ADDRESS: 2112 WALNUT ST_

Proposal: Demolish rear of building; construct 13-story addition

Review Requested: Final Approval Owner: Bruce and Lisa Ginsberg Applicant: Eric Leighton, cbp Architects

History: 1870

Individual Designation: None

District Designation: Rittenhouse Fitler Historic District, Contributing, 2/8/1995 Staff Contact: Laura DiPasquale, laura.dipasquale@phila.gov, 215-686-7660

Overview: This application proposes to demolish the majority of the four-story, 53-foot, Second Empire brownstone building at 2112 Walnut Street and to construct a 13-story, 165-foot tall addition behind the remaining front portion of the historic building. The proposal would leave the front façade and portions of the exterior side party walls in place but remove the entirety of the rear as well as the roof and most interior floors. The fourth-floor front mansard of the existing building would become a screen wall to an open patio behind. The application provides little information on the treatment of the historic front façade, with the only notes being "existing masonry to be restored" and "roof shingles." The addition would be clad in glass curtain walls and vertical metal siding and decks at each floor. Renderings provided in the submission demonstrate that the addition would be highly visible from Walnut Street, and it would also be highly visible from and extremely out of scale with Chancellor Street, a small street with several historic carriage houses that dead ends at this property.

The application resembles a project on the neighboring properties at 2108 and 2110 Walnut Street that was approved by the Historical Commission in 2016. However, there are notable differences between the projects. The adjacent parcel at 2110 Walnut Street was a vacant lot at the time of designation, and the overbuild on the historic building at 2108 Walnut was shown as being limited to four-stories and being set back to the point of being inconspicuous from the public right-of-way. The proposed addition for 2112 Walnut Street would be set closer to the front façade than 2108 Walnut Street and would extend three stories taller than the addition at 2110.

SCOPE OF WORK:

- Demolish majority of existing building
- Construct 13-story addition

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines include:

- Standard 9: New addition, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not
 destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the
 property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the
 historic materials, features, size, scale, and proportion, and massing to protect the
 integrity of the property and its environment.
 - The proposed project demolishes over half of the historic building, destroying historic materials. The new work will be overly differentiated from the old and incompatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing, failing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment. The application fails to satisfy Standard 9.

- Standard 10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.
 - If removed in the future, the form and integrity of the historic property would be impaired, as only the front façade would remain. The application fails to satisfy Standard 10.
- Roofs Guideline | Recommended: Designing rooftop additions, elevator or stair towers, decks or terraces, dormers, or skylights when required by a new or continuing use so that they are inconspicuous and minimally visible on the site and from the public right-ofway and do not damage or obscure character-defining historic features.
 - o The proposed addition would be highly conspicuous and visible on the site and from the public right-of-way. The application fails to satisfy the Roofs Guideline.
- 14-1005(6)(d) Restrictions on Demolition. No building permit shall be issued for the demolition of a historic building, structure, site, or object, or of a building, structure, site, or object located within a historic district that contributes, in the Historical Commission's opinion, to the character of the district, unless the Historical Commission finds that issuance of the building permit is necessary in the public interest, or unless the Historical Commission finds that the building, structure, site, or object cannot be used for any purpose for which it is or may be reasonably adapted. In order to show that building, structure, site, or object cannot be used for any purpose for which it is or may be reasonably adapted, the owner must demonstrate that the sale of the property is impracticable, that commercial rental cannot provide a reasonable rate of return, and that other potential uses of the property are foreclosed.
- 14-203(88) Demolition or Demolish. The razing or destruction, whether entirely or in significant part, of a building, structure, site, or object. Demolition includes the removal of a building, structure, site, or object from its site or the removal or destruction of the façade or surface.
 - Section 14-1005(6)(d) prohibits the Historical Commission from approving a demolition, the razing or destruction of a building entirely or in significant part, unless it finds that the demolition is necessary in the public interest or that the building cannot be used for any purpose for which it may be reasonably adapted. The proposed work constitutes a demolition in the legal sense, in that the historic building would be razed or destroyed in significant part. The application does not demonstrate that the demolition qualifies for the public interest or inability to reuse exception. The application must be denied.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Denial, pursuant to Standards 9, 10, the Roofs Guideline, and Section 14-1005(6)(d) of the Philadelphia Code, the prohibition against demolition.



September 12, 2023

Dr. Jonathan E. Farnham, Ph.D.
Executive Director
City of Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch St, 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

RE: Proposed Mixed-Use Development at 2112 Walnut Street

Dear Dr. Farnham:

This proposal for final Historical Commission review is for 2112 Walnut Street and its development into 10 condominium units. The site is located in the Rittenhouse-Fitler Historic District of Philadelphia with frontage on Walnut Street, zoned RMX-3. The parcel contains one building that is not individually designated on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. The building fronting Walnut Street is a 3 ½-story brownstone rowhome.

The proposed 37,516 GSF as of right development with a calculated FAR of 36,330 GSF is a thirteen-story building containing ten condominiums ranging from 900 - 4,350 square feet with full floor and bilevel units. The project will be a combination of new construction and alteration of the existing structure. We propose removing a non-historic one-story addition at the back of the building and the rear wall of the existing building. The existing front façade facing Walnut Street will be preserved and restored. Behind the mansard roof will be an open roof deck area.

New construction features a façade generally matching the materials and aligning of floor levels with the adjacent structure at 2110 Walnut Street. Setbacks occur at various levels above in order to recede the façade from the street, respect the historic structures, and to provide terraces. The building mass is further broken down with carved-out balconies and a light well. See the attached graphics package for additional information about the building mass and articulation.

Sixteen parking spaces will be provided within the building, with access from Chancellor Street across an existing easement of 2114 Walnut. Other elements at the ground floor include a retail space facing Walnut Street.

After reviewing this information booklet, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or should you require additional information, which we will make every attempt to promptly provide. We look forward to presenting our proposal to the Architectural Committee at their 22 August meeting and the Historical Commission at their September 8th meeting, Thank you.

Sincerely.

Nicholas Connolly, R.A.

Cc: Tim Shaaban, Eri Leighton, File



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Construction Permit Application

Use this application to obtain permits for a residential or commercial construction proposal and/or excavation projects.

Mechanical / Fuel Gas, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Suppression trade details are found on page 2.

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Project Details, Other Permits & Contractor Information

Use this section to provide project details, pre-requisite approvals and applicable contractor information.

- (a) Choose all disciplines of work for which permits are being requested.
 - If 'Building' is not requested, provide the number of the associated permit that was previously issued (where applicable).
 - If a Zoning Permit was issued for this work, provide the related Zoning Permit number.
- (b) Identify the general contractor and estimated cost of building construction.
- (c) Identify the licensed excavation contractor and estimated cost of excavation work.
- (d) Identify the mechanical contractor, estimated cost of mechanical work, equipment type, and quantity as:
 - Number of registers/diffusers (separate new / relocated)
 - · Number of appliances
 - Number of Type I / Type II kitchen hoods

Where fuel gas work is included, note the estimated cost of fuel gas work.

