flow rates:		I am a LEED Accredited Professional		
	FIXTURE TYPE Showerheads ²	Ordinance that serve or are located within the project area must be replaced with fixtures		I am a GreenPoint Rater		
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: INDOOR WATER EFFICIENCY	Lavatory Faucets: residential	is defined as the composite, average flush information, see the Commercial Water Conservation Program Brochure, available at SFDBI.				
RM FF	Kitchen Faucets	volume of two reduced flushes and one full org. 1.8 gpm @ 60 psi default flush. The referenced standard is ASME		I am an ICC Certified CALGreen Inspector		
R E	Wash Fountains	A112.19.14 and USEPA WaterSense Tank- NON-COMPLIANT PLUMBING FIXTURES INCLUDE: Type High Efficiency Toilet Specification —				
Z N	Metering Faucets	1. Any tollet manufactured to use more than 1.6 gallons/flush		GREEN BUILDING COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONAL		
ă≱	Tank-type water closets	2. The combined flow rate of all showerheads 1.28 gallons / flush¹ and EPA WaterSense Certified 2. Any urinal manufactured to use more than 1 gallon/flush 3. Any showerhead manufactured to have a flow capacity of more than 2.5 gpm		(sign & date)		
×	Flushometer valve water closets	maximum flow rate for one showerhead, or 4. Any interior faucet that emits more than 2.2 gpm		Signature by a professional holding at least one of the above certifications is required. If the Licensed		
		one showerhead to be in operation at a time. Eventions to this requirement are limited to situations where replacement of fixture(s) would		Professional does not hold a certification for green		
¥۳I	Urinals	(CALGreen 5.303.2.1) detract from the historic integrity of the building, as determined by the Department of Building		design and/or inspection, this section may be completed by another party who will verify applicable green building		
		Floor mount: 0.5 gallons / flush Inspection pursuant to San Francisco Building Code Chapter 13A.		requirements are met.		

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338 TEDDY AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134

FILE NO.

DRWN BY: SHERYLL

DATE: 12/30/2020

CHK'D BY F. LIU
PROJ. NO. 2111

SHEET DESCRIPTION

GREEN BUILDING REQS.

SHEET NO.

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(CBC 310.4) **ELECTRICAL - GENERAL**

(A) PROVIDE TAMPER-RESISTANT WALL RECEPTACLES IN HABITABLE ROOMS MAX. 12' O.C., AND MAX. 6' FROM ANY OPENING & AT WALLS LONGER THAN 2'. (CEC 210.5)

HEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED 44 INCHES ABOVE FINISHED FLOOR. BARS, GRILLES, GRATES, OR

SIMILAR DEVICES MAY BE INSTALLED PROVIDED THAT SUCH DEVICES ARE EQUIPPED

WITH APPROVED RELEASE MECHANISMS WHICH ARE OPENABLE FROM THE INSIDE.

- PROVIDE A 20AMP DEDICATED CIRCUIT FOR NEW BATHROOM. PROVIDE GFCI PROTECTED, TAMPER RESISTANT RECEPTACLE WITHIN 3' OF THE BATHROOM
- LAVATORY, OR ON THE SIDE OF THE VANITY CABINET WITHIN 12" OF THE TOP. ALL LIGHTING INSTALLED OVER SHOWER OR TUB SHALL BE MARKED SUITABLE FOR WET LOCATIONS. NO RECEPTACLES ARE PERMITTED IN A TUB OR SHOWER SPACE.

11' - 11"

