



Historic Site Preservation Board Staff Report

Date: June 11, 2013

Case No.: 3.1289 MAA – HSPB # 55 – Oasis Commercial Building

Application Type: Certificate of Approval for Tenant Improvements at a Class 1 site

Location: 101 South Palm Canyon Drive

Applicant: Brandenberg Oasis Plaza, LLC for Gyoto Gyoto Restuarant

Zone: CBD (Central Business District)

General Plan: CBD (Central Business District)

APN: 513-143-009

From: Ken Lyon, RA, Associate Planner

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a request by Brandenberg Oasis Plaza, LLC seeking a Certificate of Approval for a tenant improvement project at the Oasis Commercial Building. The proposed project scope includes both interior and exterior modifications, including impacts to the first floor round mosaic clad columns and the lower edge of the second floor soffit and fascia, both which are Class 1 historic defining characteristics of this particular site

RECOMMENDATION

That the Historic Site Preservation Board approves the request subject to the following conditions of approval:

1. Deletion of the aluminum column wraps on the exterior columns
2. Deletion of surface and recessed mounted lights and fixtures on the soffit of the second story, including removal of the misting system (that was conditioned from a previous approval to be removed).
3. No signs are included in this approval.
4. All new storefront glazing systems shall match the existing mill-finish aluminum storefront in color and profile.
5. Conditions as imposed by the Fire Department noted in attached Exhibit A.

PRIOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE PROJECT

On January 23, 2007, the Planning Director approved modifications to the exterior of the building to construct outdoor seating for a restaurant use (Okura Restaurant), subject to the condition that all surface mounted misters, heaters and other non-architectural materials are removed from the overhang. (from the current photos, it appears these misters were not removed, or new ones may have been subsequently installed without HSPB review or City approval.)

On April 21, 2010, the Oasis Commercial Building was designated a Class 1 historic site by the Palm Springs City Council, however only certain elements of the building were actually designated¹.

On April 28, 2010, the Planning Commission approved a sign program (SP10-001) for the Oasis Commercial Building.

On June 12, 2012 the HSPB granted a certificate of approval to renovate the Oasis Commercial Building, including restoration of the ceramic tile columns, second floor west elevation window awnings and repainting of the building to its original color palette.

BACKGROUND AND SETTING

The Oasis Commercial Building was designed in 1953 by renowned local architect E. Stewart Williams in the late international style. The building, located in the heart of the Central Business District is located at the southwest corner of Tahquitz Canyon Way and South Palm Canyon Drive.

It is surrounded by commercial uses to the east, north and south and parking lots to the west.

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 8.05.180, "*No person may undertake any of the following within or upon a Class 1 historic site without a certificate of approval from the historic site preservation board:*

- (1) *Construction of a new structure;*
- (2) *The moving, demolition or alteration of an existing structure in any manner which affects the exterior appearance of the structure;*
- (3) *A change in land use which affects the exterior appearance of a structure or the interior arrangement of public buildings;*
- (4) *The erection, remodeling or replacing of a sign which affects the exterior appearance of a structure."*

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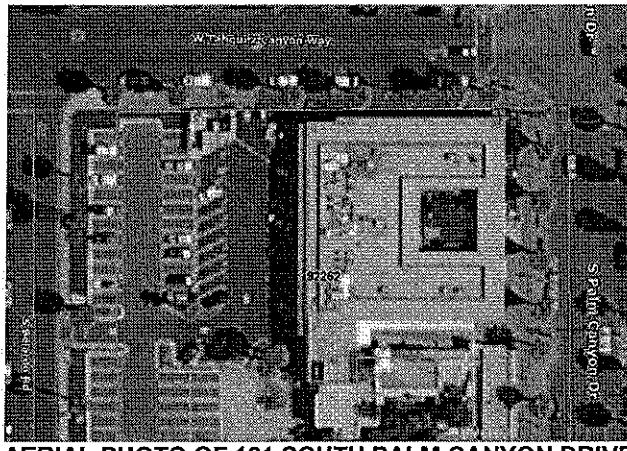
Those portions of the building that were designated "historic" were the upper story, defined by the lower edge of the first level exterior soffit, the window cases on the south and west elevations, the staircase on the rear (west) elevation, and the columns supporting the second store fronting S. Palm Canyon Drive.

As noted in item 2, the subject project causes an alteration of the exterior appearance of the subject Class 1 site (specifically the columns supporting the second floor fronting South Palm Canyon Drive and the first level exterior ceiling soffit and fascia) and thus a Certificate of Approval from the HSPB is required.

DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS

The applicant proposes to renovate portions of the first floor of the subject building for a tenant improvement for a restaurant and bar with both indoor and outdoor seating. The renovation includes:

- Changing out the front doors to the restaurant from mill-finish aluminum to wood.
- Changing out a portion of the mill-finish aluminum storefront with dark bronze aluminum storefront.
- Removal of the existing masonry and glass perimeter walls at the outdoor seating area.
- Covering a portion of the glazing common with the adjacent tenant (Starbucks) with a panel or "mask".
- Installation of a prosed perimeter barrier of painted steel "pickets" around the outdoor dining area.
- Landscaping with drought tolerant plant material along the perimeter picket barrier.
- Covering of the existing ceramic clad round columns with painted aluminum column "wraps".
- Adding a new soffit and entry way for a proposed bar that would be ancillary to the proposed restaurant.
- Construction of a new free-standing firepit.
- Surface and recessed lighting and other fixtures at the exterior soffit/ceiling of the covered terrace.
- Removal of ceramic wall tile from the north elevation and replacement with painted stucco.
- New floor tile throughout the interior and exterior areas.
- New signage (not part of this application).



