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#### BZA APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Plan No: BZA-017274-2020 USF

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PETITION	ER: 66 Hurl	ley Street	LLC - C	/O Lauren Ha	rder			
PETITION	ER'S ADDRESS :	PO BOX	381092	Cambridge, D	4A 02238			
LOCATIO	N OF PROPERTY :	66 Hurl	ey St C	ambridge, MA				
TYPE OF	OCCUPANCY:	Multifami.	ly	z	ONING DISTRICT :	Residence C-1 Zone		
REASON	FOR PETITION :	itions						
DESCRIPT	TION OF PETITION	ER'S PROPOS	SAL:					
over the	of a Roof Ace Garage.	cess Penth	ouse, F	Roof Deck on	the Primary St	FA to allow for the ructure and a Roof Deck		
Article			Note 16 (Definitions Gross Floor Area).					
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#### 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 66 Hurley Street LLC, Lauren Harder, mgr
(OWNER)
Address: PO Box 381092 Cambridge, MA 02238
CC III ada a Charach
State that I/We own the property located at66 Hurley Street,
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of 66 Hurley Street LLC
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date, Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book, Page; 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 ofMiddlesex
The above-name Lauven Harder personally appeared before me,
this 14th of February 20 20, and made oath that the above statement is true.
Janey Stuling Notary
My commission expires JMM 5 7024 (Notary Seal). TRACEY STERLING NOTARY PUBLIC COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS My Comm. Expires July 5, 2024

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

#### **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:

The existing structure predates the City of Cambridge Zoning Ordinance rendering it non-conforming in multiple ways. Many of the existing structures in the area are also non-conforming with respect to F.A.R., Setbacks, and/or Lot Area per Dwelling Unit. A literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would make the desirable renovation and restoration of the existing structure infeasible.

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:

Hardship is owing to the size, shape and age of the existing Structure. The location and size of the existing structures does not allow for compliant open space to be placed on the site. Utilization of the rooftops of the existing Garage and 3 Family Structure as Open Space can only be achieved with dimensional relief.

#### C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

Increasing the available outdoor open space at 66 Hurley Street not be detrimental to the public good. Impact will be limited primarily to direct abutters and can be mitigated with the use of privacy screening. The relationship of the proposed rooftop uses to adjacent uses is not substantially different from existing patterns of outdoor use in the neighborhood.

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

The relief requested will only modestly impact the dimensional requirements of Setback, FAR and Height requirements while dramatically increasing the access to open space for the residents.

\* If You have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with your own 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>66 Hurley St 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:

Article 2 provides for Special Permit relief to exempt basement level GFA. Use of basement level areas as habitable space is common in the neighborhood The requested relief will not negatively impact adjacent uses. Article 8 provides relief new openings to encourage the renovation and reuse of existing buildings.

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 proposed development will not alter patterns of access or egress given that the driveway and curb cut will remain in their current location. No increase in congestion hazard will be created because the number of dwelling units in the proposed project will not be increased.

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 driveway curb cut will stay in the current location allowing traffic patterns to remain the same. The proposed parking spaces will be in the same location as the existing parking spaces maintaining existing relationships to adjacent uses.

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:

Traffic patterns and driveway ingress and egress will remain consistent for the adjacent residents. There will be no hazard or nuisance created by the requested relief. An aging and outdated structure will be restored and preserved to the benefit of the neighborhood and larger district.

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:

The proposed renovation design is consistent with other uses in the neighborhood and the larger district. The proposed use is consistent with the uses in the neighborhood.

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#### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

APPLICANT: n/a PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY: Multifamily

LOCATION: 66 Hurley St Cambridge, MA

ZONE: Residence C-1 Zone

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		EXISTING CONDITIONS	REQUESTED CONDITIONS	ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS	1	
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LOT AREA:		1446	unchanged	5000	(min.)	
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LOT AREA FOR EACH DW	ELLING UNIT:	476	476	1500	(min.)	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	65	unchanged	50	(min.)	
	DEPTH	22	unchanged	n/a		
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	0	unchanged	10	(min.)	
	REAR	0 (FRONT)	unchanged	10	· (min.)	
	LEFT SIDE	2	unchanged	10.98	(min.)	
	RIGHT SIDE	26.42	unchanged	8.52	(min.)	
SIZE OF BLDG.:	HEIGHT	30.75	38.16	35	(max.)	
	LENGTH	38.583	unchanged	n/a		
	WIDTH	21.417	unchanged	n/a		
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		0	37% (ROOF DECK	30%	(min.)	
NO. OF DWELLING UNIT	<u>'S:</u>	3	unchanged	0	(max.)	
NO. OF PARKING SPACE	<u>::</u>	2	unchanged	3	(min./max)	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS	<u>3:</u>	n/a	n/a	n/a	(min.)	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST ON SAME LOT:	BLDG.	4.75	unchanged	10	(min.)	

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

There are two existing structures on the subject lot. The Primary use is a 3 Dwelling Unit, 3

Story wood frame structure on a masonry foundation. Adjacent to the Primary Use is a single story

Masonry Garage Structure. All new construction will be consistent with the materials present in the Primary Use structure.

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 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'.



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BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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

### Board of Zoning Appeal Waiver Form

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

Wowner, - Petitioner, or - Representative: Lauren (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 🗆 Owner, 🗅 Petitioner, or 🗇 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.

1 2 (8:29 p.m.) Sitting Members: Constantine Alexander, Brendan Sullivan, 3 4 Janet Green, Jim Monteverde, Slater W. 5 Anderson 6 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: We'll now move on to Case 7 Number 017274 -- 66 Hurley Street. 8 SISIA DAGLIAN: We're in. 9 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Is there someone here who wants to speak on behalf of this case? 10 SISIA DAGLIAN: They're unmuting, they're online. 11 12 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. 13 [Pause] 14 SISIA DAGLIAN: Hi Lauren, we can hear you. 15 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Oh, the petitioner is on 16 the screen. Lauren, you want to go ahead? 17 SISIA DAGLIAN: Okay, we can see you but --CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: The floor is yours. 18 19 LAUREN HARDER: Iram, can you hear me? 20 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Mark Boyes-Watson is on 21 now. 22 MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yes, can you hear me?

1 COLLECTIVE: Yes. 2 MARK BOYES-WATSON: Awesome. 3 LAUREN HARDER: Hi, can you hear me, this is Lauren Harder? 4 5 SISIA DAGLIAN: Yes, we can hear you. LAUREN HARDER: 6 Okay. 7 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Are you going to make a presentation, Mr. Boyes-Watson, Mark? 8 9 MARK BOYES-WATSON: I think that -- Lauren, were 10 you going to just say a few things, and then I'll take you 11 through the drawings? 12 LAUREN HARDER: Yes. So we're here today to present an application for relief on a three-family in East 13 Cambridge at 66 Hurley Street. The plan for this building 14 15 is a full gut renovation. We've already walked it through the Historical 16 17 Commission, which I guess this area is now under temporary jurisdiction. We've incorporated those changes into today's 18 19 application. 20 We have -- we are requesting relief for each of 21 the three living spaces. This building is on a lot with no 22 open space. We're requesting relief for each of the three

units to have open space. The third floor would be on the roof deck. The second floor would have open space over a garage, and actually for the first floor we're looking for relief to use the basement as habitable space, as exempt from the GFA.

We worked with the neighbors on all of these items, including the construction, since it's in very close proximity.

And I am hopeful that some of them are here today --- specifically, we've addressed some of their concerns with respect to privacy and screening and views and noise control, and are willing to consider anything else they have to bring to the table. And Mark is going to walk you through the plans.

MARK BOYES-WATSON: So how does this work, do I just, do we just -- [noise]

SISIA DAGLIAN: Hi, I brought it up for you, Mark.

MARK BOYES-WATSON: Brilliant. That's fantastic.

exaggerating when she said that it's a pretty tiny lot. So

it's a sliver that runs down at the corner of Hurley and

Let's go to the site plan, next page. So Lauren wasn't

Lopez Ave. And Lopez Ave is a dead-end street in this

point, and it has a lovely pocket park, as you can see.

They're building in front of that park and it's a tiny building in a pretty serious state of disrepair. And as is so common in East Cambridge, it is kind of wedged in there. So that basically the house and the garage take up the whole lot.

We actually did the house right just down below it, the plan of that many years ago. So we're pretty familiar with Lopez Ave.

So the proposal -- if we go to the next page, you can kind of see what that looks like in terms of the building. So if I sort to the top right hand photograph, the building in question is that little bookend, not the six-family that we've got our cameras looking at.

So all the way over on the right-hand side, yeah, that's a pale green. And then the straight- on view is the left top.

And then if you go down bottom left, you're looking at that garage that you can see in the site plan, and the -- you can also see that there are actually no windows facing the park and the building itself, or virtually none.

And then the last photograph is just reminding us how close it is to the abutter. So it just is a typical East Cambridge kind of setup.

So on the next page, I think there are a few more photographs. So this gives you a sense -- you're looking across the park now at the right-hand side photograph the building is kind of a pale, yellowy-green in this photograph across the park.

So actually the park is very much one of our abutters, as it were, and then the view top left is the view down Lopez Street.

And you can see the courthouse, although it's no longer the courthouse, in the background, with the pale green building in that shot.

And then last but not least, the bottom left is another view. And that's looking down Hurley, and you can see the park on the right and the other corner building.

So if we go to the next page, this is the existing condition, where you can see on the first floor you see that garage, and you see the building basically filling its lot. This is not a big building. These units are -- it's right now set up as first, second and third and we're going to

keep it that way.

And, you know, the units -- the whole floor plate is 770 roughly square feet on each floor, it varies slightly. And we're not increasing the volume of the building, it just stays that way.

So if we go to the next page, why there is a change in the dimensional form as to GFA is because the -if you do what is shown at the far top left-hand corner, see the proposed roof plan has a roof deck. And if you put a roof deck on a three-family, that counts as GFA.

So on the dimensional form, that reads as an increase in GFA. It is actually just to create the open space and the stair that gives access to that open space, which is in the back left-hand corner.

That, if we go -- actually while I'm on this page, so -- and then let me go down the plan. So that's the top. On the second floor, you can see that there is a deck proposed, it's accessed by stepping out of the back of the building over that little alley that you see on the first floor between the garage and the first floor.

And that actually doesn't count as GFA, because it's not above the third floor. Although -- and it's up

against the blank wall of the abutting property. But actually, under zoning that -- depending on interpretation, might require a setback which we're not providing to that next building of about seven foot something, some number like that. And since it's a black wall, we just ran it all the way over.

So that is the second floor roof deck that Lauren referred to, and provides open space for the second floor.

And then just going on down the floor, the first floor plan is unchanged, except that it now allows the use of the front room -- by front I mean the room closest to Hurley -- for that unit as part of the first-floor unit.

And we're actually providing at the back of that basement plan a kind of useful room assigned to the upper unit as an office, which has access -- that stair, you see between the garage and the house is already there, and there's a door in the back already there. If we were to flip back to the -- maybe Sisia just flick us back to the previous plan, I'll just show you.

See that? If you go to the existing basement, that's the configuration now. And there's that door at the back right there. So we just remove that door slightly, but

it's -- that's how it's already set up.

So if we flick on through the plan, these are just the existing conditions, drawings. I think we can weave through these. And you can see -- so now these are the proposed ones, and those are a little bit more readable. We go up through them, so there's the -- as I was explaining the bedroom, it's part of Unit 1. Then on the second floor -- and on the first floor, it becomes part of the first floor unit. And there you see the garage in the back unchanged.

And then if we go up to the second floor, you'll see that's where you'll get from the kitchen and living room out onto the roof deck. And you can see that these are all pretty small, these units. But it's already a fantastic amenity for that second floor to be able to get outside, especially these days.

And then going one floor further up, you are up on the third floor. And there, same configuration, except that you can go on up into that stair penthouse and get to the roof deck on top, which is not a shared roof deck, that's a roof deck just for the third floor unit.

So that's not a common stair, that's a private

stair because if you go back and look at the second floor, you enter the third floor apartment at the second floor landing, and it becomes -- that stair is part of the third floor unit when you get there.

So if we go one more, these are the existing elevations. So that's the Hurley on the right, and the rear elevation faces the garage on the left, existing.

And then this is the existing Hurley on the top, and on the bottom is that demising wall very close to the neighboring property. One of the advantages of doing a gut renovation on this house is we can fireproof that wall, and we can sprinkle the building and bring it up to code, so -- which it's in need of.

And now these are the proposed elevations. So again, you've got -- on the left, you've got their view as it were back towards the garage.

And you can see if you look at the drawings at the bottom of the window configuration in the corner, you can see the little bridge that goes across, and it bridges over onto the garage roof.

And on the right, we've been working with the Historic Commission, as Lauren referred to, because they are

introducing a Historic District in East Cambridge. So we went through this with Mr. Sullivan, and got everything sorted out -- lots of details and everything.

So you're seeing just basically an unchanged in terms of the envelope, but a reclad three=family there, and you can see the roof deck railing, which is actually -- it looks very immediate in this view, but in fact that railing's set far back from the front façade on Hurley.

And then if we go to the next one -- and you can actually, maybe on that one it's easy, I can point out the little penthouse, which we've tried to get that as small as we can and as low as we can.

But actually that is beyond the 35-foot height limit, which you'll see on the dimensional form, just that little penthouse. It's 38 foot one off the ground, and it's about seven foot by I think eight and a half feet or something, or nine feet maybe, the penthouse. So as small as we could get it to get the stair in.

And then if we go to the next drawing, that's the -- the top one is the view to the park. And on the bottom is the -- again, the demising wall, the demising wall view. And on the garage, you can see that we've been discussing,

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    and Lauren's been discussing back and forth with the
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    neighbor about the right way to not allow the people on the
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    garage deck to look over into her garden and porch.
    you'll see a slightly raised element there. And I know that
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    they're still talking about exactly what that is.
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               SISIA DAGLIAN: Actually, that's the last sheet.
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              MARK BOYES-WATSON:
                                   The last sheet. So I don't
    know if anybody's got any questions about that. That's I
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     think -- I think that's the proposal.
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               SLATER ANDERSON: Can you go back to the basement
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    plan for a second?
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               MARK BOYES-WATSON:
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               SLATER ANDERSON: The proposed basement. What is
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     the "Office Unit 3" down there?
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               MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yeah, that's that room.
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     mean, it could be a sign to the first floor, but you see if
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     you come down that little back stair, you can come in the
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     back door?
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               SLATER ANDERSON:
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               MARK BOYES-WATSON: And I don't know.
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     thinking it would be a really nice amenity, especially these
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    days to have that separate room. So it equally could be a
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    sign to Unit 1, but we thought that that was a good thing to
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              SLATER ANDERSON: So it would be noncontiquous to
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    Unit 3 that you go through a common space to get to it?
              MARK BOYES-WATSON: Exactly. So you see that
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    little common space, and you come in that back door, it gets
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    us into our room with all of our sprinkler equipment and all
    of that good stuff in it -- the common mechanical -- where
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    the utilities are coming in from the street.
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               And then, yes, it's just a small office.
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    honestly it might just be storage for that unit. Or it
    might be a little office. It's a mixture of things.
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     that's the -- but that was our thinking.
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               SLATER ANDERSON: Yep.
               MARK BOYES-WATSON: And so, there's a little,
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     tiny, common hole at the back there.
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               SLATER ANDERSON: I didn't know if it was just a
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     typo and it's supposed to say, "Unit 1" but --
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               MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yeah, I know.
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               SLATER ANDERSON: -- now that we understand.
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               MARK BOYES-WATSON: Believe it or not, we thought
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about that, and that's what we came up with, so.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: This is Gus Alexander. I want to address the variance for the rooftop, the deck on the roof -- yeah, the roof deck. Two things. One is we rarely -- and I mean rarely -- grant height variances for residential structures. You've got to be unusual circumstances.

