



Design Review Commission Report

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 3, 2016
(Continued from October 6, 2016)

Subject: **315 South Canon Drive (PL1623764)**
A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City south of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Applicant: Kami Rezai, Designer

Recommendation: Conduct public hearing and provide the applicant with an approval.

REPORT SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting review and approval of a new two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard. The proposed style is identified by the applicant as a mixed Tuscan Villa and Italianate Renaissance Revival style. The project does not adhere to a pure architectural style, and is not designed by a licensed Architect; therefore, the project is before the Commission for review.

BACKGROUND

The project was previously reviewed by the Design Review Commission at its meeting on October 6, 2016 (Attachment A). At that meeting, the Commission felt the design warranted further review and directed the project to be restudied and continued to a date certain (November 3, 2016). The Commission's comments related primarily to the overall refinement of the design and the architectural proportions. In addition, the Commission requested that the solid-to-void ratio on the front façade be restudied, an element be provided on the side of the rear second floor balcony to ensure privacy for the neighbor, and the porte cochere supports be modified as they appeared out of scale. Finally, revisions to the landscape design and plantings were requested.

As a result of the Commission's comments, the applicant has modified the following elements:

- Reduced the length and the thickness of the balcony on the second floor and removed the corbels;
- Darkened the color of the cement plaster to give more contrast to the façade;
- Revised the porte cochere columns;

Attachment(s):

- October 6, 2016 DRC Staff Report and Previously Proposed Plans
- Applicant's Written Response to Comments
- Project Design Plans
- DRAFT Approval Resolution

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- Changed the French door on the ground floor to a five foot (5') casement window.
- Added a 42" high planter box and 30" high steel frame with redwood screen atop the second floor rear balcony side to maintain privacy for the neighbors.
- Added a planter box above the entry arch; and
- Revised the landscaping plan.

An applicant-prepared *Response to the Commissioner's Comments* is included in Attachment B of this report.

URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS

The design of the traditionally-styled residence overall has been refined from this previous iteration with the lightening of the perceived weight of balcony feature on the facade, a revision to the percentage of glazing at the ground floor, a refinement of the columnar elements for the porte cochere, and a review of the final color palette proposed. A close final review in conjunction with the architectural studies recommended by staff, will serve as a positive enhancement to the streetscape. The design resolutions are being requested as follows:

- Continue to review the inclusion of the planter feature on the central portion of the upper street-facing façade, so as not to create a maintenance issue in the future with this feature. Study, rather, the inclusion of a shed roof element, simplified architrave feature or other treatment that will add to the modulation and interest of the façade without being a possible future detriment to the building.
- Provide final material specifications and architectural detailing for final review and approval by Staff in advance of submitting for plan check.

Project-specific conditions have not been proposed as a result of this analysis; however, the Commission may wish to consider such comments during the course of its review.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The subject project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – Public Resources Code §§21000 – 21178), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines in that the project includes the review of building design, colors and materials to the façade of the building, front yard landscaping or minor low-scaled accessory structures, such as fences or walls. Additionally, since the property has not been designed by an architect listed on the City's Master Architect List nor has it been listed on the City's Historic Resource Survey, it does not warrant further review as a potential historical resource. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the subject activity could result in a significant effect on the environment.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND NOTIFICATION

As the project was continued to a date certain, no additional mailed notices are required. The posted notices at the site have been updated to reflect the continued hearing date of Thursday,



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November 3, 2016. To date staff has not received comments in regards to the submitted project.



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Attachment A

October 6, 2016 DRC Staff Report
and Previously Proposed Plans



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URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS

The design of the traditionally-styled single-family residence overall is generally well resolved, and a close review in conjunction with the architectural studies recommended by staff, will serve as a positive enhancement to the streetscape. The design resolutions are being requested as follows:

- Consider lightening the perceived weight of the projecting balcony element on the second floor façade, as it appears structurally heavy and a review of this design feature could more appropriately align with the traditional Mediterranean styling of the building and respond to historical structural principles associated with the style.
- Consider darkening the color proposed for the cement plaster to create a greater, yet subtle, contrast between the building face and the precast trim elements.
- Provide an architectural detail for the interconnection of the support columns for the porte cochere and the site wall to ensure the structural connections are concealed appropriately.
- Study the solid-to-void on the ground floor of the front street-facing façade to review the inclusion of the French door on this portion of the elevation in conjunction with the three other French door located on the upper portion of this elevation.

Attachment(s):

- A. Detailed Design Description and Materials (applicant-prepared)
- B. Project Design Plans
- C. DRAFT Approval Resolution

