

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Letter of Determination

August 10, 2017

David Haun Zack de Vito Architecture 156 South Park San Francisco, CA 94107

> Site Address: Assessor's Block/Lot: Zoning District: Staff Contact:

88 Museum Way/236 States Street 2620/097 RH-2 (Residential-House, Two Family) Nancy Tran, (415) 575-9174 or <u>nancy.h.tran @sfgov.org</u>

Dear Mr. Haun:

This letter is in response to your request for a Letter of Determination regarding the property at 88 Museum Way/236 States Street. The subject parcel is a through lot located between States Street and Museum Way within the RH-2 (Residential-House, Two Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk Districts. The request seeks clarification of how potential development on an undeveloped portion of the lot, along Museum Way, may be allowed.

Per Planning Code Section 134(a)(2), a rear yard equal to 45% of its lot depth is required for properties within the RH-2 (Residential-House, Two Family) Zoning District. A Zoning Administrator interpretation (dated 11/86) further clarifies that "frontage (and consequently the rear yard location) is usually chosen on the basis of what will provide a rear yard that most closely conforms to the requirement for the lot." The subject lot is developed with a two unit building fronting States Street with the rear yard extending to Museum Way. In the case of the subject lot, selecting States Street as the frontage with Museum Way as the rear property line provides a rear yard that most closely conforms to the requirements for the lot.

Planning Code Section 134(c)(4)(C), development on through lots may be permitted at both ends of the lot provided that both adjacent lots are developed with residential structures at each end. In the case of the subject lot, while both adjacent lots are through lots, neither lot contains residential structures at each end (both adjacent lots are developed with residential structures on the Museum Way frontage only and rear yards on the States Street frontage).

Planning Code Section 134(c)(4)(B) states that a lot which abuts along both side property lines lots that front on another street or alley are subject to a required rear yard of 25% or 15 feet, whichever is greater. In the case of the subject lot, both adjacent lots front on Museum Way and the subject property fronts along States Street; therefore, the subject property requires a rear yard of 31.25 feet (25% of lot depth).

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On January 17, 1978, the Zoning Administrator granted a rear yard variance for the subject property (Case No. VZ77.70) to allow the construction of a garage within the required rear yard (the decision also includes the granting of a lot width variance to legalize the re-subdivision of the subject and adjacent property to the east). The construction of the garage was required as a condition of approval to be performed "as an integral element in the proposed rehabilitation, reconstruction and enlargement of the two-family dwelling known as 236 States Street." It should be noted that the City's review of the project at this time found that the subject building fronting States Street was located within the buildable area of the lot and the proposed garage (fronting Museum Way) was located within the required rear yard.

On August 5, 1981, the Zoning Administrator granted a variance for the subject property (Case No. VZ81.16) to modify the conditions of approval from the 1978 decision to allow the project sponsor to submit a building permit application to construct the two-car garage within 24 months of recordation of the condominium parcel map for the subject property.

On March 28, 1986, Building Permit Application No. 8503733 was issued to allow construction of a garage with entry and storage along the Museum Way frontage of the subject property. This permit was appealed to the Board of Appeals (Appeal No. 86-090), which granted the appeal on April 30, 1986 and conditioned the permit that "the ridge point be lowered to 11 feet with a sidewall height of seven feet." On November 24, 1986, the subject permit expired because no work had been performed and no further extensions could be granted.

As proposed in the plans submitted with the Letter of Determination request (dated July 10, 2017), the two-story over basement accessory structure is sited within the required rear yard and would require a variance, consistent with previous determinations, including the 1978 variance decision. The project also requires neighborhood notification pursuant to Section 311 for new construction and an Environmental Evaluation application as work appears to be located on 20% or more slope and propose up to 8 feet of excavation (to footing). It should be noted that the Property Information Map (PIM) lists the subject property as containing a known historic resource (Larco Building); however, it also lists an address of 214 States Street. This information will be reviewed by the Department's preservation staff to determine its accuracy.

