**ADDRESS: 1423 SPRUCE ST** 

Proposal: Demolish non-contributing building; construct seven-story building

Review Requested: Final Approval Owner: K of C Federal Credit Union

Applicant: David Lo

History: 1980; K of C Federal Credit Union; Arthur Basciano, architect

Individual Designation: None

District Designation: Rittenhouse Fitler Historic District, Non-contributing, 2/8/1995

Staff Contact: Dan Shachar-Krasnoff, daniel.shachar-krasnoff@phila.gov

# BACKGROUND:

This application seeks final approval for the construction of a seven-story, mixed-use building with ground floor commercial space and apartments on floors 2 to 7. The existing two-story building was constructed in 1980 and is Non-contributing to the Rittenhouse Fitler Historic District. Demolition of the existing building can be approved without a finding of financial hardship or public necessity. The Historical Commission has full jurisdiction over the proposed construction.

The proposed building would stand 75 feet tall in the middle of the 1400 block of Spruce Street (primary elevation) and the 1400 block of Bach Place (secondary elevation). The ground floor commercial storefront is mostly glass, with corrugated metal and buff brick. Floors 2 to 7 of the Spruce Street façade are divided in half vertically, with the west side being horizontally laid buff brick and the east side being vertically laid brown brick. The north, east, and west elevations will be clad in cementitious boards and painted to match the brick on the Spruce Street facade.

All buildings on the north side of the 1400 block of Spruce Street and the south side of the 1400 block of Bach Place, except for the easternmost parcel, are within the Rittenhouse-Fitler Historic District and all but one is Contributing. These buildings are two and 3.5 stories tall, except the western-most structure, which is 19 stories tall. The contemporary Kimmel Center on the south side of Spruce Street is not within the district. There is little historically significant context fronting Bach Place; only one building's primary facade fronts this street.

### SCOPE OF WORK:

Construct seven-story building.

# STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

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

- Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
  - The proposed building's height, brick pattern on the Spruce Street façade, and cementitious material on the highly visible east and west facades are incompatible with the historic context and therefore the application does not meet Standard 9.
- Standard 10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment will be unimpaired.
  - The proposed building could be removed from the historic site in the future, leaving all surrounding contributing structures intact; therefore, the proposal meets Standard 10.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends denial, pursuant to Standard 9.



Figure 1. Location of subject property at the east end of Rittenhouse Fitler Historic District boundary.



Figure 2. Location of proposed building on Spruce Street.



Figure 3. Spruce Street east of proposed building.

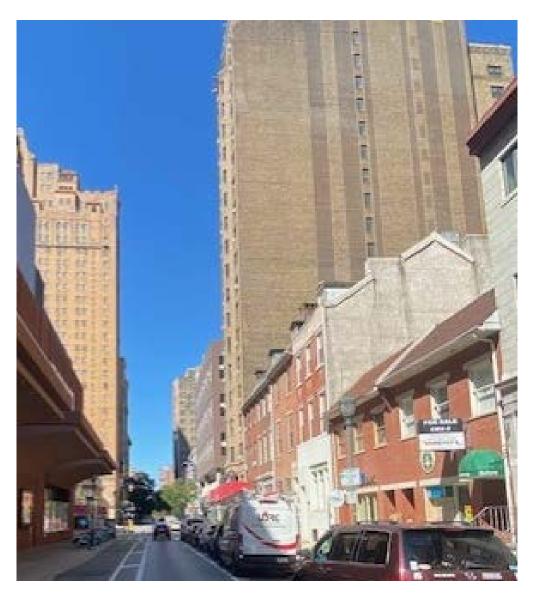


Figure 4. Spruce Street west of proposed building

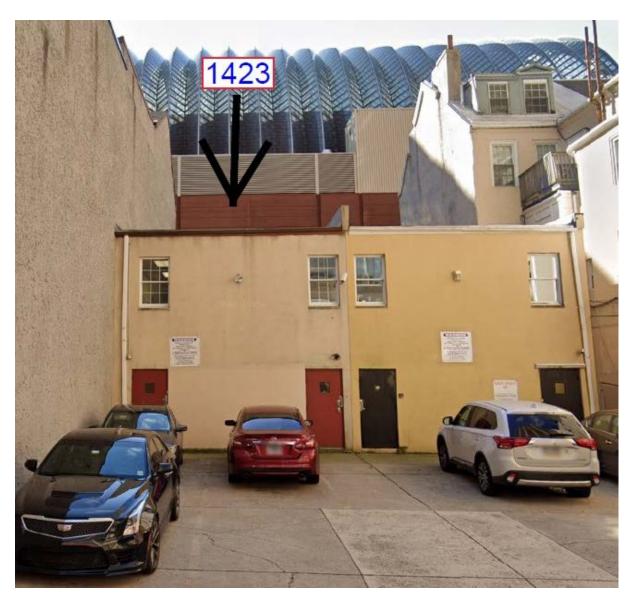


Figure 5. Location of rear of proposed building on Bach Place.



