

DATE: August 17, 2016

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO:

Design Review Commission

FROM:

Sean K. Gallegos, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT:

16-SC-25 - 1480 Elnora Court

RECOMMENDATION:

Continue design review application 16-SC-25 per the recommended direction

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a design review application for a two-story addition to a one-story house. The project includes an addition of 158 square feet on the first story and 609 square feet on the second story. The following table summarizes the project's technical details:

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION:

Single-Family, Residential

ZONING:

R1-10

PARCEL SIZE:

14,288 square feet

MATERIALS:

Composition shingle roof, board and batten panel

siding, wood clad aluminum windows and wood trim

	Existing	Proposed	Allowed/Required
LOT COVERAGE:	3,164 square feet	3,485 square feet	4,286 square feet
FLOOR AREA:			
First floor	2,903 square feet	3,061 square feet	
Second floor	N/A	609 square feet	
Total	2,903 square feet	3,670 square feet	4,179 square feet
SETBACKS:			
Front	31.2 feet	31.2 feet	25 feet
Rear	30.2 feet	25 feet	25 feet
Right side (1 st /2 nd)	12.1 feet/ N/A	12.1 feet/54.7 feet	10 feet/17.5 feet
Left side (1 st /2 nd)	8.9 feet/ N/A	8.9 feet/17.5 feet	10 feet/17.5 feet
Неіднт:	15.7 feet	23 feet	27 feet

BACKGROUND

Neighborhood Context

The subject property is located in a Consistent Character Neighborhood as defined in the City's Residential Design Guidelines. The subject site is located at the end of Elnora Court, which is a short street off Newcastle Drive. The houses in this neighborhood are one-story houses with simple forms and rustic materials. The landscape along Elnora Court is varied with a variety of large mature trees, but no distinct street tree pattern.

Zoning Compliance

The house has an existing non-conforming first-story left side yard setback of eight feet, eleven inches, where the R1-10 district requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Since the project will be maintaining more than 50 percent of the existing house, the Zoning Code allows the non-conforming setback to be maintained.

DISCUSSION

Design Review

According to the Design Guidelines, in Consistent Character Neighborhoods, good neighbor design has design elements, materials, and scale found within the neighborhood and sizes that are not significantly larger than other homes in the neighborhood. The design should be on designs that "fit in" and lessen abrupt changes. Approval of an inconsistent design will require mitigating design measures to lessen the neighborhood impact.

The existing house uses a traditional ranch architectural style with hipped roof forms, low-scaled form and simple details. The first-story addition is located at the rear of the house and expands the existing master bedroom and master bathroom. The second-story addition includes two bedrooms, landing and a bathroom and is located along the left side of the house. Overall, the project does a good job of integrating forms and elements that are consistent with the existing design.

The project's forms, as compared to surrounding structures, is not in-keeping with the character of the neighborhood. The existing eave lines and the front porch emphasize the horizontal profile of the first story, and the second story addition is recessed into the first story hip roof forms. The rear portion of the second story along the left side includes chamfered corners and two half-hipped roof forms, which are overly complex and inconsistent with the design of the house. The project appears to be an inside-out design to enlarge bedroom No. 4, which requires a complex form to comply with the daylight plane and side yard setback requirements of the district.

In order to approve this design, the Design Review Commission must make the required design review findings (pg. 7) per Chapter 14.76 of the Zoning Code. Since the proposed addition includes an overly complex roof form with elements that are not compatible with the existing house, the project does not meet the following finding:

General architectural considerations, including the character, size, scale, and quality of the
design, the architectural relationship with the site and other buildings, building materials, and
similar elements have NOT been incorporated in order to insure the compatibility of the
development with its design concept and the character of adjacent buildings.

Although the project has overall design integrity, the chamfered corners and half-hipped roof forms are not consistent with the design. Therefore, staff recommends the following direction to address the design concerns:

- Revise the footprint of bedroom No. 4 to remove the chamfered corners on the left side of the house; and
- Simplify the roof plan and eliminate the half-hipped roof elements.

Privacy

On the right (south) side elevation of the second story, there two small windows with four-foot, five-inch sill heights in bedroom No. 5 and bathroom No. 3. On the left (north) side elevation of the second story, there is one small window in bedroom No. 4 with a four-foot, five-inch sill height. Due to the window locations and sill heights, the side elevation windows do not create any unreasonable privacy impacts.

On the rear (west) elevation, there are four windows: two egress windows with two-foot, thee-inch sill heights in bedrooms No. 4 and No. 5, and two small windows in bathroom No. 3 with four-foot, nine-inch sill heights. Due to the large setbacks of 33 to 68 feet from the new windows and the existing mature trees and vegetation along this property line, the project will maintain a reasonable degree of privacy.

Landscaping

There are 28 existing mature trees throughout the property. No trees are proposed for removal and all existing landscaping will be maintained. With the existing trees, front and exterior side yard landscaping and hardscape, the project meets the City's landscaping regulations and street tree guidelines. Since the project does not rebuild more than 2,500 square feet of landscape area, the City's Water Efficient Landscape Regulations do not apply.

ALTERNATIVES

As discussed above, staff is recommending that the project be continued to address design concerns. However, should the Commission vote to approve the project, the action should include positive design review findings and standard conditions of approval related to tree protection, storm water management and green building compliance.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act because it involves the addition to an existing single-family house in a residential zone.

PUBLIC CONTACT

A public meeting notice was posted on the property and mailed to 11 nearby property owners on Elnora Court, Hollidale Court, Holt Avenue and Newcastle Drive.

Cc: Dan Winklebleck, Applicant and Designer Doug and Claudia Quist, Owners

Attachments:

- A. Application
- B. Area, Vicinity and Public Notification Maps

FINDINGS

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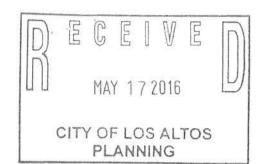
With regard to the second story addition to the existing one-story house, the Design Review Commission finds the following in accordance with Section 14.76.050 of the Municipal Code that:

a. General architectural considerations, including the character, size, scale, and quality of the design, the architectural relationship with the site and other buildings, building materials, and similar elements have NOT been incorporated in order to insure the compatibility of the development with its design concept and the character of adjacent buildings.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTION

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- 1. Revise the footprint of the bedroom No. 4 to remove the chamfered corners on the left side of the house; and
- 2. Simplify the roof plan and eliminate the half-hipped roof elements.





ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF LOS ALTOS GENERAL APPLICATION

Type of Review Requested: (Check all boxes that apply)

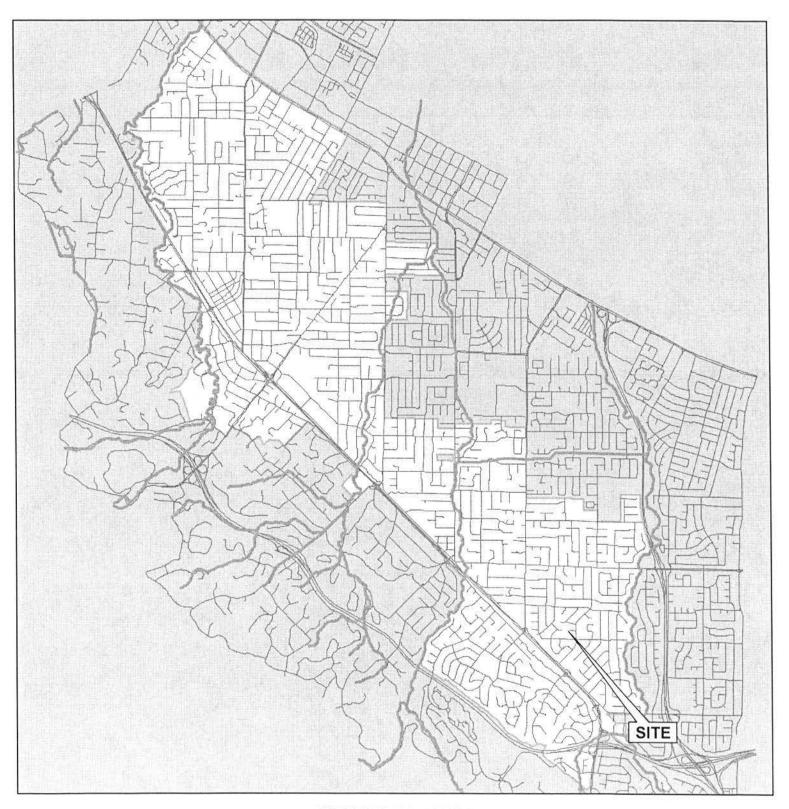
Permit # 107230

	One-Story Design Review	Commercial/Multi-Family	Environmental Review
/	Two-Story Design Review	Sign Permit	Rezoning
	Variance	Use Permit	R1-S Overlay
	Lot Line Adjustment	Tenant Improvement	General Plan/Code Amendment
	Tentative Map/Division of Land	Sidewalk Display Permit	Appeal
	Historical Review	Preliminary Project Review	Other:

Current Use of Property: Single Family Residential
Site Area: 14,288
t Sq. Ft.: 1046 Existing Sq. Ft. to Remain: 1857
Total Proposed Sq. Ft. (including basement): 3229
etion? Yes
Email Address: Dan@OrchardHD.com
Email Address: quistremodel@gmail.com
Orchard Home Design
Email Address: Dan@OrchardHD.com

^{*} If your project includes complete or partial demolition of an existing residence or commercial building, a demolition permit must be issued and finaled prior to obtaining your building permit. Please contact the Building Division for a demolition package. *

ATTACHMENT B AREA Mar



CITY OF LOS ALTOS

APPLICATION: 16-SC-25

APPLICANT: D. Winklebleck/ D. and C. Quist

SITE ADDRESS: 1480 Elnora Court



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VICINITY MAP



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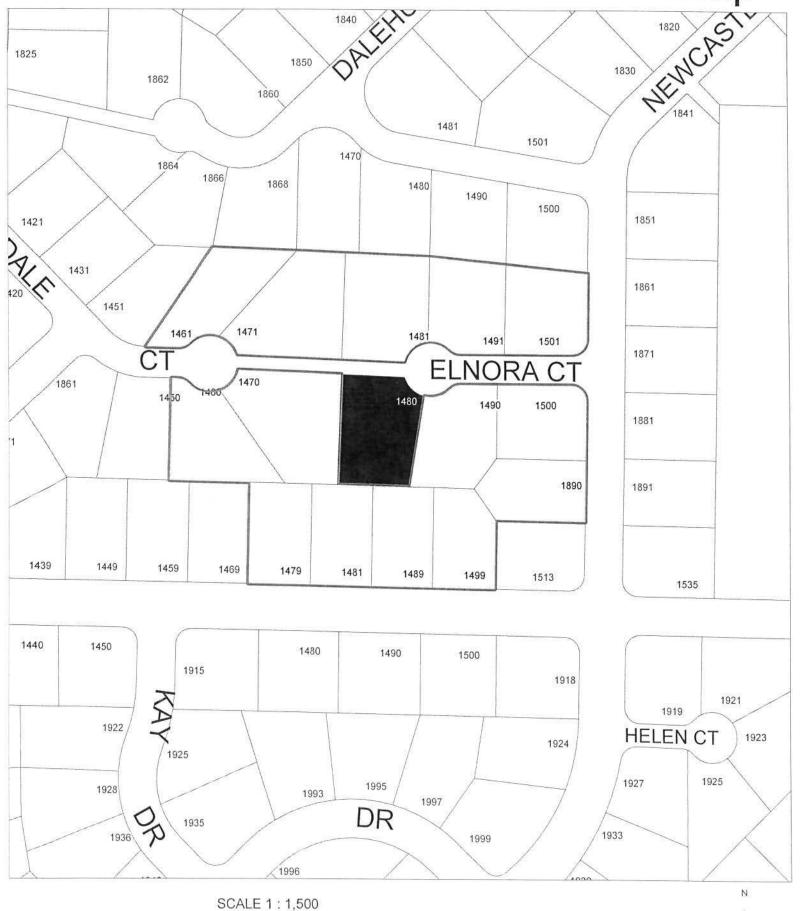
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1480 Elnora Court Notification Map



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	Existing	Proposed	Allowed/Required
LOT COVERAGE: Land area covered by all structures that are over 6 feet in height	3164 square feet (22%)	3485 square feet (24 %)	4286 square feet (30 %)
FLOOR AREA: Measured to the outside surfaces of exterior walls	1st Flr: 2903 sq ft 2nd Flr: 2 sq ft Total: 2903 sq ft (20%)	1st Flr: 3061 sq ft 2nd Flr: 609 sq ft Total: 3670 sq ft (26%)	4179 square feet (29%)
SETBACKS: Front Rear Right side (1 st /2 nd) Left side (1 st /2 nd)	31 ¹ 2" feet 30'2 feet 12'1 feet/— feet 6'11 feet/— feet	3 '2_feet 250 feet 2' feet/54'8feet 8' feet/ 7'6 feet	25 feet 25 feet 10 feet/11 feet 10 feet/11 feet
Неіднт:	15 ⁸ feet	23-Teet	27º feet

