

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

APPLICATION: SR2024-0001 AGENDA ITEM: AR-2

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Senior Planner

TITLE: Special Review – 417 South Myrtle Avenue

APPLICANT: Ricardo Jurado (Merengue Bakery and Café)

417 South Myrtle Avenue

REQUEST: Special Review of a façade remodel and addition to an existing building

within the HCD (Historic Commercial Downtown) zoning district.

BACKGROUND: The applicant is requesting a preliminary design review for a façade renovation at 417 South Myrtle Avenue. The subject two-story building is located within the HCD (Historic Commercial Downtown) zoning district and is located on the west side of South Myrtle Avenue between Lemon Avenue to the south and Lime Avenue to the north, and abuts Falling Leaf Alley to the west and a pedestrian alley to the north.

The Merengue Bakery and Café has operated within the ground floor retail space since 2014. The restaurant owner, Ricardo Jurado, acquired the building in 2021 and now desires to convert the existing vacant second floor into

a two-bedroom residential unit. This conversion is driving several proposed façade changes for the Historic Preservation Commission's (HPC) consideration.

Building History

The original structure was built in 1888 and consisted of a commercial tenant on the first floor and a residential unit on the second floor with interior access. Historical photographs depict a brick faced façade, a recessed storefront on the first floor and an overhanging second floor with bay windows (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Historical 1924 photograph.



Figure 2: Unfinished second floor interior.

Since its original build, the building floor plan has undergone several phases of expansion and alterations, one of which eliminated the interior staircase that provided access to the second

floor living space. While this space still has the framing for a bathroom and kitchen within it, the space has been nonfunctional due to its lack of accessibility for over 50 years (Figure 2). In recent years, prior building owners have attempted to re-gain access to the second floor space, but have been unsuccessful due to design challenges.

The building has also undergone several façade alterations since its original construction. In the late 1950's/early 1960's, a remodel of the street facade was completed, giving the building a mid-century facelift by adding a sharp-edged entry with metal flashing and new open picture windows. This remodel also removed the second floor bay windows and concealed the brick façade with stucco (Figure 3).

In 2008, the HPC approved an entire façade remodel that included the removal of stucco and a restoration of the façade to the pre-1950s/1960s remodel (Figure 4). This remodel exposed the underlying brick and original details. Bay windows were installed on the second floor façade to match what is shown in historical photographs. During this time, exterior access to the second floor was planned at the rear of the building, but was never constructed because the design was not adequate for fire and safety access purposes.

Subsequently, in 2015, another alternative entryway to the second floor was approved by the HPC. This proposal envisioned installing an interior staircase within the interior of the building accessible directly from the street storefront. However, the building owner felt this design eliminated a large portion of his much needed retail floor place for business viability.

Special Review of Concept Proposal

In summary, the conceptual proposal involves the installation of an exterior staircase within the public pedestrian alley on the north side of the building to access



Figure 3: Building prior to 2008 remodel.



Figure 4: Current building, post-2008 remodel.

the proposed second floor residential unit. It also includes exterior façade modifications on the west, north, and east elevations, all of which is fully described below in the "Discussion" section of this report. The entire project scope requires the following reviews and approvals:

- 1. City Council. The proposed exterior staircase will be a permanent encroachment within the City's public right-of-way and will require review and approval of an encroachment permit by the City Council.
- 2. Historic Preservation Commission. Monrovia Municipal Code Section 17.14.050 gives authority to the HPC to review and approve exterior building alterations in the HCD zone to ensure the appropriateness for Old Town and to encourage the preservation and restoration of historic buildings. The Commission has purview over the proposed façade improvements.

3. **Development Review Committee.** Monrovia Municipal Code Section 17.14.020 requires the approval of a Minor Conditional Use Permit (mCUP) for the proposed residential use on the second floor. The Development Review Committee has review and approval authority to approve mCUPs.