Figure 6. Bach Place west of proposed building



Figure 7. Bach Place east of proposed building

# Cover Letter

The project involves the complete demolition of the existing two-story brick building, which is NON-Historical, at 1423 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. In its place, a new 7-story, 75-foot-high building will be constructed, comprising of 24 residential units spanning from levels 2 to 7. These units consist of 12 studio apartments (330-400 sq. ft.) and 12 one-bedroom units (550 sq. ft.), with an additional commercial space on level 1 (including the basement).

The building will feature a full-size basement and an independent commercial space on the 1st floor, complete with both a storefront entrance and a rear entrance, as well as access to the basement for the commercial space.

The property is equipped with one elevator and two staircases that meet all building codes and safety requirements.

The project includes separate residential entrances at both the front (Spruce Street) and the rear (Bach Place) of the building.

The front of the building will showcase bricks from A-1 Manufacturer Belden or EQ, with the Madison Blend Sanded Rustic color scheme. The rear and sides of exterior will finish use Cement Board (James Hardie or EQ) with the Hardie Architectural Collection fine sand finish, primed for paint, to match the brick color.

Thank you for all.

# APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

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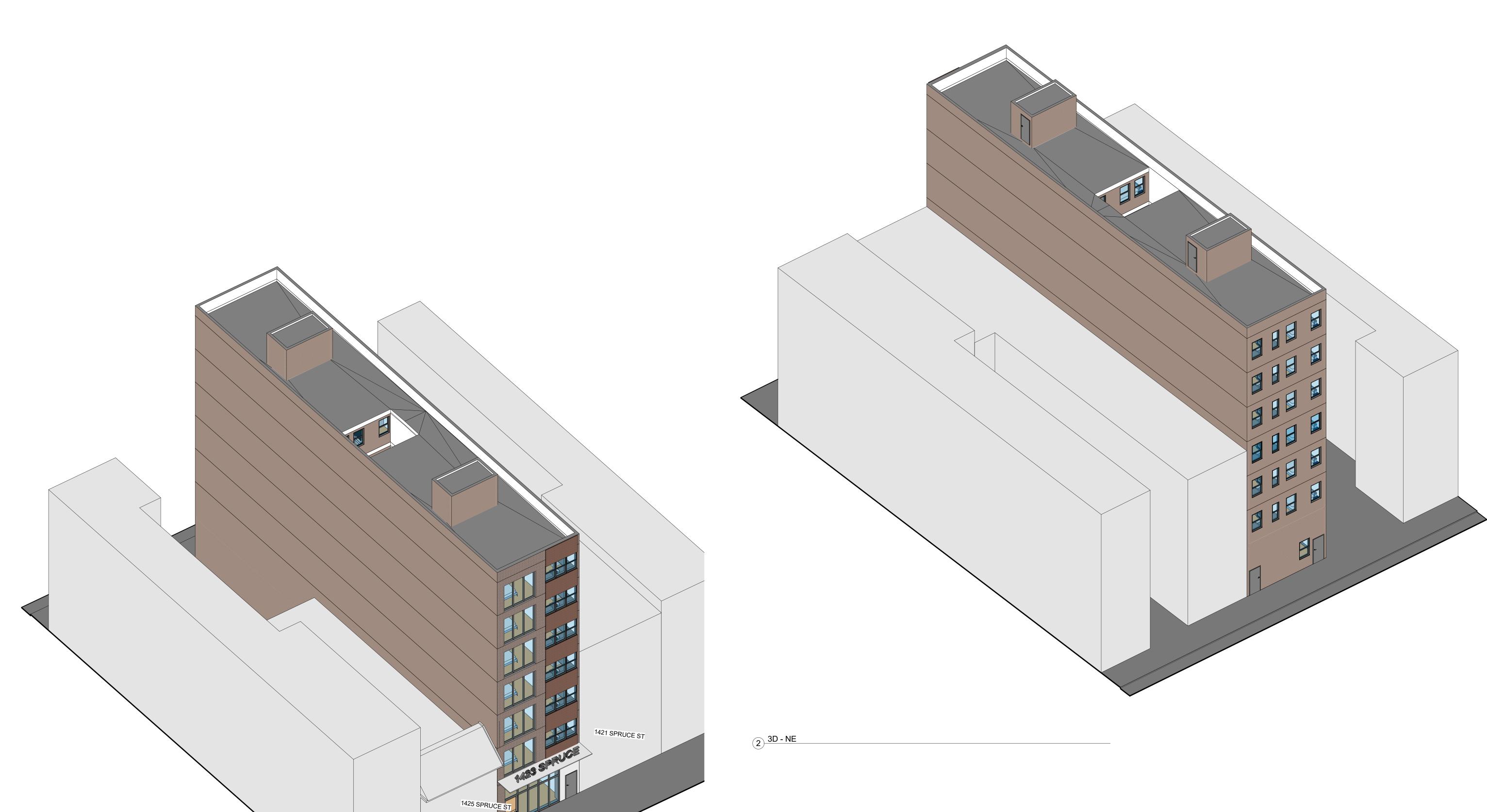