SQUARE FOOTAGE BREAKDOWN

	Existing	Change in	Total Proposed
HABITABLE LIVING AREA: Includes habitable basement areas	2466 square feet	767 square feet	3233 square feet
NON- HABITABLE AREA: Does not include covered porches or open structures	437 square feet	square feet	437 square feet

LOT CALCULATIONS

NET LOT AREA:		14,288 square feet		
FRONT YARD HARDSCAPE ARI Hardscape area in the front yard setback s		709 square feet (72%)		
LANDSCAPING BREAKDOWN:	Existing softscape (un New softscape (new o	(existing and proposed): 3511 sq ft ndisturbed) area: 10.777 sq ft pr replaced landscaping) area: sq ft nqual the site's net lot area		

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#	DIAMETER	SPECIES	RETAIN
1	15	Chinese	YES
	2.5	Pistache	l
2	3.5	Redbud	
3 4	15	Texas Privet	
	10	Texas Privet	
5	4.25	Lemon	
6	7 (x2)	Orange	
7	6.5	Texas Privet	
8	7.5		
9	6		
10	4.75		
1 1	/		
12	9.25	Texas Privet	
13	9.25	Pittosporum	
14	8.5	Undulatum	
15	3.75		
16	4.75		
17	4.5		
18	2.5		
19	4		
20	5.5		
21	4		
22	5	→	
23	5.75	Pittosporum Undulatum	<u></u>
24	7 (x2)	Pepper Tree	5
25	4.5 Multi	Manzanita	Yes
26	4 Multi	Manzanıta	
27	6 Multı	Pittosporum Tobria	
28	15	Chinese Pistache	<u> </u>



VICINITY MAP N.T.S.

DRAWING TITLE
SITE PLAN
VICINITY MAP
PROJECT SUMMARY TABLE
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NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT MAP
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PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN
PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR PLAN

SHEET INDEX

EXISTING EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

PROPOSED EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

CONSTRUCTION SECTIONS

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CONSTRUCTION SECTIONS

DAYLIGHT PLANE DIAGRAM

SCOPE OF WORK

SECOND STORY ADDITION, FIRST FLOOR MASTER SUITE ADDITION AND KITCHEN & PARLOR REMODEL TO SINGLE STORY, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE.

ALL NEW WINDOWS TO BE "MILGARD" DUAL GLAZED UNITS WITH VINYL FRAME OR EQUAL. ALL NEW WEST FACING WINDOWS SHALL BE LOW 'E'.

ALL NEW TUBE SKYLIGHTS SHALL BE 'TLR' MODEL "SUN TUNNEL" UNITS AS MANUFAC. BY "VELUX" (OR EQUAL). I.A.M.P.O. #ER-00 | 9.

ALL NEW EXTERIOR TRIM AND FINISH TO MATCH EXISTING.

WALL LEGEND

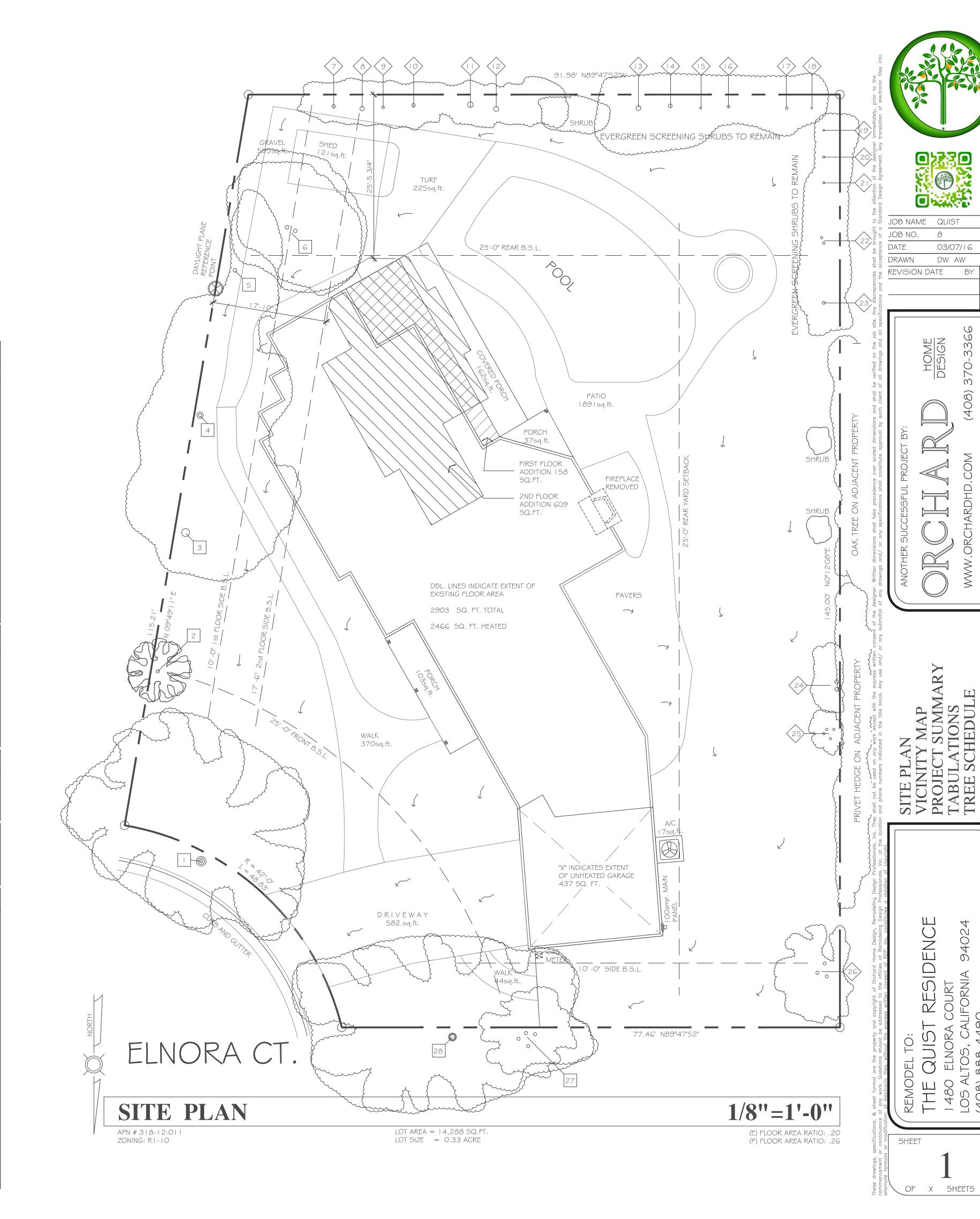
EXISTING WALLS TO REMAIN
EXISTING WALLS TO BE REMOVED
NEW WALLS / PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