And similarly, we very rarely grant roof deck -relief for roof decks. That's just how we've been
approaching it as a Board for the last -- I don't know, at
least 10 or 15 years. So I am troubled by why we should
grant a height variance for the roof deck.

The structure will be larger than the neighboring structures, by virtue of the roof deck, and I don't see what the hardship is that requires a roof deck. You have a structure below the roof that probably needs remodeling, redoing. That can be done without zoning relief.

I personally don't have any problem with the deck, the roof deck on the garage, because its impact is very similar to just a regular deck. It's not at the top of the structure, and it doesn't require any -- well, it does require zoning relief, but it's on a garage, it's only 15

feet or so high.

So I am very troubled, I have to tell you, with granting voting in favor of the roof deck variance -- I'm calling it the roof deck variance. I just don't see where you have the hardship that requires, that you're required to have to get that variance.

LAUREN HARDER: Um--

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: But I'm willing to hear, you know, rejoinders. I mean, that's my reaction to what I've heard so far.

LAUREN HARDER: May I ask? I mean, I think the -- what is the difficulty, is it the height of the --

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Height.

LAUREN HARDER: The height.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Height. Yeah. The height is higher, at 35 -- you're going to go from a noncompliant from a height point of view to a noncompliant one. And I think this Board rightly or wrongly has been trying to discourage roof decks in the city of Cambridge.

LAUREN HARDER: Could --

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: And we've denied a number of roof deck requests in East Cambridge, in the general area

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    of the property before us tonight.
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              LAUREN HARDER: Could you see the -- I mean the,
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    so the hardship is the open space, right? So it's a small
    unit having a place to go outside. But you're saying that
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              CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Yes, and you know the fact
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    is --
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               LAUREN HARDER: -- it's, it's --
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: -- there's a lack of open
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     space, that ain't unusual for East Cambridge. There are
    many, many structures that don't have much open space, and
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     that's -- people live with that in East Cambridge. And once
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     we start allowing roof decks to get open space, we're going
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     other Cambridge.
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               And again, I'm just relying going back to what our
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     Board has done in the past; that's not how we've approached
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     the height of structures.
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               LAUREN HARDER: Okay.
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               MARK BOYES-WATSON: I wonder if it would be --
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JANET GREEN: Sisia, could you put that picture up

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again? The page -- yeah.

1 SISIA DAGLIAN: Sorry, which one, Janet? 2 JANET GREEN: The one with --3 SISIA DAGLIAN: Is that the one you want? 4 MARK BOYES-WATSON: There is a way. I'm wondering 5 if this would make --6 JANET GREEN: Thank you. 7 MARK BOYES-WATSON: I think just to speak to the 8 height of the structure, there is a way that that stair is 9 external, and you go up without the penthouse, in which case 10 there would be no height variance. CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. Do away with the 11 penthouse, and you don't need a height variance and you 12 don't need any relief on that issue from our Board. 13 Right. And then -- but we 14 MARK BOYES-WATSON: would just have -- but we would still have the roof deck. 15 And I just wanted to say one thing about the roof 16 deck that I think is interesting on this lot, is that 17 because we're so close to the neighboring building, there's 18 19 actually no privacy issues from that improved roof deck, 20 because we have the open space on the other side. actually kind of is a benign situation. And we can -- as I 21 22 say -- I could eliminate the height variance.

LAUREN HARDER: Would that help?

it solves the problem. I mean, let's be honest here. What you're doing is you're taking a building, an older building, and you were going to renovate it, and you want to increase the value by putting a roof deck, which is a nice thing to have in houses, but something that Cambridge has not been promoting.

And I don't see the hardship. I'm sorry, I don't see the hardship that requires a roof deck that goes up with the penthouse 38 feet and a few inches. You can have a nice structure, as you had before -- three stories, 35 feet in height, and you can have your -- in my opinion, have your deck over the garage.

But I'm only one of five, so.

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Well, this is Brendan Sullivan.

I would agree with the Chair. I think that when these
proposals have come down before us, we have always felt -and a lot of times neighbors have come down and spoken
against their lack of privacy, potential noise.

And again, it's always sort of the fear of the unknown... when I first viewed this and saw how perilously

close it is to the next door house, and the impact it would have to have people up there...

And yes, it is an old structure. It was, obviously, recently bought by you or your client or somebody, and it needs rehabbing. But to -- and you're saying "Okay, how can we sort of gild a lily?" And I don't mean to belittle it, but I mean I think that's what you're trying to do is to, "How can we put as many amenities into this thing to make it more saleable, more attractive, more marketable?"

And the roof deck, obviously, we say, "Hey, you know, that's a great amenity. That would add tremendous value to that third floor unit." But I think it has an adverse effect on the next door people and the neighborhood in general by having people up there, especially on the corner. Because the sound then just travels, you know?

I mean, that's my feeling. I think I've expanded upon Gus's feelings. But anyhow, that's -- I would tend to agree.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Other members of the Board want to speak on this issue right now, or should I go onto public testimony?

SLATER ANDERSON: I could weigh in. I mean, I agree on the penthouse is unnecessary and excessive for -you know, it doesn't -- it's not needed. We don't need to give a variance for the height. There are other ways to do that.

But I -- you know, the roof deck is something that, you know, I -- in my years on this Board, I've never seen us approve a third-floor roof deck. Honestly, I don't -- haven't seen a lot of requests for them.

And the fact that you're way over GFA on this -or FAR, sorry -- on the GFA, and the first thing the roof
deck counts as GFA, it just -- it's one more sort of nail in
the roof deck's coffin, in my view.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Jim, are --

LAUREN HARDER: And I guess I'll just speak up. I mean, I hear all of you. And I didn't know about the past rulings.

I know this property, and I felt that given its configuration of where it is, the -- you know, the deck is within the setback, there's no -- it's on a corner lot, so there's no -- and also, because of that garage, you know, the abutters on all sides are quite far away. Even across

the street, there's no one. It's -- there's no residents, it's just open space.

So I -- it really felt like -- Mark said -- benign in that respect. And this building in particular is so small that, you know, it's a great -- yes, it's great, it's up to code, it's a nice living space, but a lot of times in East Cambridge you have, like, a deck off the back or -- you know, there's a little bit of yard in the back where you could go and put a table or something.

And this space has nothing. I mean, there's really no place to have a little place to just, you know, sit outside and you by yourself.

And it's also a very small unit. So it's not -it's not like there's going to be multiple roommates living
here, where there's going to be a lot of people on the deck.

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Well, and this is Brendan Sullivan. What is the size of the deck? I have 11 foot 6 by -- and I couldn't pick up that last dimension.

MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yeah. Maybe Sisia, you can just zip back to the plan and we can maybe pick that off.

JIM MONTEVERDE: It's about 10, 20, 25 plus feet in length. 11 six wide and 25 plus or minus length?

1 LAUREN HARDER: Yep. 2 JIM MONTEVERDE: Something like that. 3 LAUREN HARDER: And that, I'm imagining, Mark, was 4 designed to just fit within the setbacks. 5 MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yeah. 6 LAUREN HARDER: But again, the idea is just to 7 have a space for this unit where they can just, you know, 8 get a breath of air. 9 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: What about the deck that 10 you're going to build over the garage. Isn't that going to 11 provide open space? MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yeah, that's for Unit 2. 12 LAUREN HARDER: That's for Unit 2, and that was --13 14 I mean I think it's also important here that these decks are 15 actually not common, they're only for the residents. Because that limits who uses them and, you know, any noise 16 concerns. Because it's really just your neighbor that's 17 outside, you know, getting some fresh air. 18 JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah. This is Jim Monteverde. 19 20 So I agree with the other Board members' discussions about the concern about the rooftop deck and the headhouse. 21 22 I'm looking at your sheet 204, which shows the little bridge connection and then the deck on top of the garage. And it's kind of unfortunate the third-floor unit, you know, the need to go to the roof as opposed to in the other direction.

Basically, you know, let the third floor come out either be on top of that other deck or have a balcony or a Juliet balcony or something so that that unit has that kind of feature, but not that size of a deck, and not up on the roof.

So I'm just looking for some other wiggle room to get some kind of opening there on the third floor.

LAUREN HARDER: I agree.

JIM MONTEVERDE: You know, I'm looking at your sheet 203. The elevation -- the right-hand elevation where the bridge comes across for, you know, Unit 2 the second floor, and then the window up above for the third floor if there's some opening there that -- you know, some way to give you that small amount of outdoor space. Not so much a deck, almost a balcony.

But again, I agree with the other Board members, who've raised the objection to the roof deck and to the penthouse.

LAUREN HARDER: I --

1 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Excuse me, Lauren, before 2 you reply. 3 LAUREN HARDER: Yep. CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: You see, obviously, which 4 5 way the wind's blowing. Do you want to continue this case and revisit how other ways you can get the open space you 6 7 want, or do you want to withdraw this part of the case? In 8 other words, go forward with no -- abandon the variance for the roof deck? 9 LAUREN HARDER: Well, I hear you. I think -- I 10 mean, I hear Mr. Monteverde's concern. I actually think the 11 neighbors would not appreciate having a Juliet balcony, 12 because that would be immediately abutting their open space. 13 I think this -- where it's planned is actually more 14 desirable. 15 I mean my suggestion would be could we take Mark's 16 idea to remove the headhouse, so there's no height variance. 17 So we'd let go of that relief. 18 19 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: You're only addressing 20 part of the issue --21 LAUREN HARDER: I just have a smaller outdoor 22 Juliet-style balcony on the third floor for the third floor

unit.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: You still want to have -
JIM MONTEVERDE: This is Jim Monteverde. That
wouldn't help my concern.

constantine Alexander: I think putting something on the roof -- be it a roof deck with or without a penthouse, is -- to my mind is objectionable, in terms of our zoning philosophy and our zoning law.

Variances for height are not readily granted.

They're very rarely granted when we're talking about residential structures. And I can go back -- we can go back and do the research, and I can demonstrate that?

LAUREN HARDER: No, I hear you. I guess I would say remove the height variance, and then instead of a balcony, put a balcony style deck, which would be below the height variance. It would be on the roof, but that would actually be in this case less intrusive to the neighborhood than any other place we could seek the relief.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I would want to see the plans that demonstrate that. And we don't have them tonight, and that means we continue the case, which is fine. But we're not going to -- if you -- I'm not going to vote in

favor of balconies and the like when I don't have it in front of me. I don't know what you're going to do. I don't want the roof deck. And I don't want the penthouse.

I want to keep the height of the building at 35 feet, because that's what our ordinance says. And I haven't seen any demonstrated hardship that would justify departing from that requirement.

We all know what this is about. You're looking to increase the value of that property, and that's fine, there's nothing wrong with it, it's the American way. But the fact of the matter is you've got to have justification for the relief you're seeking -- legal justification, and you don't have it, in my opinion.

SLATER ANDERSON: So the roof deck adds -- by my calculations, about 15.7 percent increase to the FAR. So, you know, that's not a de minimis increase, you know. And it's not really a hardship.

I get the open space, but the open space problem existed when you acquired the property, you know? It just - - it's a preexisting condition in my view. So --

MARK BOYES-WATSON: So I think that --

SLATER ANDERSON: -- I agree with Gus on that.

MARK BOYES-WATSON: I mean it seems to me, Lauren, I mean we're not usually in the room, but it seems to me that we -- I mean I'm only aware of a few times, but not never, that the roof decks have been granted. And, you know, my attitude is always to create the greatest amenity possible for the residents of the unit, which are the residents of Cambridge.

But I hear you, the Board is pretty unanimous on this. I would have thought, Lauren, they have given your timetable and the delays that have already been incurred because of COVID and the shutdown and the extra historical review that you'd be better off just removing that element of relief from this application and continuing to be heard on the rest of the application?

LAUREN HARDER: I'm fine with that.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: All right. Any other -- I haven't opened the matter yet up to public testimony. Are there any other comments from members of the Board at this point? Brendan is shaking his head no.

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Brendan Sullivan, no.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Brendan? I mean, Jim?

JIM MONTEVERDE: No. Nope.

JANET GREEN: I have no other comments. 1 2 Then let me open CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. 3 the matter up to public comment. If people want to give 4 public commentary, oral, you have to now click the icon at 5 the bottom of your Zoom screen that says, "Raise hand." If 6 you're calling in by phone, you can raise your hand by 7 pressing \*9 and unmute or mute by pressing \*6. So I'll wait a few minutes to see if people, if 8 they want to offer testimony. I might add while we're 9 waiting, there are apparently no written comments from 10 anyone or anywhere in the neighborhood. So there's nothing 11 beyond any oral comments, if we've received them. 12 SISIA DAGLIAN: We have one call in, a phone 13 number ending in 98, and the number ends with 8311. Do you 14 15 promote them? [Technical difficulties conversation] 16 HEATHER HOFFMAN: Hello? 17 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Hello? 18 SISIA DAGLIAN: Yes, go ahead. 19 20 HEATHER HOFFMAN: Hi. Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley 21 All I want to say is what all I want to say is what

the Chair said is the truth; the words that have been used

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have generally been "party deck" and so I just want to thank
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    you for saying it, so that I didn't need to.
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              CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Thank you, Heather. Any
    other comments coming through, Sisia?
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              SISIA DAGLIAN: No.
              CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: No. Okay, I think with
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    that we'll close public testimony.
               SISIA DAGLIAN: Is there --
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: We've been only talking
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    about the variance.
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               SISIA DAGLIAN: Sorry, there is actually one more.
               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I'm sorry, another one?
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               SISIA DAGLIAN: Yes.
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               TIAN ONG: HI, I was wondering if -- is this
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     comment --
               THE REPORTER: Can you give your name and address
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     for the record, please?
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               TIAN ONG: Hi, yes. Tian Ong, 64 Hurley Street,
     Unit 1.
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               THE REPORTER: Could you spell your name, please?
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               TIAN ONG: Tian, T-i-a-n, last name Ong, O-n-q.
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               THE REPORTER:
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TIAN ONG: I'm wondering if this part of the commentary is only for the roof deck or about the whole proposed plans?

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: It's Brendan Sullivan. It's about the whole plan.

TIAN ONG: Okay. All right, great. So I've spoken with Lauren Harder, the applicant on this case regarding the planned work for 66 Hurley Street, and I think my concerns are more specific to, like the basement work and the garage deck. Because I think those two impact at least my unit more I think closely, just because of the proximity of the buildings.

But essentially Lauren and I have discussed the proposed basement work, and I've raised concerns to her on whether or not the work would have any impact on the neighboring foundations such as for our building on 62-64 Hurley Street, as well as, like, potential impacts to our installed drainage pump systems.

And we've suggested conducting, like, a site evaluation to assess conditions prior to the start of the project.

She has provided assurance that the digging work

should have minimal impacts, and has offered to include us in any plans prior to digging the basement. So we really, like, I appreciate, like, the open communication that has been going on.

And then we've also discussed the proposed garage deck. And I can understand the appeal and benefit of having this additional outdoor deck space.

But also, because of the proximity of the buildings, I brought up concerns on privacy, noise, and view obstruction from its current state, and Lauren has been open to discussing design options to address these, such as offsetting the garage deck by at least, like, five feet from the edge of the garage, closest to our -- like the line closest to our property and implementing some sort of, like, green element like evergreens or something that will provide some sort of screening for privacy and noise.. and, like, while minimizing, like, the view obstructions from its current state.

So that's just kind of, like, the state -- the ongoing communications that we're having so far. So I just wanted to, like, bring that to the table.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Thank you.