Please note that a Letter of Determination is a determination regarding the classification of uses and interpretation and applicability of the provisions of the Planning Code. This Letter of Determination is not a permit to commence any work or change occupancy. Permits from appropriate Departments must be secured before work is started or occupancy is changed.

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APPEAL: If you believe this determination represents an error in interpretation of the Planning Code or abuse in discretion by the Zoning Administrator, an appeal may be filed with the Board of Appeals within 15 days of the date of this letter. For information regarding the appeals process, please contact the Board of Appeals located at 1650 Mission Street, Room 304, San Francisco, or call (415) 575-6880.

Sincerely,

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Scott F. Sanchez Zoning Administrator

cc: Property Owner Nancy Tran, Planner Neighborhood Groups

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July 10, 2017

Office of the Zoning Administrator 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Letter of Determination Request

for: 88 Museum Way APN 2620/097 associated condo on this parcel is: 236 States, APN 2620/096

Mr. Scott Sanchez and Zoning Staff,

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I am requesting a Letter of Determination for 88 Museum Way, clarifying how potential development on an undeveloped portion of the lot, along the Museum Way frontage, is allowed. There are several Planning Code sections that may apply, but the details of this lot make it somewhat unclear as to which is most appropriate. There is a history of approved and required garage, variance, and appeal for this parcel, also.

Existing Property Synopsis Exhibit EX-A Site Plan and Site Section

This parcel is the only through-lot on this block that has an address on two different streets. It has two street frontages and, potentially, two front yards. The condominiums, 88 Museum Way and 236 States occupy a single three story building on the southern edge of the parcel, at States Street. The lot is steeply sloped downhill from Museum to States. 88 Museum Way occupies the top two floors of the building, and has its physical address and its only access from Museum Way. 236 States, the unit below it, only has its access and its physical address from States Street. No right of way easements exist. It is not possible to access one condominium from, through or around the other unit. There is no existing onsite parking.

Existing Adjacent Property Synopsis: Exhibit EX-B Block Diagram and EX-C Site Photos

The two adjacent properties are through-lots. 80 & 82 Museum Way, and 96 & 100 Museum Way each have multi unit residential buildings and garages at Museum Way and rear yards along States. Of the seven adjacent contiguous through-lots, five of them have buildings on, and addresses on, Museum Way. 230 States is the only example out of this seven with a building on, and address on, States Street. All of the other through-lots on this block have a single address on one street only. The block to the south bordered by States and Ord features similar examples of through-lots, with two or one buildings along the streets on through-lots. The overall neighborhood and urban pattern is open midblock space and buildings along the streets.

Planning Code Sections:

Several Planning Code sections cited below might apply:

Section 132 (a) or 132(d)(2) applies as the basic requirement for front yards and would allow development at 88 Museum Way front yard and preserve the mid lot open space.

Section 134(c)(4)(B) applies as a rear yard, but it would require development to be held 25' minimum from Museum Way.

Section 134(c)(4)(C) applies as a rear yard, if the adjacent through-lots each have two buildings, however the adjacent through lots each have one building with two units. If applicable, this section would allow development along Museum Way and preserve mid lot open space.

Development Proposal Synopsis:

The proposal is to construct a two-car garage at Museum Way with a secure front entryway and stairs down to the garden. The building would contain an elevator, a basement, and gym / yoga space above the garage with a roof deck above that. This would create a two story facade along Museum way with a basement below it at garden level. A new sidewalk would connect the adjacent sidewalks, which are currently interrupted at 88 Museum Way.

Reasonable Need to Develop:

A two-car garage was required when the condominium map was approved, but the garage was never built. There is no existing parking on the parcel. (see permit history below, and EX-H1-3) To construct this garage would certainly improve the use and enjoyment of 88 Museum Way. The existing fence at Museum Way provides little privacy or security to the garden and entry.

Appropriateness:

88 Museum Way is the first un-built gap along Museum Way from the West. The two adjacent properties contribute to the predominant neighborhood street pattern of 2 and 3 story facades. For #88, development at Museum Way would contribute and reinforce the street pattern and connect the sidewalk for pedestrians. Development here would also maintain mid-block open space. Adjacent properties have no windows on property line, so there would be no affect on light and air.

