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Re: letters of support

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Heather,

Letter describing condition is attached, along with some more condition photos.

I did some more measuring of distances from houses to sidewalks along West Shore this morning, they range from 12'-6" up to 26'-8". That's to walls of buildings, not including open porches or stoops. There is quite a variety. The ones from the vicinity of Erin St & north tend toward the lower end of the range, as you get further south and the street bends east they're more in the range of 20'. The ones in the immediate vicinity of Erin & West Shore are all 15' to 17' range.

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RE: EXISTING CONDITION OF 801 ERIN STREET

This letter report is in response to a request to describe the existing residence that is proposed to be demolished and replaced with a new home.

The existing single-family residence was marketed as a "Fixer Upper" as it sat vacant for over two years. Many people looked at the house, made offers on contingency of inspections or being able to add on, then walked away. It has a number of structural and performance problems in addition to zoning issues. In addition it has a number of layout and design issues that do not relate well to today's housing expectations in this prime location.

Structure

The basement has a forest of steel jack posts supporting the central bearing walls surrounding the stairway that has replaced the typical construction of wood columns or frame bearing walls that rotted. The presence of standing water and old water stains on the floor and walls indicate longstanding and continued water problems in the basement that caused the rotting of the structure.

Other areas have been sinking indicating perimeter foundation problems.

- The living room floor slopes about 4" to the SE corner.
- The side addition, which is encroaching on the property line, is tilting out.
- The west end of the rear addition, originally built as a mud room/entry that has been converted to a bedroom, has sunk about 3.5".

Performance

Built in 1923, the home has the usual problems of lead paint, single pane windows, poor insulation and infiltration barriers that hinder the performance and safety of the house.

The extensive use of foam insulation on pipes and fiberglass batts stuffed in cracks indicate excessive air infiltration in the basement.

Design Obsolescence

The existing house encroaches on the south property line and is nonconforming to both the current and proposed zoning.

The house is located on the West shore of Monona Bay at the corner of Erin Street and West Shore Drive. It was built as a modest home in 1923, with three small bedrooms with small closets, a single bath, a small kitchen and an unheated porch facing the Bay. The living room has no windows facing the prime view of the lake.

A new home in this location would have greater openness to the lake from the living spaces, larger bedrooms and closets, multiple bathrooms.

Electrical system has the original knob and tube wiring and there is no central air conditioning.

Remodeling and Repairs

There is no home that cannot remodeled or repaired, but the question that must be answered is "At what cost and how good is the result?"

This house needs major upgrading on most of the major systems. It is a candidate for a total gut, redesign and reconstruction. Any addition would require a zoning variance, as would a shed or garage.

- Repair or replace foundation, stop settlement.
- Waterproof, tile and sump
- · New slab and waterproofing
- Rebuilding floors to be level. New interior structural supports.
- Gut existing finishes to studs,
- Redesign living spaces to take advantage of views, proper sized kitchen, living, bathrooms, bedrooms and closets to meet modern living needs.
- Build an addition or reduce the number of rooms in the house to accommodate the new spaces. Any addition would require a Zoning Board of Appeals approval for a variance.
- New electrical, HVAC and plumbing systems

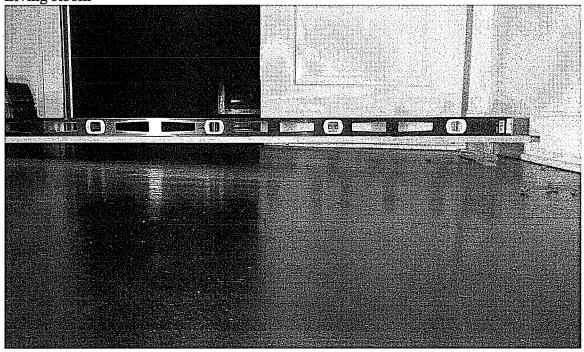
The costs related to this extensive of a remodeling and reconstruction would be equal to or greater than a house of the same size and would still not perform to like a new, well designed home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