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TIAN ONG: 1 Yes. JANET GREEN: 2 I know, I'd like to ask Lauren if those questions have come up in your design plan. I mean, 3 the idea of shielding the deck with green plants and that 4 5 sort of thing, I didn't see any of that. 6 MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yeah, this is Mark. We go 7 back to the -- maybe go back first to the plan, Sisia, if 8 you could, the proposed plan? SISIA DAGLIAN: This one or the lower floor? 9 MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yeah, no, this is perfect. So 10 11 you see, if you look at the right hand, second floor 12 proposed --13 JANET GREEN: Yep. MARK BOYES-WATSON: -- we have that setback that 14 the neighbor just referred to as being memorialized in where 15 the deck is located. You see it's located -- the outer line 16 is the line of the garage below. And there where it says --17 18 you know, I can't -- "5 foot screen wool fence" --19 JANET GREEN: Uh-huh. 20 MARK BOYES-WATSON: That is set well away from the

edge of the garage in order to mitigate that and absorb that

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request.

What we're showing -- and if you go then to the elevations, what we're showing is a trellis on which to grow, like a Euonymus or something like that. You can see it clearly in the main front elevation there, where it says, "5-foot-high screen fence." So we did memorialize that discussion.

I think that precise sort of openness and degree of materiality of it I think it has come up again in recent discussions. And I know that Lauren is very open to getting that right. But we've tried to memorialize --

JANET GREEN: I know.

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MARK BOYES-WATSON: -- where we thought we were in the drawings.

LAUREN HARDER: I think if I understand Tian correctly, it's a combination of wanting to preserve some of the views at the top end, but have a buffer for noise with a green element at the lower end. Is that correct?

JANET GREEN: Is the neighbor still on the phone?

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Yeah, I'm going to ask the same question. Is the neighbor still on the phone? Sisia, do we know whether the neighbor -- or --

TIAN ONG: Sorry, yes. Yeah. Lauren has it.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay.

TIAN ONG: But it's a tradeoff between -- you know, a combination of factors and trying to maximize a solution that can address everything.

LAUREN HARDER: So this screen has an openness at the top, and we would provide the green element at the bottom, keeping it open at the bottom as well if wanted, or just having the buffer of bushes or growing something.

I mean I think I indicated that we would make that a condition of the relief, should it be granted.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Is the neighbor still on the phone, does she have any comments?

TIAN ONG: Yeah. So Lauren and I have spoken about this. I can't speak on behalf of the other units, so there are six units in total in our building. And then, so, like, we're -- I haven't gotten feedback from them yet, so I don't know what their thoughts are on this.

Essentially, like, the garage area will -- if you look down, it looks into the 62,64 Hurley -- like the back decks and the courtyard. So I think, you know, if there's some sort of solution that Lauren and I can work together on that will help address privacy and noise and view issues,

then I think that that sounds like a reasonable workaround?

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I hate to keep saying this

-- and I really do mean that -- it's getting, we need more -
with regard to the roof deck over the garage, there needs

to be a better address of that problem, and how exactly it's

going to impact the neighbors.

I think we're beyond the roof deck on the structure itself. I believe -- you can correct me if I'm wrong -- I believe you've agreed to withdraw that. So that's off the table.

But I'm not sure there's a good understanding of what you're going to do with regard to privacy, with respect to the roof deck over the garage, with the stuff we have before us for tonight. Now, it just doesn't address it.

You have a neighbor who has expressed some concerns about it. So --

LAUREN HARDER: I mean, I think --

MARK BOYES-WATSON: Gus, the -- Mr. Chairman, the -- I think that the drawings do show that screen fence. I think that this question that you're right, it's that I think more recently Lauren, if I understand it right, is the notion that maybe it would be a little bit more open. And

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if that is too much uncertainty, the screen is kind of there in the drawings.

And I think Lauren is happy to commit to building it in whatever fashion is needed for the neighbor. Because it would be nice -- I mean, we could, it sounds like I thought we were very close to an agreement on how this would go, but maybe if it's too much uncertainty, it's too much uncertainty, but the screen is shown on the drawings, is what I'm saying, a five-foot screen.

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Yeah. This is Brendan Sullivan. It appears to me that the plans need to be reworked --

MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yes.

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: -- that the area over the garage deck screening et al needs to have further discussions and memorialized on the plan with the neighbor. And also, there seems to be other people who have an interest in it, other than the lady who called it.

So we're not going to resolve it tonight, and I think it just needs to be continued, consider the issues that were raised, the issues that still needed to be resolved, and come back with a modified plan.

1 LAUREN HARDER: Okay. 2 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: That would be my suggestion. 3 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Well, I concur with that 4 suggestion. I think it's -- we have no choice. We just 5 don't have enough information with regard to the deck over 6 the garage. 7 It's easy to just say you can eliminate the 8 penthouse, the roof deck on the house, you just x it out. But we need more detail, and we need more discussion with 9 10 your neighbors with regard to the deck over the garage. And therefore, you need to continue the case. 11 Other members of the Board beside Brendan have any 12 views on this? 13 14 JANET GREEN: I agree with the Chair. And I 15 think, Lauren, that -- I mean I think it's really important 16 in these really crowded areas to have an outdoor 17 opportunity. 18 And it seems to me that really what we're talking 19 about is it's not the outdoor opportunity so much as it is 20 the 5-foot-high screen walls doesn't seem to accomplish the

So I don't think it's the -- from my point of

privacy that's needed in such a dense area.

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              CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I think we have support
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    petitioner and her architect are aware, when would -- if we
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     continue this case, Sisia, when would the earliest date we
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               SISIA DAGLIAN: Probably September 24.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: We can do it by the
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               SISIA DAGLIAN:
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: We have room.
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               SLATER ANDERSON: I'm not around. I'm not here
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SLATER ANDERSON: Possibly -- I mean, I have plans
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               SLATER ANDERSON: Right.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Eight.
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               SISIA DAGLIAN: One, two, three, yeah we already
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     have --
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Would everybody be
     available for the eighth?
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               SLATER ANDERSON: Yes.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Yeah, and I think the
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     answer is yes around.
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               BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Brendan Sullivan, yes.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: And I'll say yes.
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              JANET GREEN: Yes, I'm available.
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              CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Jim. Yes, I'm available.
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               JANET GREEN: Eighth.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Basically two weeks later.
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               LAUREN HARDER: I'm fine with that date.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I'm sorry?
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               LAUREN HARDER: October 8 is a good date.
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     Chair is ready to make a motion, finally. The Chair moves
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     that we continue this case as a case heard until 7:00 p.m.
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     on October 8, subject to the following conditions:
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Ordinarily, if we were meeting in person, we would have a piece of paper we would flash out, and the petitioner could sign and we would be done. We don't have that in this day of the pandemic.

So the condition on the signing of a waiver of time for a decision will be that the waiver must be signed within one week from today. If the waiver is not signed by that time, the petition will be denied and there will be no case for two years, unless there's something dramatically different.

So I don't think it should present a problem, but you have to get -- the petitioner has to get in touch with the institution -- with Sisia, and get a waiver of time for decision until October 8.

The second condition is that the posting sign that you have up now must be -- a new one must be put up reflecting the new date, October 8, new time 7:00 p.m. and that sign must be maintained for the 14 days prior to the hearing, as you've done now.

And lastly, to the extent there will be new plans

MARK BOYES-WATSON: Yes

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              CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: -- specifications and the
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    like, which there will be, it would appear, those must be in
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    the files of the Inspectional Services Department no later
    than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before October 8.
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              All those in favor of continuing the case on this
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               BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Brendan Sullivan, yes to
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Slater?
               JANET GREEN: Janet Green, yes to continue.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER:
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: Jim Monteverde, yes to continue.
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               SLATER ANDERSON: Slater Anderson, yes to
     continue.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: And I vote yes to
     continue.
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               So the case is continued and we see everybody in
     October.
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13 Lopez Avenue Cambridge, MA 02141 October 4, 2020

## BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

City of Cambridge Zoning Board of Appeal 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

RE:

66 Hurley Street – BZA Case No. 017274-2020

Variance - Roof Deck

Dear Sir/Madam:

After having to listen to my drucken young neighbors, whose loud voices carried throughout the block late Saturday night – early Sunday morning as they were having a grand time in the back yard and on the larger than normal second floor fire escape landing of their Third Street apartment until the Police arrived, I was reminded to write this letter to request that you please not grant a variance for the roof decks at 66 Hurley Street, particularly, the third floor roof deck.

As you know our neighborhood is very dense and in most cases homes abut one another. Noise, even at normal conversational levels, travels very well in our neighborhood especially at night. A roof deck on a flat roof top with no mature trees for shade would generally not be used during the day as it would be too hot. This leaves the use of the roof deck predominantly to evening hours. More noise, more frustration, more calls to the police – a waste of everyone's resources.

There is a very nice park and community garden that abuts this property. If the occupants of this property want fresh air, then can go out the front or back door and sit in the park, where they will find benches, grass, trees, sun and shade.

In this case, I do not believe that there is a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise to this petitioner that out-weights the substantial detriment to the public good (including neighbor's privacy concerns that I will not address in this letter). I respectfully request that you do not grant this Variance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Roberta Goto



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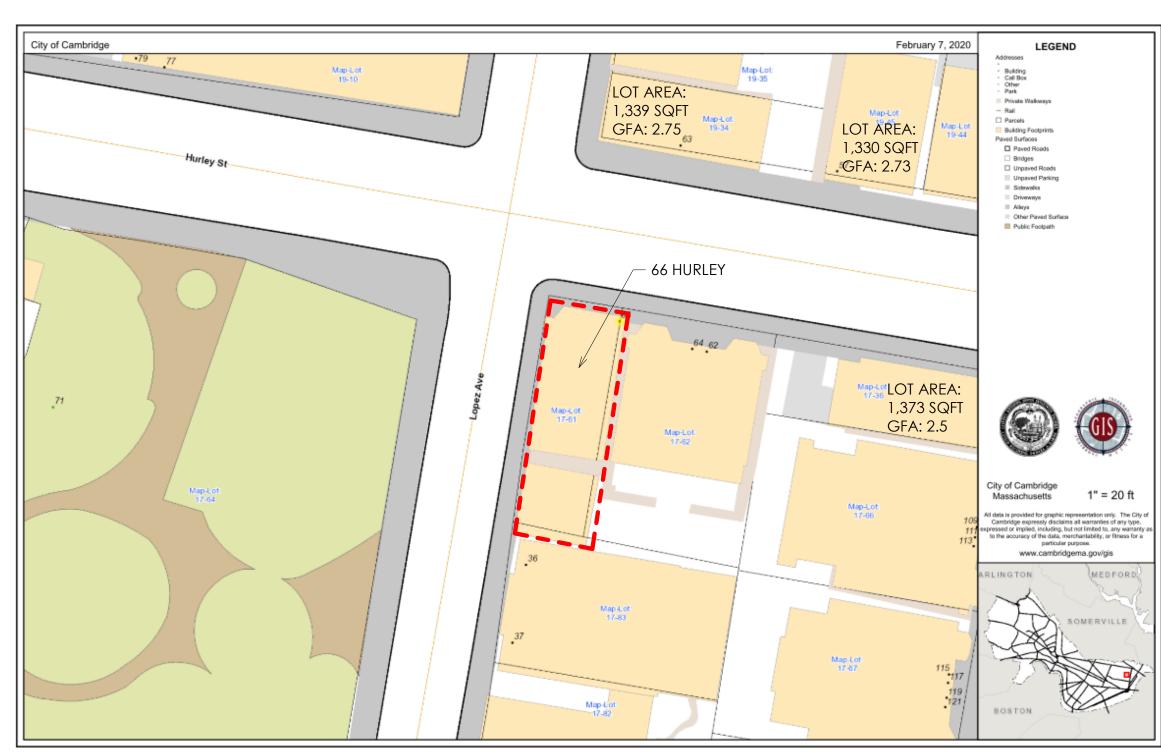
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SOUTHWEST FROM LOPEZ AVENUE



EAST FROM HURLEY STREET



62-64 HURLEY STREET (LEFT), 66 HURLEY STREET (RIGHT)

