

Planning Commission Staff Report

Date:

March 14, 2012

Case No.:

5.0881 PD 269 - Final PD AMEND

Application Type:

Final Planned Development Plan Amendment

Location:

Monte Sereno – 1040 Bogert Trail

Applicant:

Alta Verde Sereno, LLC.

Zone:

W-R-1-B / PD 269

General Plan:

ER (Estate Residential)

APNs:

512-330-024, 512-340-030 & 512-350-048

From:

Craig A. Ewing, AICP, Director of Planning Services

Project Planner:

David A. Newell. Associate Planner

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The application is a request by the Alta Verde Sereno, LLC. for the approval of an amendment to a previously approved Final Planned Development District plans for PD 269, commonly known as Monte Sereno. The amendment is proposing layout, elevation and landscape changes to the three house plans. These changes will apply to sixty of the sixty-two remaining vacant lots within the eighty-nine unit residential tract.

Section 94.03.00(G) allows the Planning Commission to modify Final Development Plans of Planned Developments. The Commission may approve minor architectural or site changes that do not affect the intent of the PD. In this case, staff believes that the intent of the Planned Development was to establish a mix single-family residential units and adequate open space within the subdivision with variations to architectural designs and to certain development standards.

RECOMMENDATION

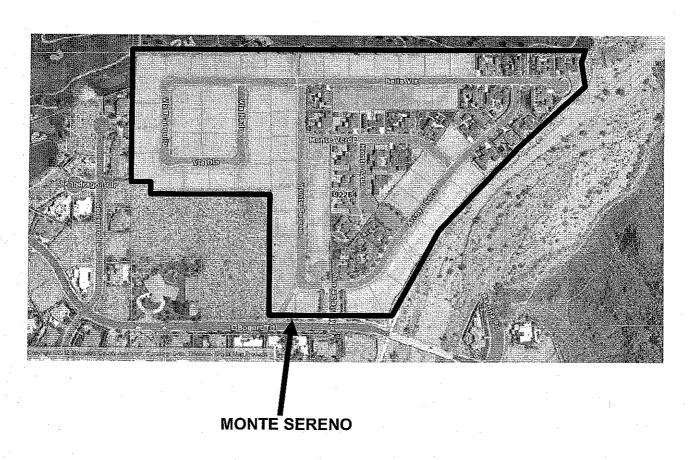
That the Planning Commission approve the proposed amendment to the Final Development Plans of Planned Development District 269, Case No. 5.0881, subject to all other previous Conditions of Approval.

PRIOR ACTIONS

On February 6, 2012, the Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) reviewed the architectural designs for the proposed amendment and by a vote of 6-1 recommended approval, subject to a subcommittee consisting of members Fredricks, Ortega and Purnel providing a recommendation on the final landscape plans.

BACKGROUND AND SETTING

The Monte Sereno project consists of eighty-nine (89) detached single-family residential units, including associated on and off-site improvements, on approximately forty acres at approximately 1040 Bogert Trail. As of today, the development currently has twenty-one residences constructed. The applicant is proposing to develop sixty of the six-two remaining vacant lots.



ANALYSIS

The applicant has acquired sixty of the six-two remaining undeveloped lots within the Monte Sereno residential subdivision. The applicant is proposing new floor plans, elevations and front yard landscaping. Three floor plans are being proposed; two of the plans include a modified or reversed plan option. A conceptual site plan showing home layouts within the subdivision has been provided, but the applicant has indicated that the final layout will depend on the purchaser's request.

The homes range in size from 3,535 to 4,111 square feet (excluding guest house, pool cabana and garage areas). Each floor plan includes a two-car garage. All floor plans allow various purchaser options including the following:

Floor Plan	Allowable Options		
	Guest House	Pool Cabana	Third-car Garage
Palazzo	Yes (attached or detached)	Yes	Yes
Esplanade	Yes (attached or detached)	Yes	Yes
Esplanade Reversed	Yes (attached or detached)	Yes	Yes
Modern Villa A	Yes (detached only)	Yes	No
Modern Villa B	Yes (detached only)	Yes	No

When Preliminary PD-269 was approved, certain modifications of the R-1-B Zone development standards were allowed. The homes have been designed with the following development standard, consistent with preliminary PD-269:

	R-1-B Zone	Preliminary PD-269	Final Development Plans
Residences (including s	ide-loaded gar	ages) was also make a	
Front	25 feet	10 to 15 feet	10 feet
Side Front (corner lots)	20 feet	10 to 15 feet	10 feet
Garages (facing street)			
Front	25 feet	20 to 25 feet	26 to 30 feet
All structures			
Side Interior	10 feet	10 feet	10 feet
Rear	15 feet	15 feet	15 feet
Building Height	18 feet	Up to 22 feet	20 feet, 7 inches max.
Lot Coverage	35% max.	35% max.	35% max.

The proposed architecture is an eclectic blend of Traditional and Spanish influences with simple forms. Sloped tile roofs and flat roofs are used on each plan. The Palazzo plan is a symmetrical design while the others are asymmetrical. The applicant has

provided typical landscape plans for the front yards, and states that the palette is consistent with the existing homes in the subdivision.

REQUIRED FINDINGS

Pursuant to Section 94.03.00(G) of the Zoning Code, the final development plan may be modified by submitting a request for such modification according to the same procedure as is required in the initial review and approval process, including public hearing by the Planning Commission and City Council in accordance with Section 94.02.00. However, minor architectural or site changes not affecting the intent of the PD may be approved by the Planning Commission. No council action is necessary for minor changes except appealed decisions. In order for the project to be approved by the Planning Commission, the following finding must be made in support of the minor change:

1. The minor architectural or site changes do not affect the intent of the PD.

The use and density of the subject property remains the same and are not affected by the proposed changes. The architecture will be similar to that which was originally approved. Therefore, the minor architectural and site changes do not affect the intent of the PD.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was previously adopted by the City Council on July 30, 2003, for the Monte Sereno development. Pursuant to Section 15162 of the California Environmental Act (CEQA), the preparation of additional environmental documentation is not necessary because the proposed amendment will not change the circumstances related to the project. Furthermore, the amendment will not result in any new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Therefore, the proposed amendment could not result in any new environmental impacts beyond those already assessed in the previously adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above analysis, staff recommends the Planning Commission approve the amendment to the Final Development Plans for PD 269, subject to the following condition:

1. Prior to issuance of any building permits, the applicant shall submit the final landscape and irrigation plans to the Planning Department for review by staff. The plans shall be reviewed by the designated AAC subcommittee for a recommendation.

A draft resolution of approval has been attached to this report.

PLANNED

EVELOPMENT

NOTIFICATION

Review of minor changes to a Final Development Plan does not require public notice pursuant to Section 94.03.00(G) of the Zoning Code.

David A. Newell Associate Planner

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Director of Planning Services

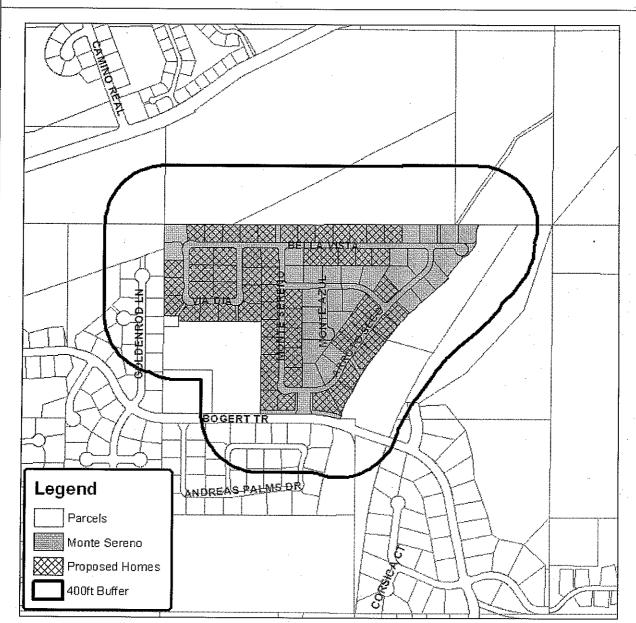
ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Existing Site Photographs
- 3. Architectural plans, including conceptual subdivision layout plan, landscape plans, floor plans, roof plans, elevations, landscape board and materials exhibit.



Department of Planning Services Vicinity Map





CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

CASE:

5.0881 PD 269 Final

PD AMEND

APPLICANT: Alta Verde Sereno.

LLC

Alta Verde Sereno, LLC for **DESCRIPTION:** modifications to approved Final Development plans for 60 proposed single-family residences within an 89-unit residential subdivision known as Monte Sereno located at 1040 Bogert Trail, Zone W-R-1-B, Section 35. (DN)

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 5.0881 PD-269 FINAL PD AMEND; AN AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR SIXTY VACANT LOTS WITHIN THE MONTE SERENO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 1040 BOGERT TRAIL.

WHEREAS, Alta Verde Sereno, LLC. ("Applicant") has filed an application to amend the Final Development Plans of PD 269, Case No. 5.0881, involving modifications to the designs and architecture of single-family residences and front yard landscaping within the Monte Sereno residential development located at 1040 Bogert Trail, Zone PD 269, Section 35; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 94.03.00(G) of the Zoning Code, the Planning Commission may approve minor architectural or site changes that do not affect the intent of the PD; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2012, a public meeting on Case No. 5.0881 PD-269 Final PD AMEND was held by the Planning Commission in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the proposed amendment has been determined to be a project subject to environmental analysis under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has carefully reviewed and considered all of the evidence presented in connection with the hearing on the project, including, but not limited to, the staff report, and all written and oral testimony presented.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was previously adopted by the City Council on July 30, 2003 for the residential development. Pursuant to Section 15162 of the California Environmental Act (CEQA), the preparation of additional environmental documentation is not necessary because the proposed amendment will not change the circumstances related to the project. Furthermore, the amendment will not result in any new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Therefore, the proposed amendment could not result in any new environmental impacts beyond those already assessed in the previously adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Section 2:

The use and density of the subject property remains the same and are not affected by the proposed changes. The architecture will be similar to that which was originally approved. Therefore, the minor architectural and site changes do not affect the intent of the PD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based upon the foregoing, the Planning Commission hereby approves Case No. 5.0881 PD-269 Final PD AMEND; an amendment to the final development plans for sixty of the sixty-two remaining vacant lots within the eighty-nine lot single-family residential subdivision located at 1040 Bogert Trail, subject to all Conditions set forth in Exhibit A of City Council Resolution 20685, and the following:

1. Prior to issuance of any building permits, the applicant shall submit the final landscape and irrigation plans to the Planning Department for review by staff. The plans shall be reviewed by the designated AAC subcommittee for a recommendation.

ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2012.