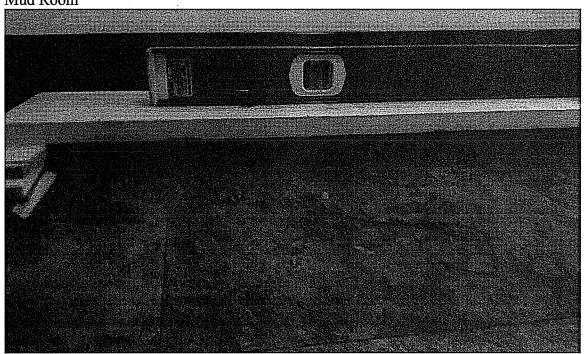
Arlan Kay, AIA Architect

Additional Photos – 801 Erin Street

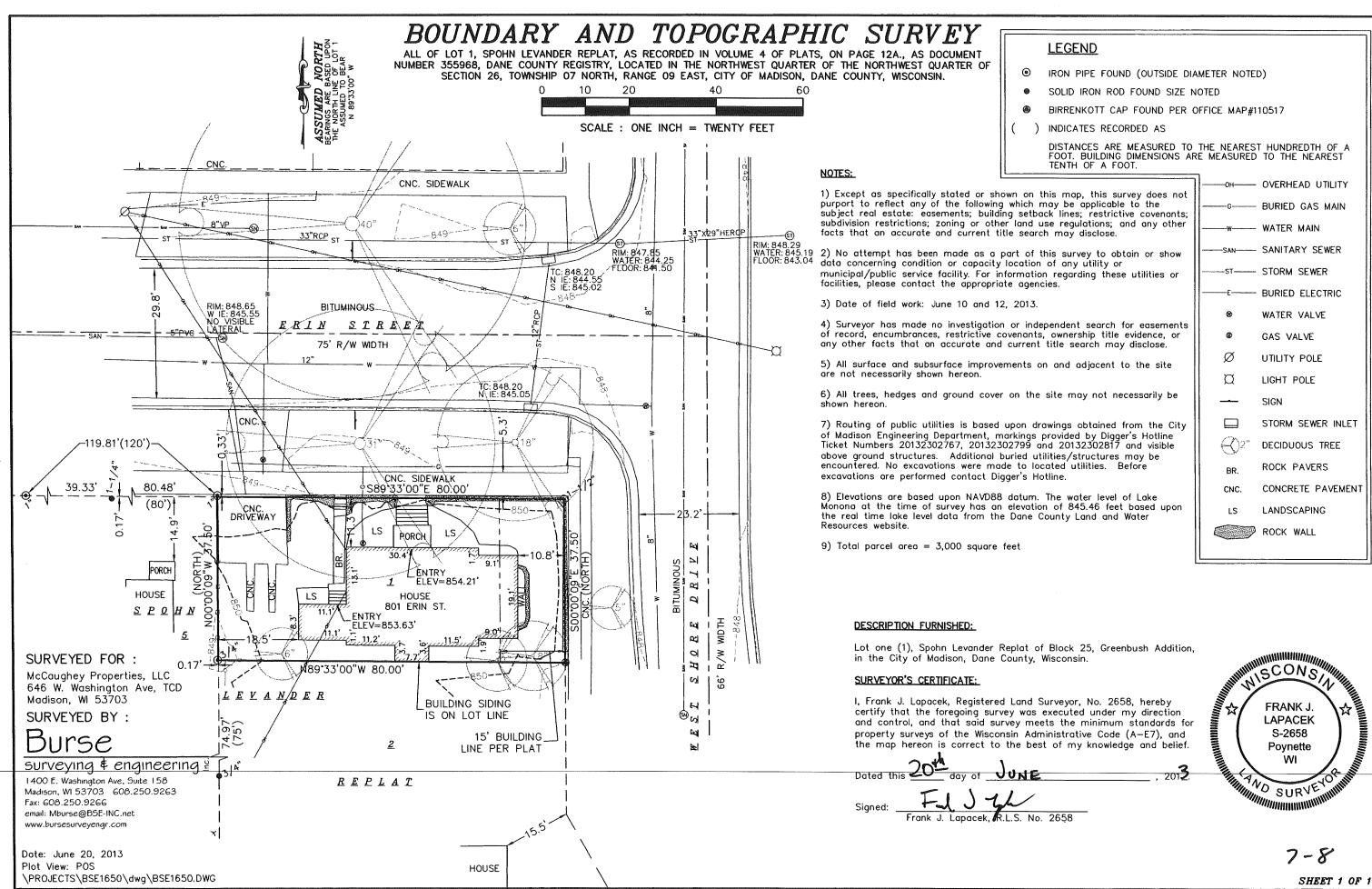
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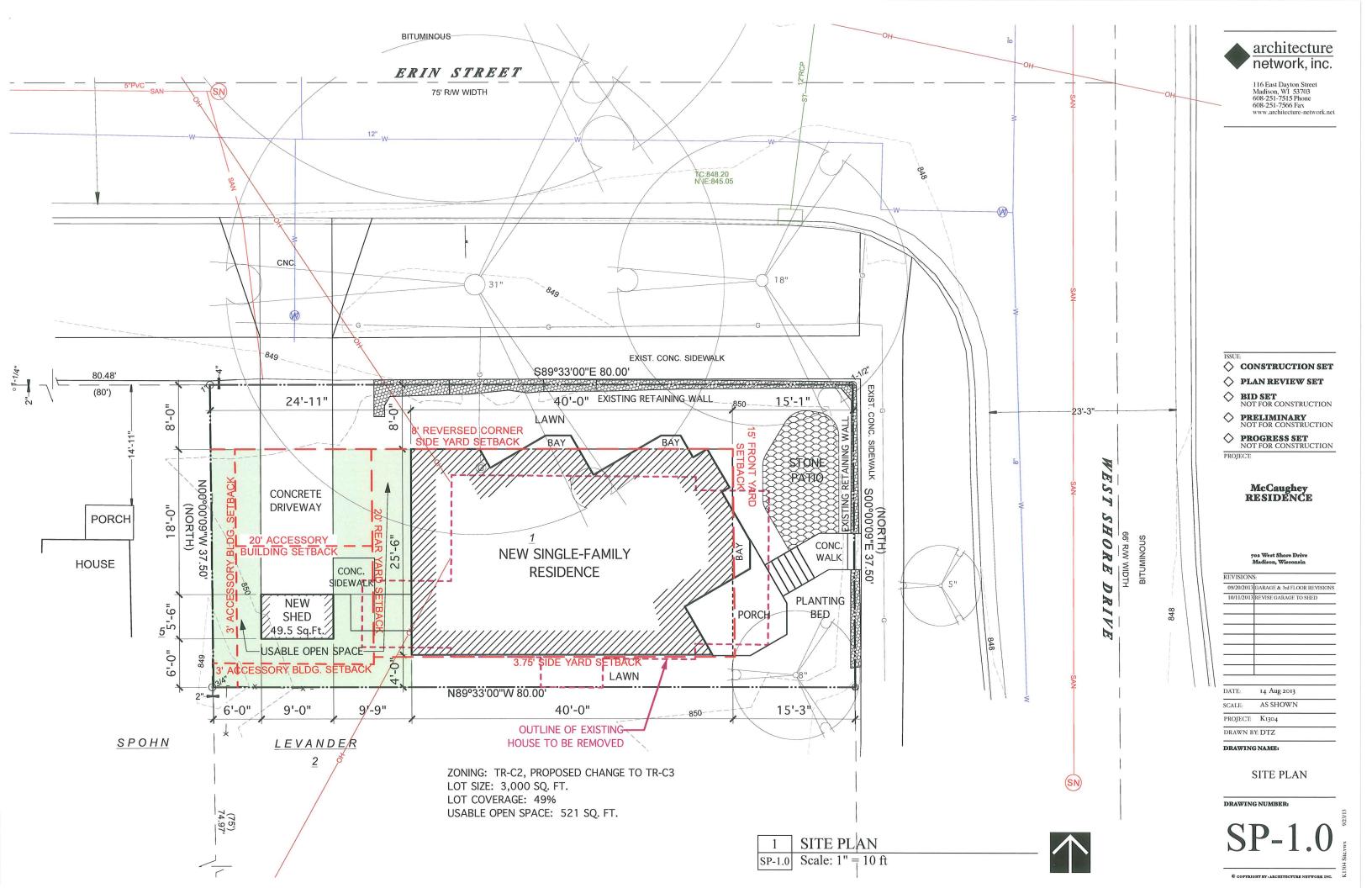


