



BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 105802

General Information

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:

Special Permit: X

Variance: X

Appeal: _____

PETITIONER: Jameson Rogers C/O Adam J. Glassman, R.A. GCD Architects

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 2 Worthington St , MA, Cambridge 02138

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 383 Windsor St , Cambridge, MA

TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: multifamily residential

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C-1 Zone

REASON FOR PETITION:

/Additions/ /New and enlarged non conforming window openings, exclusion of basement from calculated GFA /

DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:

Proposed Non Conforming 3rd Story Addition and Rear Decks per Existing Non-Comforming FAR and Set-Backs and Increasing GFA of an Existing Non-Comforming Structure by more than 20%.

Proposed Non-Conforming New and Enlarged Window openings per Non-Conforming Set-Backs Proposed Exclusion of Basement from the Calculation of the GFA

SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:

Article: 8.000Section: 8.22.2 (Non-Conforming Structure).Article: 8.000Section: 8.22.3 (Non-Conforming Structure).Article: 5.000Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).Article: 2.000Section: GFA (16) Basement Exemptions from GFA

Original Signature(s):

Adam J. Classman, M.A.

(Petitioner (s) / Owner)

(Print Name)

Address:

Date: 1/25/2]

No.617-412-8450E-Mail Address:ajglassman.ra@gmail.com

BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I/We Jameson Rogers (OWNER)
Address: 50 Inman St. Cambridge MA 02139
State that I/We own the property located at 383-385 Windsor St.,
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date $\frac{10/30/20}{,}$ Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book $\frac{76040}{,}$ Page 305 ; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No.
Book Page
SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT*
*Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Kings
The above-name $\frac{\int a_{m(s)} \rho_{ogles}}{\int \rho_{ogles}}$ personally appeared before me, this $\frac{11P}{\rho_{of}}$ of $\frac{\int \rho_{onv} \rho_{gles}}{\rho_{ogles}}$, and made oath that the above statement is true.
My commission expires 12/21/2023 (Notary Seal).

 If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

(ATTACHMENT B - PAGE 3)

VASHU PATEL NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK No. 01PA6334587 Qualified in Kings County My Commission Expires 12-21-2023

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10.

A) A literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

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The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or
 b) topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures by not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

The pre-existing lot is non-comforming due to size and setbacks and no substantial exterior modifications to the building envelope can be made without obtaining zoning relief, even if there is no actual increase in FAR or increase in existing non-comformities.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

The proposed work will cause no loss of off-street parking, will add no additonal FAR, it will add no additional dwelling units, it will cause no light or noise pollution, it will cause no loss of open space, it will maintain a conforming building height and will cause no loss of privacy or incease shadows cast on abutting lots. The existing building non-conformities such as FAR and rear-setback will be reduced, and the non-conforming private open space will be increased. The proposed work would raise the existing roof height less than 1'-0" and the building height would remain conforming.

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*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

Please describe in complete detail how you meet each of the following criteria referring to the property and proposed changes or uses which are requested in your application. Attach sheets with additional information for special permits which have additional criteria, e.g.; fast food permits, comprehensive permits, etc., which must be met.

Granting the Special Permit requested for <u>383 Windsor St</u>, <u>Cambridge</u>, <u>MA</u> (location) would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

A) Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:

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B) Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character for the following reasons:

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C) The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the Zoning Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed use for the following reasons:

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D) Nuisance or hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety, and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:

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E) For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining district or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons:

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Jameson Rogers

Location: 2 Worthington St Phone: 617-412-8450

 Present Use/Occupancy:
 multifamily residential

 Zone:
 Residence C-1 Zone

 Requested Use/Occupancy:
 multifamily residential

		<u>Existing</u> Conditions	Requested Conditions	<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
<u>TOTAL GROSS</u> FLOOR AREA:		5,606.0	5,402.0	2,686.5	(max.)
LOT AREA:		3,582.0	No Change	5,000.0	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		1.57	1.50	.75	
<u>LOT AREA OF</u> EACH DWELLING UNIT		1,194.0	No Change	1,500.00	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	50	No Change	50	
	DEPTH	73.0	No Change	NA	
SETBACKS IN FEET	FRONT	0.0 to front stairs & 3'-7" to bay window	No Change	15.0	
	REAR	0.0 to existing ramp	11.4 to proposed deck stair	20.0	
	LEFT SIDE	3.2	No Change	15.5	
	RIGHT SIDE	2.0	No Change	15.5	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	34.2	34.92	35.0	
	WIDTH	72.0	60.5'	33.0	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:	ř	559.0 16%	1,166.0 32%	1,074.6 30%	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		3	3	3	
<u>NO. OF PARKING</u> <u>SPACES:</u>		0	0	3	
<u>no. of loading</u> <u>Areas:</u>		0	0	NA	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		NA	NA	NA	

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
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383-385 Windsor St. Application for Zoning Relief

Project Summary and Overview:

To the BZA Board, below is a brief outline describing the many positive attributes of this project. While: Liu most abutters support this project, there are some limited but important abutter concerns which we address below as well.

1) Work includes removing illegal unit to convert 383-385 Windsor St into a legal 3 family dwelling unit. This effectively reduces both density and parking pressures in the immediate neighborhood.

2) Our plan to convert the (4) outdated 'workers cottage' style units into (3) equally sized more modernized dwelling units will accommodate families in a safe, comfortable, and functional way. Existing units are currently subpar living conditions. Cambridge needs these kinds of modest improvements to much of its existing outdated housing stock.

3) The proposed exterior upgrades will enhance the fabric and quality of the neighborhood, support letters in the file echo this sentiment.

4) The existing rear setbacks will be brought into conformance with removal of the unsightly metal ramp structure which also creates more usable open space and landscaping. No relief is needed for larger windows, patio doors and balconies on the rear façade, they are allowable by right.

5) Existing old and unsightly rear chain link fence will be replaced with an attractive 7'-0" tall cedar fence and relocated to the property line restoring full depth of 48 Union Street's rear yard. Adjacent to the cedar fence will be an 8'-0" tall row of evergreen shrubs. For additional higher screening, the owner is willing to also plant taller deciduous trees.

6) The conforming building height remains conforming and matches the direct left side abutter in height and style.

7) The existing non-conforming FAR will remain non-conforming but will be slightly reduced per exclusion of the basement per our Special Permit application.

8) Near perfect Eastern exposure means the existing shadows cast to the rear abutter are very brief, limited to the early morning, and will remain so. Any added shadows are also very brief and are not a substantial change from existing conditions. (and the rear abutter has only 1 rear facing window)

9) The proposed third floor modification is the expansion and conversion of the existing hip roof which has very low ceiling height. There is no real change in scale and this work is consistent with most structures in this neighborhood which range in size from 2.5 - 3 story structures.

END

Adam J. Glassman, R.A. Project Architect for 383-385 Windsor Street

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Applicant:	Jameson	Rogers		Present	Use/Occupancy:	multifamily residential
Location: Phone:	2 Worthin 617-412-1		RED TEXT = REVISIONS TO ORIGINAL DIMENSION FORM	Requested AL	Zone: Use/Occupancy:	<u>Residence C-1 Zone</u> multifamily residential
			Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
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		RIGHT SIDE	2.0	No Change	15.5	DECK AND BALCONIES ARE CONFORMING PER
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NO. OF PAF	RKING		0	0	3	
NO. OF LOA	DING		0	0	NA	
DISTANCE NEAREST B ON SAME L	BLDG.		NA	NA	NA	

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15 March 2021 - 383 Windsor Street Summary of Changes to BZA Application for Continuance:

1) PAGE L.1.:

The landscape plans now include a 7'-0" wood privacy fence along the rear lot line, to replace an existing old chain-link fence currently located on the property of 48 Union Street. This will restore the rear yard at 48 Union St to its original larger size. Adjacent to the proposed fence we have also added a row of approx. 8'-0" evergreen arborvitae as an additional landscape buffer between 383 Windsor St and 48 Union St.

Analysis: Privacy, Landscaping and Views would be improved for both 48 Union St and 383 Windsor Street. 48 Windsor St would also have its rear yard enlarged by 75.00 SF.

2) PAGE FAR PLANS: Removed 2nd and 3rd Floor Decks and replaced with 3 ft conforming

balconies therefore Proposed FAR has been revised from 1.57 to 1.47 Reducing proposed deck

depth from 7'-0" (Non-Conforming) to 3'-0" (Conforming).

Analysis: Reduction in overall FAR / Proposed Conforming Balconies

3) PAGES A1.2, A1.3, A2.2, A2.3, A2.4, and 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4

Originally proposed non-conforming rear decks at 2nd and 3rd floors have been reduced to

conforming 3'-0" balconies.

Analysis: Rear Setback is now fully conforming.

Additional Pages:

A) Pages R.5 and R.6 Renderings looking from 48-50 Union Street

Analysis: No substantial change in scale of existing structure Analysis: No substantial loss of views or natural light

B) Shadow Studies

Analysis: No substantial increase in shadows on adjacent properties.

C) Contextual Block Photos

Analysis: No departure from the existing scale, height and character of the surrounding neighborhood.

D) Page B3.1 Section Through Yard:

Analysis: Rear setback made conforming, improved rear buffer, no substantial change in scale. The building height is raised by less than 1'-0" and remains conforming.

20 March 2021

Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals 831 Mass Ave. Cambridge MA 02139

Dear members of the Cambridge BZA,

I made Cambridge my home in 2010 when I moved here for graduate study in engineering. Over the last 11 years, I have lived in many places in and around Central Square, and have experienced the difference that availability of high quality housing makes for myself, my family and my friends. The proposed improvements at 383 Windsor represent my first contribution to the creation of such high quality housing. Through partnership with the gifted Cambridge architect, Adam Glassman, I have developed plans to turn 3 poorly configured worker cottages into 3 units of family-friendly housing to support the growing number of young families the city's recent investment in King Open School (located just two blocks away) will attract. The benefit the proposed improvements have for the neighborhood and streetscape are represented by the several support letters we have received from abuttors.

Our original proposal included rear decks to give each unit private open space, but after hearing concerns from rear abuttors, we have replaced these decks with small balconies to ensure the proposed plans are conforming in relation to the rear setback. This enhances privacy, and eliminates the concern for noise. Additionally, these updated plans propose a new fence to further enhance the privacy of our neighbors--even beyond where it is today. The proposed changes to the roof conform to the neighborhood's height restrictions, and are consistent with the rest of the buildings on Windsor St. We also studied the impact of the proposed roofline adjustments on shadows, but found little to no impact beyond those already cast by the odd shape of the existing hip roof.

We have made significant efforts to discuss our proposed plans with the neighbors who have expressed concerns, but our offers to collaborate on possible solutions have been declined. As a result, we have studied the concerns outlined in the letters, and have done our best to address each with modifications to our proposal. We believe our neighbors will be very pleased with the revised plans.

Sincerely,

Jameson Rogers 383 Windsor St Cambridge, MA 02141

3/20/21

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Address	Location	Contact	Position	Date	Purpose	Response			
201 Windows St	Diaht abuttan	la Ann Prenes		1/31	Share proposed plans	No response			
391 Windsor St	Right abuttor	Jo-Ann Branco	n/a	2/26	Follow-up on previous contact	No response			
379 Windsor St	Left abuttor	David Maher	n/a	2/5	Share proposed plans	No response			
390-396 Windsor St	Front abuttor	Albert Pacheco	Support	1/31	Share proposed plans	Yes, support			
384-386 Windsor St	Front abuttor	Mario Massimino	Support	1/31	Share proposed plans	Yes, support			
376-378 Windsor	Front abuttor	Joseph Bisognano	Support	1/16	Share proposed plans	Yes, support			
				2/13	Share proposed plans	No response			
							3/1	Invitation to collaborate on addressing concerns noted in opposition letter	No response
50 Union St	Rear abuttor	Cyrus Bazazi	Oppose	3/5	Follow-up on previous contact	Abuttor delegated opinion of project to 48 Union St and declined petitioner's invitation to collaborate			
				3/12	Share revised plans and extend invitation to make further changes	No response			
				2/13	Share proposed plans	No response			
				2/26	Invitation to collaborate on addressing concerns noted in opposition letter	No response			

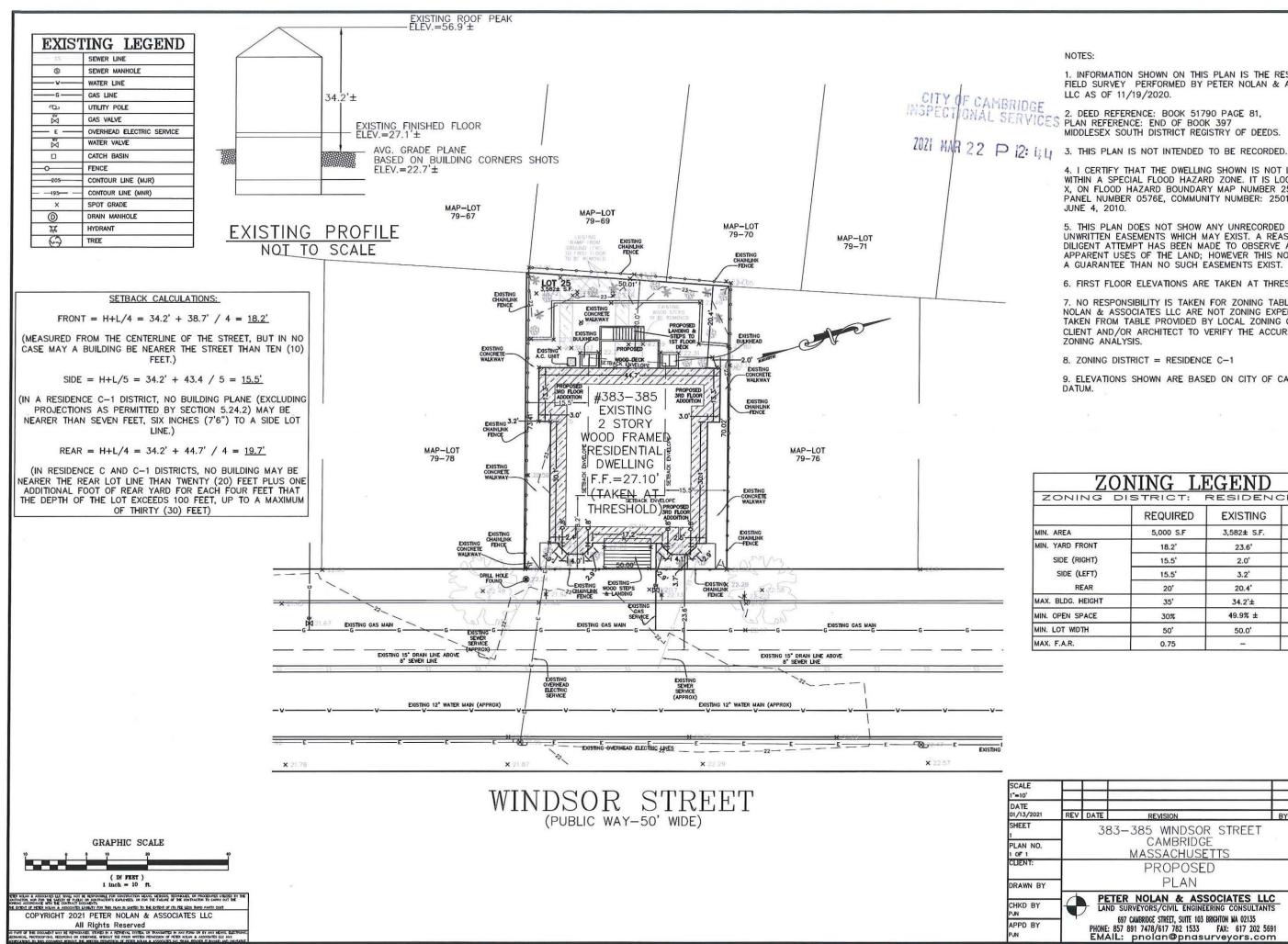
48 Union St	Rear abuttor	Karen von Bismark- Baecher	Oppose	2/28	Follow-up on previous contact	Abuttor declined petitioner's invitation to collaborate
				3/5	Confirm that petitioner would make best effort to address concerns	Confirmation
				3/12	Share revised plans and extend invitation to make further changes	No response
42 Union St	Rear abuttor	Pablo Jarillo-Herrero and	-	1/31	Share proposed plans	No response
42 Union St	Rear abullor	Max Kleiman-Weiner	n/a	2/27	Follow-up on previous contact	No response

20/2021	Gmail - Improvements on Windsor St	
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nprovements on Windsor St		
umle <	Adam Glassman ≺aiolassman.ra@ Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 2:2	8 PN
Hi Karen,		
	ade several adjustments to the plans based on our interpretation of the concerns raised in your letter. I would have preferred to discuss the changes with you ahead of time to confirm that the design rew r, based on your request to minimize conversation, we have gone ahead with changes we hope will make the project an overall positive for you.	ork
emove the current 4ft chain link fence, and re Although the proposed plans only increase the	and replaced them with juliette balconies that have less than 2.5ft of depth. We chose this depth to make it impossible for anyone to gather there and cause you disturbance. We also added plans to place it with a 7ft wood fence that increases the privacy of your backyard (and also increases the depth of your backyard by 1-2 ft, as this new fence will be closer to my building than the current fence). height of the building by about 1ft, we went ahead and analyzed the impact that squaring-off the existing roofline would have on shadows. We found that there is little-to-no change in shadows beyond fou can find the details of the updated proposal in the attached document.	
	address your concerns about the project. I would be happy to meet over Zoom to talk through the changes - but I also respect your wishes to avoid discussion. If you do wish to speak, I have availability fore 12:30pm and Thursday 3/18 before 11am.	ć
Fhank you for your consideration - I really hop	e these adjustments make this an exciting project for you!	
Best wishes,		
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On Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 11:26 AM Kai Maristed Jamle,	ckvonbismarck@wrote:	
Good to hear from you. Thanks for your und	erstanding. I and my fellow abutters would be glad to see your changes when you are ready.	
All best,		
Karen		
Envoyé de mon iPhone		
Le 5 mars 2021 à 10:35, Jamie <jam< td=""><td>ssonrogersphd@ia écrit :</td><td></td></jam<>	ssonrogersphd@ia écrit :	
Karen,		
	ur preference not to speak with me. Adam and I have carefully reviewed your letter. We will do our best to interpret your objections and implement changes that address your concerns. If it would	
Best wishes,	plans for your review once they are ready.	
Jamie		
On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 7:04 PM Kare Hi Jamie,	n von Bismarck <kvonbismarck@< td=""><td></td></kvonbismarck@<>	
Thank you for your invitation to meet the appropriate place for any negot	et by Zoom. However, I am not at all versed in the practice and legalities of development, while you and Adam are professionals. You have read our written objections. My neighbors and I believe	
With best regards,	anaras a public anum.	
Karen		
Karen von Bismarck		
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France tel:		
US tel:		
On Feb 28, 2021, at 11:19, J	amie <jarriesonrogersphd@< td=""><td></td></jarriesonrogersphd@<>	
Hi Karen,		
3/22. Since that is only 3 wee for you!	m following up on my previous notes (see below) regarding the improvements on Windsor St. The next BZA hearing is scheduled for 3/25, which means any updates to the plans are due by ks away, I am hoping we can meet early this week to start collaborating on adjustments. I'm noting a few times that I'm available below - please let me know what would be most convenient	
 Monday 3/1 before 1p Tuesday 3/2 before 12 		
 Wednesday 3/3 before 		
Best wishes, Jamie		
On Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 10:33	AM Jamie <jamesonrogersphd@ td="" wrote:<=""><td></td></jamesonrogersphd@>	
Hi Karen, Thank you for joining the B	ZA meeting yesterday evening. I wanted to follow up on my email below to learn more about how we can adjust our plans to ensure the result is an overall improvement to your rear views	
and that we do not detract	from your ability to enjoy your backyard.	
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Best wishes,		
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Hi Karen,		
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For your convenience, I'v upload it to the city direct	e drafted a letter of support that you can adjust to your liking (you are also welcome to use it as-is if that is most convenient for you). If you email the completed letter back to me, I can y.	
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ope you are doing well. I understand that you would like to delegate your opinion of our project to your neighbors,	but since you submitted a letter to the city opposing the project, I felt it was important to address your concerns directly. I would have your objections. However, because of your delegation to Karen, and her reluctance to speak with me or Adam, we have gone ahead
e have removed the 2nd and 3rd floor decks and replaced them with juliette balconies that have less than 2.5ft of c remove the current 4ft chain link fence, and replace it with a 7ft wood fence that increases the privacy of your back	depth. We chose this depth to make it impossible for anyone to gather there and cause your tenants disturbance. We also added plans kyard (and also increases the depth of your backyard by 1-2 ft, as this new fence will be closer to my building than the current fence), mpact that squaring-off the existing roofline would have on shadows. We found that there is little-to-no change in shadows beyond
	height. You can find the details of the updated proposal in the attached document. You can also see renderings of the finished product is it replaces an older worn out facade with a fresh and beautiful exterior.
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NOTES:

1. INFORMATION SHOWN ON THIS PLAN IS THE RESULT OF A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY PETER NOLAN & ASSOCIATES LLC AS OF 11/19/2020.

2. DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 51790 PAGE 81, MIDDLESEX SOUTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

4. I CERTIFY THAT THE DWELLING SHOWN IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD ZONE. IT IS LOCATED IN ZONE X, ON FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP NUMBER 25017C0576E, PANEL NUMBER 0576E, COMMUNITY NUMBER: 250186, DATED JUNE 4, 2010.

5. THIS PLAN DOES NOT SHOW ANY UNRECORDED OR UNWRITTEN EASEMENTS WHICH MAY EXIST. A REASONABLE AND DILIGENT ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO OBSERVE ANY APPARENT USES OF THE LAND; HOWEVER THIS NOT CONSTITUTE A GUARANTEE THAN NO SUCH EASEMENTS EXIST.

6. FIRST FLOOR ELEVATIONS ARE TAKEN AT THRESHOLD.

7. NO RESPONSIBILITY IS TAKEN FOR ZONING TABLE AS PETER NOLAN & ASSOCIATES LLC ARE NOT ZONING EXPERTS. TABLE IS TAKEN FROM TABLE PROVIDED BY LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE. CLIENT AND/OR ARCHITECT TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF ZONING ANALYSIS.

8. ZONING DISTRICT = RESIDENCE C-1

9. ELEVATIONS SHOWN ARE BASED ON CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DATUM.

ZONING LEGEND						
ONING D	ISTRICT:	RESIDEN	CE C-1			
	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED			
AREA	5,000 S.F	3,582± S.F.	3,582± S.F.			
YARD FRONT	18.2'	23.6'	23.6'			
SIDE (RIGHT)	15.5'	2.0'	2.0'			
SIDE (LEFT)	15.5'	3.2'	3.2'			
REAR	20'	20.4'	20.4'			
BLDG. HEIGHT	35'	34.2'±	34.9'±			
OPEN SPACE	30%	49.9% ±	49.9% ±			
LOT WIDTH	50'	50.0'	50.0'			
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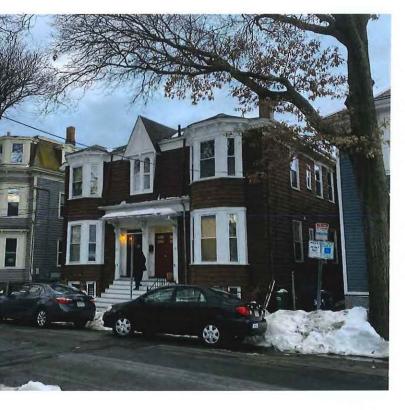
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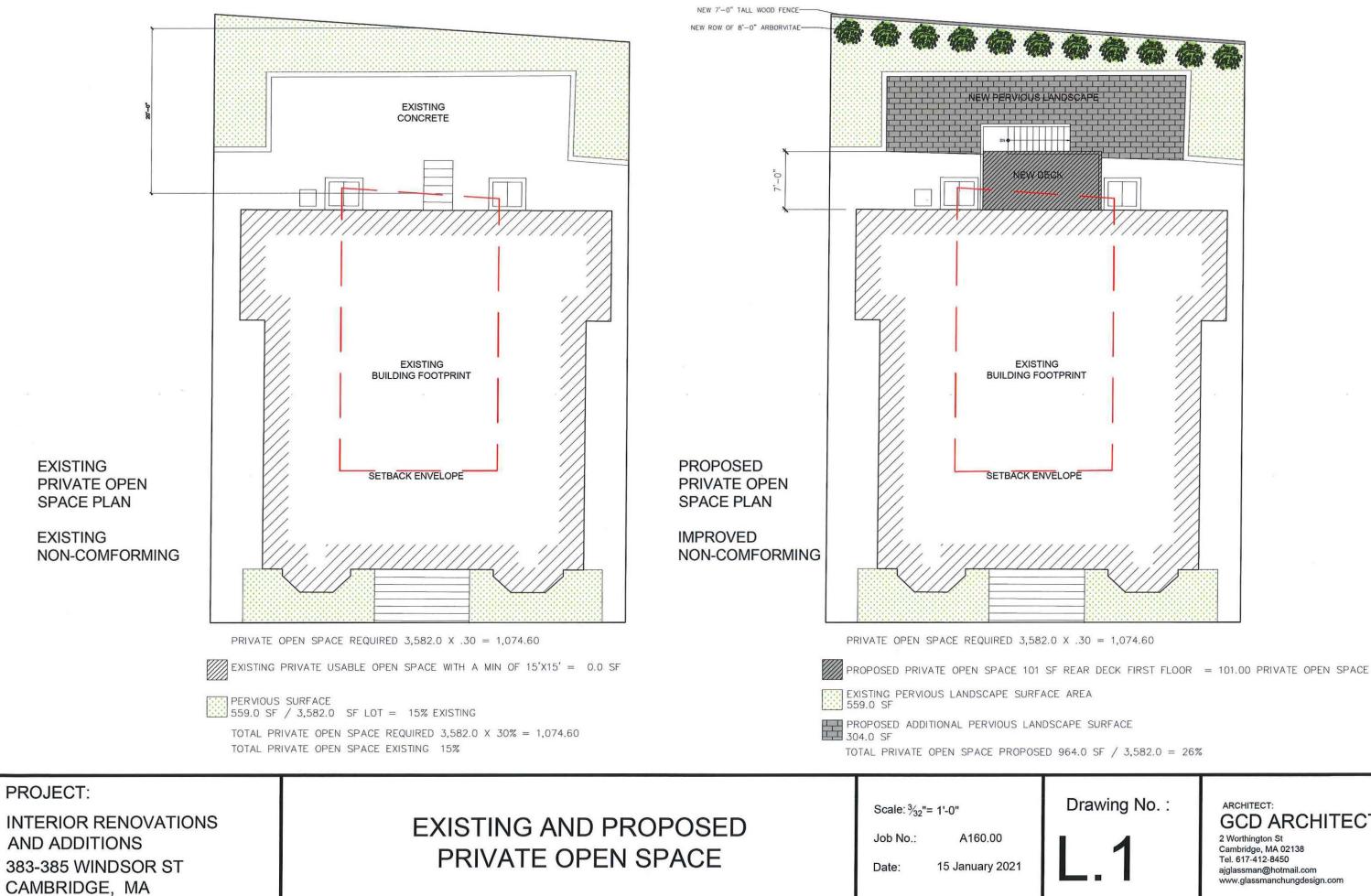
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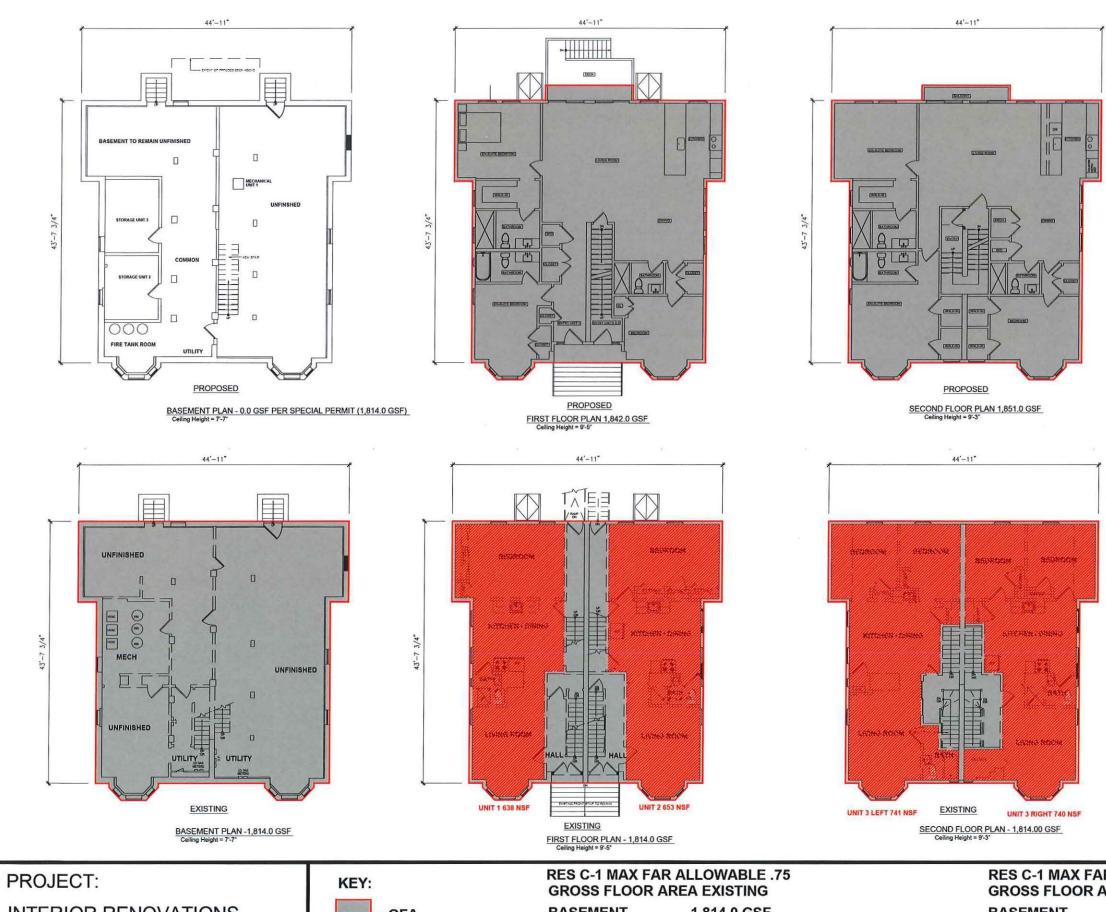
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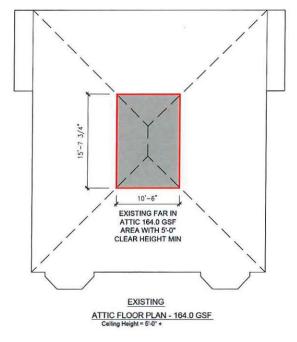


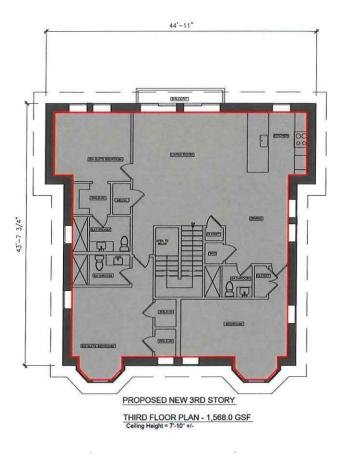
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RES C-1 MAX FAR ALLOWABLE .75 GROSS FLOOR AREA PROPOSED BASEMENT 00.0 GSF **FIRST FLOOR** SECOND FLOOR THIRD FLOOR

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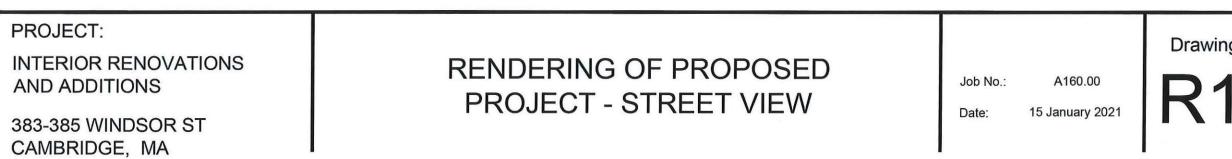






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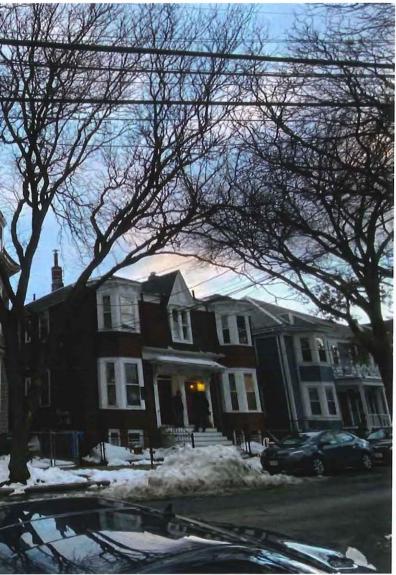
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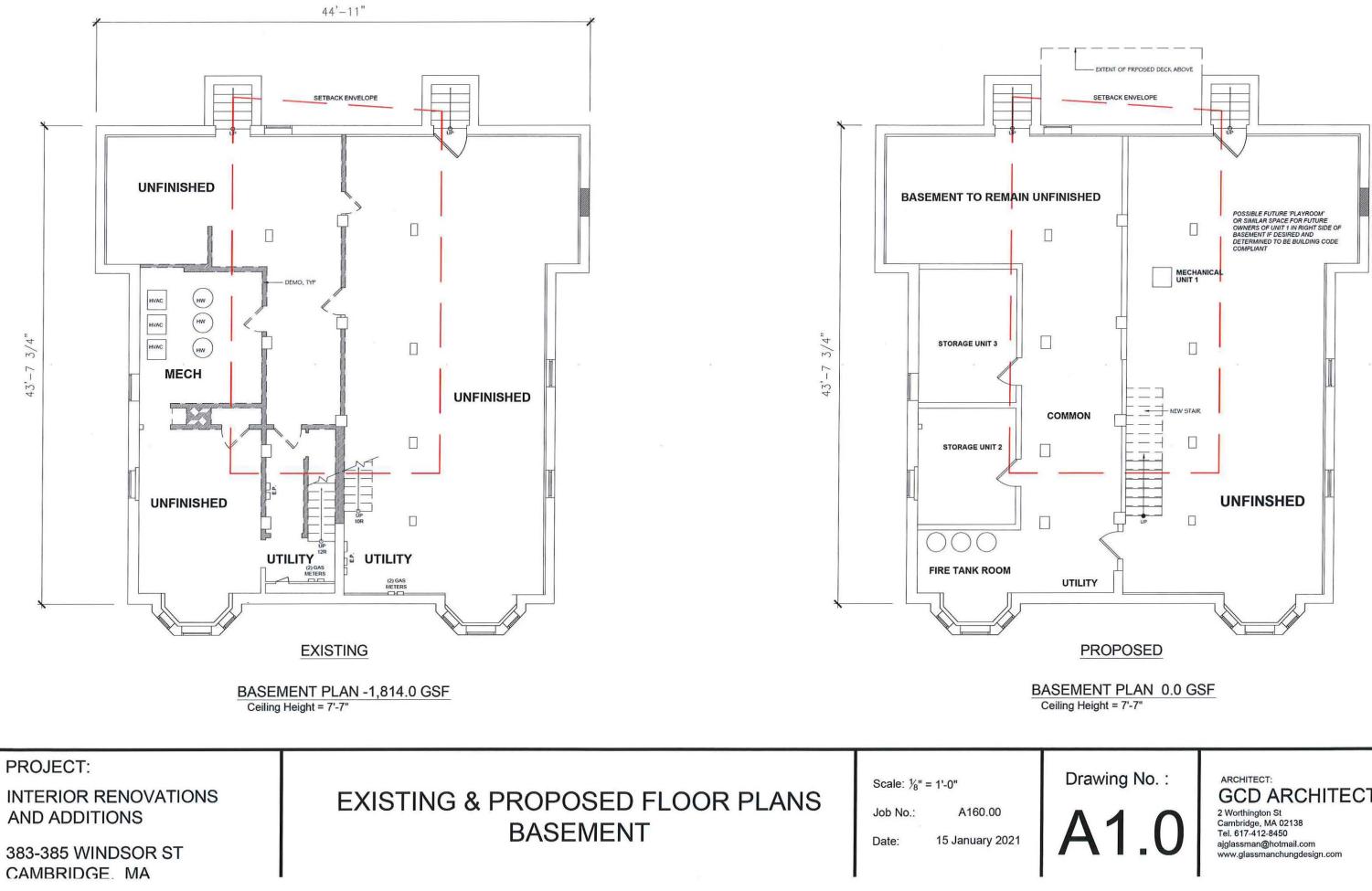
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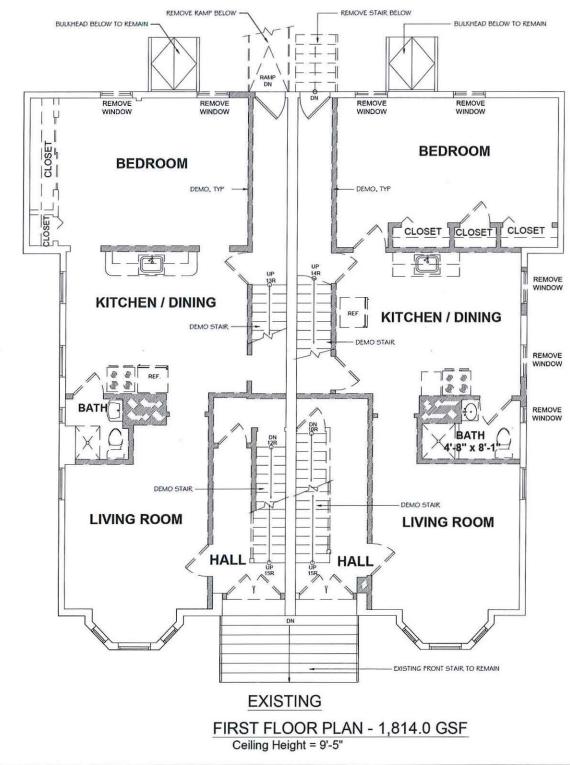
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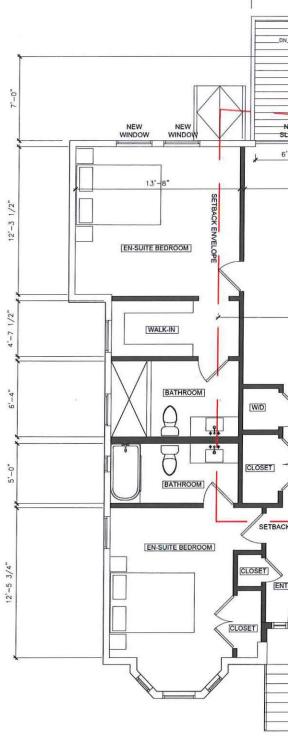