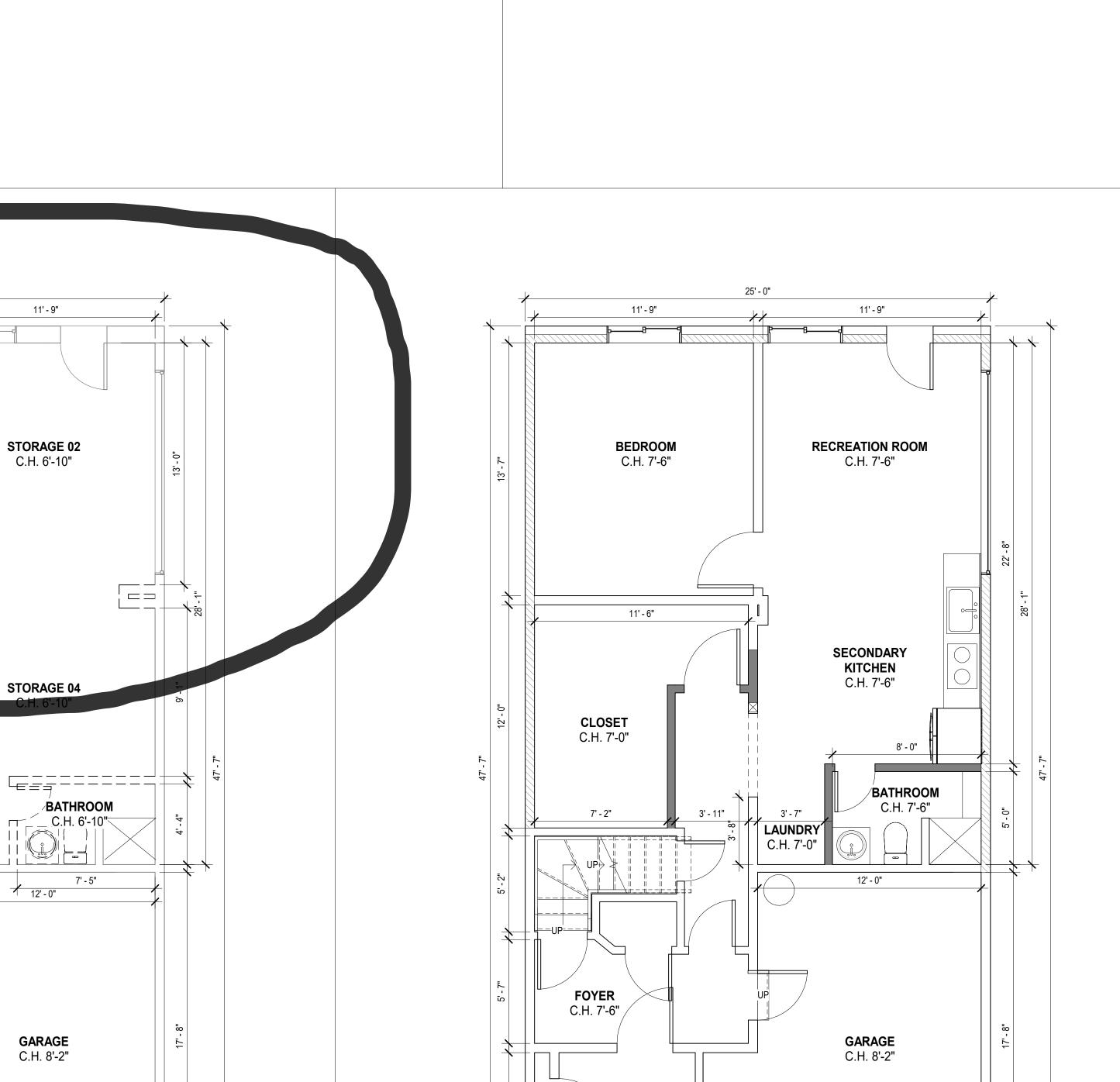
1) EXISTING 2ND FLOOR PLAN 1/4" = 1'-0"

25' - 0"