- (e) Identify the licensed electrical contractor, estimated cost of electrical work, and a registered third-party electrical inspection agency.
- Identify the registered master plumber, estimated cost of plumbing work, number of fixtures, and check location of work as:
 - Interior
 - Exterior Drainage and/or Water Distribution
- (g) Identify the licensed fire suppression contractor, estimated cost of fire suppression work, and number of devices:
 - Sprinkler Heads (separate new / relocated quantities)
 - Standpipes
 - Fire Pumps
 - Stand-alone Backflow Prevention Devices
 - Kitchen Extinguishing Systems
 - Hydrants

*ROUGH-IN NOTICE: If you are seeking a rough-in permit, an application for plan review must be submitted already.

(h) Provide the total improvement cost for residential (including multi-family) alterations and additions. Check the box if your project is excluded from real estate tax exemption and exempt from Development Impact Tax.

(a)	Check all that apply:							
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Declaration & Signature

All provisions of the Philadelphia Code and other City ordinances will be complied with, whether specified herein or not. Plans approved by the Department form a part of this application. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am authorized by the ownerto make the foregoing application, and that, before I accept my permit for which this application is made, the owner shall be made aware of all conditions of the permit. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statements herein, I am subject to such penalties as may be prescribed by law or ordinance, inclusive of the penalties contained in 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904.

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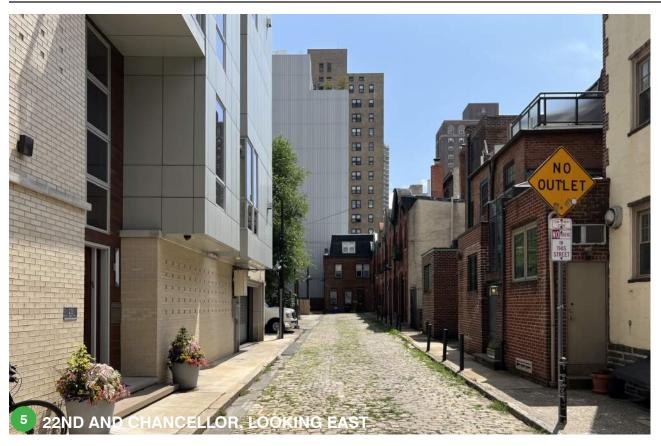


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NOTE: RMX-3 MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO WITHOUT LOW OR MODERATE INCOME BONUSES IS 24,255 SF

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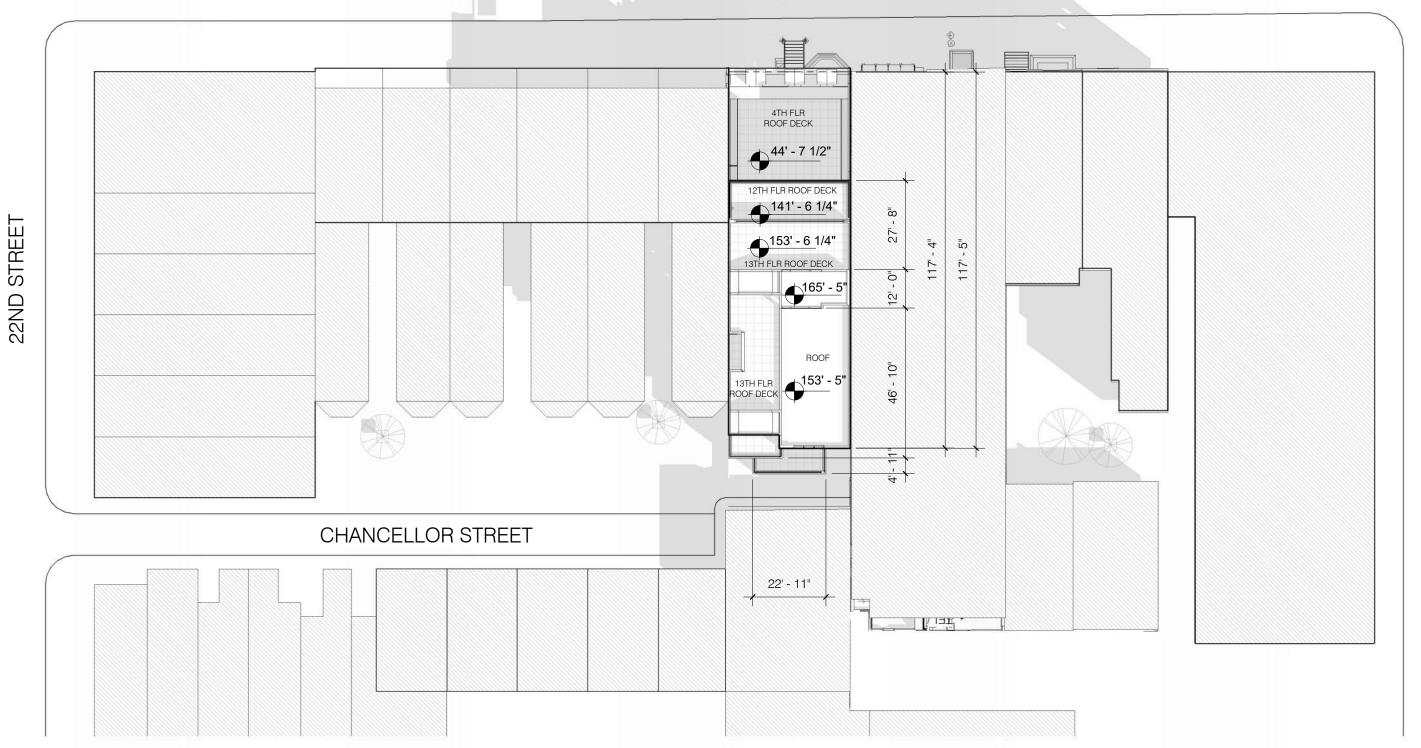
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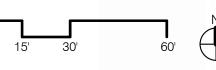