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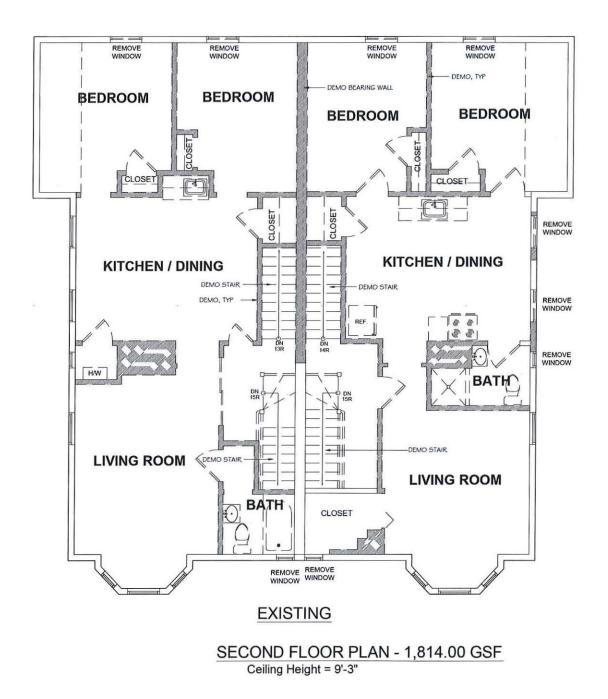
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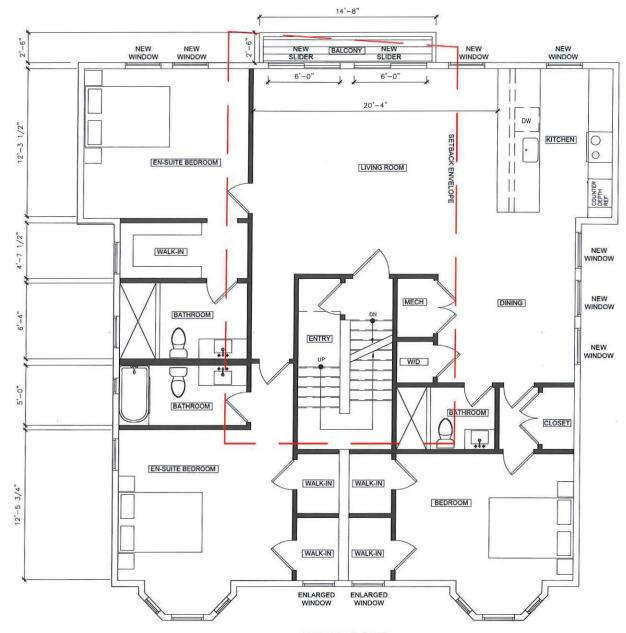
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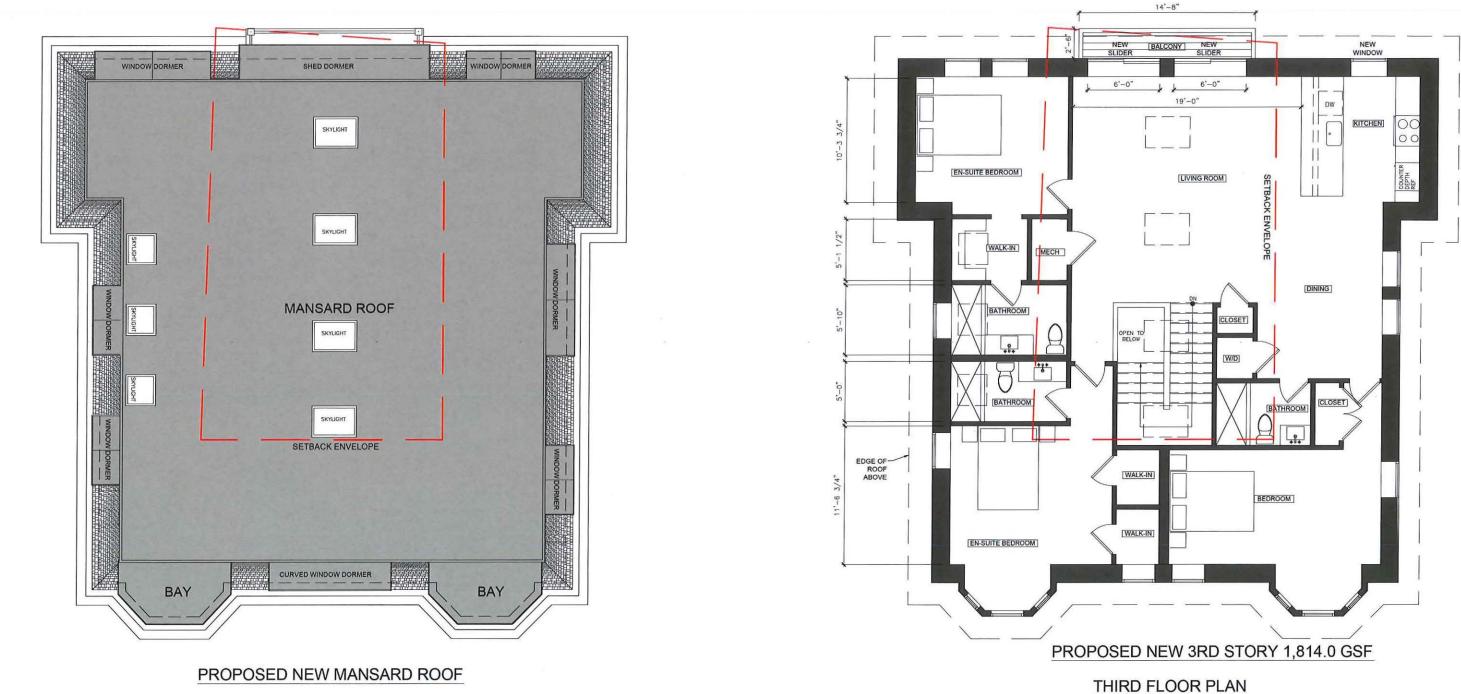
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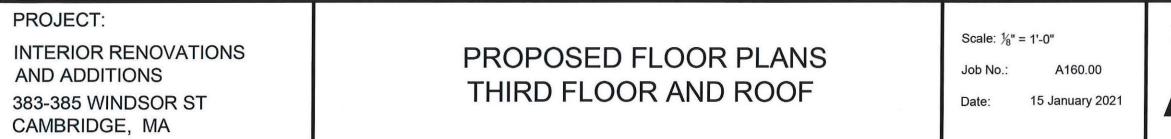
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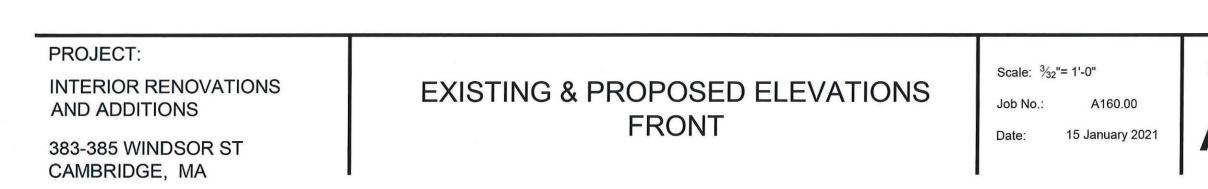




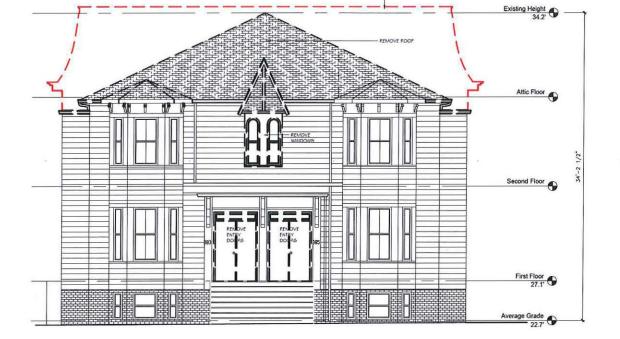
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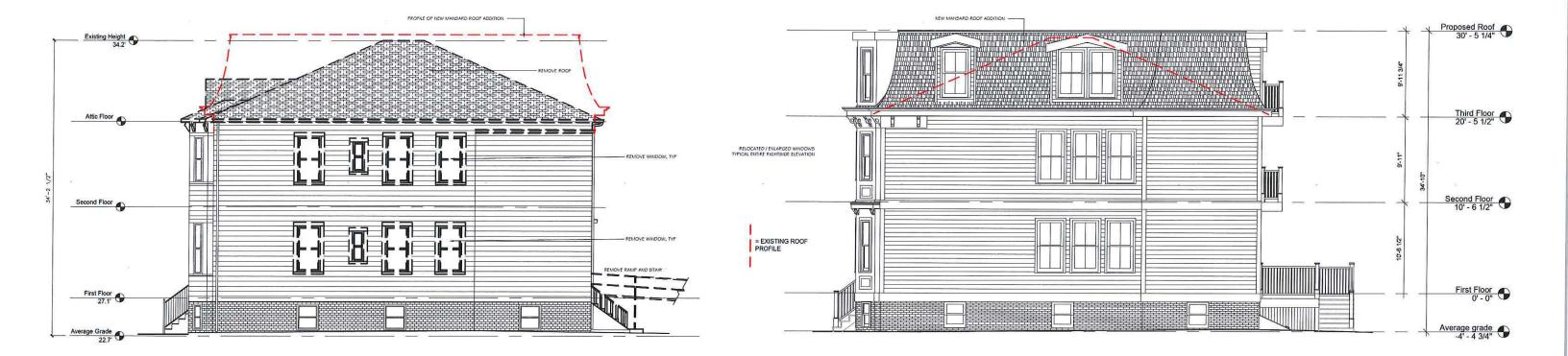
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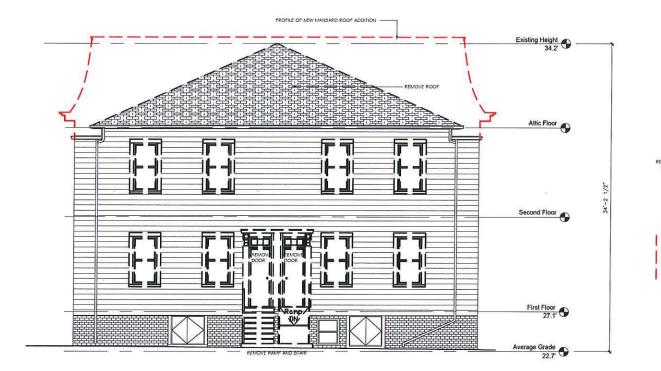
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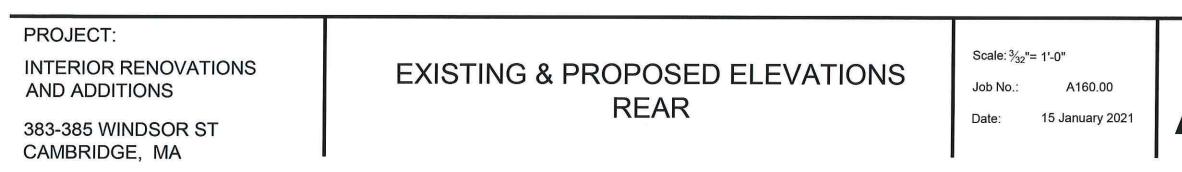
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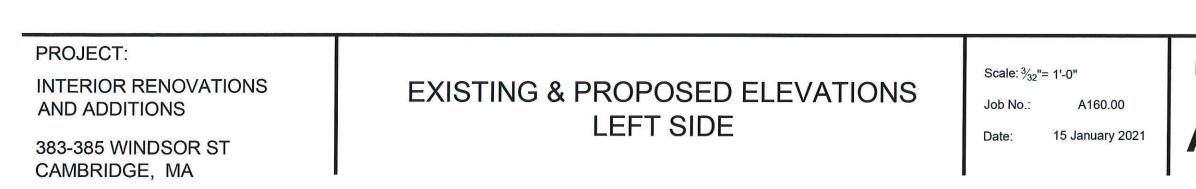
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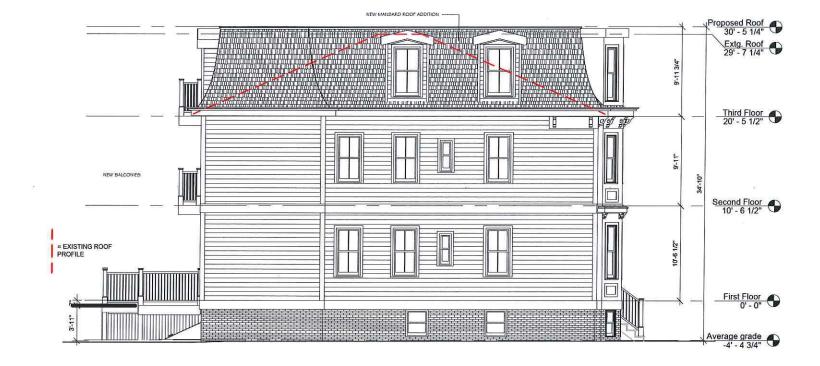
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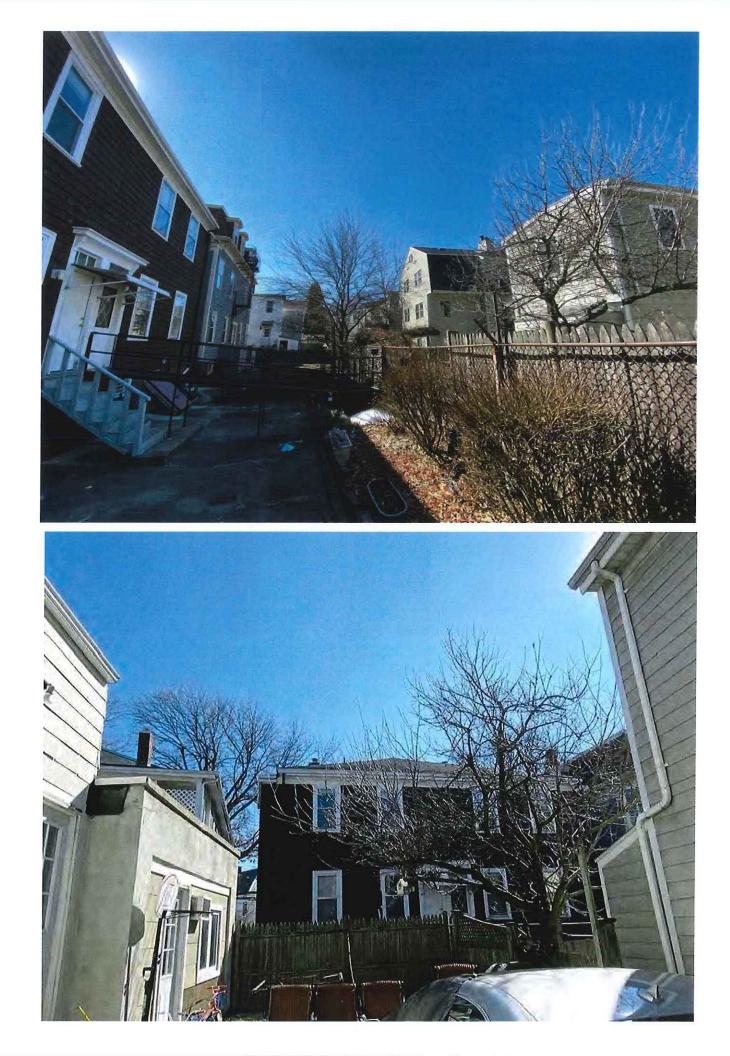


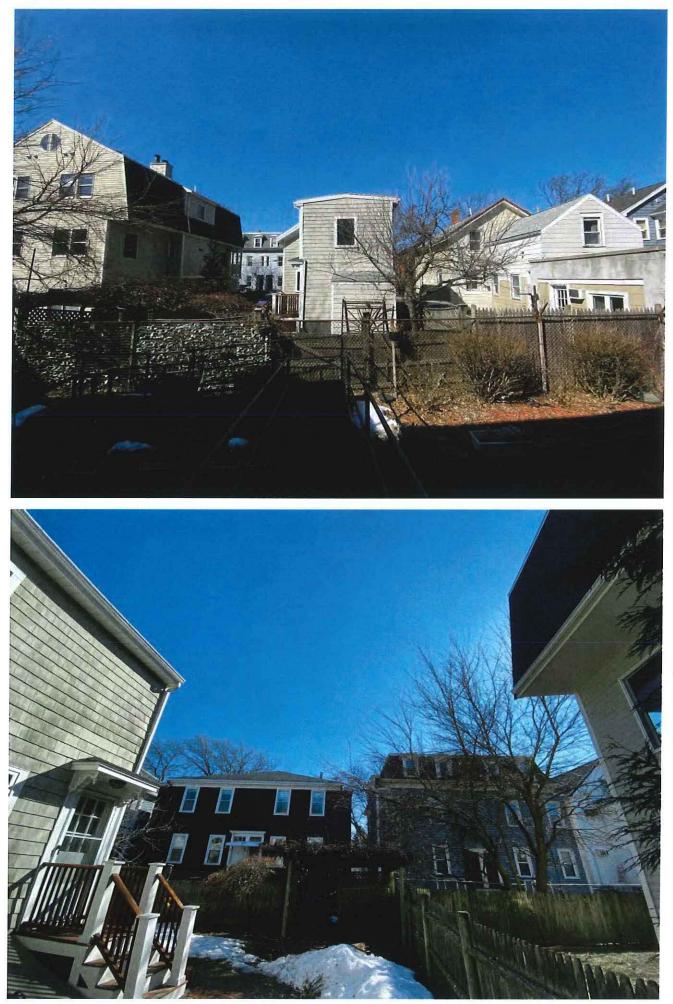
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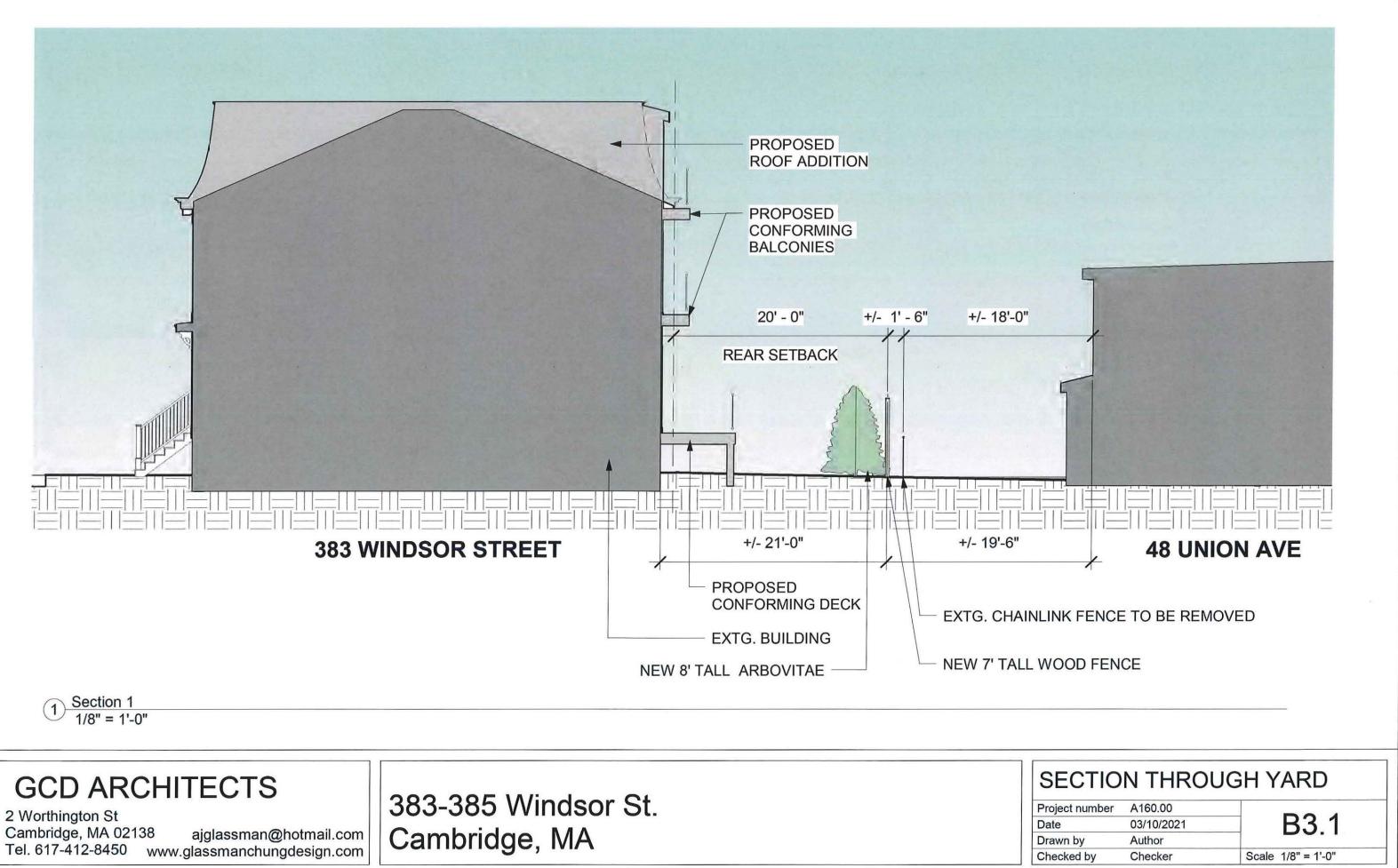




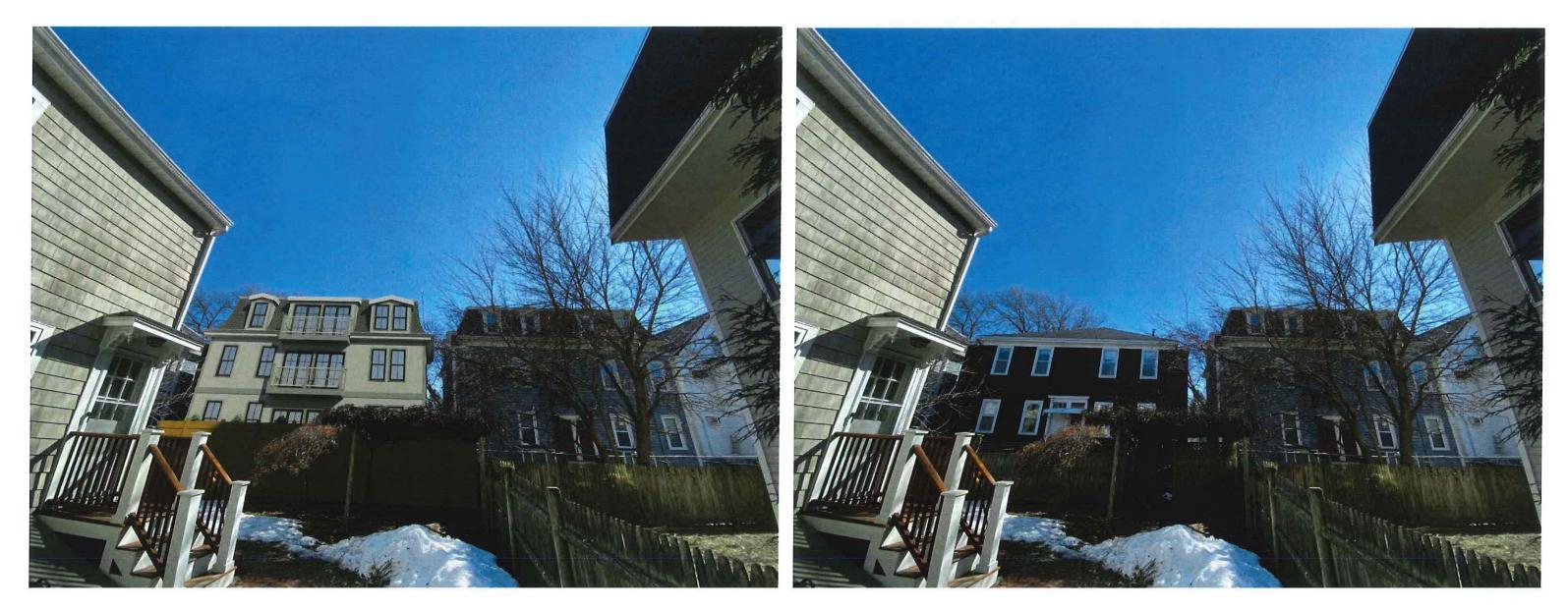


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PROPOSED VIEW FROM 48-50 UNION