Permit History:

- 1. A condition of the condominium approval, was that a 2 car garage be built (1981.016). This permit was approved with additional time granted, to build under Variance 1981.016V. A garage and storage below is shown on the Assessor map. The garage and garden use is solely for 88 Museum way and is recorded with the Assessor. (EX-H and EX-D)
- 2. A Building Permit was approved for a garage under BPA8503733. (EX-E)
- 3. An appeal was filed. Appeal was upheld and permit for garage was modified with conditions APL 86-090. (EX-F) I do not know what the conditions were.
- 4. The garage was never built and the permit expired in 1986.

Letter of Determination Request:

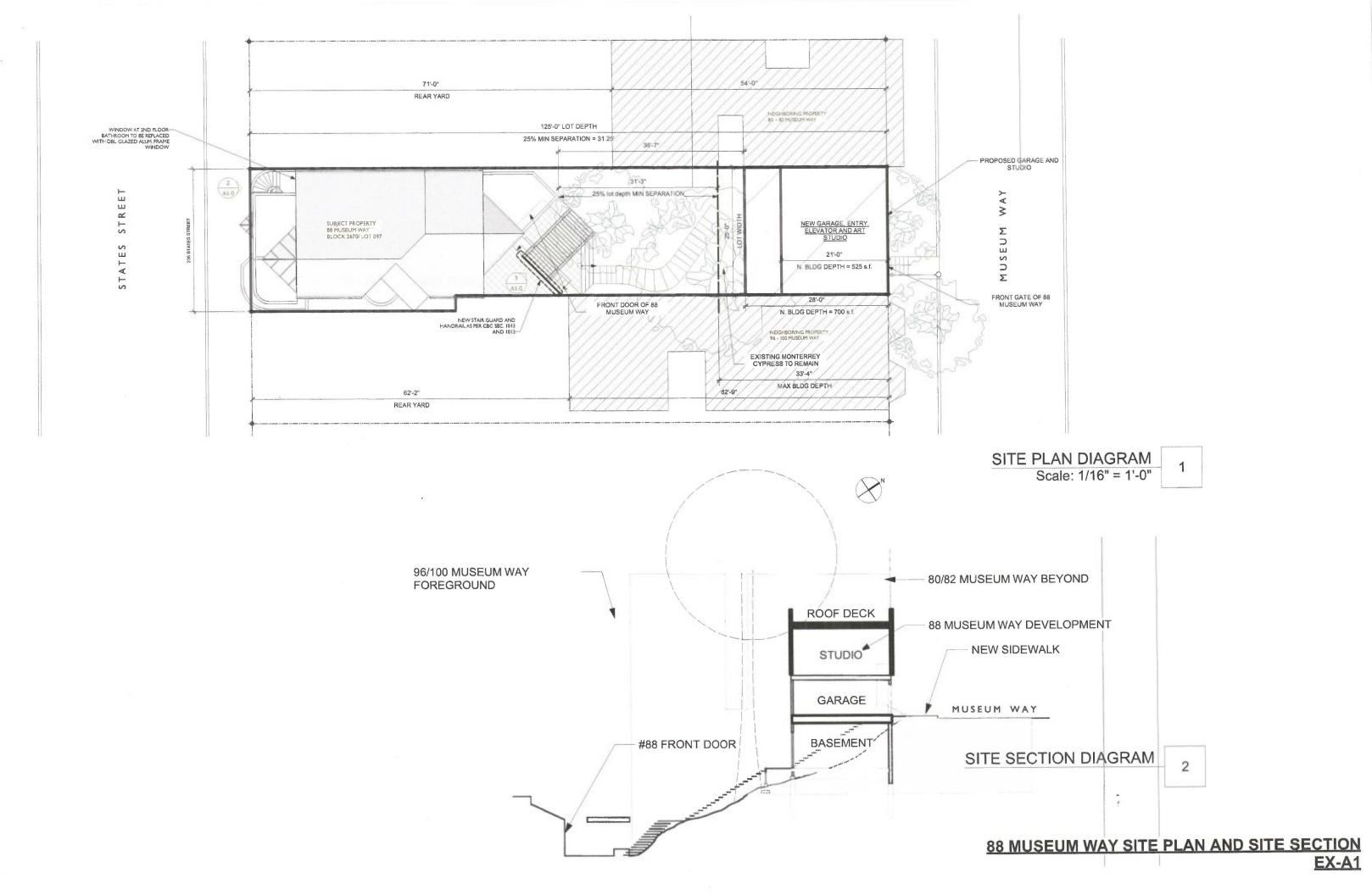
Can the Zoning Administrator please clarify which of the cited Planning Code sections is most applicable, or otherwise cite more applicable sections. If no sections clearly apply, then please prescribe the process that would be required to apply for a building permit for development at Museum Way frontage.