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1423 Spruce street, Philadelphia Pa 19102			
APPLICANT:	APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:		
David Lo	2220 Cottman Ave 2/FL		
COMPANY NAME South Stone Realty LLC	Philadelphia PA 19149		
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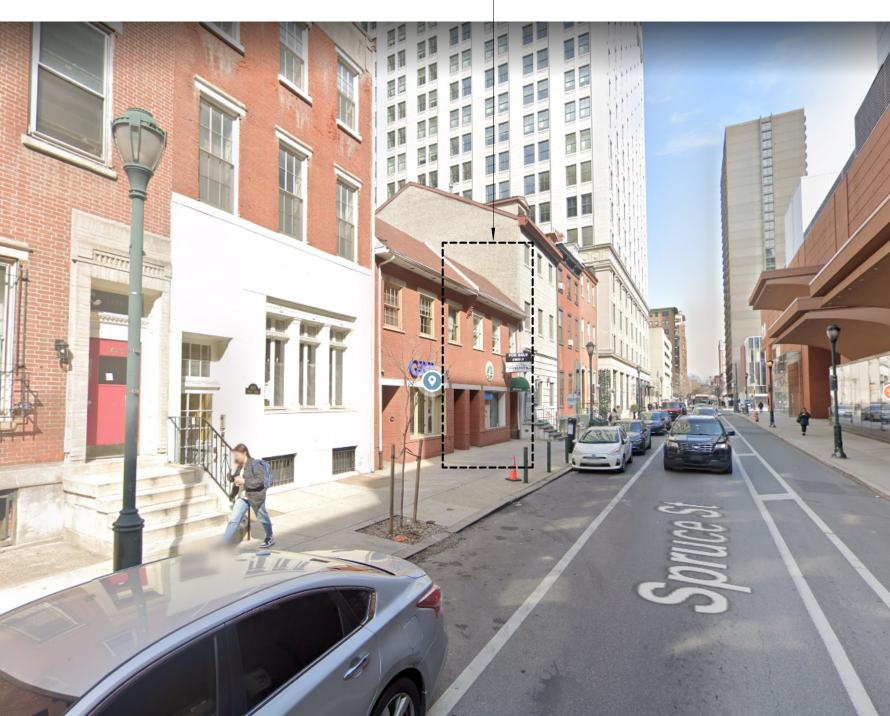
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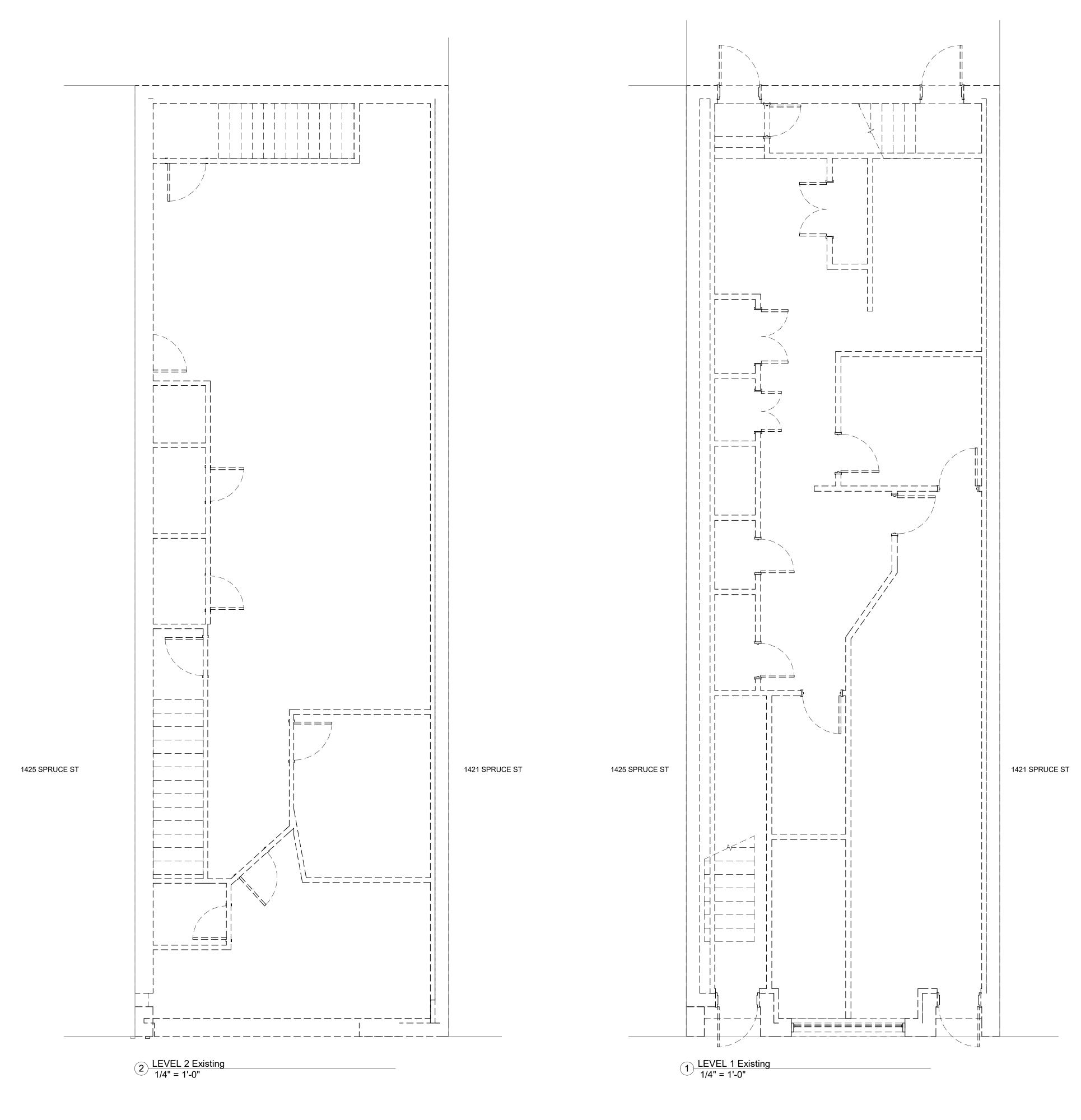
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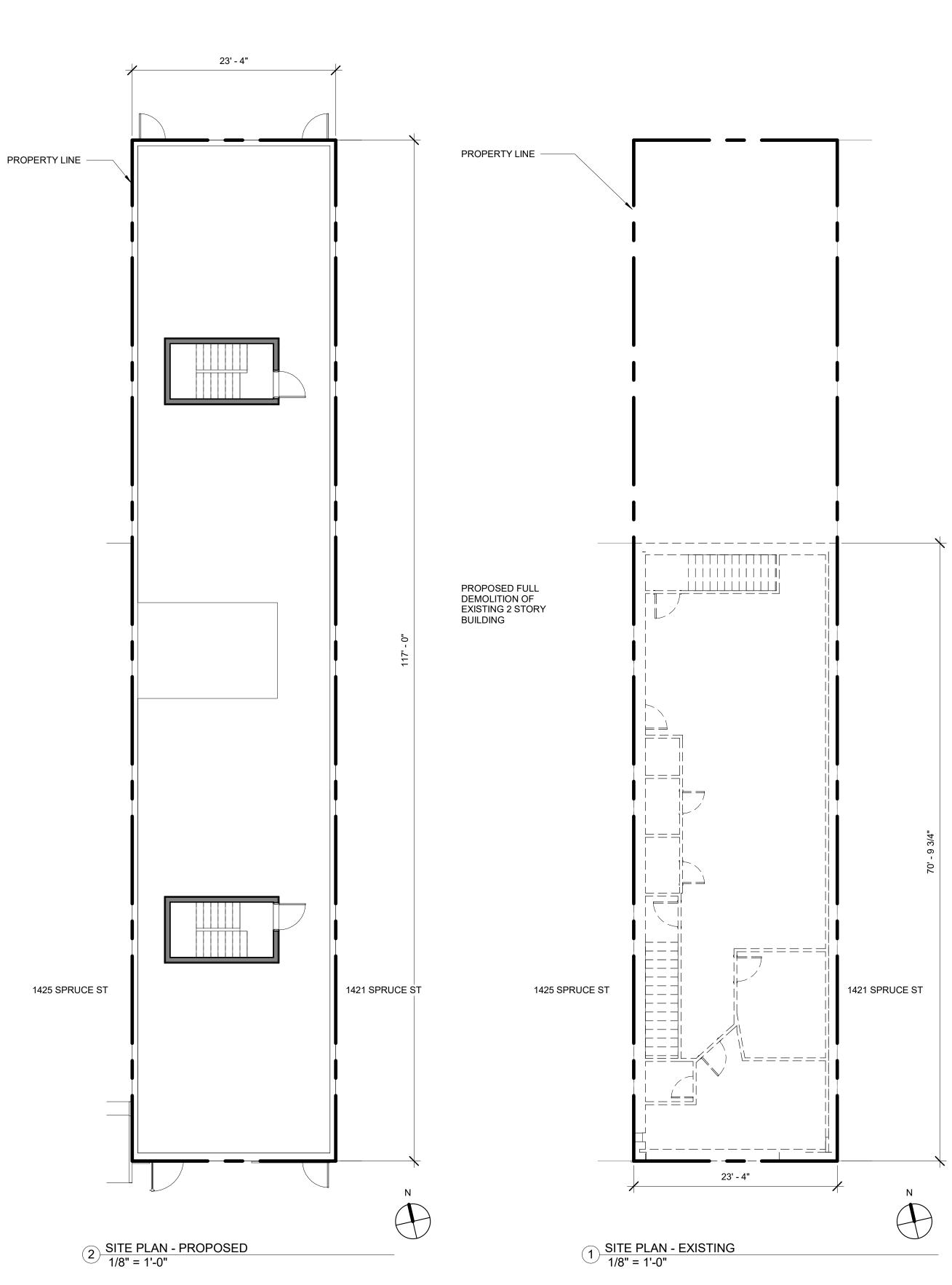