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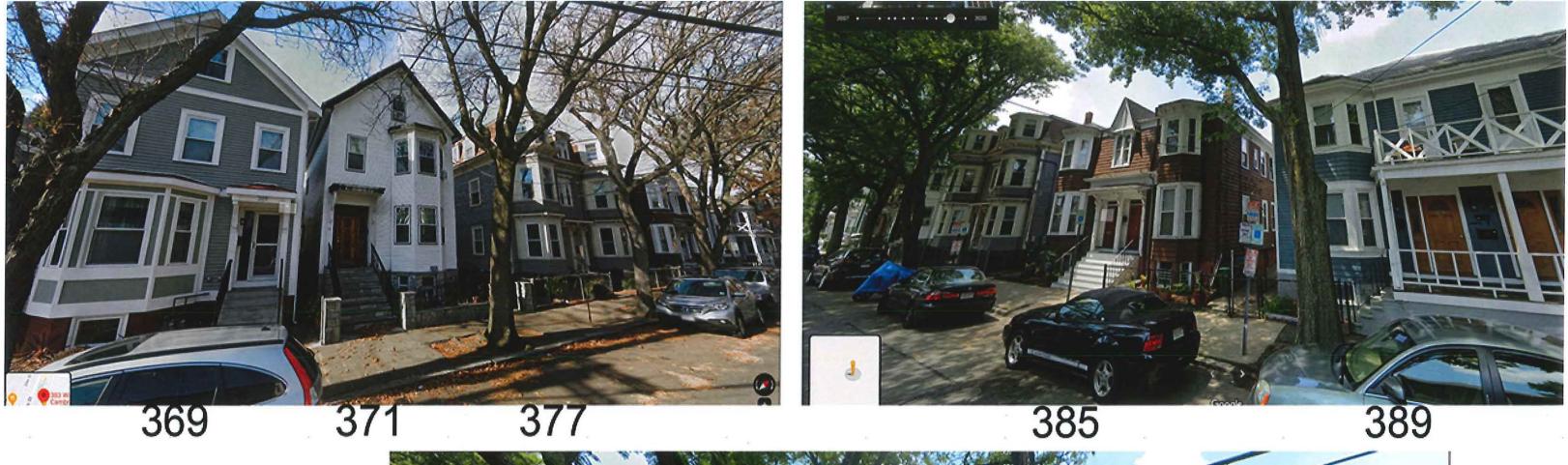
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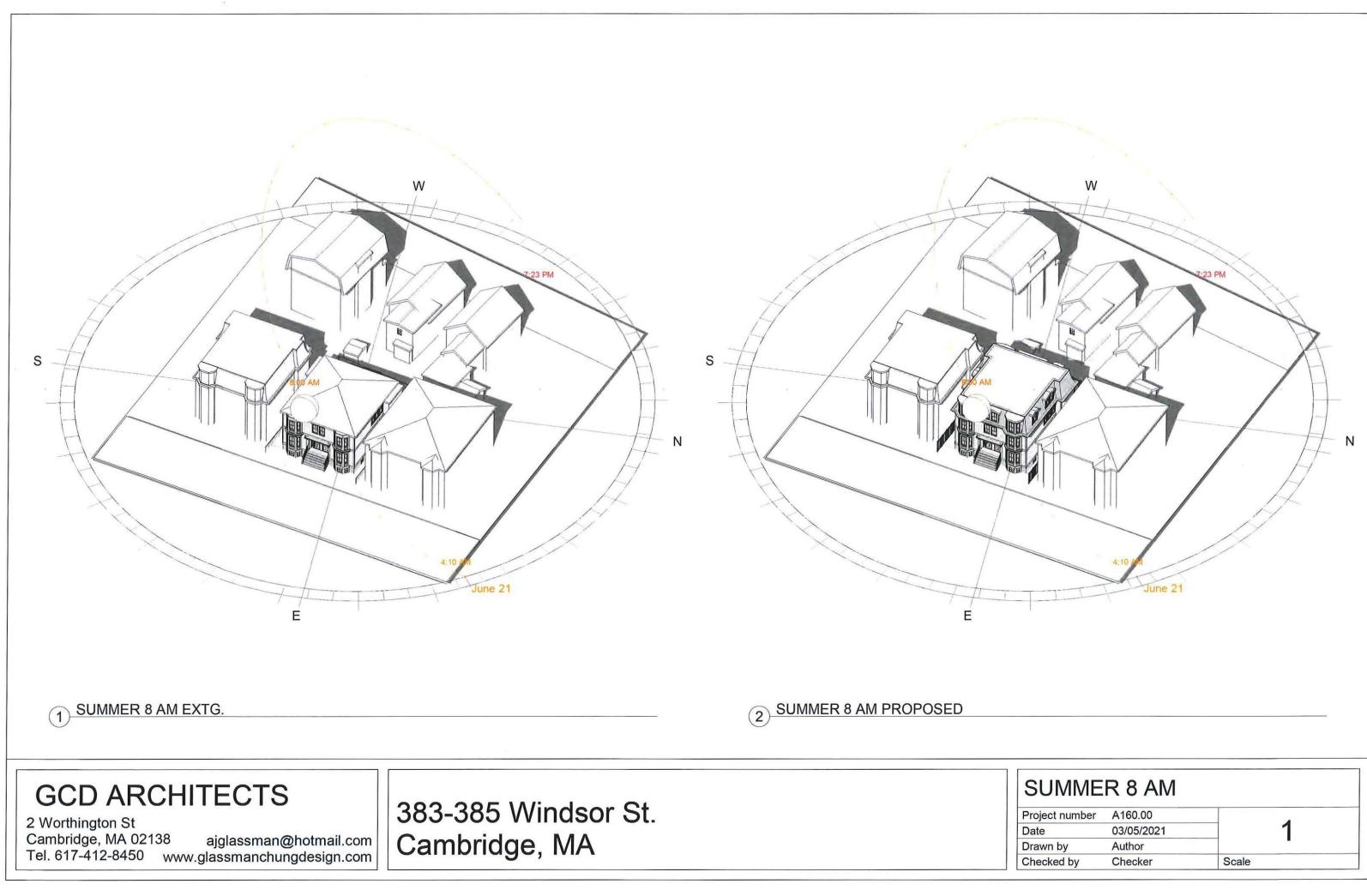




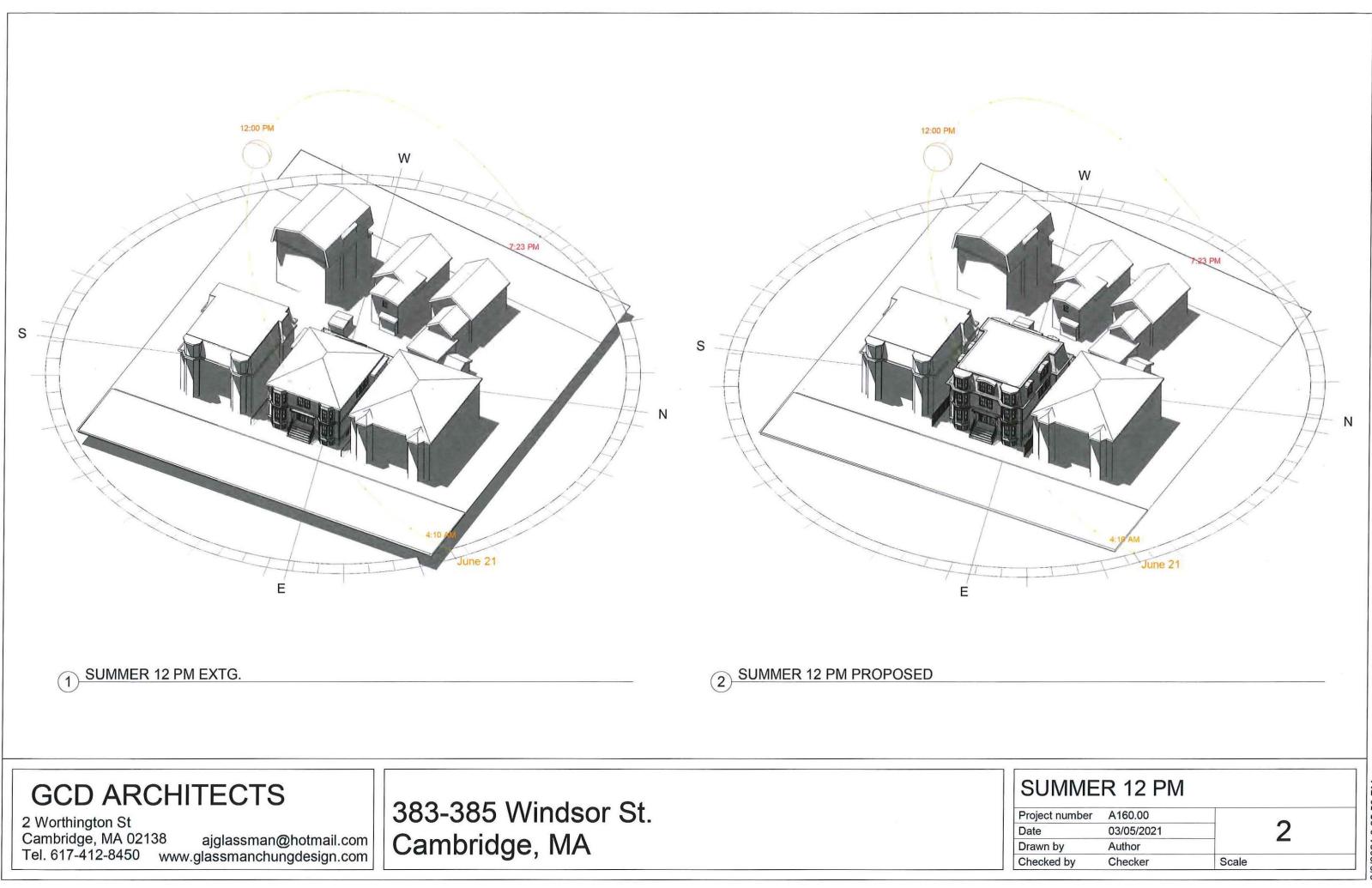


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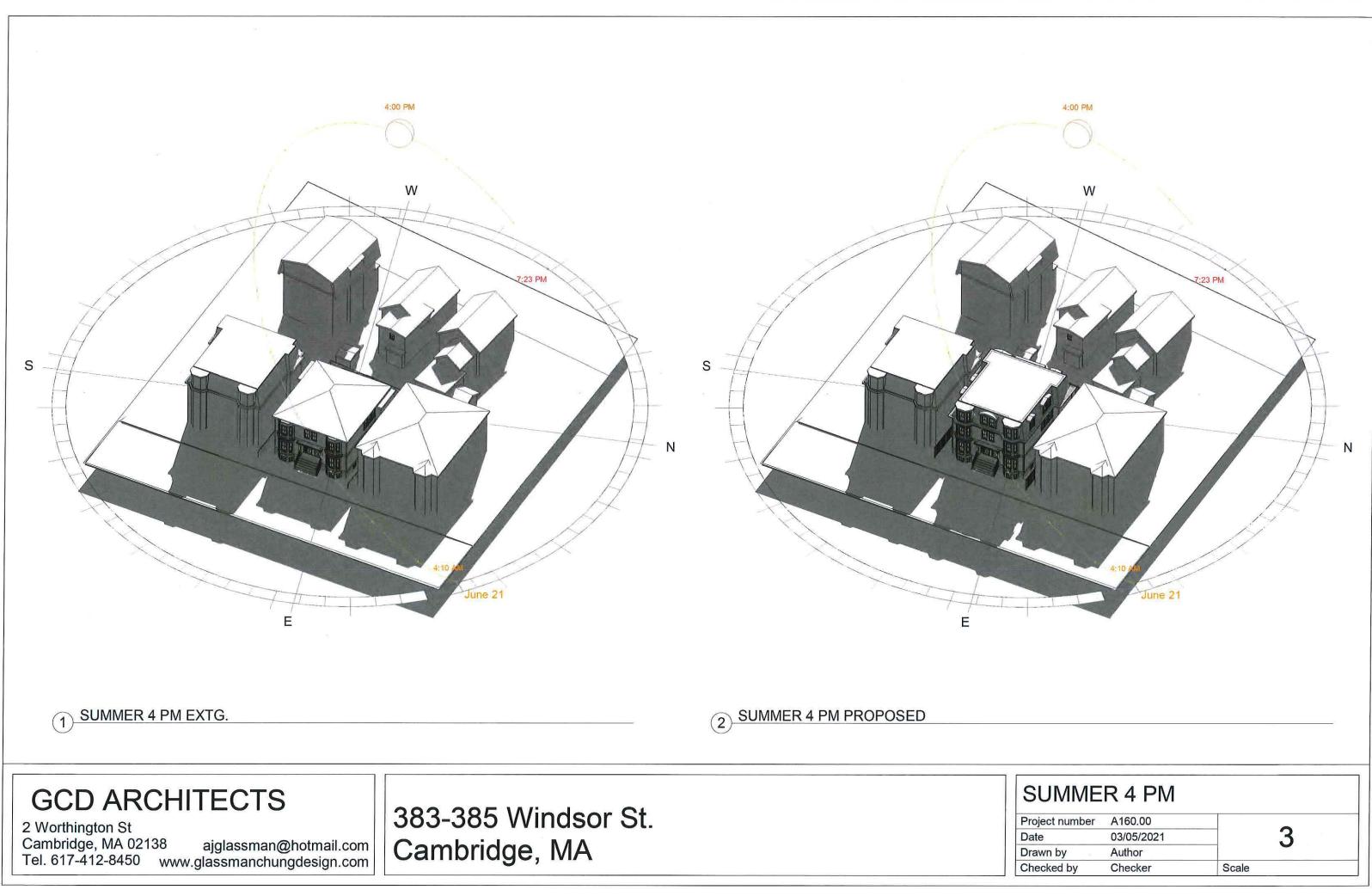




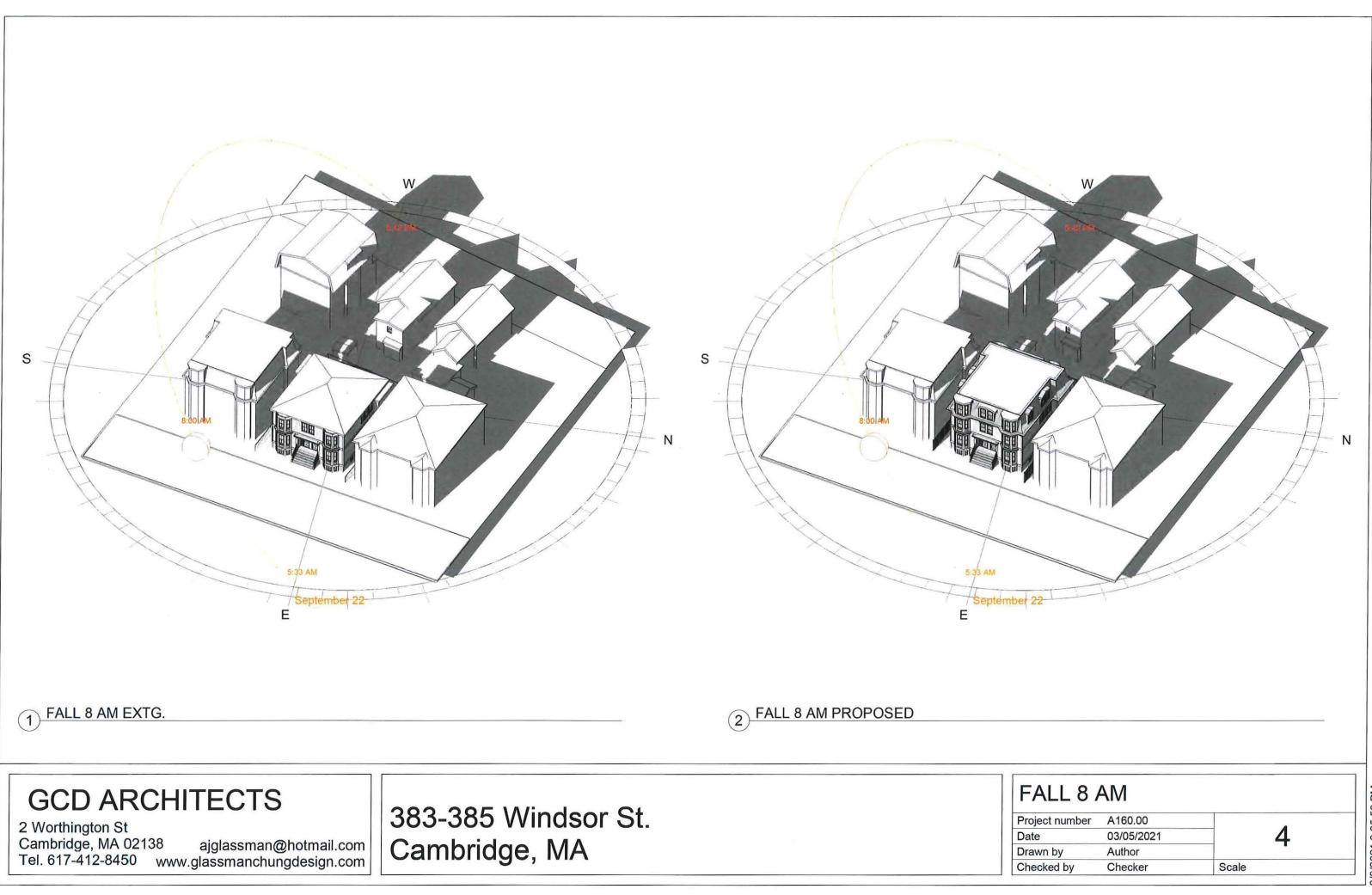
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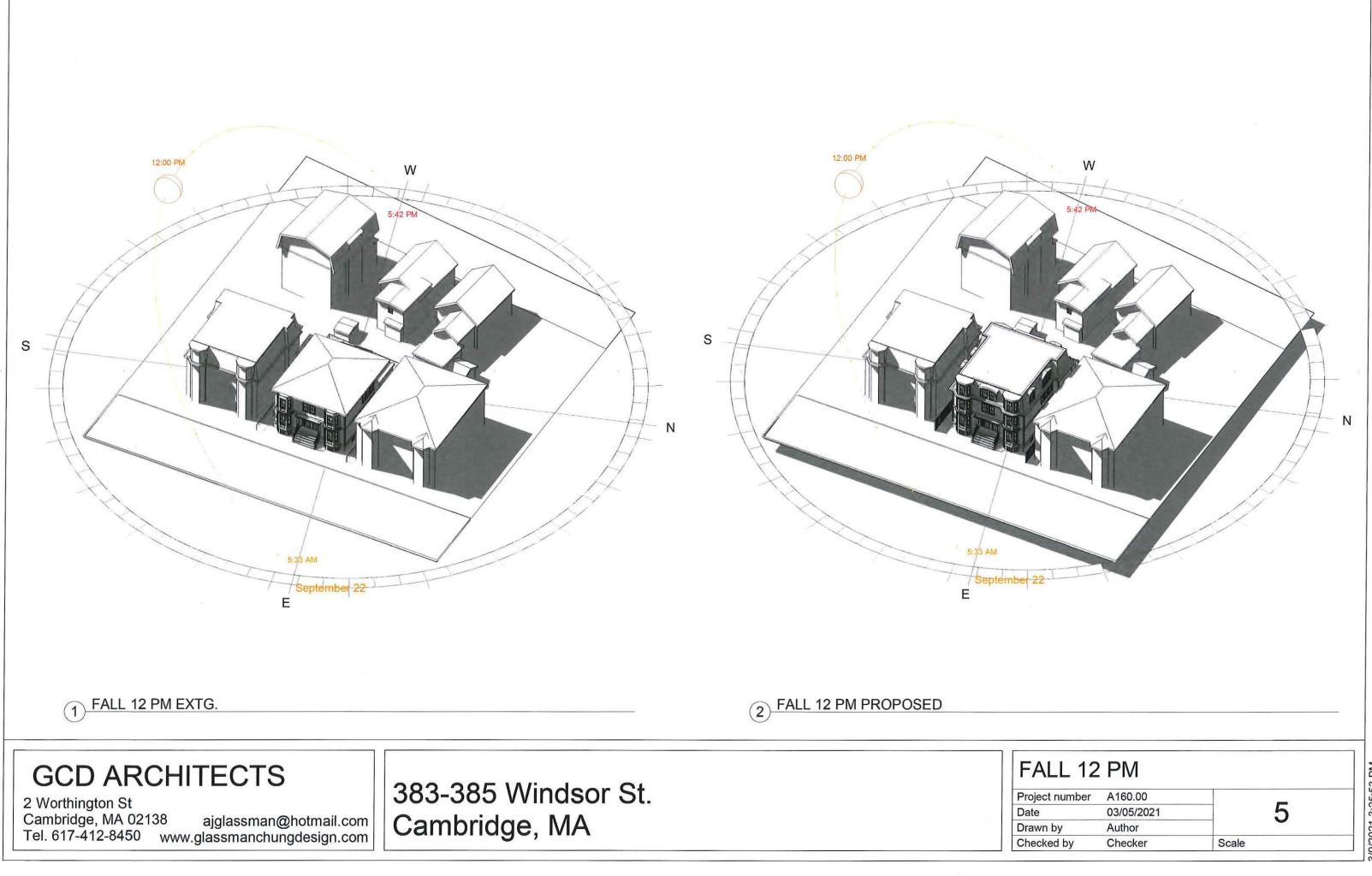