The prospective applicant is now seeking preliminary feedback on the proposed exterior design modifications before finalizing his formal application for the encroachment permit with the City Council. It is important to note that once the City Council approves the encroachment permit, the complete design review application will be brought back to the Commission for final review and approval.

DISCUSSION: Figure 4 shows that the building's existing façade is architecturally divided. It includes a turn-of-the-century design on the second floor and a mid-century style on the ground floor. For this proposal, the applicant strived to incorporate several of the building's turn-of-the-century design elements into the ground floor remodel. The subject proposal includes exterior modifications to all three exposed elevations (facing east along South Myrtle Avenue, west along Falling Leaf Alley, and north along the pedestrian alley).

As shown in the architectural plans included in Exhibit "A," a 62-square-foot addition is proposed on the ground-floor front façade to align the building storefront with the front property line. This addition would allow the removal of the 1950s angular façade to provide a more rectangular-framed dining area. A new guard rail will also be installed around the outdoor dining area, and a new full frontage awning will be installed above. Additionally, new vinyl storefront windows and doors with wood surrounds are proposed on this elevation. The decorative detailing below the new windows will match the fenestrations on the bay windows above.

On the north side of the building, a metal staircase is proposed within the pedestrian alley for access to the residential unit on the second floor. Above the entrance to the unit, a narrow 13'-0" wide canvas awning is proposed. The awning's design will match that of the front elevation.

All existing window openings will be modified except for the bay windows on the front façade and ground floor windows on the north and west sides of the building. On the north elevation of the second floor, the existing middle window opening will be enlarged to accommodate a wood entry door. The remaining second-floor windows on the north and west elevations will be replaced with new vinyl single-hung units to provide proper fire safety access and comply with building code requirements. Lastly, a new vinyl sliding window will be installed on the west elevation. Staff will have additional information regarding the window details for review at the August 28th meeting.

Because the installation of a new door and window will impact the appearance of the building's existing brickwork, the applicant is exploring appropriate treatment options. He is currently considering either whitewashing it or painting it brown.

For this Special Review application, Staff is requesting that the Commission provide feedback on the appropriateness of the façade remodel and exterior staircase. This determination will become part of the public record. Based on feedback from the Commission, the applicant will then prepare the formal submittal to the City Council for the encroachment permit. The applicant will then come back to the Commission with a formal design review application.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission provide advisory review comments.

Exhibit "A"

417 South Myrtle Avenue
Architectural Plans

Exhibit A - Preliminary Concept Plans

DESIGN CRITERIA 2020 California Building Code (CBC) 2020 California Residential Code (CRC) 2023 California Mechanical Code (CMC) 2023 California Plumbing Code (CPC) 2023 California Electrical Code (CEC) 2023 California Green Building Standards Code (CGBS) 2023 California Energy Efficiency Code (CEEC) PROPERTY ANALYSIS (E) Commercial Building: 1,964 SF

BUILDING UNITS: CONSTRUCTION TYPE :.... NUMBER STORIES :

PROJECT DESCRIPTION LEGAL DESCRIPTION :..... MONROVIA N 26.65 FT OF E 128.5 FT OF W 138.5 FT OF LOT 22 BLK F

SCOPE OF WORK

Proposed front Addition 62,35 SF to Existing Comercial Building

Proposed Reactivating(E) One Family Dwelling 2nd floor 817 SF

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Kitchen, Laundry, Dining and Living.

New Stair to access 2nd Floor

Zoning Information.

a. Update the Zoning information/Property Analysis to include at least the following:

Zoning District:

Proposed:

8516-016-021 Lot Size 26.65' x 128.5'

Existing Building Size 1,964 S.F 1st Floor 2nd Floor 817 S.F

Ratio (FAR): 1,964 + 817 = 2,781 S.F Existing Use C-M 1st Floor

2nd Floor C-M Proposed Use

1st Floor Commercial One single-family dwelling 2nd Floor

Proposed Building Size 1st Floor 2,026.35 S.F 817 S.F. 2nd Floor

2,026.35+817= 2,843.35 Proposed FAR: Parking Existing: 6 Tandem parking spots 5 Parking Spots Required:

5 Parking Spots

(E) Street

P = 26.65'Alley 3 6'-9" (E)(E)1.964 SQ. FT. 12'-6" One Single- Famil Welling second floo P = 26.65Main entrance (E) Sidewalk primary Building (E) Sidewalk

417 S Myrtle Ave.

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

SHEET INDEX

Sheet # A-1.0 SITE PLAN (E) SITE PLAN PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN A-2.0

(E) DEMO FLOOR PLAN GAS LINE ON THE DOWN STREAM SIDE OF THE UTILITY METER AND BE RIGIDLY CONNECTED TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE CONTAINING THE FUEL GAS PIPING. (PER ORDINANCE 170,158) (SEPARATE PLUMBING PERMIT PROPOSED ELEVATION PLAN

RENDER PROPOSED ELEVATION IS REQUIRED).

(E) DEMO ELEVATION PLAN EXISTING PHOTOS

A-5.0 ROOF PLAN

A-3.0

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Site Plan Call-outs

1 Existing Water Meter

2 Existing Gas Meter

3 Existing Service Panel Electric.

4 Existing Water Heater

5 Existing A/C Condenser

6 Service Pole

7 New EV Electrical Box

8 3 Spaces parking Bicycle

Proposed reactivating (E)

One Family Dwelling 2nd

floor 817 SF

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

THE CONSTRUCTION SHALL NOT RESTRICT A FIVE-FOOT CLEAR AND UNOBSTRUCTED ACCESS TO ANY WATER OR POWER POLE DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES, (POWER POLES, PULL-BOXES, TRANSFORMERS, VALUTS, PUMPS, VALVES, METERS, APPURTENANCES, ETC, OR TO THE LOCATION OF THE HOOK-UP. THE CONSTRUCTION SHALL NOT BE WITHIN TEN FEET OF ANY POWER LINES-WHETHER OR NOT THE LINES ARE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY CAUSE CONSTRUCTION DELAYS AND/OR ADDITION EXPENSES.

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PLUMBING FIXTURES ARE REQUIRED TO BE CONNECTED TO A SANITARY SEWER OR TO AN APPROVED SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM (R306.3).

KITCHEN SINKS, LAVATORIES, BATHTUBS, SHOWERS, BIDETS, LAUNDRY TUBS AND WASHING MACHINE OUTLETS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH HOT AND COLD WATER AND CONNECTED TO AN APPROVED WATER SUPPLY (R306.4).

BATHTUB AND SHOWER FLOORS, WALLS ABOVE BATHTUBS WITH SHOWER HEAD. SHOWER COMPARTMENTS SHALL BE FINISHED WITH A NONABSORBENT SURFACE SUCH WALL SURFACES SHALL EXTEND TO A HEIGHT OF NOT LESS THAN 6 FEET ABOVE THE FLOOR (R307.2)

PROVIDE ULTRA LOW FLUSH WATER CLOSETS FOR ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION. EXISTING SHOWER HEADS AND TOILETS MUST BE ADAPTED FOR LOW WATER

PROVIDE 70 INCH HIGH NON-ABSORBENT WALL ADJACENT TO SHOWER AND APPROVED SHATTER-RESISTANT MATERIALS FOR SHOWER ENCLOSURE. (R308)

WATER HEATER MUST BE STRAPPED TO WALL (SEC. 507.3, LAPC)

AUTOMATIC GARAGE DOOR OPENERS, IF PROVIDED, SHALL BE LISTED IN

SMOKE DETECTORS SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL DWELLING UNITS INTENDED

FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY, UPON THE OWNER'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT FOR ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, OR ADDITIONS, EXCEEDING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

WHERE A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALTERATIONS. REPAIRS OR ADDITIONS EXCEEDING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000), EXISTING DWELLING OR SLEEPING UNITS THAT HAVE ATTACHED GARAGES OR FUEL-BURINING APPLIANCES SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION R315.1. CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SHALL ONLY BE REQUIRED IN THE SPECIFIC DWELLING UNIT OR SLEEPING UNIT FOR WHICH THE PERMIT WAS OBTAINED.