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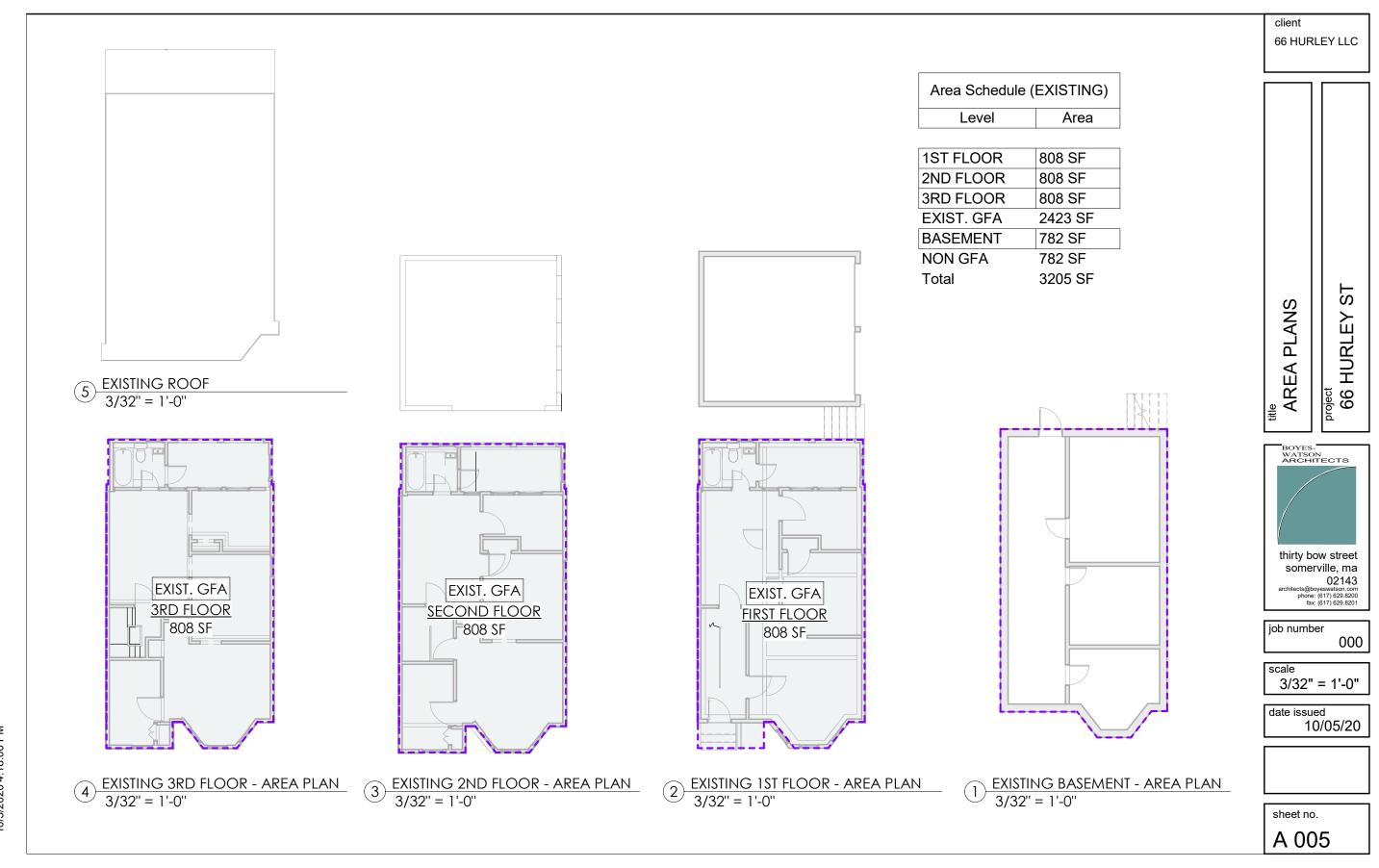
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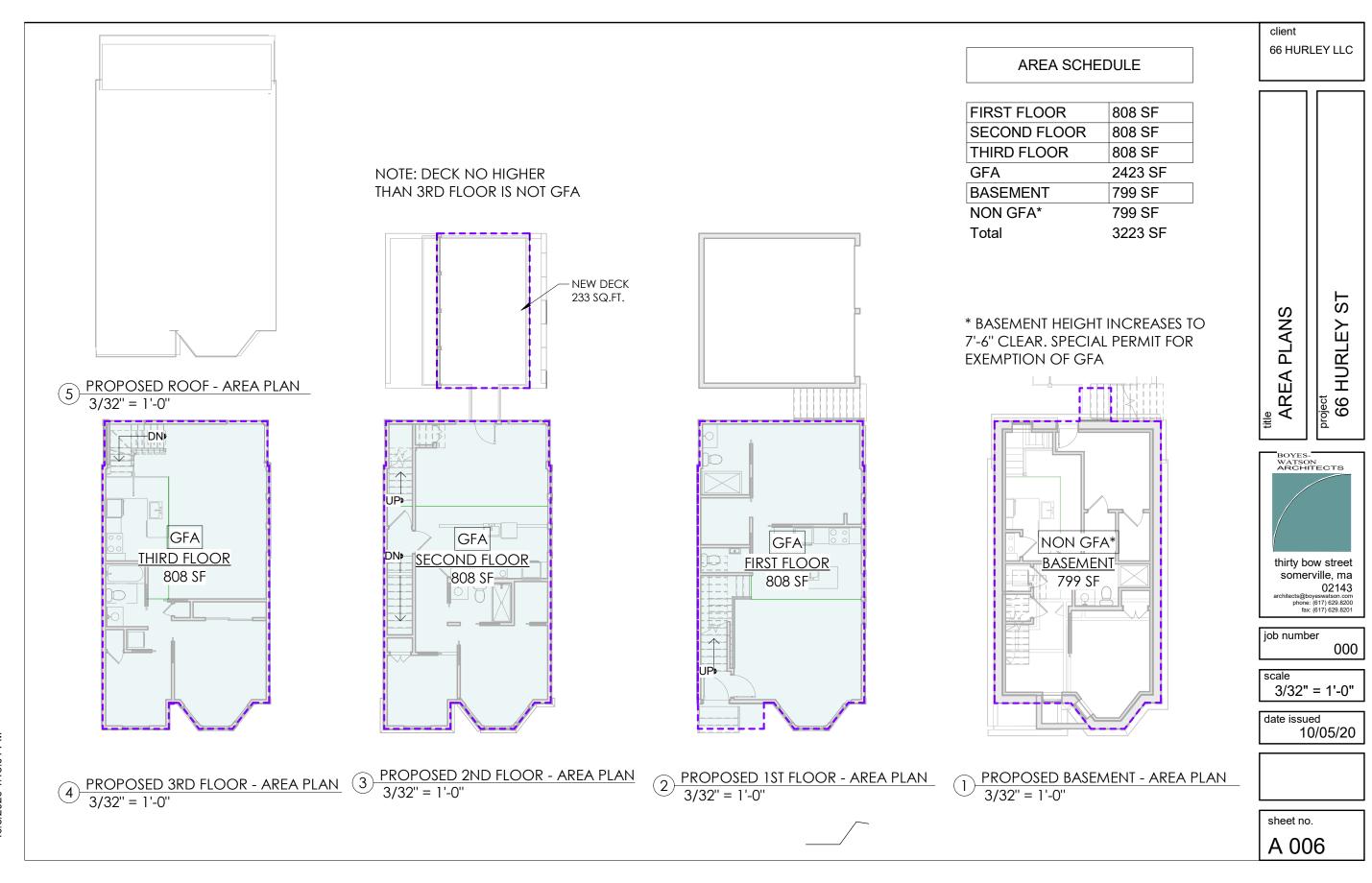
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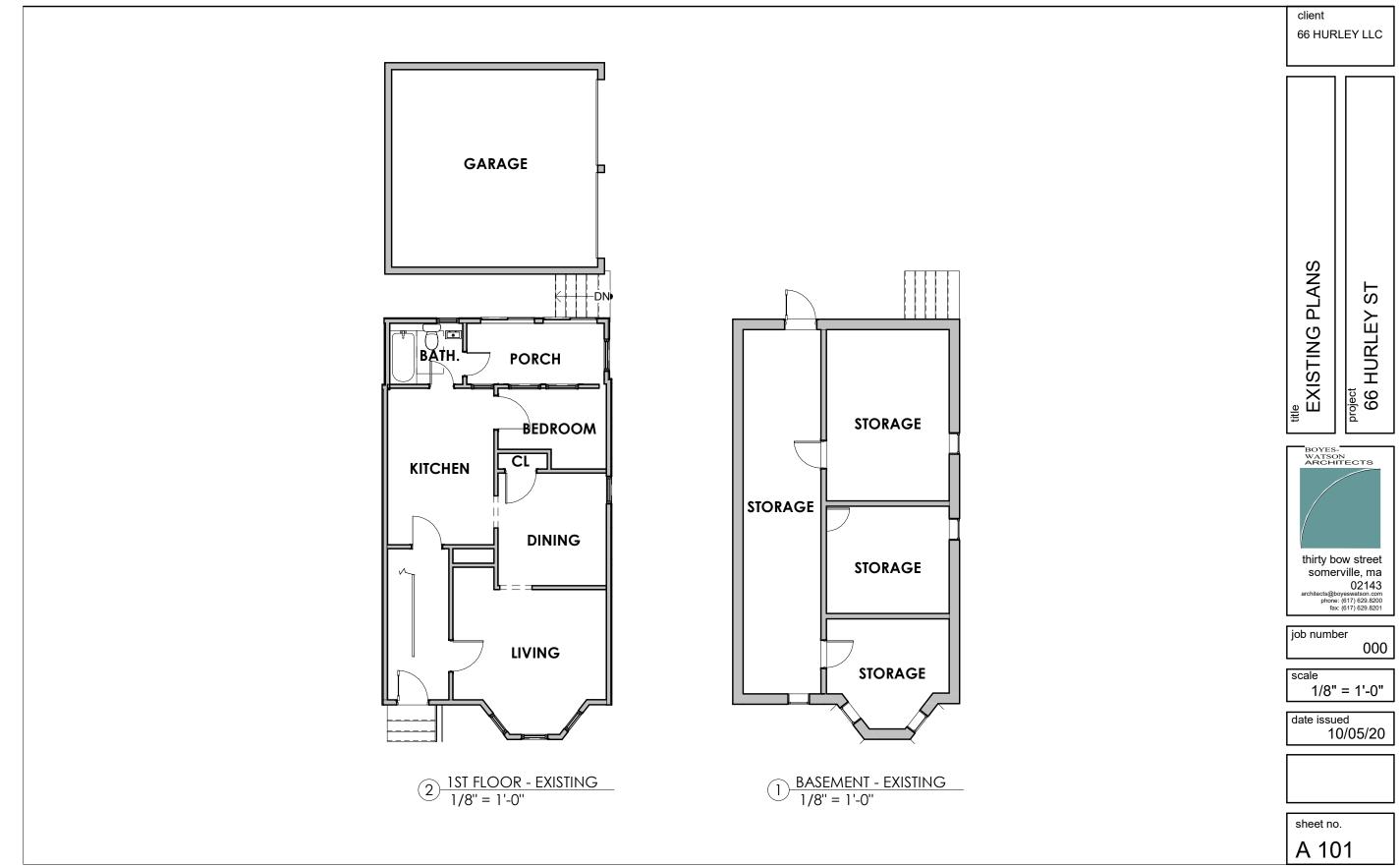
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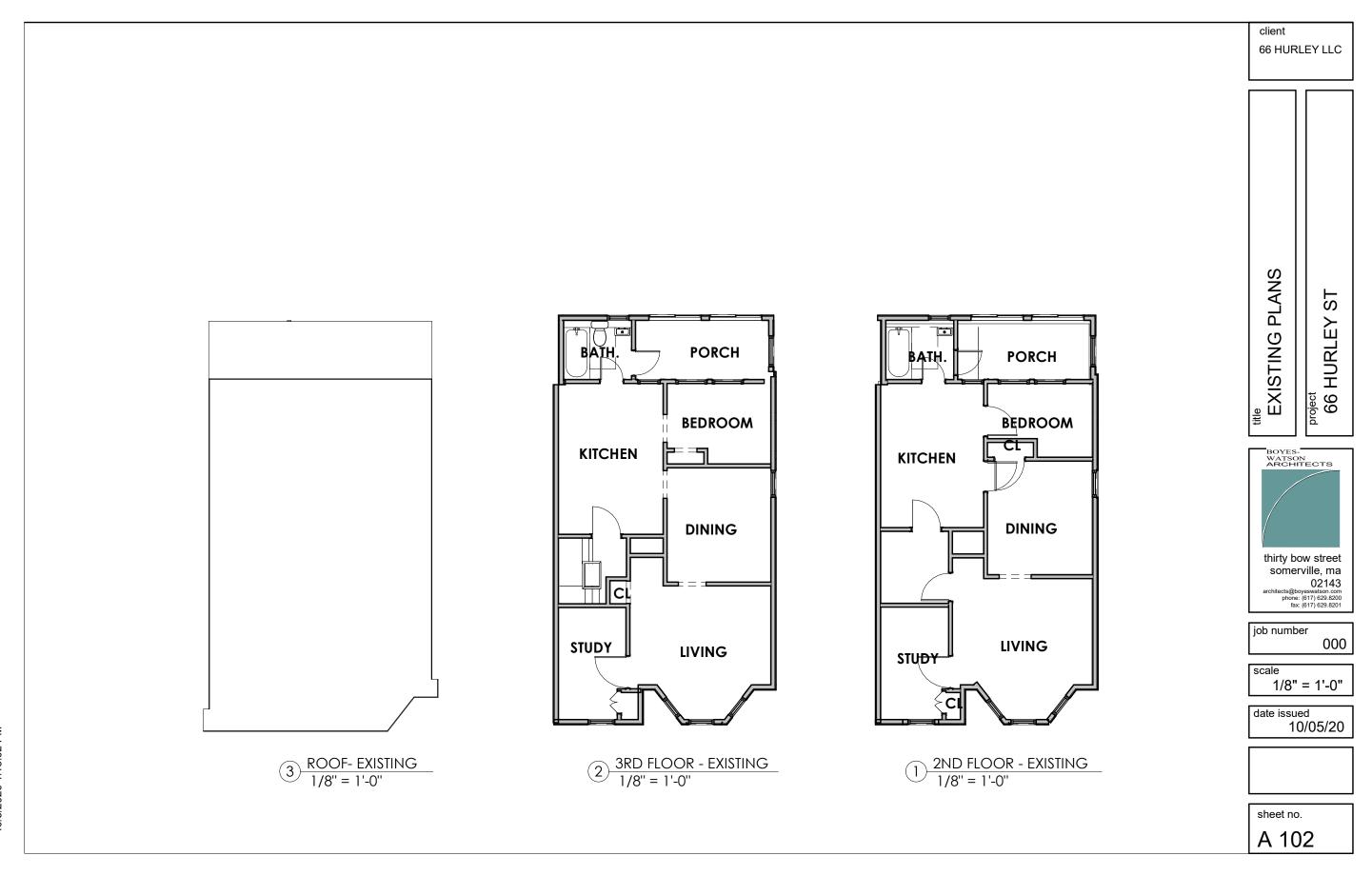
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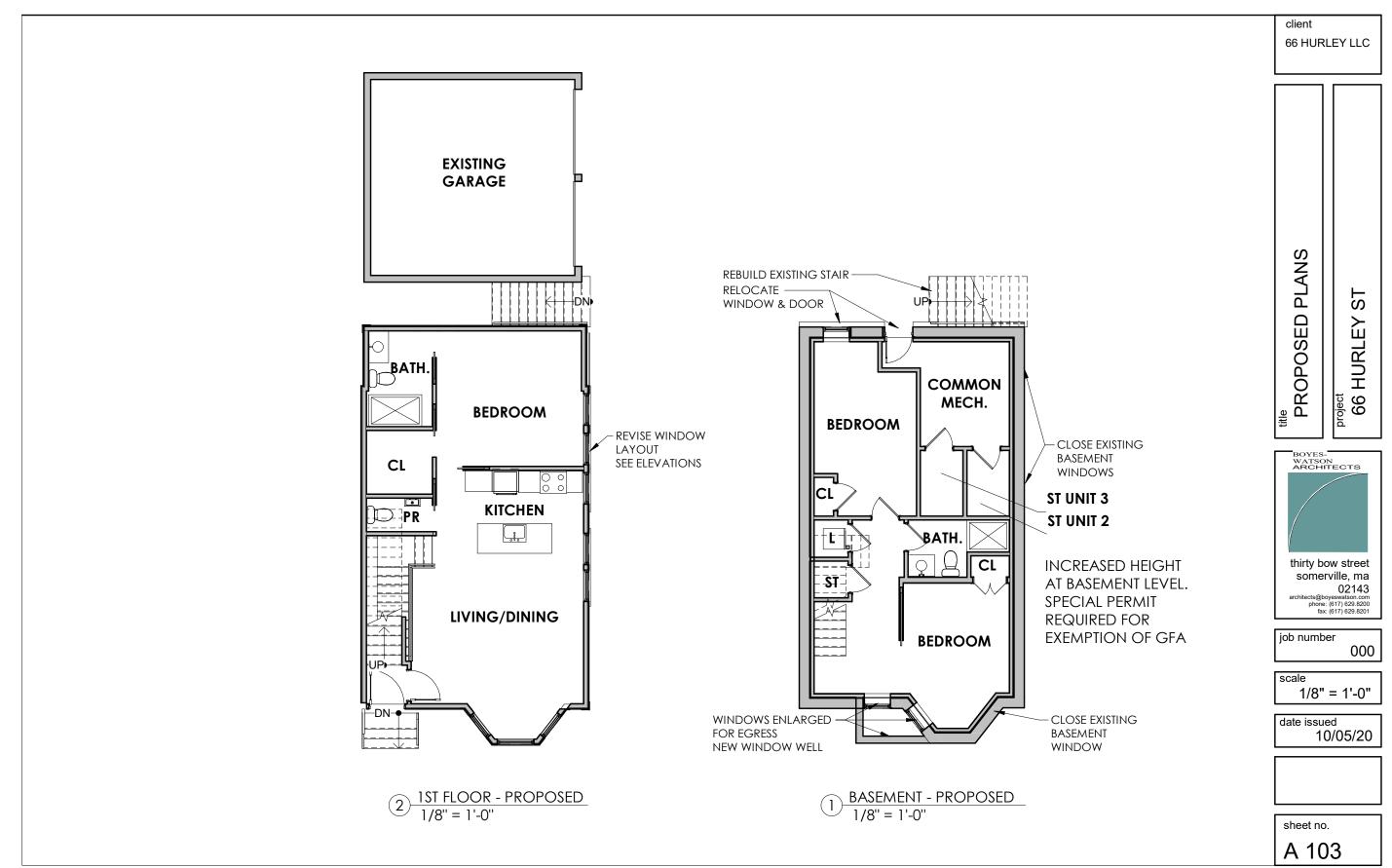
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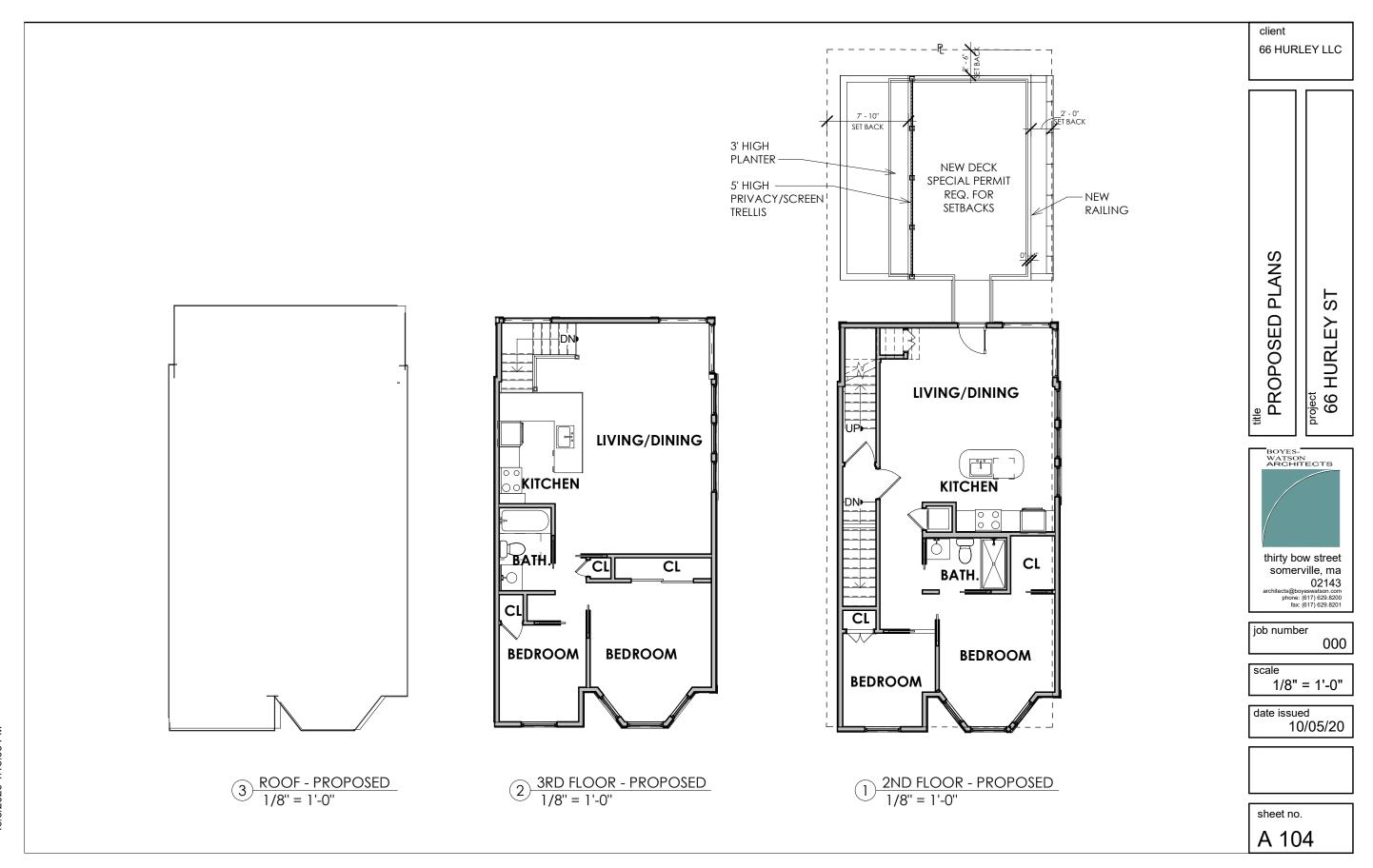