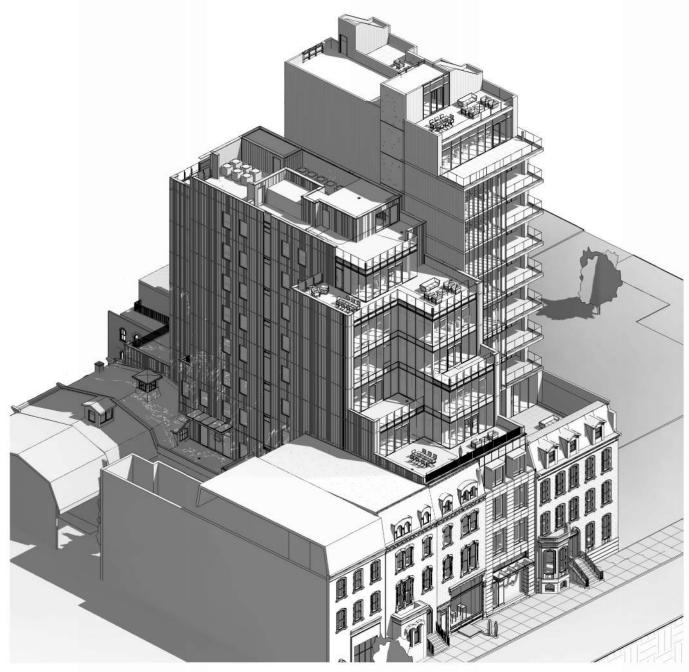
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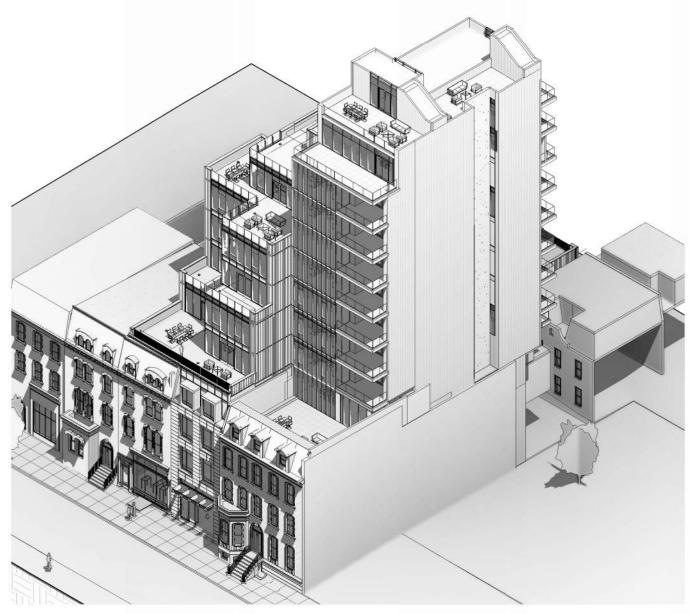








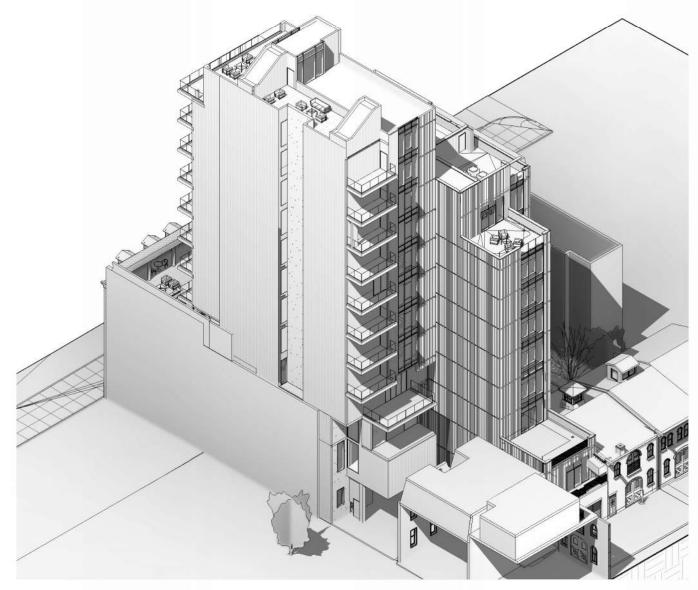
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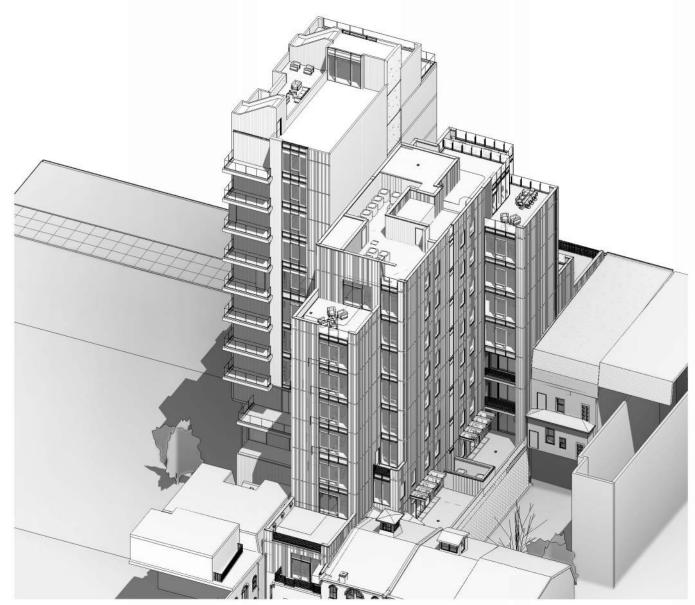
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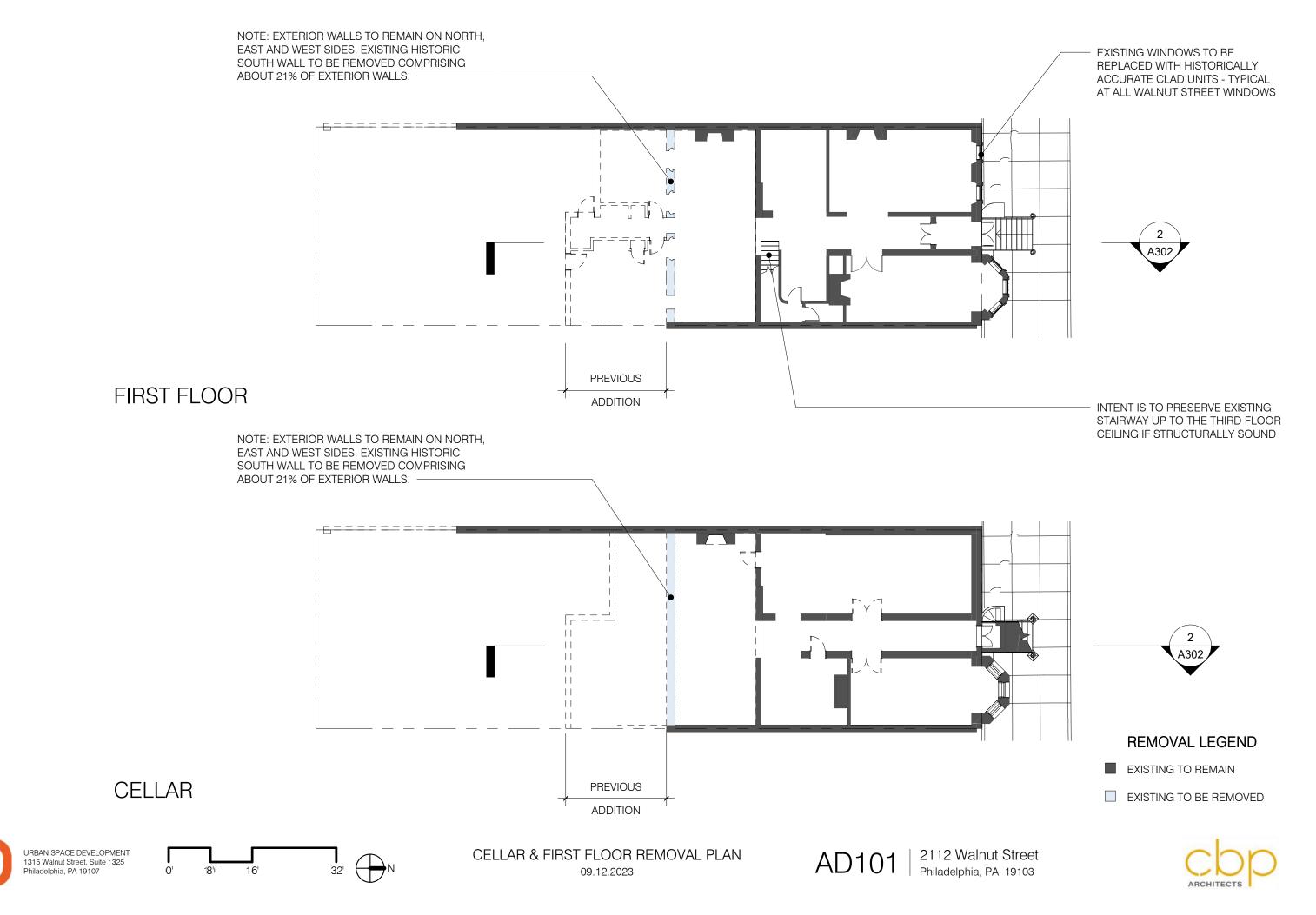