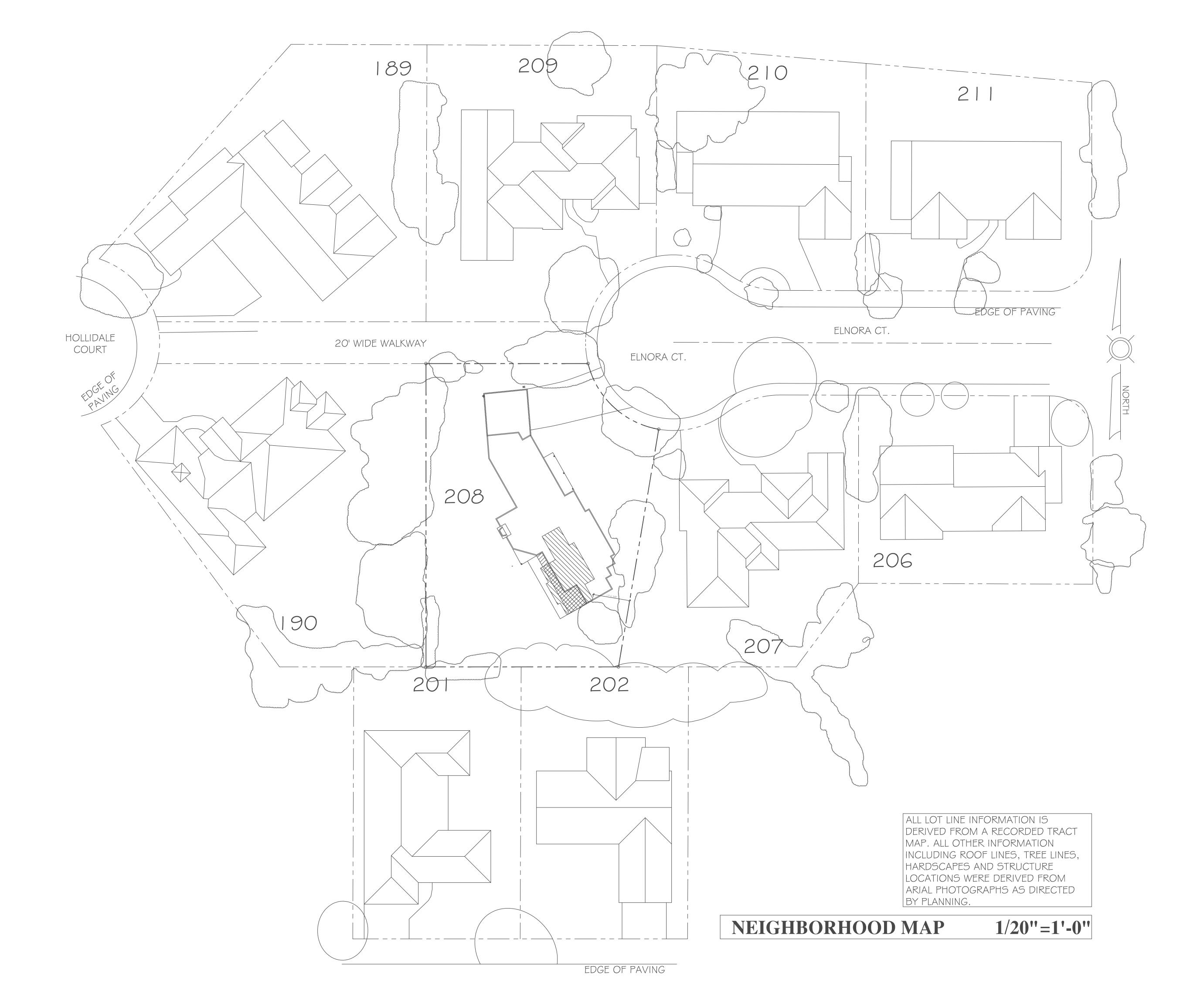
DEMOLITION NOTES

DEMOLITION PLAN IS PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY. CONTRACTORS SHALL COORDINATE DEMOLITION CAREFULLY WITH FLOORPLAN AND OTHER SHEETS WHICH INDICATE THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION. ANY DISCREPANCIES SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DESIGNER. CONTRACTOR SHALL SECURELY SHORE IN PLACE ALL OVERHEAD STRUCTURES PRIOR TO REMOVING ANY SUPPORTING STRUCTURES

TECHNICAL INFO

A.P.N. #	318-12-011		
PROJECT ADDRESS	1480 ELNORA COURT		
OWNER	DOUG # CLAUDIA QUIST		
EXISTING USE	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL		
ZONING DESIGNATION	RI-10		
LOT SIZE	14,288 SQ.FT.		
CONSTRUCTION TYPE	V-B		
BUILDING OCCUPANCY GROUP	R-3/U		
APPLICABLE CODES	2013 CRC, 2013 CMC, 2013 CEC, 2013 CPC, \$ 2013 CALIFORNIA ENERG CODE	Υ	
EXISTING RESIDENCE AREA (HEATED)	03	ф
PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR AD	DDITIONS (HEATED)	58	ф
PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR	ADDITIONS (HEATED)6	09	ф
NEW TOTAL FLOOR AREA		70	Ф
EXISTING GARAGE AREA	4	37	Ф
TOTAL (HEATER + UNHEATER	O) <u>41</u>	07	Ф







