

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

617-349-6100

BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 180779

Date: April 14, 2023

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General	Information

The undersigne	d hereby petitions	the Board of Zoning	Appeal fo	or the following:
Special Permit:	X	Variance: X	_	Appeal:
DETITIONED				
PETITIONER:	Dante Alighieri Sc	ciety of Massachuset	ts, Inc. C	<u>/O Guy Carbone</u>
PETITIONER'S	ADDRESS: 41 H	ampshire Street, Cam	nbridge, I	MA 02139
LOCATION OF	PROPERTY: 41 I	lampshire St , Camb	oridge, N	<u>IA</u>
TYPE OF OCC	UPANCY: Social (Club	ZONI	NG DISTRICT: Residence C-1 Zone
REASON FOR	PETITION:			
/Change in Use/	Occupancy//Nev	v Structure/ /Exclusio	n of GFA	in Basement/Cellar/
DESCRIPTION	N OF PETITION	ER'S PROPOSAL:		
This project proprograming and	oosed the construction of the	ction of a new structur Italian Consulate.	re to hou	se an expansion of the Appellant's current
Exclusion of the	basement FAR.			
SECTIONS OF	ZONING ORDINA	NCE CITED:		
Article: 5.000 Article: 2.000 Article: 4.000	Section: 2.000	Table of Dimensional F	oss).	nents)
Article: 4.000	Section: 4.34.d	(General Office Use).	r	OR THE PETITIONER
			H	ereunto Duly Authorized
		0	C	hairman New Building Committee
		Original Signature(s):	_	Siy a Carlo
		3		(Petitioner (s) / Owner)
			-	Guy A. Carbone, Esq.
				(Print Name)
		A -l -l		611 Main Street, Suite 303
		Address: _ Tel. No.		Winchester, MA 01890
				617–227–3305 one@vahoo.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.

Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, Inc.
(OWNER)
Address: 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
State that I/We own the property located at 41 Hampshire St., Cambridge,MA 02139
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of
Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, Inc a Massachusetts corporation
incorporated June 11,1971 pursuant to MGL Chapter 180, inter alia for the purposes set forth in MGL Chapter 180, Section 4.
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date June 10, 1983 Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book 14895 , Page 228 ; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
Book Page
Augelo Firenze, President Maco 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 Middlesex
The above-named Angelo Firenze personally appeared before me,
this 10^{10} of May , 2022, and made oath that the above statement is true.
Say Q Carla Notary
Guy A. Carbone My commission expires July 29,2027 (Notary Seal).
If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, or deed, or inheritance, please include documentation. (ATTACHMENT B - PAGE 3)
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BZA APPLICATION FORM SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

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:

In support of the required findings for the grant of a Variance under the Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance"), the applicant submits that the project site is burdened by its unique shape and existing structure at 41 Hampshire Street (the "Premises"), and the Variance is justified by this.

By way of background, the Premises is a corner lot with two front streets (Hampshire Street and Cardinal Medeiros Avenue), with an existing structure (to remain). Designed by architect Pietro Belluschi and constructed in 1985, the existing building at the Premises is the longtime home of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, a non-profit cultural organization for Italian heritage (the "Dante Alighieri"). It is an existing non-conforming structure under the Ordinance's 37 Foot Front Yard Setback requirements at the Premises, with an existing Front Yard Setbacks of 5 feet 2^{7/8} Inches on Hampshire Street and 63 feet and 4 ^{1/4} inches on Cardinal Medeiros Avenue.

The proposed project seeks to continue and expand the Dante Alighieri's Club, Lodge or Other Fraternal or Sororal Meeting Facility Uses at the existing structure (the "Club Use"), and to construct a new building to be operated as the United States Consulate office for the Italian government. The existing non-conformities of the Dante Alighieri would not be altered or enlarged. Due to its corner lot condition with two front streets, and the constraints imposed by the Dante Alighieri's existing structure to remain, however, the new Consulate building requires Variances from the Ordinance's Front Yard Setback requirement along both streets, pursuant to Section 5.24.3 of the Ordinance. To address the hardship imposed, the new Consulate necessitates a Front Yard Setback of approximately 37 feet from Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and 94 feet 2 inches from Hampshire Street. Pursuant to Sections 4.33.h.1 and 4.56.i.1 of the Ordinance, both the continued and expanded Club Use for the Dante Alighieri and the Other Governmental Facilities Use for the new consulate building (the "Consulate Use") are Allowed Uses at this location in the City's Residence C- Zone.

Specifically, the applicant submits that the location of existing Dante Alighieri structure limits its siting options for the new Consulate building at the Premises, and required compliance with the Ordinance's Front Yard setback requirements is further constrained by the asymmetrical shape of this corner lot. Due to these unique aspects, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in a substantial hardship upon the applicant, by limiting its continued and expanded Club and Consulate Uses at the Premises.

To address the hardship imposed by the unique property conditions at the Premises, the applicant has carefully designed and sited the new Consulate Use and its structure to comport with, and not

interfere or detract from, the Dante Alighieri's existing building and expanded programming at the Premises, and with the minimal relief under the circumstances. The new building will occupy a limited and appropriate amount of remaining land area, with setbacks along its two front streets that comport with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and provide much-needed upgrades to pedestrian access and an improved site design. In this regard, the Front Yard Setback on Hampshire Street is responsive to the existing Dante Alighieri structure (to remain), and the new building's setback is consistent with the existing street line conformity along Cardinal Medeiros Avenue.

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

Consisting of approximately 34,907 square feet of land with an existing structure that occupies a majority of the remaining land area, the hardship imposed by these conditions are unique to the Premises itself, as required for the requested Variance. Combined with its triangular shape and two front yards (as defined by the Ordinance), strict compliance with the Ordinance's Front Yard Setback requirements would impose and unnecessary hardship and prevent the continued and expanded Club and Consulate Uses for the proposed project. Again, these are Allowed Uses under the Ordinance (at this location), and the property's corner lot condition, triangular shape and existing structure for an established non-profit cultural organization at the Premises are distinct and supportive of the relief requested under the circumstances.

The applicant also restates that the irregularities of the property site cause major obstacles to siting the new Consulate building, without violating the setback requirements, and literal enforcement of the Ordinance would prevent the Dante Alighieri from continuing and expanding its non-profit mission and programming of cultural outreach, with a related new Consulate Use in Cambridge. Grant of the relief requested would also not negatively impact the surrounding community but, rather, allow for new and appropriate Front Yard Building Setbacks that better comport with the surrounding context of the area.

C) <u>DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:</u>

1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

There will be no substantial detriment to the public good, as the proposed project has been carefully shaped and designed with City planning input and extensive community outreach. Grant of the relief requested will also allow for much-needed pedestrian access, open space and site improvements for an established non-profit cultural organization and relate new use at this location. With an appropriate new Front Yard Building Setback at this unique corner lot, the proposed project will comport with the context of surrounding area and enhance the existing and future sustainability of an established non-profit cultural organization thereat. It will also introduce a compatible and prominent new use to the Cambridge community, with the opening of the U.S. Consulate office for the Italian government (at the Premises). Finally, the requested Front Yard Setback Variance(s) will not negatively impact pedestrian and vehicular safety at the

immediate intersection of Hampshire Street and Cardinal Medeiros Avenue; but, rather, would result in much-needed improvements to its public realm and overall site upgrades.

In further support of this required Variance finding, the applicant notes that the proposed project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant organized and hosted two (2) on-site abutters meetings (on March 9, 2019 and April 30, 2022), to introduce the proposed project and seek feedback from the immediate neighborhood, and met with certain members of the local elected delegation for the area. As a result, the proposed project has been carefully designed and programmed with public feedback and local support, and the relief requested is consistent with the character and concerns of the neighborhood.

2) Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

Consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance, the proposed project would allow for the continued and expanded Club and new Consulate Uses at the Premises, with the minimum relief necessary to address the hardship imposed by its unique property conditions. Again, both the expanded Club and new Consulate Uses are Allowed at this location under the Ordinance. The Dante Alighieri is a long established and important non-profit cultural organization for Italian heritage at this site, and the proposed project would enhance its mission and introduce a prominent and synergistic new use thereat, with the new a U.S. Consulate for the Italian government. Its new Front Yard Building Setbacks will comport with the surrounding context of the area and not negatively impact pedestrian or vehicular at this corner lot location. As processed and favorably received, the proposed project will improve the site and its Allowed Uses, with not detriment to the public good. Thus, the relief requested is in the public interest, consistent with the purpose and intent or the Ordinance and appropriate under the circumstances.

BZA APPLICATION FORM 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 41 Hampshire Street for the Exclusion of Basement Area from the definition of Gross Floor Area pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.00 of the Zoning Ordinance would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

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

The proposed project features Uses which are Allowed by the underlying requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance"). With the issuance of this requested Special Permit, the proposed project would comply with the Ordinance by exempting a portion of its space in a basement level from the Gross Floor Area ("GFA") from its proposed new structure at 41 Hampshire Street (the "Premises").

By way of background, the Premises consists of approximately 34,907 square feet of land with an existing structure (to remain). Designed by architect Pietro Belluschi and constructed in 1985, the existing building at the Premises is the longtime home of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, a non-profit cultural organization for Italian heritage (the "Dante Alighieri"). The proposed project seeks to continue and expand the Dante Alighieri's Club, Lodge or Other Fraternal or Sororal Meeting Facility Uses at the existing structure (the "Club Use"), and to construct a new building to be operated as the United States Consulate for the Italian government. Pursuant to Sections 4.33.h.1 and 4.56.i.1 of the Ordinance, both the continued and expanded Club Use for the Dante Alighieri and the Other Governmental Facilities Use for the new consulate building (the "Consulate Use") are Allowed Uses at this location in the City's Residence C- Zone, but the new structure for the proposed Project is required to comply with the Ordinance's Floor Area Ratio limitation of .75 (pursuant its Table 5-1).

In support of its request, the applicant submits that its proposed exclusion of GFA into the basement level of the proposed project is consistent with the required findings for the Special Permit. Specifically, the Dante Alighieri has operated as an established non-profit cultural organization at the Premises for nearly half a century (since 1975), and the proposed project would allow for it to expand and enhance their uses into the basement level of this new structure. The exempted area includes approximately 3,343 square feet of proposed classroom, theater and support space, for the Dante Alighieri's mission of promoting and fostering the language and culture of Italy through educational and cultural offerings. Thus, the requested exemption of GFA is consistent with the requirements for the grant of the Special Permit; to support a local institution with established programs and operations at the site, for which the surrounding community has become accustom and reliant upon.

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:

The applicant again submits that the area to be exempt from GFA at its proposed project will help sustain and enhance a long-established cultural organization at this site, which has operated as a contributing part of the neighborhood for nearly half a century (since 1975). Thus, the requested exemption of GFA will not alter the character of the neighborhood or district but, rather, support its continued vibrancy at the site.

As part of its overall proposed project, the applicant also notes that it is making certain upgrades to on-site vehicular parking, bicycle storage, lockers and transit demand management practices at the Premises, to promote usage of the MBTA's rapid transit and nearby bus lines by employees, members, visitors and guests and lessen potential impacts by vehicular transportation, traffic and congestion. Thus, the grant of the requested Special Permit would allow the proposed project to comply with the Ordinance and deliver upon these collateral measures.

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:

The proposed project will not adversely affect the continued operation of, or the development of adjacent uses, as permitted in the Ordinance at this location, by exemption of the basement GFA. Again, the requested GFA exemption will merely allow this long-established organization to expand and enhance its operations as a mainstay at this location. The Club Use has existed here for nearly 50 years, and the exemption of the approximately 3,340 square feet of space is de minimums in scale and supportive of the of future growth and the development of permitted adjacent uses.

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:

No nuisance or hazard will be created by the proposed uses to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use. Rather, the resulting grant of the requested Special Permit will help to enhance and improve the health, safety and quality of operations for the members, employees, visitors and guests of this long-existing cultural organization at the Premises. The exempted GFA is appropriate in scale and use, to support the mission and programming of an established cultural organization at the Premises, and the proposed project will allow for much-needed upgrades in open space, pedestrian access, alternatives means of transportation and public realm. As a result, the overall health and safety of its occupants will be improved by the grant of the Special Permit (as part of the proposed project).

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:

As a long-established and Allowed Use at the Premises for nearly half a century (since 1975), the Dante Alighieri and its proposed expansion is entirely consistent with the integrity of the district, its surrounding areas and the intent of the Ordinance. The requested Special Permit will further this consistency, by exempting a portion of new basement space for the mission of this long-established organization at the Premises.

In further support of this required finding, the applicant notes that the proposed project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant organized and hosted two (2) on-site abutters meetings (March 9, 2019 and April 30, 2022), to introduce the proposed project and seek feedback from the immediate neighborhood, and it also met with certain members of the local elected delegation for the area. As a result, the proposed project, of which the requested GFA exemption is an integral part, has been carefully designed and programmed with public feedback and local support, and the grant of the Special Permit is consistent is consistent with the integrity of the district, its surrounding areas and the intent of the Ordinance.

BZA Application Form

DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Location:

Phone:

Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, Inc.