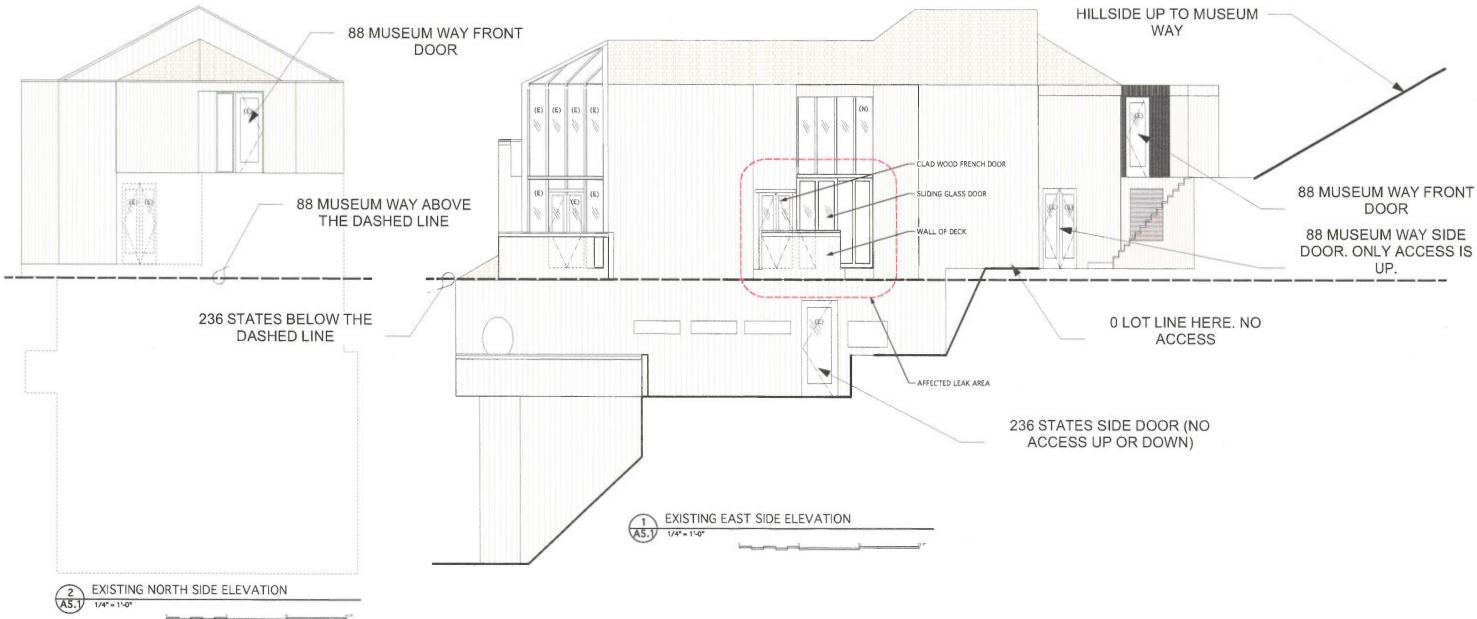
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, David Haun,