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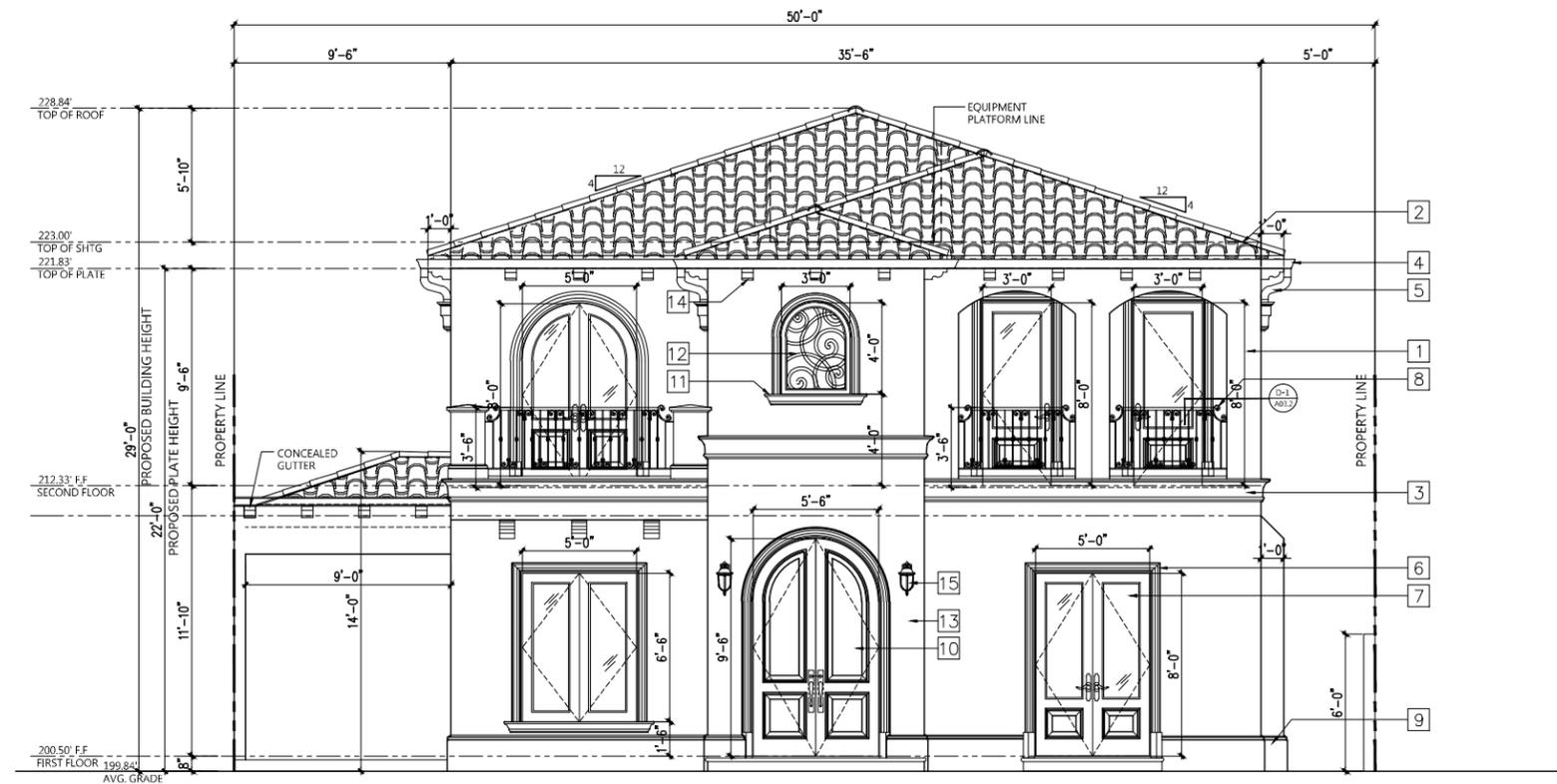
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PUBLIC OUTREACH AND NOTIFICATION

The project requires mailed public notice within 100 feet and the block face of the subject property be mailed, and an on-site notice at the subject property be posted, ten (10) days prior to the hearing. The public notice for this project was mailed on Friday, September 23, 2016; the site was posted on Friday, September 23, 2016. To date staff has not received comments in regards to the submitted project.