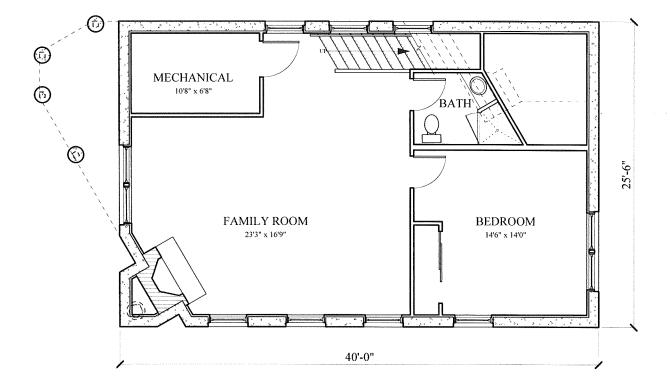
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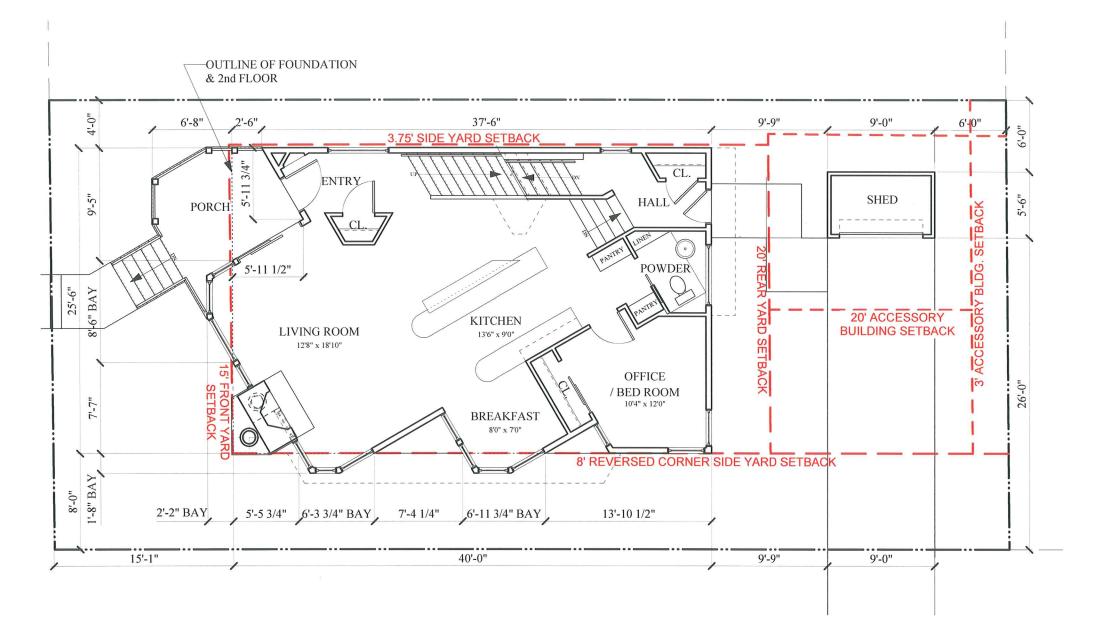
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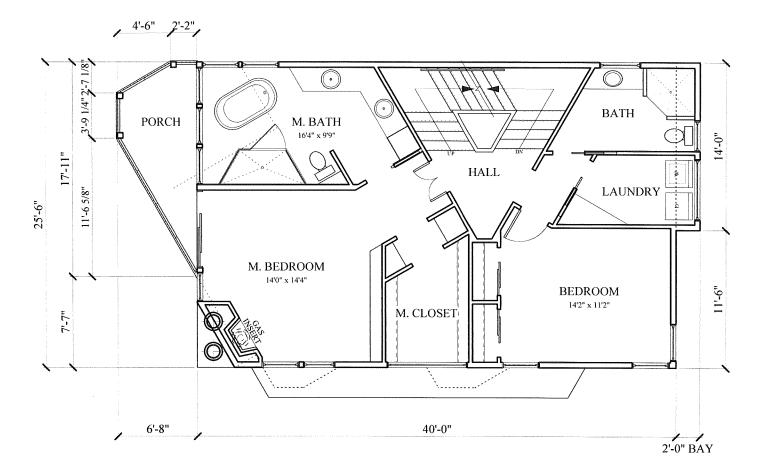
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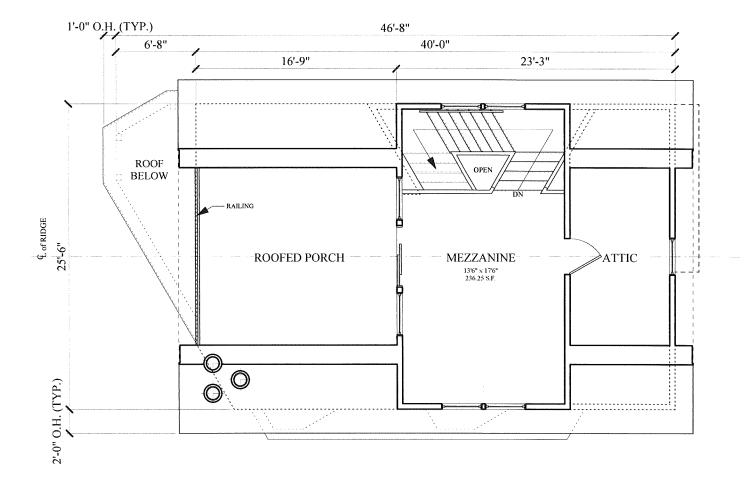