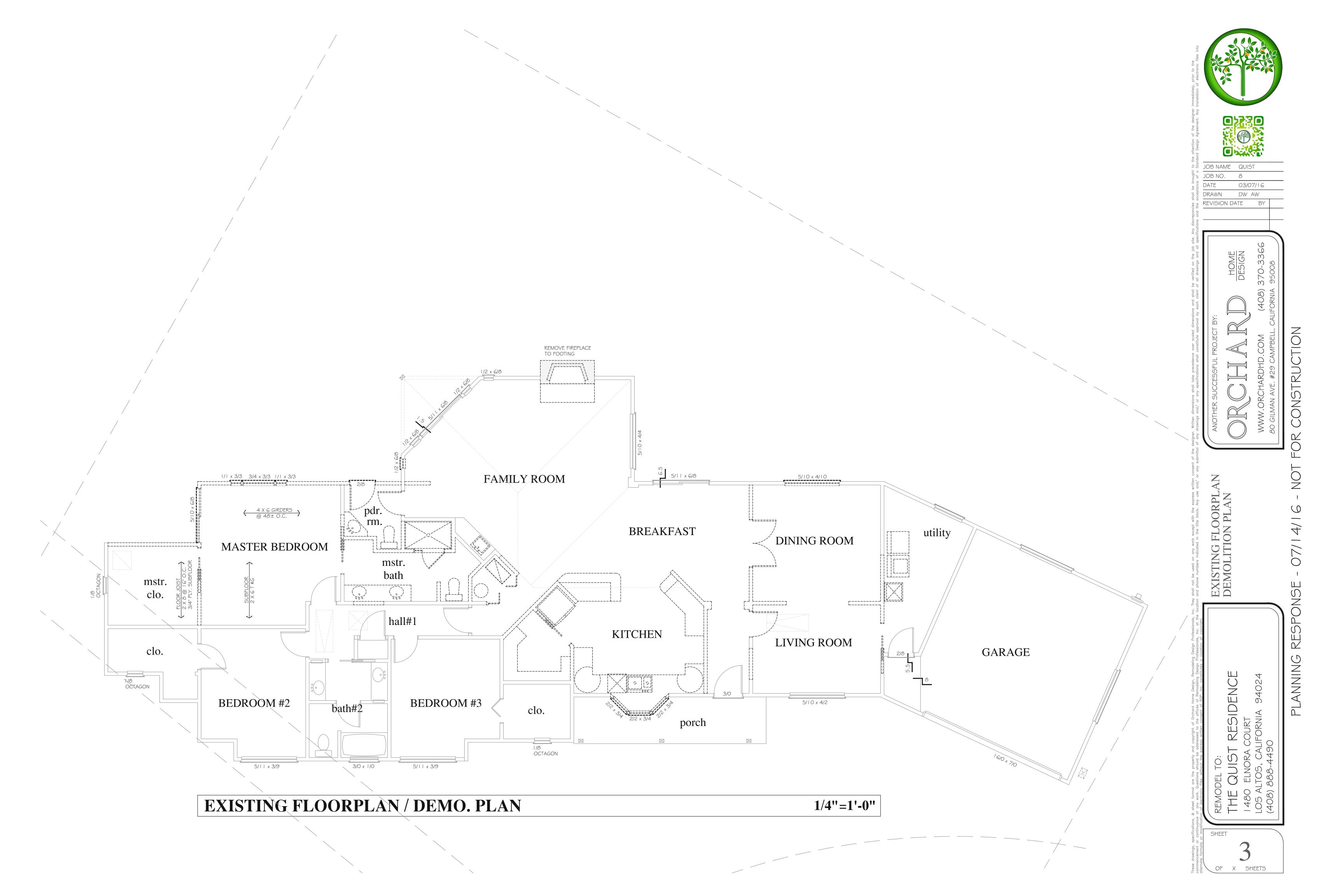


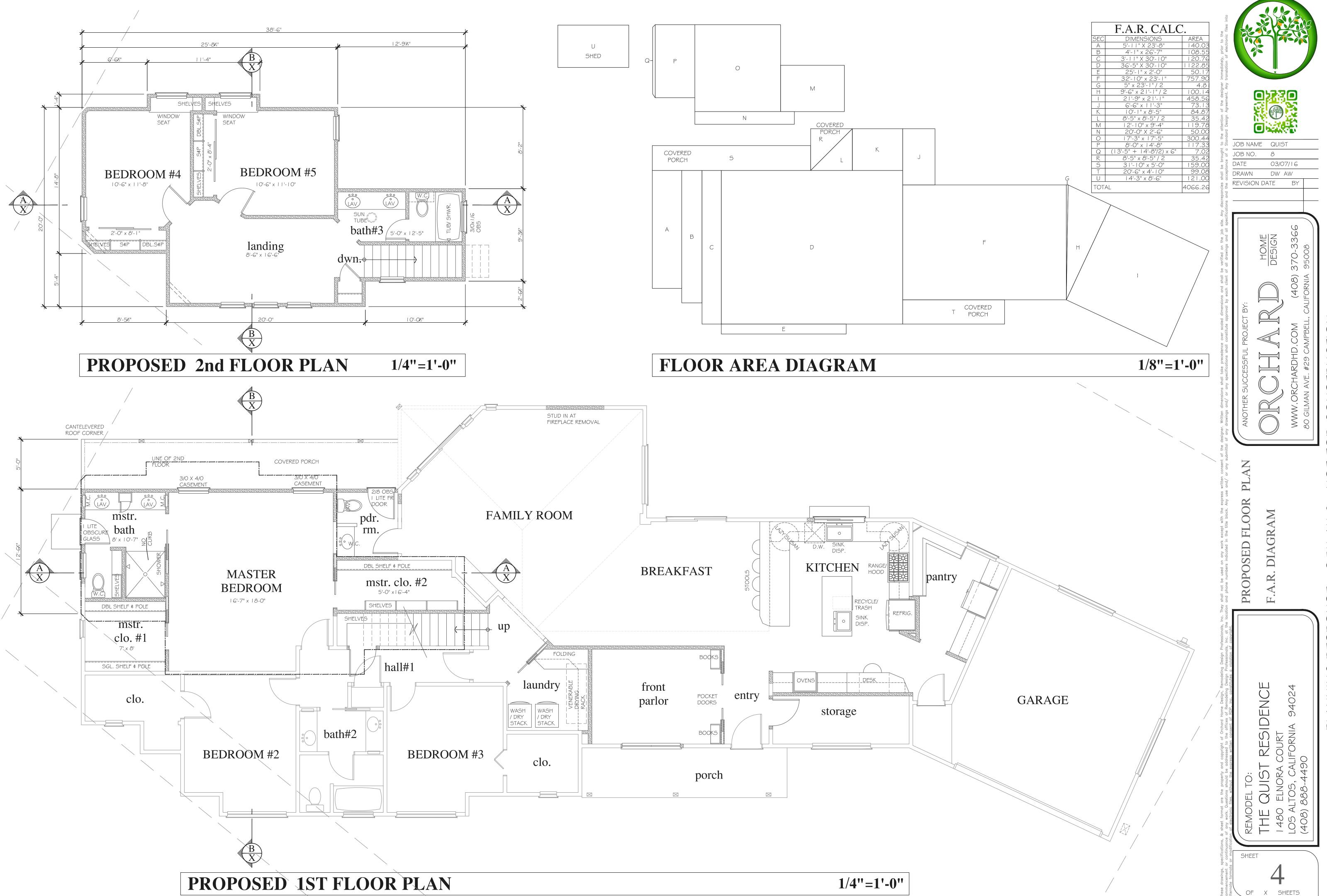
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