AERIAL PHOTO OF 121 SOUTH PALM CANYON DRIVE



IMAGE c. 1954 -- THE OASIS COMMERCIAL BUILDING

REQUIRED FINDINGS

There are no specific findings required for Certificates of Approval, however, pursuant to Municipal Code Section 8.05.190, the Board shall consider the following in reviewing and acting upon a certificate of approval application:

- (1) The historic value and significance, or the architectural value and significance or both, of the structure and its relation to the historic value of the surrounding area;

Two of the four historic defining elements of the subject site are potentially adversely impacted by the proposed project: the first floor columns and the lower edge of the first level exterior soffit. With the acceptance of the condition of approval deleting the aluminum column wraps and the lighting, junction boxes and other fixtures on the underside of the second floor soffit, Staff believes that the project can be found in conformance with this guideline.

The project proposes a contemporary aesthetic for the outdoor seating area of the proposed restaurant. The contemporary aesthetic, materials and colors that are proposed generally relate to the modern architecture of the building, however infilling the open shaded plaza-like area with outdoor dining does not.

- (2) The relationship of the exterior architectural features of any structure to the rest of the structure itself and to the surrounding area;

The project proposes both interior and exterior renovation to the first floor suites for a restaurant and bar. The project proposes metal guardrails proposed in various shades of orange, brown and tan to separate the dining area from the public sidewalk/right-of-way. The various metal pickets relate somewhat to the exterior second floor color palette of the Oasis Building which was recently repainted with orange walls. The vertical pickets and other exterior elements of the proposed project relate to the existing vertically-grooved anodized aluminum guardrail panels at the second floor level. The orange hues relate to the orange of the second floor exterior walls. Removal of the heavy masonry and glass perimeter guardrail at the outdoor dining area gives that shaded terrace area a slightly more open feel, and is more respectful of the architectural composition of the original Oasis Building.

The "tunnel" entry to the bar does not relate well to the architecture of the existing building. Taller painted metal pickets will also be placed in front of the existing large glass display windows of the adjacent tenant space (Starbucks) that may complicate cleaning of the windows.

- (3) The general compatibility of exterior design, arrangement, texture and material which is proposed by the applicant;

The proposed exterior design proposes a color palette that is generally complementary to the existing colors on the Oasis Commercial Building. The painted vertical steel pickets at the perimeter guardrail relate in a compatible way to the existing vertical anodized aluminum guard panels at the second floor, east elevation. The replacement storefront at the bar is proposed in dark bronze which does not match and is not compatible with the existing storefront framing is mill-finish aluminum. The proposed exterior dining areas diminish the open, expansive feel of the shaded ground floor plaza that was a feature of the original architecture of the Oasis Commercial Building. However these areas were closed in several years ago to create outdoor restaurant seating using heavy masonry and glass guardrails and planters. These masonry barriers are proposed to be removed, which will allow the outdoor dining area to be visually more compatible with the architecture of the existing building. (The planter strip will remain and be re-landscaped with drought tolerant species to be determined).

- (4) Archaeological or ecological significance of the area.

The proposed project does not impact any known archaeological or ecological significance of the site.

Staff has concluded that with the deletion of the proposed painted aluminum column covers and the various surface mounted and recessed lights and other fixtures on the lower edge of the exterior soffit, the project can be deemed in conformance with the above guidelines for approval of a certificate of approval and therefore recommends approval as conditioned by the HSPB.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The proposed tenant improvement is deemed a Project under the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to Section 15064.5 "Determining the Significance of Impacts on Historical and Unique Archeological Resources", the Oasis Commercial Building is a "historic resource" under CEQA because it is listed in the local register of historic resources (Class 1, HSPB No. 55) for the historic defining characteristics that include: (1) the upper story, defined by the lower edge of the first level exterior soffit; (2) the window cases on the south and west elevations; (3) the exterior stair at the northwest corner of the building; (4) the columns supporting the second story fronting South Palm Canyon Drive.

The proposed project causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource because it impacts two of the four historic defining characteristics of this site: (1) wrapping the existing round ceramic clad columns with painted aluminum covers, and (2) numerous surface mounted lights and other fixtures on the soffit at the first floor ceiling.

The proposed project materially alters these historic resources by (a) the drilling or clamping of fastening brackets into the ceramic clad columns for the column wraps that has a high probability of cracking or destroying the ceramic tiles, and (b) the cutting of the plaster soffit for electrical conduit runs and drilling into the face of the soffit for mounting of junction boxes, surface mounted and recessed lights and other fixtures and equipment.