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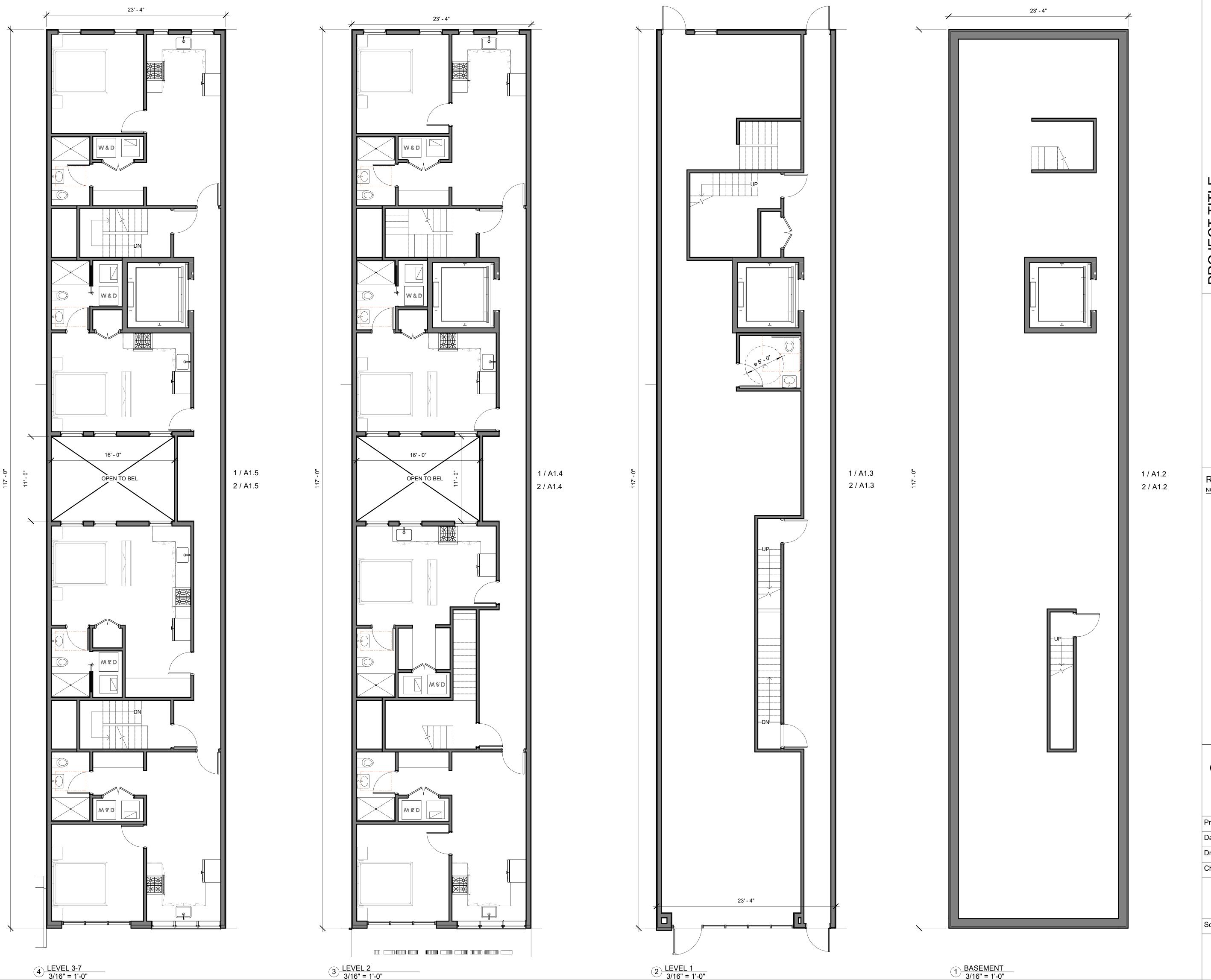