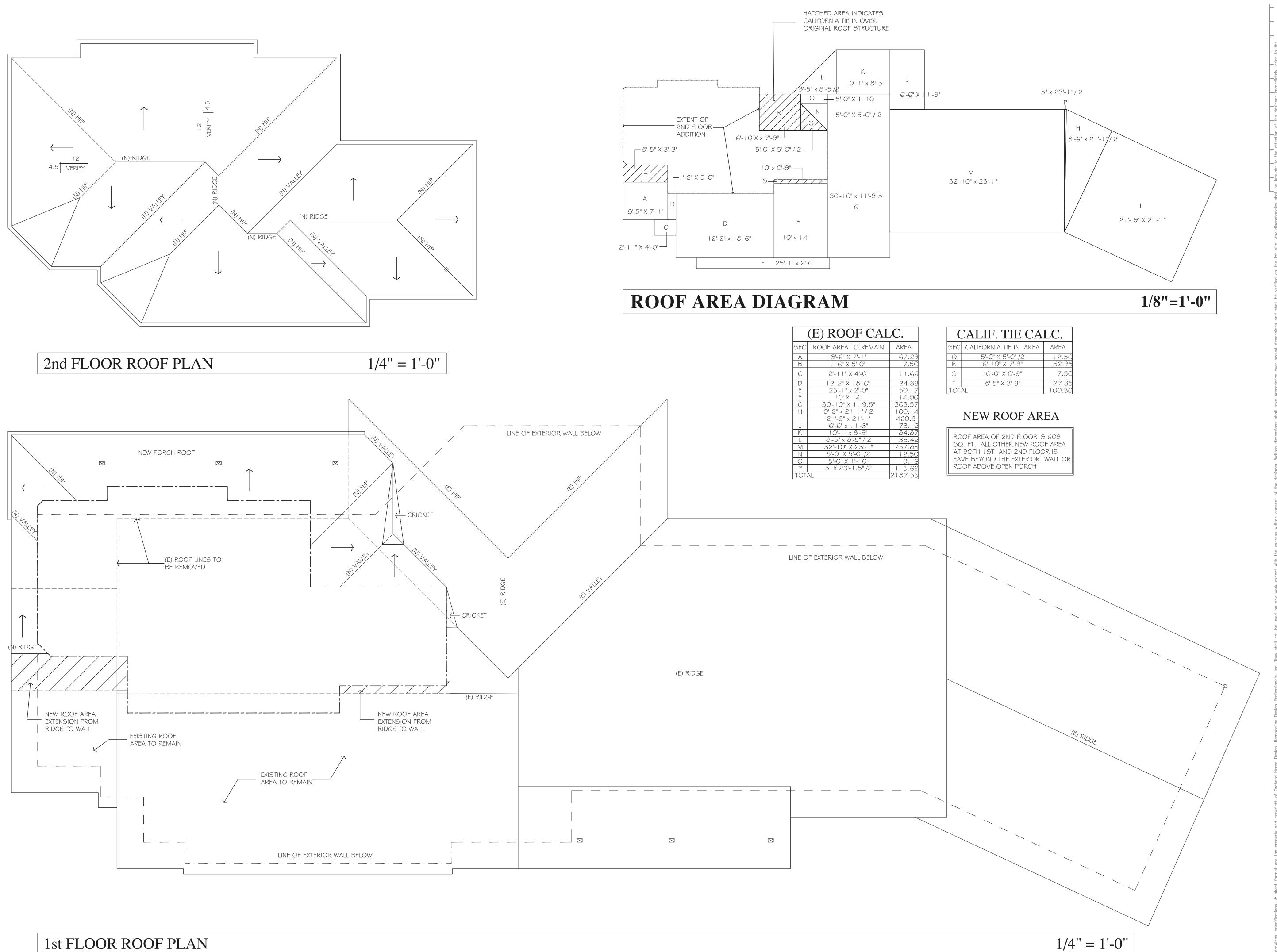
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