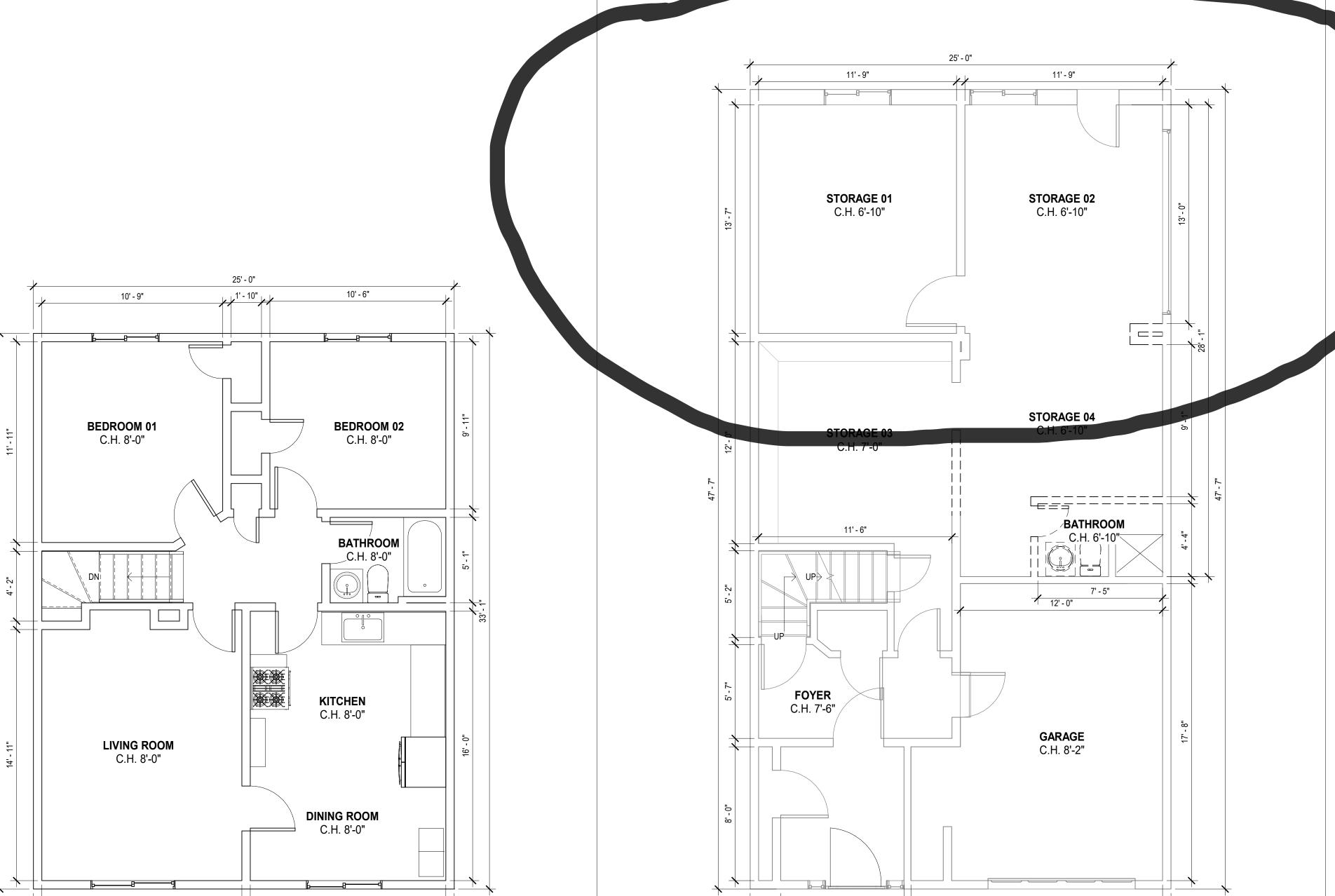
11' - 8"

- (D) ALL 15 AND 20 AMPERE RECEPTACLS SHALL BE TAMPER RESISTANT.
- PROVIDE A DEDICATED CIRCUIT FOR A DISHWASHER.
- (F) PROVIDE A DEDICATED CIRCUIT FOR A DISPOSAL

- (M) ALL BATHROOM PERMANENT LIGHTING SHALL BE HIGH EFFICACY OR SHELL BE CONTROLED BY A MOTION SENSOR.
- **MECHANICAL GENERAL**
 - (A) ALL HABITABLE ROOMS IN A DWELLING UNIT MUST BE PROVIDED WITH HEATING FACILITIES THAT ARE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING A ROOM TEMPERATIRE OF 70 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AT A POINT THREE FEET ABOVE THE FLOOR. (CBC 310.11) (B) FIRST 5' OF BOTH HOT AND COLD WATER PIPES FROM THE WATER HEATER SHALL BE
 - INSULATED (1" THICK). (C) PROVIDE R-13 INSULATION AT: CEILING OF NEW CONSTRUCTION, EXTERIOR WALLS,
 - AND WALLS ADJACENT TO THE GARAGE.
 - (D) PROVIDE BATHROOM VENTILATION FAN, MAX. 3 SONES, SWITCHED SEPARATELY FROM LIGHTING. (CBC 1203.4.2.1)
 - (E) PRESSURE BALANCE OR THERMOSTATUC MIXING VALVE IS REQUIRED AT SHOWER AND/OR TUB SHOWER COMBINATIONS.