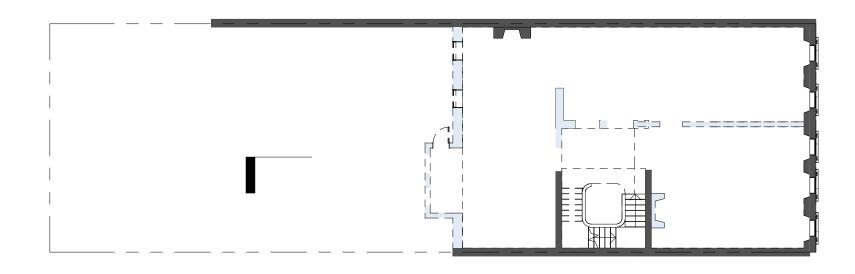
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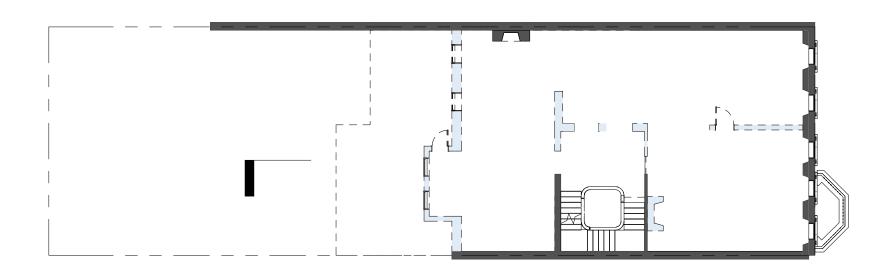








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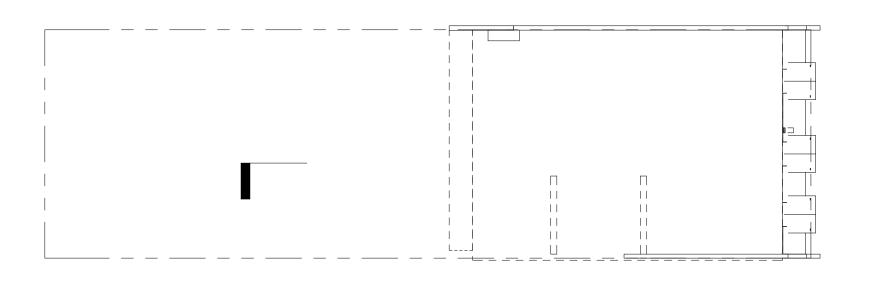






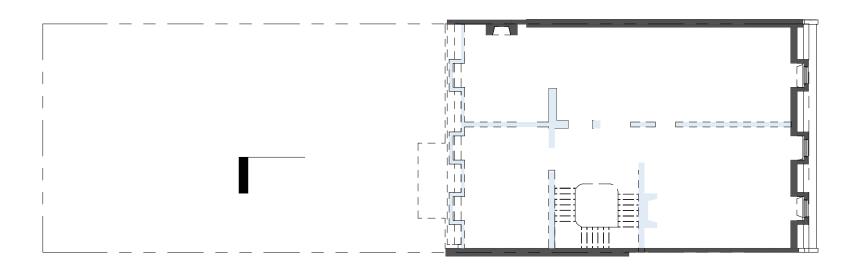


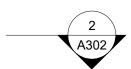






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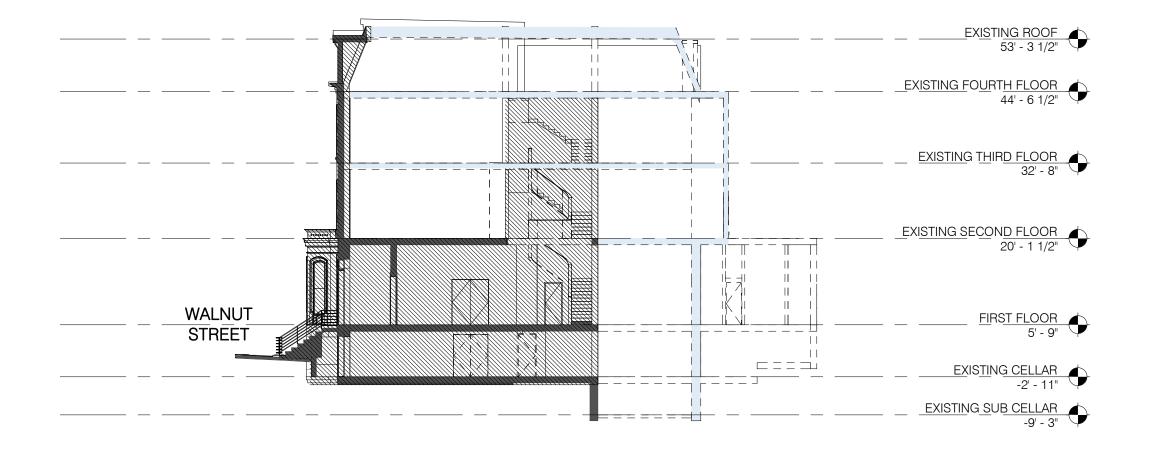
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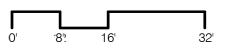