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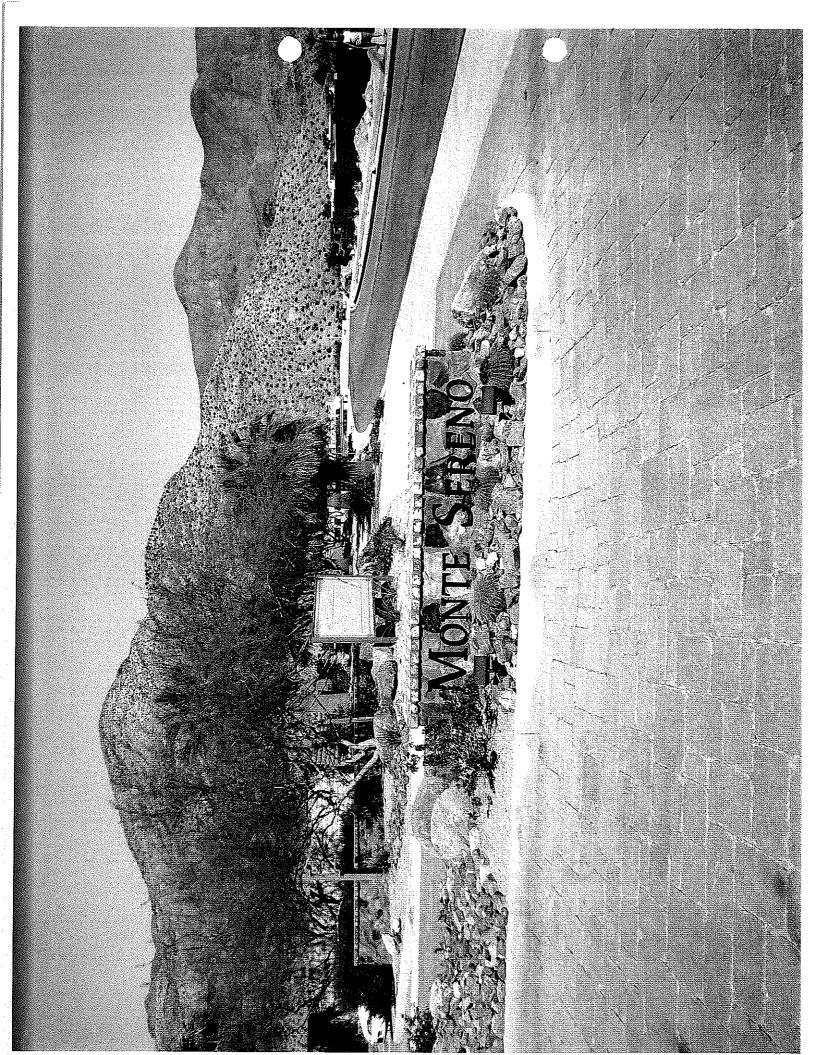
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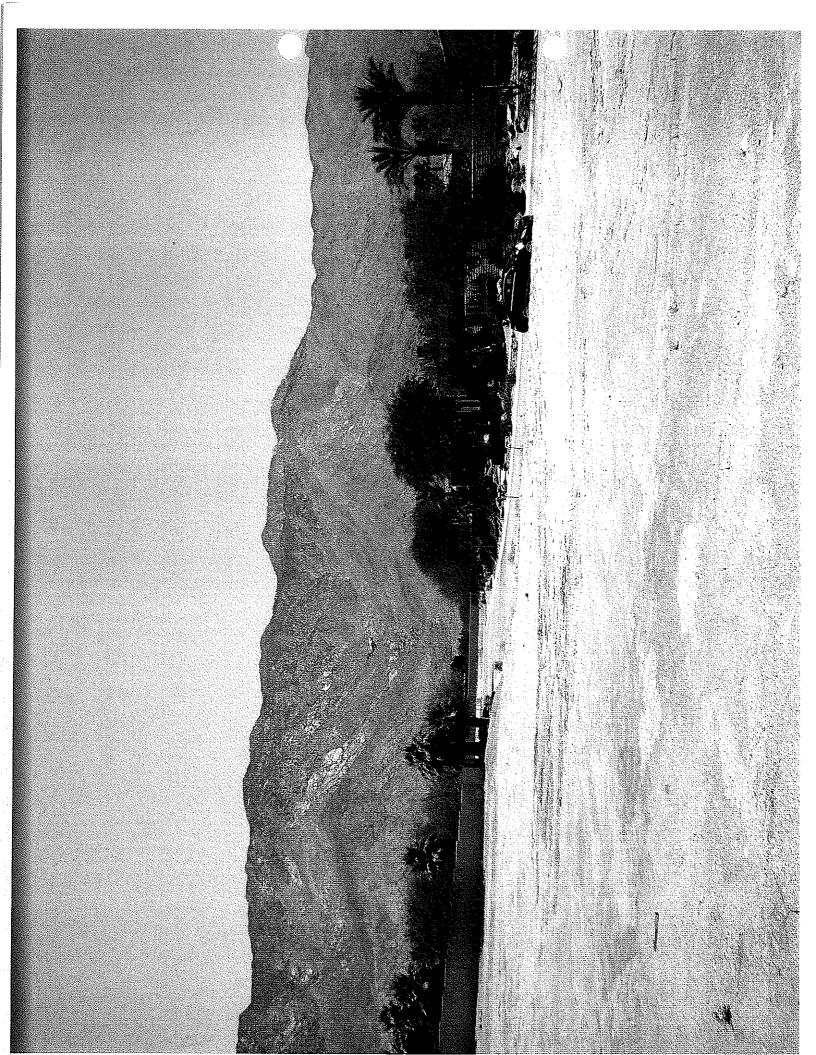
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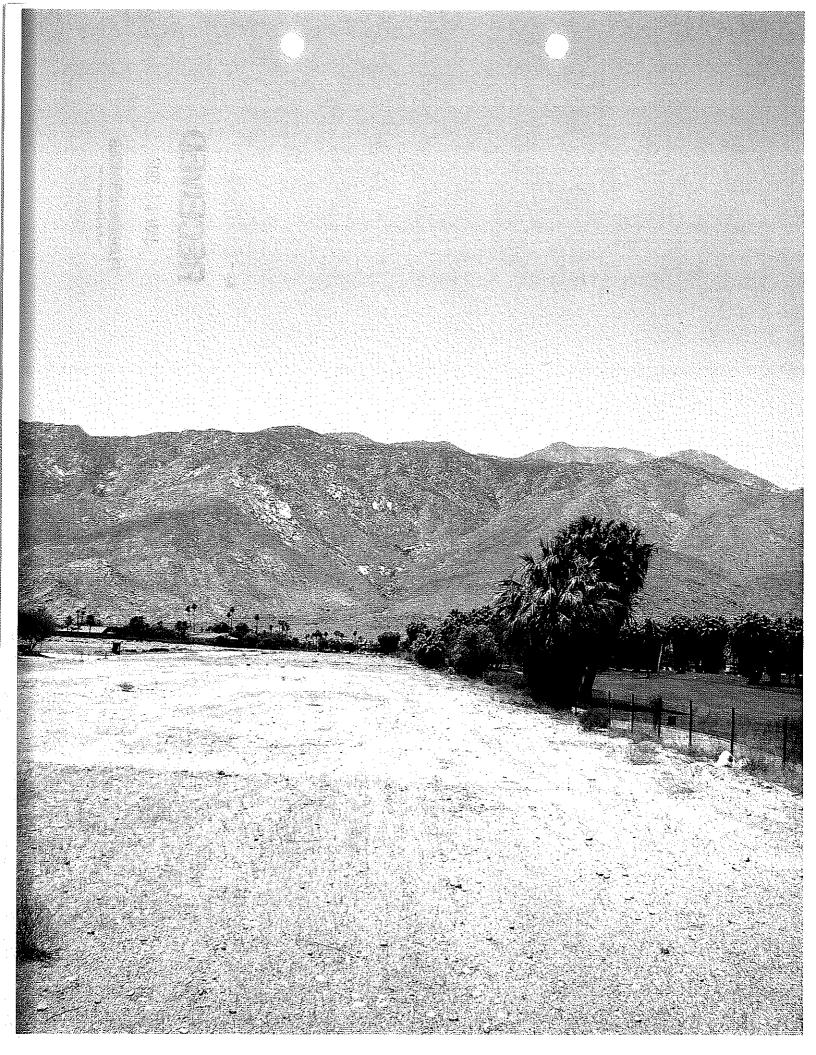
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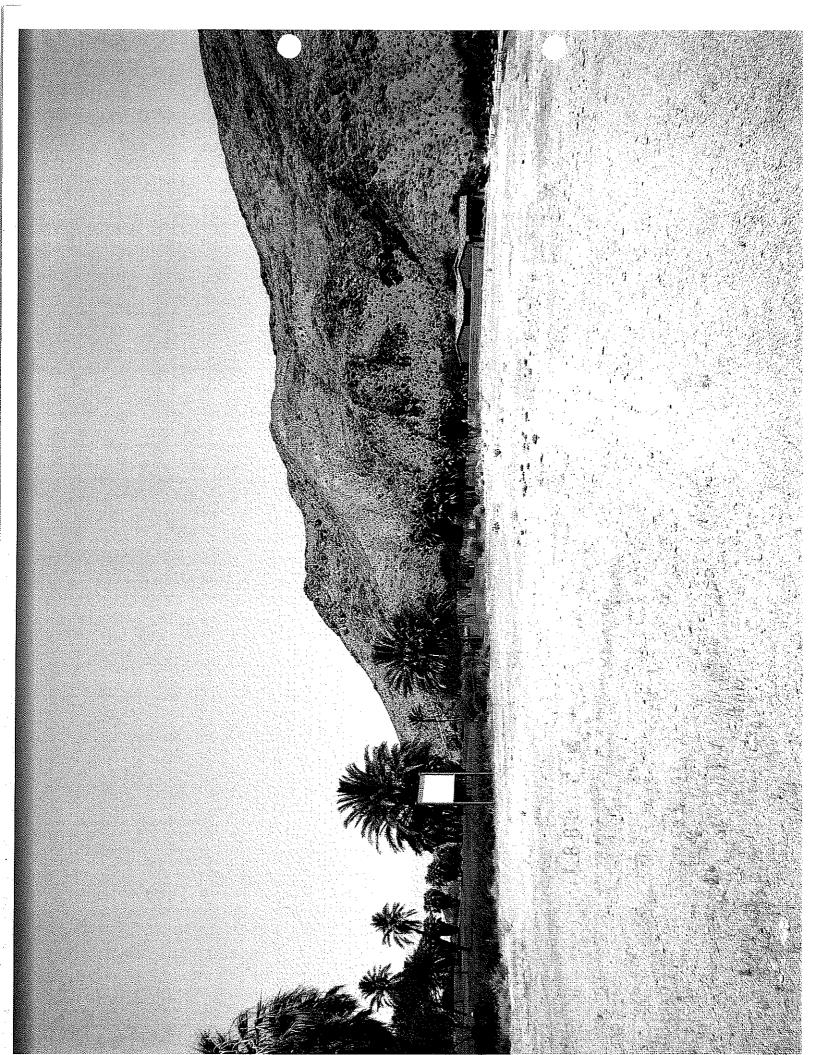