3 PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"



7' - 4"

2 EXISTING GROUND FLOOR PLAN 1/4" = 1'-0"

15' - 0"

25' - 0"

FILE NO. **DRWN BY: SHERYLL DATE**: 07/25/2021 CHK'D BY F.LIU **PROJ. NO.** 2111 **SCALE** 1/4" = 1'-0" **SHEET DESCRIPTION EXISTING & PROPOSED FLOOR**

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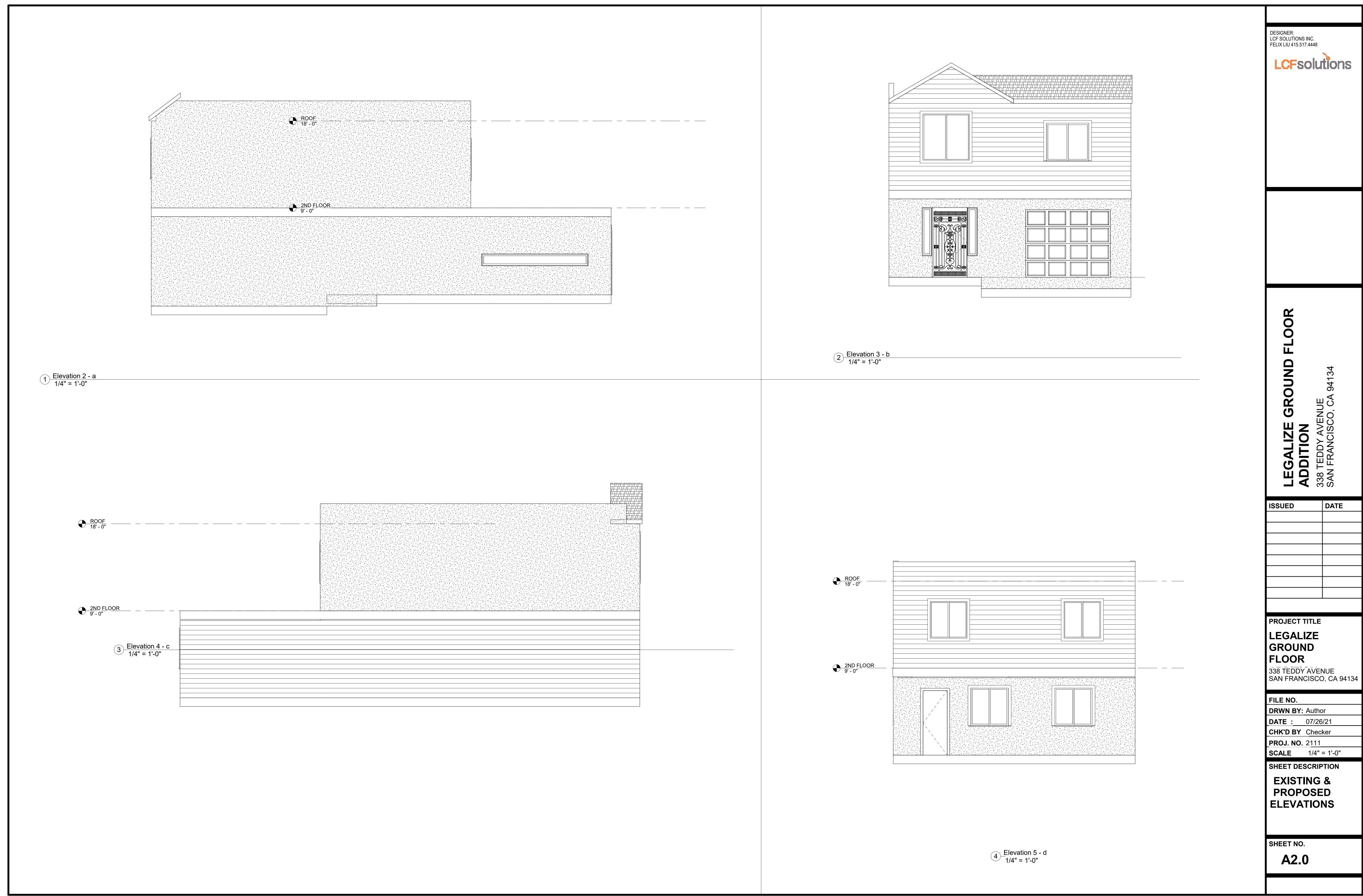
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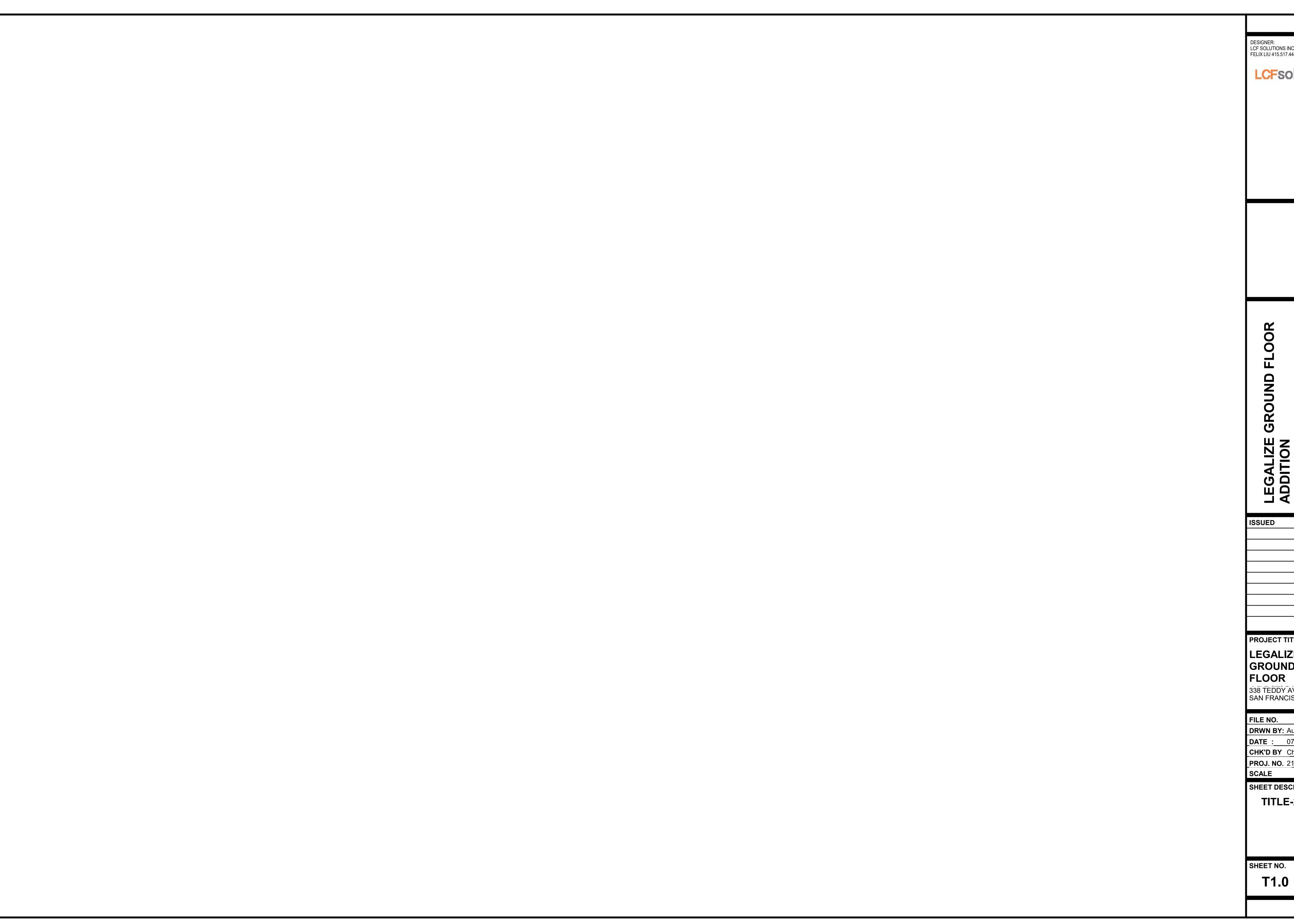
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LEGALIZE GROUND FLOOR
ADDITION
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DATE ISSUED