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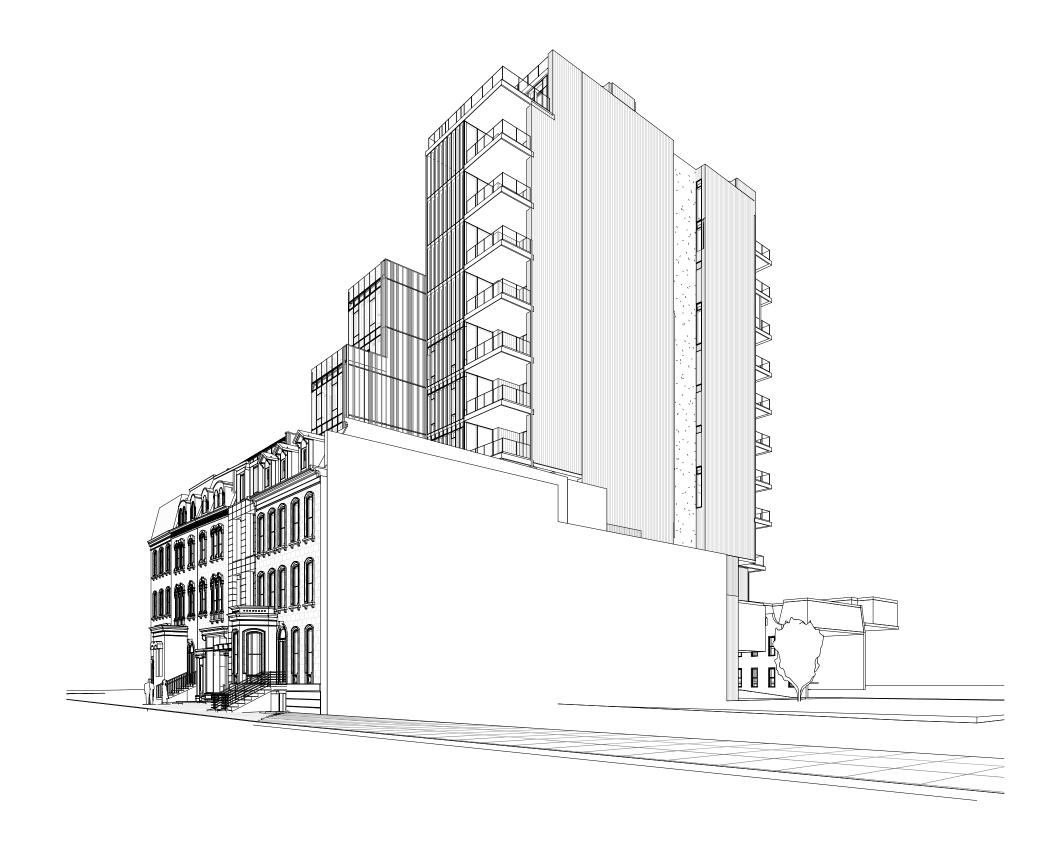


















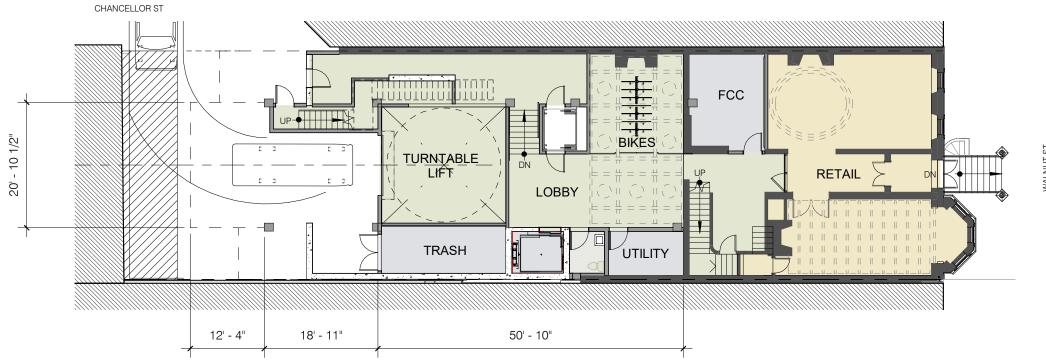




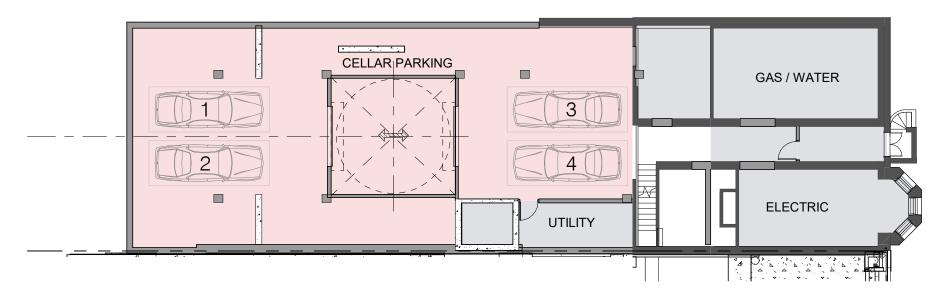






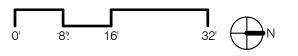


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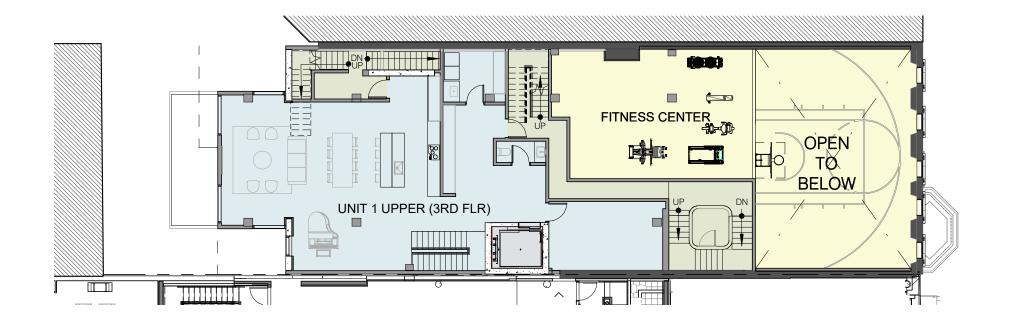
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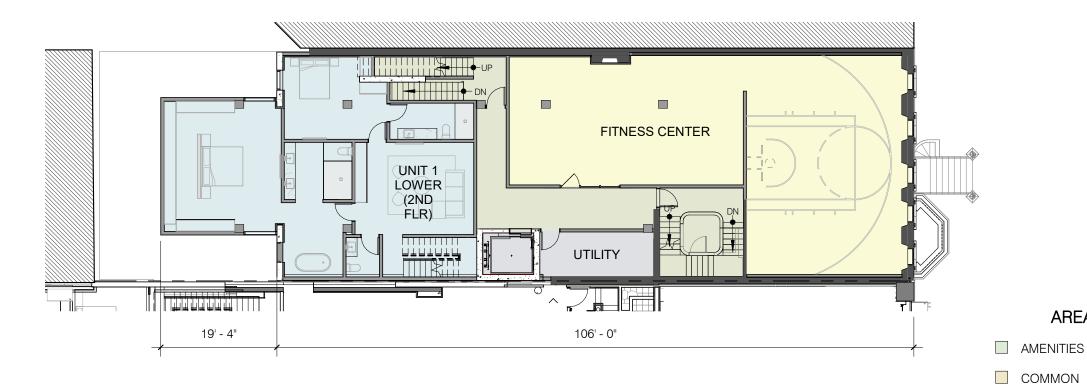