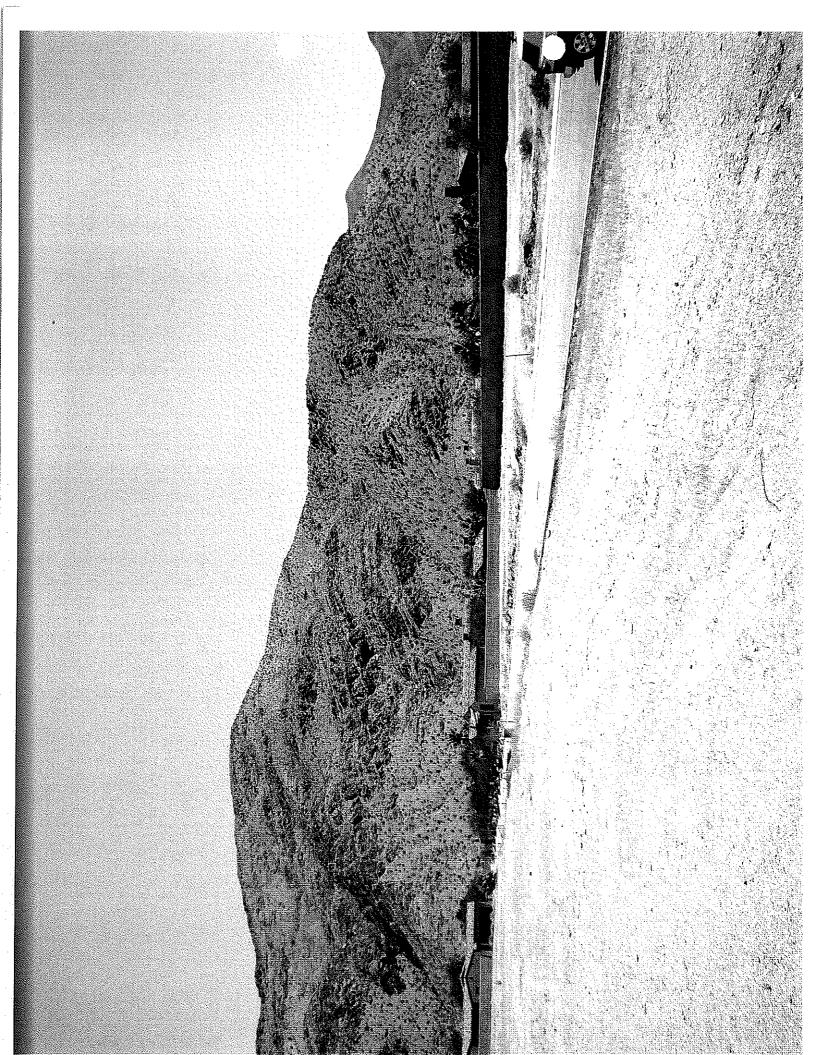


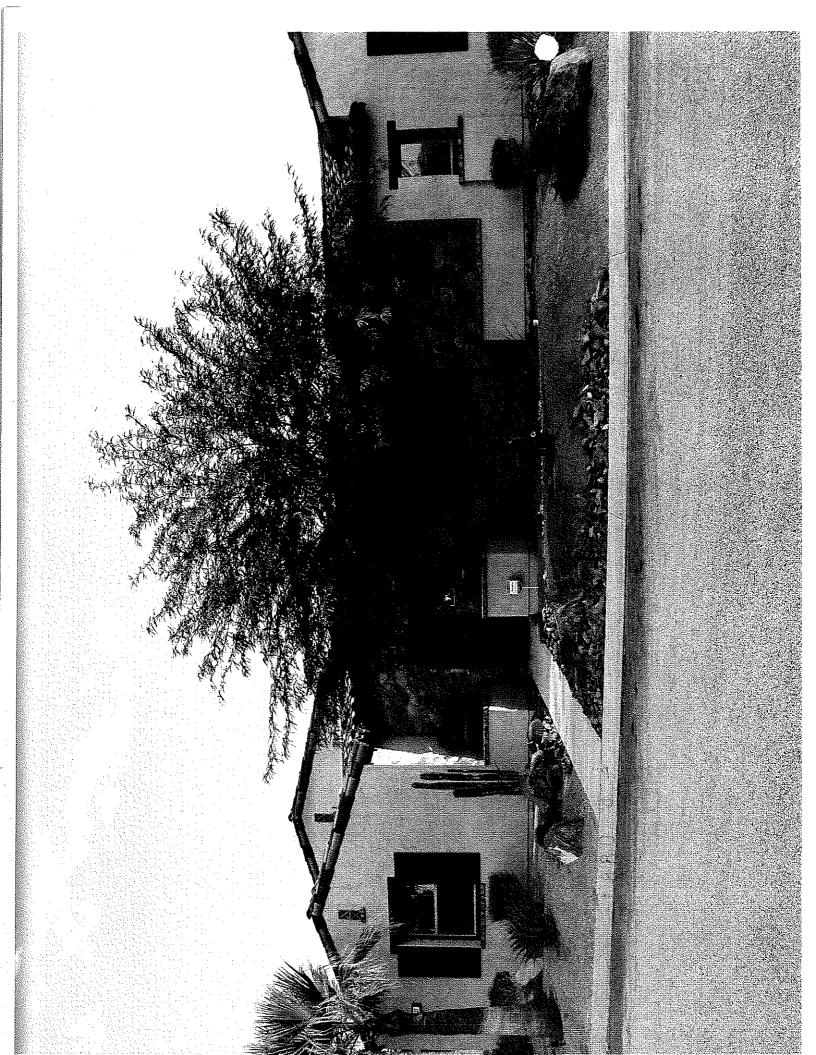


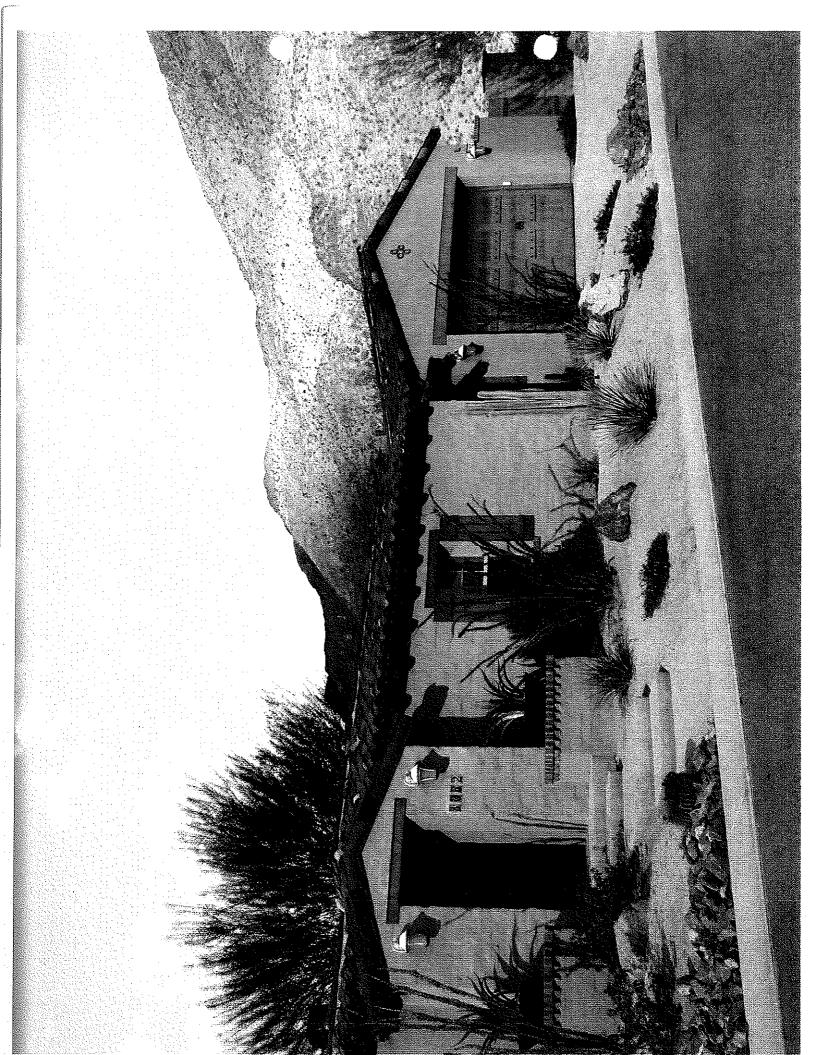


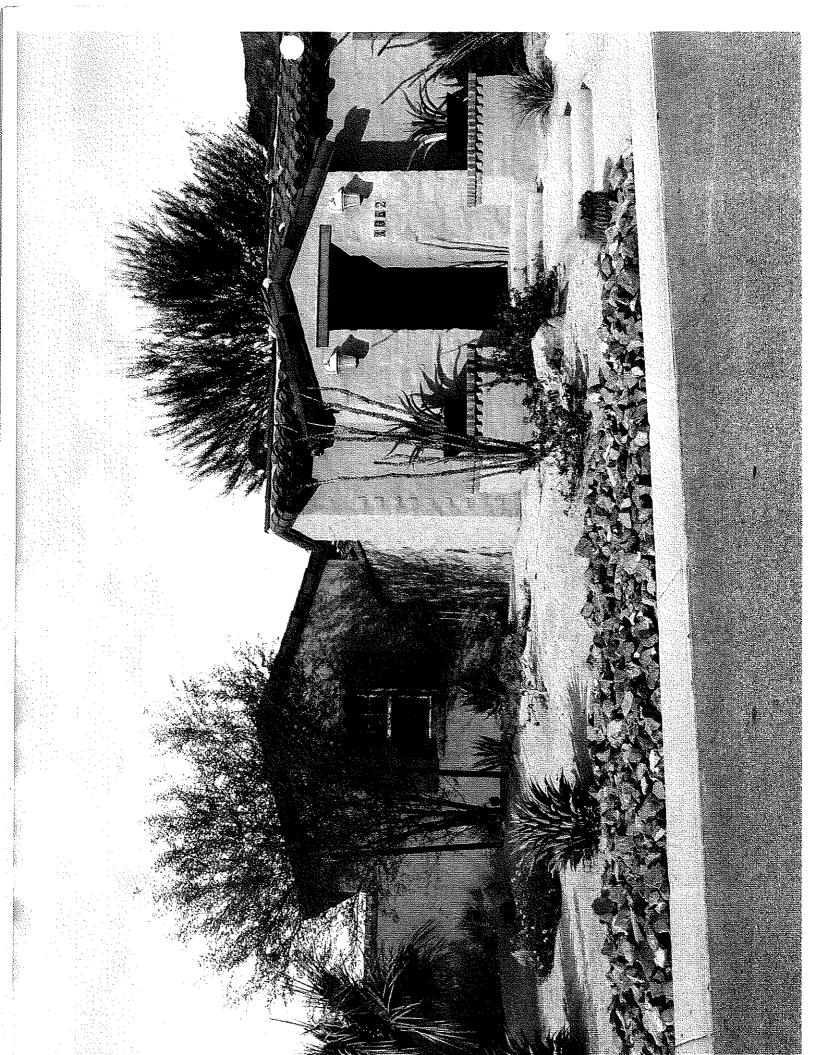


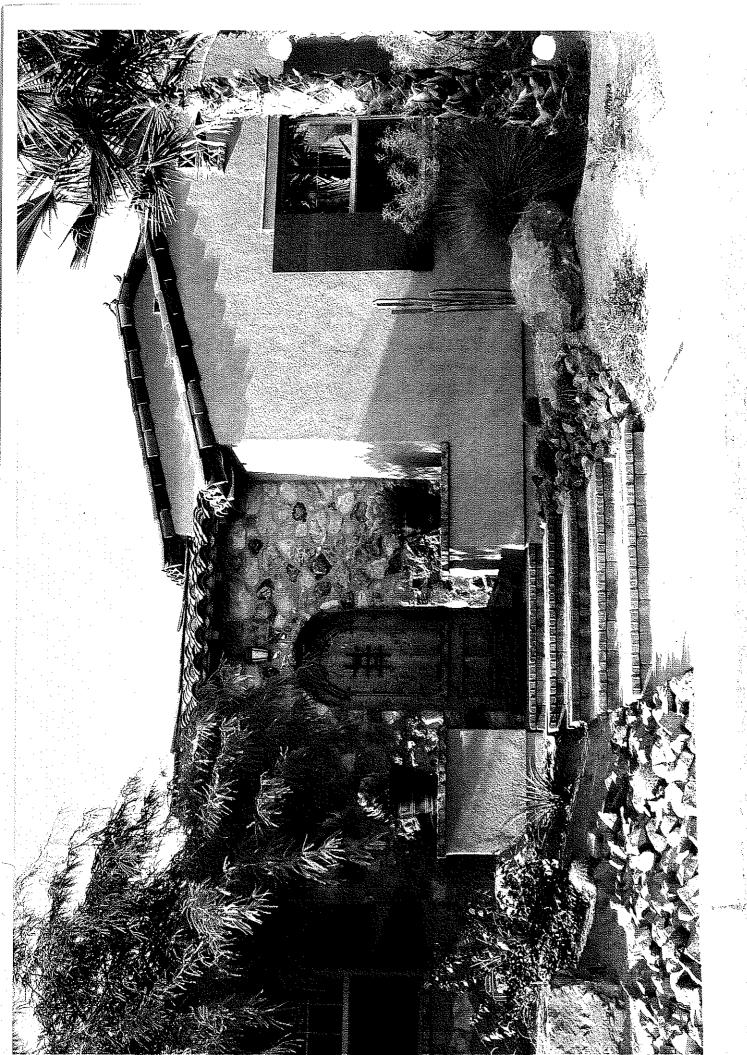


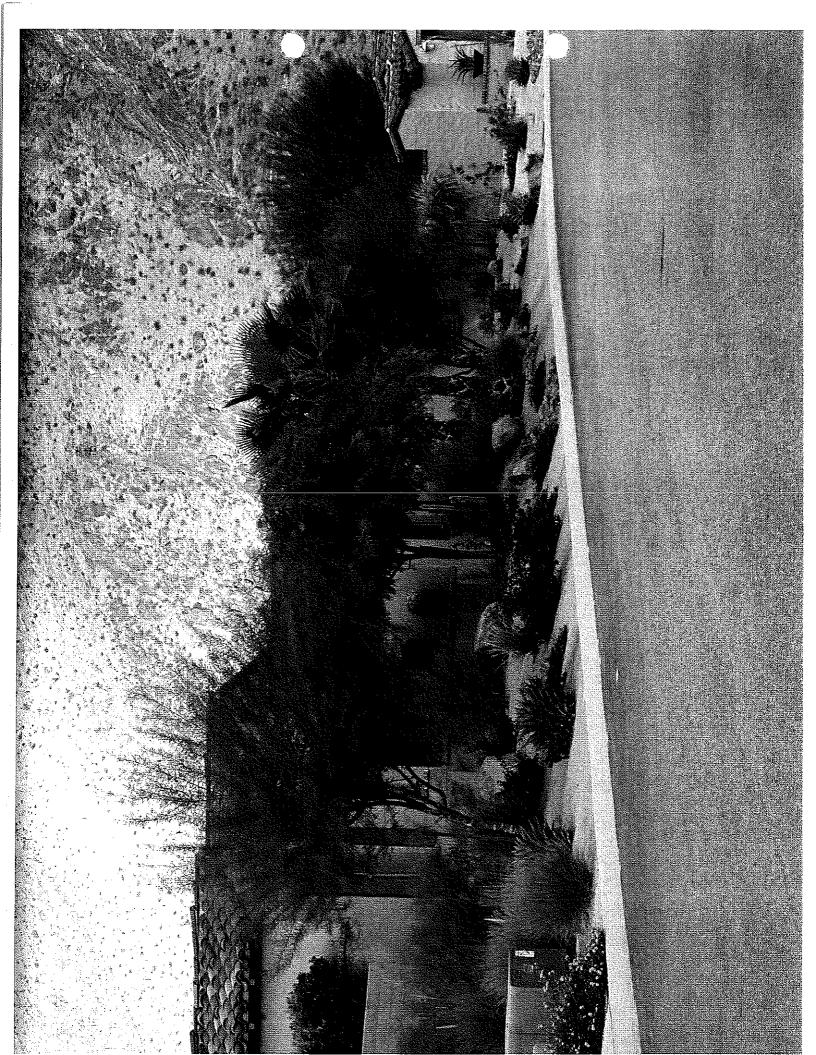


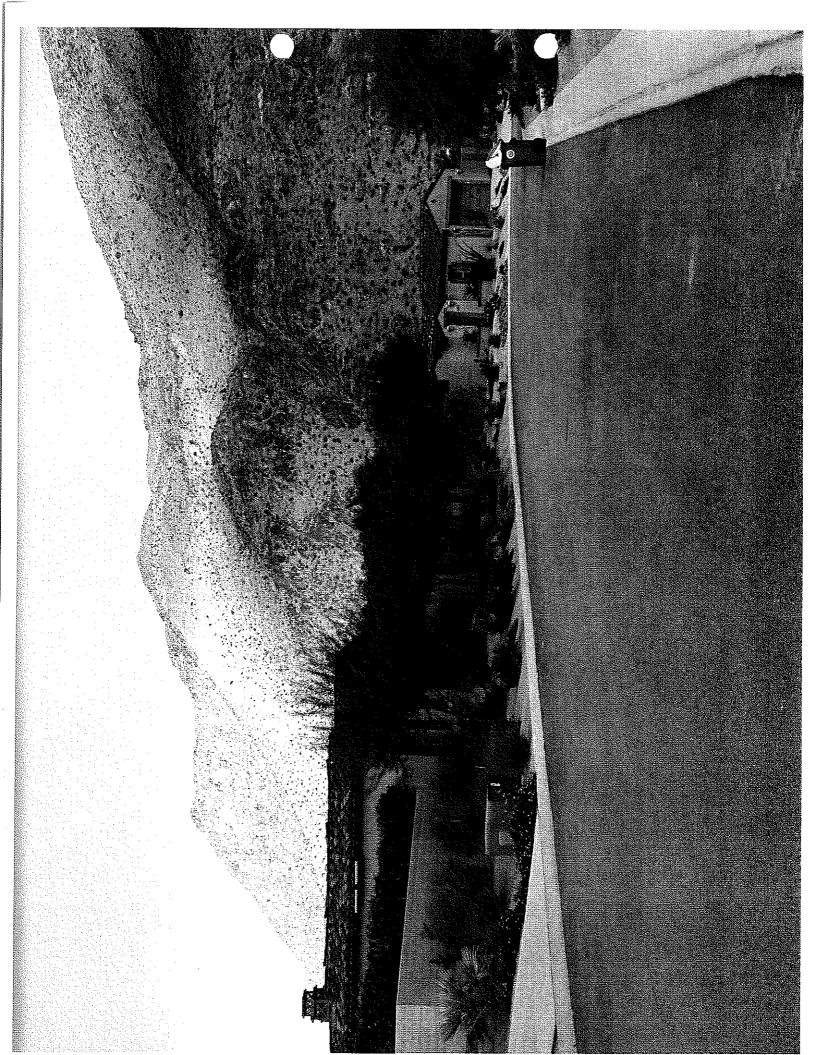


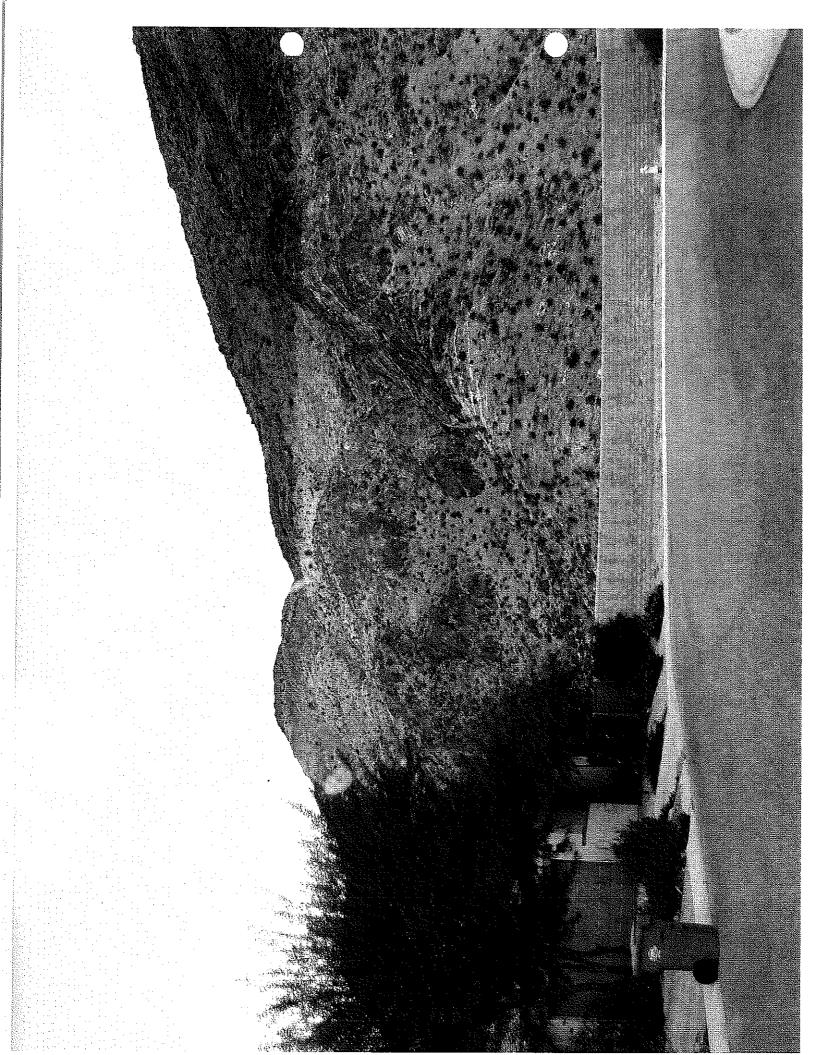


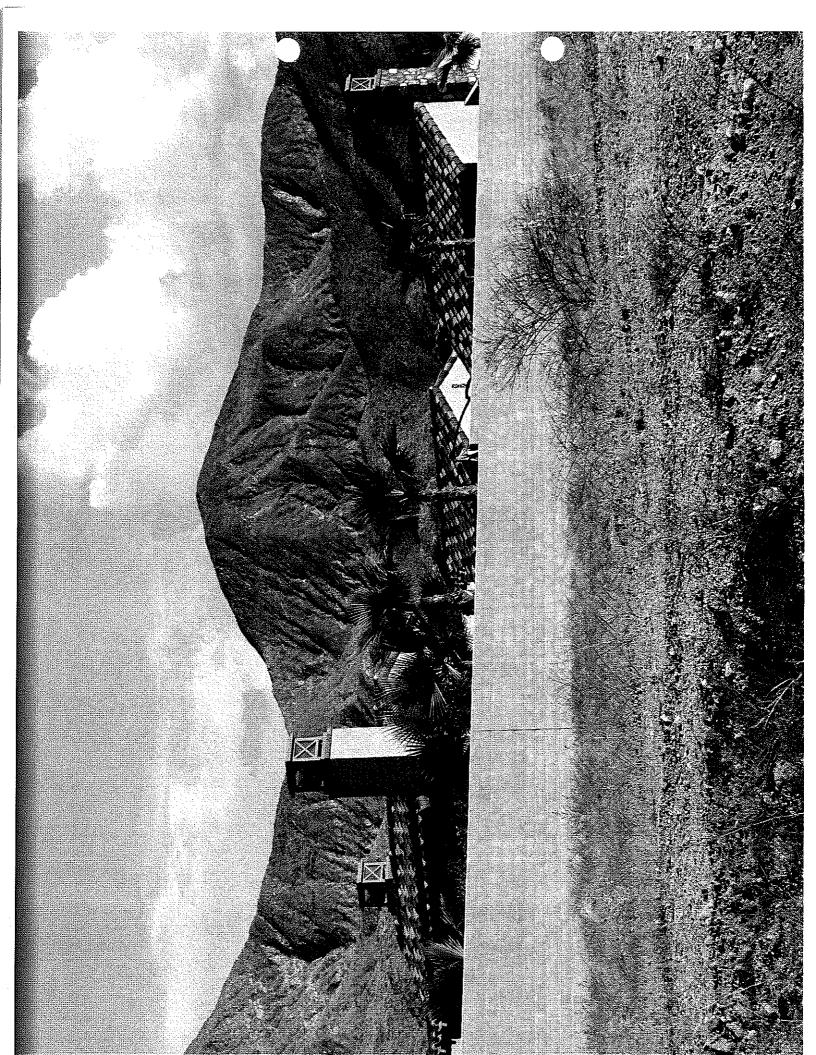














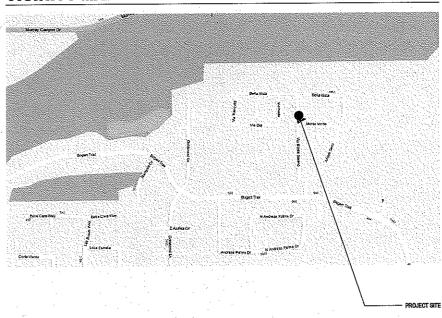


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PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA Cover Sheet Project Information