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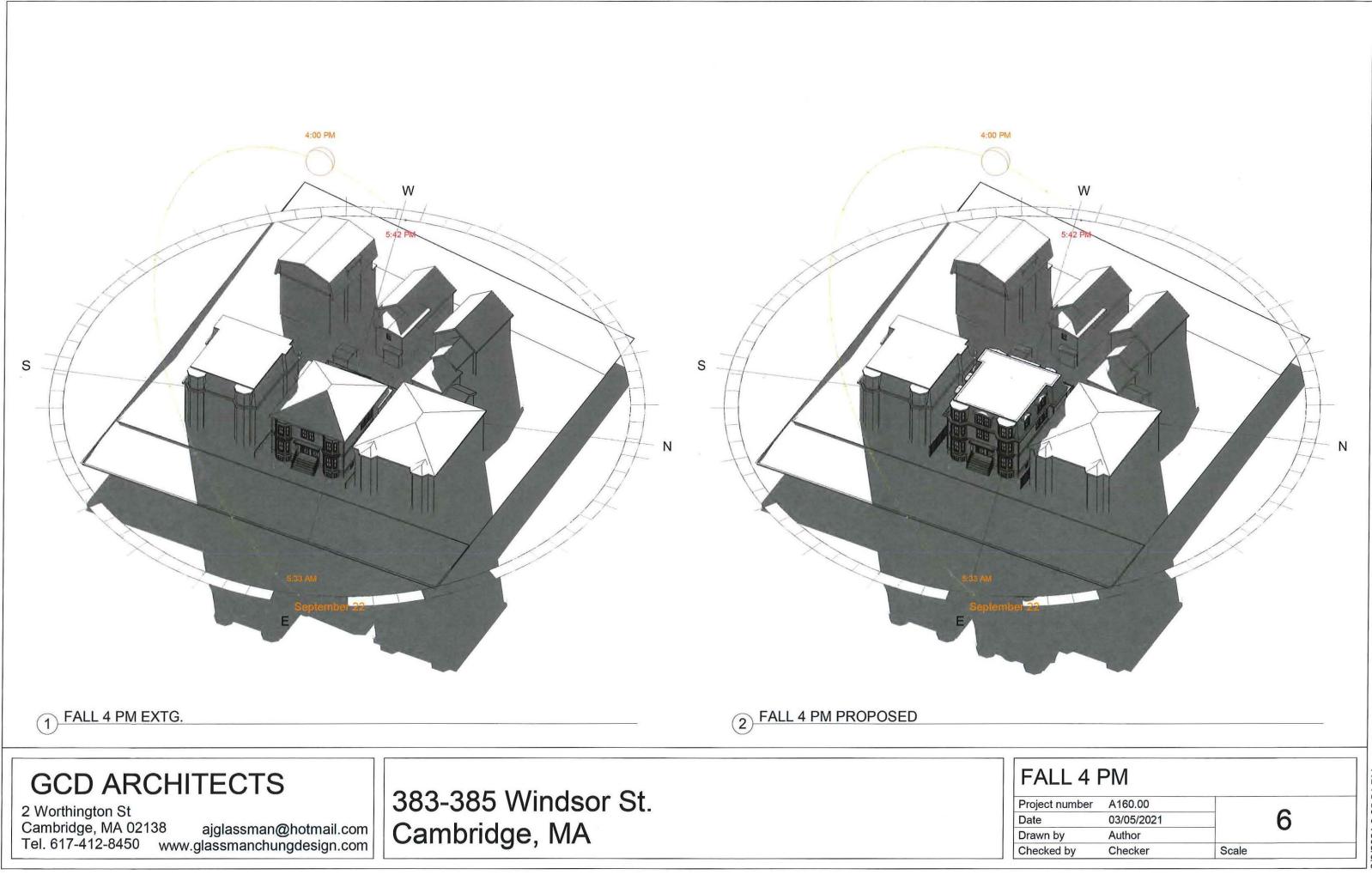


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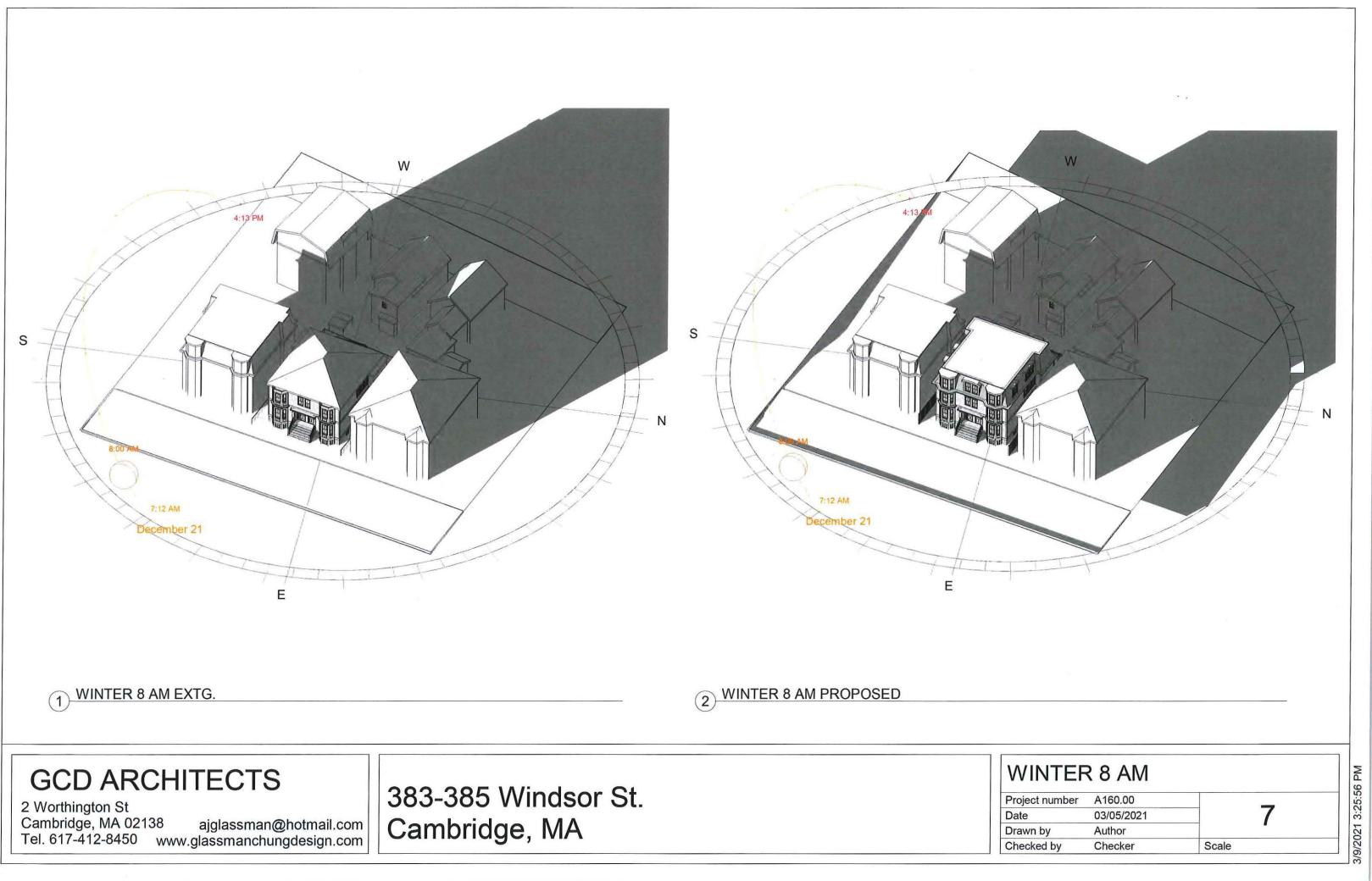


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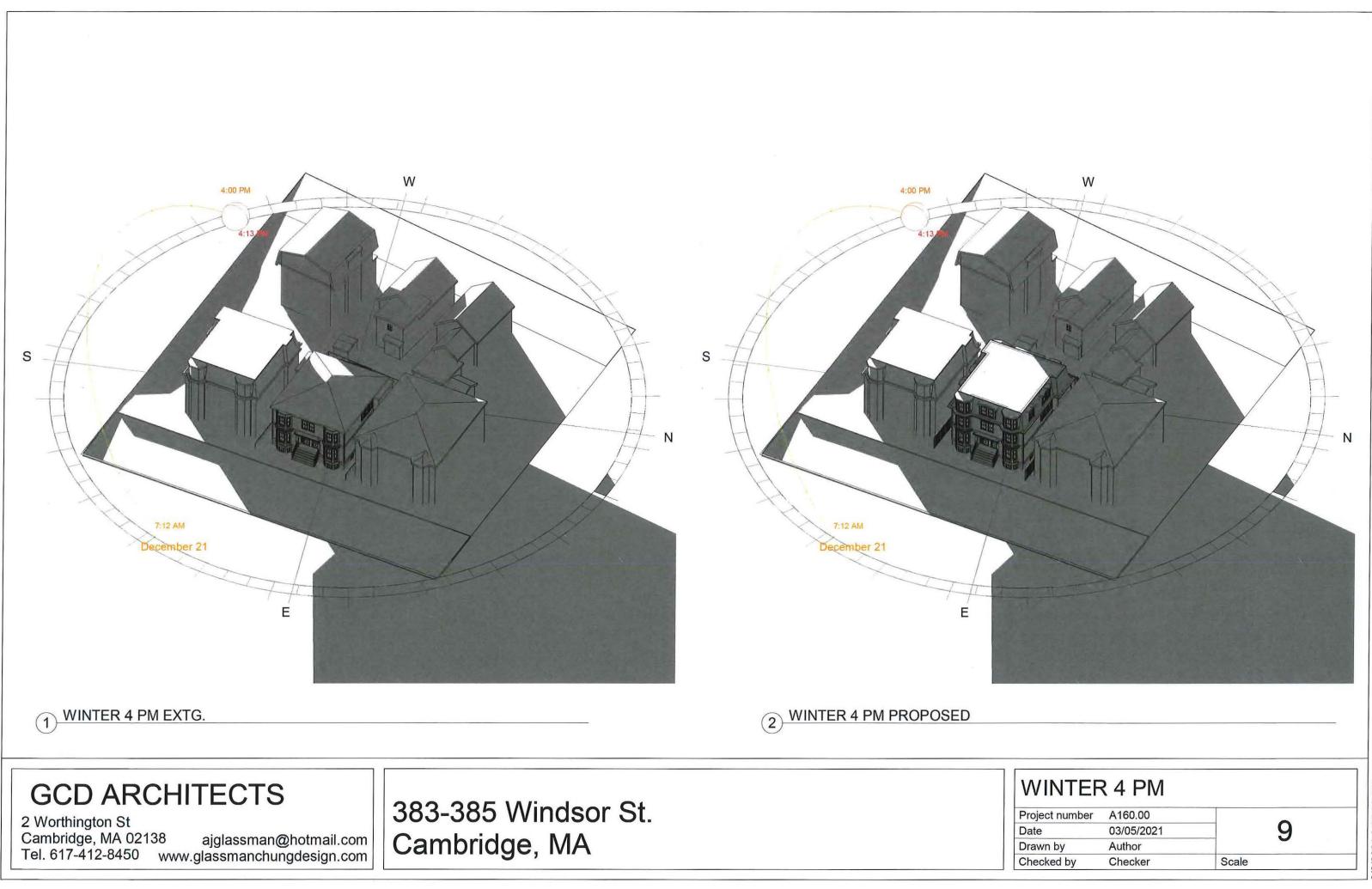
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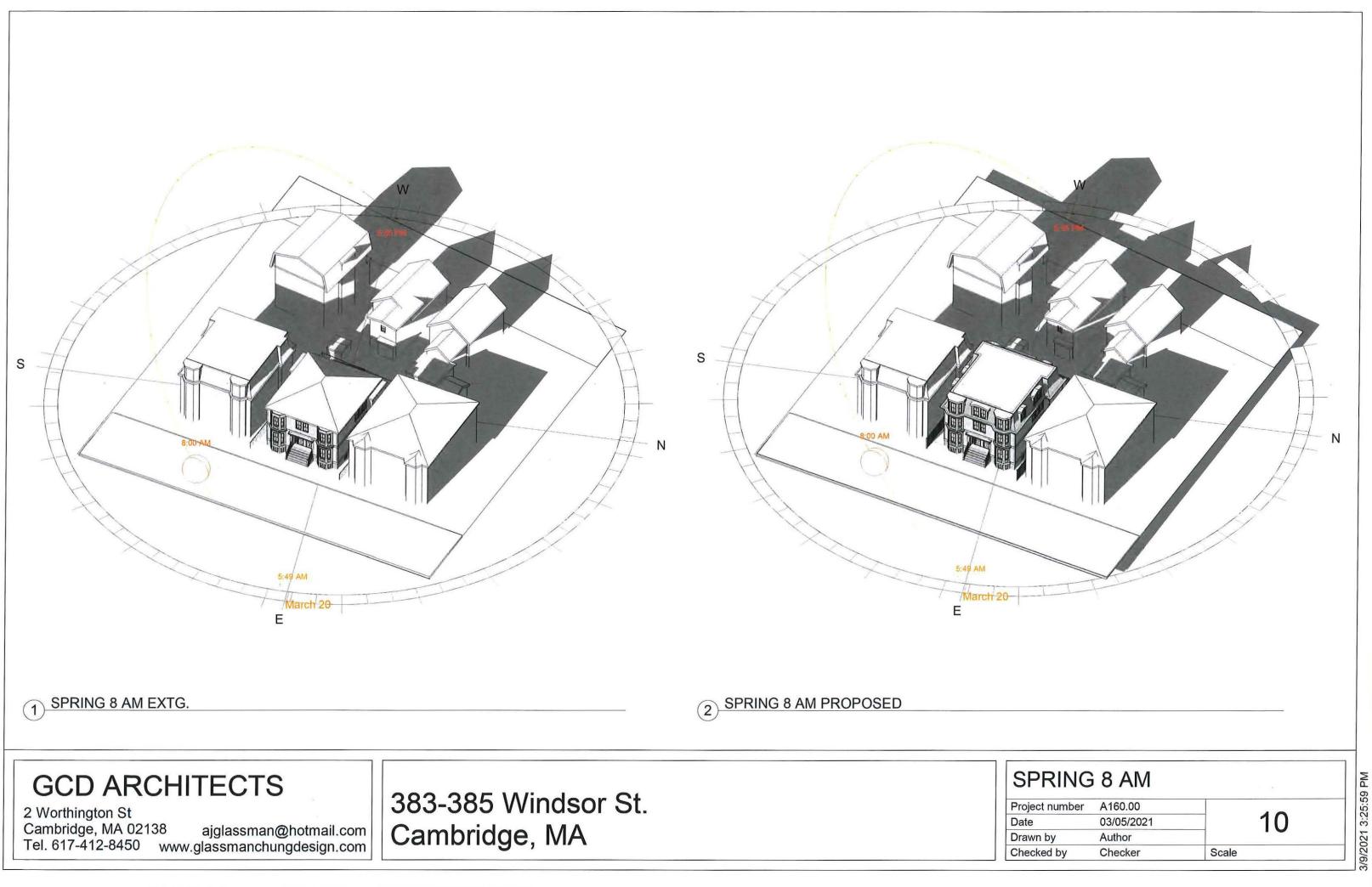


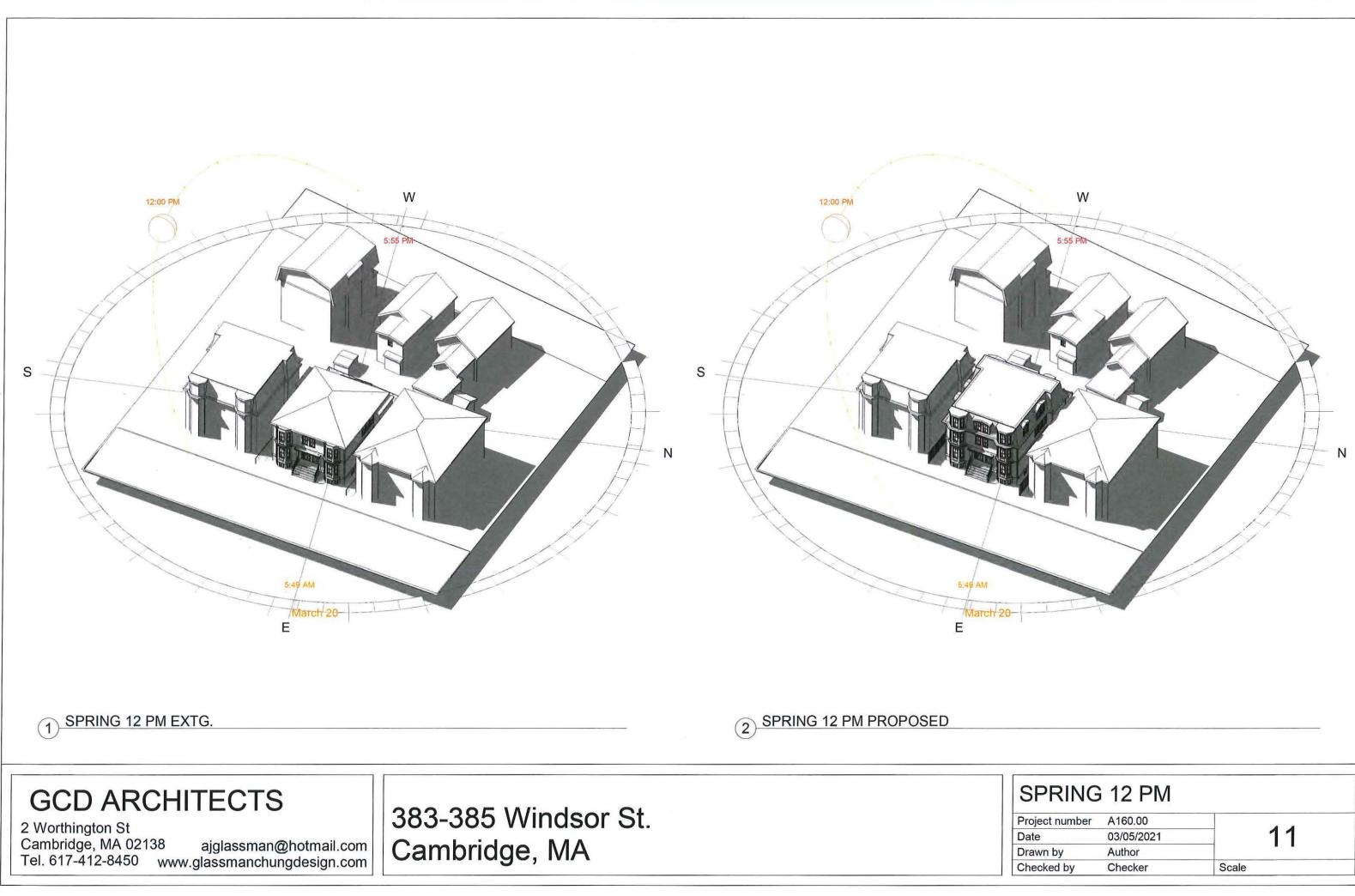
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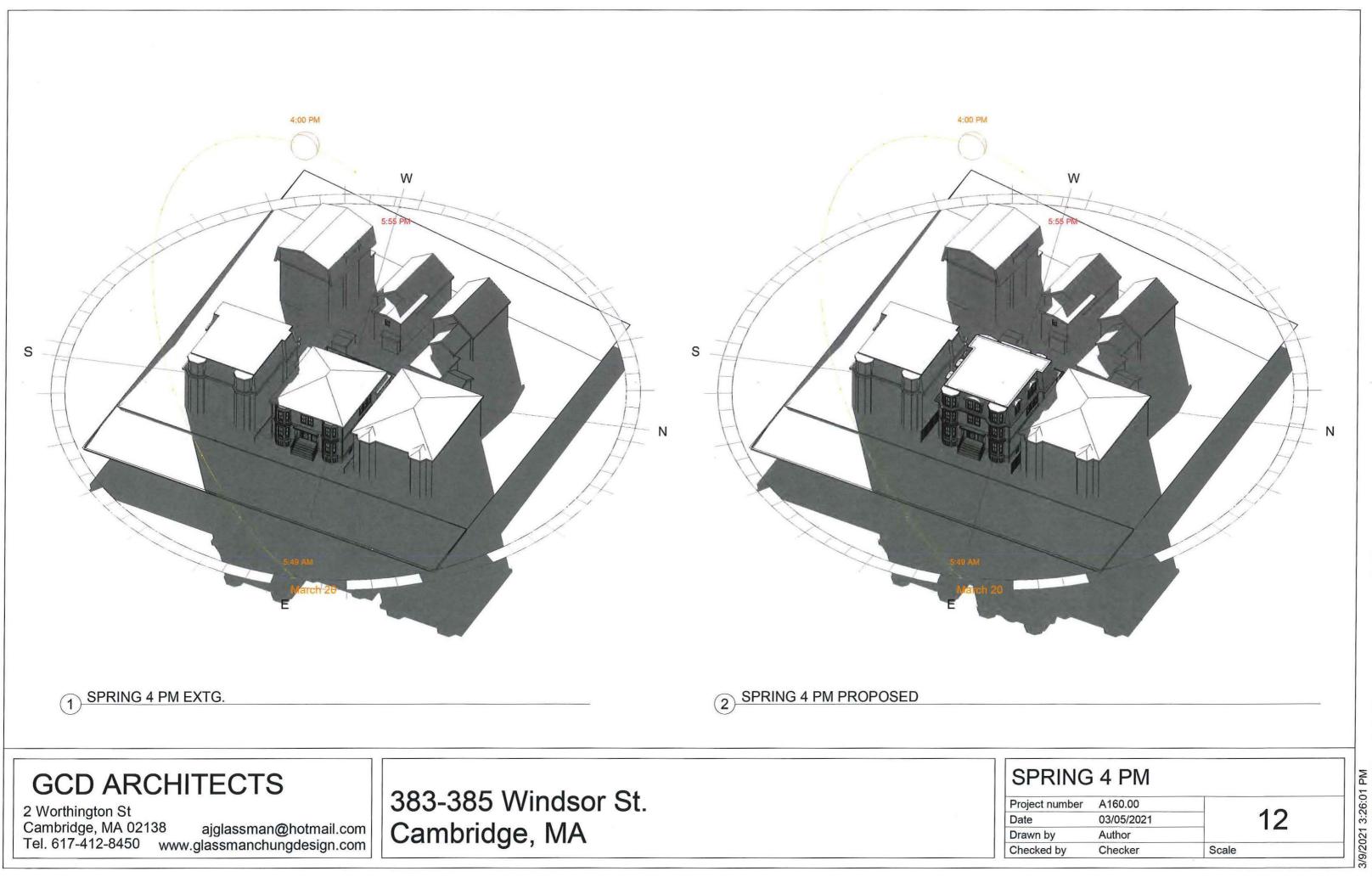
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City of Cambridge

Board of Zoning Appeal

My name is Melvin Caton and I am one of the owners of 389/391 Windsor Street.