41 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA

Present Use/Occupancy: Social Club

Zone: Residence C-1 Zone

Requested Use/Occupancy: General Office

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		12,800	23,175	26,180	(max.)
<u>LOT AREA:</u>		34,907	34,907	5,000	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		0.37	0.75	0.66	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		n/a	n/a	n/a	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	203.97	203.97	50	
	DEPTH	n/a	n/a	n/a	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	5'2"	5'2"/0	37	
	REAR	n/a corner lot	n/a corner lot	n/a corner lot	
	LEFT SIDE	5'2"(corner lot)	6.5 (corner lot)	37 (corner lot)	
	RIGHT SIDE	63'4.25"	0 (corner lot)	37 (corner lot)	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	30	35	35	
	WIDTH	n/a	37	n/a	
	LENGTH	n/a	123.5	n/a	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		27,807	17,061	n/a	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		n/a	n/a	n/a	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		30	21	42	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	0	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		n/a	8'9"	n/a	

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.:

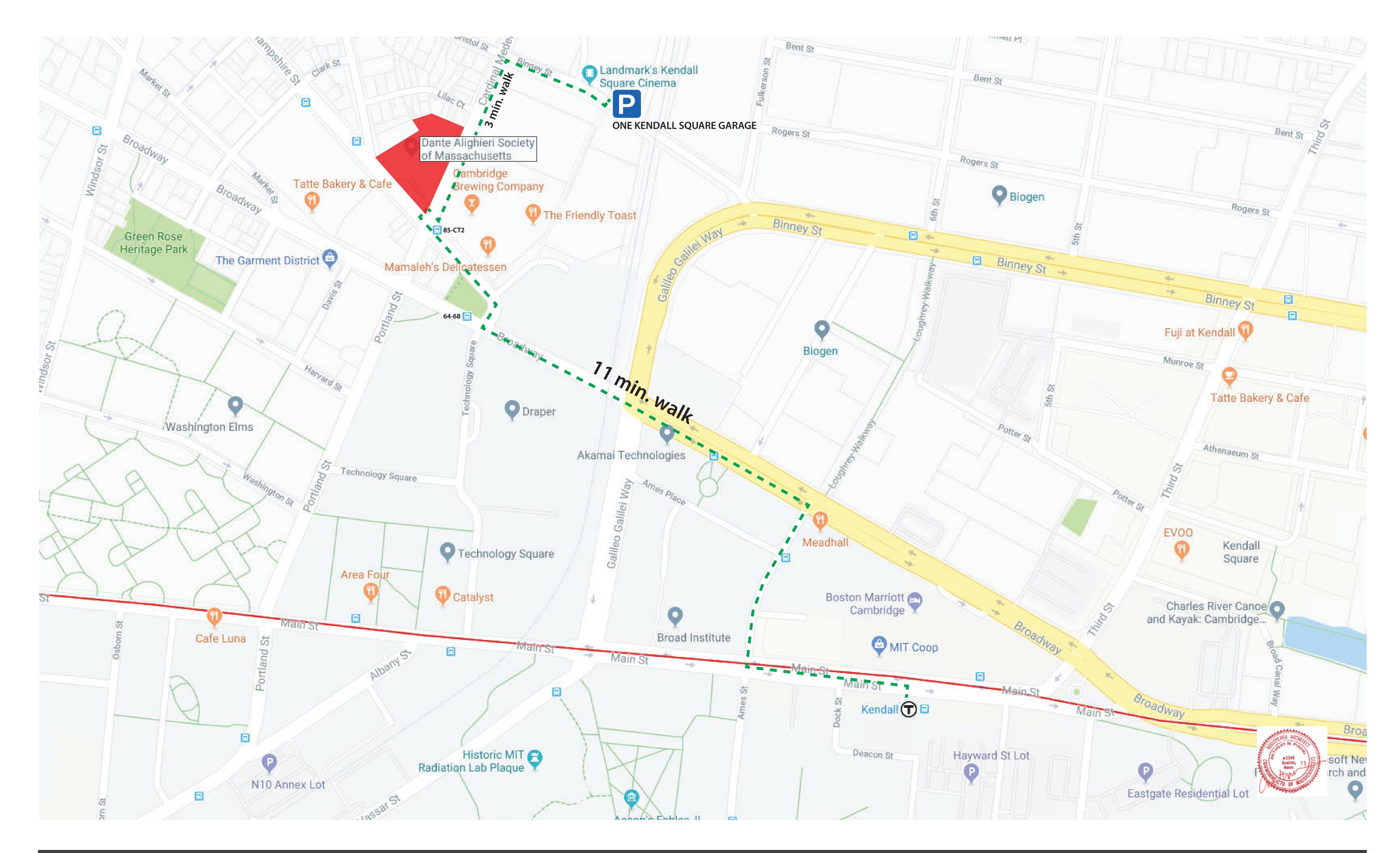
Existing Use is Section 4.33.h.1 club, lodge, or other fraternal or sororal meeting facility with the existin building being 12,610 square feet. The construction of the new structure will be glass and steal with a Viereendeel Truss.

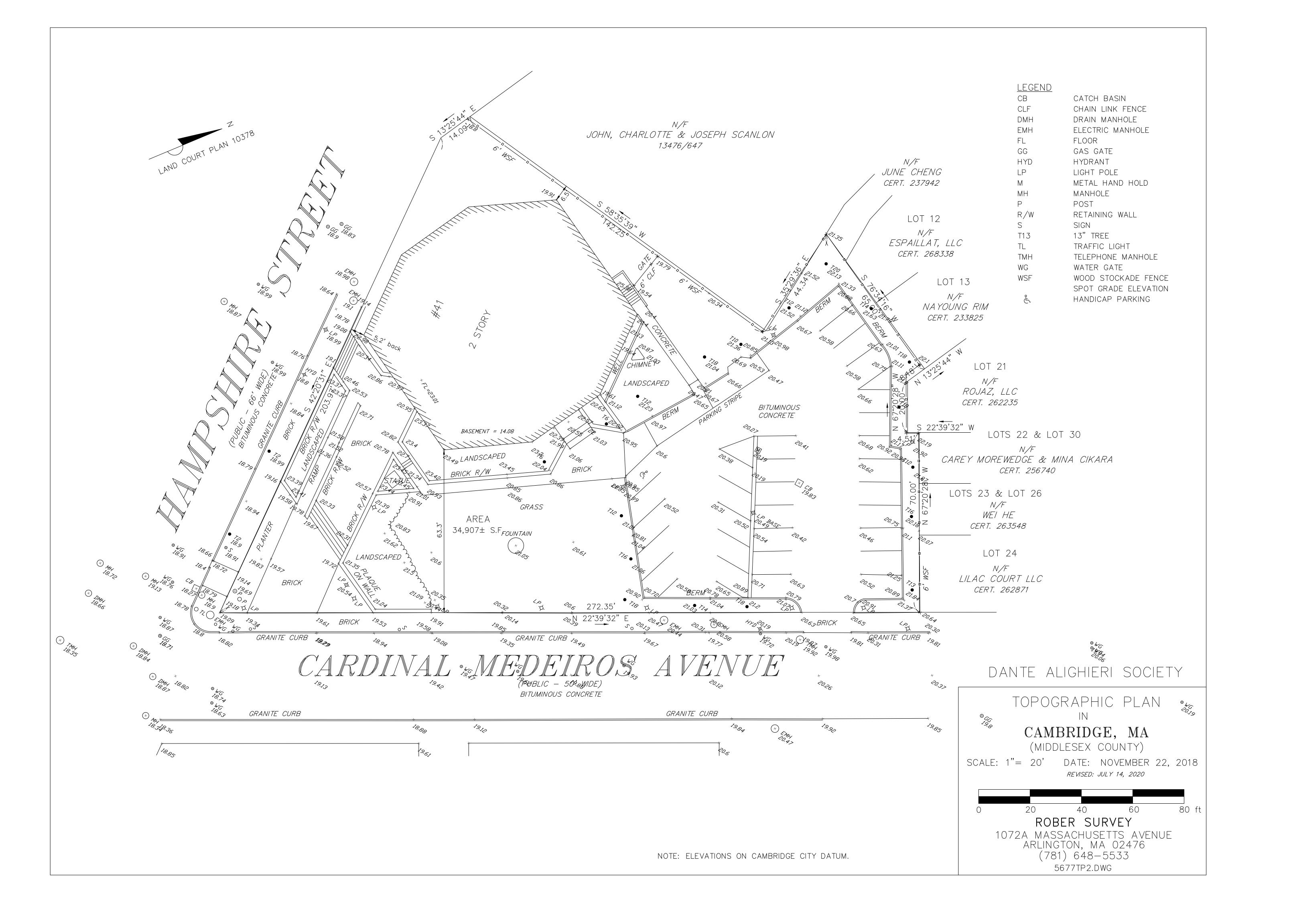
- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
- 3. OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM **DIMENSION OF 15'.**

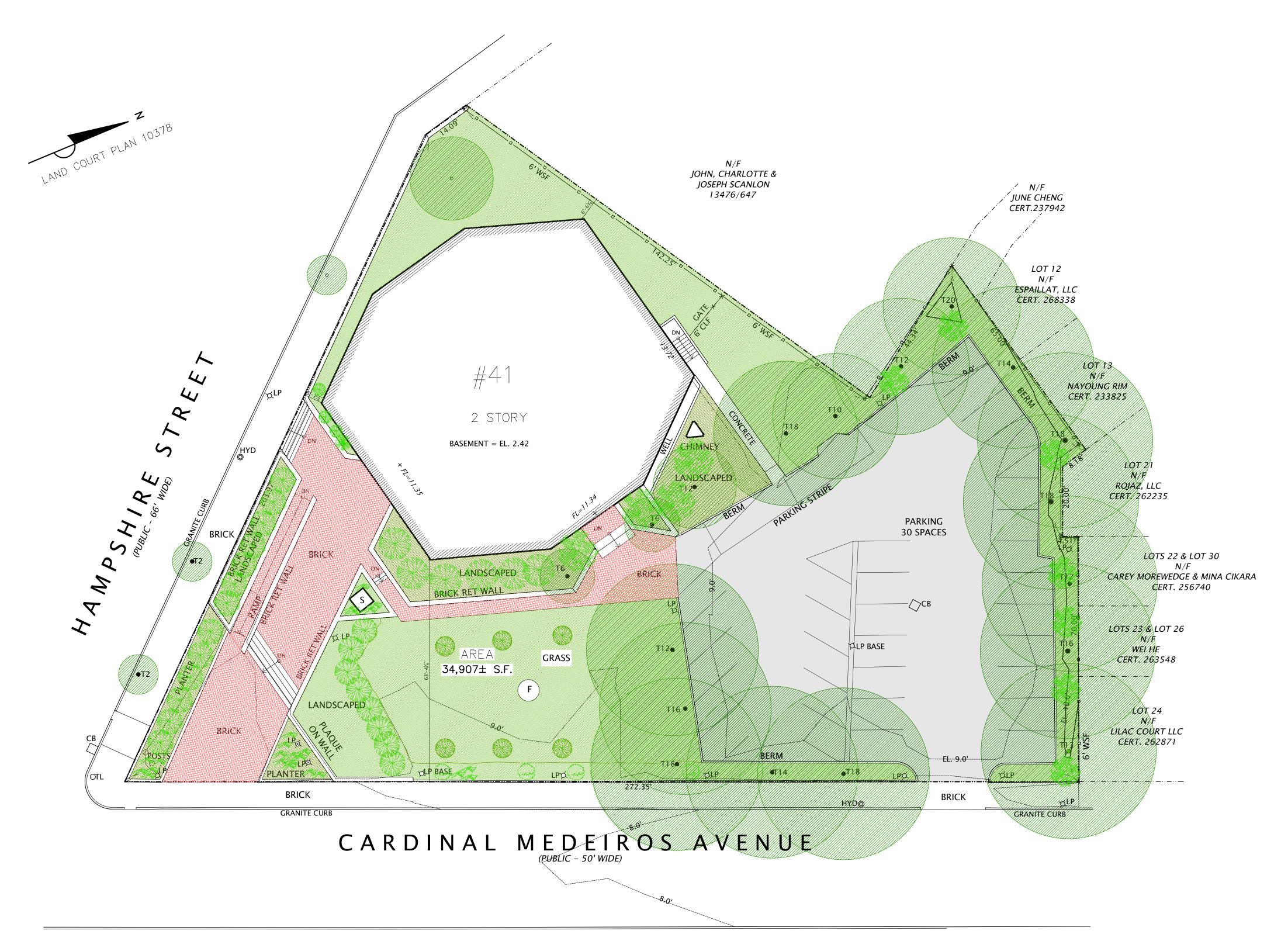












EXISTING SITE PLAN

ORIGINAL SCALE 1/16" = 1'-0"

EXISTING AREAS DERIVED FROM "TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN" BY ROBER SURVEY, INC. DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2018. REVISED JULY 14, 2020 LOT AREA = $34,907\pm SF$ TYPE OF LOT COVERAGE AREA $(\pm SF)$ EXISTING BUILDING FOOTPRINT 7,100 9,850 PARKING - ASPHALT PAVED GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE (PERMEABLE) [1] 12,796 HARDSCAPE (IMPERMEABLE, NON-PARKING) 5,161 TOTAL OF LOT COVERAGES 34,907 [1] INLUDES LAWN AREAS AND PLANTING BEDS. EXCLUDES IMPERMEABLE WALKWAYS (BRICK, ETC),

OPEN SPACE (±SF)

17,913 / 34,907 = 51.3%

RETAINING WALLS, STATUE.

RATIO OF GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE (PERMEABLE) TO LOT AREA: 12,796 / 34,907 = 36.7%

RATIO OF ALL NON-BUILDING OR PARKING AREA TO LOT AREA:

GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE, INCLUDING HARD SURFACE WALKS AND TERRACES AS PERMITTED BY ARTICLE 2.000 DEFINITIONS. (HARD SURFACES NOT TO EXCEED 25% OF TOTAL GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE)

TYPE OF LOT COVERAGE AREA $(\pm SF)$ PERMEABLE GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE 12,796 IMPERMEABLE WALKS AND TERRACES (NTE 25%) 4,265 17,061 TOTAL GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE (PERMEABLE & IMPERMEABLE)

RATIO OF TOTAL GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA: 17,061 / 34,907 = 48.9%

GROSS FLOOR AREA (±GSF) / FAR AREAS ESTIMATED FROM ORIGINAL PLANS,

SUBJECT TO ON-SITE VERIFICATION.

FLOOR	EXISTING	EXCLUDED	GROSS FLOOR AREA
BASEMENT 1 2	7,100 7,100 <u>7,100</u>	6,025 (1) 475 (1) 2,000 (1) (2)	1,075 6,625 5,100
ТОТ	21,300	8,500	12,800
LOT AREA	34,907		
F.A.R.	12,800 / 3	34,907 = .37	

(1) EXCLUDE AREAS DEVOTED TO OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING, ESTIMATED. SUCH AREAS NEED TO BE VERIFIED TO CONFIRM ACTUAL EXCLUDABLE AREAS.

(2) EXCLUSION INCLUDES 1,800 SF AT UPPER AUDITORIUM EXCLUDED FROM 2ND FLOOR AREA.