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ALTA VERDE

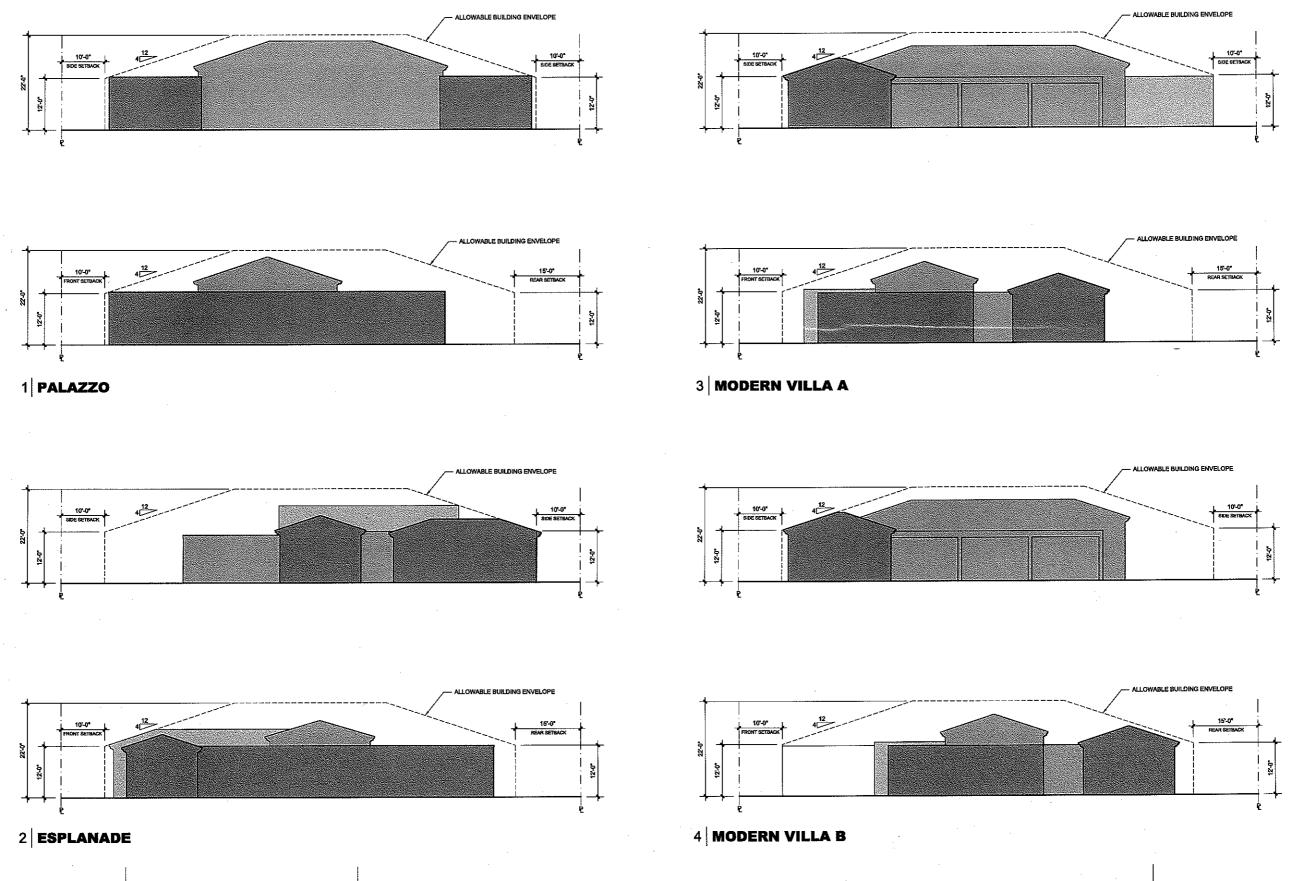
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PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Site Plan Scale: 1/64" = 1'-0"

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Unit layout subject to change based on market conditions, current and future.

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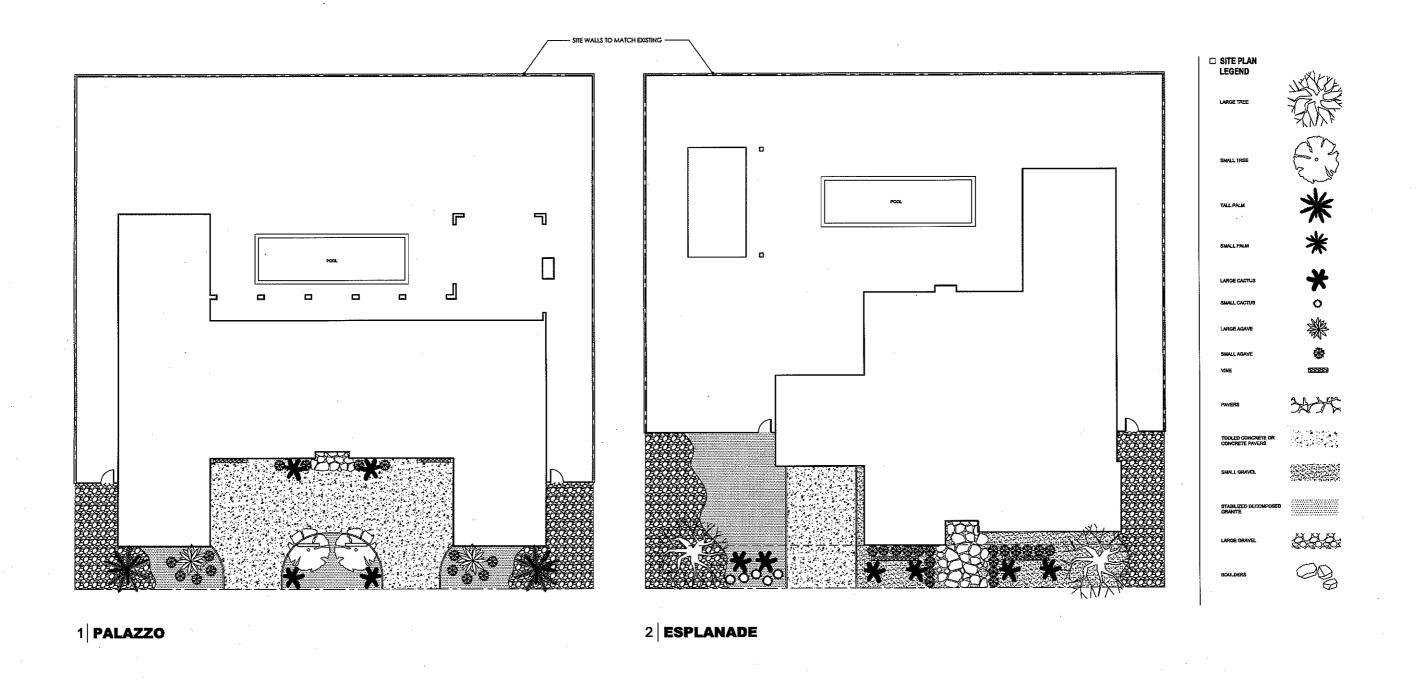
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Allowable Building Envelope Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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MONTE SERENO
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

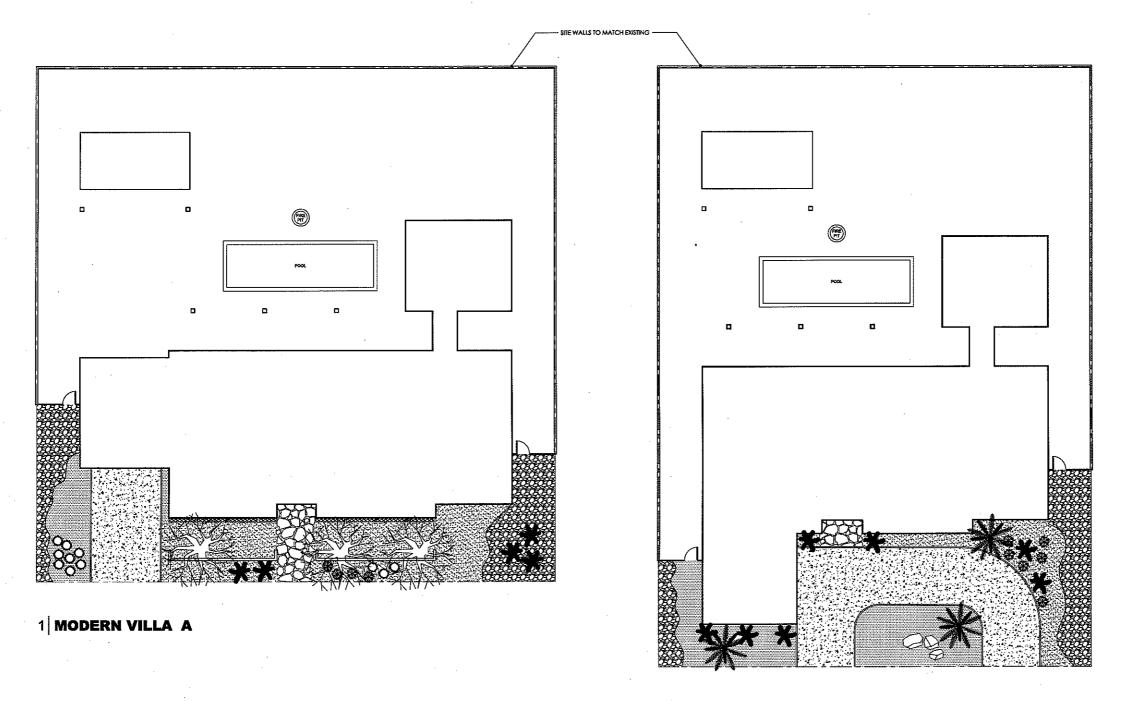
Landscape Plan
Esplanade & Palazzo
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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NOTES:

The proposed landscape selection represent design intent.
 Exact size and species may vary based on budget and availabilit





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□ SITE PLAN LEGEND

2 MODERN VILLA B

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MONTE SERENO
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

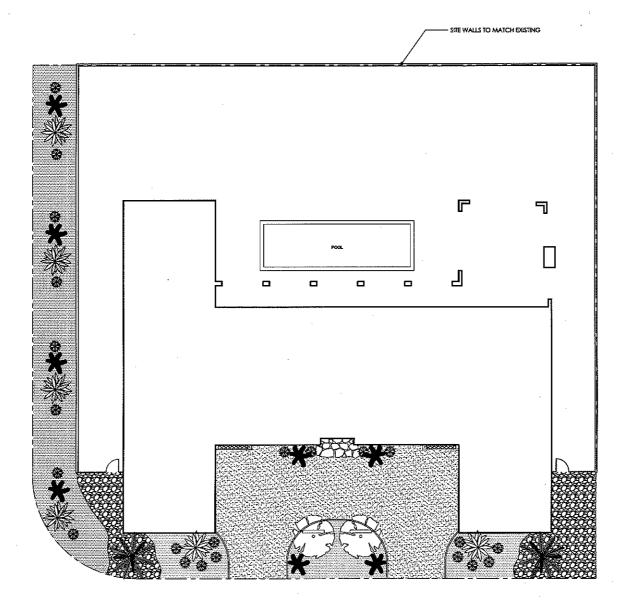
Landscape Plans Modern Villa A & Modern Villa B Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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1 TYPICAL CORNER LOT LOTS 35, 37, 38, 40, 45, 46, 56, 60, 70 AND 83

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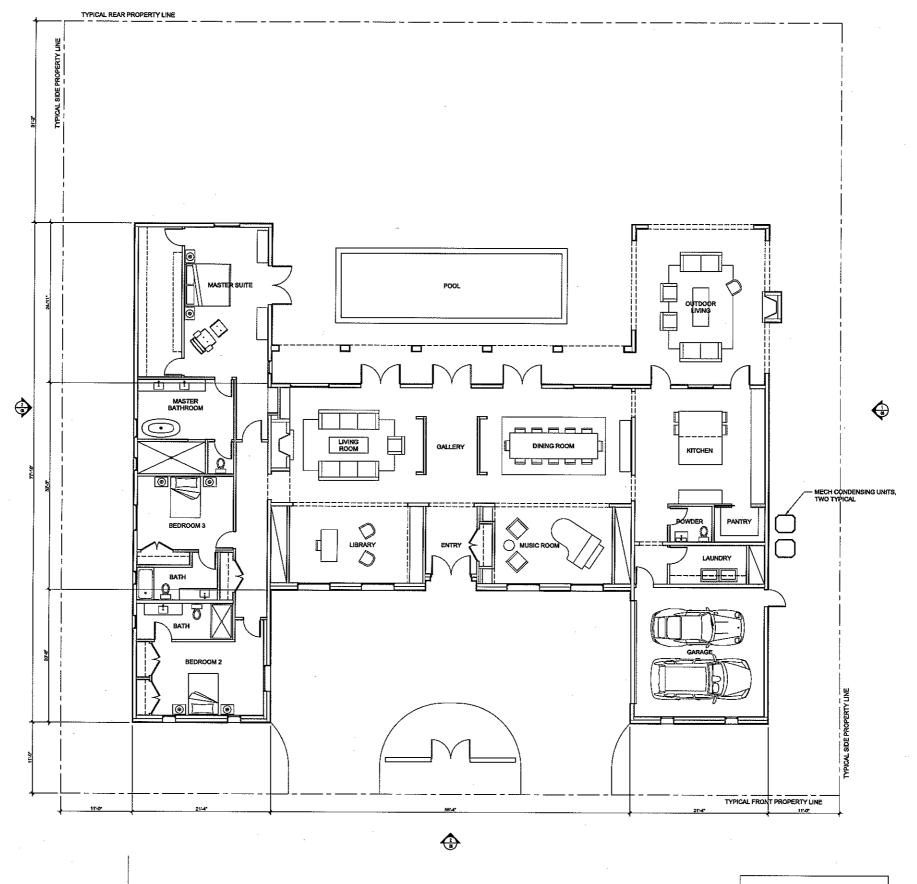
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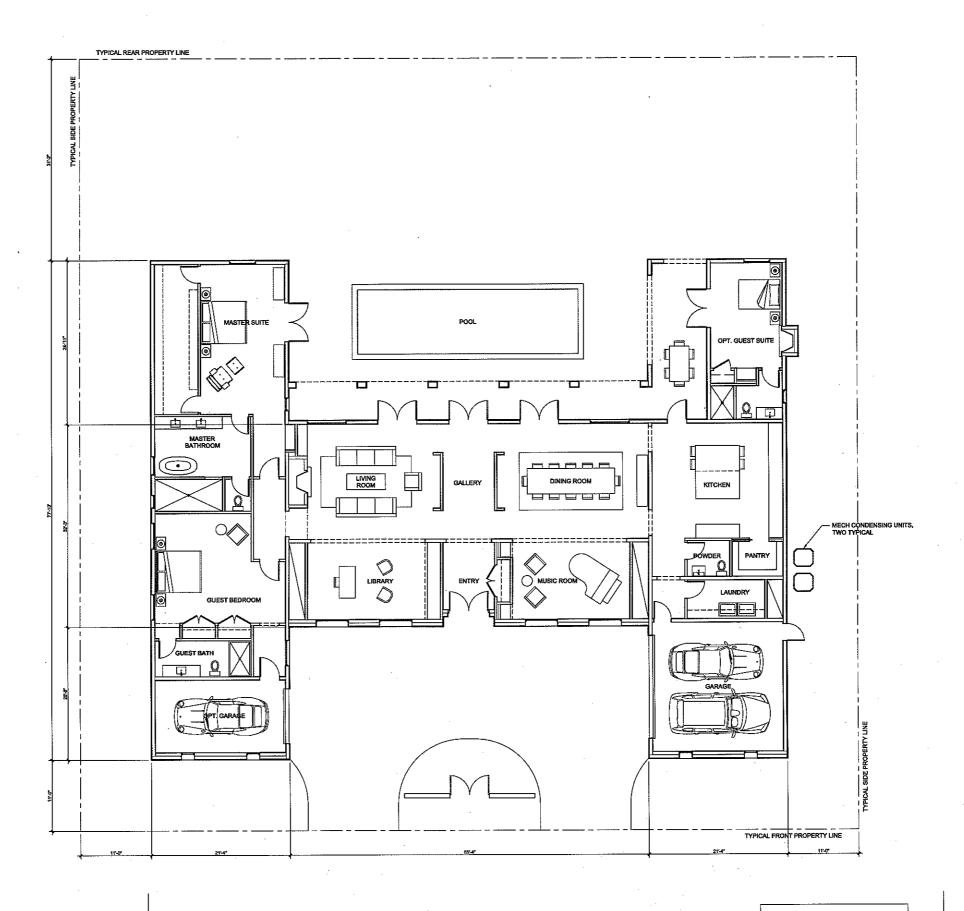
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MONTE SERENO
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Floor Plan
Palazzo
Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0"
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4,111 GSF HOUSE + 452 GSF GARAGE + 540 GSF OUTDOOR LIVING AREA TOTAL FOOTPRINT OF HOUSE = 5,093 GSF POON DESIGNING.