This adverse impact to the historic resources could be mitigated by (1) deleting the aluminum column wraps, and (2) deleting surface mounted and recessed fixtures and lights from the lower edge of the first level exterior soffit and utilizing up lights, table lights, wall lights, or other means for illuminating the outdoor covered terrace.

NOTIFICATION

There are no public notification requirements for this application.



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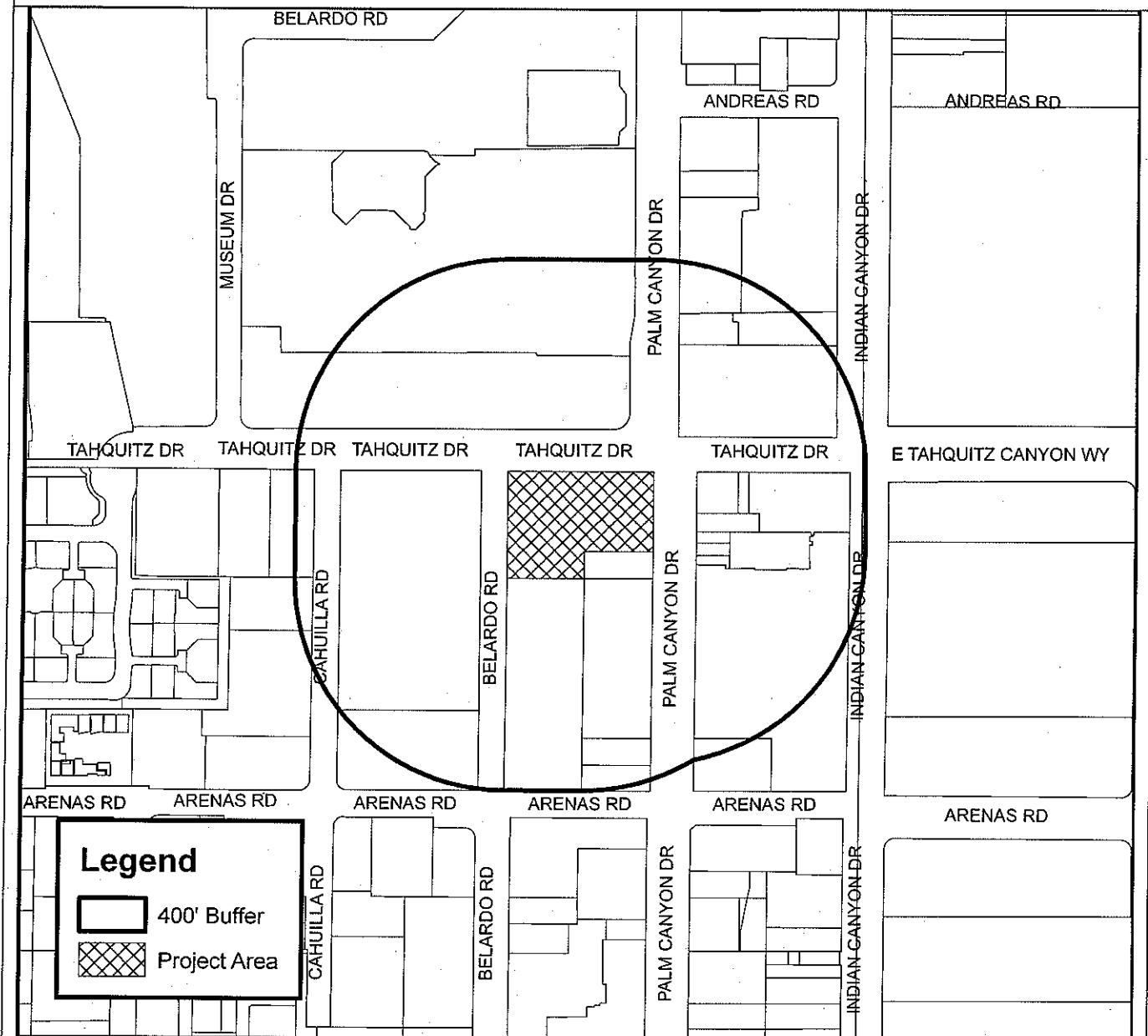
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Director of Planning Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Tenant Improvement plans, sections, elevations and photos



Department of Planning Services Vicinity Map



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"The Oasis Commercial Building"
APPLICANT: Brandenberg Oasis Plaza,
LLC

DESCRIPTION: Proposed tenant improvements for a restaurant and bar with indoor and outdoor seating at "The Oasis Commercial Building" at 101-121 South Palm Canyon Drive, a Class 1 Historic Site

MINOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION

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- ARCHITECTURAL PLANS & ELEVATIONS
- EXTERIOR RENDERINGS & MATERIALS
- EXISTING SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