EXISTING SITE INFORMATION TAKEN FROM:

"TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN" BY ROBER SURVEY, INC. DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2018. NOTE: ELEVATIONS ON NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988

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SURVEYOR

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CIVIL ENGINEER

WATERFIELD **DESIGN GROUP 50 CROSS STREET** WINTHROP MA 01890

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER **ROOME & GUARRACINO LLC** 300 TRADECENTER DR., SUITE 3540 WOBURN MA 01801

MEP + FP ENGINEER MEA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. 8 WATER STREET, SUITE 8-1 WALTHAM MA 02453

CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANT COMMODORE BUILDERS 404 WYMAN STREET #400 WALTHAM MA 02451



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NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	02.02.22	FAR, updates
2	03.25.22	FAR, UPDATES PER GAC MTG
3	05.25.22	UPDATE

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY 41 HAMPSHIRE STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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05/25/22 DRAWN CHECKED **EXISTING** SITE PLAN

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CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE

ZOMINO, LOT AKLA	
ADDRESS:	41 HAMPSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE MA 02139
ZONING DISTRICT:	RESIDENCE C-1
ZONING SUBDISTRICTS:	
LOT AREA:	34,907±SF [PER ROBER SURVEY INC.]

USE REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 4 000 LISE TABLE 4 50

ARTICLE 4.000 USE, TABLE 4.50				
EXISTING USE:	DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY of MASSACHUSETTS			
PROPOSED USE:	DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY TO REMAIN. ADDITION TO HOUSE CONSULATE USE AND FUNCTIONS RELATED TO THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY.			

DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 5.000 DEVELOPMEN	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
ITEM	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	COMMENT
MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 SF	34,907± SF	EXIST TO REMAIN	CONFORMS
MIN. LOT AREA / EA DWELLING UNIT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'		EXIST TO REMAIN	CONFORMS
MIN. LOT FRONTAGE	NONE	20.3'	EXIST TO REMAIN	N/A
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FAR	.75	.37 (EST)	.66 %	CONFORMS
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE' BUILDING HEIGHT	35'	30'±	NTE 35'	ОК
MIN. RATIO PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	30%	N/A	N/A	NO RESIDENTIAL USE
MIN. FRONT YARD H+L/4	37'		96'	CONFORMS
MIN. SIDE YARD H+L/5	27'		1st FLR: 11'-6" 2nd FLR: 0'	VIOLATION
MIN. REAR YARD			47'	CONFORMS

FAR IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

- RE: 1,775 SF AREA UNDER PROPOSED 2nd CANTILEVER IS INCLUDED. EXCLUDED NEW AREA DEVOTED TO PARKING.
- **★** EXCLUDED BASEMENT 3,350 SF. ASKING FOR SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER ARTICLE 2.000, DEFINITION OF "GROSS FLOOR AREA", EXCLUSION (16): EXCLUDE 3,350 SF IN BASEMENT.

OFF-STREET PARKING

OFF-51	KEET	PAR
ARTICLE (5.000	

USE/REQUIREMENT	EXISTING	PROPOSED	COMMENT
6.36.3: 1 SP PER 1000 GSF	30 SPACES	21 SPACES	VIOLATION parking can be accomodated in garage

BICYCLE PARKING

City of Cambridge Bicycle Parking Guide

USE/REQUIREMENT	SHORT TERM	LONG TERM	COMMENT
College or university academic or administrative facilities	25,275 SF 25.27/.20	25,275 SF 25.27/.40	20 Covered Bicycle spaces
1 SP PER 1000 GSF	5.07 Bikes	10.14 Bikes	provided

JOHN, CHARLOTTE & JOSEPH SCANLON N/F 13476/647 JUNE CHENG CERT.237942 LOT 12 N/FESPAILLAT, LLC XERT/268338 NAYOUNG RIM /CERT\. 233825/ 2 STORY BASEMÈNT = EL. 14.08'/R/OS/ASZI, LLC PARKING XXXX/262235 21 SPACES LINE OF _CANTILEVER ///07/\$/2/2\& LOT 30 CAREMEDGE & MINA CIKARA 775 SF UNDER XXXXX/256740 OVERHANG **ENLARGED PIAZZA** NOWS/23/& LOT 26 /WEX HIE PROPOSED ITALIAN CULTURAL CERT/263548 ESPRESSO **////**ØT 24 XXXXC/COORT LLC /CERT//262871 LINE OF CANTILEVER ABOVE BRICK BRICK LINE OF BASEMENT CANTILEVER A3.1 CARDINAL MEDEIROS AVENUE (PUBLIC - 50' WIDE)

CONCEPTUAL 1st FLOOR PLAN / SITE PLAN

ORIGINAL SCALE 1/16" = 1'-0"

OPEN SPACE (±SF)

EXISTING AREAS DERIVED FROM "TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN" BY ROBER SURVEY, INC. DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2018. REVISED JULY 14, 2020

LOT AREA: 34,907±SF

TYPE OF LOT COVERAGE	AREA
EXISTING BUILDING FOOTPRINT	7,100
PROPOSED ADDITION FOOTPRINT	3,000
PARKING	7,150
PAVED WALKWAYS, PIAZZA (IMPERMEABLE)	10,595
GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE (PERMEABLE)	5,325
PLANTED AREA BELOW 2nd FLOOR CANTILEVER	280
OTHER (RETAINING WALLS, BIKES, TRASH)	1,457
TOTAL OF LOT COVERAGES	34,907

RATIO OF GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE (PERMEABLE) TO LOT AREA: 5,325 / 34,907 = 15.2%

GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE, INCLUDING HARD SURFACE WALKS AND TERRACES AS PERMITTED BY ARTICLE 2.000 DEFINITIONS. (HARD SURFACES NOT TO EXCEED 25% OF TOTAL GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE)

TYPE OF LOT COVERAGE AREA $(\pm SF)$ PERMEABLE GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE 5,325 1,775 IMPERMEABLE WALKS AND TERRACES (NTE 25%) 7,100 TOTAL GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE (PERMEABLE & IMPERMEABLE)

RATIO OF TOTAL TOTAL GREEN AREA OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA: 7,100 / 34,907 = 20.3%

GROSS FLOOR AREA $(\pm GSF)$ / FAR

INCLUDES AREAS ESTIMATED FROM ORIGINAL PLANS, SUBJECT TO ON-SITE VERIFICATION.

FLOOR	EXISTING GFA (SEE Ex1.1)	PROPOSED	TOTAL GFA
BASEMENT 1 2	1,075 (1) 6,625 5,100 (2)	3,350 3,000+1,775 (3) 5,600	1,075 (Excl.3,350 in BSMT) 11,400 (1) 10,700
ТОТ	12,800	13,725	23,175
LOT AREA	34,907		
F.A.R.	23,175 / 34,907 = .6	66 (MAX ALLOWABLE =	.75)

- (1) EXCLUDES AREAS DEVOTED TO OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING, ESTIMATED. SUCH AREAS NEED TO BE VERIFIED TO CONFIRM ACTUAL EXCLUDABLE AREAS.
- (2) 1,800 SF AT EXISTING UPPER AUDITORIUM EXCLUDED FROM 2nd FLOOR AREA.
- (3) AREA AT GRADE BELOW 2nd FLOOR OVERHANG. PARKING BELOW 2nd FLOOR NOT INCLUDED.