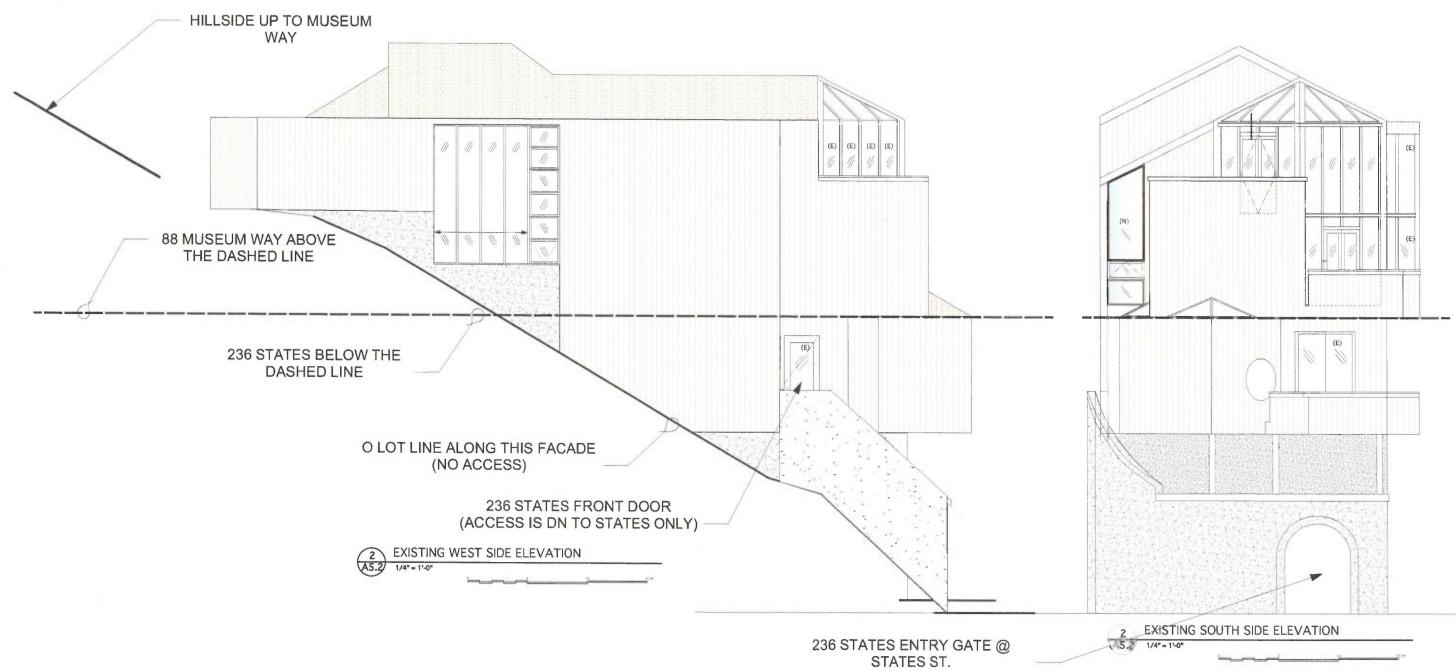
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Application Information Table APPEAL INFORMATION

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This permit has been issued. For information pertaining to this permit, please call 415-558-6096.

When Recorded Mail to:

Jack Wholey, Esq. Tosta & Browning Law Corporation 785 Market Street, 14th Floor San Francisco, California 94013

SECOND AMENDMENT

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TO THE

DECLARATION

OF

CONDITIONS, COVENANTS, AND RESTRICTIONS

OF

236 STATES STREET,

A CONDOMINIUM

WHEREAS, the undersigned are the Owners of all of the Condominium Units in that certain condominium project known as 236 States Street, which project and owners are defined in that certain "Declaration of Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions of 236 States Street, a Condominium," recorded on November 23, 1981 as Instrument No. D149276, in the Office of the Recorder of the County of San Francisco, State of California, as amended by the "First Amendment to the Declaration of Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions of 236 States Street, a Condominium", recorded on March 30, 1984 in Book D658, Page 185, and on May 16, 1984 in Book D675, Page 1989 (which Declaration and First Amendment are collectively referred to hereinafter as "the Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, the property is more particularly defined and delineated on that certain map entitled "Parcel Map of 236 States Street," which was recorded on November 19, 1981 in Book 22 of Parcel Maps, at pages 4 to 6 inclusive, in the Office of the Recorder of the County of San Francisco, State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Owners of Units are empowered by Section 8.4 of the Declaration to amend the Declaration pursuant to the terms thereof; and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Owners of all the Units to amend the Declaration.