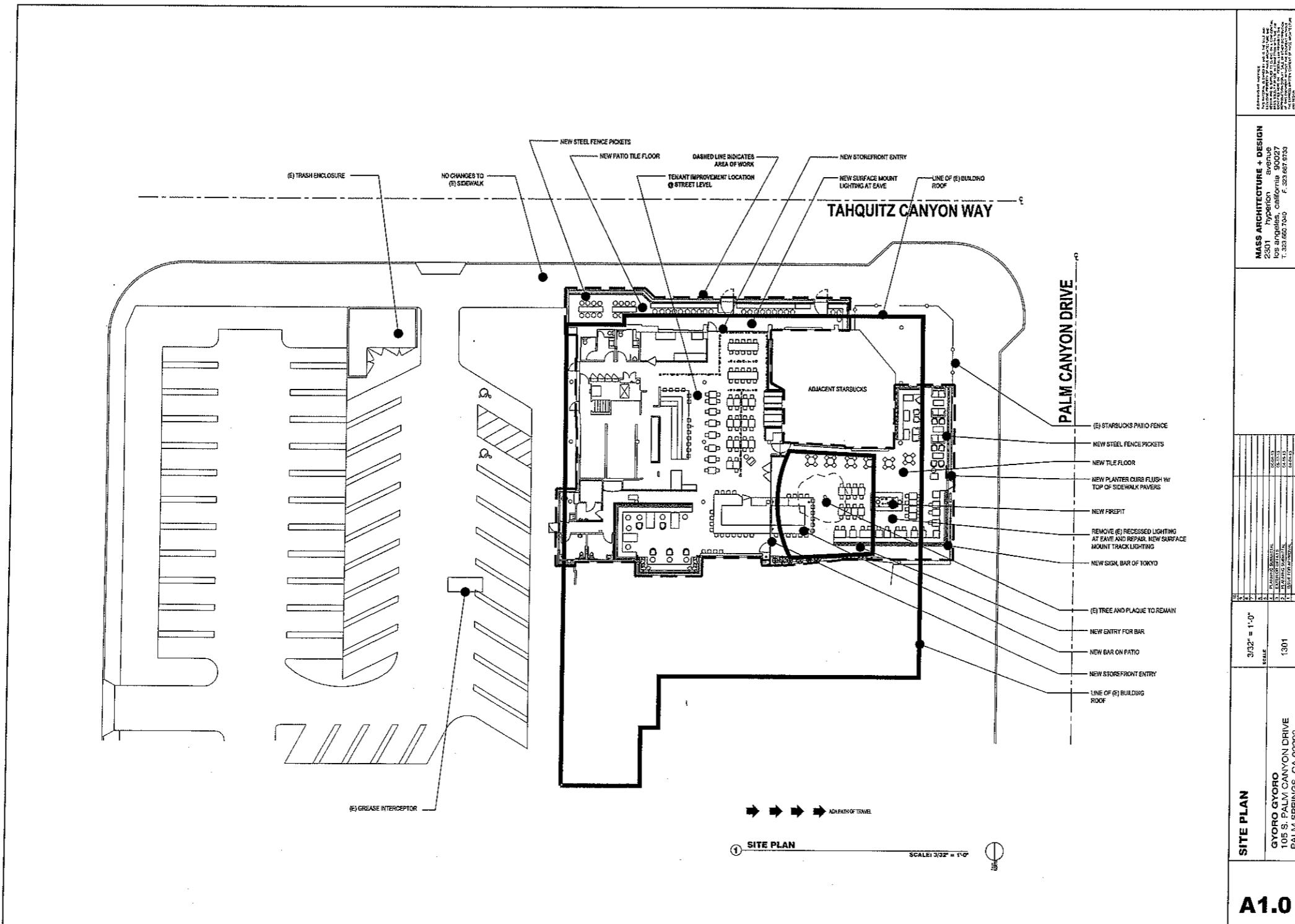
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