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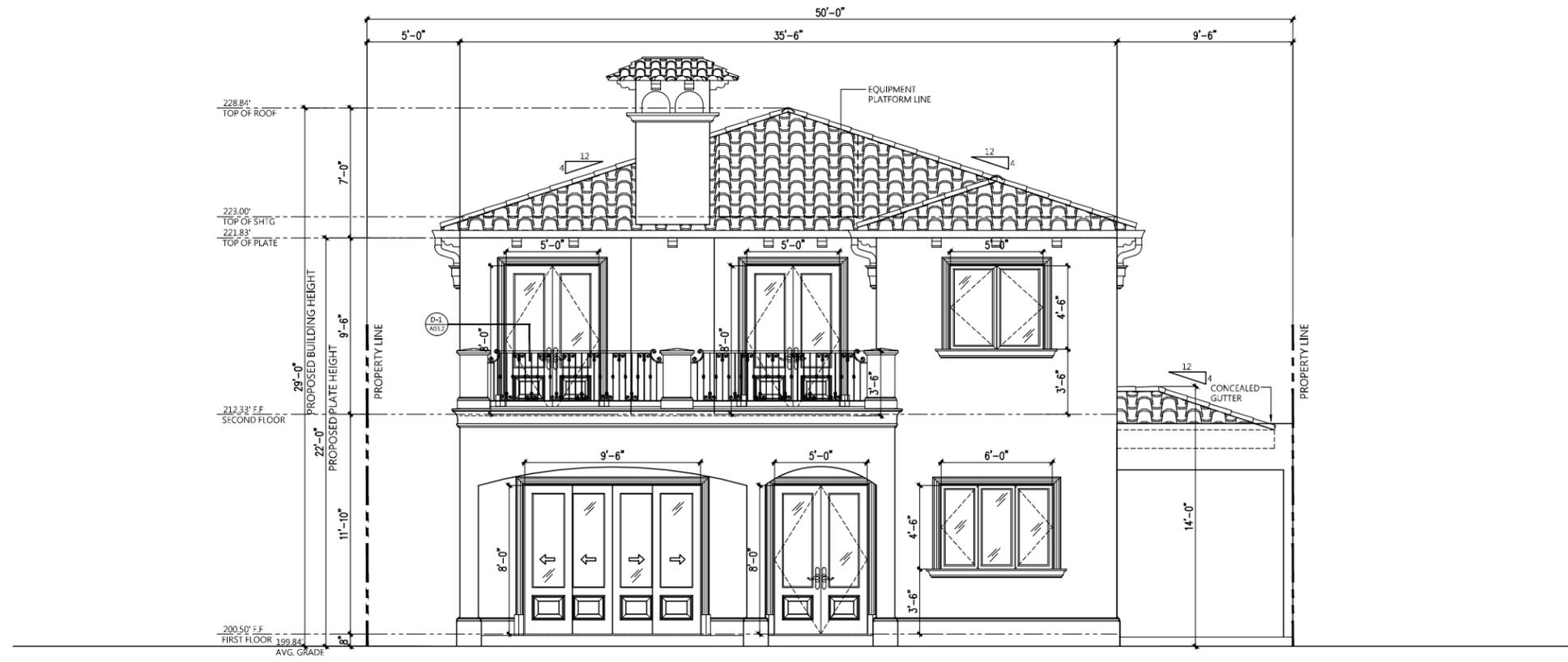
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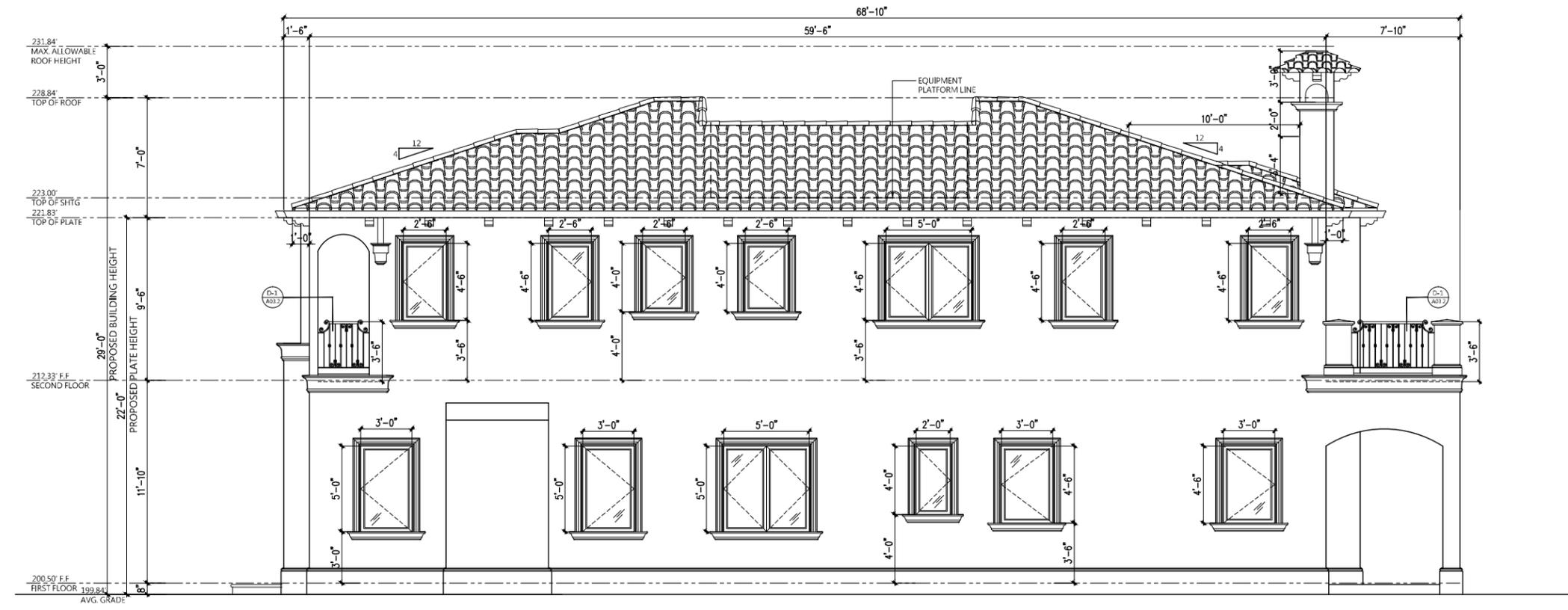
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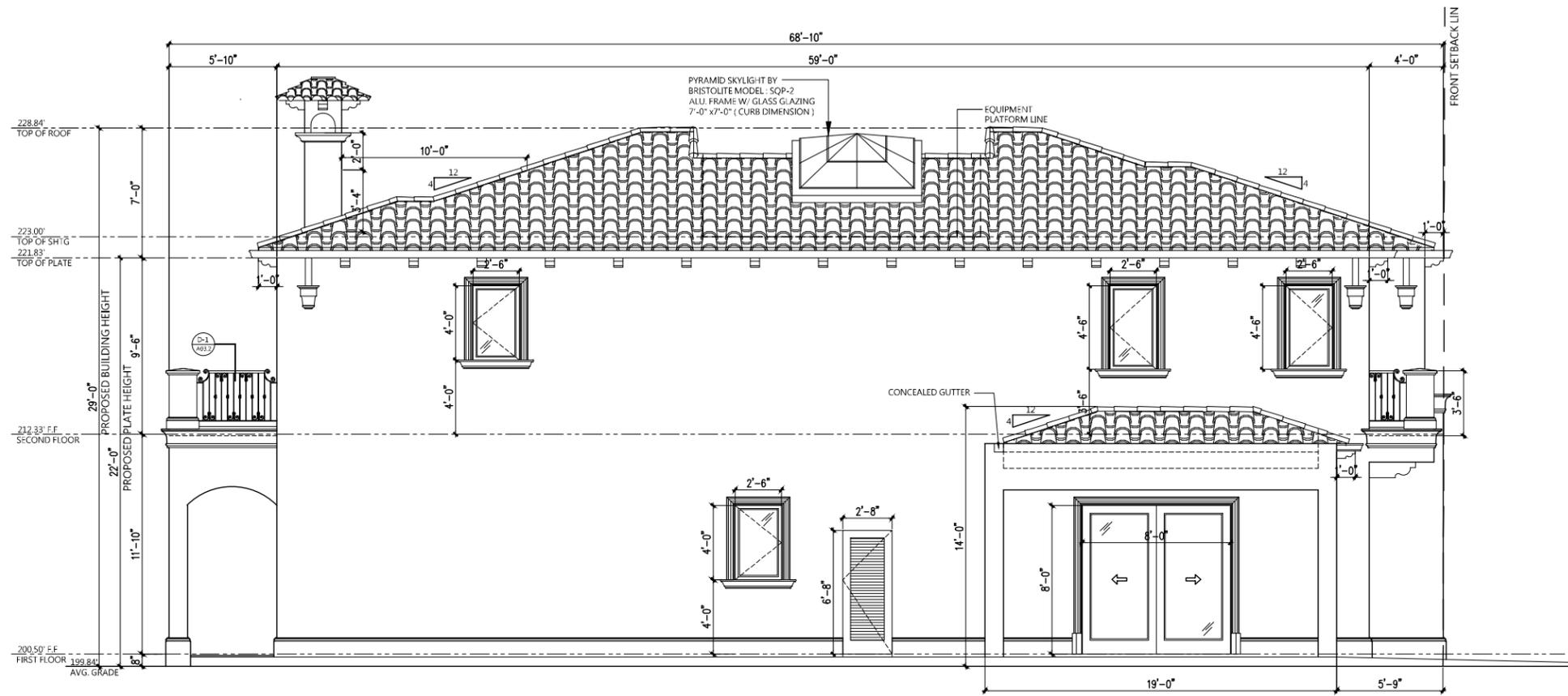
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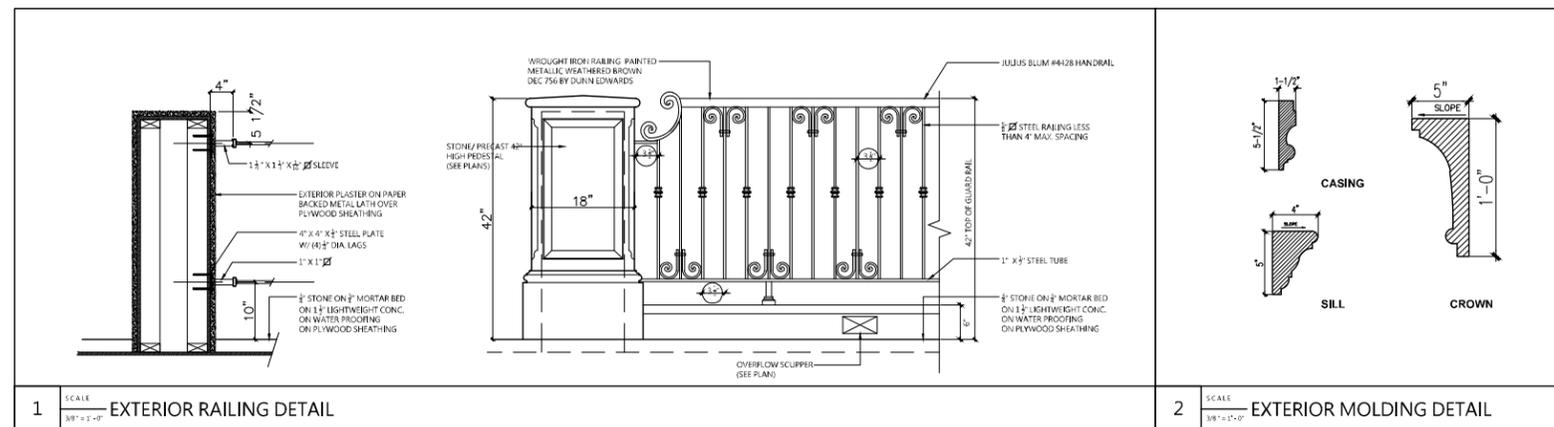
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Attachment B