THEREFORE, the Declaration is amended as follows:

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1. Article II, Section 2.2(c) is amended to read in full as follows:

Portions of the "(c) Restricted Common Area. Common Area referred to as "Restricted Common Area" are hereby set aside and allocated for the exclusive use of the Owners of the Units. The Restricted Common Area shall consist of the exclusive easements to use the garden area (G-2), the storage area (S-1), the deck areas (D-1, D-2A, D-2B, D-2C) and the two-level garage structure containing parking areas (P-1, P-2) on the upper level and storage area (S-2) on the lower level, as such areas are designated on the Condominium Plan. Parking areas (P-1, P-2) and storage area (S-2) respectively shall consist of the air space bounded by and contained within the respective interior surfaces of the perimeter walls, floors, ceilings, doors and windows, if any, and including such interior surfaces, of each level of the two-level garage structure which contains said areas. Such easements shall be appurtemant to respective Units as set forth below:

Unit No.	Restricted Common Area
1 236 STATES	S-1; D-1
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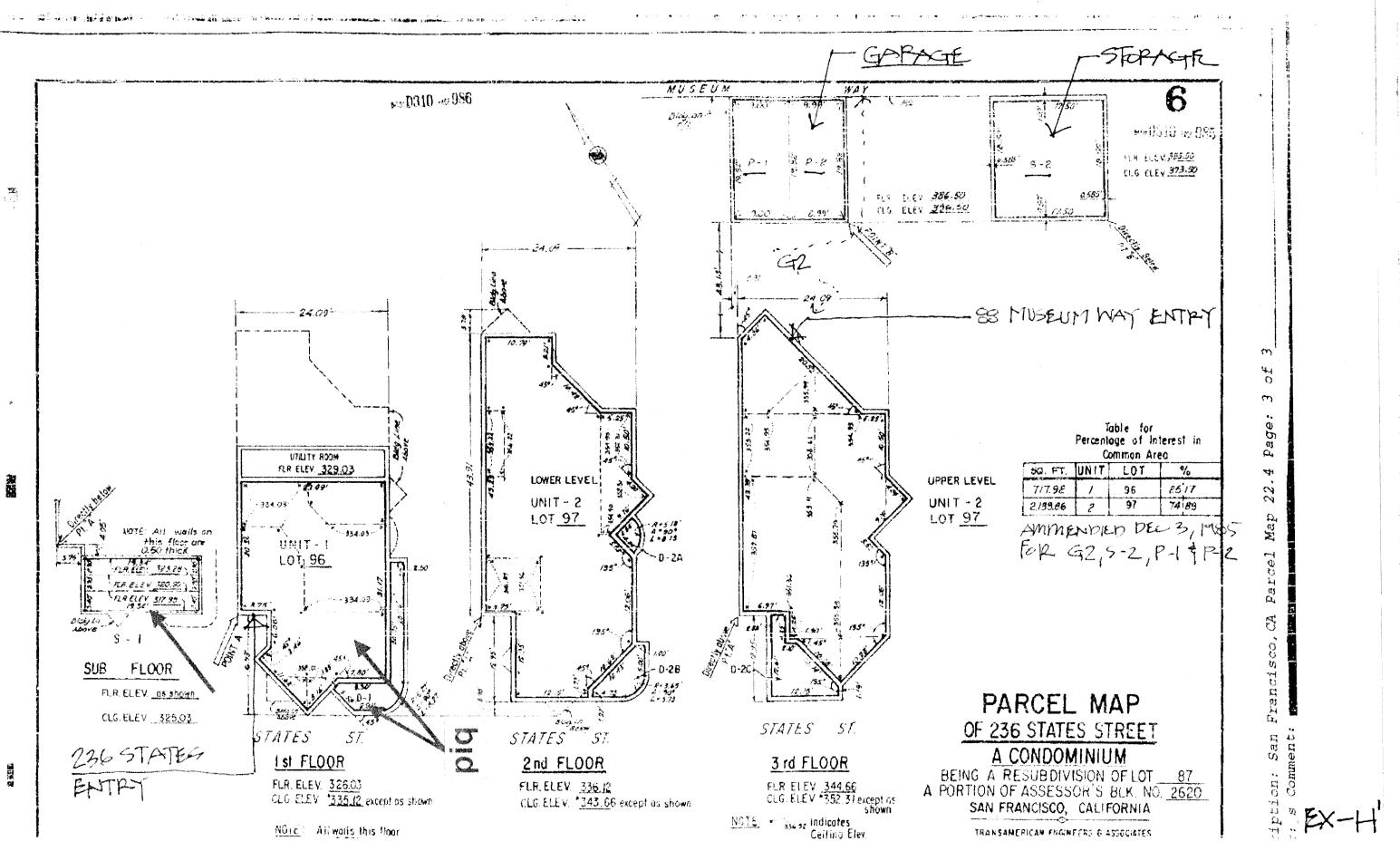
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being the Owners of all of the Units in the project, has executed this amendment on this 3rd day of December_____, 1985.