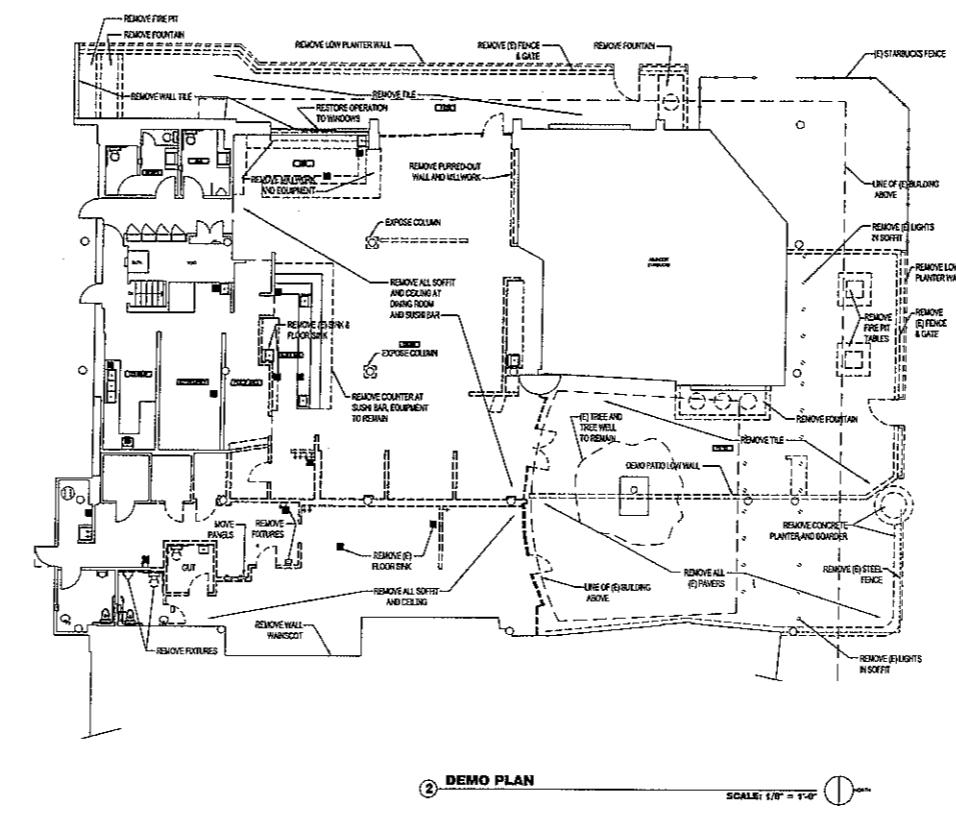
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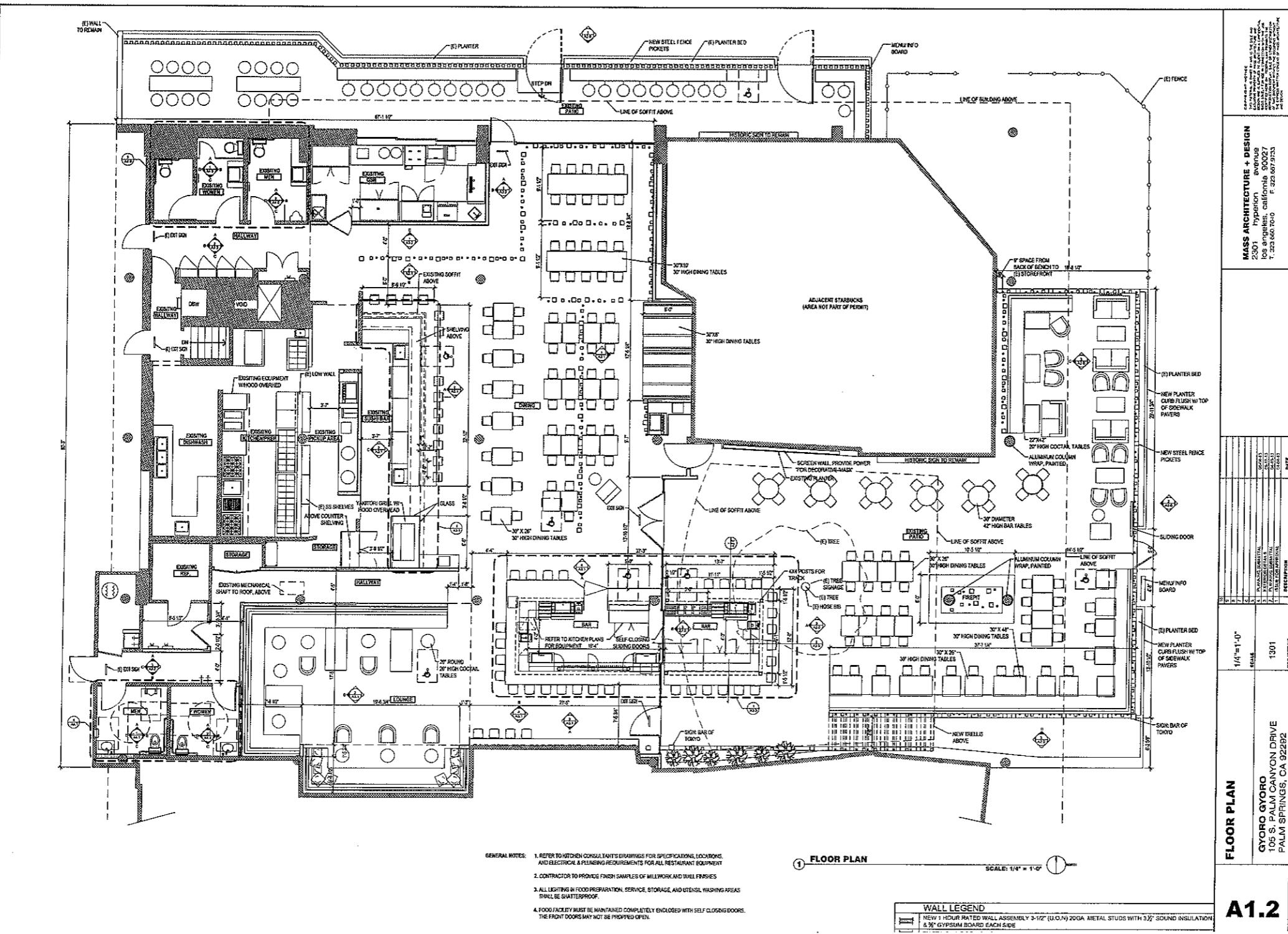