Applicant's Written Response to Comments

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DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION COMMENTS & ANSWERS

- 1. Lightening the perceived weight of the second floor balcony as it appears structurally heavy and better respond to the Mediterranean style and historical principles associated with this style.**

A: The balcony was reduced to a length of 8', creating voids on both sides. The thickness of the balcony was also reduced to give a sense of lightness and better harmony with the elements of the front façade. The corbel below were removed as well as the two pilasters.

- 2. Darkening the color of the cement plaster for a greater yet subtle contrast between the building face and precast elements.**

A: The color of the cement plaster was darkened to a more tan tone.

- 3. Provide an architectural detail for the interconnection of the support columns for the porte cochere and the site wall to ensure the structural connections are sealed appropriately. The columns of the Porte Cochere appear thin and out of scale in comparison with the rest of the house.**

A: A detail of the connection is provided in the updated plans on page A04.1

- 4. Study the solid to void on the ground floor of the street facing façade to review the inclusion of the French door portion of the elevation in conjunction with the 3 other French doors. The doors seem out of place and without realistic purpose.**

A: The French door was changed to a 5' casement window.

- 5. Provide an element for the rear yard balcony to ensure privacy between the proposed project and the neighbors.**

A: A 42" high planter box with a 30" high steel frame, redwood screen atop was placed on the second floor rear balcony to create privacy between the project and the neighbors.

- 6. Reduce the box feeling the front façade.**

A: We arched the Porte Cochere entry, reduced the height and lightened its weight. We reduced the size of the balcony and minimized its bulky appearance. A planter box was placed atop the entry arch to soften the face of the building and add to the garden quality of the front yard.