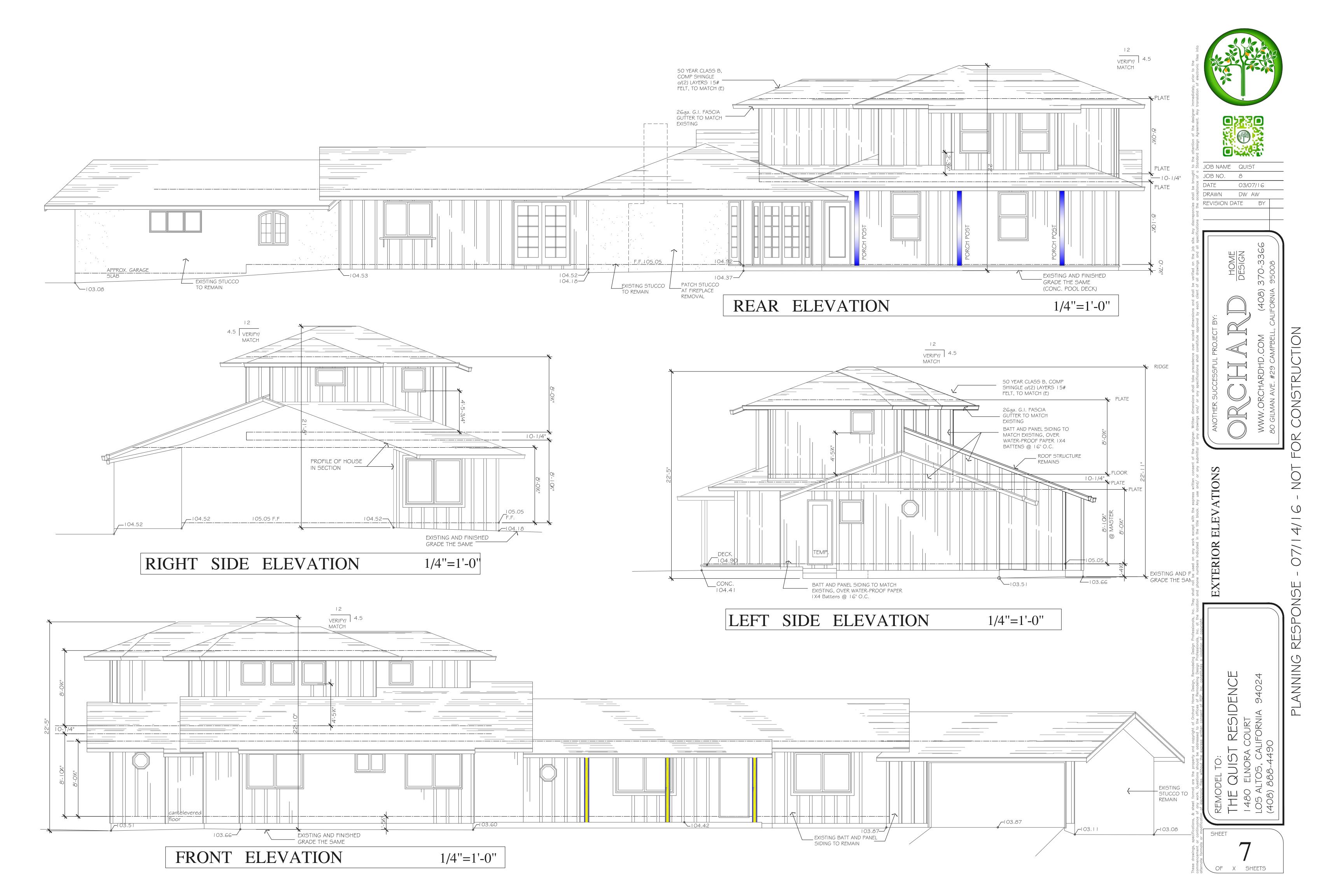
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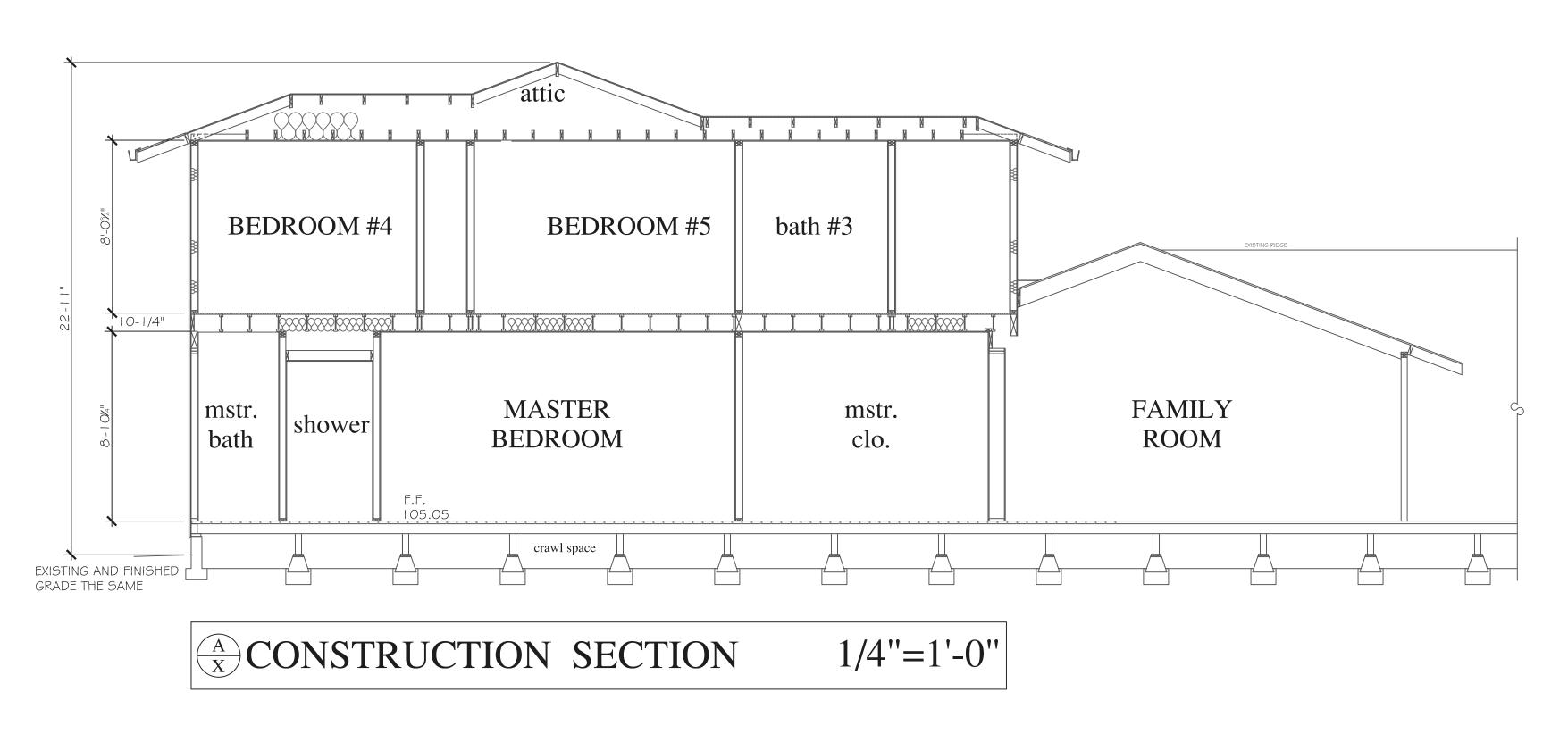