PARCEL MAP



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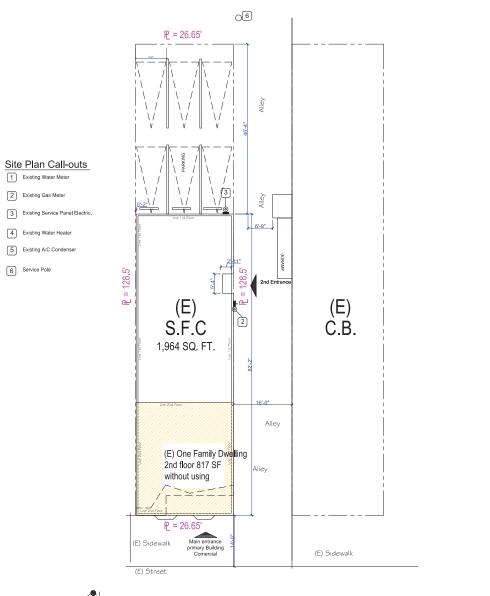
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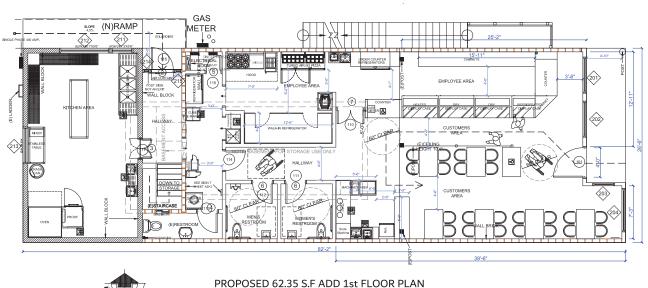
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(E) SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

 Existing Water Meter 2 Existing Gas Meter

4 Existing Water Heater 5 Existing A/C Condenser 6 Service Pole



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П	111	3'-0"			HOLLOW CORE	Existing
П	112	3'-0"			HOLLOW CORE	Existing
П	113	3'-0"	6'-8"		HOLLOW CORE	Existing
П	114	2'-8"			HOLLOW CORE	Existing
П	115	2'-4"			HOLLOW CORE	Existing
П	116	3'-0"			SOLID CORE	Existing
П	117	2'-6"	6'-8"		HOLLOW CORE	Existing
П	118	3'-0"	6'-8"		SOLID CORE	New
П	119	2'-8"			HOLLOW CORE	New
П	120	5'-6"	6'-8"		HOLLOW CORE	New
П	121	7'-0"	6'-8"		HOLLOW CORE	New
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203	3'-0"	9'-0"	FIXED	VINYL	NEW	0.30	0.23	
204	5'-11"	9'-0"	FIXED	VINYL	NEW	0.30	0.23	
205	6'-0"	5'-0"	BAY WINDOW	WOOD	Exsiting Single Hung (Egress)			
206	6'-0"	5'-0"	BAY WINDOW	WOOD	Existing Single Hung (Egress)			
207	3'-0"	5'-0"	SINGLE HUNG	VINYL	NEW	0.30	0.23	
208	4'-0"	1'-6"	SLD' G	VINYL	NEW	0.30	0.23	
209	3'-0"	4'-4"	SINGLE HUNG	VINYL	NEW	0.30	0.23	
210	3'-0"	7'-0"	SINGLE HUNG	VINYL	NEW	0.30	0.23	
211	3'-0"	5'-6"	FIXED	VINYL	Existing			
212	6'-10"	5'-6"	FIXED	VINYL	Existing			
213	5'-0"	4'-0"	FIXED	VINYL	Existing			
214	8"	6'-8"	FIXED	VINYL	Existing			
215	8"	6'-8"	FIXED	VINYL	Existing			