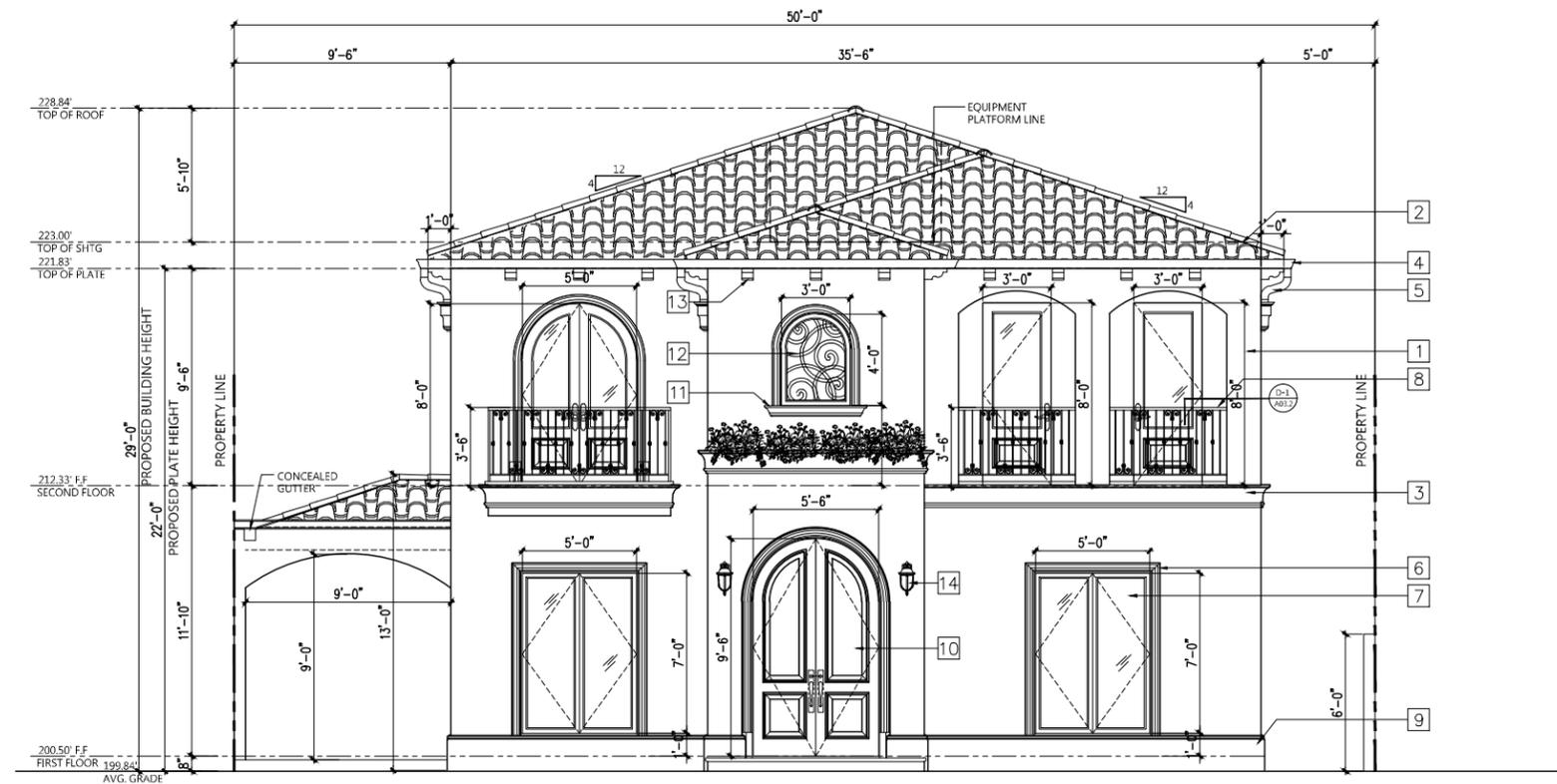


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Attachment C
Project Design Plans