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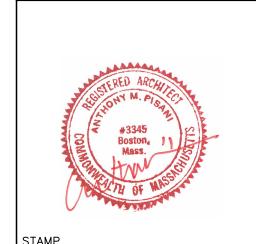
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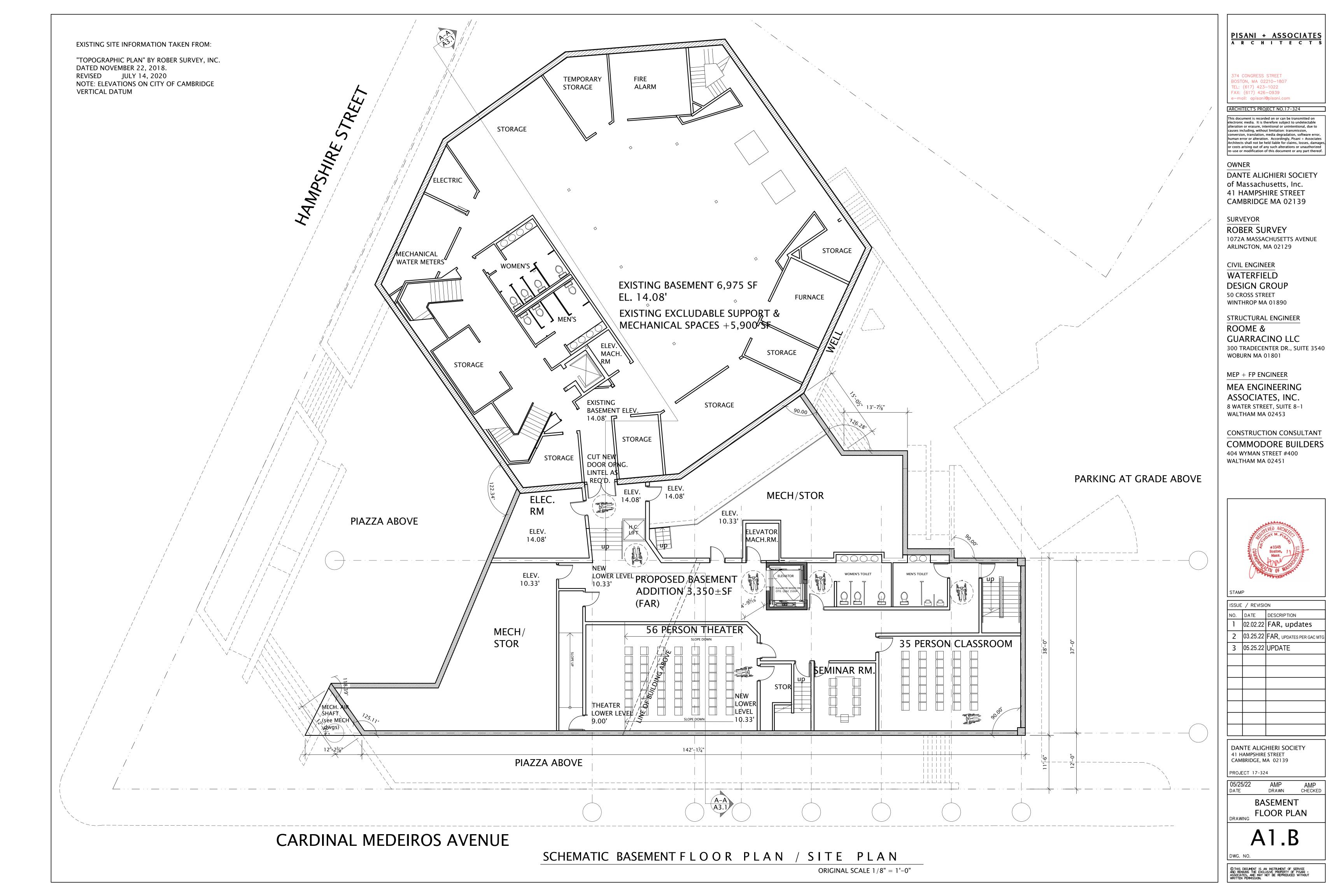
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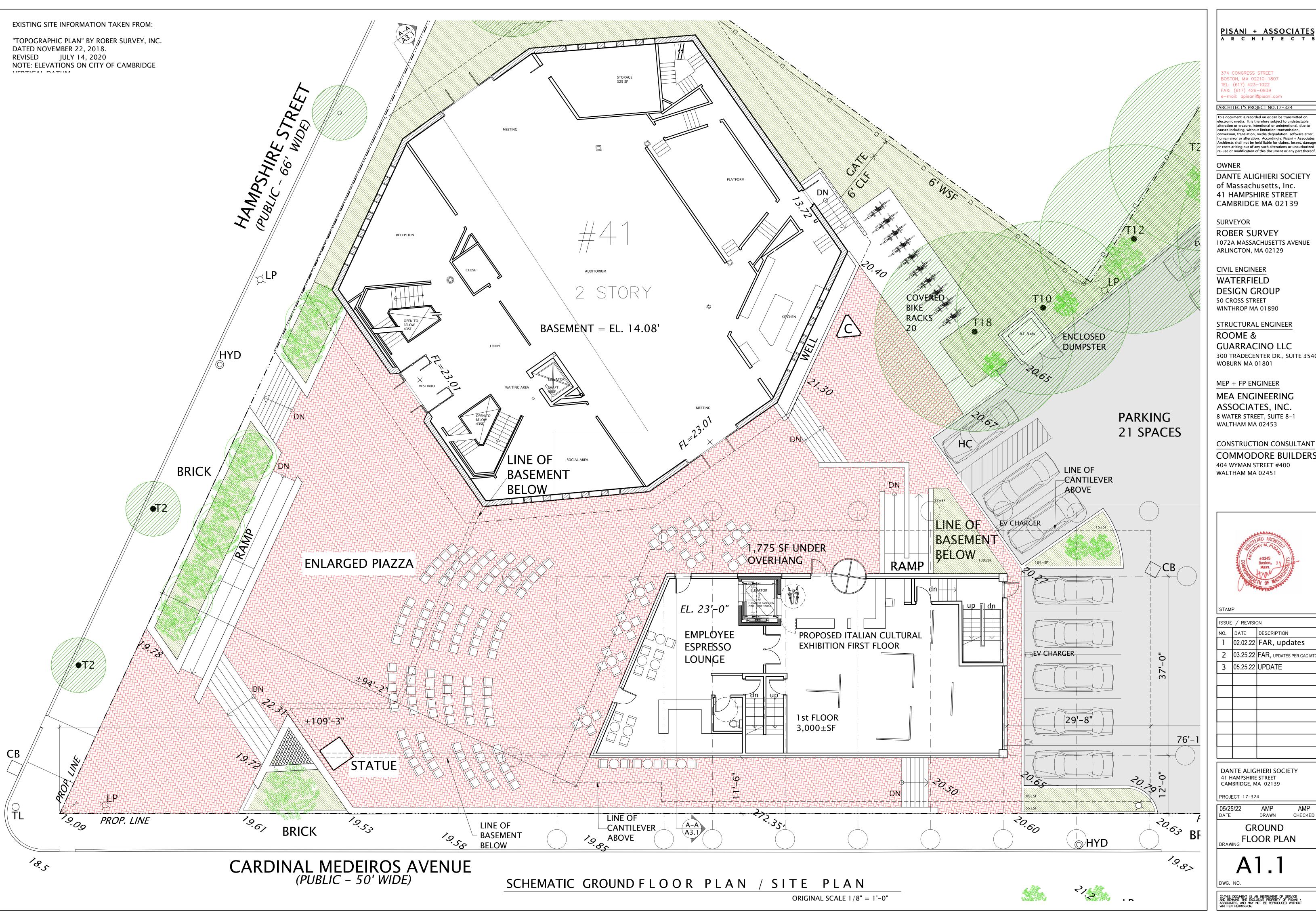
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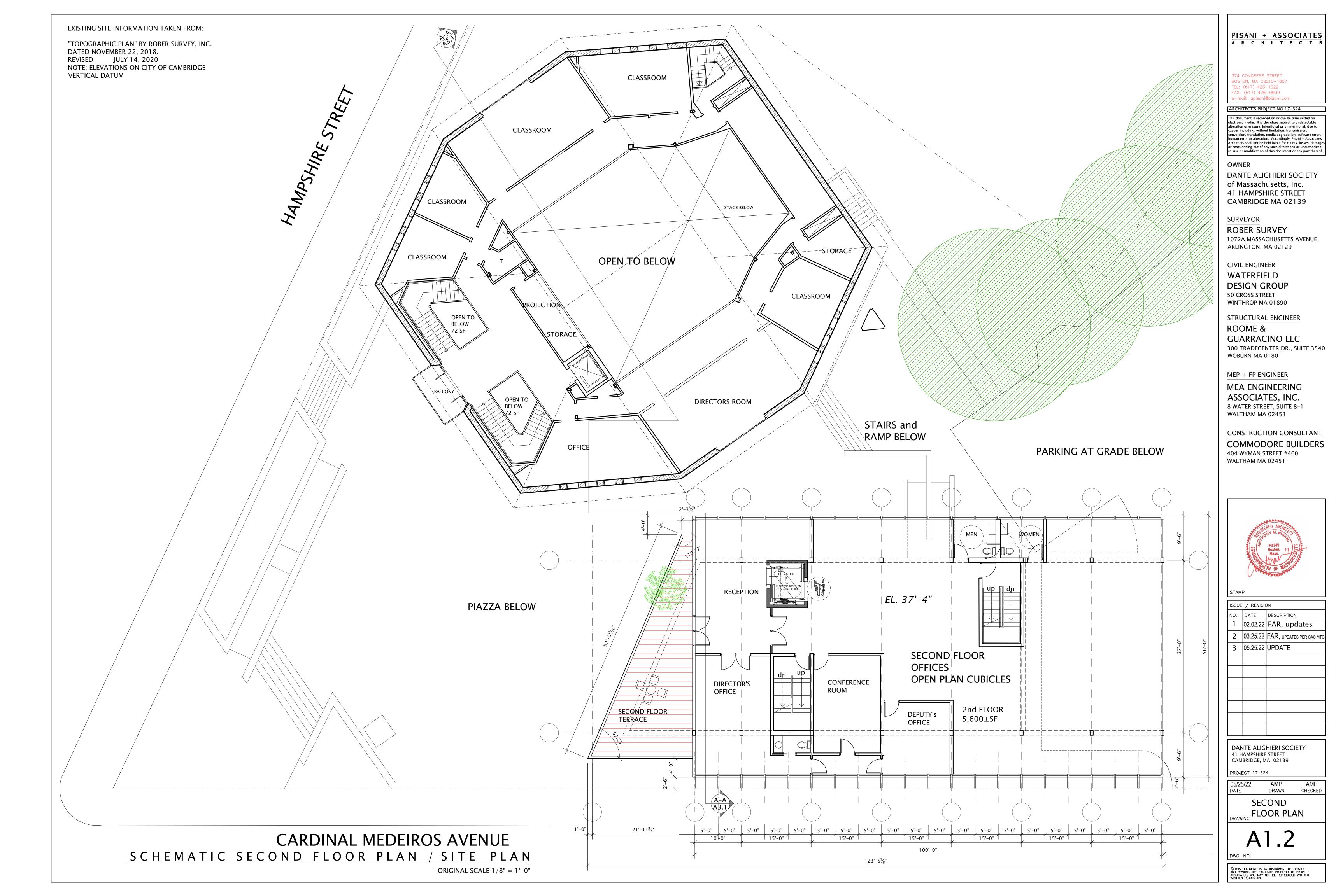
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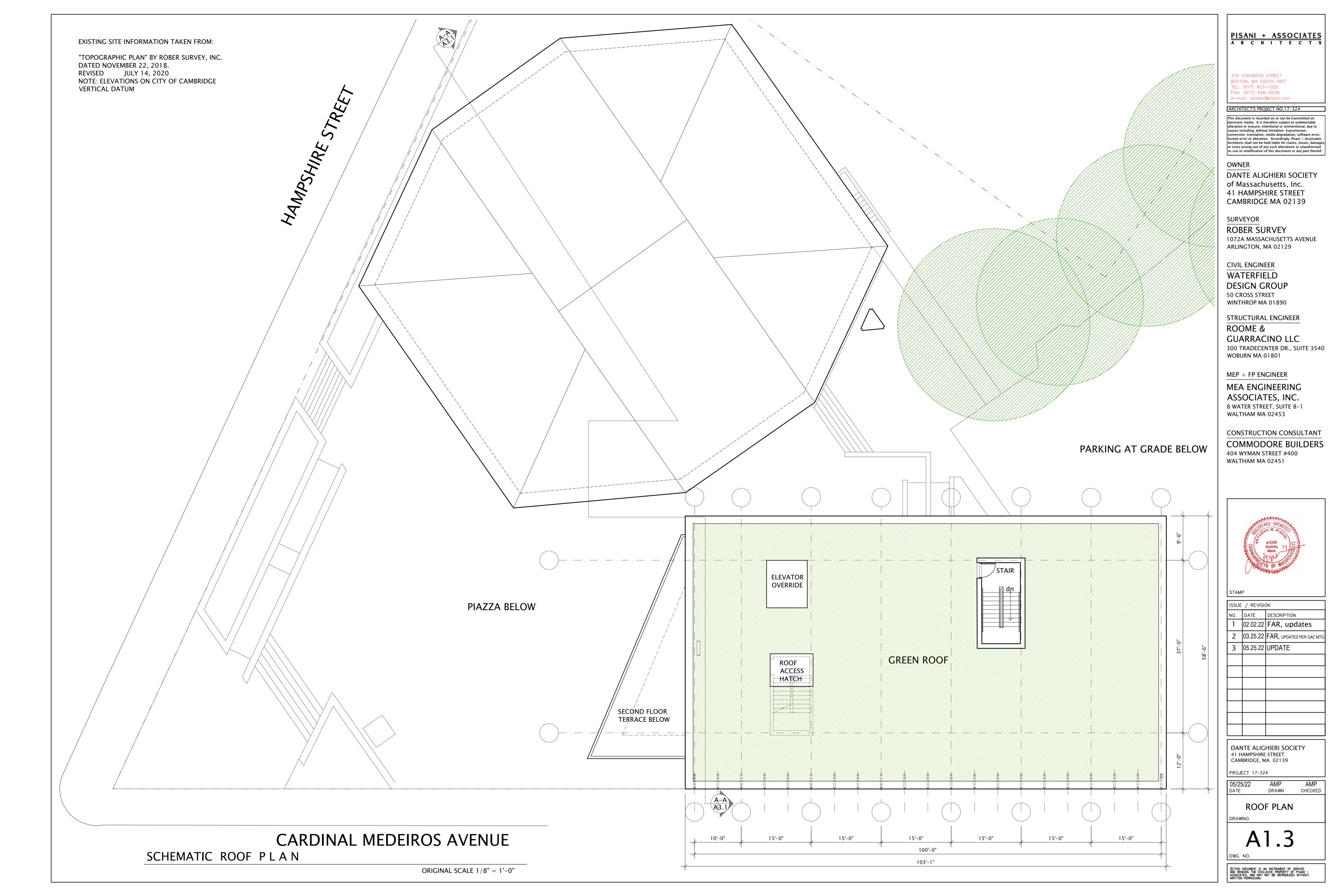
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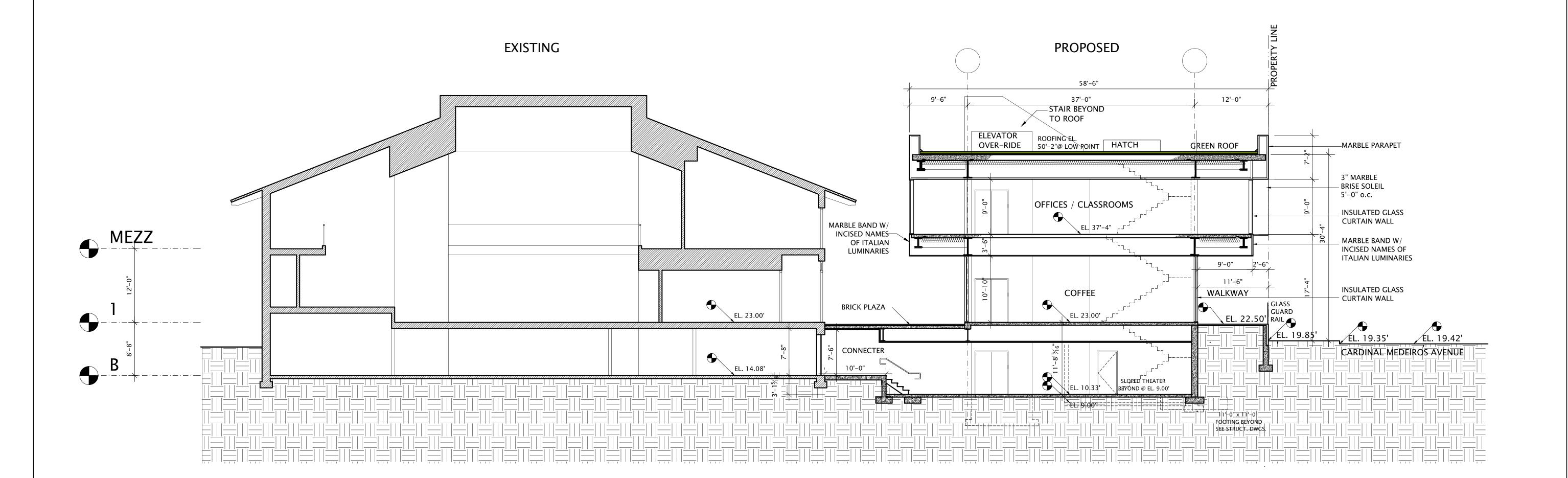
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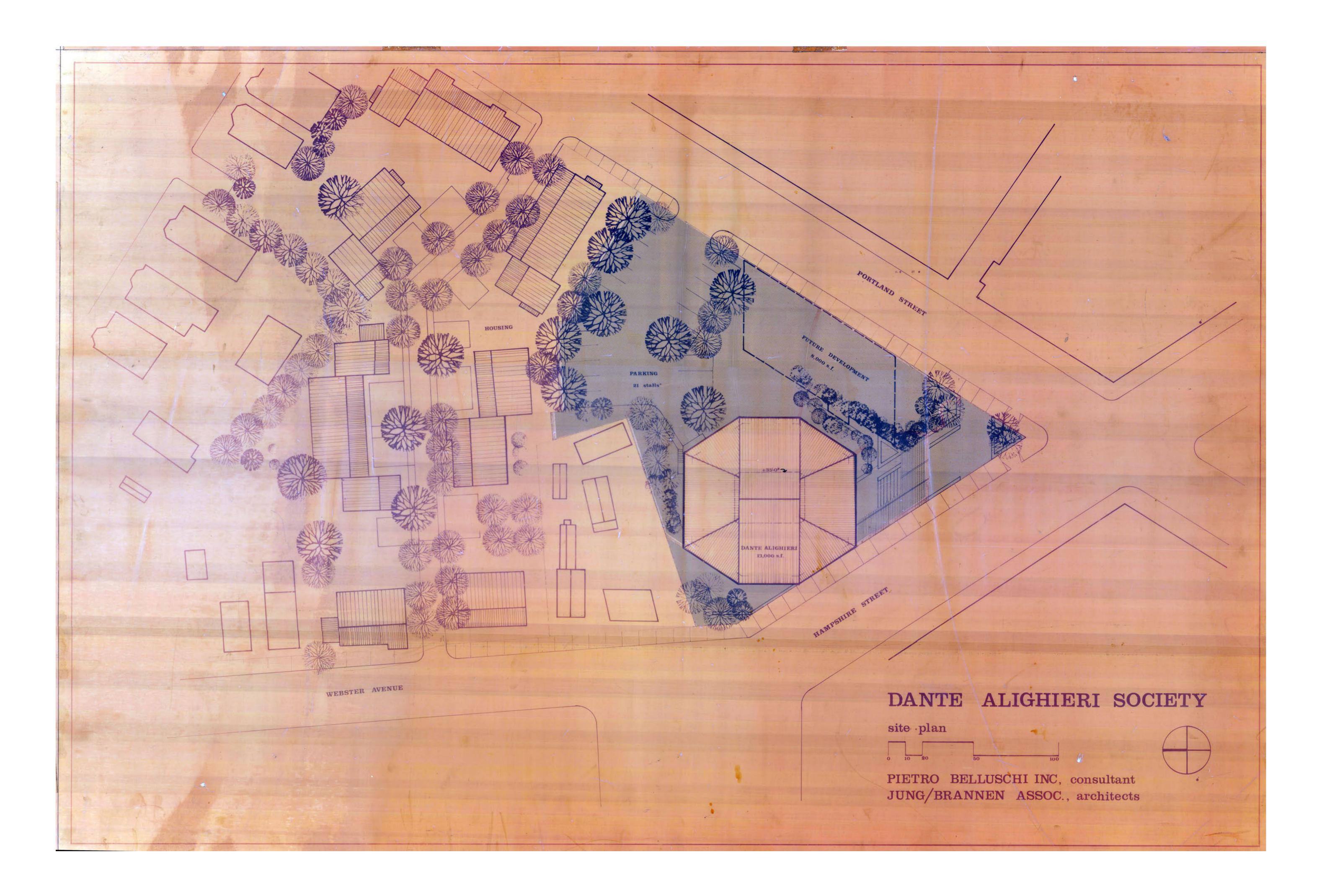
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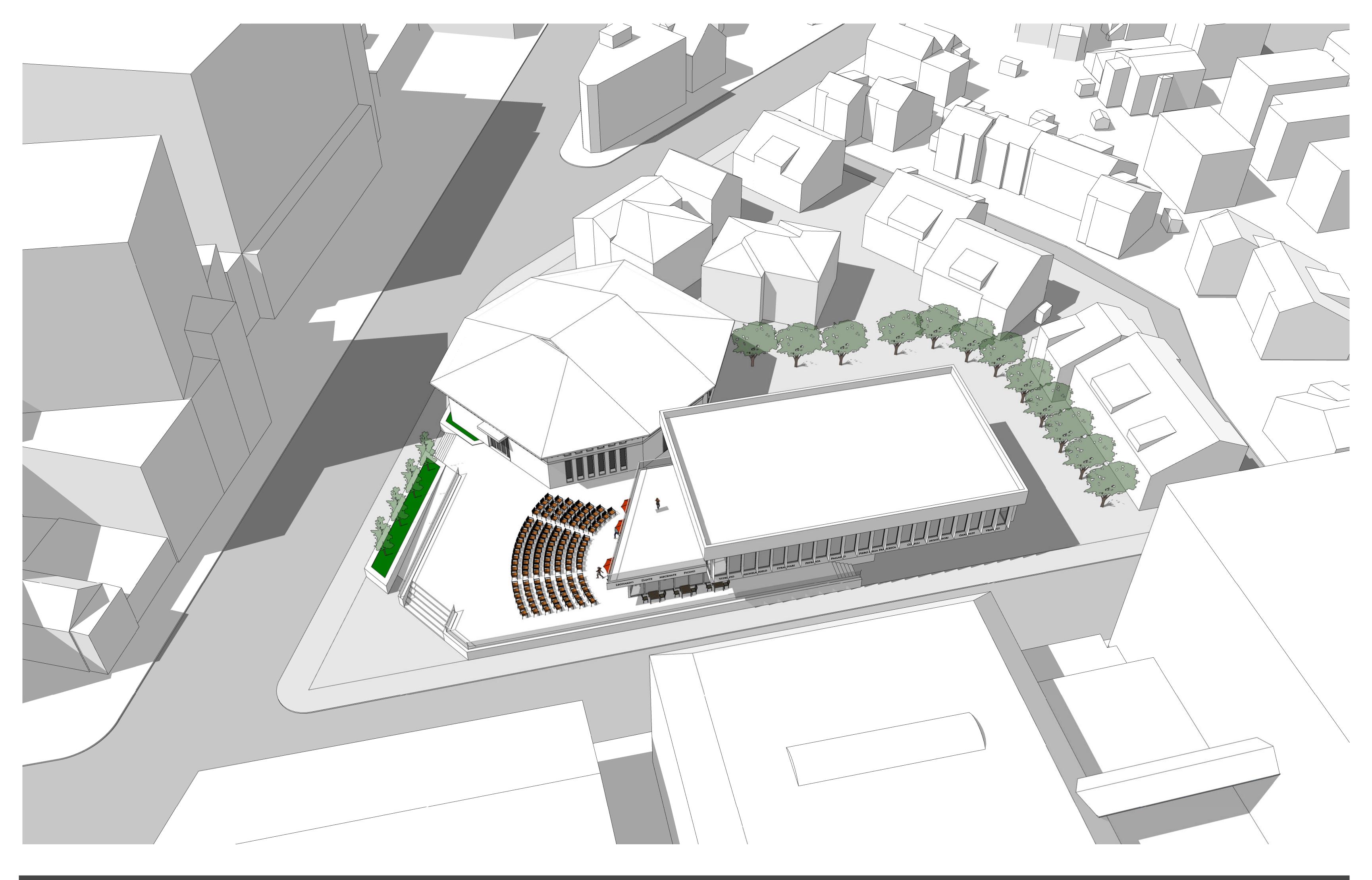
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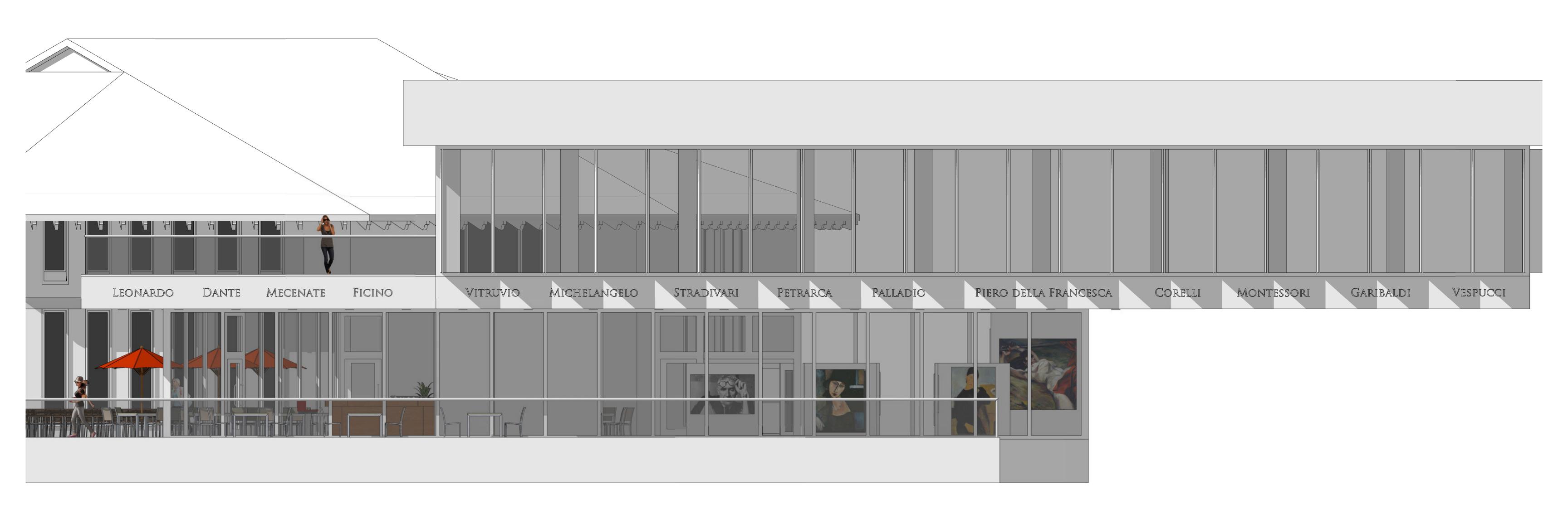