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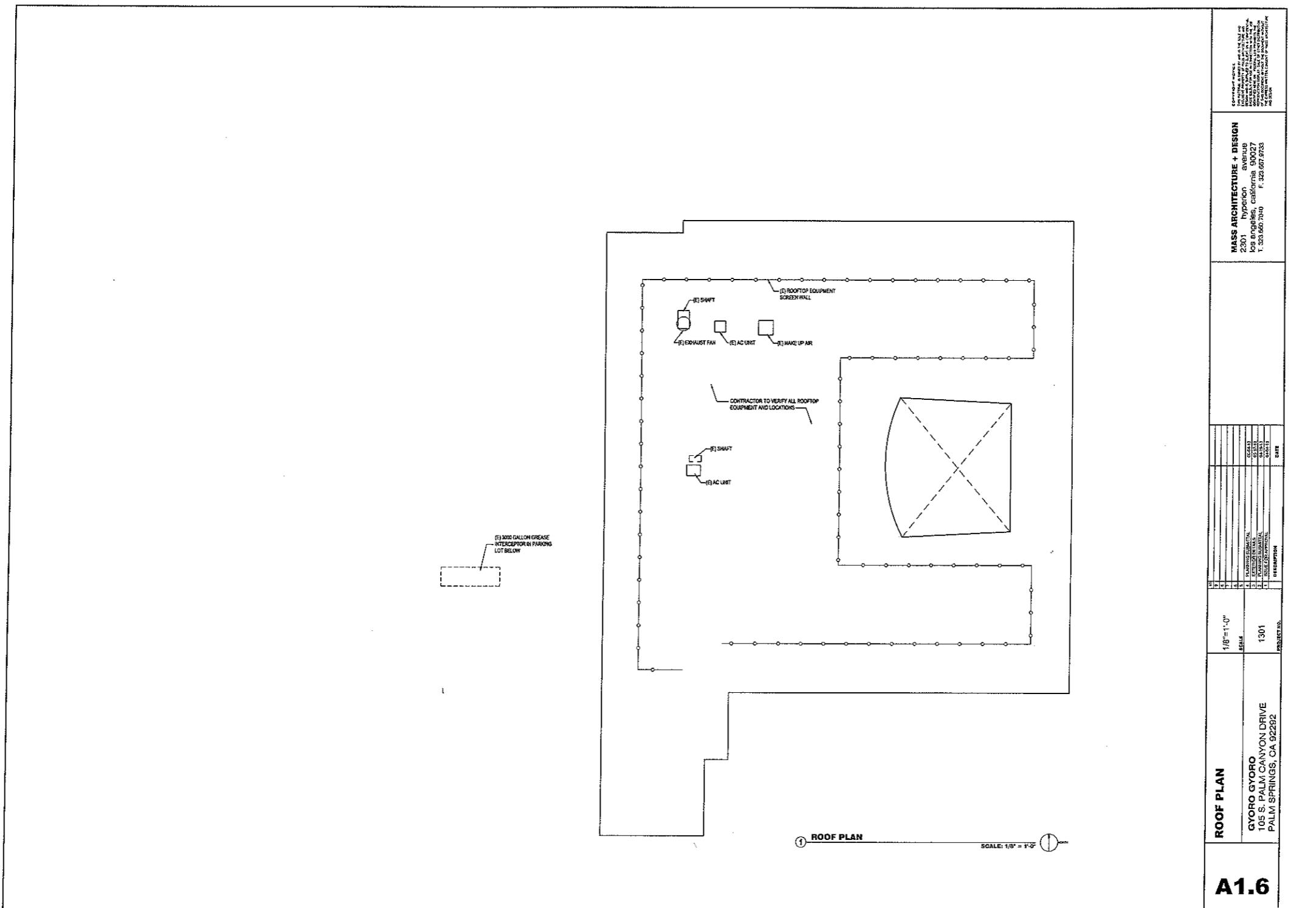