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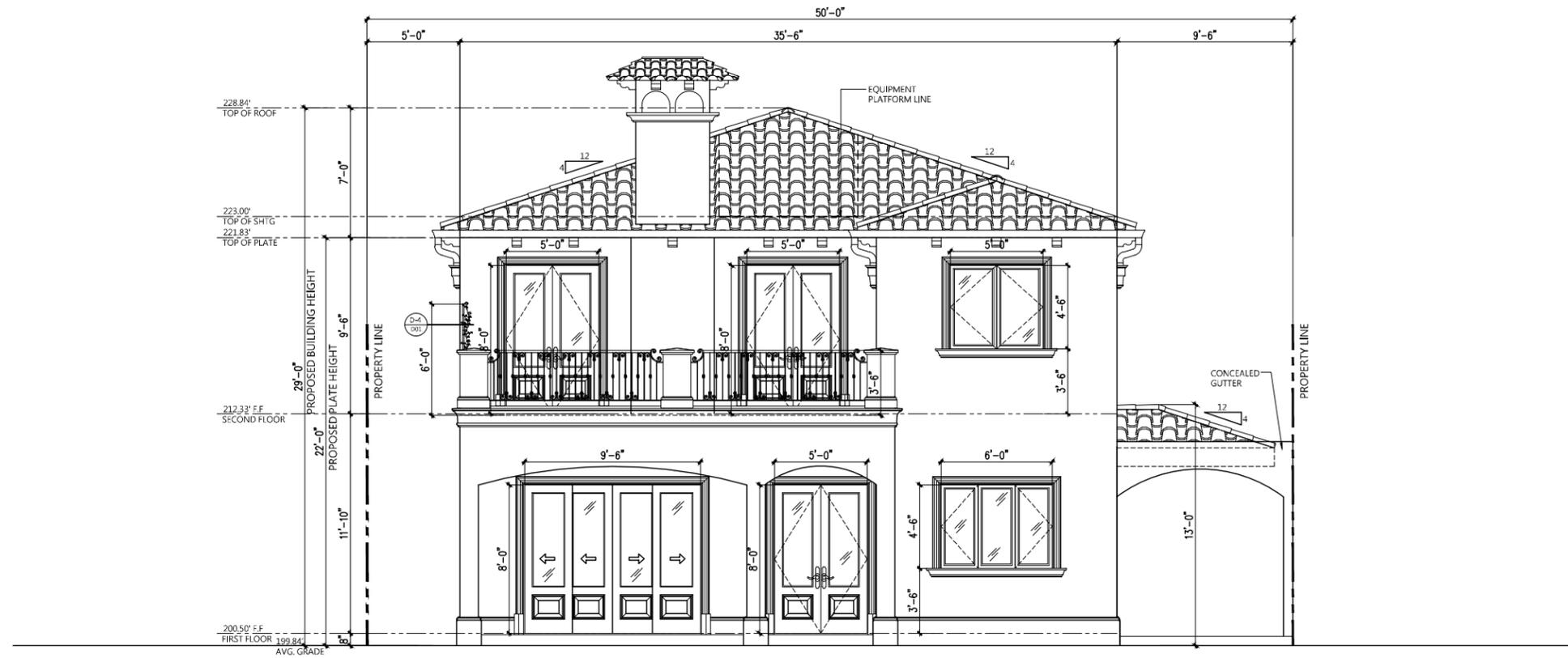
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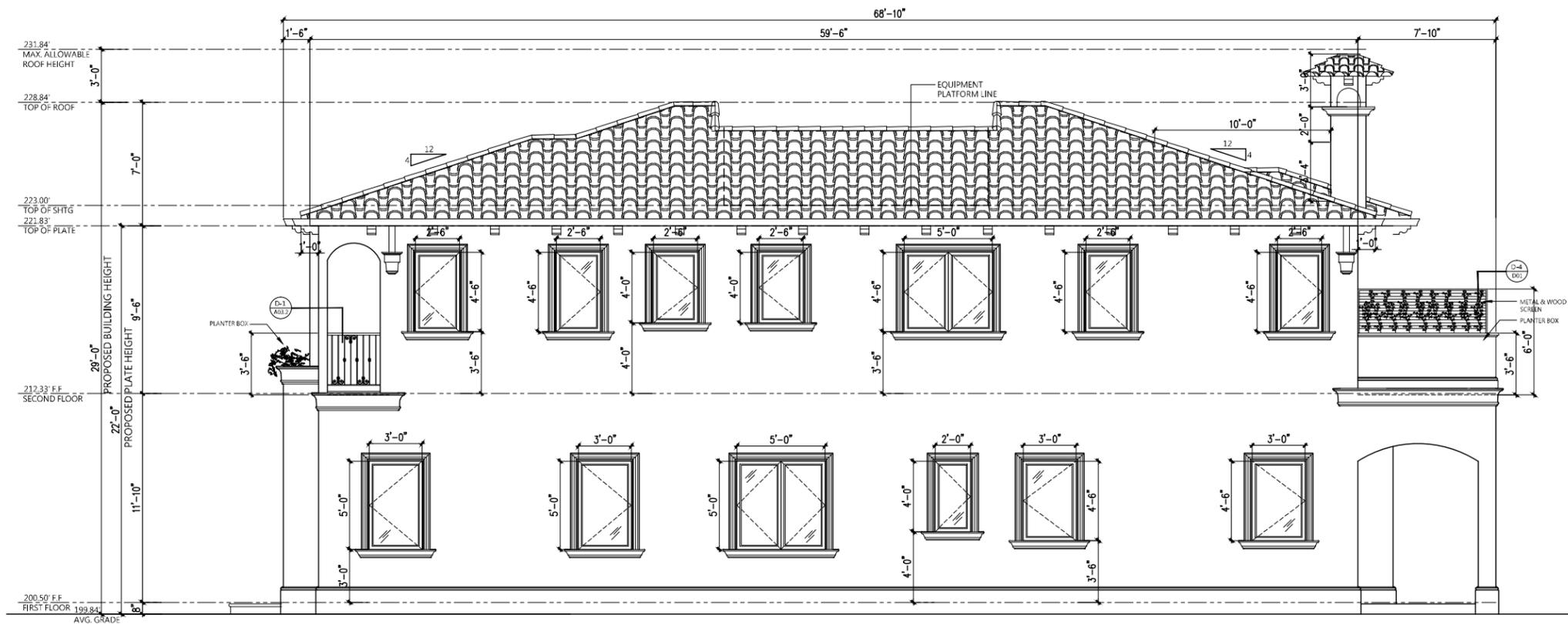
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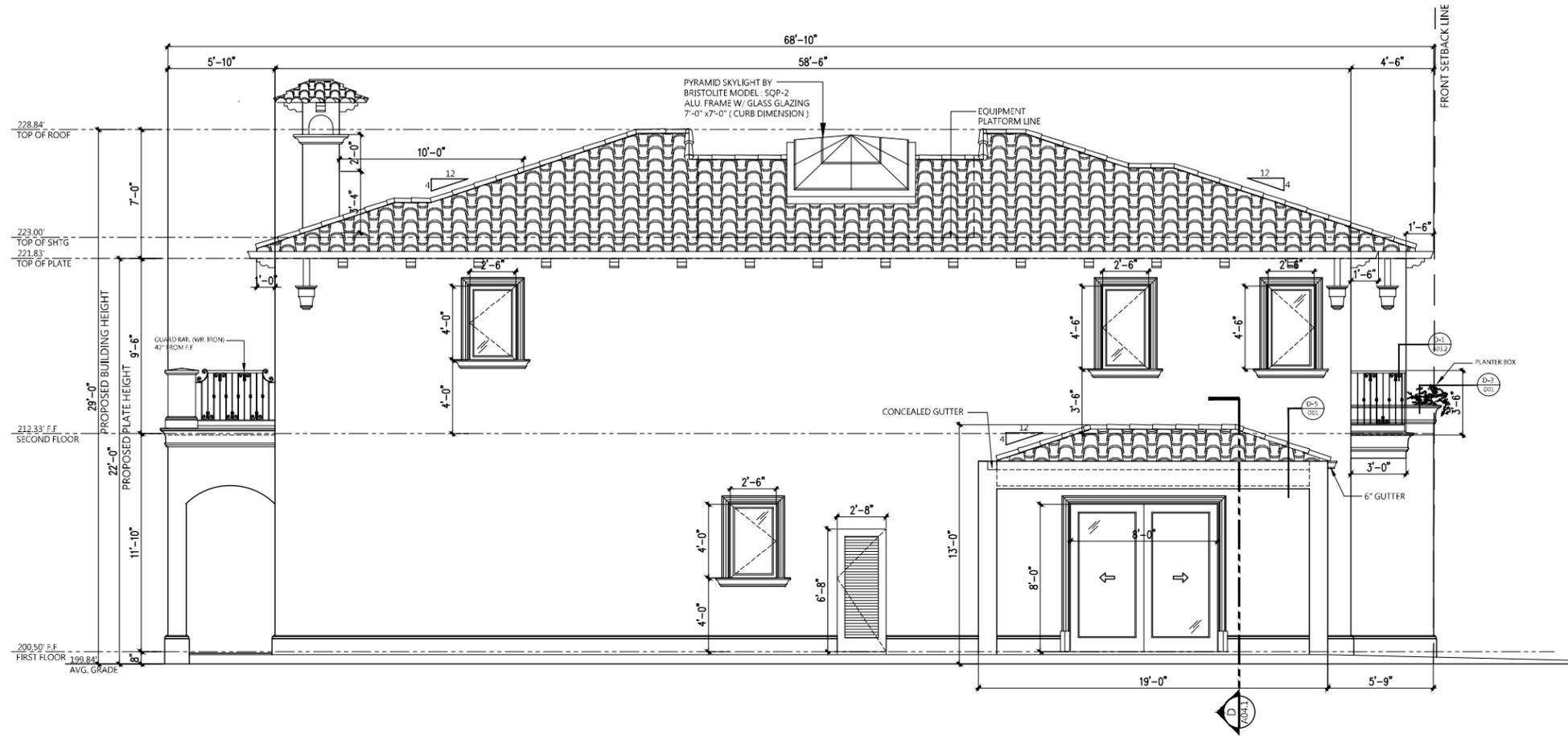