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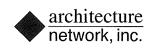
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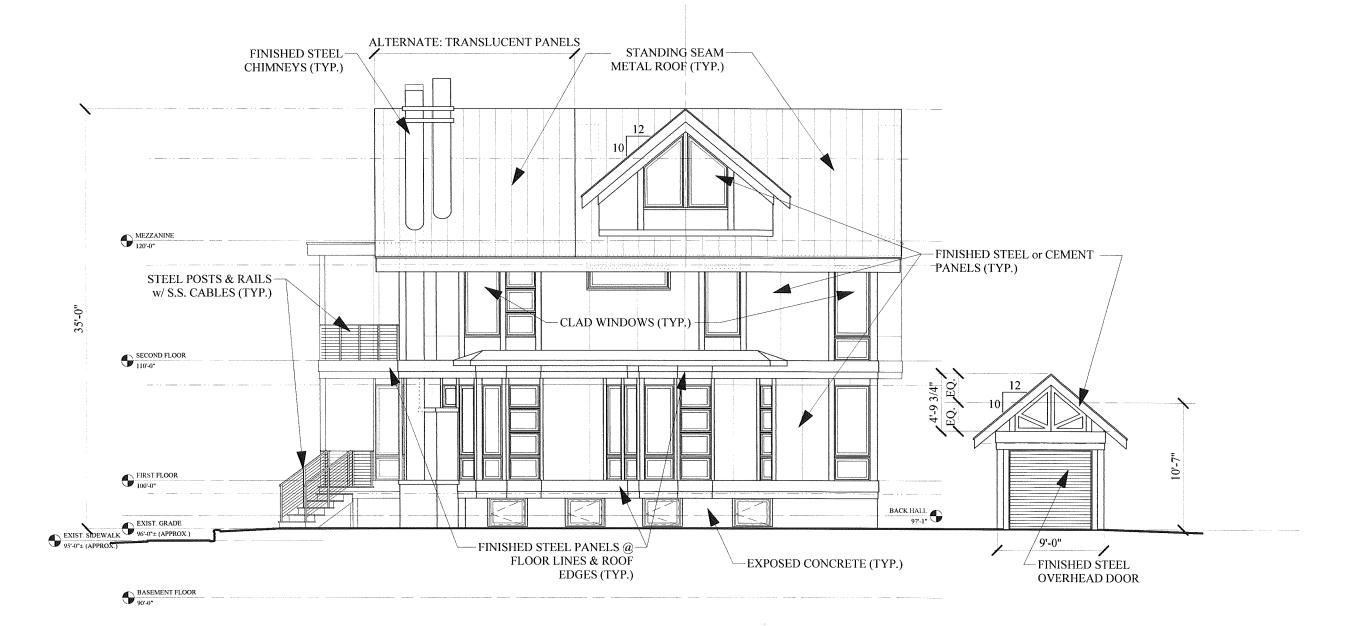
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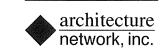