I am writing about 383/385 Case #BZA-105803. I am opposed to having a 3rd floor addition to this property and the porches in the rear. I believe this will take away the sunlight, limit privacy in our back yards and home and increase the noise level. In addition I'm concerned the property will not be owner occupied. With 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms on each floor the number of occupants is sure to increase potentially creating additional issues in an already over-crowded neighborhood.

Other concerns are construction related. In the past 5 years this section of Windsor Street has lived through several construction projects all creating noise, parking issues, dust, debris, trash, rodents, etc. Below are my questions and concerns related to the construction of this project.

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Yes, I understand that work has to be done but the needs of the current residents need to be taken into consideration.

Thank You

Melvin Caton

Pacheco, Maria

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: maristed <maristed@mac.com> Saturday, March 20, 2021 7:37 PM Pacheco, Maria Proposed Construction at 383-385 Union Street Proposed Construction at 383-385 Union Street.eml

Hello Marie and Cambridge BZA Members,

Please find attached detailed correspondence between the petitioners and me regarding proposed changes to the original construction plan.

One question please, regarding the hearing to take place on the 25th March at 6pm. At the first hearing, which took place by phone rather than Zoom, I was muted out except for a 'glitch' moment when I managed to speak to you all briefly (then again muted.) Is this standard policy? Will I and any other interested parties other than the petitioners again be muted next week?

With best regards,

Karen

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Pacheco, Maria

From:	Karen von Bismarck <kvonbismarck@icloud.com></kvonbismarck@icloud.com>
Sent:	Saturday, March 20, 2021 7:23 PM
То:	Jamie; Adam Glassman
Cc:	Ck B; Gregory B. Baecher; david bazazi
Subject:	Proposed Construction at 383-385 Union Street

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Sent:	Sunday, March 21, 2021 11:34 AM
Го:	david bazazi
Cc:	Ck B; Gregory B. Baecher; Jamie; Karen von Bismarck
Subject:	Re: Proposed Construction at 383-385 Union Street
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Dear Mr. Bazazi and Ms. Bismarck,

As you might know I am the architect working with Jamie Rogers on the proposed renovations to his property at 383 Windsor St.

I am just reading the last round of emails today, and I want to unconditionally apologize to you both for walking onto your driveways. I did so thinking about the photos I wanted to take of Jamie's property to be able to fully understand your perspective and to be able to most effectively address your concerns in good faith about the proposed work, and how this work could impact you. Regrettably, I was not thinking about how my presence could impact your sense of privacy. For that I am terribly sorry, it won't happen again. I certainly didn't mean to bother you, or cause you any concern.

Most Sincerely,

Adam

Adam Glassman, RA 617-412-8450

On Sun, Mar 21, 2021 at 10:54 AM david bazazi <<u>dbazazi@yahoo.com</u>> wrote: Hello James and Adam,

My name is David Bazazi, I am a tenant at 50 Union st, I really do not appreciate contractors coming into the property with cameras without my consent, I do have two minor children in particular a nine year daughter that do live here during my parenting time, please let your contractors now I will not tolerate this type of behavior under any circumstances.

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Pacheco, Maria

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Jamie <jamesonrogersphd@gmail.com> Friday, March 12, 2021 2:29 PM Kai Maristed; Adam Glassman Re: Improvements on Windsor St Updated 383-385 Windsor Street Plans.pdf

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Jamie

On Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 11:26 AM Kai Maristed <<u>kvonbismarck@icloud.com</u>> wrote: Jamie,

Good to hear from you. Thanks for your understanding. I and my fellow abutters would be glad to see your changes when you are ready.

All best,

Karen

Envoyé de mon iPhone

Le 5 mars 2021 à 10:35, Jamie < jamesonrogersphd@gmail.com > a écrit :

Karen,

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Hi Karen,

I hope you are doing well. I am following up on my previous notes (see below) regarding the improvements on Windsor St. The next BZA hearing is scheduled for 3/25, which means any updates to the plans are due by 3/22. Since that is only 3 weeks away, I am hoping we can meet early this week to start collaborating on adjustments. I'm noting a few times that I'm available below - please let me know what would be most convenient for you!

- Monday 3/1 before 1pm
- Tuesday 3/2 before 12:30pm
- Wednesday 3/3 before 1pm

Best wishes,

Jamie

On Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 10:37 AM Jamie <<u>jamesonrogersphd@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Hi Karen,

Thank you for joining the BZA meeting yesterday evening. I wanted to follow up on my email below to learn more about how we can adjust our plans to ensure the result is an overall improvement to your rear views and that we do not detract from your ability to enjoy your backyard.

I'm cc'ing my architect Adam Glassman on this note so that we can find some time to brainstorm the best path forward. Please let us know if there is a convenient time for a video call over the next few days - I'm looking forward to meeting you and collaborating on a solution!

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I hope you are doing well. I understand that you would like to delegate your opinion of our project to your neighbors, but since you submitted a letter to the city opposing the project, I felt it was important to address your concerns directly. I would have preferred to discuss the proposed changes with you ahead of time to confirm that the design rework would address your objections. However, because of your delegation to Karen, and her reluctance to speak with me or Adam, we have gone ahead with changes we hope will make the project an overall positive for you.

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On Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 12:30 PM Ck B <<u>cyrus320@msn.com</u>> wrote: Hello Jaime,

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all the best,

Cyrus

From: Jamie <<u>jamesonrogersphd@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 7:54 AM To: <u>cbazazi@yahoo.com</u> <<u>cbazazi@yahoo.com</u>>; <u>cyrus@firstprimex.com</u> <<u>cyrus@firstprimex.com</u>>; Adam Glassman <<u>ajglassman.ra@gmail.com</u>>; <u>cyrus320@msn.com</u> <<u>cyrus320@msn.com</u>> Subject: Re: Improvements on Windsor St

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Hi Cyrus,

Good morning - I just wanted to follow up on my two notes below and see if there might be a time you are available to meet over video conference so that my architect and I can learn more about your concerns and collaborate on solutions. We are happy to work around your schedule, so please suggest any time that is convenient for you. In the meantime, Adam and I will carefully review your letter and do our best to interpret and address your concerns.

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Pacheco, Maria

From: Sent: To: Subject: Ck B <cyrus320@msn.com> Friday, February 26, 2021 2:37 PM Pacheco, Maria Propsed addition to 383 Winsor Av

Dear Maria Pacheco and Cambridge BZA,

We own the property at 50 Union Street, behind the 383-385 Windsor Street property under discussion.

We have not recieved any notice in ref to the petition filed for any addition proposed by the owner of 383 - 385 Windsor St property. Our property at 50 Union Street will suffer with negative impacts due to new proposed height and the new decks. I donot see enough set back to yield privacy and noise barrier with the proposed project, the proposed construction of the third floor will also cause blockade of the morning sun. This project will also effect the value of our property at 50 Union St. We pay our taxes and abide by the all the rules & regulation by city of Cambridge. We expect a careful impact review of this project, we also oppose the addition and the three decks as proposed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

all the best,

Cyrus Bazazi, Simin Fahim

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: maristed <maristed@mac.com> Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:41 PM Pacheco, Maria Gregory B. Baecher CASE NO. BZA-105802

Dear Maria Pacheco and Cambridge BZA,

I live at and own 48 Union Street, directly behind the 383-385 Windsor Street property under discussion.

I have hesitated to put my thoughts on this project in writing because I don't wish to cause ill-feeling among neighbors. On the other hand, there has been no neighborhood outreach by the petitioners that I know of.

(Note: The rear-abutting houses left and right of me on Union St are long-term rentals, and I'm not sure their absent owners will respond. I only found out about this petition via a mailed notice from your office which I saw only recently.)

I sympathize with the desire of side-abutters on Windsor Street to see the property in question improved, especially since the changes won't affect them. My property, however, would suffer multiple negative impacts from the proposed changes.

The significantly raised height of this proposed construction--higher than either of its two adjacent buildings on Windsor,, and much higher than my two-story house—situated south of my property will cut off sunlight to my house and garden. The (three!) new decks and windows will bring the whole livable area closer to an already very tight setback, and definitely do away with privacy. In addition there's the probability of loud noise from only a few feet away. (People understandably like to go out and party on their porches. And I often work from home.)

Finally, while we the owners have no plans currently to sell our house, we believe these factors will significantly reduce its value.

We, the direct abutters, oppose the addition of a third story and three decks as proposed. We would be open to a design revision that takes our needs and concerns into account.

With best regards,

Karen von Bismarck-Baecher 48 Union St. Cambridge MA 02141

Karen von Bismarck, President The Technology Exchange Lab, Inc. www.techxlab.org

US tel: 508 612 7208 kvonbismarck@techxlab.org

From: Sent: To: Subject: Jamie <jamesonrogersphd@gmail.com> Friday, February 26, 2021 10:07 AM jabranco@bu.edu; Adam Glassman; Pacheco, Maria Re: Improvements on Windsor St

Hi Jo-Ann,

I wanted to follow up on this email and thank you for attending the BZA meeting yesterday. I don't think you had an opportunity to speak, so I wanted to check in and see if you had any feedback or concerns. Please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Best wishes,

Jameson Rogers

On Sun, Jan 31, 2021 at 5:12 PM Jamie <<u>jamesonrogersphd@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Hi Jo-Ann,

I hope you are doing well. I am reaching out because I am your neighbor at 383 Windsor St. I found your contact info through the Cambridge property database, which lists you as one of the owners at 391 Windsor St.

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From:Jamie Rogers <jkrogers@google.com>Sent:Sunday, February 28, 2021 12:12 PMTo:Adam GlassmanCc:Daglian, Sisia; Pacheco, Maria; Singanayagam, RanjitSubject:Re: 383 Windsor St BZA-105802

Thanks for noting this Adam. One small correction:

- Ms von Bismarck submitted a letter of opposition for her property at 48 Union St
- Ms von Bismarck read a letter of opposition from 50 Union St (from someone she noted was an out-of-state landlord that she had reached out to, but that I haven't been able to receive a response from despite my attempts)
- Ms Branco from 391 Windsor St joined the BZA hearing on 2/25, but did not speak (she has not expressed support or opposition; I have reached out to her multiple times)

I'm happy to provide any additional information about neighborhood reach-out if that would be helpful.

Thank you and best wishes,

Jamie Rogers

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Jameson Rogers, PhD

On Sun, Feb 28, 2021 at 11:55 AM Adam Glassman <<u>aiglassman.ra@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Hi Maria,

Please see below, I think here should be a record in the file of our correspondence to date with the abutters, as Mr Rogers has been reaching out (both before and after our hearing) to discuss this application and we are still waiting for responses.

We are still waiting for replies from Karen von Bismarck, owner of 48 Union St and Jo-Ann Branco, owner of 50 Union St. Both are rear abutters who oppose this application.

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Ms von Bismarck sent an opposition letter to ISD on February 23. (Which I missed)

Ms Branco called in to express her opposition on Feb 25, the night of the hearing.

However, We reached out to both abutters well before the hearing and we never heard back from them.

Ms Branco:

first on January 31 and again on February 26.

Ms Von Bismarck: first on February 26 and again on February 28.

We confirmed that the email addresses we are using are correct.

Neither abutter has responded to our emails, or reached out to us directly by phone.

We have been doing the best we can to communicate directly in good faith with these abutters. I will let you know if we hear back from them, as we hope to be able to discuss and address their concerns in a timely manner.

Thank you,

Adam

------ Forwarded message ------From: Jamie <<u>jamesonrogersphd@gmail.com</u>> Date: Sun, Feb 28, 2021 at 11:20 AM Subject: Re: Improvements on Windsor St To: <<u>karen@kaimaristed.net</u>>, Adam Glassman <<u>ajglassman.ra@gmail.com</u>>, <<u>kvonbismarck@techxlab.org</u>>, <<u>maristed@mac.com</u>>

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Adam J. Glassman, R.A. Cambridge, MA C: <u>617.412.8450</u> www.glassmanchungdesign.com

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From: THERESA LIMA <theresalima@comcast.net> Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:39 AM To: Daglian, Sisia <sdaglian@cambridgema.gov> Subject: Questions from Theresa Lima for Feb. 25 BZA meeting

Hello, I registered for the meeting tomorrow regarding 383 Windsor Street. My cousin and I own a duplex at 389-391 Windsor Street (I live on the second floor of 389 which is the side next to 383 and I have a tenant on my first floor. My cousin lives on the other side with a tenant on his second floor).

My concerns are with the impact on parking on the street--the number of construction trucks there will be and dumpsters. How long do they anticipate the work will take? We've had two houses renovated across the street and one of them took over 3 years to complete. Also, I see that a third level is being proposed, and my concern is how much this will impact the available daylight from my side of our house.

I will click into the meeting using the link sent.

Thank you

Theresa Lima

617-864-2045



377-379 WINDSOR



383-385 WINDSOR





EXISTING STREET VIEWS

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383-385 WINDSOR ST CAMBRIDGE, MA

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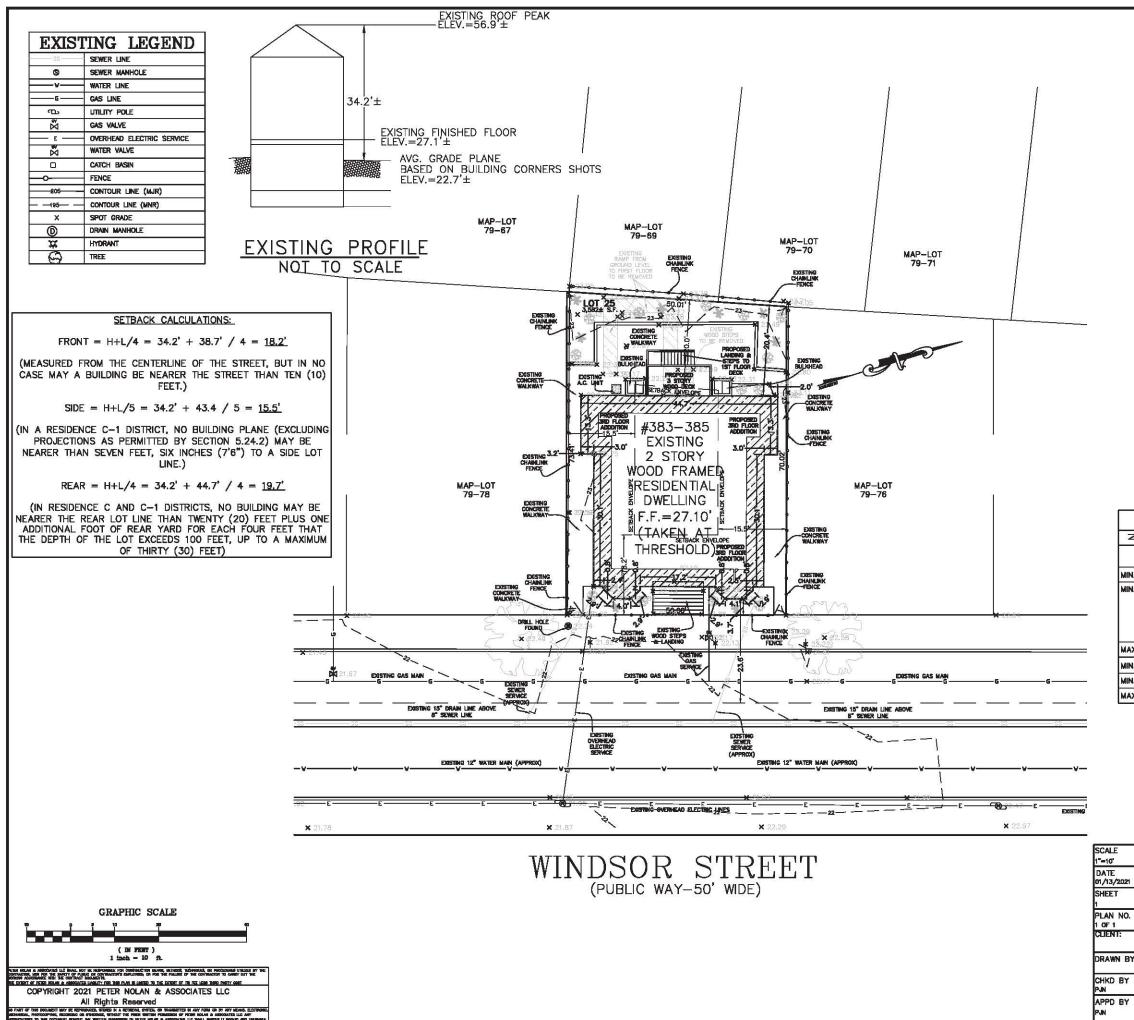