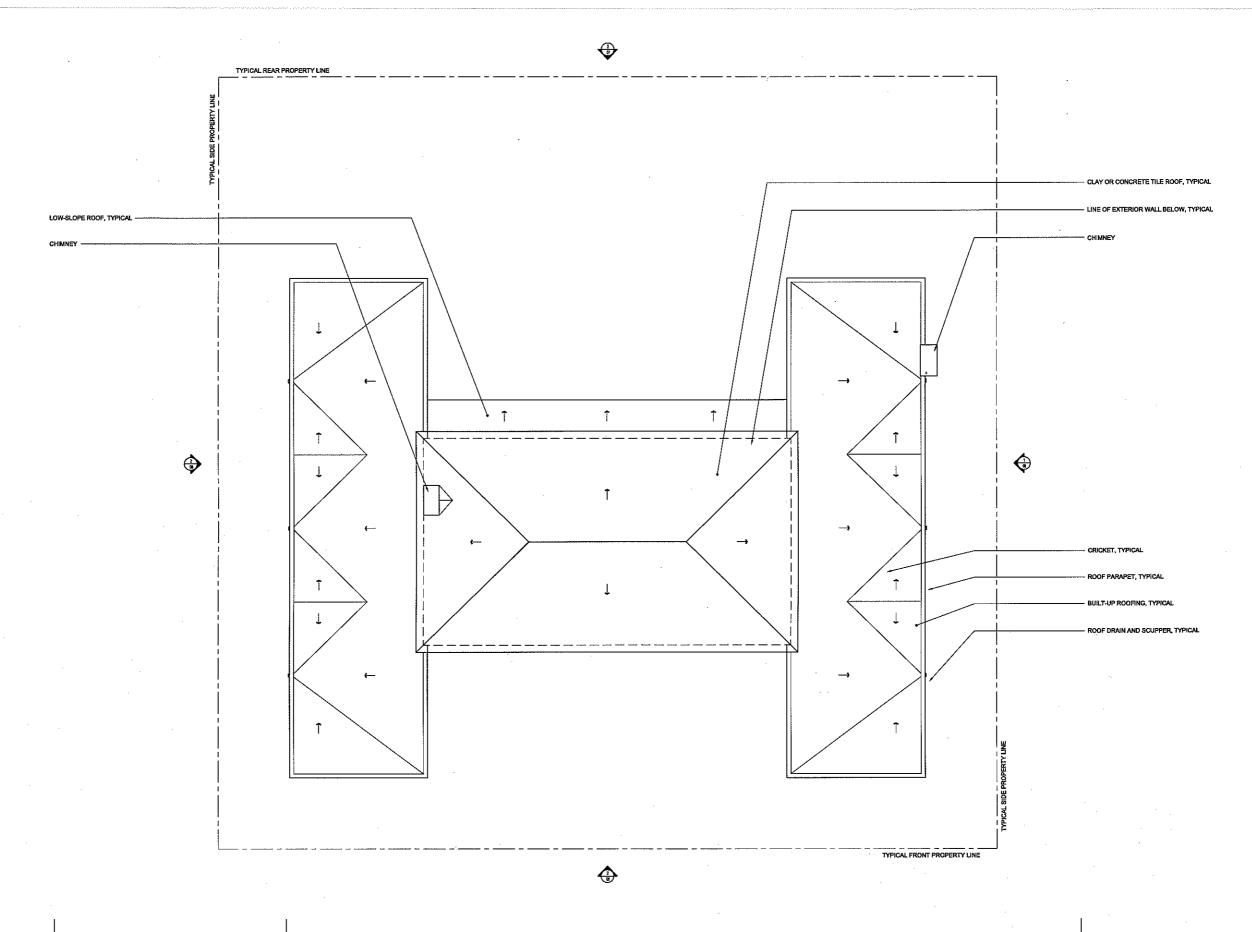
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TOTAL FOOTPRINT OF HOUSE = 4,879 GSF

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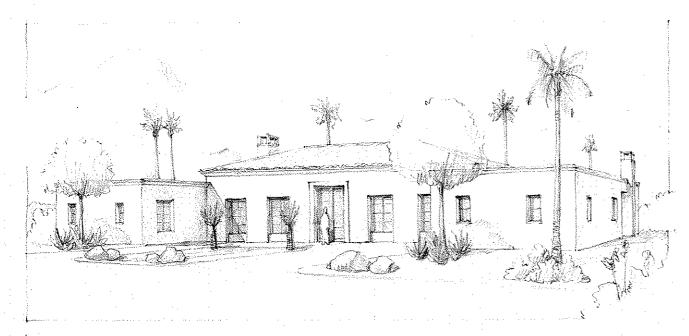
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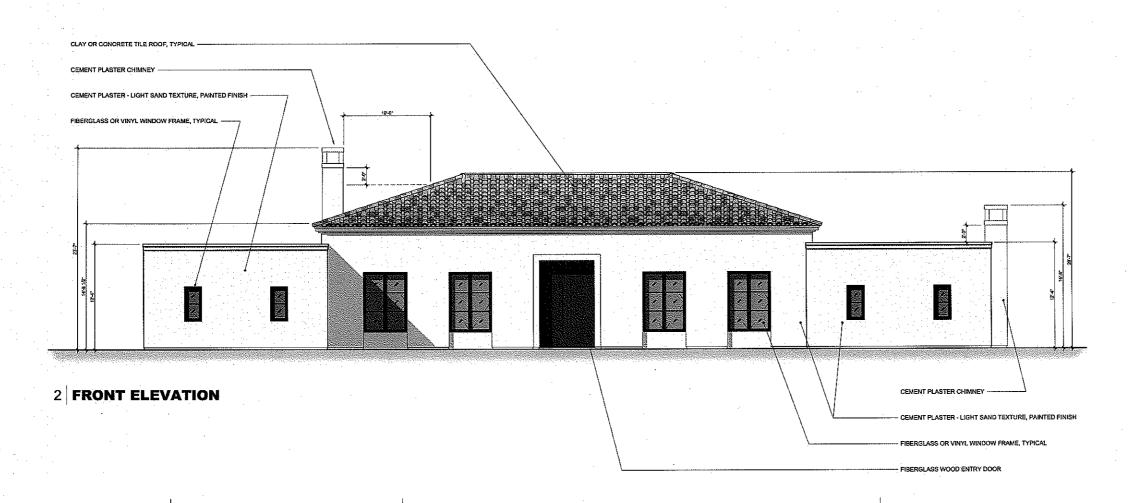
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1 FRONT PERSPECTIVE ELEVATION



ALTA VERDE MONTE SERENO PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA **Exterior Elevations**

Palazzo Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

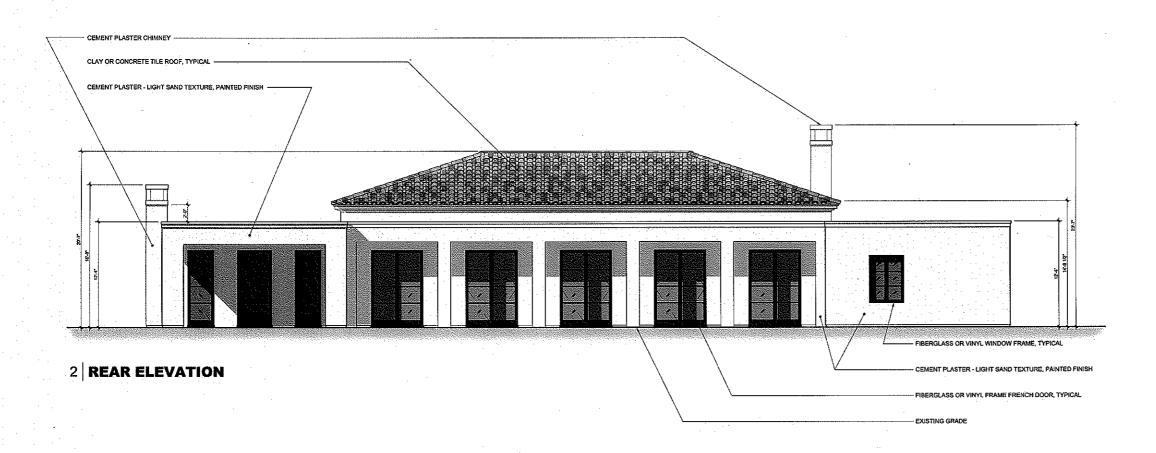
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1 REAR PERSPECTIVE ELEVATION



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MONTE SERENO
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Exterior Elevations Palazzo

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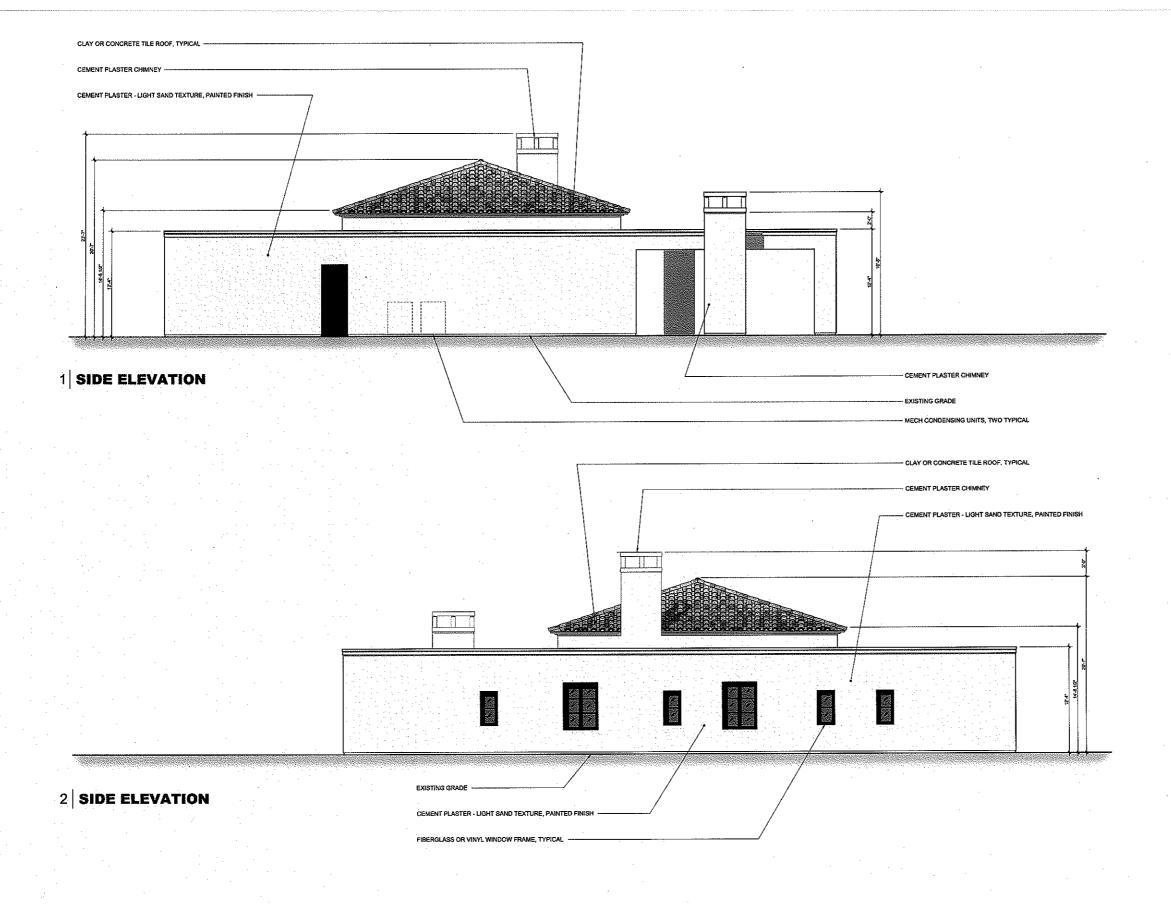
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ALTA VERDE MONTE SERENO PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Exterior Elevations Palazzo Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0" Planning Services Submittal 01.10.12 Revision Submittal 01.25.12