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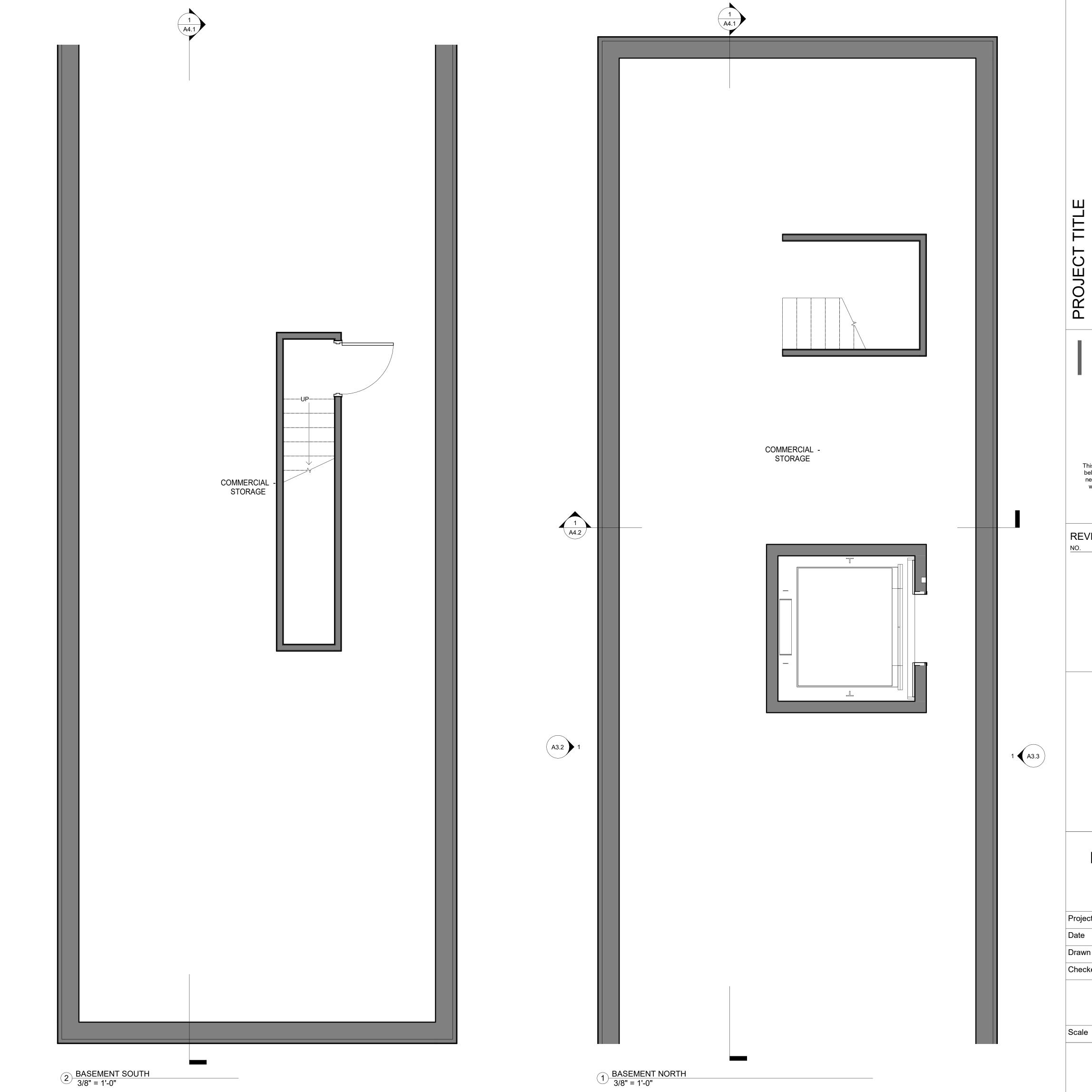