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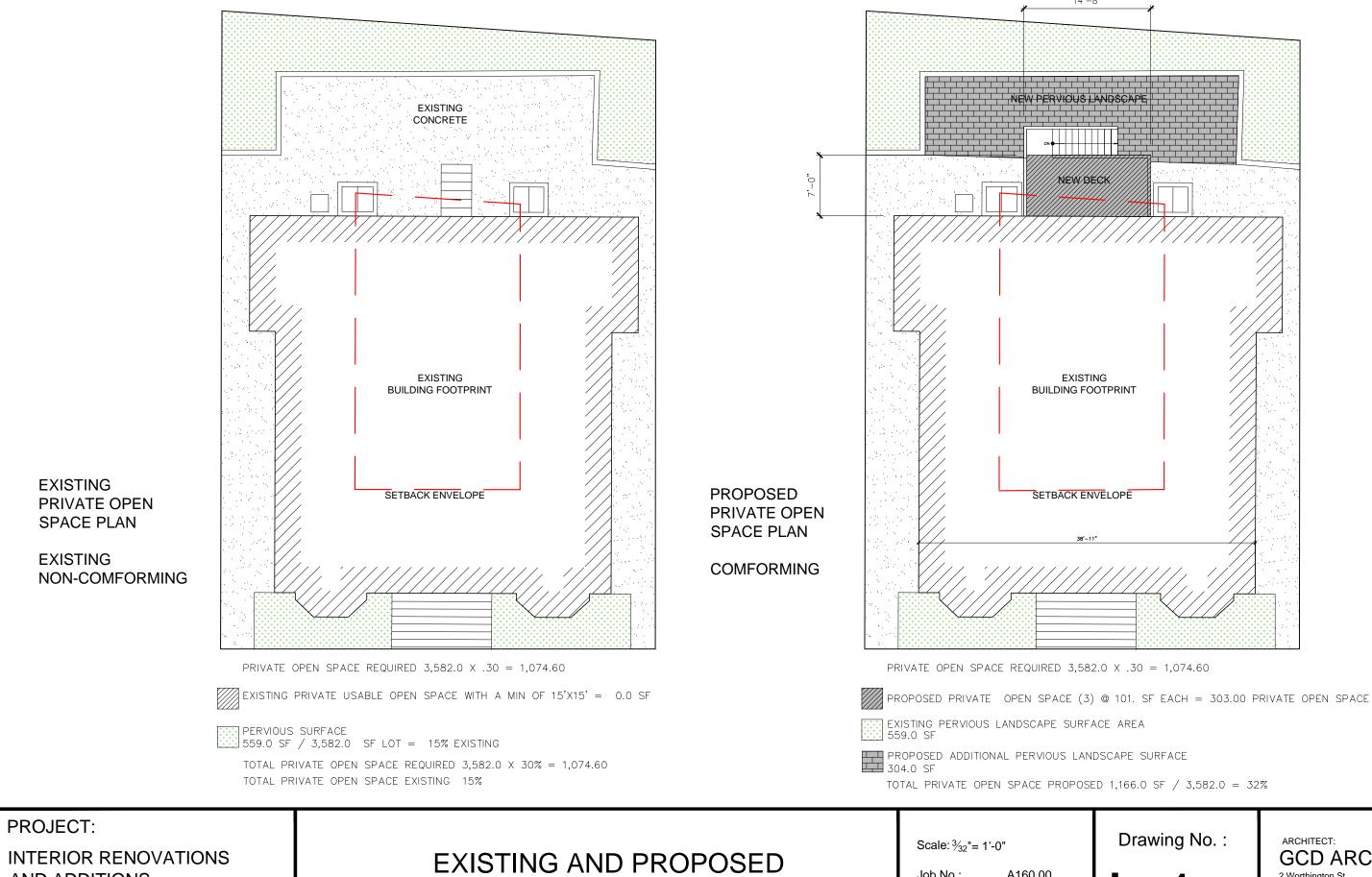
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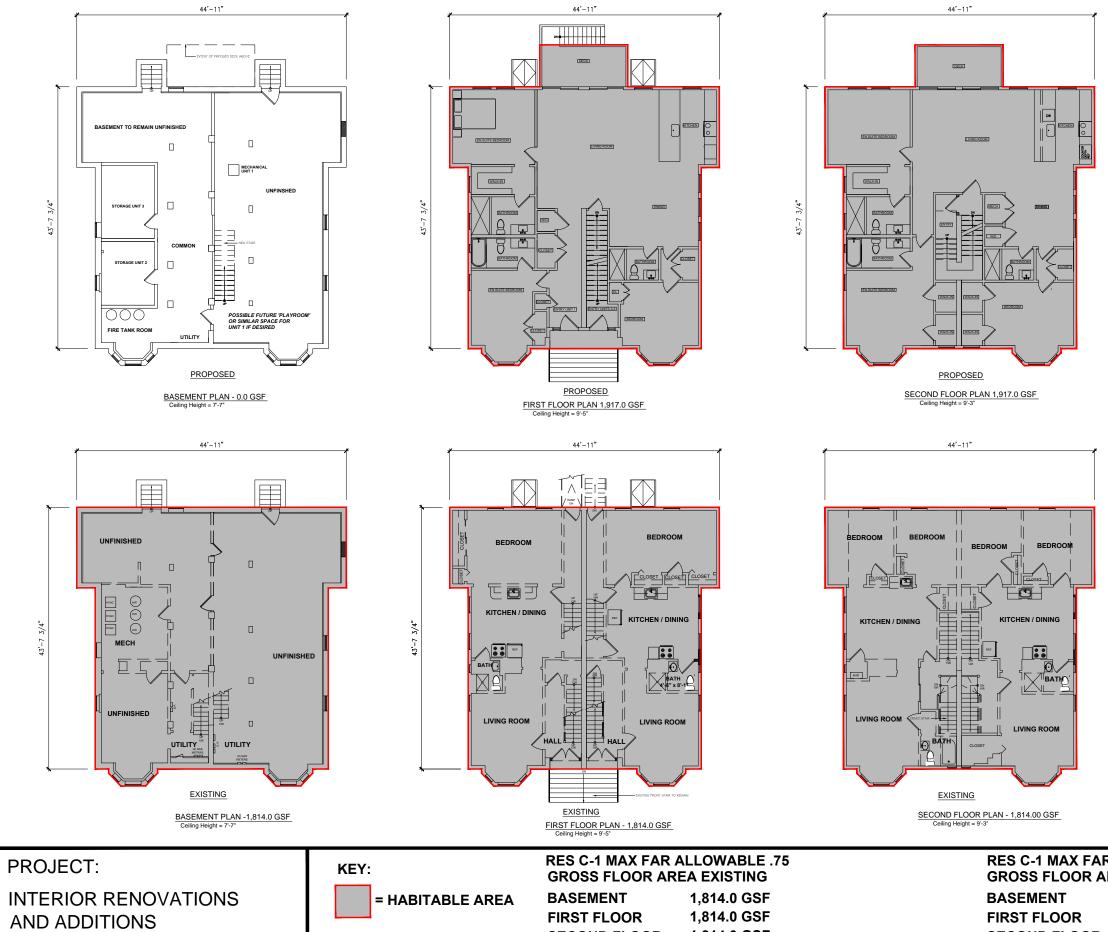
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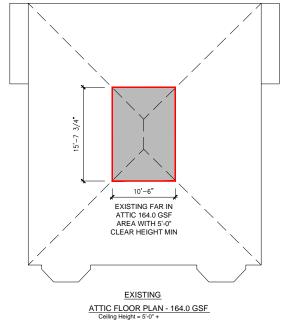
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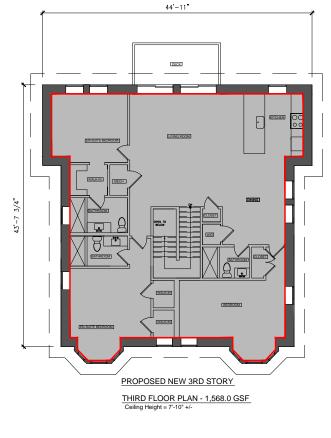
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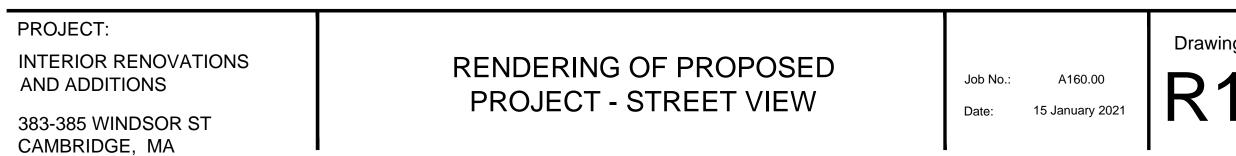








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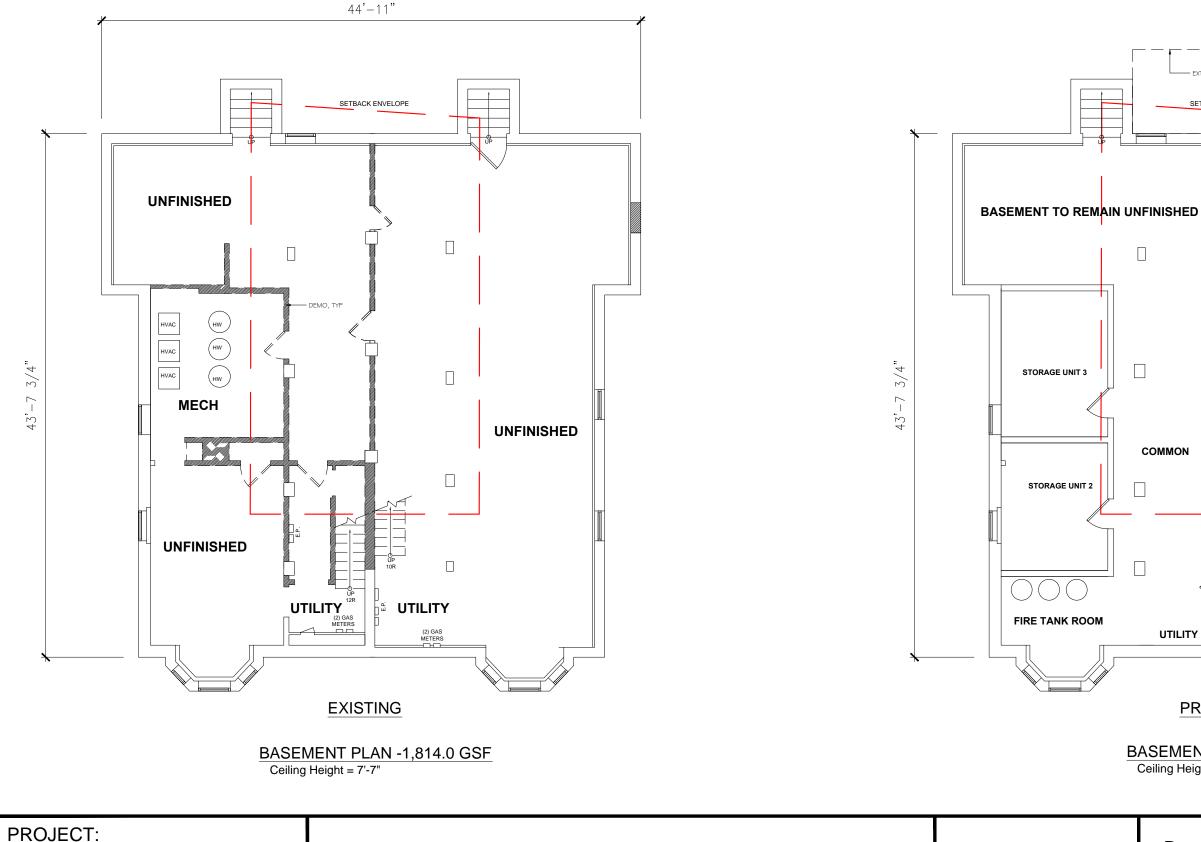
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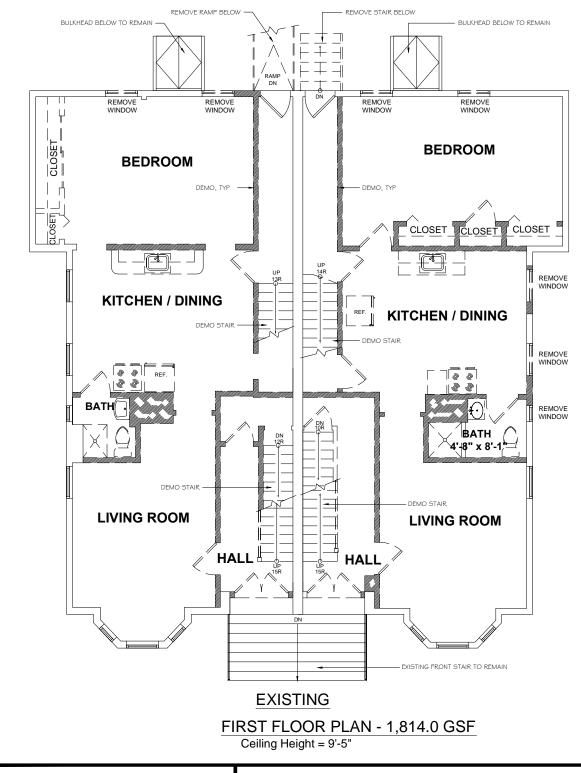
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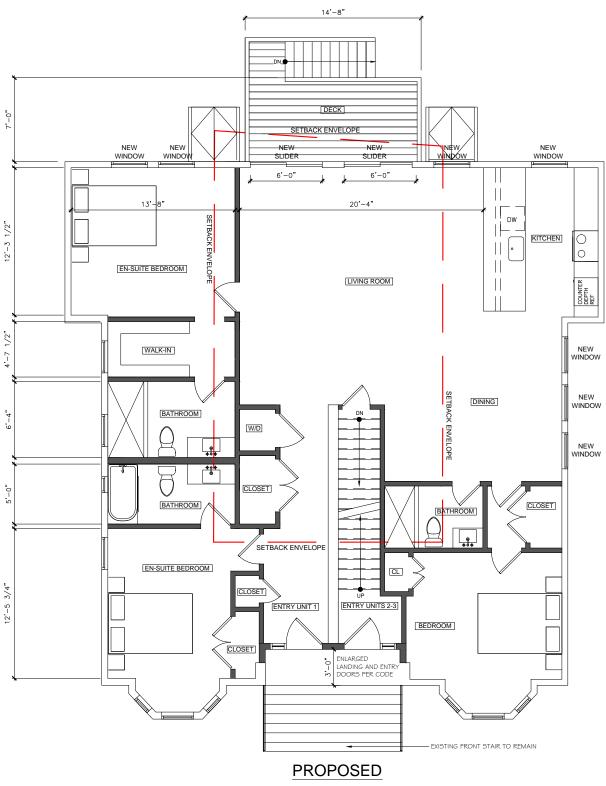
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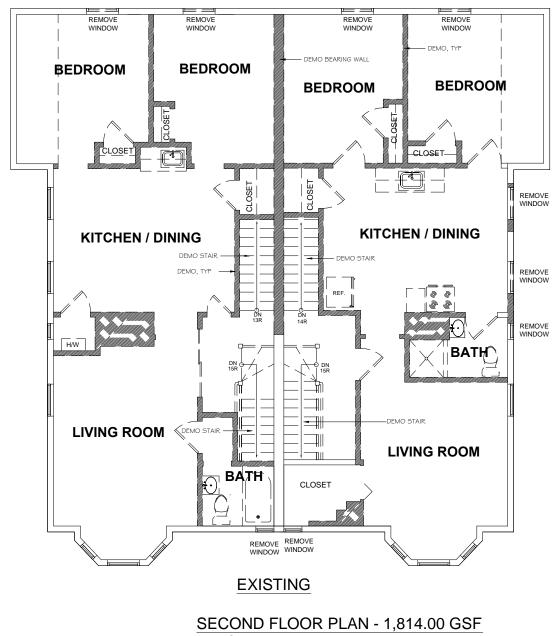


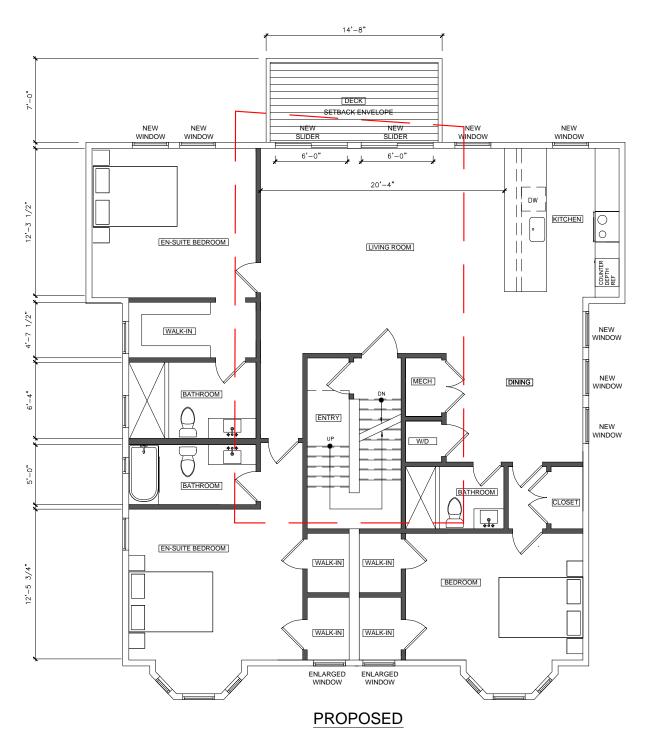


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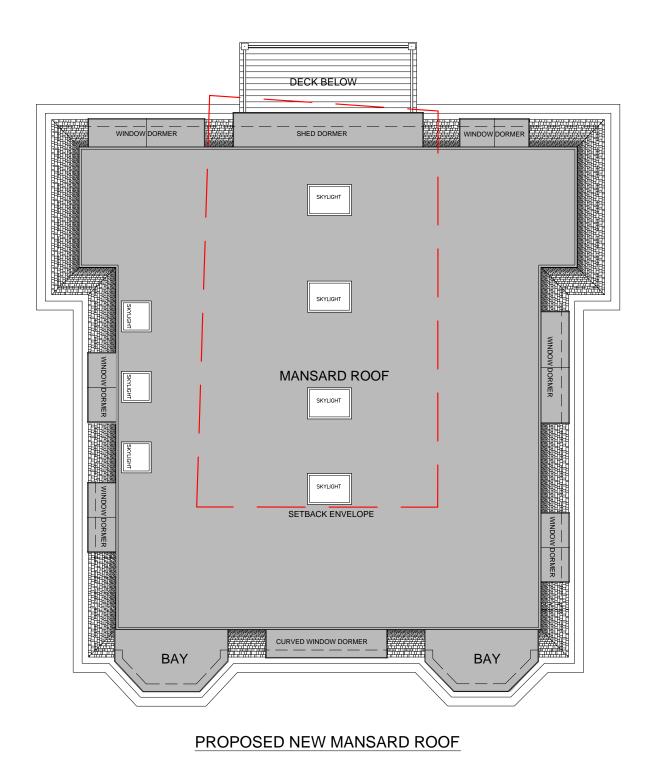


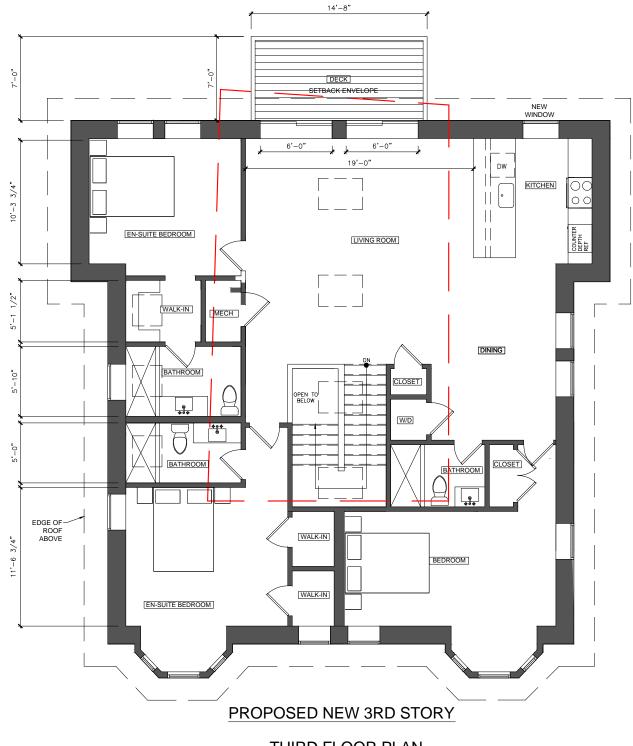
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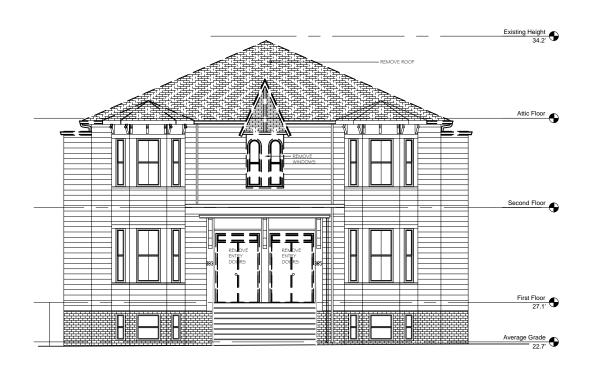
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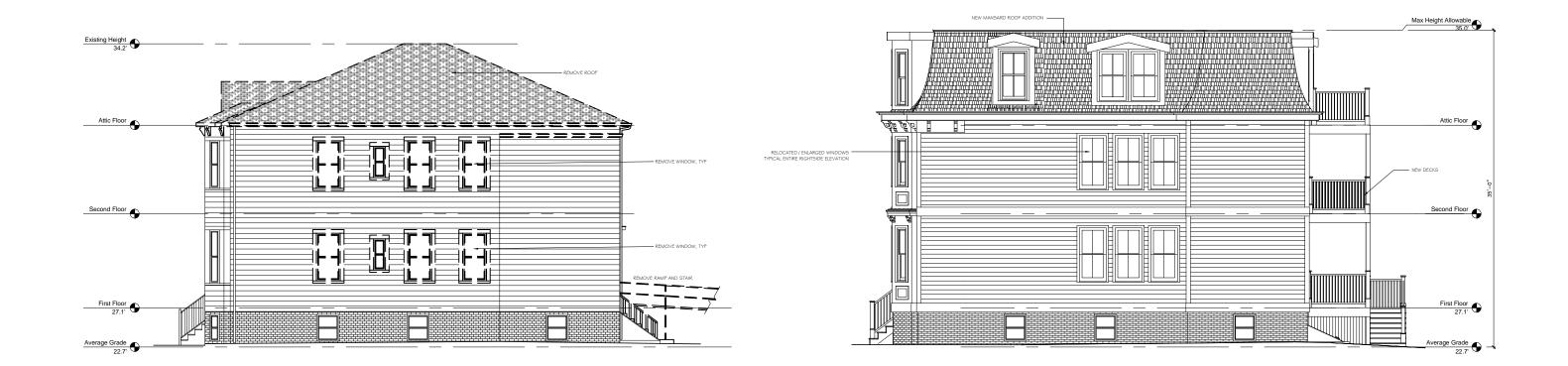
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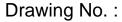
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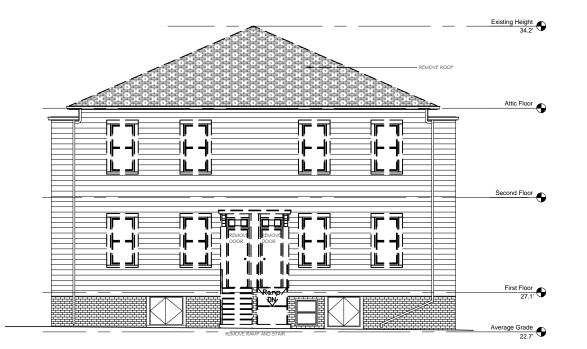
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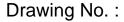


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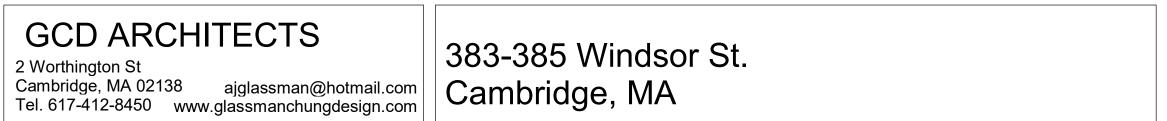
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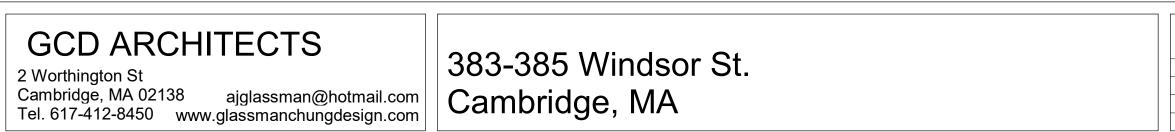
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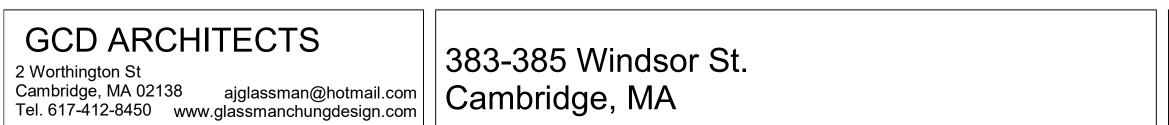
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13 January 2021

To: Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals 831 Mass Ave.

Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Cambridge BZA,

I am writing to express my support for the relief sought for 383-385 Windsor Street which include the proposed third story, rear decks, modified windows and the exclusion of the basement from the GFA calculation.

I have reviewed the plans and renderings for the proposed work, the design is tasteful, reasonable and it compliments the scale and character of our neighborhood extremely well.

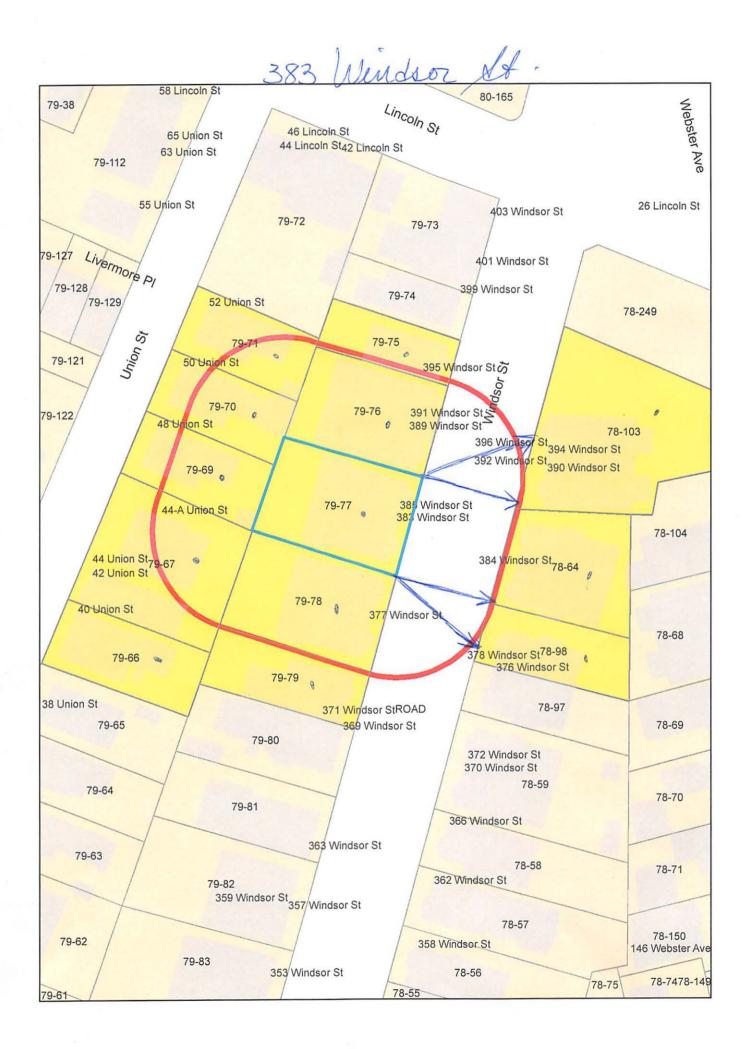
The existing structure is clearly in need of many upgrades, inside and out, including the reconfiguration of the existing units to be more accommodating to families looking to live in our neighborhood. We are very supportive of keeping this structure as a 3 family and adding a full third story to create three comfortable and functional dwelling units.

The proposed work requiring zoning relief would have no negative impacts on our neighborhood that I can see and will create the benefits of a more attractive street scape, more landscaped area, and a modest amount of outdoor space that each unit can enjoy. Our neighborhood needs more high-quality housing for families and we therefore support this project.

We ask the BZA to support this request for zoning relief.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bisognano 376-378 Windsor St January 19, 2021



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BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA. (617) 349-6100

BZA

POSTING NOTICE – PICK UP SHEET

The undersigned picked up the notice board for the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing.

Name: _	AD	1M G/ASSMAN	Date: _	2/4/2/
Address: _	383	Windsor At.		•
Case No	BZA	- 105802	Ŷ	

Hearing Date: 2/25/21.

Thank you, Bza Members 21 February 2021

To:

Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals

831 Mass Ave.

Cambridge MA 02139 *B7A* -10580 2

Dear Cambridge BZA,

I am writing to express my support for the relief sought for 383-385 Windsor Street, which include the proposed third story, rear decks, modified windows and the exclusion of the basement from the GFA calculation.

I have reviewed the plans and renderings for the proposed work, it conforms with the existing neighborhood in a well thought out manner. The existing structure is clearly in dated and in need of upgrades, to keep consistent with the current changes to the neighborhood. They are not requesting to change occupancy amounts and however they are encouraging a well thought out design to provide for future families to eventually reside here.

The proposed work requiring zoning relief would have no negative impacts on our neighborhood that I can see, and will create the benefits of a more attractive streetscape, more landscaped area, and a modest amount of outdoor space that each unit can enjoy. Our neighborhood needs more high-quality housing for families and we therefore support this project.

I ask the BZA to support this request for zoning relief.

Sincerely,

Mario Massimino 617-352-8883 384 Windsor St #1 Cambridge, MA 02141

21 February 2021

To:

Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals 831 Mass Ave. Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Cambridge BZA,

l approve of the the project at 383-385 Windsor Street which is seeking zoning relief.

The exterior design is very nice, the extent of the work is modest, and as the renderings show this fits in to our neighborhood extremely well in terms of size and style.

The existing structure is badly in need of upgrades, it is an eyesore and it is outdated housing. The existing 4 unit layout does not accommodate families looking to live in our neighborhood. The proposed changes will make this house attractive for families, We are very supportive of removing 1 illegal unit and making this structure a proper and legal 3 family dwelling unit. Enlarging and converting the attic to create three comfortable and functional dwelling units is a benefit to our neighborhood.

The proposed work would not have any negative impacts on our neighborhood and will make our neighborhood more beautiful.

Sincerely,

Hackens Signature

3/3/A Date

Albert Pacheco 396 Windsor St Cambridge, MA 02141



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Board of Zoning Appeal Waiver Form

The Board of Zoning Appeal 831 Mass Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

DZA - 105802 RE: Case # Address: Adam Owner,
Petitioner, or
Representative: _____ (Print Name)

hereby waives the required time limits for holding a public hearing as required by Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A. The Downer, Detitioner, or D Representative further hereby waives the Petitioner's and/or Owner's right to a Decision by the Board of Zoning Appeal on the above referenced case within the time period as required by Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, and/or Section 6409 of the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, codified as 47 U.S.C. §1455(a), or any other relevant state or federal regulation or law.

Date: _____3

Adam J. Glassman, R.A. 03/01/2021

Signature

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2	(6:45 p.m.)
3	Sitting Members: Constantine Alexander, Brendan Sullivan,
4	Andrea A. Hickey, Matina Williams and
5	Jason Marshall
6	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. It's now 6:45 and
7	we'll resume this hearing. The Chair will now call Case
8	Number 105802 383 Windsor Street. Anyone here wishing to
9	be heard on this matter?
10	ADAM GLASSMAN: Good evening. This is Adam
11	Glassman, 2 Worthington Street in Cambridge. And I'm here
12	with the building owner, Jamie Rogers. We're here seeking
13	relief, both a variance and a special permit. Should we
14	start with the special permit?
15	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Up to you.
16	ADAM GLASSMAN: All right.
17	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Whichever way you want to
18	do it.
19	ADAM GLASSMAN: Let's start with the special
20	permit, which is seeking relief to discount the basement
21	from the gross square footage which in a three-family
22	requires a special permit and new window openings in walls

within setbacks. This ties very closely into our 1 2 application for the variance. Maybe I should just walk you through the whole set 3 4 of plans. 5 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: And you have to --ADAM GLASSMAN: So --6 7 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: -- for the special permit you have to address what is required -- what are the 8 9 provisions of Section 216 of our ordinance. ADAM GLASSMAN: Yeah, so excluding the basement 10 for a special permit will -- you know, cause no detriment to 11 the community. The use of this structure and abutting 12 structures will remain unchanged. There will be no change 13 14 to parking patterns or traffic patterns. And actually, we'd like to keep it unfinished; 15 16 we're not looking to convert it. 17 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: You also have to address [59:55 simultaneous speech] which has a separate -- for 18 19 relief. 20 ADAM GLASSMAN: -- calculable FAR. 21 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Specifically, if I can 22 find it -- one second, let me -- I'm trying to pull it out

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1	of the ordinance we have to make a finding that the uses
2	occupying such exempted GFA support the character of the
3	neighborhood or district in which the applicable lot is
4	located.
5	ADAM GLASSMAN: Agreed. And the basement, which
6	is currently unfinished, supports the use of this structure
7	as a place for mechanical and storage and that won't change.
8	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. Thank you. And you
9	were going through the other list wont causse the
10	other requirements of special permit before I interrupted
11	you. Why don't you finish your description of that?
12	ADAM GLASSMAN: All right, essentially we're
13	causing no detriment to the community. There will be no
14	change in the traffic patterns, no increase in noise or
15	light pollution, use of structure remains unchanged, ability
16	of adjacent properties to maintain their use remains
17	unchanged.
18	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. People anyone
19	have any questions at this point regarding the special
20	permit, before we move on to the variance? Brendan?
21	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Brendan Sullivan, I have no
22	questions.

1	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: No questions. Andrea?
2	ANDREA HICKEY: No questions.
3	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Jason?
4	JASON MARSHALL: Jason Marshall, no questions.
5	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Matina?
6	MATINA WILLIAMS: Matina Williams, no questions.
7	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I don't have any questions
8	either. But let's move on to the variance part of the case.
9	Mr. Glassman?
10	[Pause]
11	Mr. Glassman?
12	ADAM GLASSMAN: Can you hear me?
13	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Now I can.
14	ADAM GLASSMAN: Yeah. You've been going in and
15	out. I don't know if it's me or you, so I'm sorry.
16	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I'm sorry. I didn't catch
17	what you just said, sir.
18	ADAM GLASSMAN: So would you like me to walk you
19	through the entire set of plans?
20	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Your presentation, you've
21	got to supply
22	ADAM GLASSMAN: Okay, let's do that.

1	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Excuse me. Keep in mind -
2	- I'm sure you're aware of it there is opposition to what
3	you're proposing with regard to the variance. And it is
4	from your owner's
5	ADAM GLASSMAN: The pictures I can't you're
6	going in and out.
7	SISIA DAGLIAN: Adam, you can use your telephone
8	and call in as well.
9	ADAM GLASSMAN: All right. I'll try that. I'm
10	sorry. Can you hear me now?
11	SISIA DAGLIAN: Yep.
12	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Yes.
13	ADAM GLASSMAN: So did you start to say that there
14	were letters of opposition?
15	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: What about the letter of
16	opposition? You want to hear it?
17	[Pause]
18	Hello?
19	ADAM GLASSMAN: I'm going to try to call in.
20	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Well the joys of remote
21	hearings.
22	[Pause]

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1	ADAM GLASSMAN: Sisia, can you e-mail me the
2	number?
3	SISIA DAGLIAN: Sure.
4	ADAM GLASSMAN: Okay. I think I got it. Okay. I
5	got it. I'm here.
6	KAREN VON BISMARK: Hello? Can anyone there hear
7	me?
8	ADAM GLASSMAN: I'm here. Can you hear me?
9	Sisia?
10	KAREN VON BISMARK: Mmm
11	ANDREA HICKEY: Adam, this is Andrea Hickey. I
12	can hear you, but no one else is responding.
13	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: We can hear.
14	JASON MARSHALL: I also hear you.
15	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Yeah Brendan Sullivan we
16	can hear you up here.
17	ANDREA HICKEY: Okay.
18	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: We can hear.
19	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Yeah. So just go ahead, Adam.
20	ADAM GLASSMAN: Okay. One second here.
21	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: I think the question was about
22	the regarding the letter of opposition. Is that correct?

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1 ADAM GLASSMAN: Yeah, actually we --2 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Do you want me to read the 3 letter of opposition Mr. Glassman? 4 ADAM GLASSMAN: We didn't know there was 5 opposition. 6 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I'm sorry. 7 ADAM GLASSMAN: We did not know there was 8 opposition. 9 SISIA DAGLIAN: He didn't know there was 10 opposition. 11 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: One more time. 12 SISIA DAGLIAN: Oh, there was opposition. CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Oh. Well, I can read the 13 letter now, or I can read it later. What would you prefer, 14 Mr. Glassman? Or do you want to continue the case until you 15 can consider the letter of opposition and talk to the 16 17 opposing neighbor? It's up to you. 18 KAREN VON BISMARK: Hello? Can anyone hear me? 19 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Who just spoke? 20 KAREN VON BISMARK: My name is Karen Von Bismark, and I wrote one of two opposing letters. Hello, everyone. 21 22 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I think only saw one in

1 our files.

2	KAREN VON BISMARK: I think the other only went in
3	yesterday when I alerted my neighbor to this situation and
4	he said that he hadn't received any notification at all. I
5	have a copy of the letter that he sent in to Maria Pacheco,
6	but it may have gone too late to reach your client.
7	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: It's not in our files. I
8	have two letters of support, and then we have your letter of
9	opposition.
10	KAREN VON BISMARK: Mm-hm. Well, another has been
11	written and sent, because I have that in my hand. I can
12	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: All right. Why don't you
13	read
14	KAREN VON BISMARK: forward
15	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: to us that other letter
16	which we don't have, and we therefore haven't seen?
17	KAREN VON BISMARK: Okay. I'd be happy to. Let
18	me just have a look in my e-mail. Could take a second.
19	Here we go. Yes, I have it here.
20	"Dear Maria Pacheco [if I'm pronouncing that
21	correctly] and Cambridge BZA,
22	"We own the property at 50 Union Street behind the

1	385-383 (sic) Windsor Street Property under discussion. We
2	have not received any notice [oh, shoot, "dispute it"?
3	Where did that come from? Patience, people, please. I'm
4	kind of nervous about this whole thing. Okay] in
5	reference to the petition filed for any addition proposed by
6	the owner of 383-385 Windsor Street property.
7	"Our property at 50 Union Street will suffer with
8	negative impact, due to new proposed height and a new deck.
9	I do not see enough setback to yield privacy and a noise
10	barrier for the proposed projects.
11	"The proposed construction of the third floor will
12	also cause blockade of the morning sun.
13	"This project will also affect the value of our
14	property at 50 Union Street. We pay our taxes and abide by
15	all the rules and regulations by the city of Cambridge. We
16	expect a careful impact review of this project. We also
17	propose the addition on the three decks of proposed."
18	And that, if I can just get my mail to
19	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay, we have your letter,
20	or the Board does, but I take it the petitioner, or the
21	petitioner's architect has not seen that letter? Therefore,
22	I'm wondering I hate to do this I'm wondering whether

1	we should continue this case to allow, well two things; one,
2	to get the letter that we haven't received into our files,
3	and two
4	KAREN VON BISMARK: Mm-hm.
5	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: to allow the petitioner
6	to review both of these letters, and if he decides to, to
7	meet with you and to see if you can work things out.
8	I think that's better than trying to do it on a
9	basis where everybody seems to be at a little bit of a
10	disadvantage. Mr. Glassman's at a disadvantage, and to some
11	extent we are at a disadvantage.
12	Mr. Glassman, do you have a problem with that?
13	[Pause]
14	Hello?
15	SISIA DAGLIAN: Adam, you're muted.
16	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: He's on mute. This is Brendan
17	Sullivan. Mr. Rogers
18	ADAM GLASSMAN: Hello?
19	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: You're audible.
20	ADAM GLASSMAN: Hello?
21	SISIA DAGLIAN: We can hear you.
22	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Yes.

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1	ADAM GLASSMAN: Okay. So this is what I want to
2	say. A lot of effort went into this proposal, and Jamie did
3	reach out to all the abutters, including the woman who just
4	spoke. I'm sorry they didn't they weren't able to
5	connect.
6	The board has been posted in public view as
7	required, so I think before we go right to a continuance, it
8	might be fair for us to make our presentation and receive
9	some feedback from the Board.
10	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: We'll go forward. That
11	would mean if this case is continued, it's a case heard. So
12	it may complicate when we can reschedule, as you know. The
13	other thing is, is I'm not sure what you gain by that.
14	It seems to me what would make more sense would be
15	you and/or your client to talk to the opposing abutters and
16	finding out maybe they're misinformed, maybe you can reach
17	some accommodation.
18	It certainly would enhance your ability to get
19	zoning relief
20	ADAM GLASSMAN: Okay.
21	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: which is not to say we
22	would not grant this if you don't do that

1	ADAM GLASSMAN: Yeah.
2	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: but that's usually the
3	way people proceed
4	ADAM GLASSMAN: All right.
5	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: in situations like
6	this.
7	ADAM GLASSMAN: Okay. We will continue with the
8	abutter and continue the case.
9	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. So we'll continue
10	this case as a case not heard. We never got into any of the
11	merits. Sisia, did we have what's the next, not two
12	weeks, four weeks?
13	SISIA DAGLIAN: That's the March 25, we can do
14	one more.
15	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: March
16	SISIA DAGLIAN: Twenty-fifth.
17	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Twenty-fifth. Okay, March
18	25 work for you, Mr. Glassman?
19	ADAM GLASSMAN: It does. Jamie, are you here? Is
20	there anything you want to say?
21	JAMIE ROGERS: Yes. I'm here. Hi, everyone.
22	I'm Jamie Rogers. That date works fine for me, and I'm very

1	interested in hearing the concerns of the neighbors and
2	working to an agreeable solution for those.
3	I think the contact information that I had I get
4	was not accurate. So I think there in the proposal,
5	there is Adam's e-mail address and phone number in there.
6	So perhaps the neighbors could send a message there with
7	their contact information so that we could follow up
8	directly, so we don't have the challenges of obtaining each
9	other's contact info.
10	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I'm going to make a motion
11	for the Board to consider. The Chair moves that this case
12	be continued as a case not heard, which means that we don't
13	have to have the same five people who are on the call
14	tonight be present at the continued case, which is March 25.
15	So with that by way of background, the Chair again
16	moves that we continue this case as a case not heard until
17	6:00 p.m. on March 25, subject to the following conditions:
18	One, that the petitioner or his representative
19	assign a waiver of time for decision. That waiver must be
20	in our files or in the files of the Zoning Department no
21	later than 5:00 p.m. on a week from Monday. If that is not
22	done, then this case will be automatically dismissed and the

1 relief will be denied -- the relief being sought will be 2 denied.

That's Condition Number 1. So make sure, sir, that you see Maria Pacheco or someone else in the Zoning Department and get that waiver of time for a decision signed.

And Mr. Glassman can -- if you have questions about what this is all about, I think Mr. Glassman is sufficiently experienced to answer that. It's a standard requirement -- I just will say it's a standard requirement in the continued cases.

Second, that the posting sign that you have maintained so far must be modified or a new one obtained, and to modify simply you can just change the date. And I don't even think you have to change -- and the time -- on the sign, you can do it with a magic marker, if you will.

And that modified sign, or the new modified sign, it must be maintained for the 14 days before March 25, just as you maintained the sign for the 14 days prior to tonight's hearing.

21 And lastly, to the extent as a result of the 22 discussions with neighbors or otherwise, we want to make

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1	some revisions to the plans, drawings, specifications or							
2	other information. That must be in our files no later than							
3	5:00 p.m. on the Monday before March 25. Mr. Glassman's							
4	familiar with those requirements. They're standard for							
5	continued cases.							
6	Brendan, how do you vote?							
7	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Brendan Sullivan, yes to the							
8	continuance.							
9	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Andrea?							
10	ANDREA HICKEY: Andrea Hickey yes to the							
11	continuance.							
12	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Jason?							
13	JASON MARSHALL: Jason Marshall yes to the							
14	continuance.							
15	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Matina?							
16	MATINA WILLIAMS: Matina Williams yes to the							
17	continuance.							
18	CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: And the Chair votes yes as							
19	well.							
20	[All vote YES]							
21	So this case is continued until March 25.							
22	[CASE CONTINUED]							

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