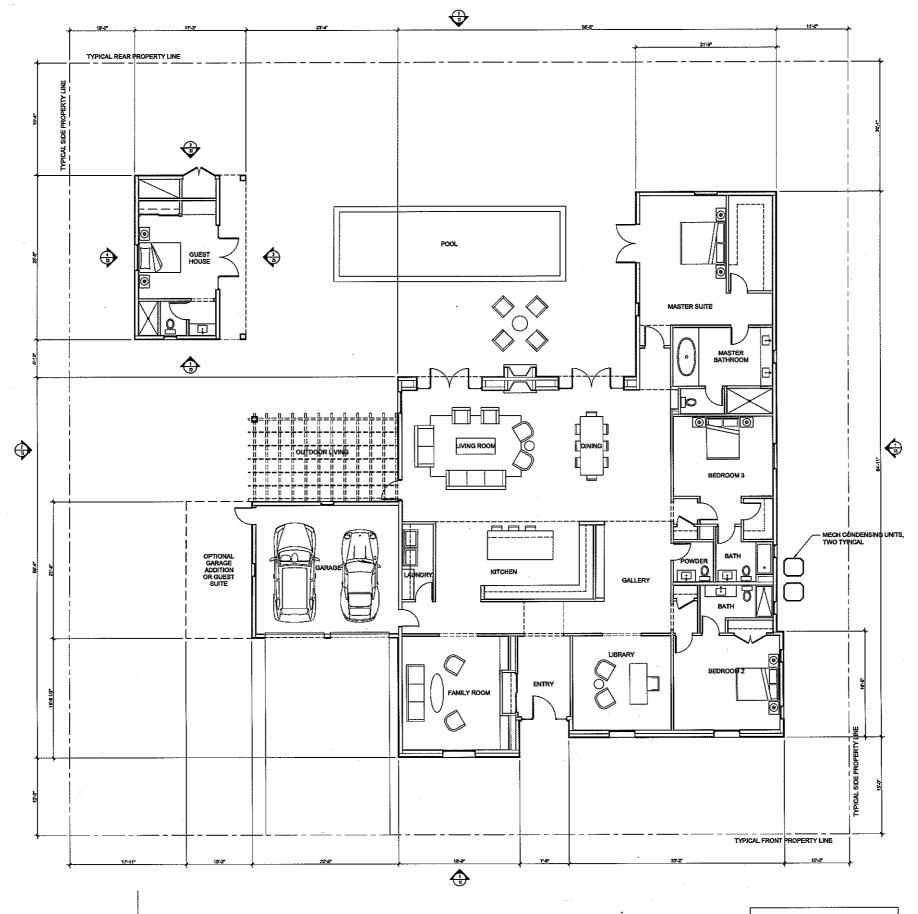
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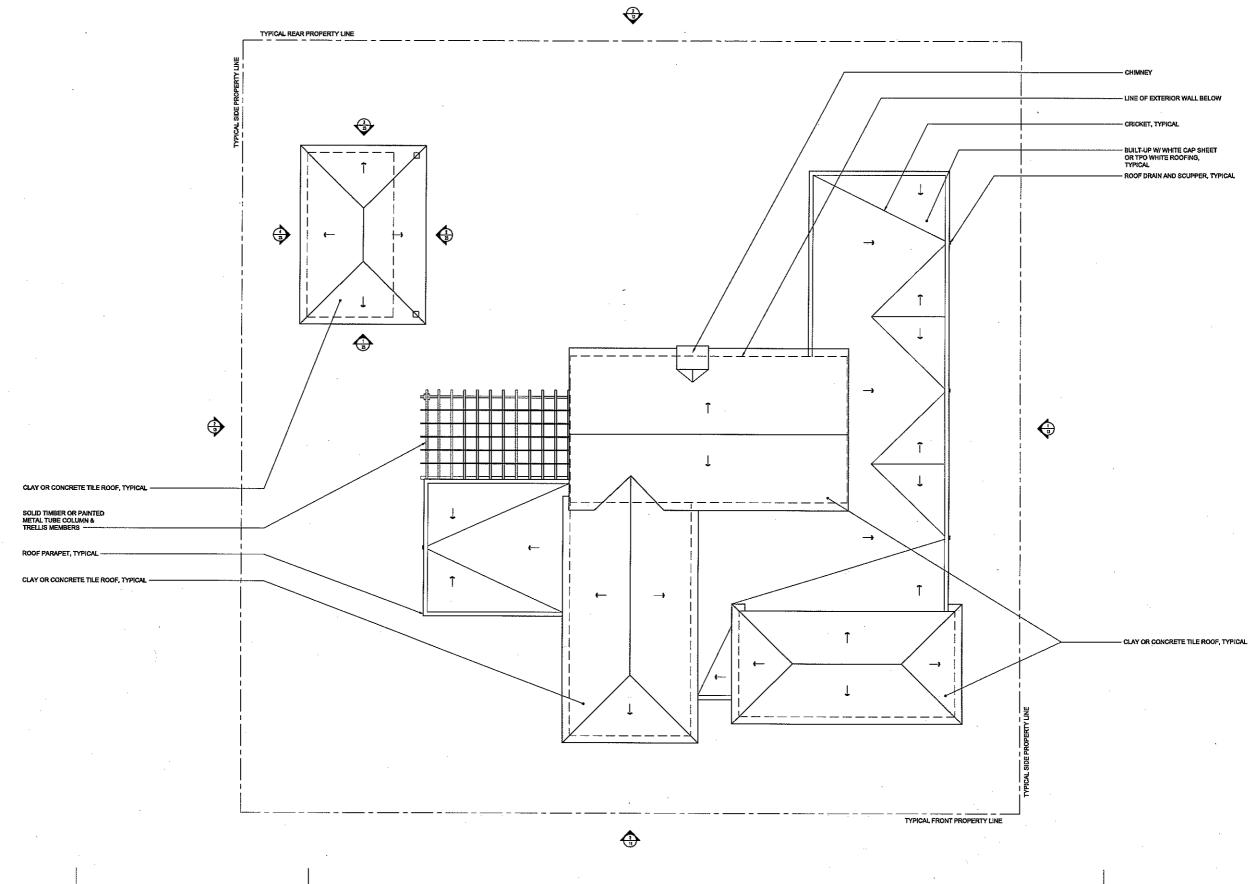
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MONTE SERENO
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Floor Plan Esplanade Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0"

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3,963 GSF HOUSE + 479 GSF GARAGE + 338 GSF GUEST HOUSE TOTAL FOOTPRINT OF HOUSE = 4,780 GSF

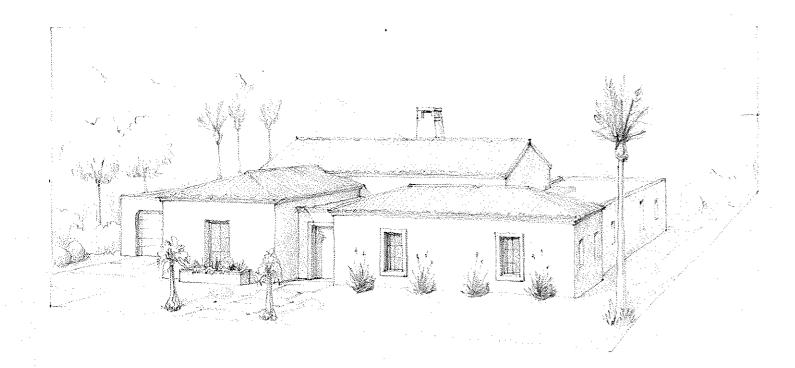


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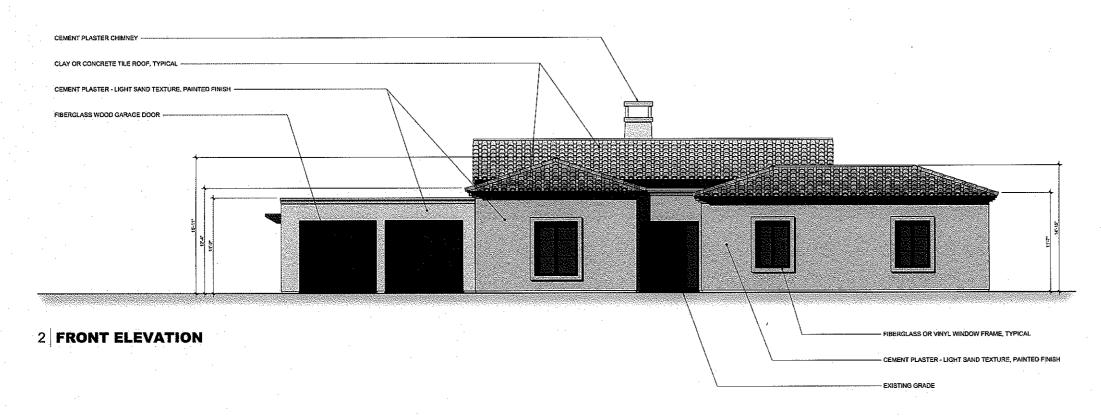
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Roof Plan
Esplanade
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1 FRONT PERSPECTIVE ELEVATION



ALTA VERDE MONTE SERENO PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA **Exterior Elevations** Esplanade

Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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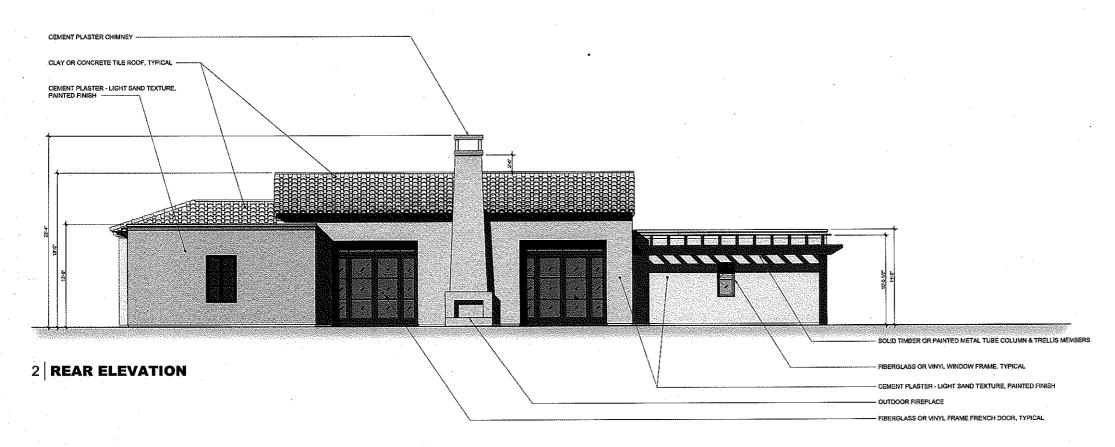
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ALTA VERDE MONTE SERENO
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA **Exterior Elevations**

Esplanade Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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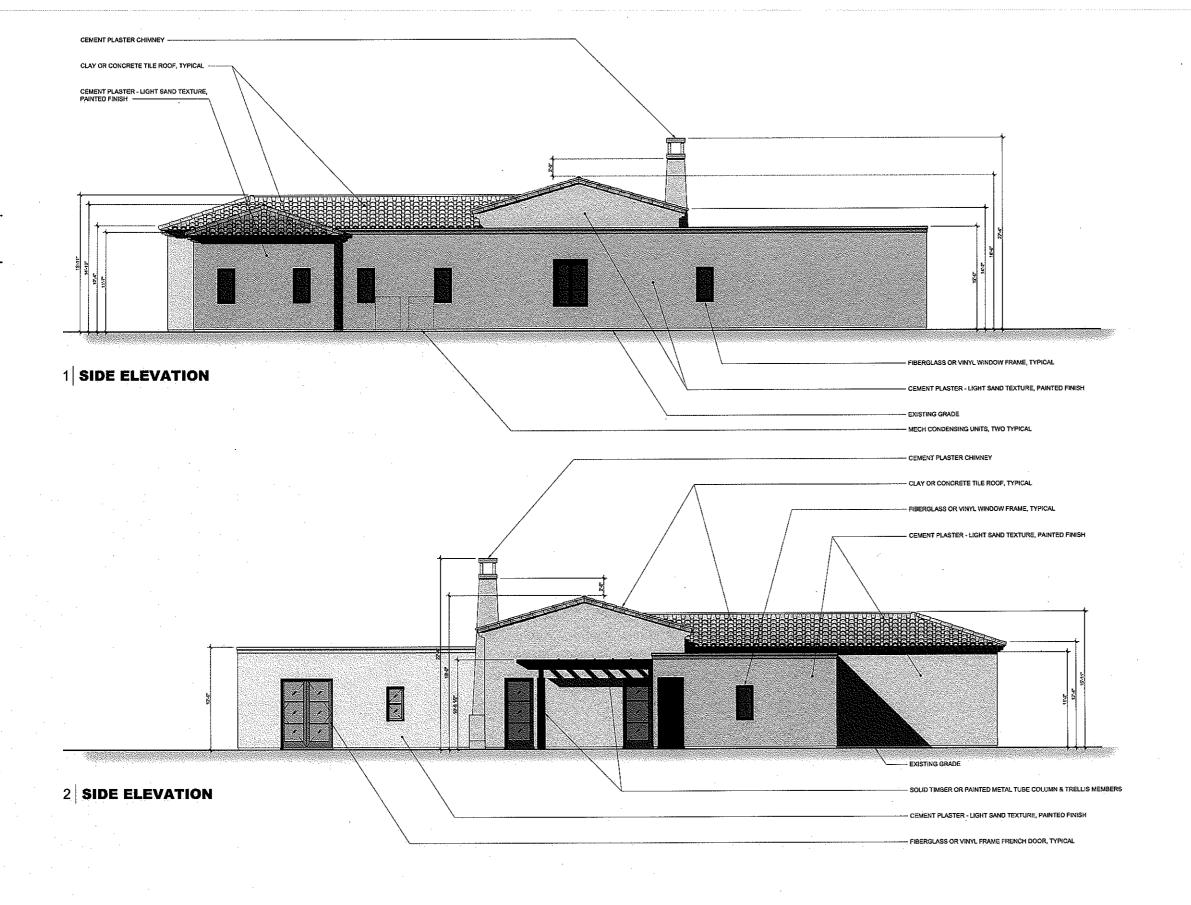
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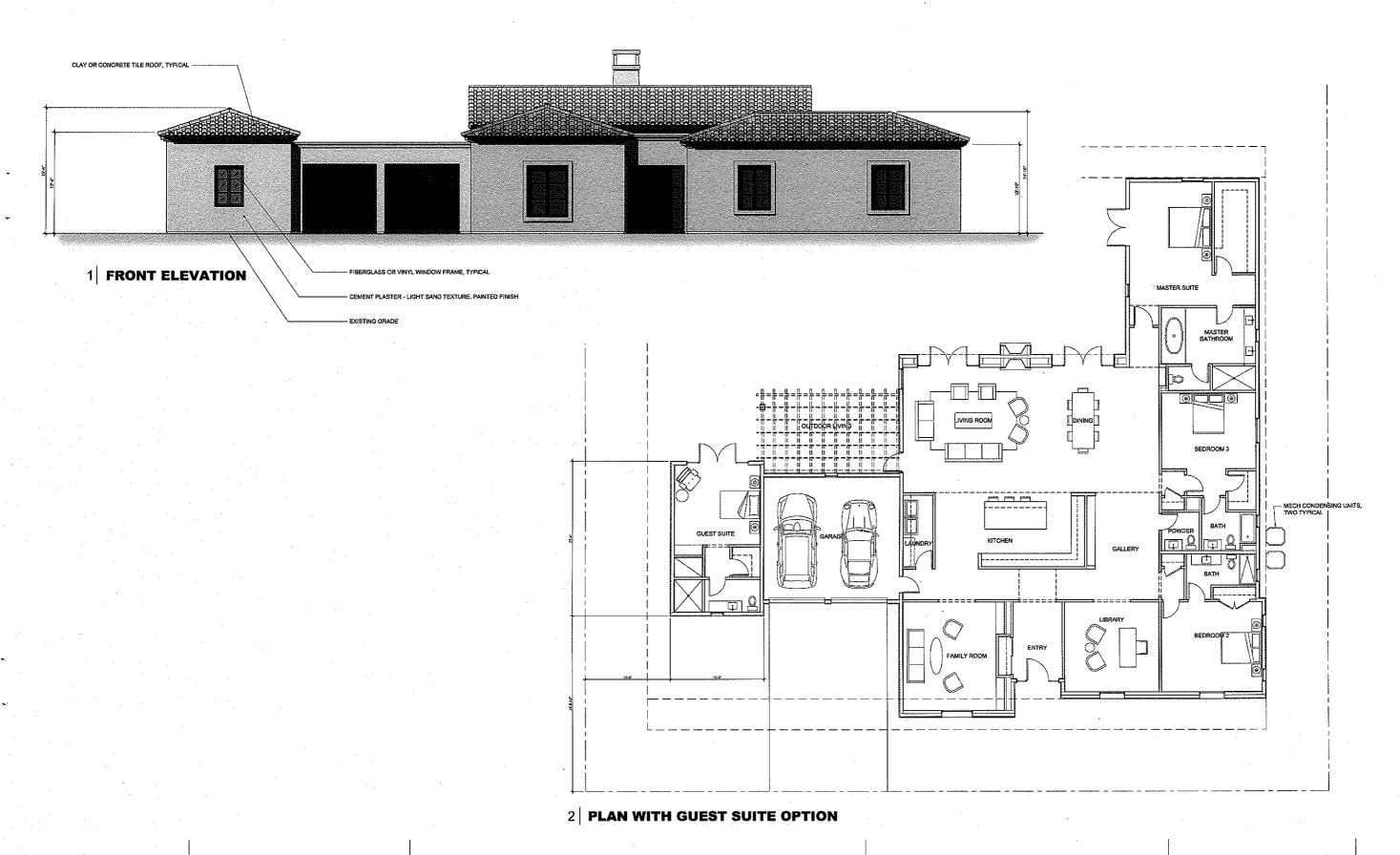