PROJECT TITLE LEGALIZE GROUND FLOOR

338 TEDDY AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134

DRWN BY: Author
 DATE :
 07/26/21

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PROJ. NO. 2111 SCALE

SHEET DESCRIPTION

TITLE-24

Estimated Cost of Complying with Order of Abatement

Prepared by: Connie M. Wong

Property Address: 338 Teddy Ave. San Francisco, CA 94134

Block/Lot Number: 6210 / 012

Date: June 25, 2025

Scope of Demolition (Storage Structure - Approx. 14 ft x 25 ft "Horizontal Addition")

Item	Description	Estimated Cost
Demolition	Removal of 25 ft x 7 ft outer wall, 14 ft x 7 ft side walls (x2), roofing material of the storage shed area, debris removal and hauling	\$15,000
Reconstruction	New exterior wall (25 ft x 7 ft) to enclose basement post-demolition	\$12,000
Relocation Costs	Packing and moving contents of 3 storage rooms (personal items and household overflow)	\$4,000
Storage Rental	Two 10' x 10' units @ \$550/month (estimate)	\$1,100/month
Total One-Time Estimated Cost:		

Total One-Time Estimated Cost: \$31,000

Ongoing Monthly Storage Rental \$1,100/month

Note: These costs do not include bathroom upgrades, permit fees, engineering, or labor availability delays. Actual costs may be higher.







June 14, 2025

Connie M. Wong

EXECUTE OF STREET

Patient: Connie Man Lai Wong

Date of Birth: **6/10/1953**Date of Visit: **6/14/2025**

Dear Connie M. Wong:

As requested, here is a list of your chronic medical problems:

Patient Active Problem List

Diagnosis

- History of hyperthyroidism
- Hyperlipidemia
- Prediabetes
- Primary hypertension
- Adenomatous polyp of colon
- Osteoporosis
- Sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL) of both ears
- Stage 3a chronic kidney disease (HCC)
- OA (osteoarthritis) of finger, left

Sincerely,

Michele Wong, MD

CC: No Recipients

City and County of San Francisco Department of Building Inspection



London N. Breed, Mayor Patrick O'Riordan, C.B.O., Director

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW OR EXTEND UNISSUED BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

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All requests to extend or withdraw an unissued building permit application are to be made using this form. The form is to be completed and signed by the permit applicant, property owner or authorized agent for extensions, and solely by the approval.

In-House Review permit application extension or withdrawal requests will be considered by DBI's Plan Review Services
manager. Upon approval and processing, a copy of this form documenting approval of the request will be emailed to the
applicant.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) permit application extension or withdrawal requests will be considered by DBI's OTC manager.
Applicants requesting an OTC extension must also schedule an appointment with the OTC manager to review and discuss their request. OTC extension or withdrawal requesters must bring the original application form and both plan sets (if applicable) to the appointment.

Once the request is approved, the property owner or authorized agent of record will be directed to pay the extension or withdrawal fee. See Information Sheet G-06 for additional details.

Job address: 338 Teddy Ave Faulding Application #: 202108116263 Owner's Name; ONNEM WONG Contact Info/Tel #: 415 48 19402 Mailing Address: 338 Teddy Ave Email: On Wong 1@g mail Com City: SF OA 194134 zip: 94134 This is to request (please check one): Withdrawal \$166.64 Administration Extension \$298.38 plus 20% of All Plan Review Fees Reason for Request: HRD NEW BUILDING CONTRETOR AND ARCHITECT FOR THE PROJECT. Applicant's Name (Print) Applicant's Signature Date
Date Received: 12/23/2029 DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY Inspection Division (if applicable): 12/23/2029 Approved Disapproved w/comments Disapproved w/comments by the plan review manager: 12/23/2029 Disposition/comments by the plan review manager: 12/23/2029 Approved Approved w/conditions Disapproved w/comments Comments: 12/23/2029 Date: 12/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 Date: Do Not Write IN THIS BOX - OFFICIAL USE ONLY INSPECTATION DATE: 14/23/2029 DATE: DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX - OF

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