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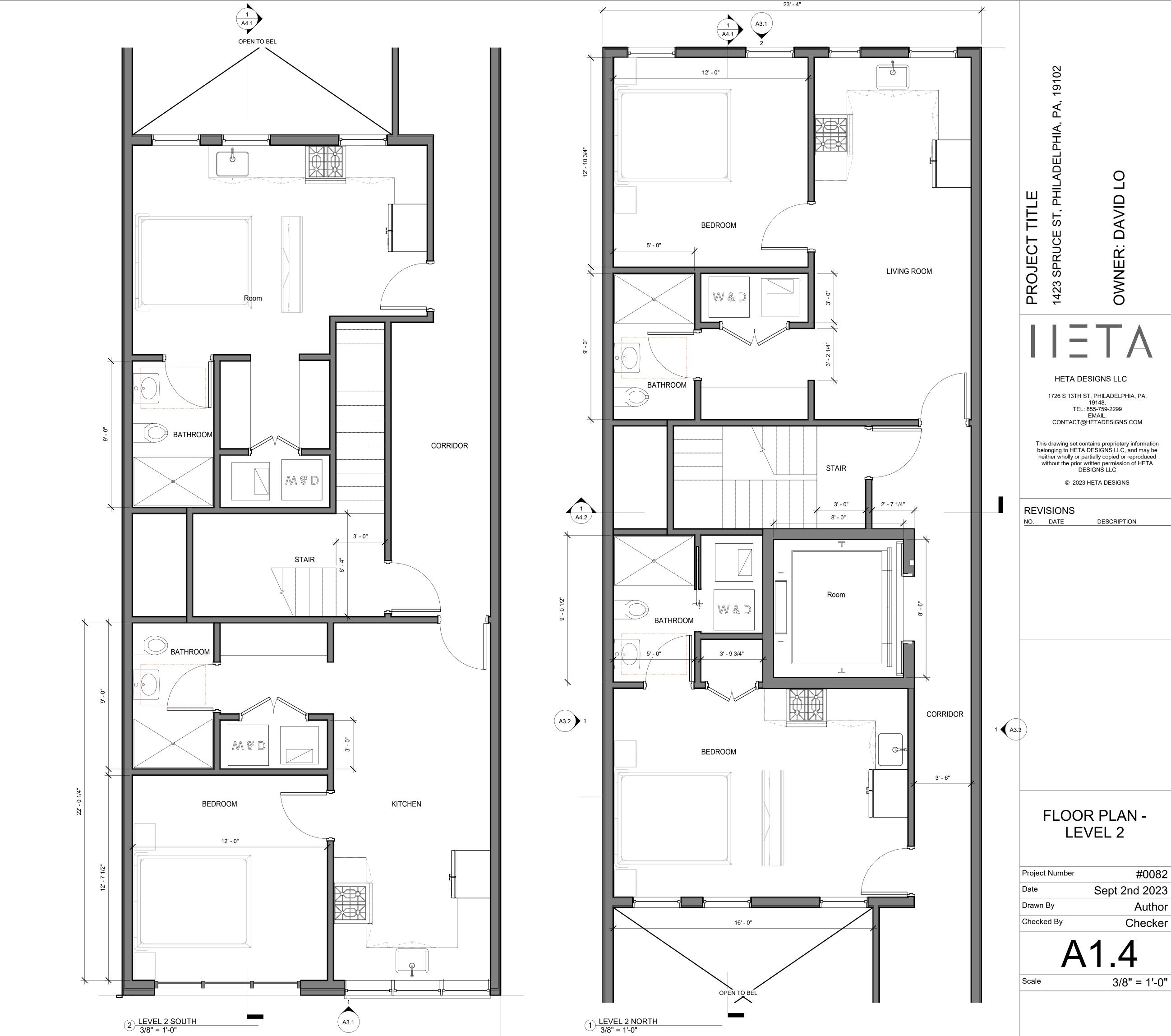
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