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ALTA VERDE

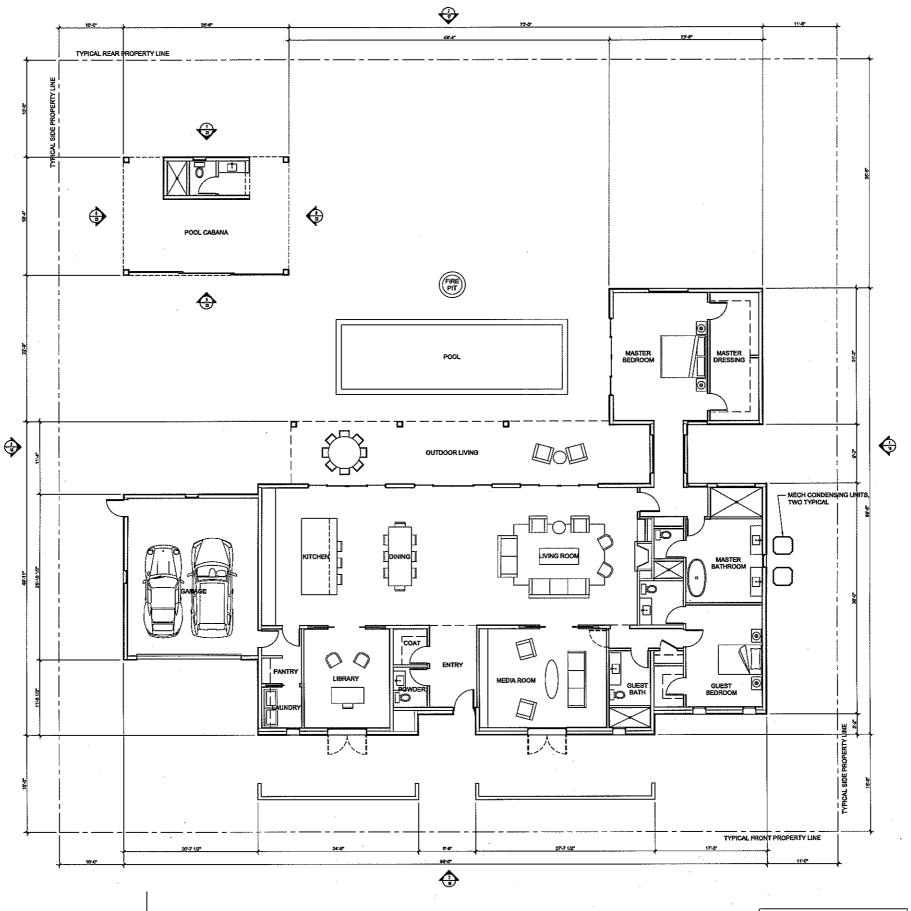
MONTE SERENO
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Exterior Elevations
Esplanade Options
Scale: Plan at 3/16" = 1'-0"
Elevation at 1/4" = 1'-0"
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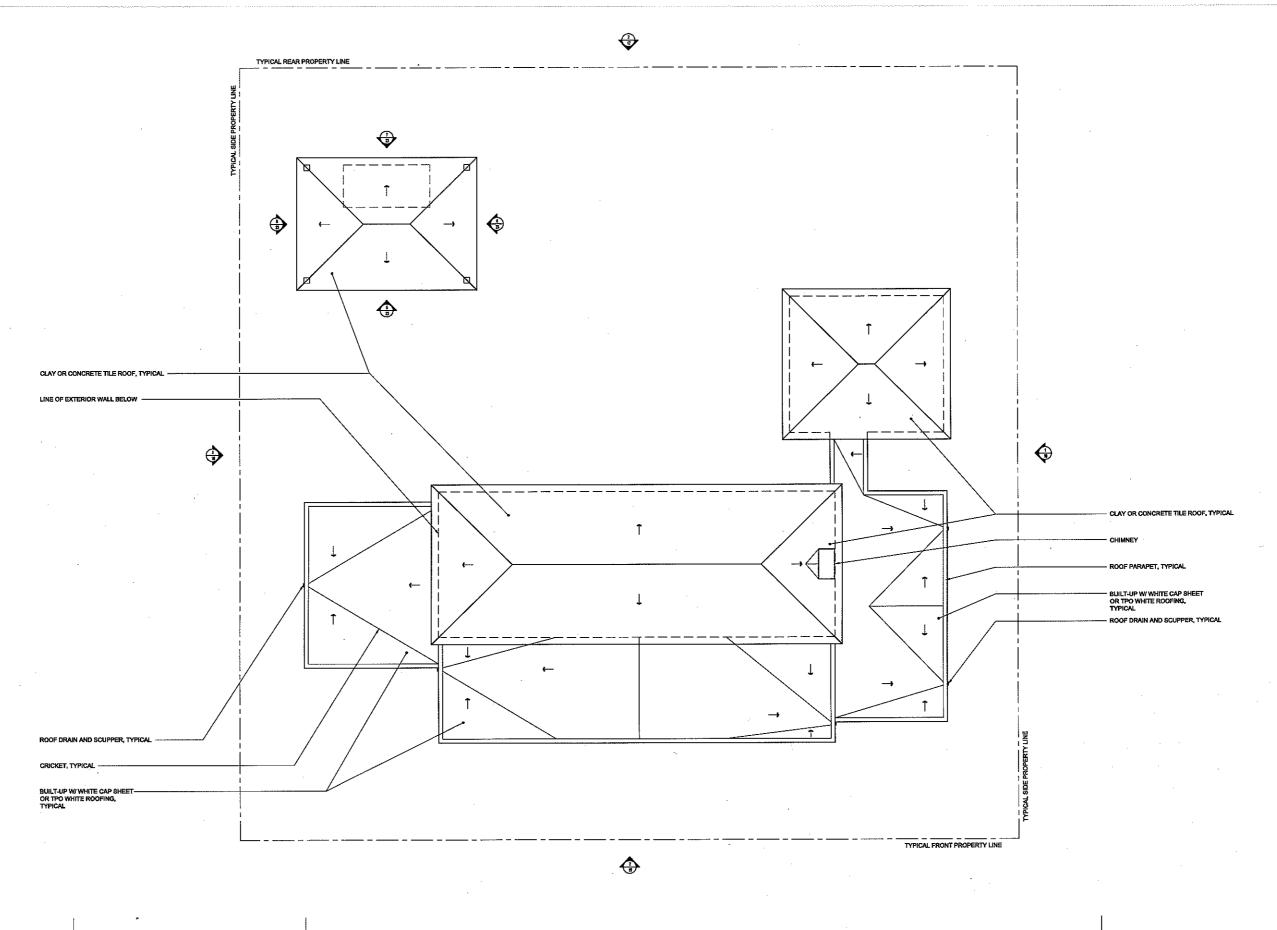




Floor Plan Modern Villa A Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0"

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3,541 GSF HOUSE + 534 GSF GARAGE + 468 GSF GUEST HOUSE TOTAL FOOTPRINT OF HOUSE = 4,543 GSF



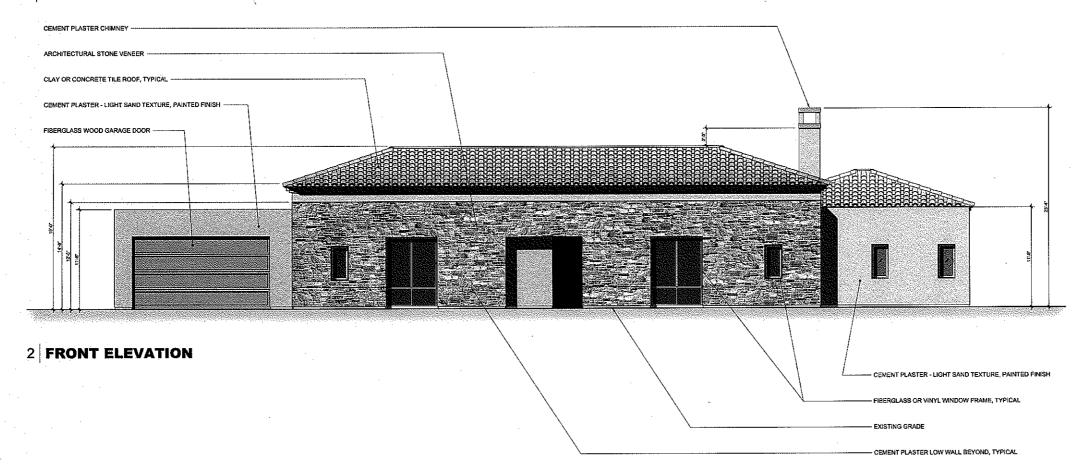
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Roof Plan Modern Villa A Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0" Planning Services Submittal 01 . 10 . 12 Revision Submittal 01 . 25 . 12



1 FRONT PERSPECTIVE ELEVATION

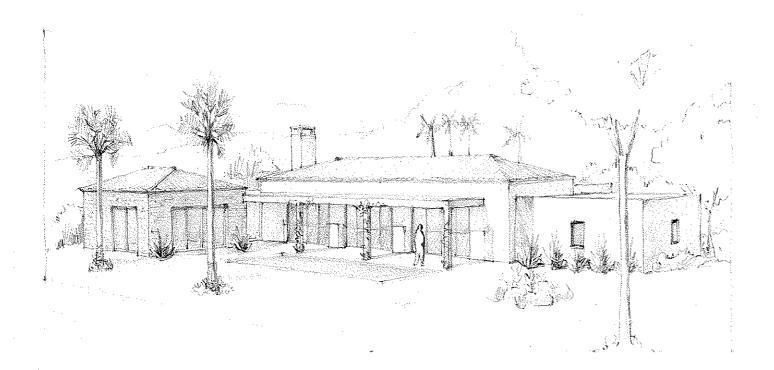


ALTA VERDE MONTE SERENO PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA **Exterior Elevations** Modern Villa A