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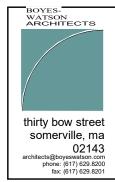
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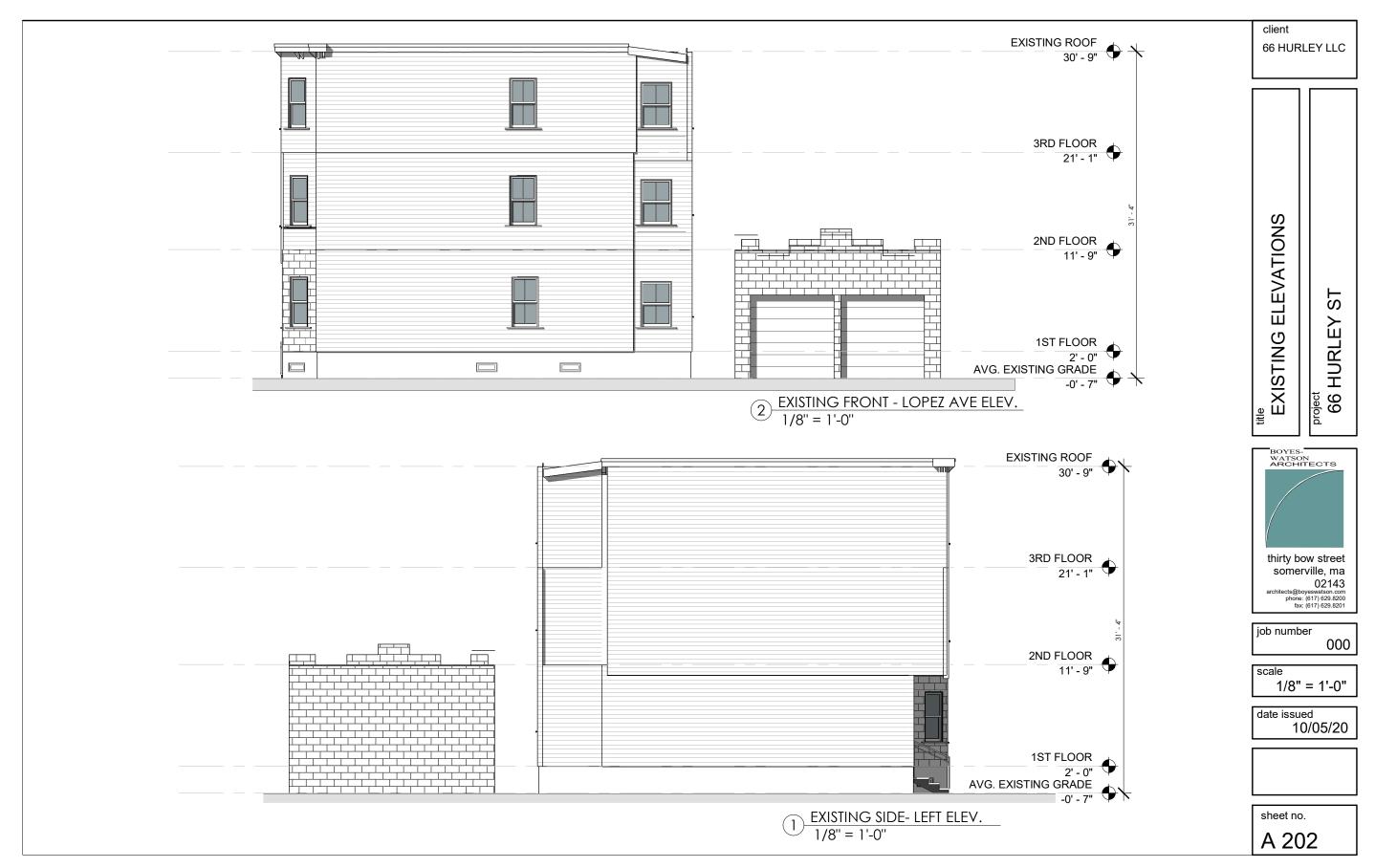
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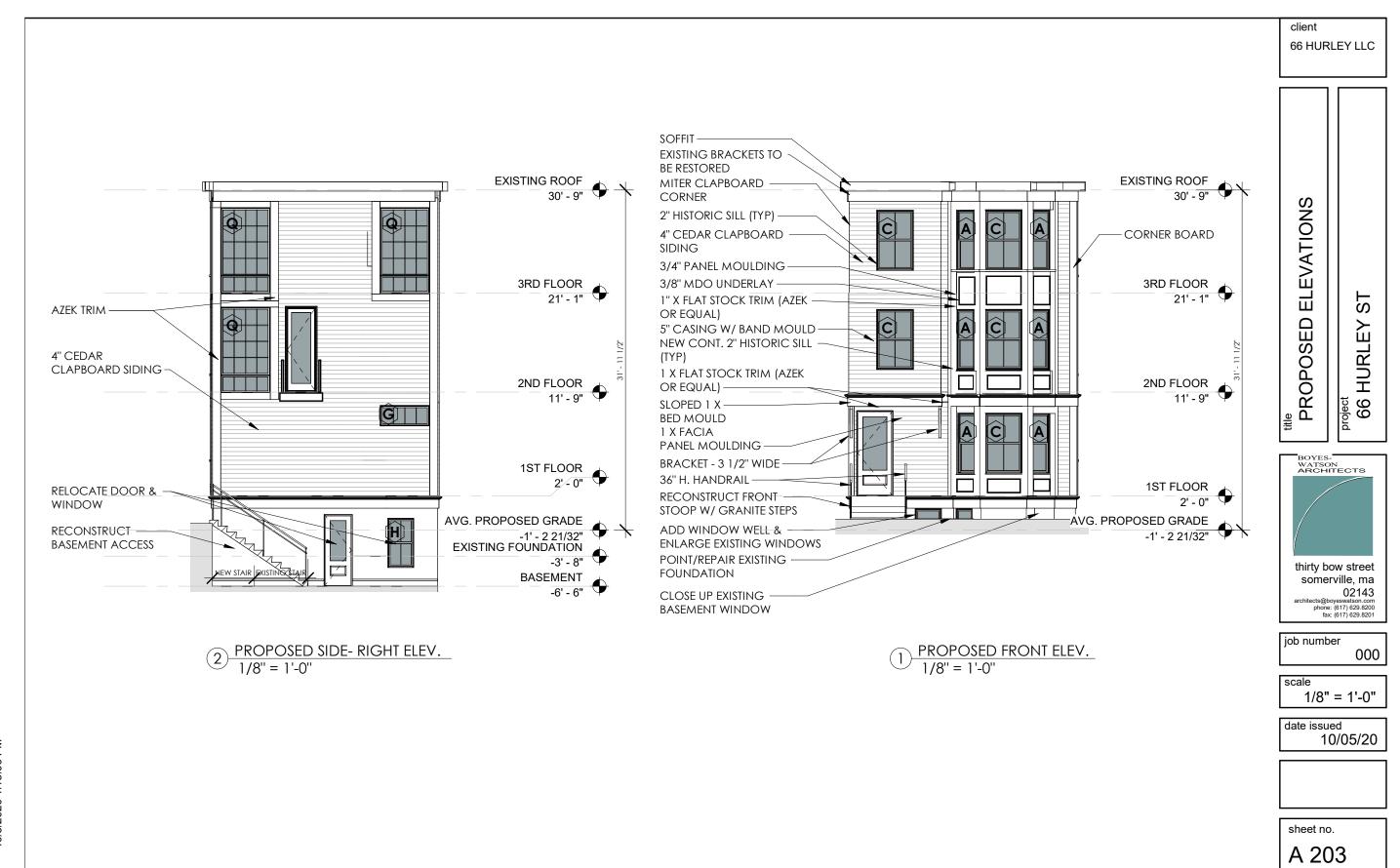
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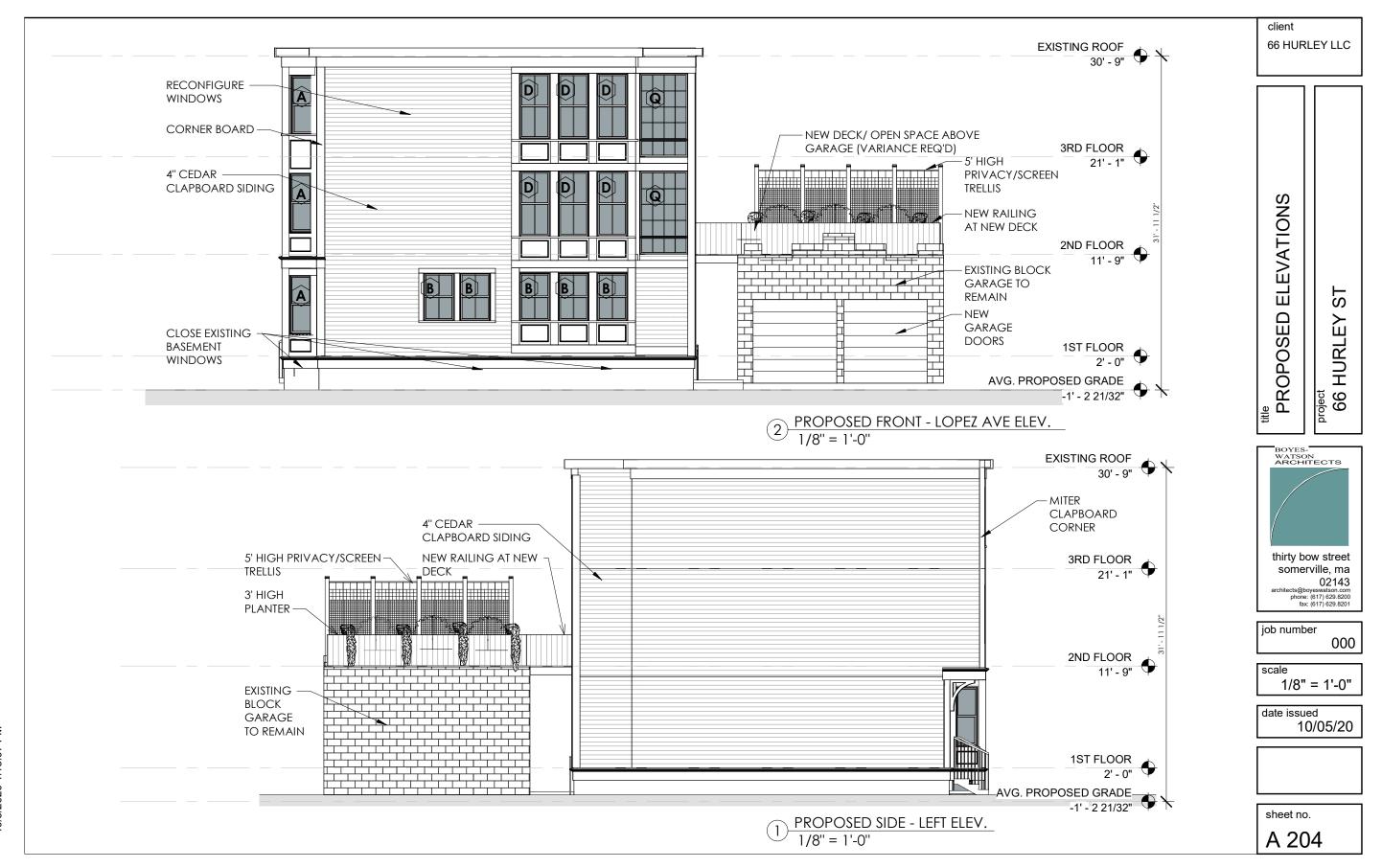
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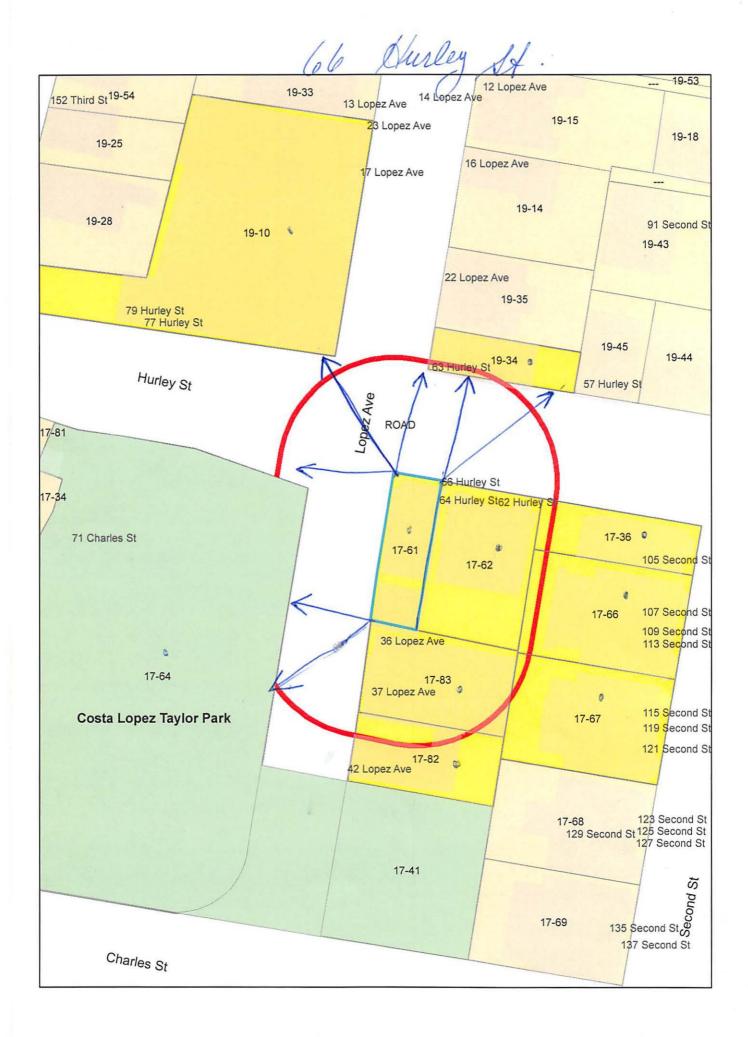
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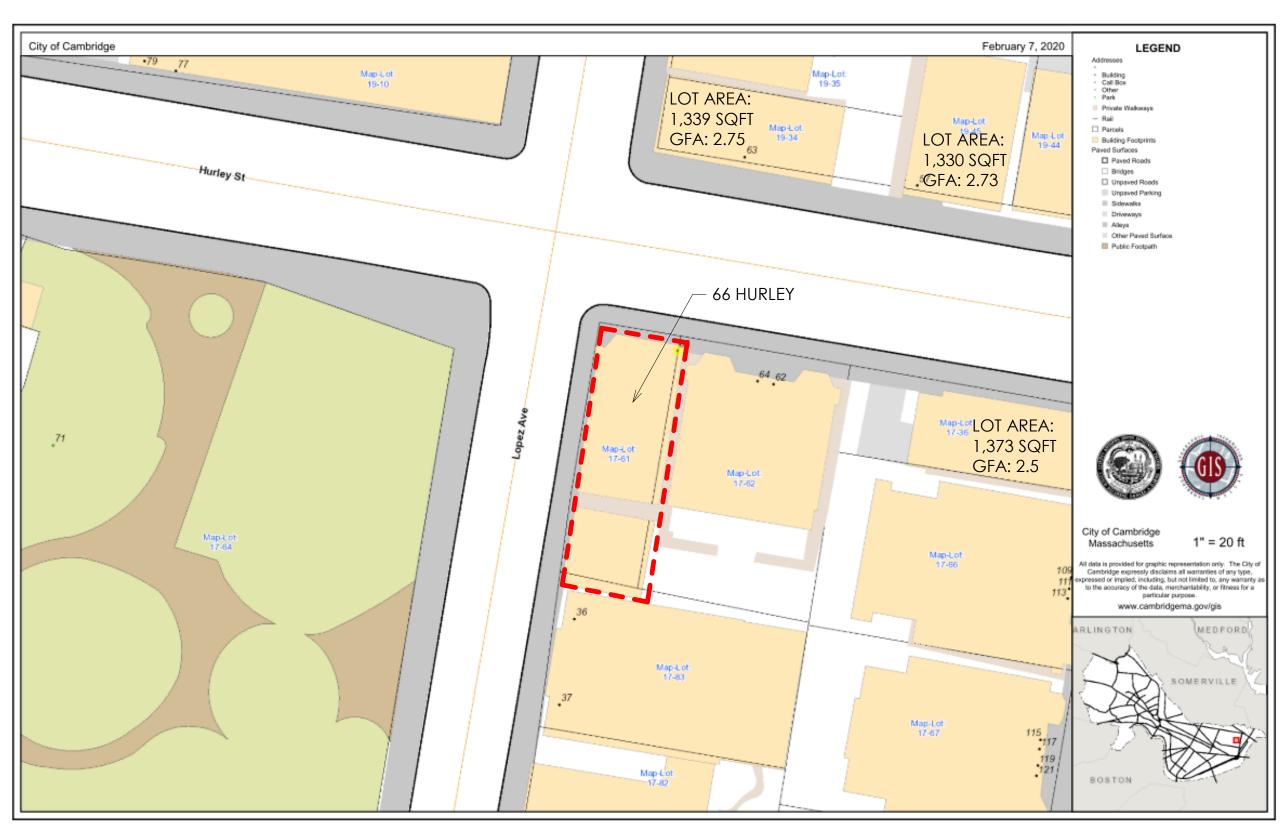
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EAST FROM HURLEY STREET