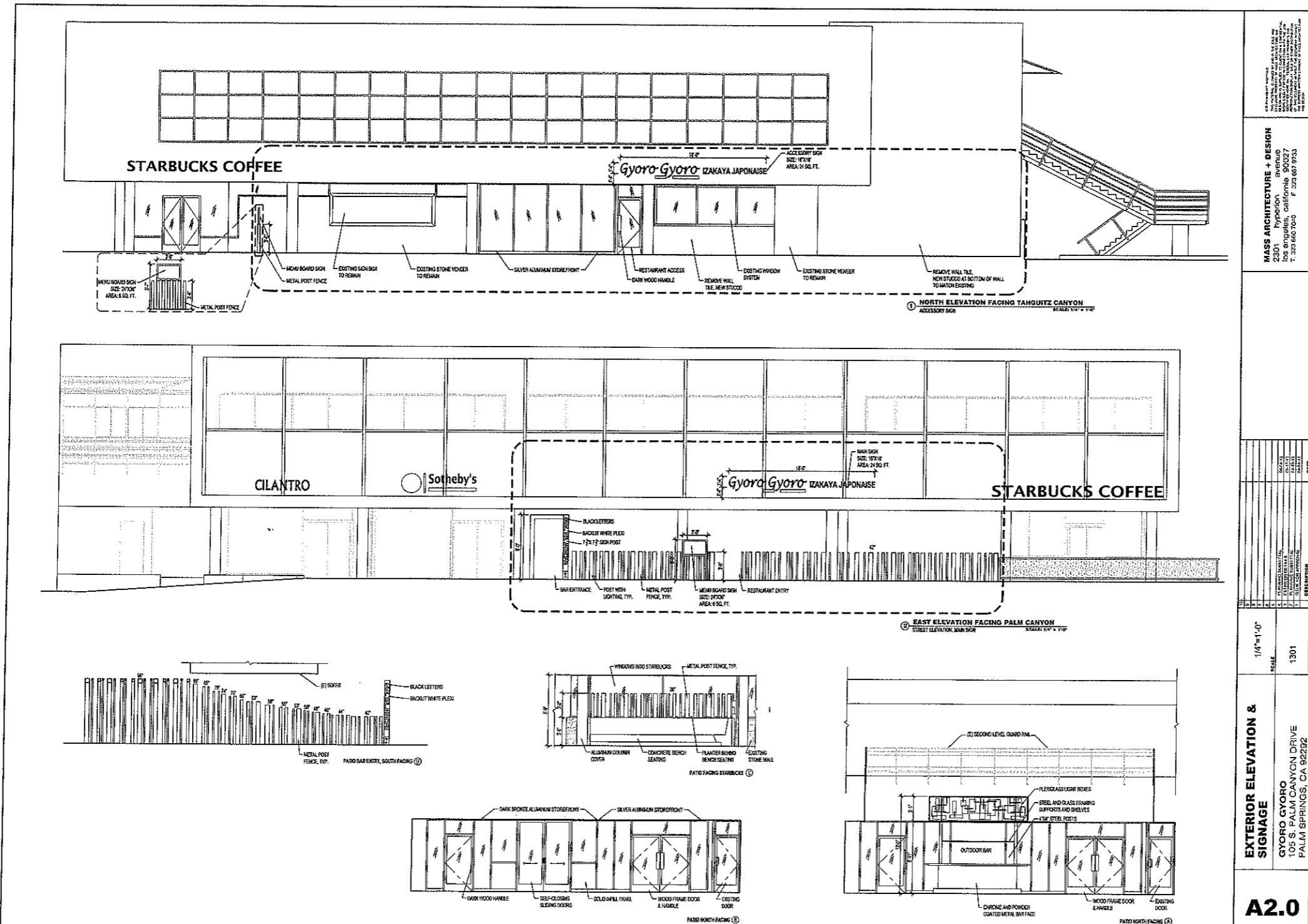


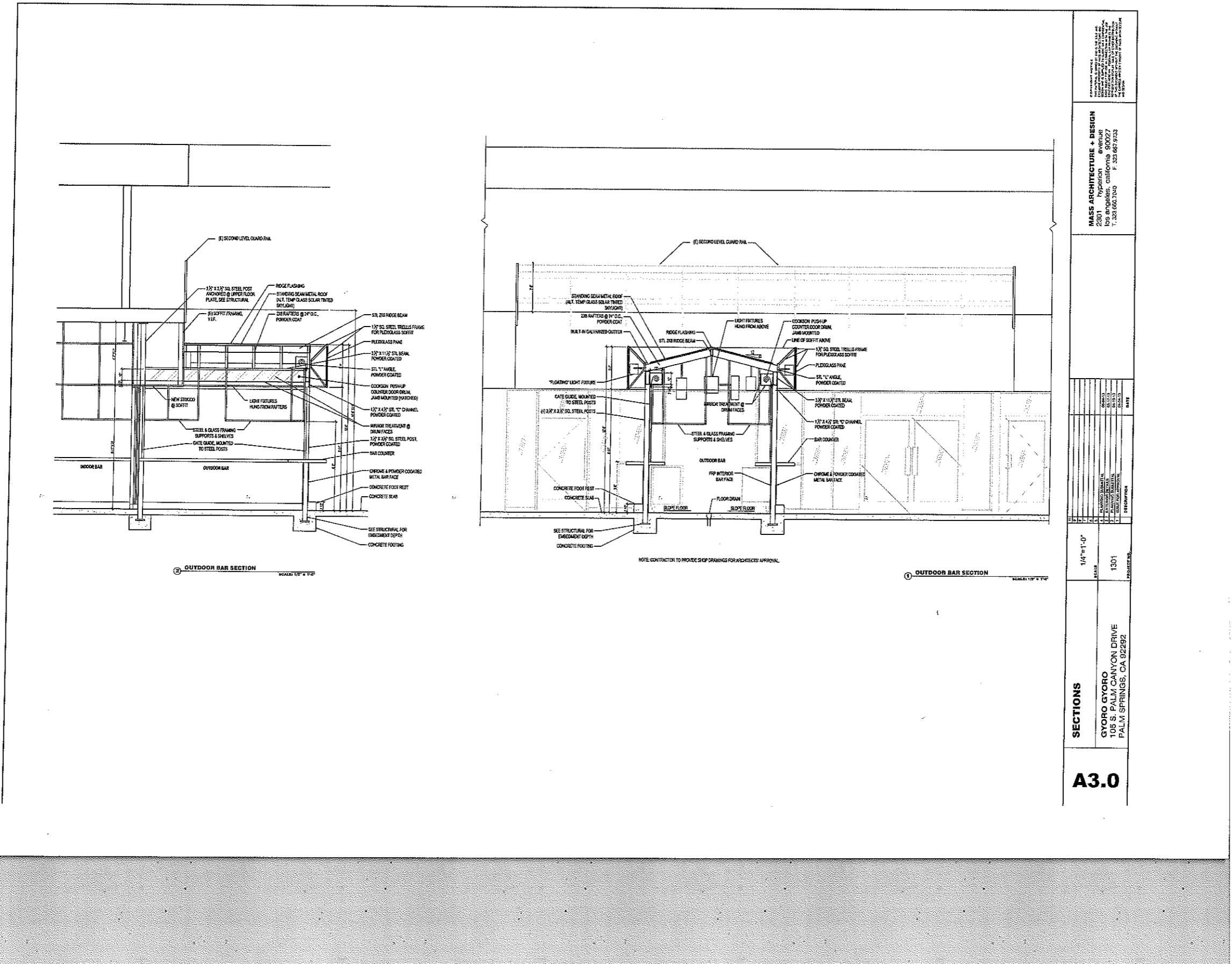
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