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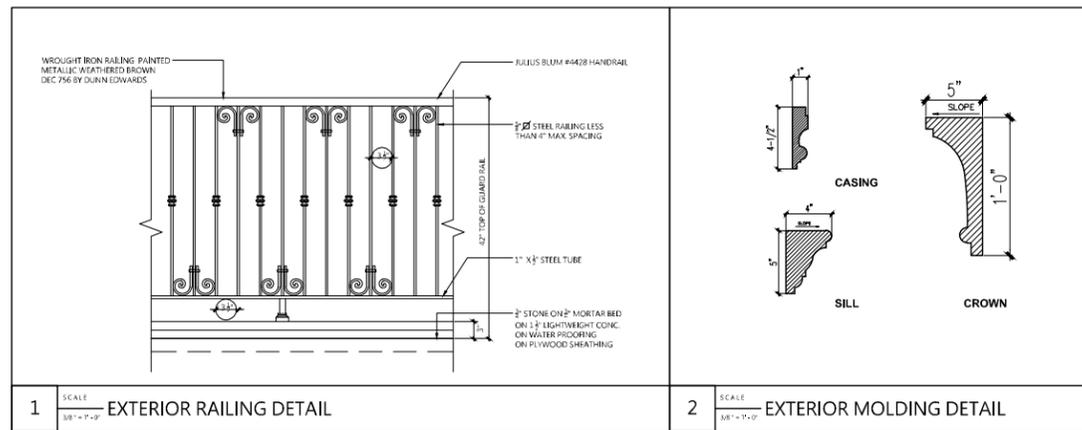
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Attachment D

DRAFT Approval Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. DR XX-16

RESOLUTION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN R-1 DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 315 SOUTH CANON DRIVE.

The Design Review Commission of the City of Beverly Hills hereby finds, resolves and determines as follows:

Section 1. Kami Rezai, agent, on behalf of Faramarz Yadegari, property owner (Collectively the “Applicant”), has applied for an R-1 Design Review Permit for design approval of a new two-story single-family residence for the property located at 315 South Canon Drive which is located in the city’s Central R-1 Zone.

Section 2. Beverly Hills Municipal Code Article 44, Chapter 3 of Title 10, authorizes the Design Review Commission the authority to approve, approve with conditions or deny design-related aspects of projects located in the city’s Central R-1 zone, subject to findings set forth in Beverly Municipal Code Section 10-3-4415.

Section 3. The subject project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – Public Resources Code §§21000 – 21178), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines in that the project includes the review of building design, colors and materials to the façade of the building, front yard landscaping or minor low-scaled accessory structures, such as fences or walls. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the subject activity could result in a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, since the property has not been designed by an architect listed on the City’s Master Architect List nor has it been listed on the City’s Historic Resource Survey, it does

not warrant further review as a potential historical resource. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the subject activity could result in a significant effect on the environment.

Section 4. The Design Review Commission conducted duly noticed public hearings on **October 6, 2016 and November 3, 2016**, at which time oral and documentary evidence was received concerning the application.