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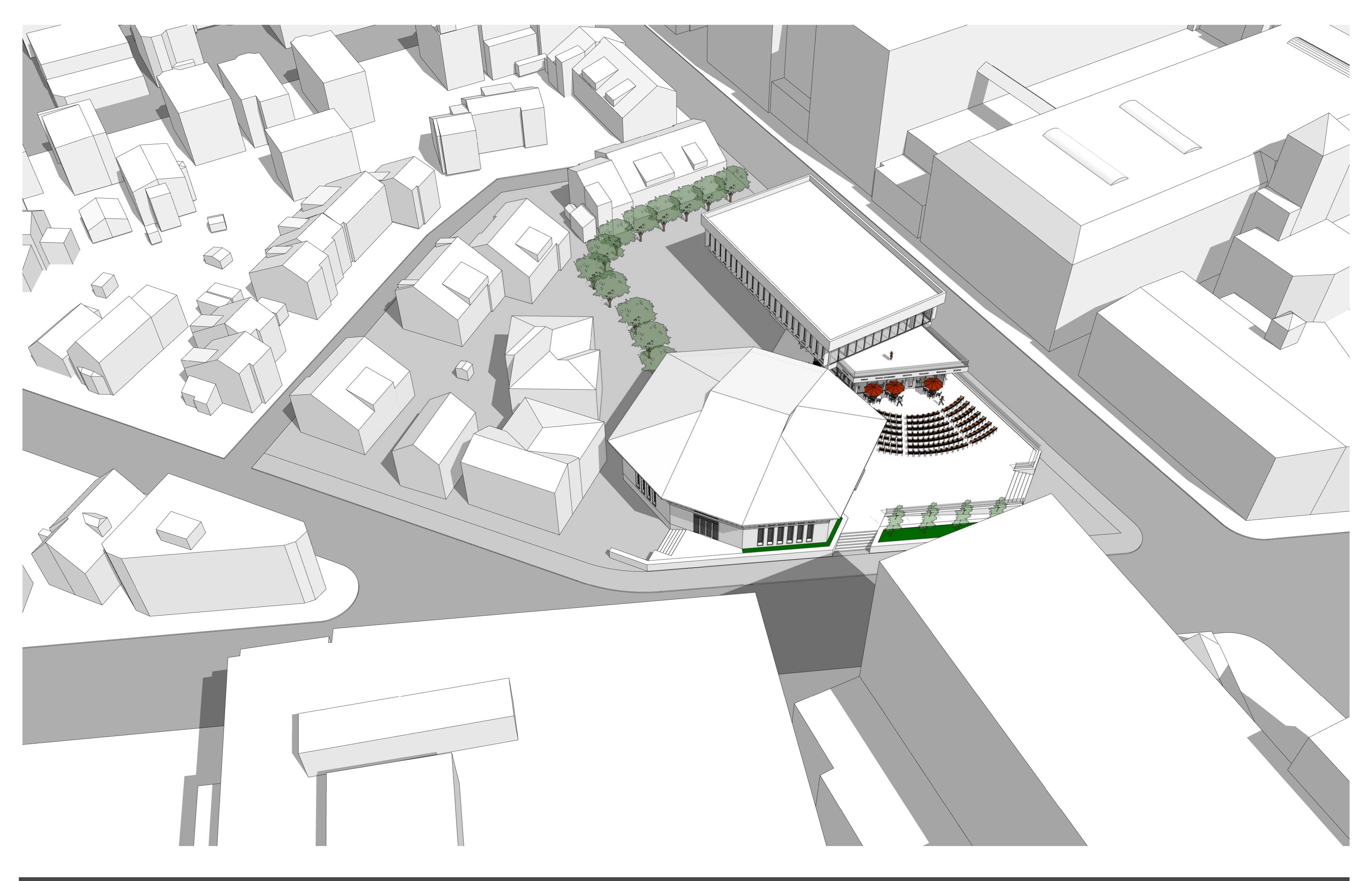