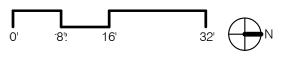


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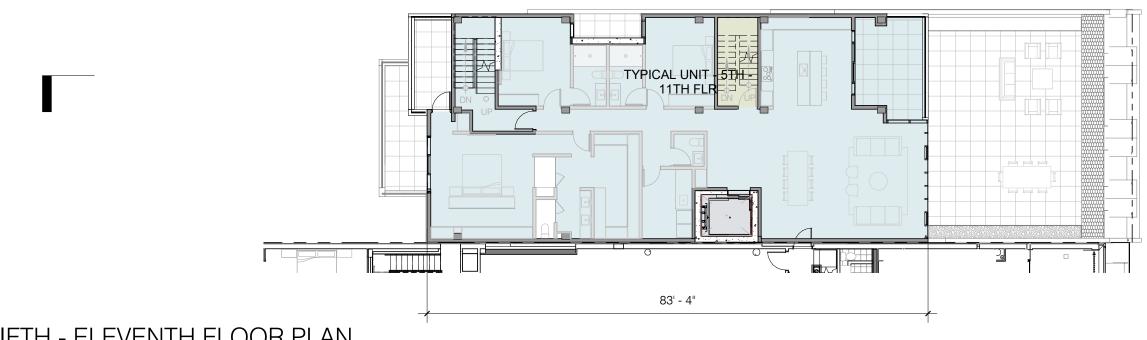


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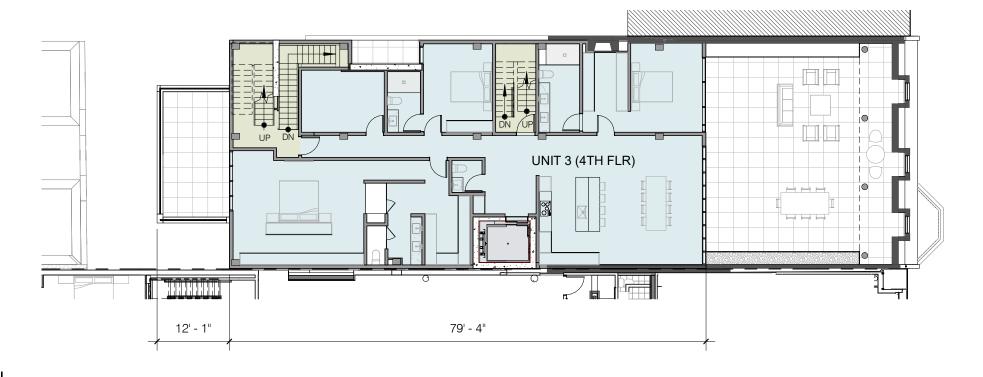