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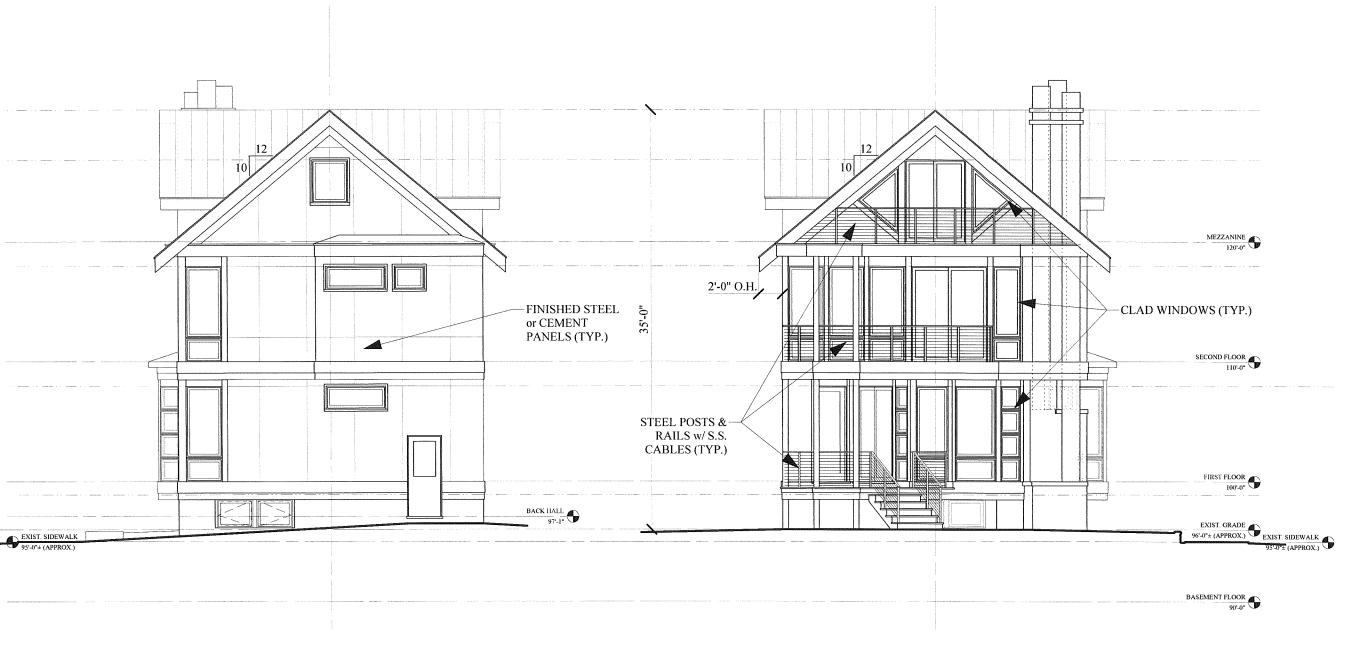
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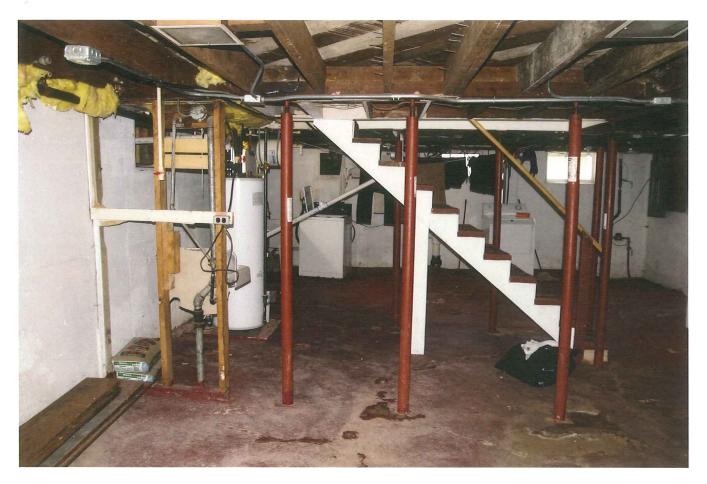
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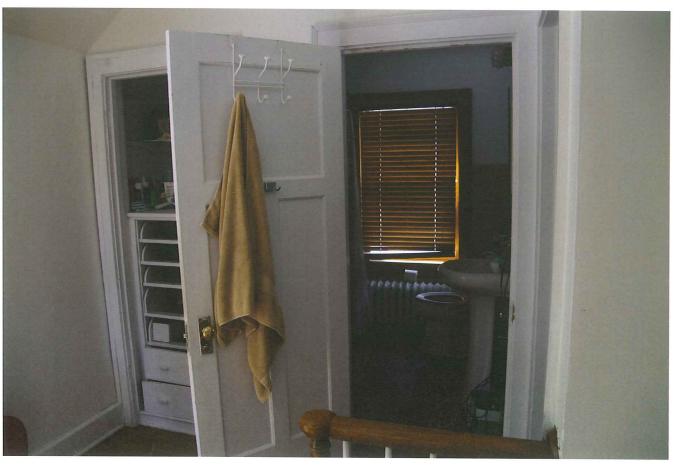
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