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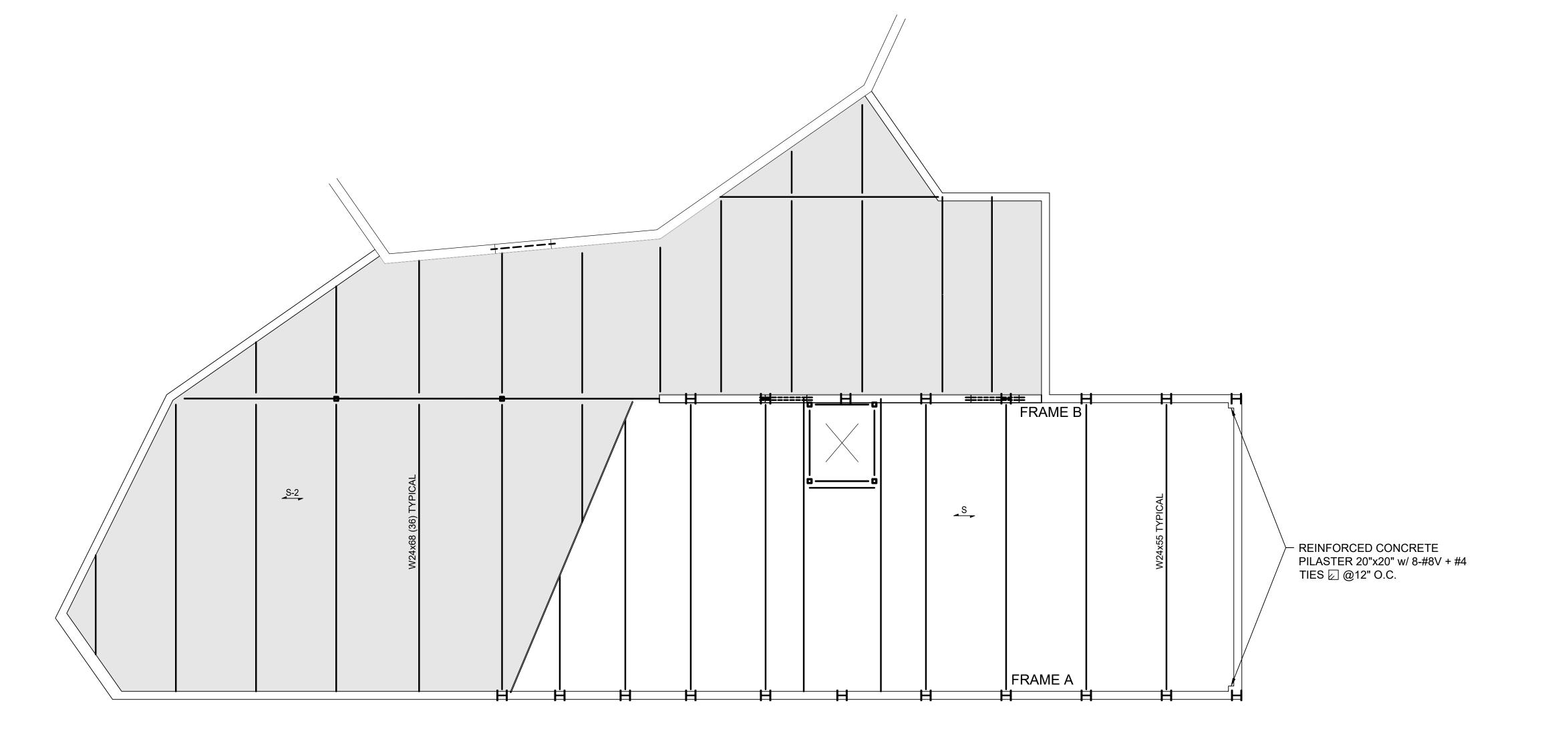
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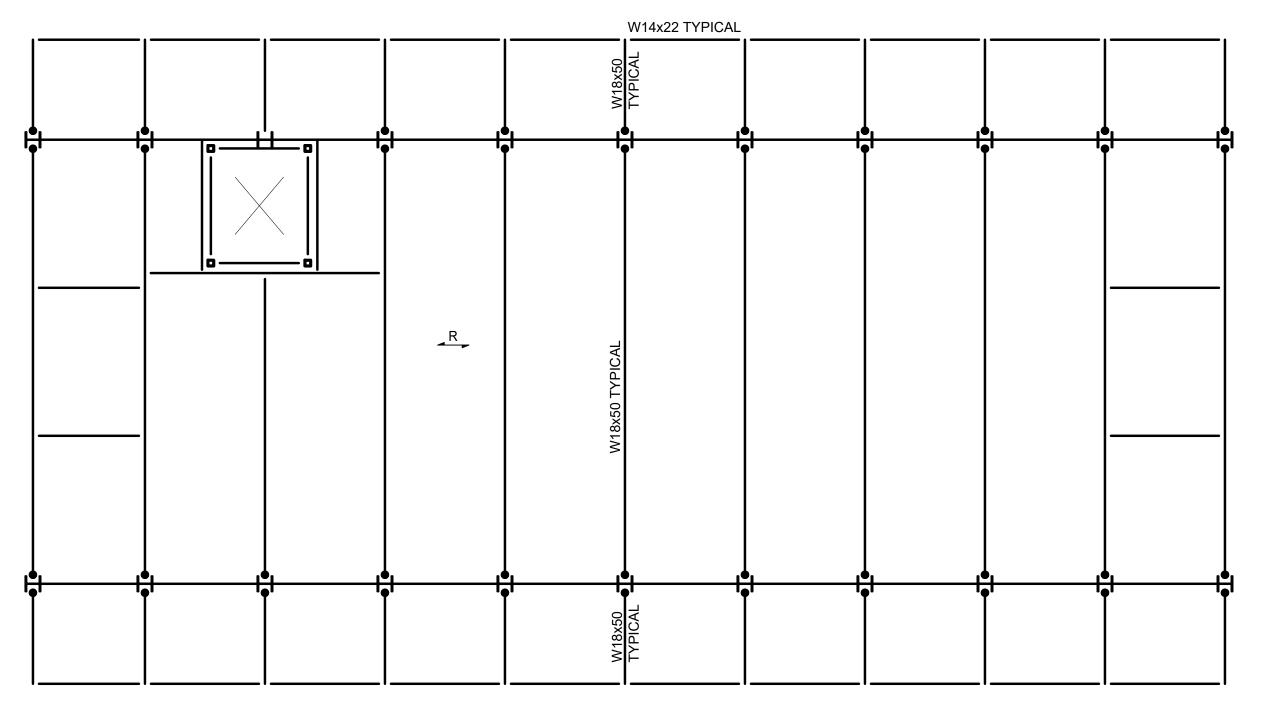
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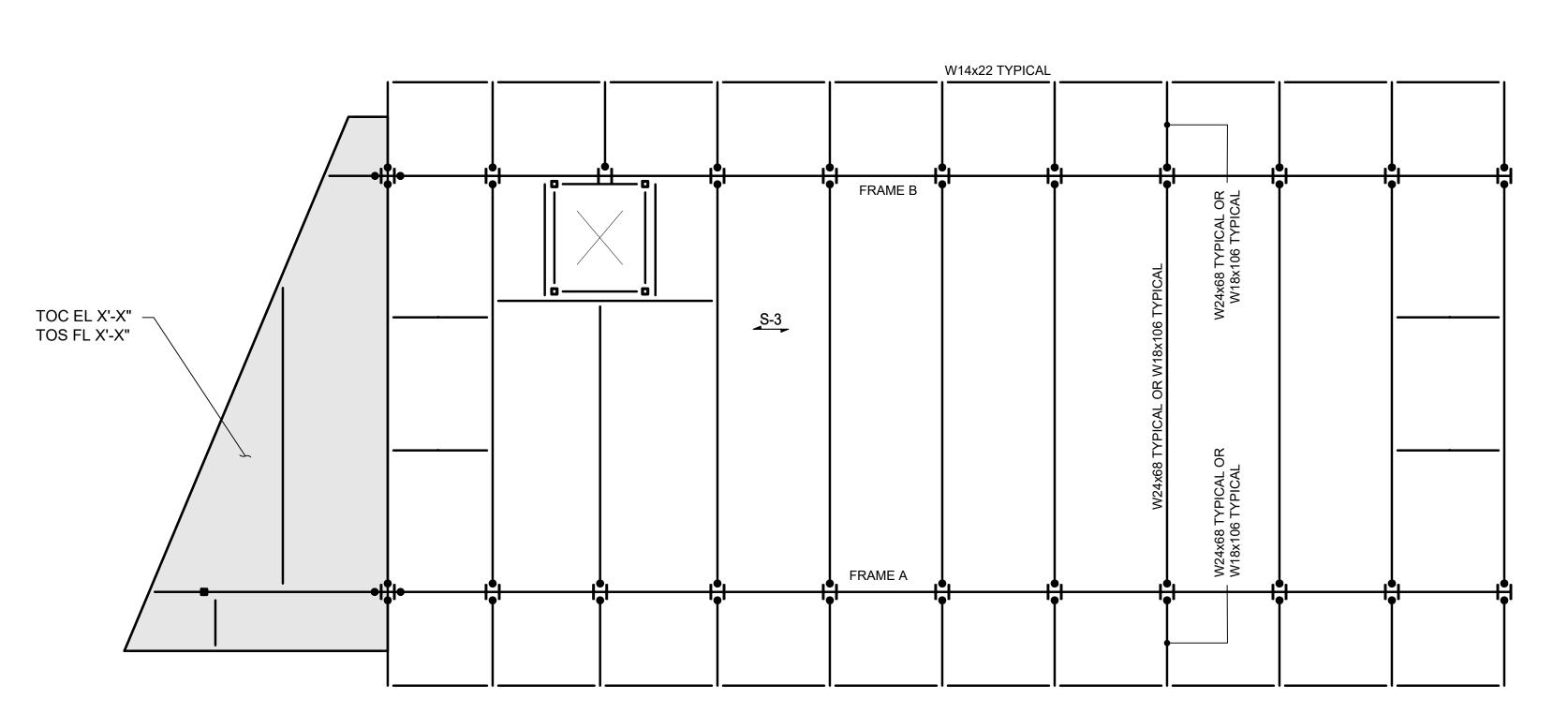
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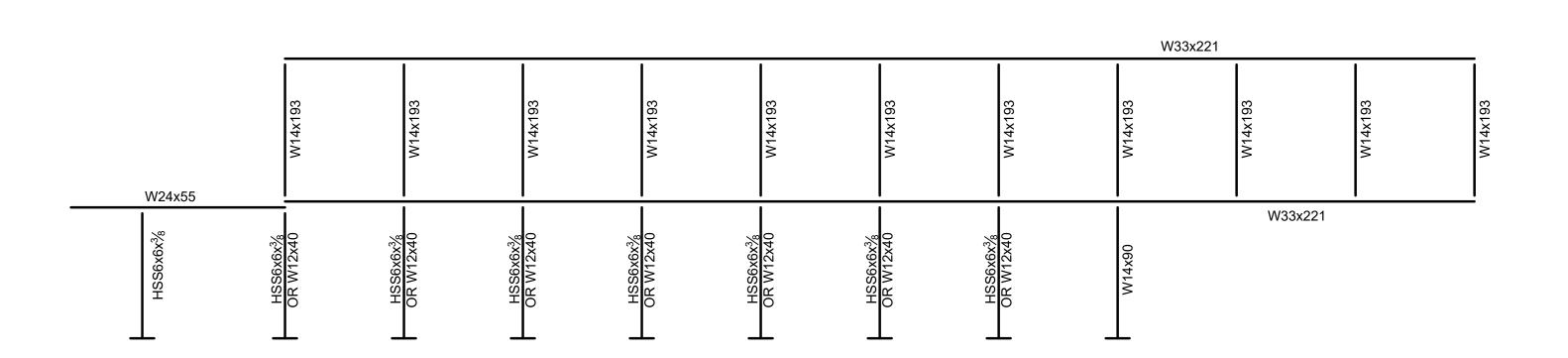
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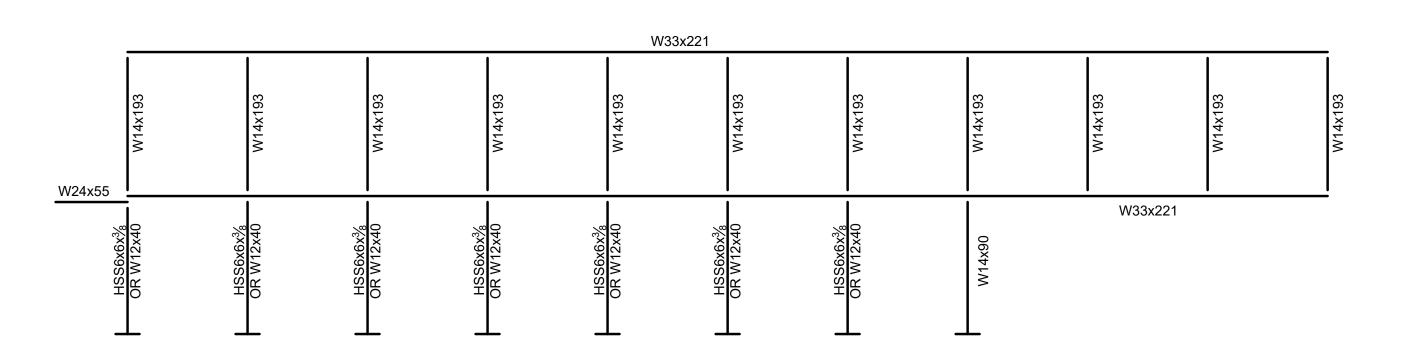
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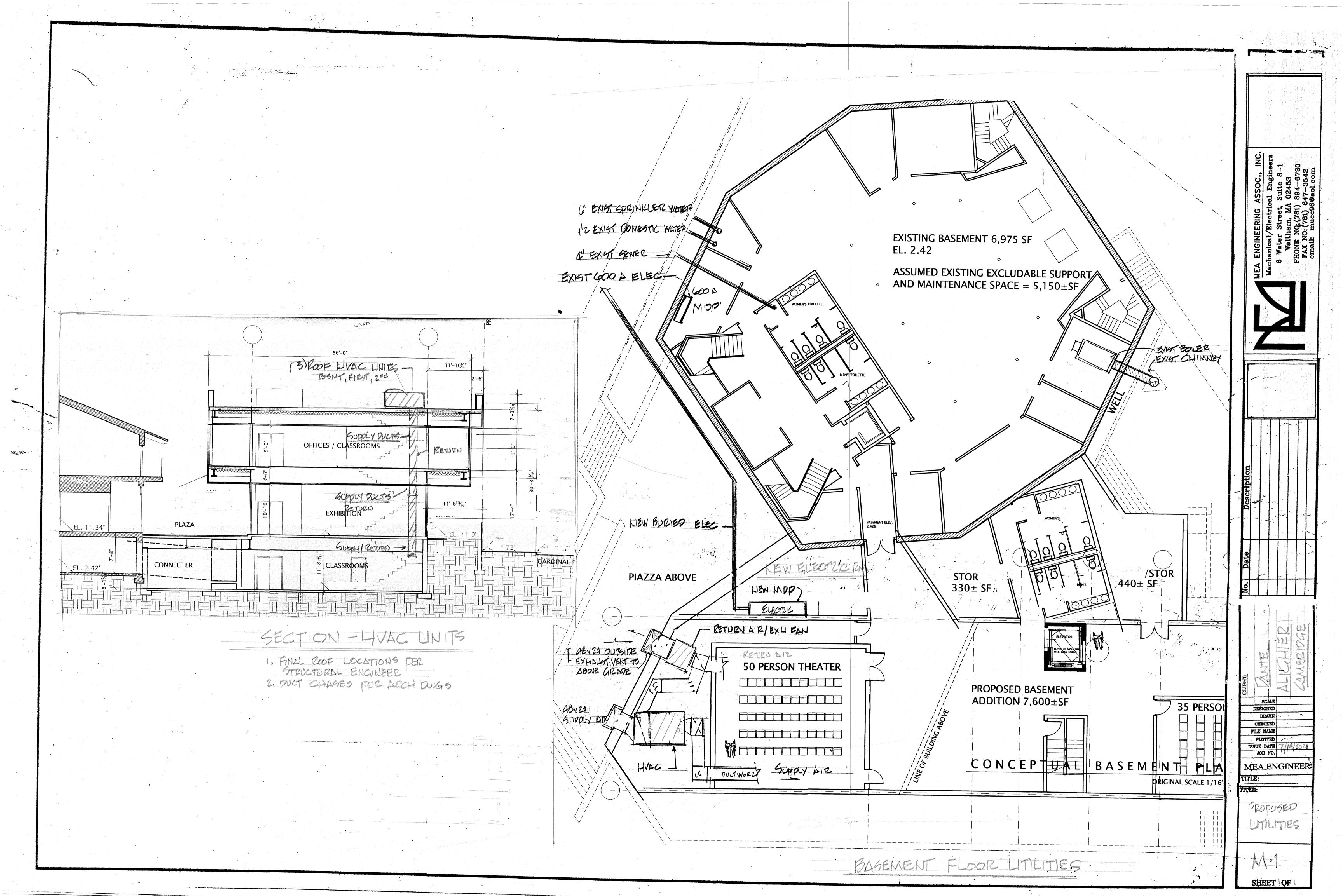
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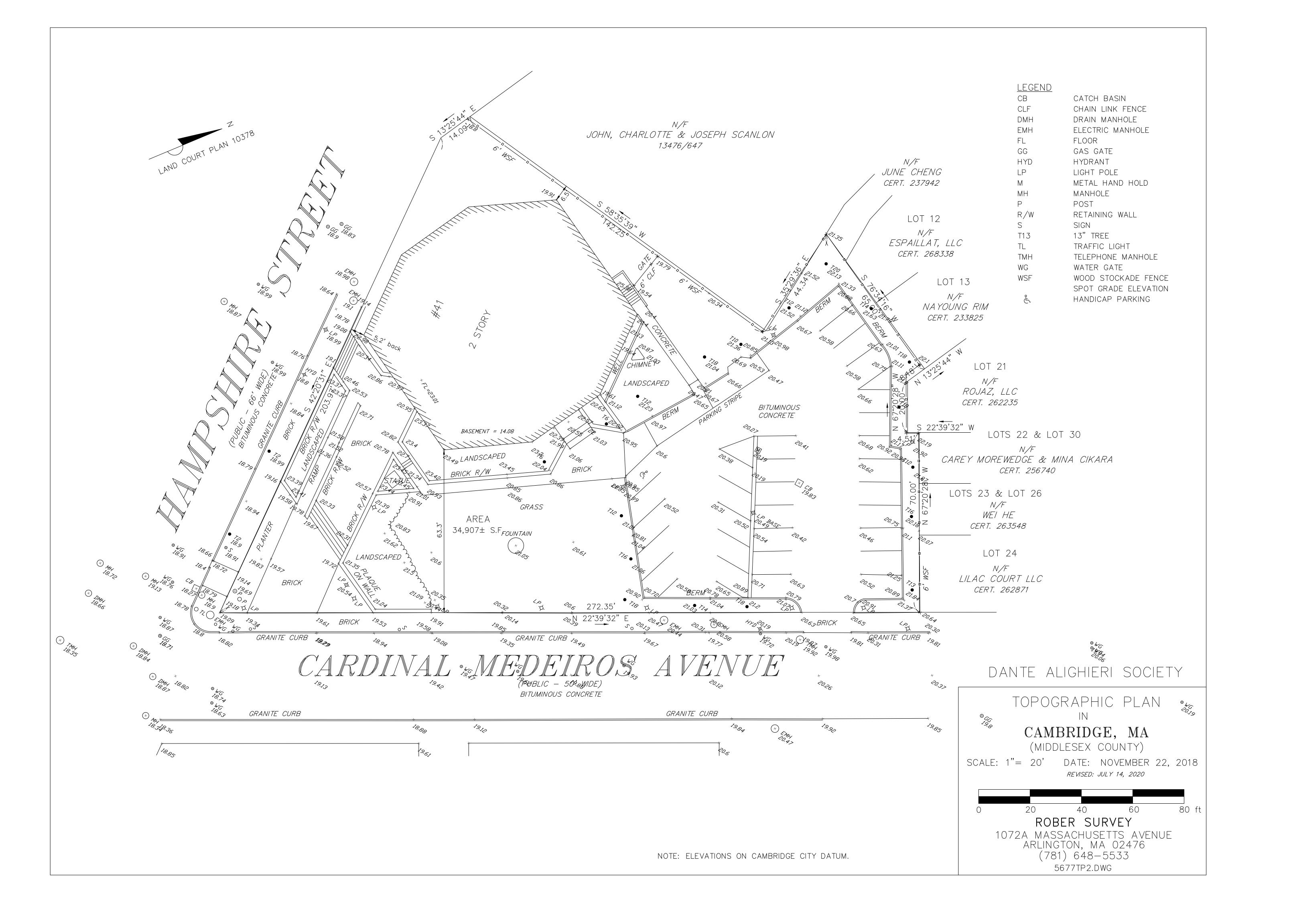
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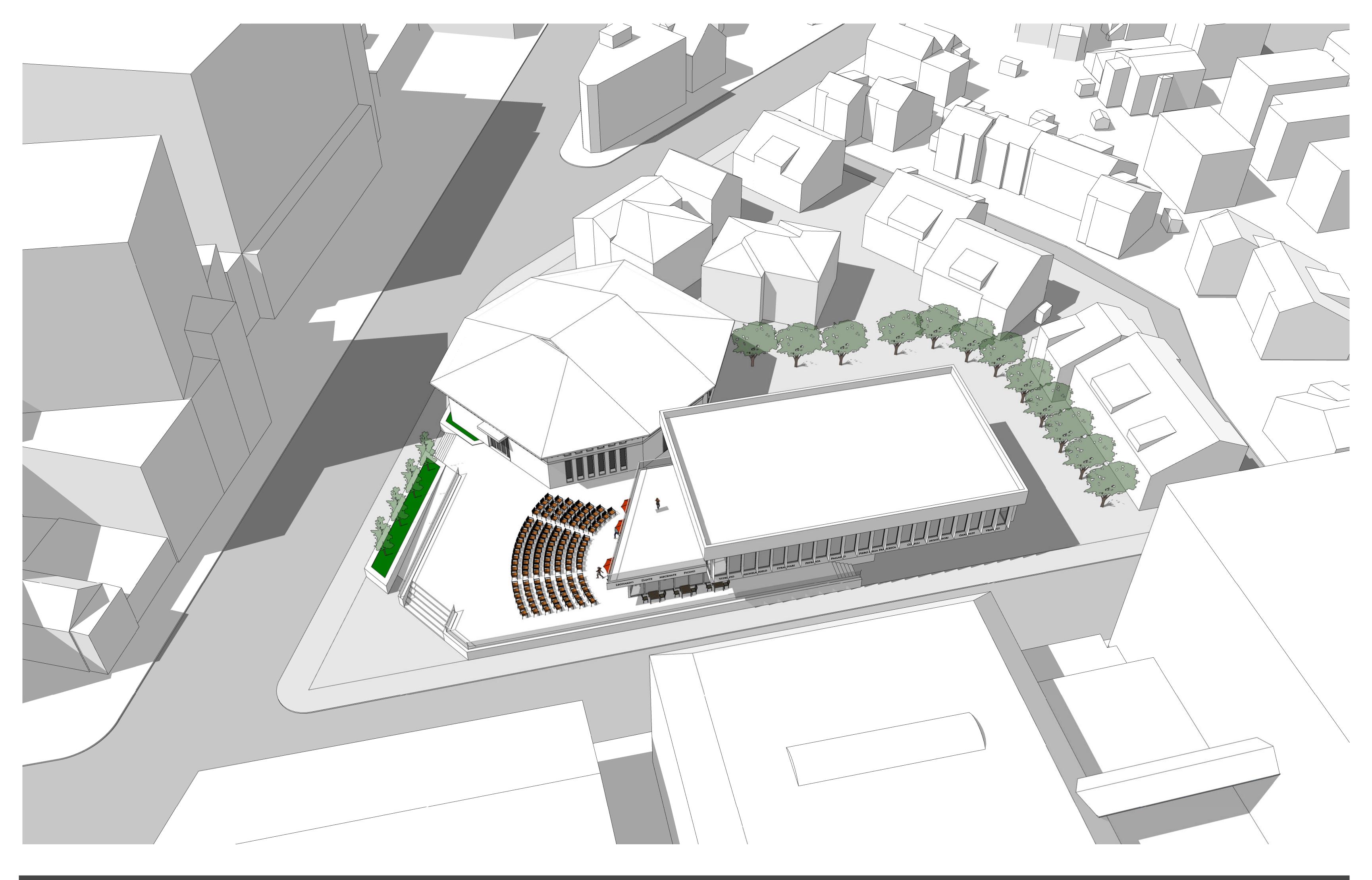
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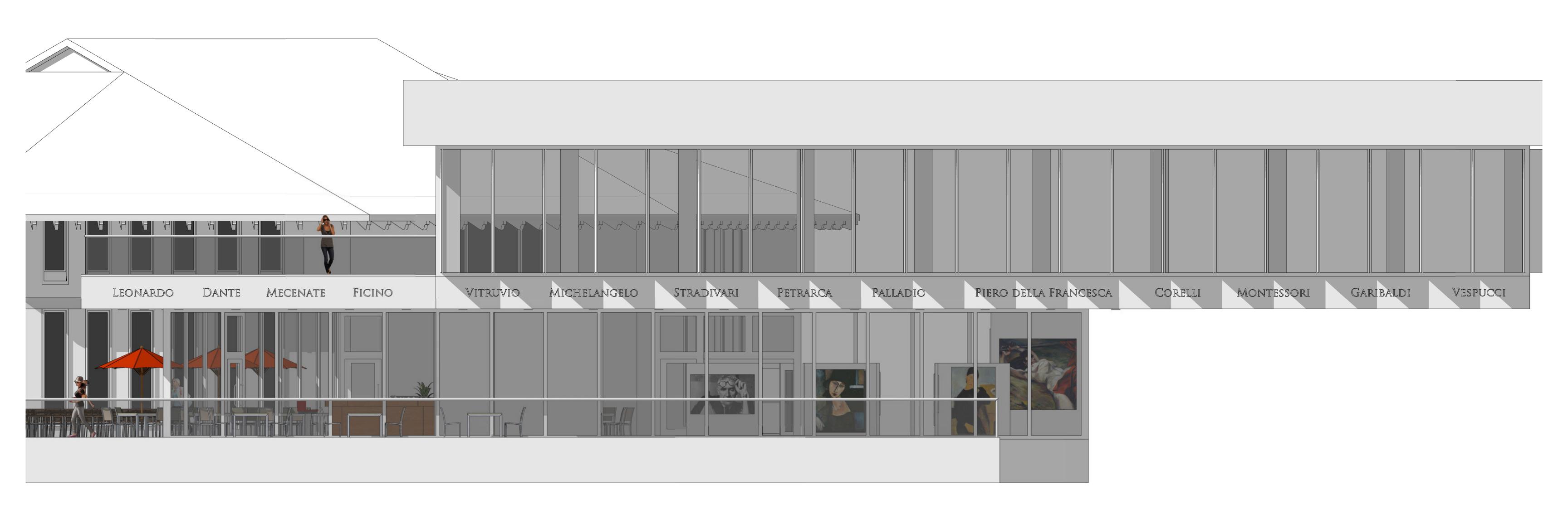