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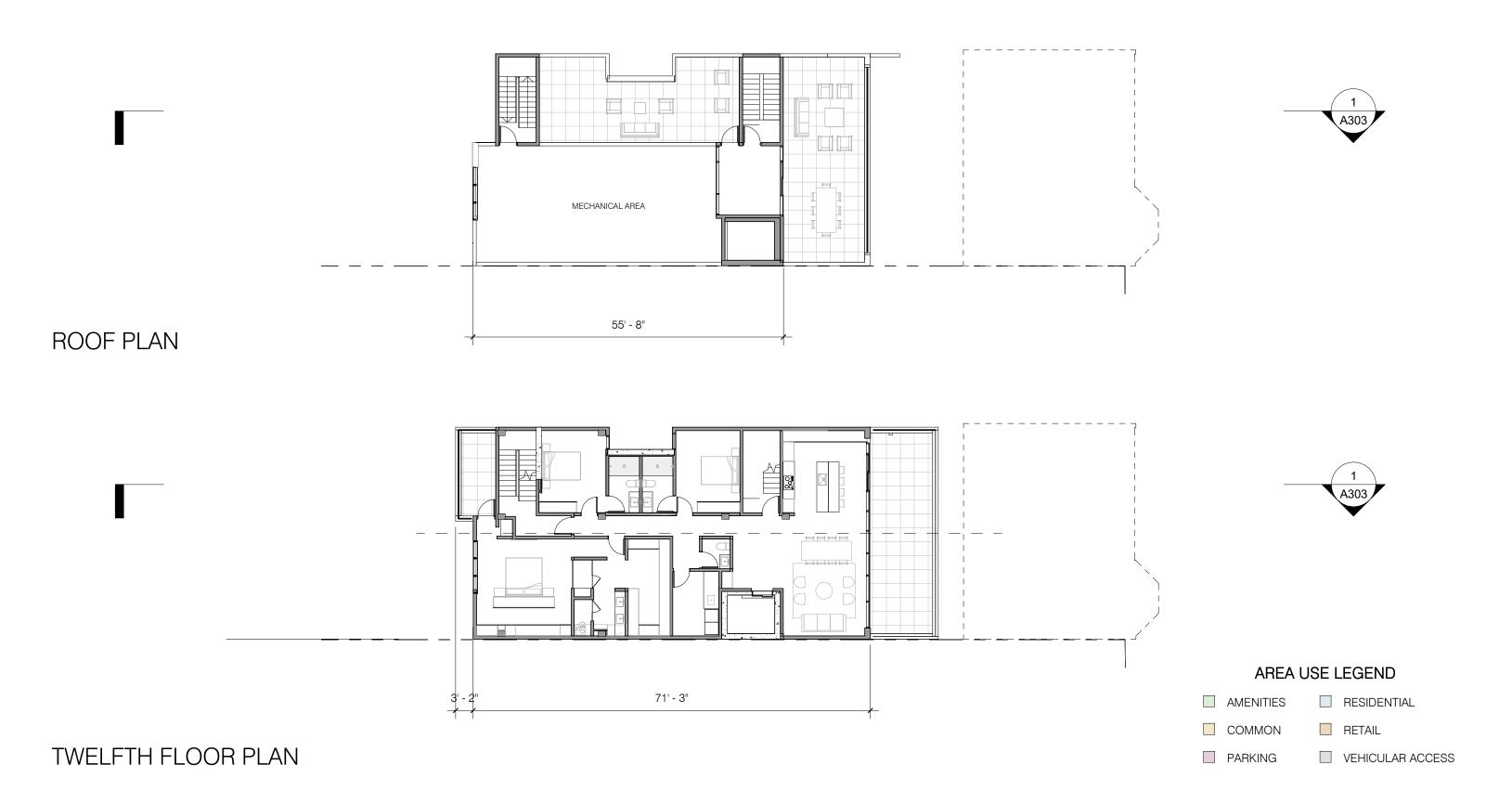
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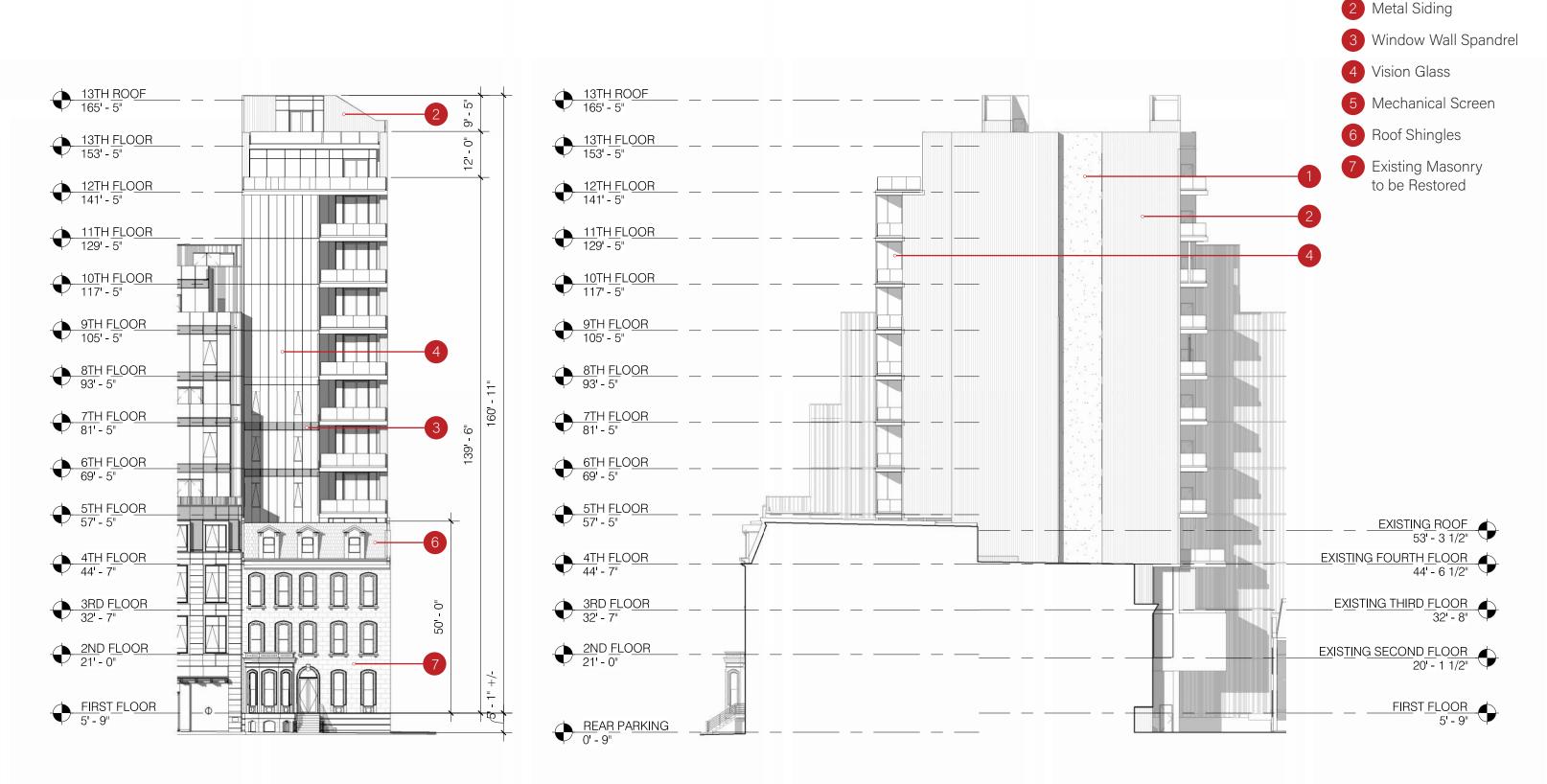