Alley
EXISTING BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN SCALE: 1/4"=1/0" Proposed Reactivating existing 817 S.F. One Family Dwelling on 2nd FLOOR PLAN
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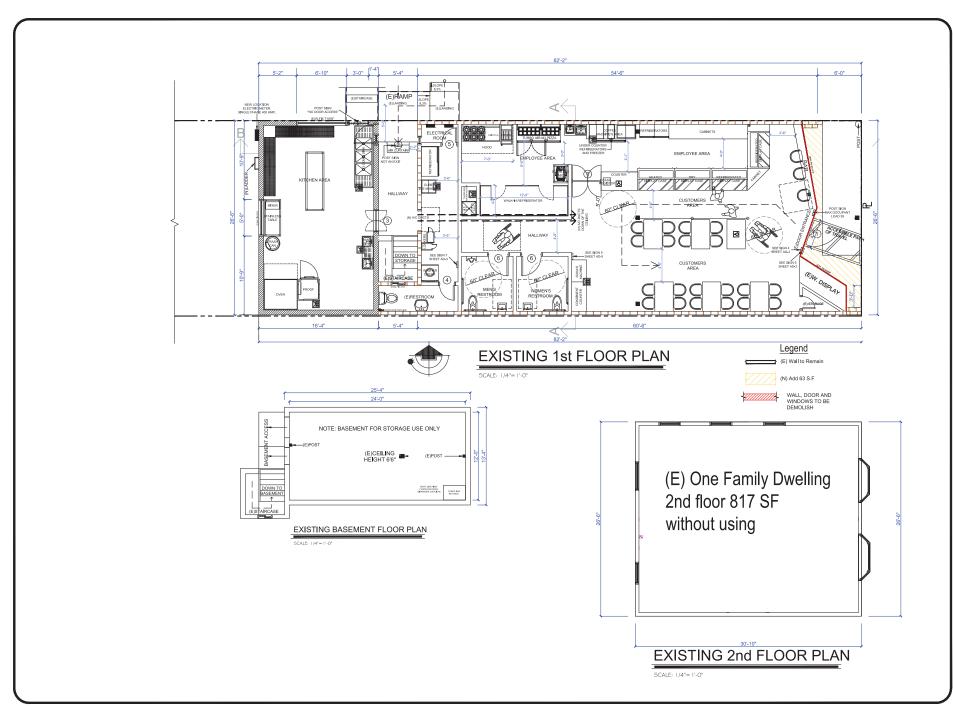
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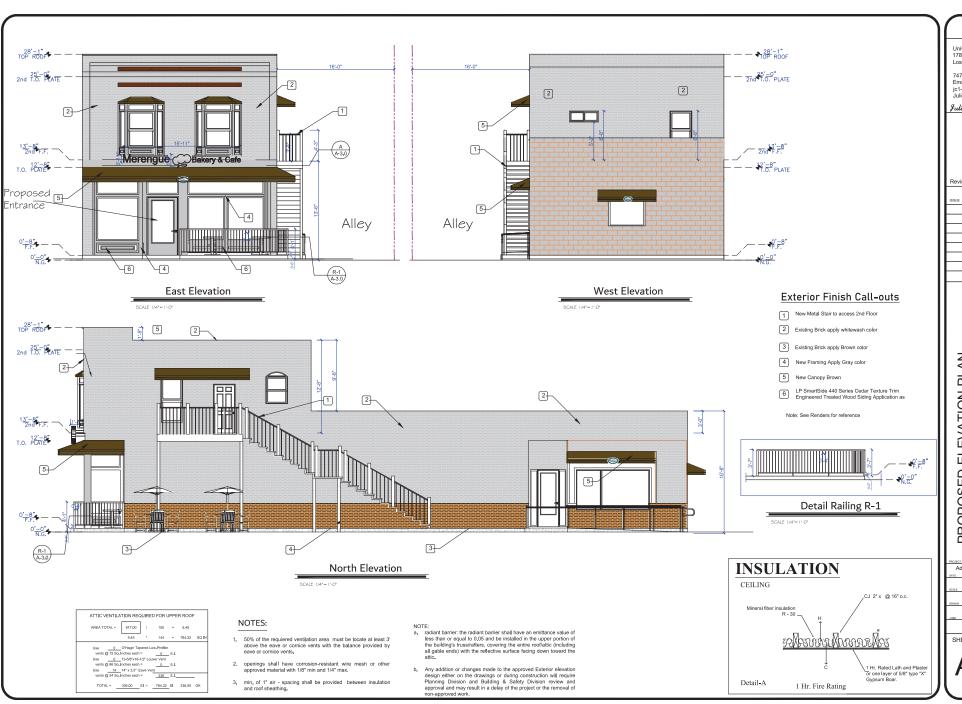
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New Metal Stair to access 2nd Floor