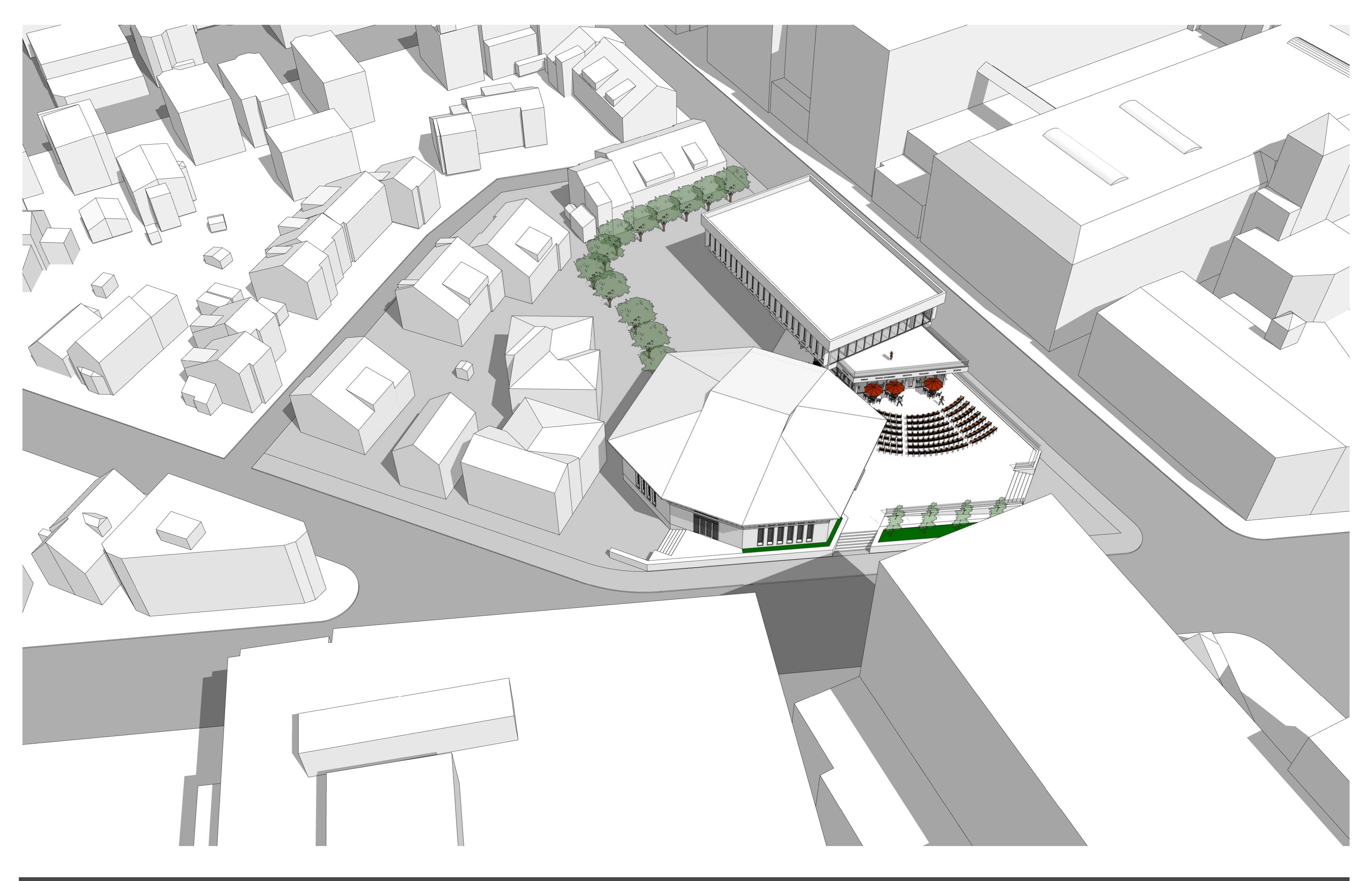








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BZA APPLICATION FORM SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

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

In support of the required findings for the grant of a Variance under the Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance"), the applicant submits that the project site is burdened by its unique shape and existing structure at 41 Hampshire Street (the "Premises"), and the Variance is justified by this.

By way of background, the Premises is a corner lot with two front streets (Hampshire Street and Cardinal Medeiros Avenue), with an existing structure (to remain). Designed by architect Pietro Belluschi and constructed in 1985, the existing building at the Premises is the longtime home of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, a non-profit cultural organization for Italian heritage (the "Dante Alighieri"). It is an existing non-conforming structure under the Ordinance's 37 Foot Front Yard Setback requirements at the Premises, with an existing Front Yard Setbacks of 5 feet 2^{7/8} Inches on Hampshire Street and 63 feet and 4 ^{1/4} inches on Cardinal Medeiros Avenue.

The proposed project seeks to continue and expand the Dante Alighieri's Club, Lodge or Other Fraternal or Sororal Meeting Facility Uses at the existing structure (the "Club Use"), and to construct a new building to be operated as the United States Consulate office for the Italian government. The existing non-conformities of the Dante Alighieri would not be altered or enlarged. Due to its corner lot condition with two front streets, and the constraints imposed by the Dante Alighieri's existing structure to remain, however, the new Consulate building requires Variances from the Ordinance's Front Yard Setback requirement along both streets, pursuant to Section 5.24.3 of the Ordinance. To address the hardship imposed, the new Consulate necessitates a Front Yard Setback of approximately 37 feet from Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and 94 feet 2 inches from Hampshire Street. Pursuant to Sections 4.33.h.1 and 4.56.i.1 of the Ordinance, both the continued and expanded Club Use for the Dante Alighieri and the Other Governmental Facilities Use for the new consulate building (the "Consulate Use") are Allowed Uses at this location in the City's Residence C- Zone.