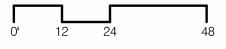








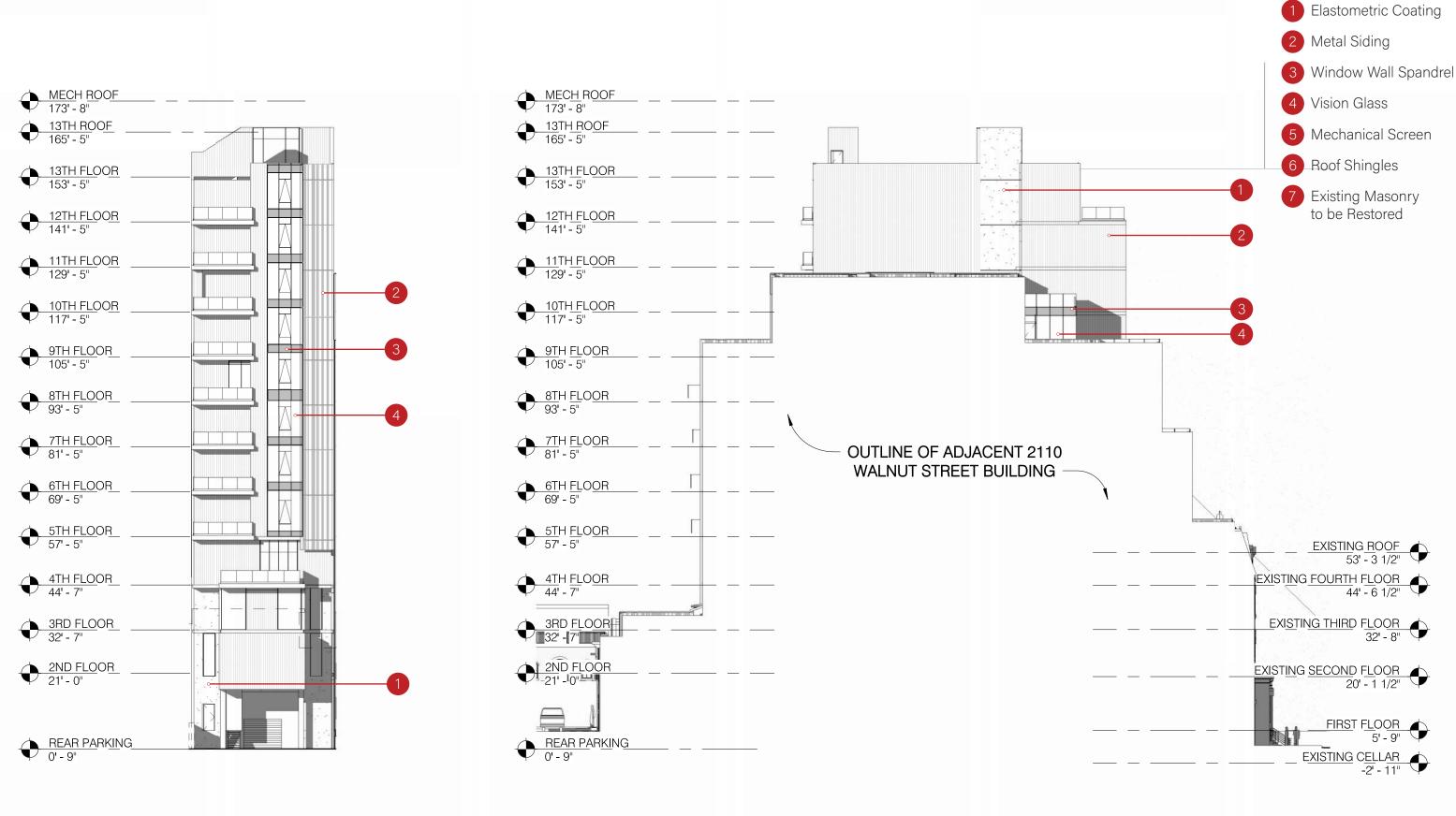




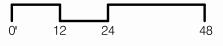


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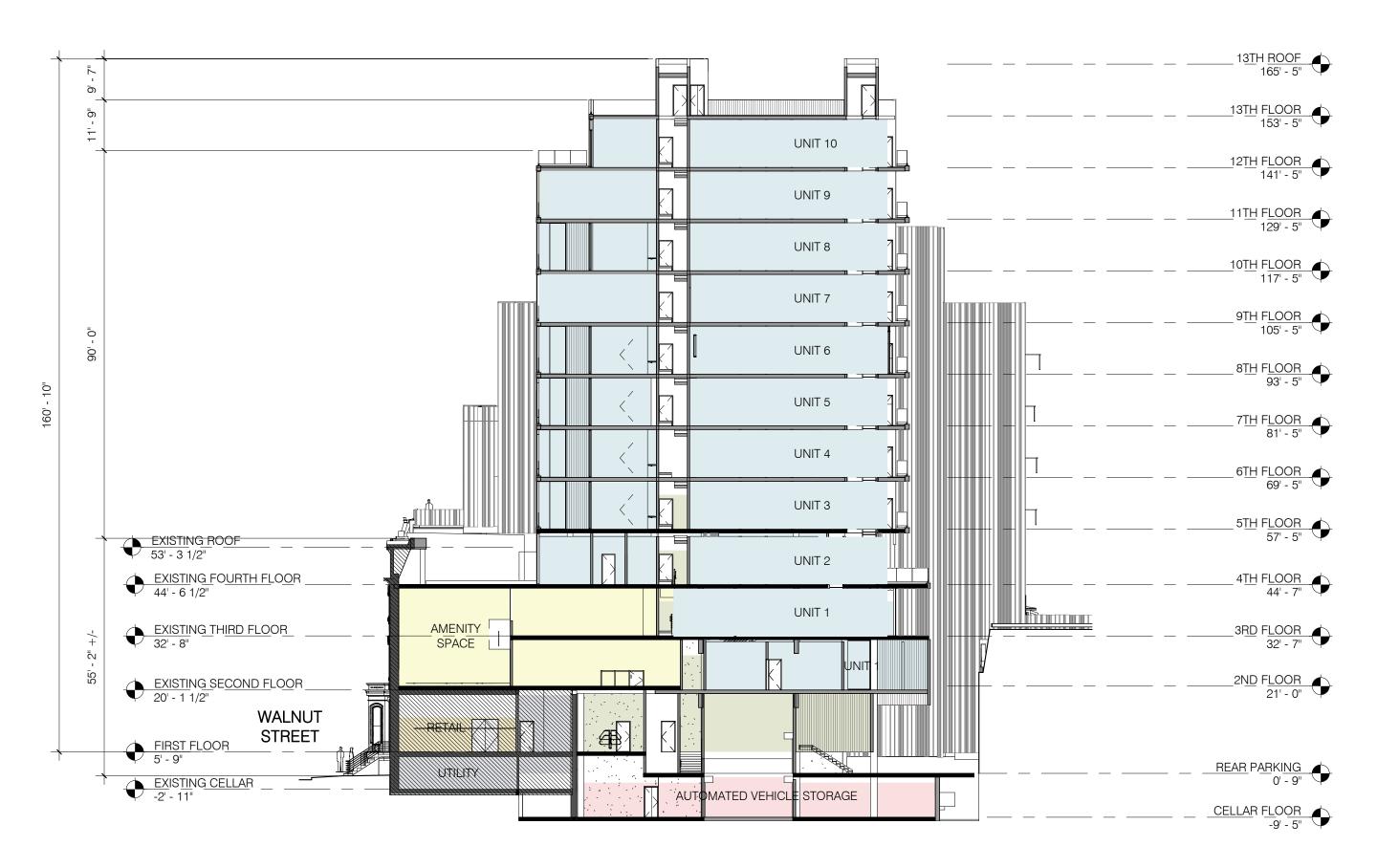




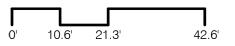




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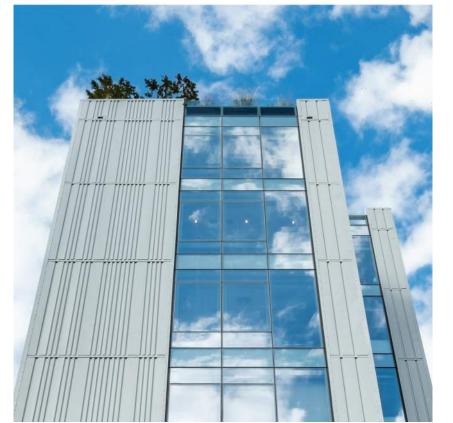
















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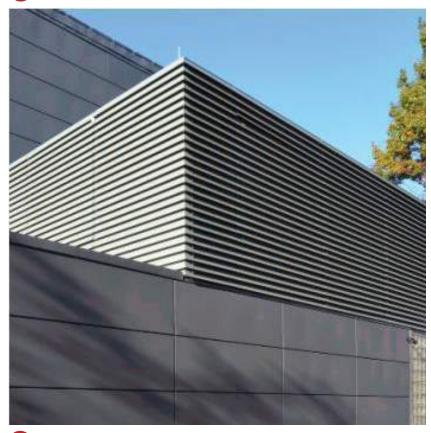


3 4 Window Wall System with Spandrel



7 Existing Masonry to be Restored





5 Mechanical Screen



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