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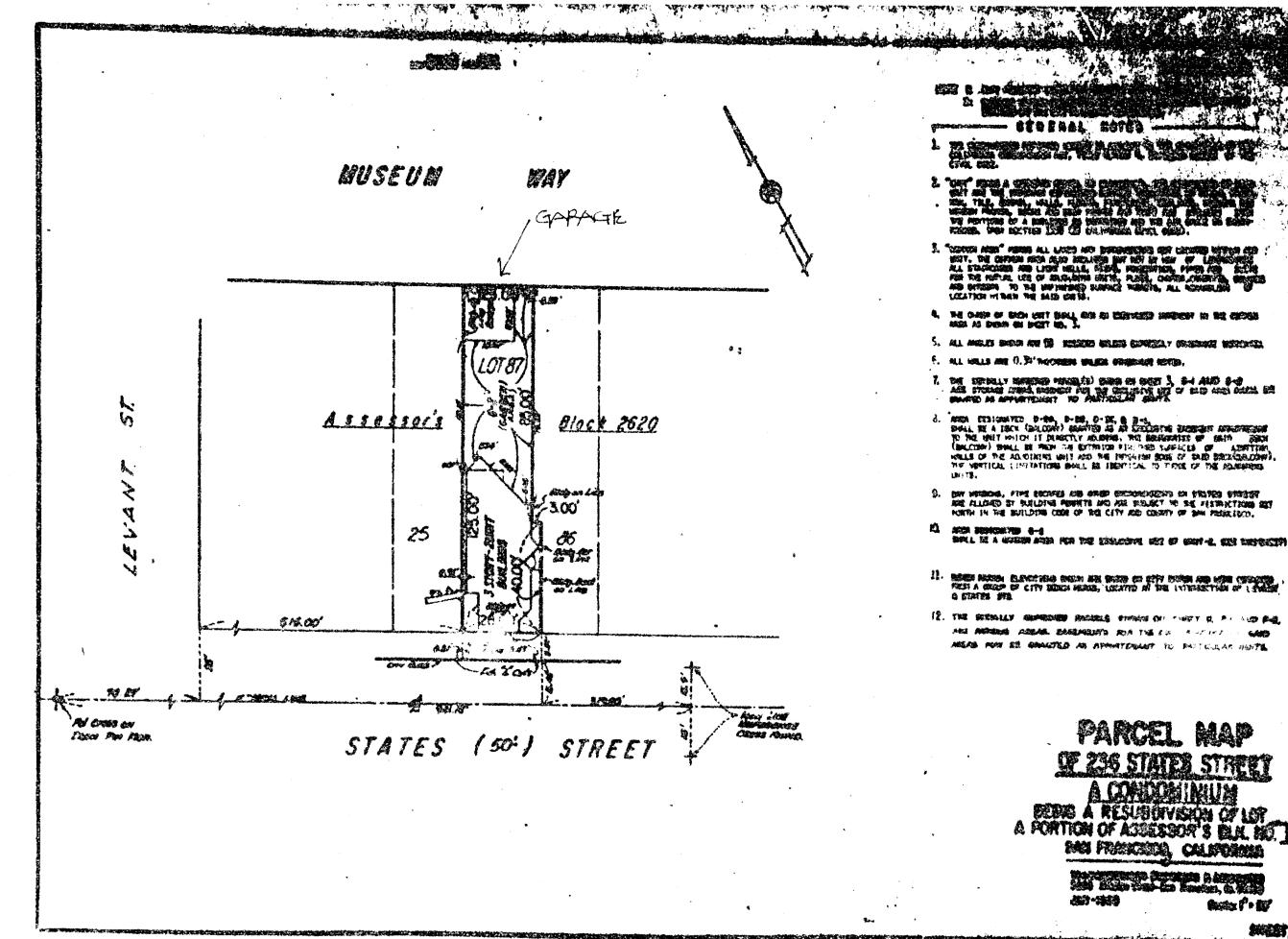