Section 5. Based upon the evidence presented at the hearings, including the staff report(s), oral and written testimony, the Design Review Commission hereby finds as follows with respect to the R-1 Design Review Permit:

A. The proposed development's design exhibits an internally compatible design scheme in that the project's proportions, form, fenestration, scale, mass, color and materials are representative of the architectural style and design scheme chosen for the building. These design elements, including existing or proposed landscaping, paving, or perimeter fencing or walls are internally compatible and consistent with the overall design.

B. The proposed development's design appropriately minimizes the appearance of scale and mass and enhances the garden like quality of the city and appropriately maximizes the use of required open space within the proposed architectural style. Specifically, the project, as conditioned, complies with applicable provisions of the municipal code that regulate overall building size, height, scale and mass. Additionally, the building provides appropriate building modulation and uses window and other design components that minimize the visual bulk and mass. The garden quality of the city is maintained through appropriately proportioned paving in the required front yard and with the incorporation of existing or proposed plant material of appropriate sizes that complement the architectural style and help reduce overall mass and scale.

C. The proposed development will enhance the appearance of the neighborhood in that the new construction has been designed in context to the appearance, mass and scale of adjacent properties and other properties in the neighborhood. The project includes the use of high quality building materials and appropriately uses colors and design ornamentation that is appropriate to the neighborhood. Existing or new planting will promote the garden quality image and appearance of the city, consistent with city goals and existing mature landscaping in the neighborhood.

D. The proposed development is designed to balance the reasonable expectation of development for the owner with the reasonable expectation of privacy of neighbors. The City's zoning regulations set forth maximum building height and mass standards with which this project, as conditioned, conforms. The project is being constructed in an urbanized environment and has other adjacent and nearby residences. To provide a reasonable expectation of privacy, the Design Review Commission, reviewed the placement of windows on the subject and adjacent properties, considered the location of private outdoor areas and evaluated the projects proposed and neighbors existing landscaping. Accordingly, based on this review, and as conditioned by this resolution, the project balances reasonable expectations for privacy and development.

E. The proposed development respects prevailing site design patterns, carefully analyzing the characteristics of the surrounding group of homes, and integrates appropriate features that will ensure harmony between old and new. Specifically, the project has been designed with an internally compatible architectural theme and is modulated in a manner that respects privacy and scale of development to adjacent properties. The project design, proportionality and landscaping is compatible with other properties in the general vicinity and the project reinforces a cohesive streetscape. In its review the

Design Review Commission carefully studied the proposed project in context to adjacent properties and conducted individual site inspections or reviewed photographs of the surrounding group of homes.

Section 6. Based on the foregoing, the Design Review Commission hereby grants the request defined in this resolution subject to the following conditions:

Project Specific Conditions

No project-specific conditions are proposed.

Standard Conditions

1. **Design Approval.** Project approval is for the design-related aspects of the project only. No approval is implied or granted with regard to applicable city zoning or technical codes, which may require review and approval from other city commissions or officials.
2. **Compliance with Municipal Code.** Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall demonstrate compliance with all applicable provisions of the city's municipal code and applicable conditions imposed by any discretionary review approval.
3. **Compliance with Special Conditions.** Any special conditions that require approval by the director of community development, or designee, shall be submitted to the staff liaison to the commission within fourteen (14) days of approval or prior to submittal of the plan check review application, whichever is greater.
4. **Project Rendering.** Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall incorporate into the building permit set of plans, an updated color rendering of all building facades that are visible from the public street. The quality and detail of the rendering shall be subject to approval from the Director

of Community Development, or designee, and shall include sufficient design information to evaluate project compliance during construction.

5. **Approval Resolution.** A copy of the signed resolution of approval shall be scanned onto the cover sheet(s) of the building permit set of plans.

6. **Substantial Compliance with Approved Plans.** The director of community development, or designee, shall determine if changes to the approved project are in substantial compliance with the commission's action. This determination shall be subject to applicable fees and charges. A substantial modification to the approved project requires approval from the Design Review Commission.

7. **Covenant Recording.** This resolution approving an R-1 Design Review Permit shall not become effective until the owner of the Project site records a covenant, satisfactory in form and content to the City Attorney, accepting the conditions of approval set forth in this resolution. The covenant shall include a copy of the resolution as an exhibit. The Applicant shall deliver the executed covenant to the Department of Community Development **within 60 days** of the Planning Commission decision. At the time that the Applicant delivers the covenant to the City, the Applicant shall also provide the City with all fees necessary to record the document with the County Recorder. If the Applicant fails to deliver the executed covenant within the required 60 days, this resolution approving the Project shall be **null and void** and of no further effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Director of Community Development may, upon a request by the Applicant, grant a waiver from the 60-day time limit if, at the time of the request, the Director determines that there have been no substantial changes to any federal, state, or local law that would affect the Project.

8. **Validity of Permits.** The rights granted by this approval shall remain valid for three (3) years from the date of approval, unless extended pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10-3-207.

9. **Appeals.** Decisions of the Design Review Commission may be appealed to the Planning Commission within fourteen (14) days of the final action by filing a written appeal and paying appropriate fees with the City Clerk.

Section 7. The Secretary of the Design Review Commission shall certify to the passage, approval, and adoption of this resolution, and shall cause this resolution and its certification to be entered in the administrative record maintained by the community development department.

Section 8. Decisions of the Design Review Commission may be appealed to the Planning Commission within fourteen (14) days of the final action by filling a written appeal and paying appropriate fees with the City of Beverly Hills City Clerk.

Approved as to Form and Content:

Adopted: **November 3, 2016**

Mark Odell, Urban Designer
Community Development Department

Ilene Nathan, Chair
Design Review Commission