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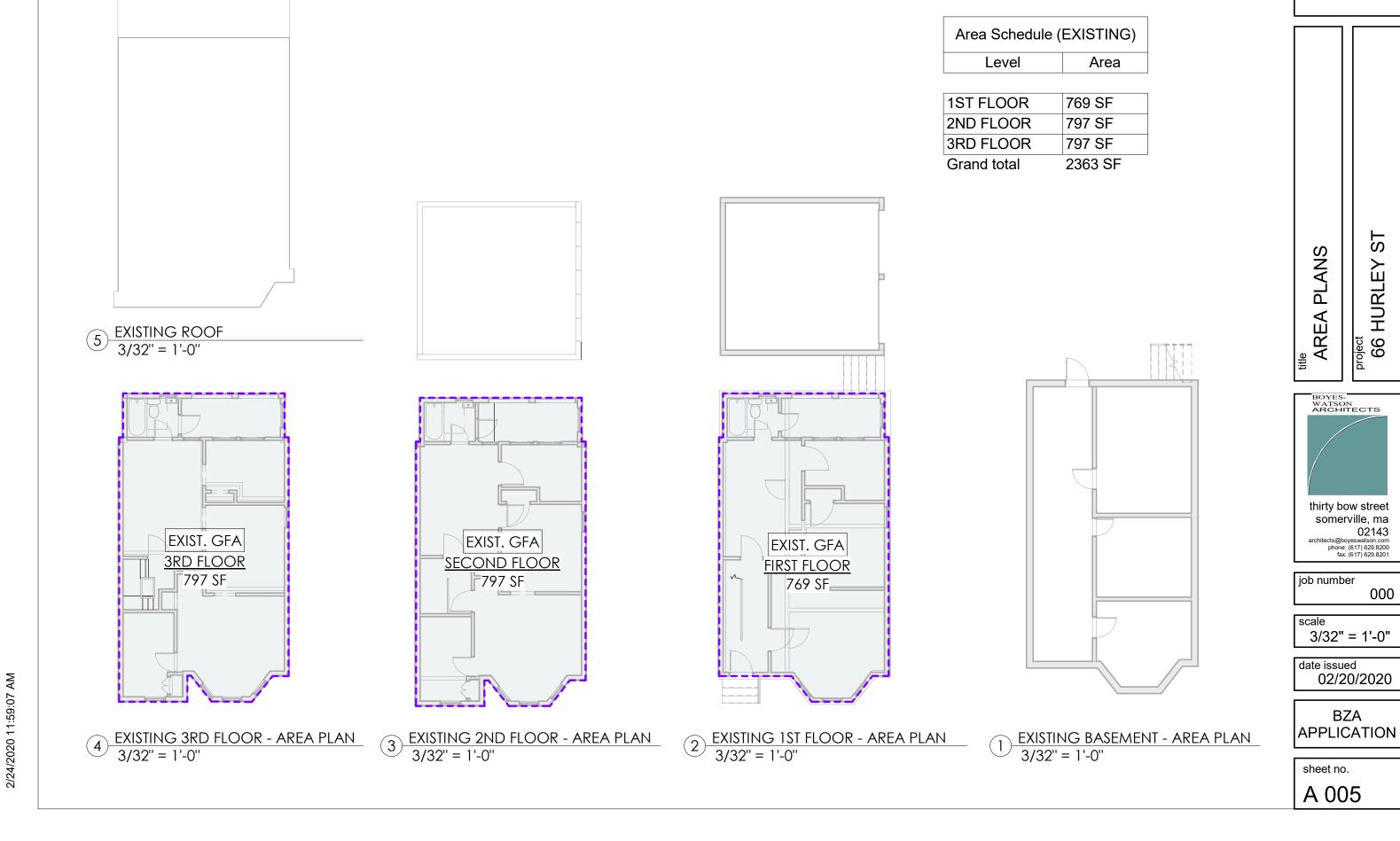
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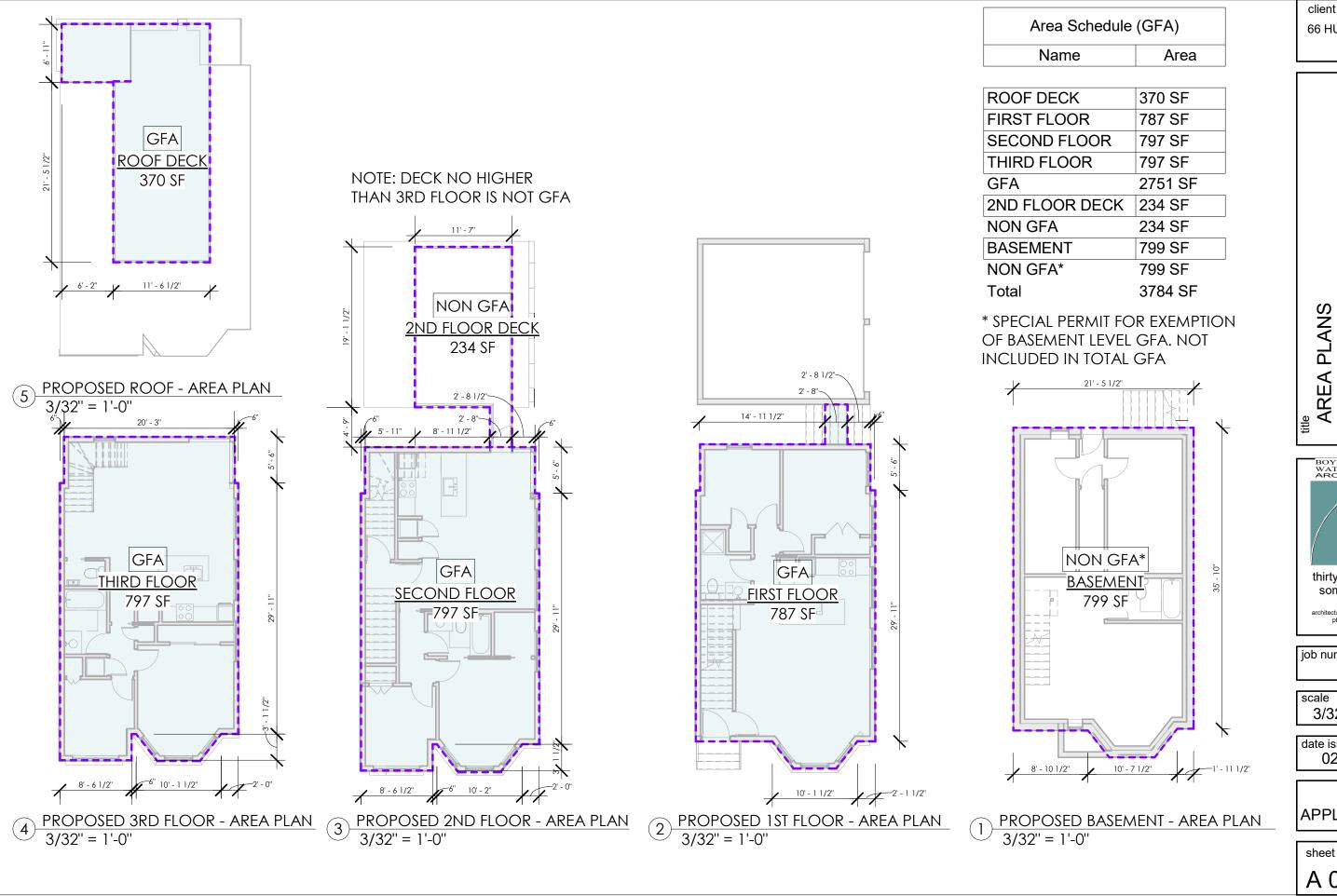
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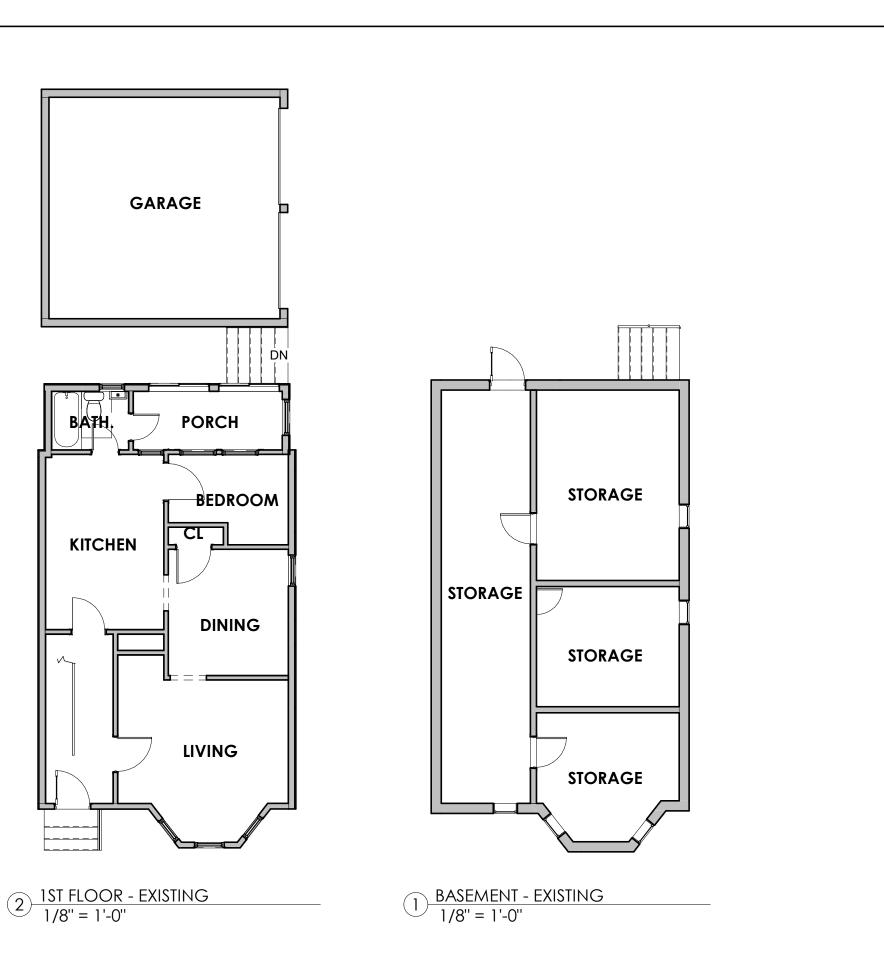
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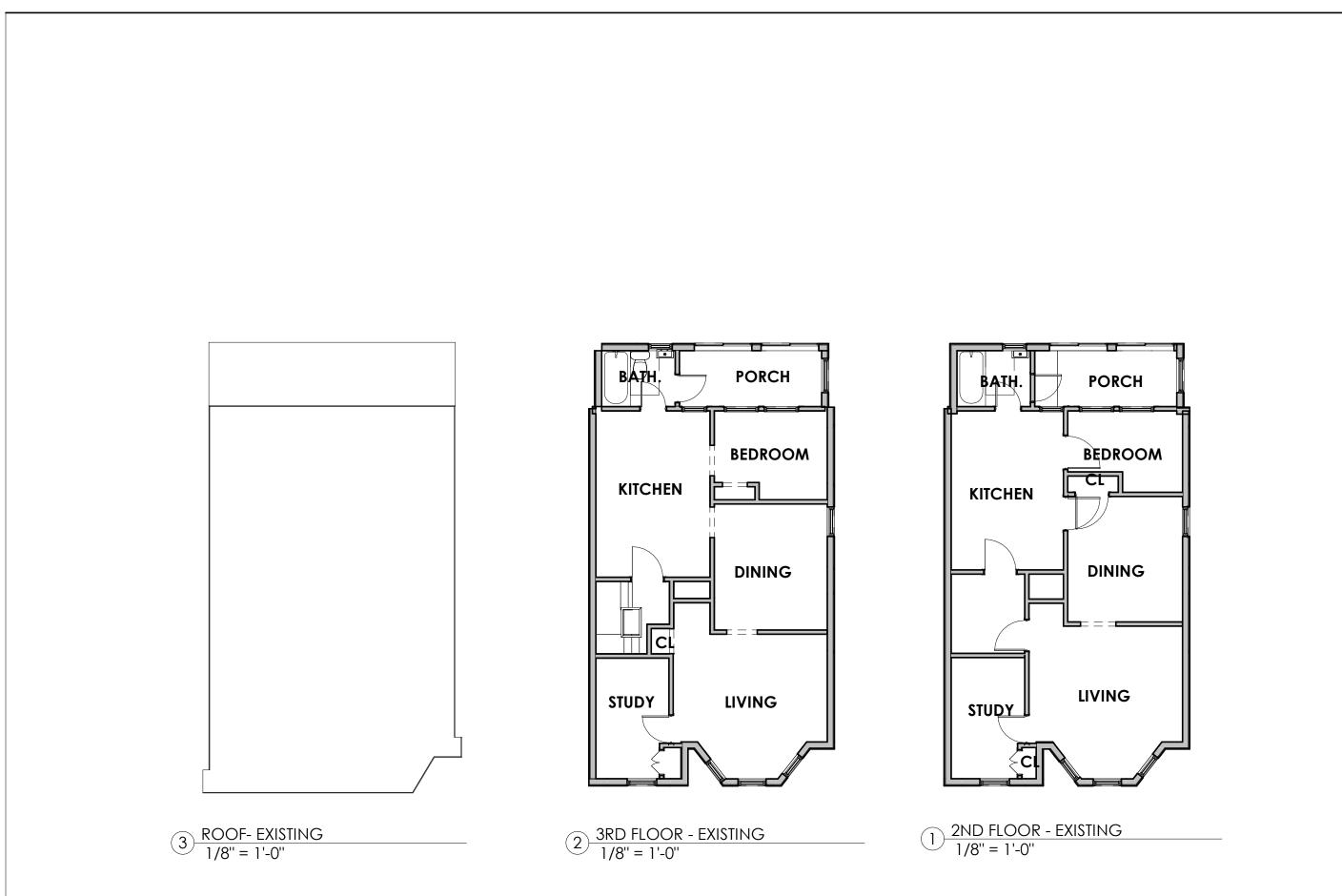
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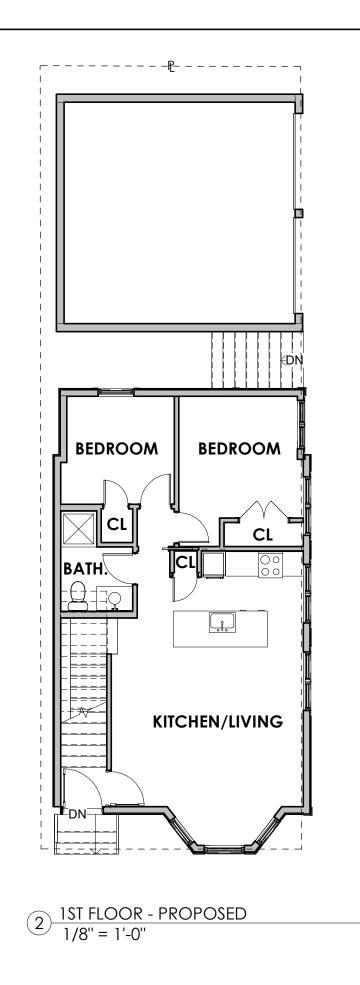
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OFFICE