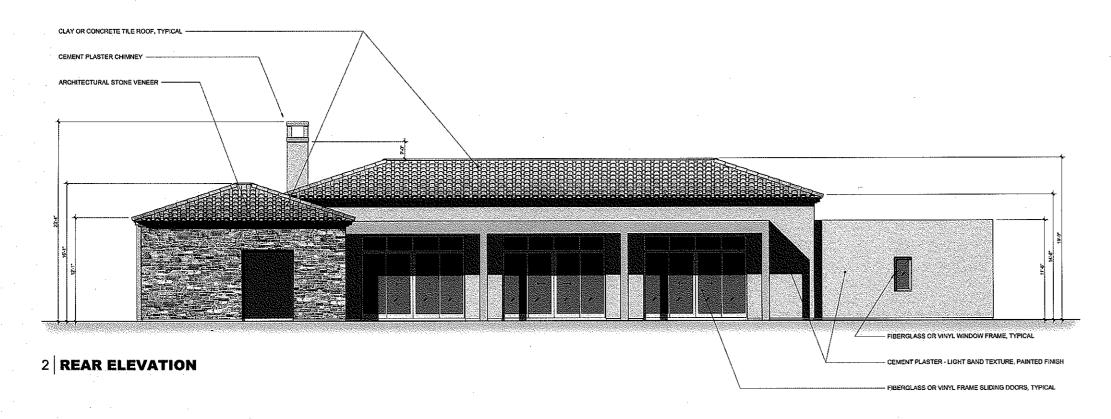
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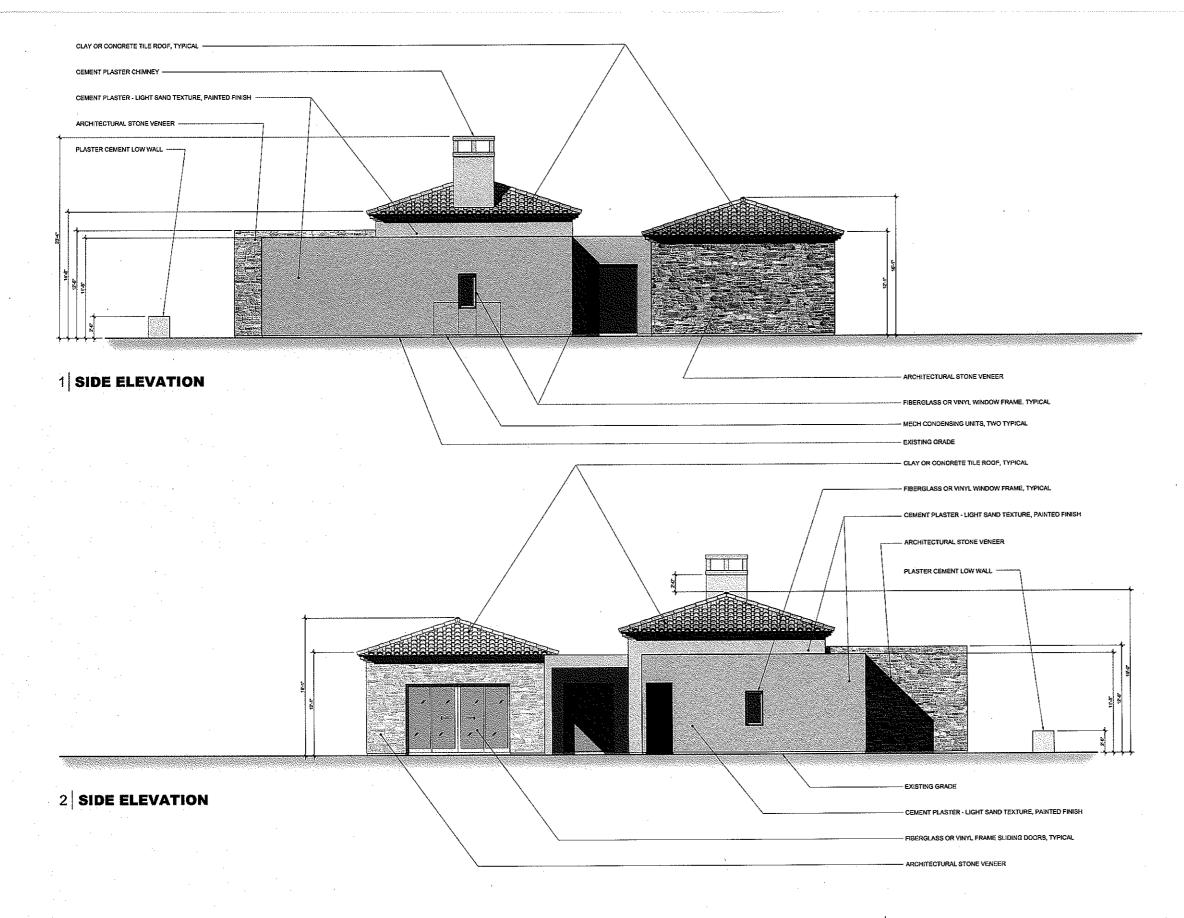
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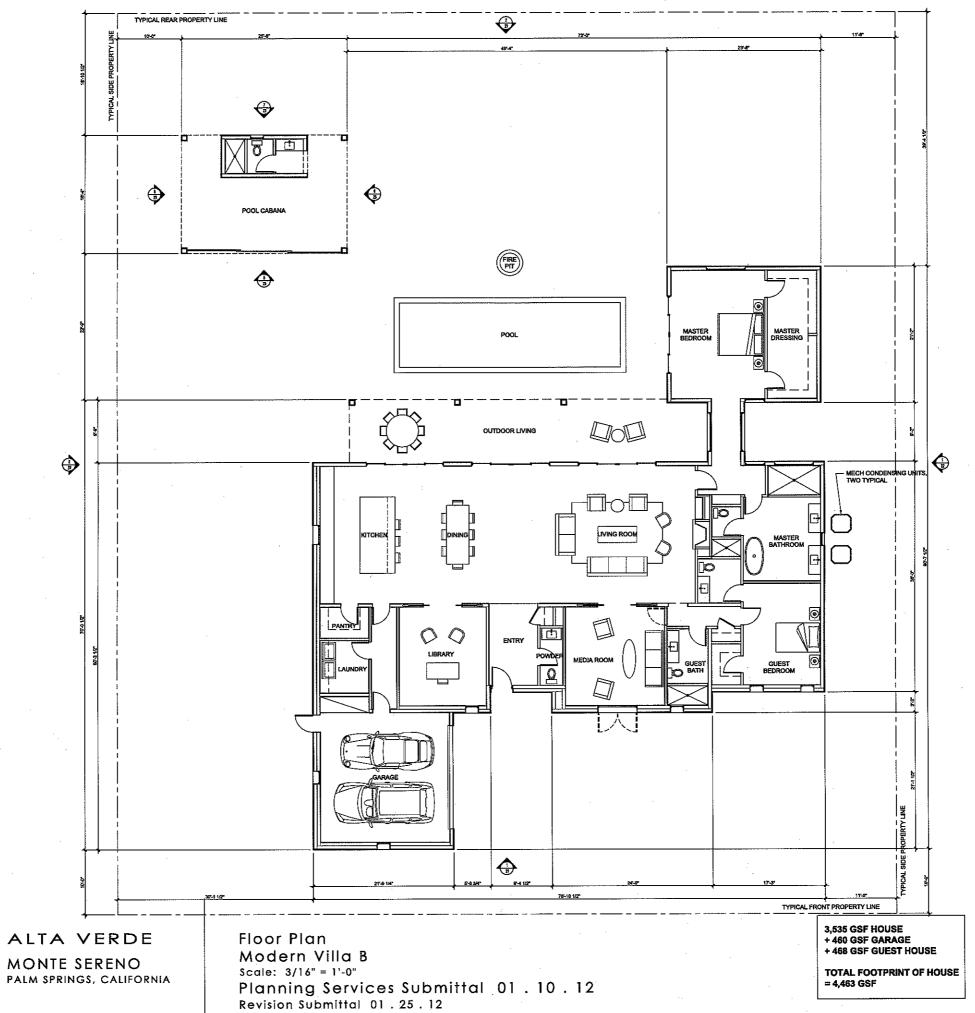




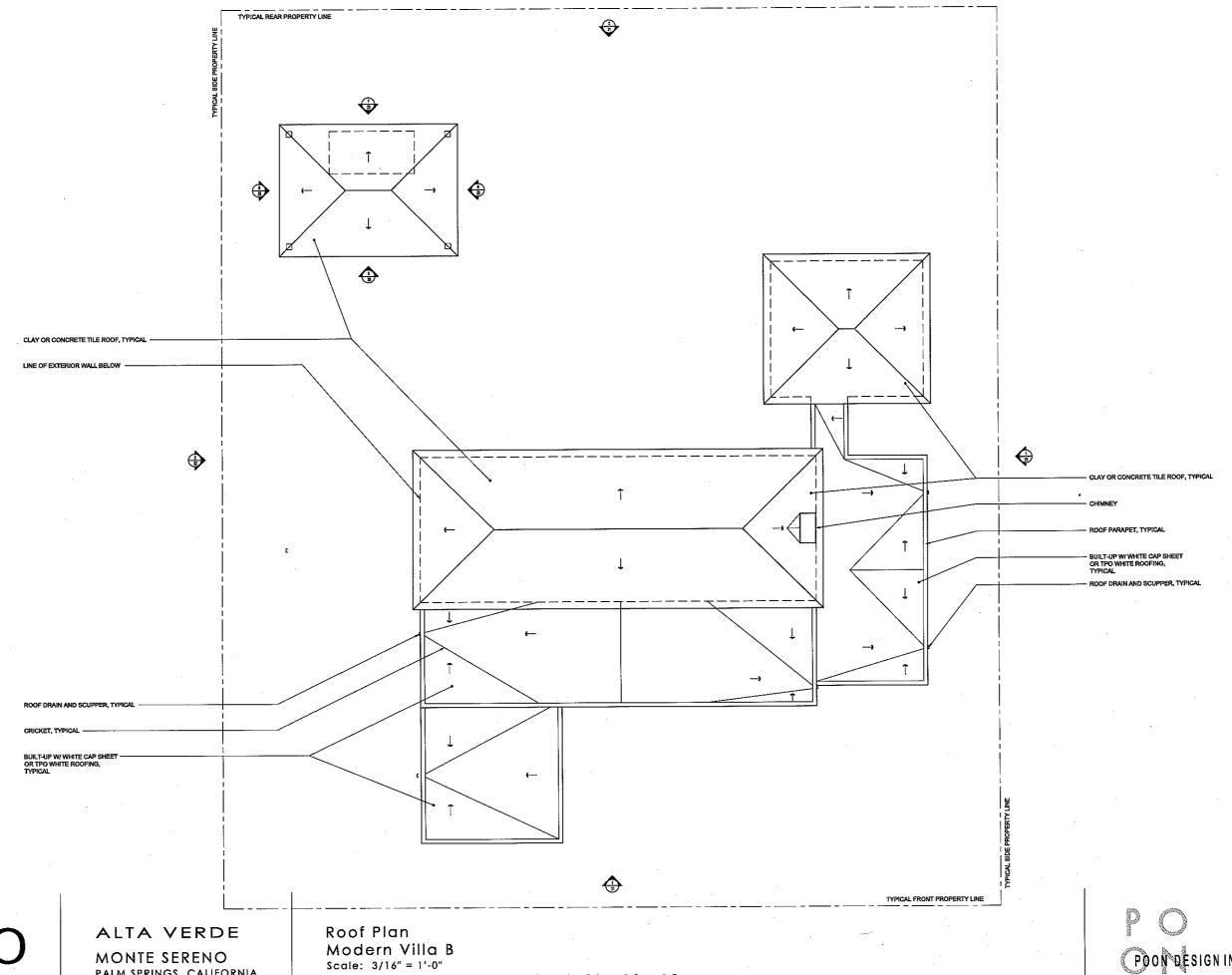
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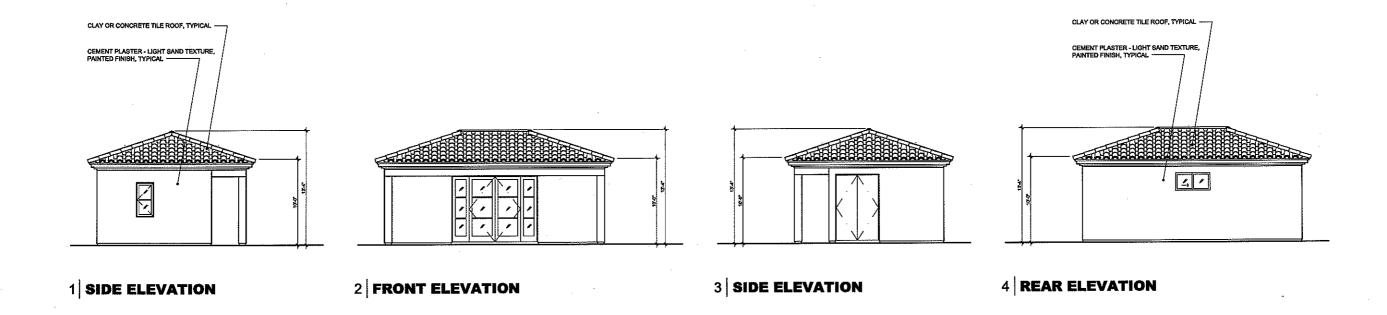
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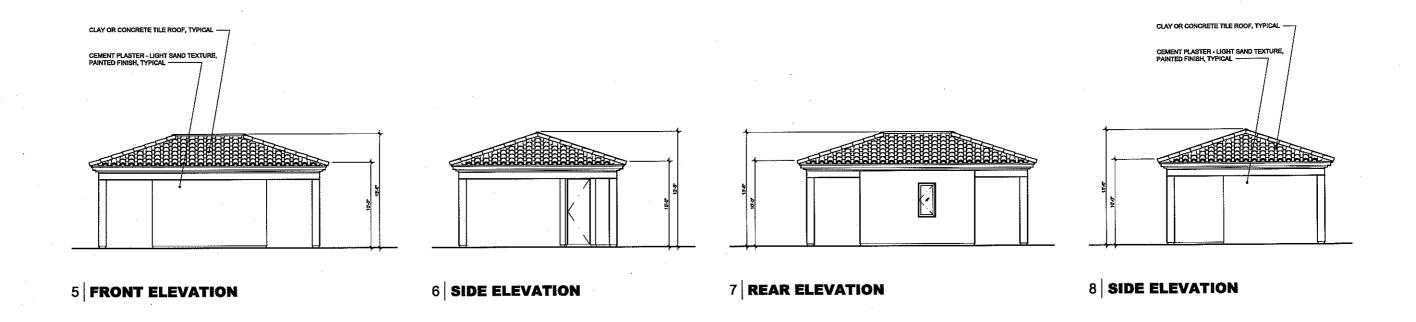
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Landscape Package Option A



Landscape Package Option B



Landscape Package Option C



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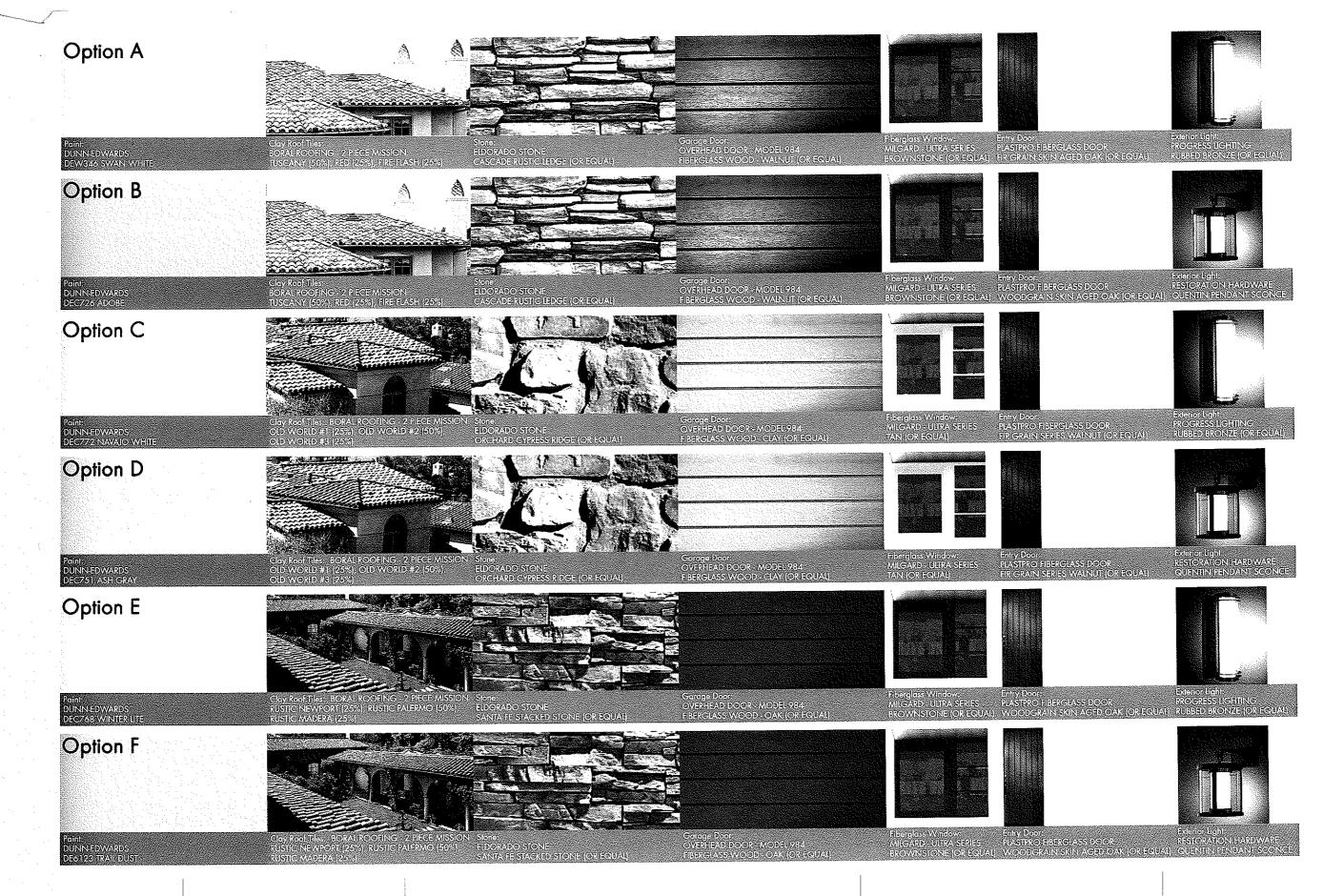
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The proposed landscape selection represents design intent.
 Exact size and species may vary based on budget and availability.





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- The proposed materials, finishes and colors represent design intent, Final selections will be based on budgel, availability, constructability, etc., i.e. final window frames might be fiberglass or vinyl. Final selections will moth the color and finish represented on this presentation board, but may vary slightly based on supplier/vendor, i.e. Dunn Edward paints vs. Benjamin Moore. Final selections will also be based on on-site, full size mock ups, with all materials consistent with the intended design shown.