Specifically, the applicant submits that the location of existing Dante Alighieri structure limits its siting options for the new Consulate building at the Premises, and required compliance with the Ordinance's Front Yard setback requirements is further constrained by the asymmetrical shape of this corner lot. Due to these unique aspects, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in a substantial hardship upon the applicant, by limiting its continued and expanded Club and Consulate Uses at the Premises.

To address the hardship imposed by the unique property conditions at the Premises, the applicant has carefully designed and sited the new Consulate Use and its structure to comport with, and not

interfere or detract from, the Dante Alighieri's existing building and expanded programming at the Premises, and with the minimal relief under the circumstances. The new building will occupy a limited and appropriate amount of remaining land area, with setbacks along its two front streets that comport with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and provide much-needed upgrades to pedestrian access and an improved site design. In this regard, the Front Yard Setback on Hampshire Street is responsive to the existing Dante Alighieri structure (to remain), and the new building's setback is consistent with the existing street line conformity along Cardinal Medeiros Avenue.

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

Consisting of approximately 34,907 square feet of land with an existing structure that occupies a majority of the remaining land area, the hardship imposed by these conditions are unique to the Premises itself, as required for the requested Variance. Combined with its triangular shape and two front yards (as defined by the Ordinance), strict compliance with the Ordinance's Front Yard Setback requirements would impose and unnecessary hardship and prevent the continued and expanded Club and Consulate Uses for the proposed project. Again, these are Allowed Uses under the Ordinance (at this location), and the property's corner lot condition, triangular shape and existing structure for an established non-profit cultural organization at the Premises are distinct and supportive of the relief requested under the circumstances.

The applicant also restates that the irregularities of the property site cause major obstacles to siting the new Consulate building, without violating the setback requirements, and literal enforcement of the Ordinance would prevent the Dante Alighieri from continuing and expanding its non-profit mission and programming of cultural outreach, with a related new Consulate Use in Cambridge. Grant of the relief requested would also not negatively impact the surrounding community but, rather, allow for new and appropriate Front Yard Building Setbacks that better comport with the surrounding context of the area.

C) <u>DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:</u>

1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

There will be no substantial detriment to the public good, as the proposed project has been carefully shaped and designed with City planning input and extensive community outreach. Grant of the relief requested will also allow for much-needed pedestrian access, open space and site improvements for an established non-profit cultural organization and relate new use at this location. With an appropriate new Front Yard Building Setback at this unique corner lot, the proposed project will comport with the context of surrounding area and enhance the existing and future sustainability of an established non-profit cultural organization thereat. It will also introduce a compatible and prominent new use to the Cambridge community, with the opening of the U.S. Consulate office for the Italian government (at the Premises). Finally, the requested Front Yard Setback Variance(s) will not negatively impact pedestrian and vehicular safety at the

immediate intersection of Hampshire Street and Cardinal Medeiros Avenue; but, rather, would result in much-needed improvements to its public realm and overall site upgrades.

In further support of this required Variance finding, the applicant notes that the proposed project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant organized and hosted two (2) on-site abutters meetings (on March 9, 2019 and April 30, 2022), to introduce the proposed project and seek feedback from the immediate neighborhood, and met with certain members of the local elected delegation for the area. As a result, the proposed project has been carefully designed and programmed with public feedback and local support, and the relief requested is consistent with the character and concerns of the neighborhood.

2) Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

Consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance, the proposed project would allow for the continued and expanded Club and new Consulate Uses at the Premises, with the minimum relief necessary to address the hardship imposed by its unique property conditions. Again, both the expanded Club and new Consulate Uses are Allowed at this location under the Ordinance. The Dante Alighieri is a long established and important non-profit cultural organization for Italian heritage at this site, and the proposed project would enhance its mission and introduce a prominent and synergistic new use thereat, with the new a U.S. Consulate for the Italian government. Its new Front Yard Building Setbacks will comport with the surrounding context of the area and not negatively impact pedestrian or vehicular at this corner lot location. As processed and favorably received, the proposed project will improve the site and its Allowed Uses, with not detriment to the public good. Thus, the relief requested is in the public interest, consistent with the purpose and intent or the Ordinance and appropriate under the circumstances.

BZA APPLICATION FORM 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 41 Hampshire Street for the Exclusion of Basement Area from the definition of Gross Floor Area pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.00 of the Zoning Ordinance would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

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

The proposed project features Uses which are Allowed by the underlying requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance"). With the issuance of this requested Special Permit, the proposed project would comply with the Ordinance by exempting a portion of its space in a basement level from the Gross Floor Area ("GFA") from its proposed new structure at 41 Hampshire Street (the "Premises").

By way of background, the Premises consists of approximately 34,907 square feet of land with an existing structure (to remain). Designed by architect Pietro Belluschi and constructed in 1985, the existing building at the Premises is the longtime home of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, a non-profit cultural organization for Italian heritage (the "Dante Alighieri"). The proposed project seeks to continue and expand the Dante Alighieri's Club, Lodge or Other Fraternal or Sororal Meeting Facility Uses at the existing structure (the "Club Use"), and to construct a new building to be operated as the United States Consulate for the Italian government. Pursuant to Sections 4.33.h.1 and 4.56.i.1 of the Ordinance, both the continued and expanded Club Use for the Dante Alighieri and the Other Governmental Facilities Use for the new consulate building (the "Consulate Use") are Allowed Uses at this location in the City's Residence C- Zone, but the new structure for the proposed Project is required to comply with the Ordinance's Floor Area Ratio limitation of .75 (pursuant its Table 5-1).

In support of its request, the applicant submits that its proposed exclusion of GFA into the basement level of the proposed project is consistent with the required findings for the Special Permit. Specifically, the Dante Alighieri has operated as an established non-profit cultural organization at the Premises for nearly half a century (since 1975), and the proposed project would allow for it to expand and enhance their uses into the basement level of this new structure. The exempted area includes approximately 3,343 square feet of proposed classroom, theater and support space, for the Dante Alighieri's mission of promoting and fostering the language and culture of Italy through educational and cultural offerings. Thus, the requested exemption of GFA is consistent with the requirements for the grant of the Special Permit; to support a local institution with established programs and operations at the site, for which the surrounding community has become accustom and reliant upon.

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:

The applicant again submits that the area to be exempt from GFA at its proposed project will help sustain and enhance a long-established cultural organization at this site, which has operated as a contributing part of the neighborhood for nearly half a century (since 1975). Thus, the requested exemption of GFA will not alter the character of the neighborhood or district but, rather, support its continued vibrancy at the site.

As part of its overall proposed project, the applicant also notes that it is making certain upgrades to on-site vehicular parking, bicycle storage, lockers and transit demand management practices at the Premises, to promote usage of the MBTA's rapid transit and nearby bus lines by employees, members, visitors and guests and lessen potential impacts by vehicular transportation, traffic and congestion. Thus, the grant of the requested Special Permit would allow the proposed project to comply with the Ordinance and deliver upon these collateral measures.

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:

The proposed project will not adversely affect the continued operation of, or the development of adjacent uses, as permitted in the Ordinance at this location, by exemption of the basement GFA. Again, the requested GFA exemption will merely allow this long-established organization to expand and enhance its operations as a mainstay at this location. The Club Use has existed here for nearly 50 years, and the exemption of the approximately 3,340 square feet of space is de minimums in scale and supportive of the of future growth and the development of permitted adjacent uses.

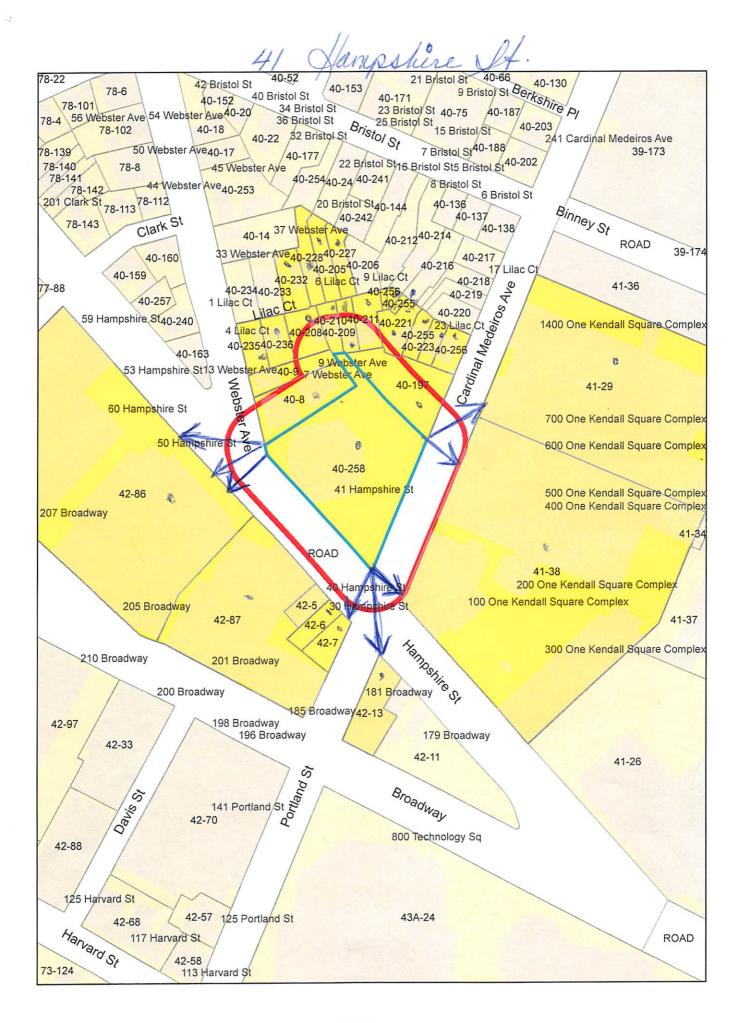
D) Nuisance or hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:

No nuisance or hazard will be created by the proposed uses to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use. Rather, the resulting grant of the requested Special Permit will help to enhance and improve the health, safety and quality of operations for the members, employees, visitors and guests of this long-existing cultural organization at the Premises. The exempted GFA is appropriate in scale and use, to support the mission and programming of an established cultural organization at the Premises, and the proposed project will allow for much-needed upgrades in open space, pedestrian access, alternatives means of transportation and public realm. As a result, the overall health and safety of its occupants will be improved by the grant of the Special Permit (as part of the proposed project).

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:

As a long-established and Allowed Use at the Premises for nearly half a century (since 1975), the Dante Alighieri and its proposed expansion is entirely consistent with the integrity of the district, its surrounding areas and the intent of the Ordinance. The requested Special Permit will further this consistency, by exempting a portion of new basement space for the mission of this long-established organization at the Premises.

In further support of this required finding, the applicant notes that the proposed project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant organized and hosted two (2) on-site abutters meetings (March 9, 2019 and April 30, 2022), to introduce the proposed project and seek feedback from the immediate neighborhood, and it also met with certain members of the local elected delegation for the area. As a result, the proposed project, of which the requested GFA exemption is an integral part, has been carefully designed and programmed with public feedback and local support, and the grant of the Special Permit is consistent is consistent with the integrity of the district, its surrounding areas and the intent of the Ordinance.



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Pacheco, Maria

From:

GR < gilberto.russo.md.phd@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:17 AM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Subject:

Case No. BZA-180779

Dear Ms. Pacheco:

Please kindly forward the following, concerning the above referenced to the Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals Brendan Sullivan. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully, Gilberto Russo, M.D., Ph.D.

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May 10 2023

Brendan Sullivan, Chairman Board of Zoning Appeal City of Cambridge 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

RE:

Case No. BZA-180779

Petitioner: Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, Inc. 41 Hampshire Street Cambridge MA 02141

Chairman Sullivan:

With regard to the above referenced Petition, the Hearing for which is presently scheduled on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 8:00 PM, please accept the following.

I am the owner of the property located at 24 Lilac Court which immediately abuts the real estate owned by the Petitioner. I am a long time resident of our City, a professor at MIT and Harvard now a vascular surgeon, with a history of contributions to the City e.g., as a member of the Advisory Committee on Covid and previously (I am a MA registered Professional Engineer) as a pro bono consultant to the Bldg Dept. I am definitely vested in the City of Cambridge through MIT, Harvard, my property and my residence.

I am familiar with the project being proposed by the Society as a result of two previous meetings scheduled by the Society for the benefit of its neighbors. The first meeting was held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 and the second on Saturday, April 30, 2022. In addition, I have consulted the Society's web site which includes information concerning the proposed new building.

I am fully satisfied with my findings. Hence, based on the foregoing, I endorse and strongly support the Petition by the Society requesting two variances, one variance for setback on Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and another variance for General Office Use related to the Italian Consulate, and a special permit involving floor area ratio.

I do thank you for your attention to the contents of this letter and I hope that my statement is of assistance to you and to your Board.

Sincerely yours,

Gilberto Russo, M.D., Ph.D. 24 Lilac Court Cambridge, MA

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in the interest of a timely response, text entered fast w speech recognition sware w/o thorough page-proof reading, sorry for unavoidable typos To: mpacheco@cambridgema.gov

From: Sue Grillo (joy_as_may@yahoo.com)

Bcc: guya.carbone@yahoo.com

Case No: BZA-180779

Date: Monday, May 22, 2023

Dear Ms.Pacheco:

Please forward the following, concerning the above-referenced to the Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals Brendan Sullivan. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sue Robinson Grillo

May 22, 2023

Brendan Sulliivan, Chairman

Board of Zoning Appeal

City of Cambridge

831 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Case No. BZA-180779

Petitioner: Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, Inc.

41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02141

Chairman Sullivan:

I am the resident owner of the property at 20 Lilac Court, which my late husband, Dr. Hermes Grillo, purchased in 1982, when Lilac Court next to the Dante was first built. I have lived, studied and worked in Cambridge for most of the past 65 years, and watched the dramatic changes in Kendall Square for the past 35 years.

I am familiar with the history of the Dante Society, and have participated in classes and events there, and occasional meetings about common neighborhood concerns. I have also attended the recent meetings to review the plans to expand and incorporate the Italian Consulate on this site. I am very pleased the complex will anchor this corner as a low-rise community and cultural center, complementing the imposing commercial district nearby and along Broadway.

I respect and support the need for special variances and earnestly request you look favorably on this petition, as I believe this new building will greatly benefit our neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

Sue Robinson Grillo

20 Lilac Court

Cambridge, MA 02141



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Thank you, Bza Members