Materials



For new Framing and New Staircase Glidden Fundamentals Exterior Paint Glistening Gray / Grey, Satin,



Home Guard Sealant Whitewash: Commercial Grade Protection Interior & Exterior Brick, Fireplace, Stone, Concrete & Wood - Stain Resistant - [Clear] (Satin Finish) - (Liter - 34 fl oz Covers 108 sf ft)



LP SmartSide 440 Series Cedar Texture Trim Engineered Treated Wood Siding Application as



Clear Rectangular Tempered Glass Sheet 1/2 in. Thick Flat Edge Rust Scratch Resistant



Protective Enamel Flat Brown Interior/Exterior Paint



Prefabricated Canopy Brown Color

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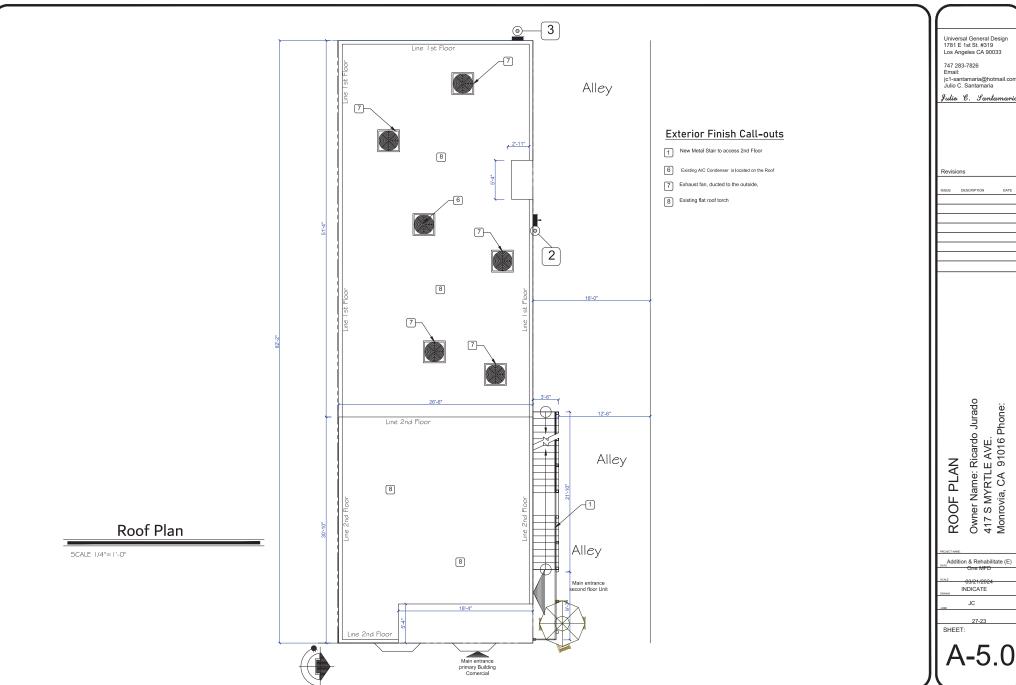
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