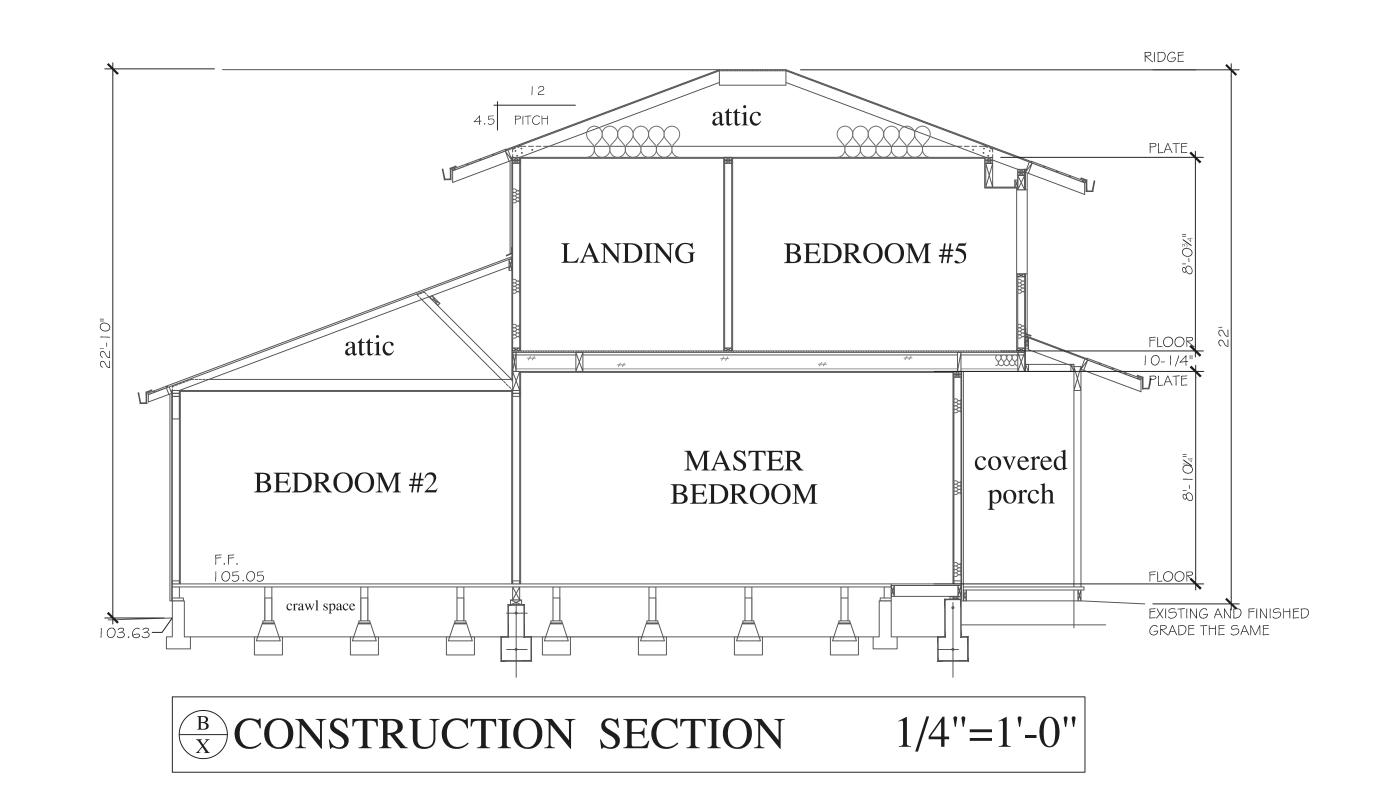




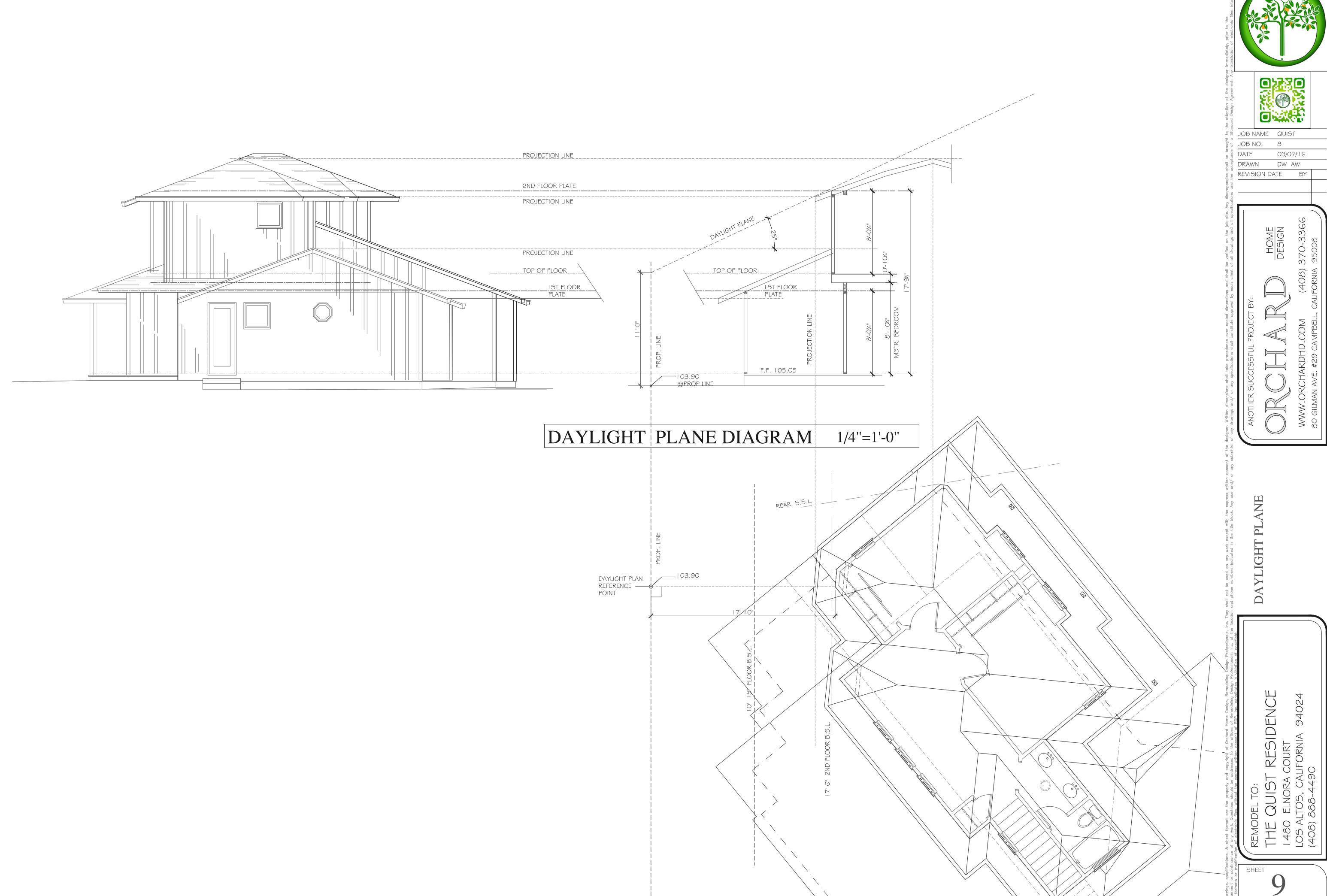
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