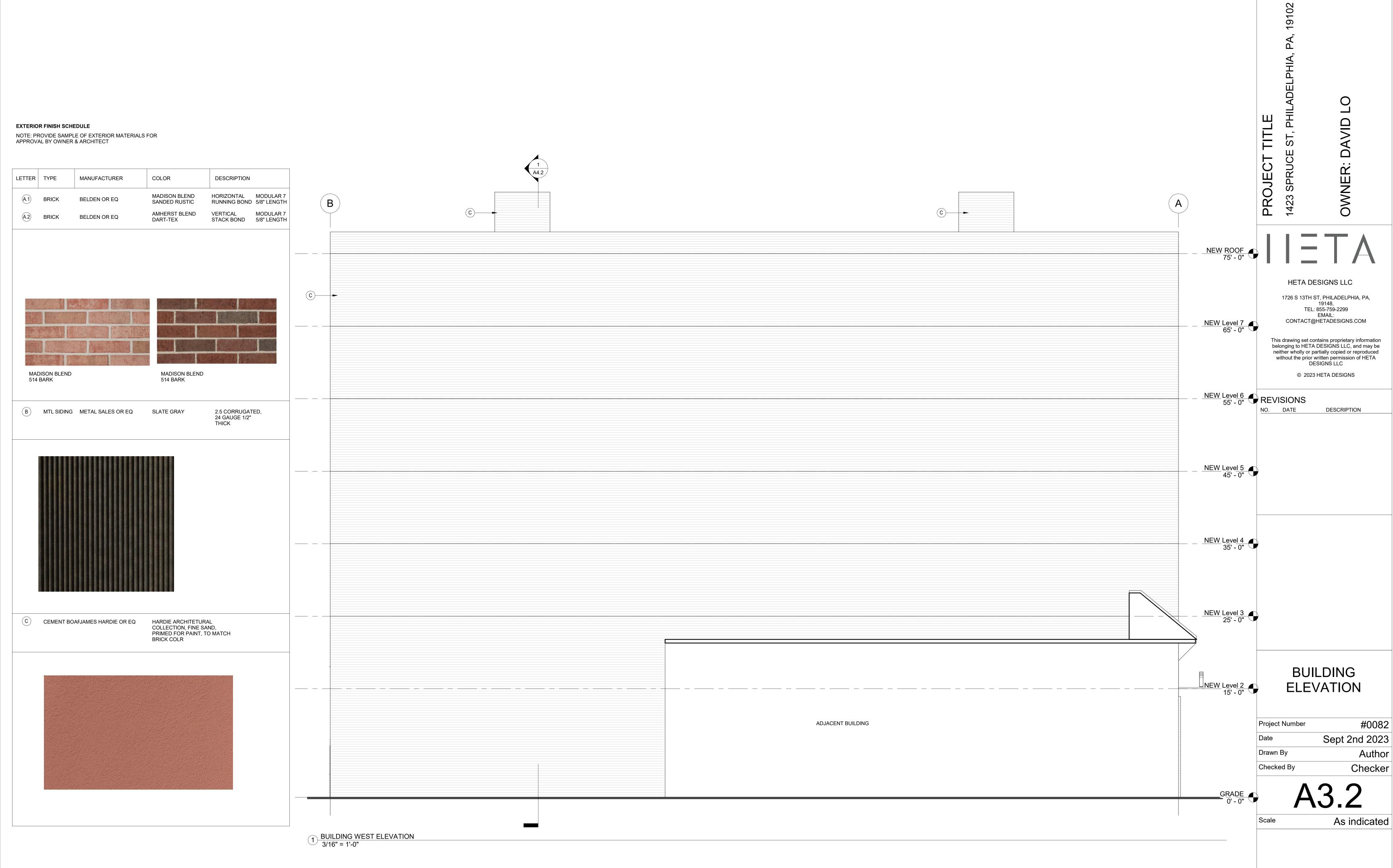
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