UNIT 3

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MECH.

BATH.

**BEDROOM** 

UNIT 1

– GFA ADDED IN

BASEMENT LEVEL.

SPECIAL PERMIT

**REQUIRED** 

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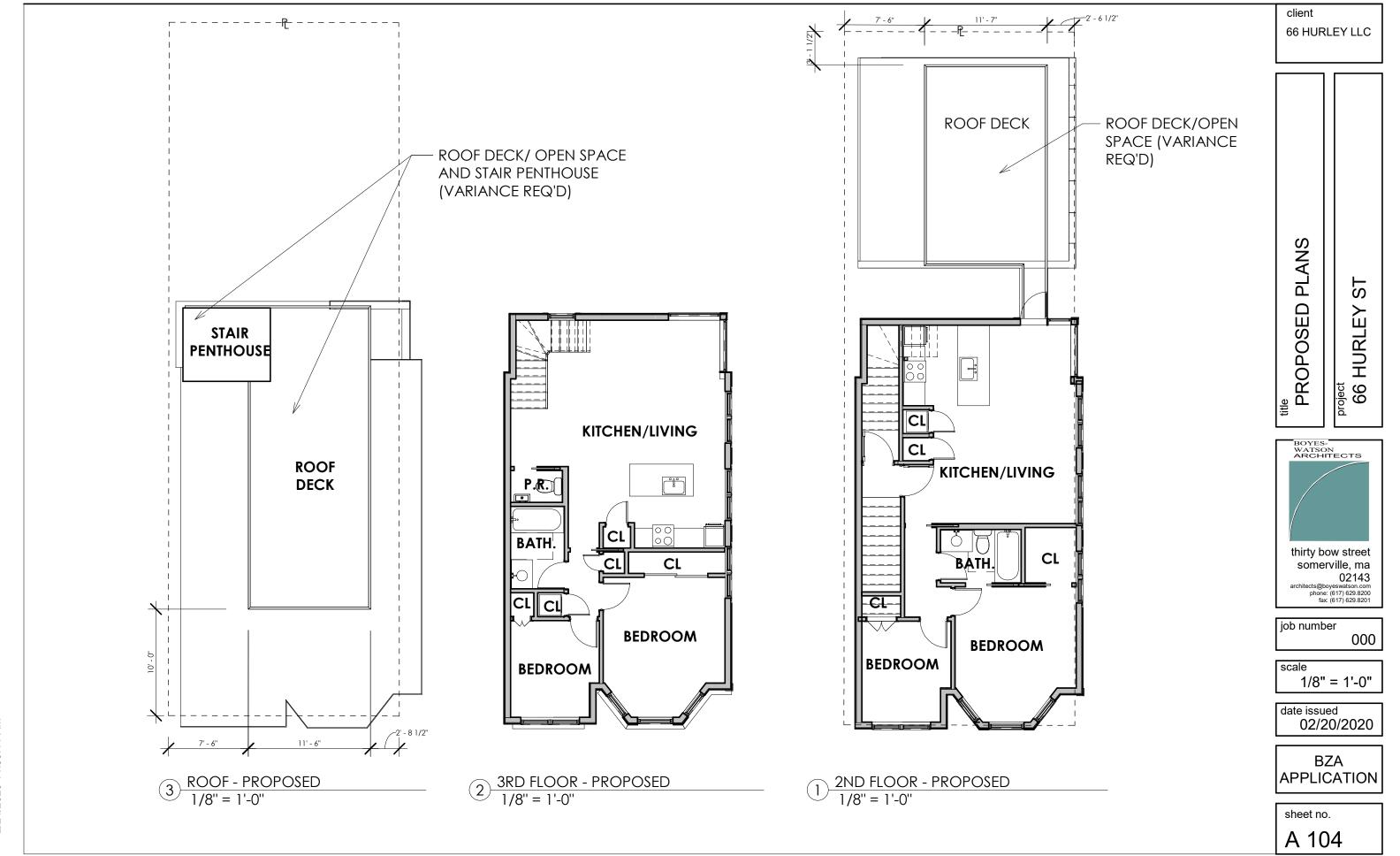
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1/8" = 1'-0"

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HURLEY

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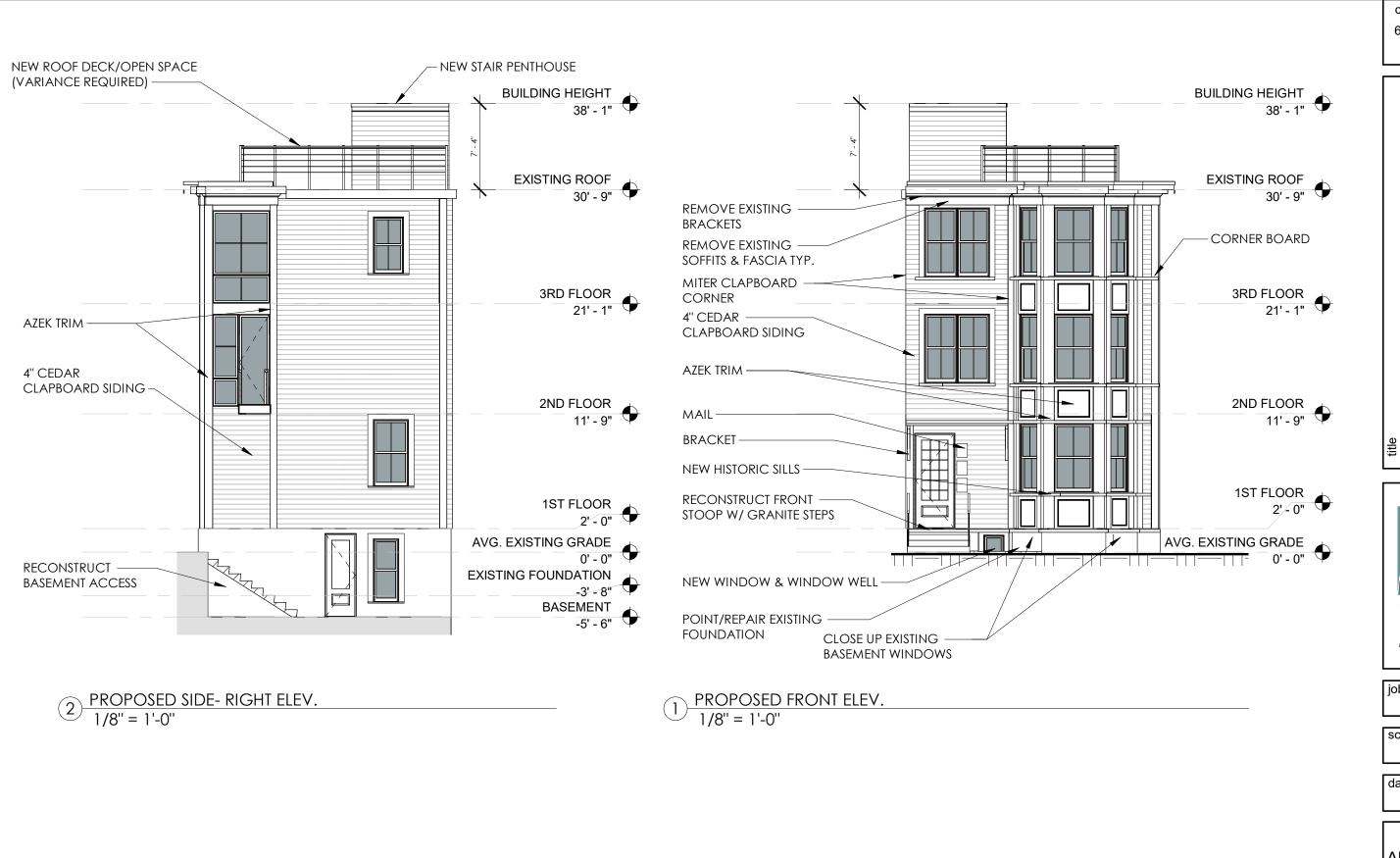
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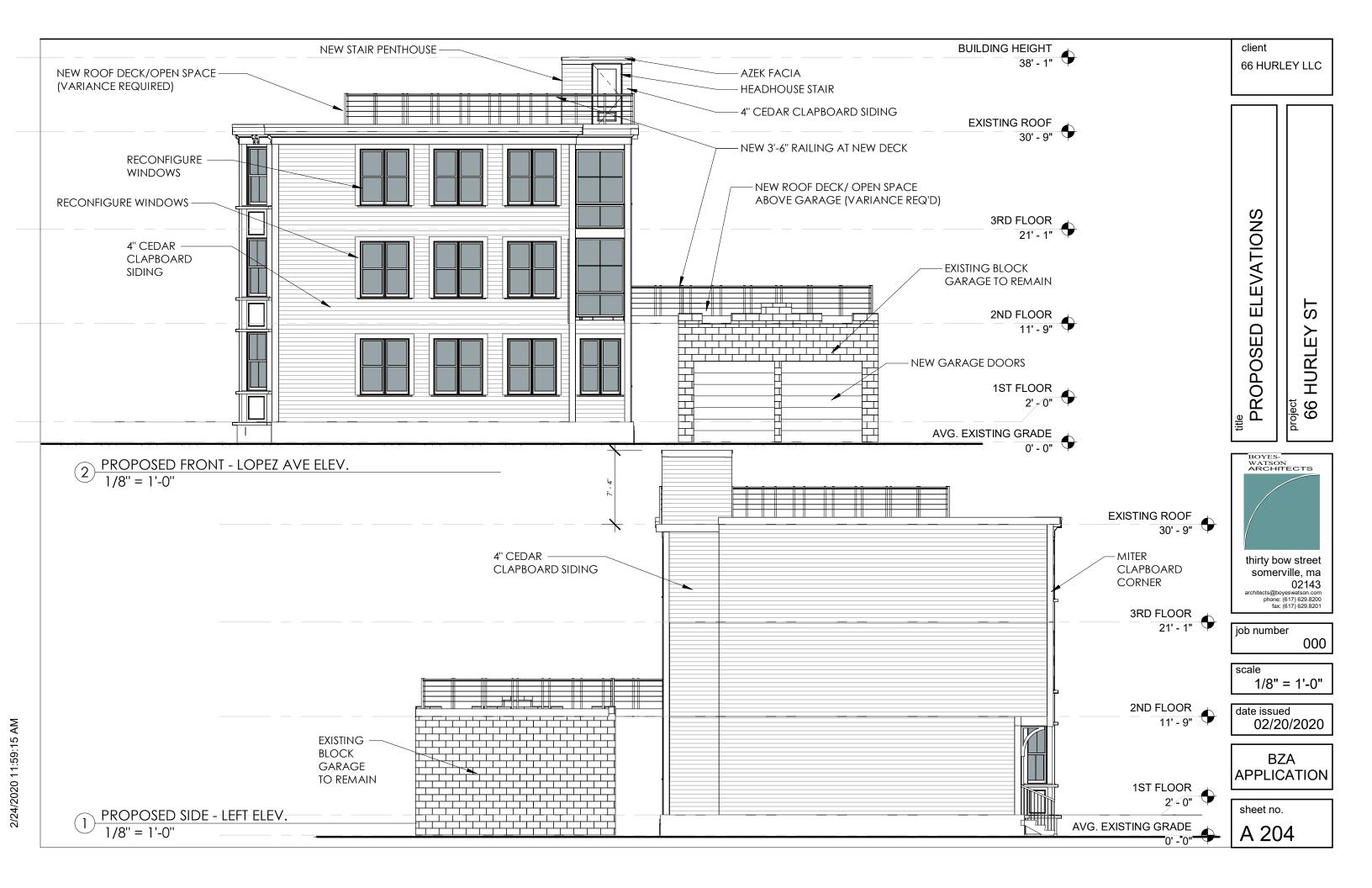
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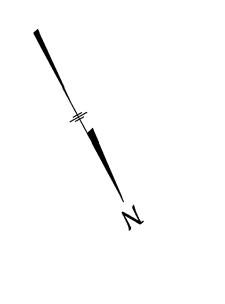
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CURRENT OWNER: SIDNEY AND CAROL ALFONSO REVOCABLE TRUST

TITLE REFERENCE: BK 72356 PG 168

PLAN REFERENCE: 1097 OF 2003 & LCC 11816B

THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED WITHOUT A FULL TITLE EXAMINATION AND IS NOT A CERTIFICATION TO THE TITLE OF THE LANDS SHOWN. THE OWNERSHIP OF ABUTTING PROPERTIES IS ACCORDING TO ASSESSORS RECORDS. THIS PLAN MAY OR MAY NOT SHOW ALL ENCUMBRANCES WHETHER EXPRESSED, IMPLIED OR PRESCRIPTIVE.

#### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION:

#### TO: LAUREN HARDER

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN AND THE SURVEY ON WHICH IT IS BASED WERE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE PRACTICES OF LAND SURVEYORS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR A PLAN AND SURVEY OF THIS TYPE. THIS CERTIFICATION IS MADE ONLY TO THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUAL(S) AND IS NULL AND VOID UPON ANY FURTHER CONVEYANCE OF THIS PLAN.

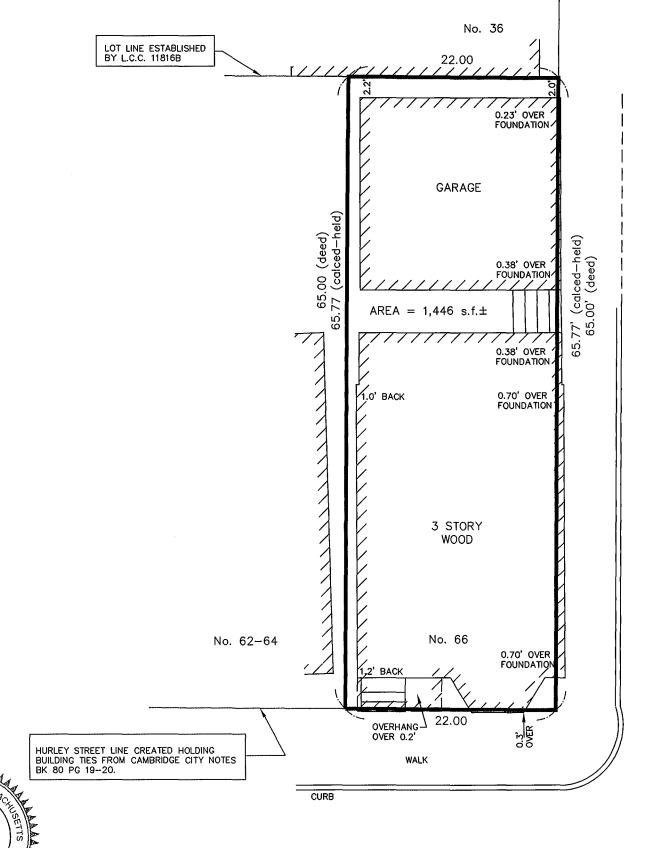
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## CITY OF CAMBRIDG

Massachusetts
BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL
831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA.
617) 349-6100

April 15, 2020

66 Hurley Street LLC C/o Lauren Harder P.O. BOX 381092 Cambridge, MA 02238

RE: <u>66 Hurley Street – BZA-017274-2020</u>

Dear Ms. Harder,

I am writing to you in regard to your above up-coming Board of Zoning Appeal Hearing.

At this time the City will not be holding any non-essential public meetings due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the City Manager's closure of all City buildings to non-essential business. On April 3, 2020, the Governor signed into law Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020 ("Act"), which extends all land use permitting deadlines until after the State of Emergency is lifted. In light of the extensions provided for in the Act and the closure of City buildings, at this time the Board of Zoning Appeal will be rescheduling all public hearings in accordance with the extensions permitted under the Act. You will receive notice of the new date, once the hearing is rescheduled.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely

Maria Pacheco

Administrative Assistant



# City of Cambridge

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Thank you, Bza Members



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

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Thank you, Bza Members



### CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

# PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

July 9, 2020

To:

The Board of Zoning Appeal

From:

The Planning Board

RE:

BZA cases to be heard on July 23, 2020.

The Planning Board have no comments on the cases listed on the BZA agenda.

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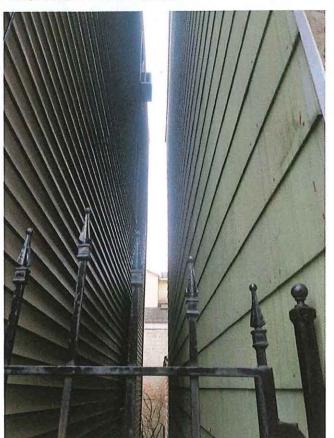
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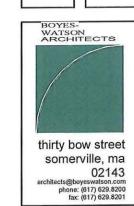


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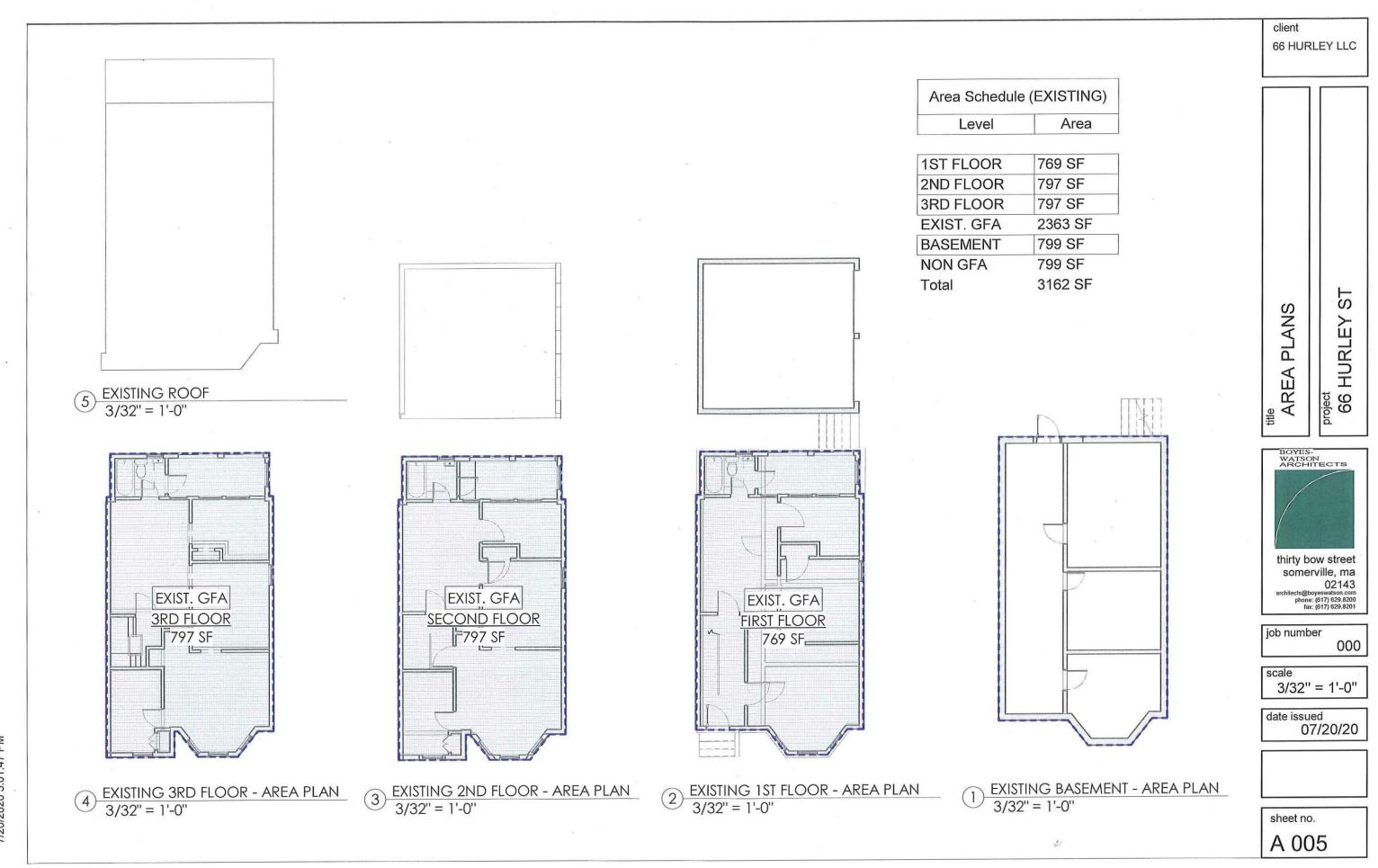


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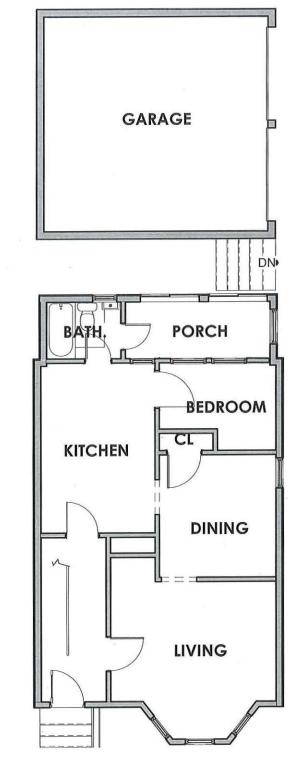
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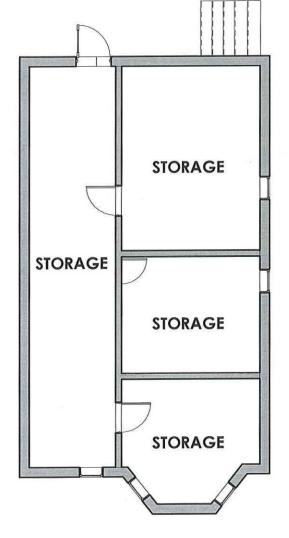


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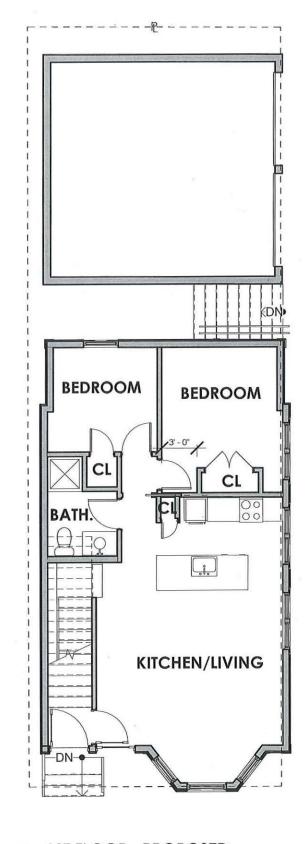
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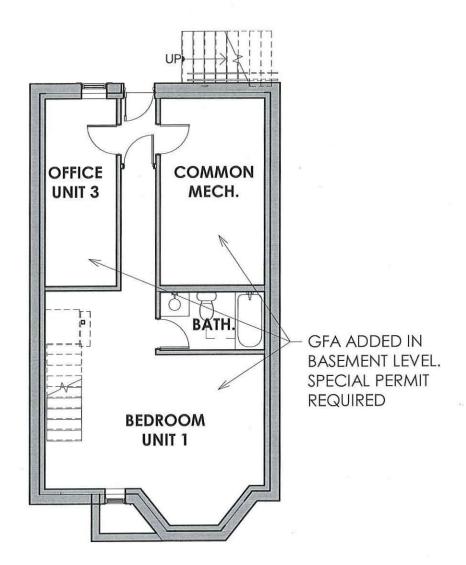
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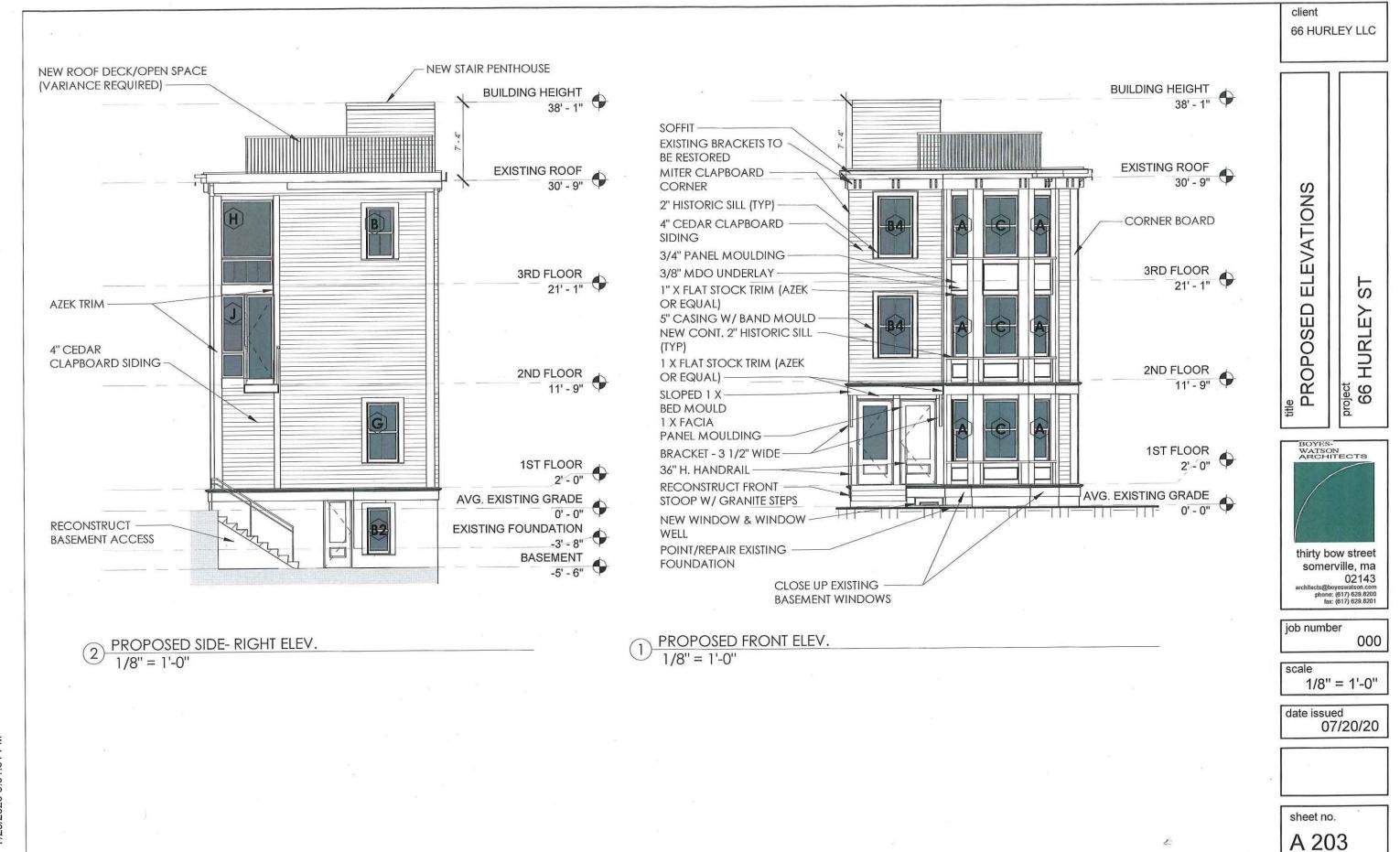
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