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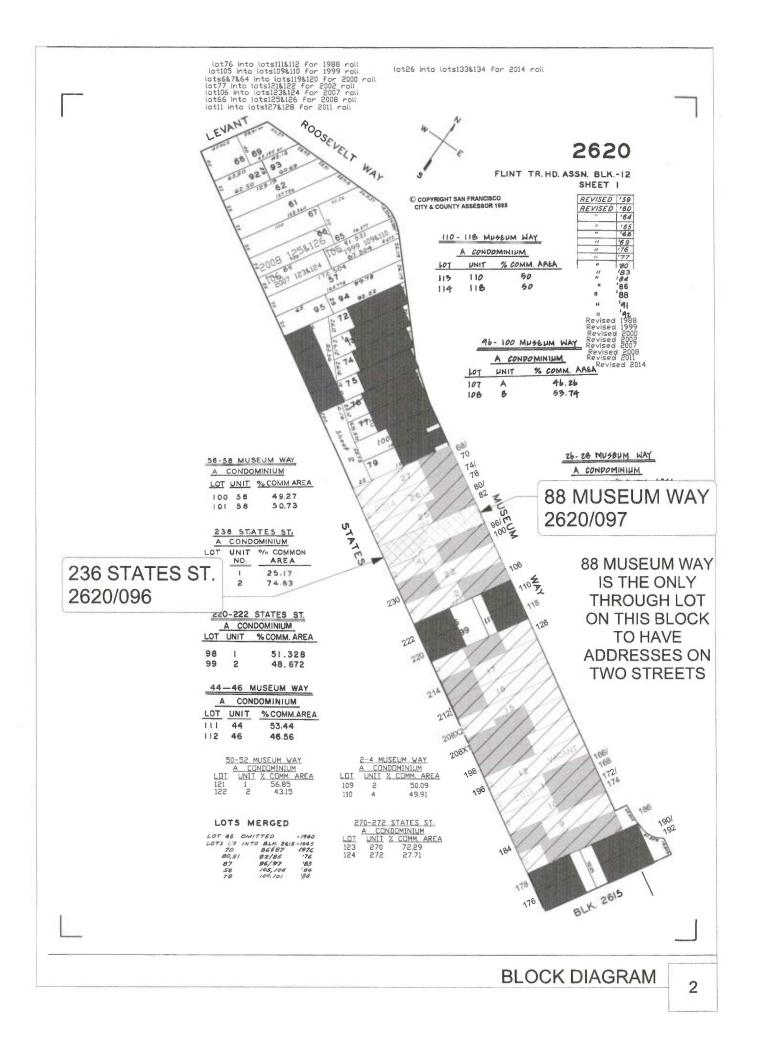
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