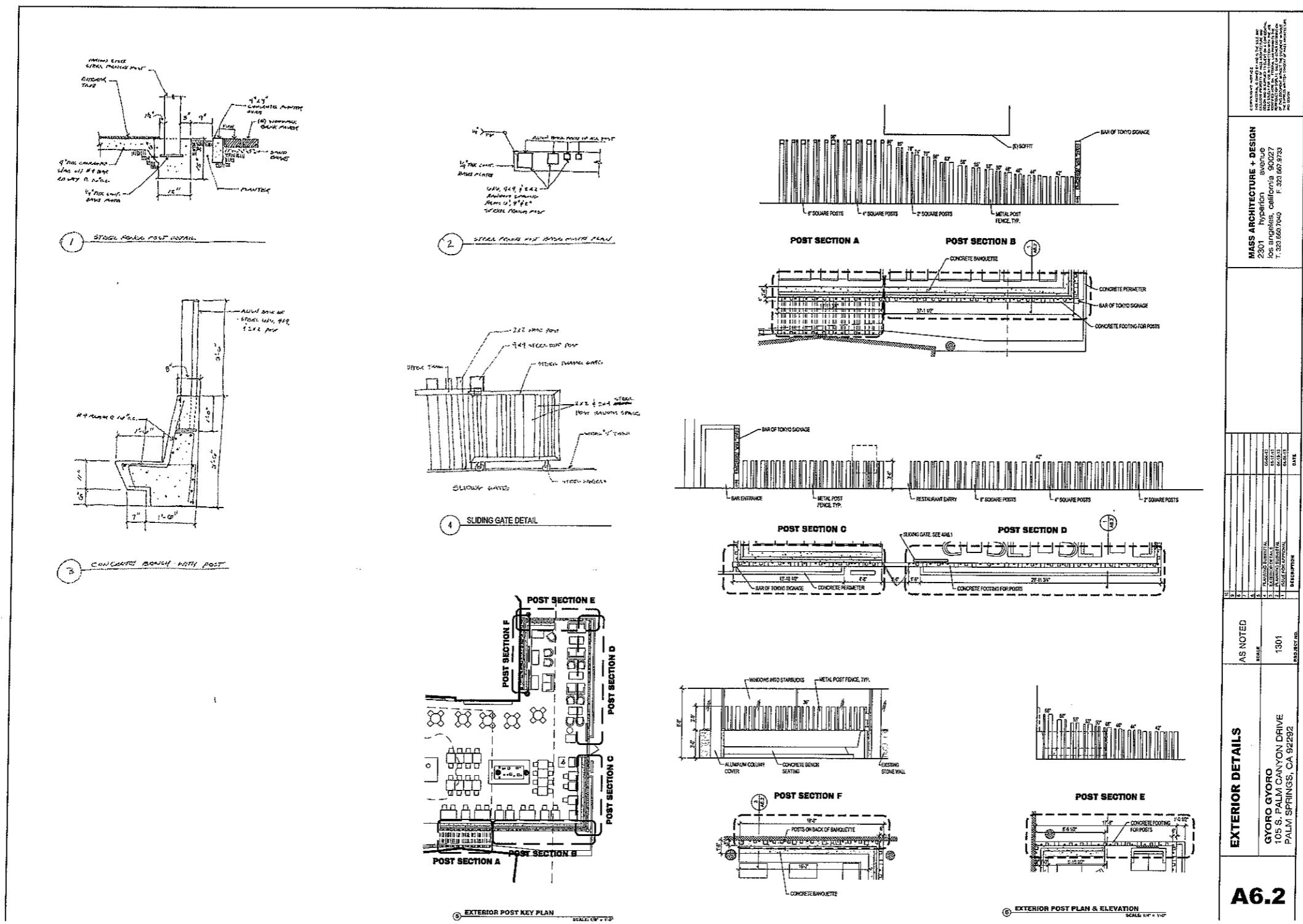
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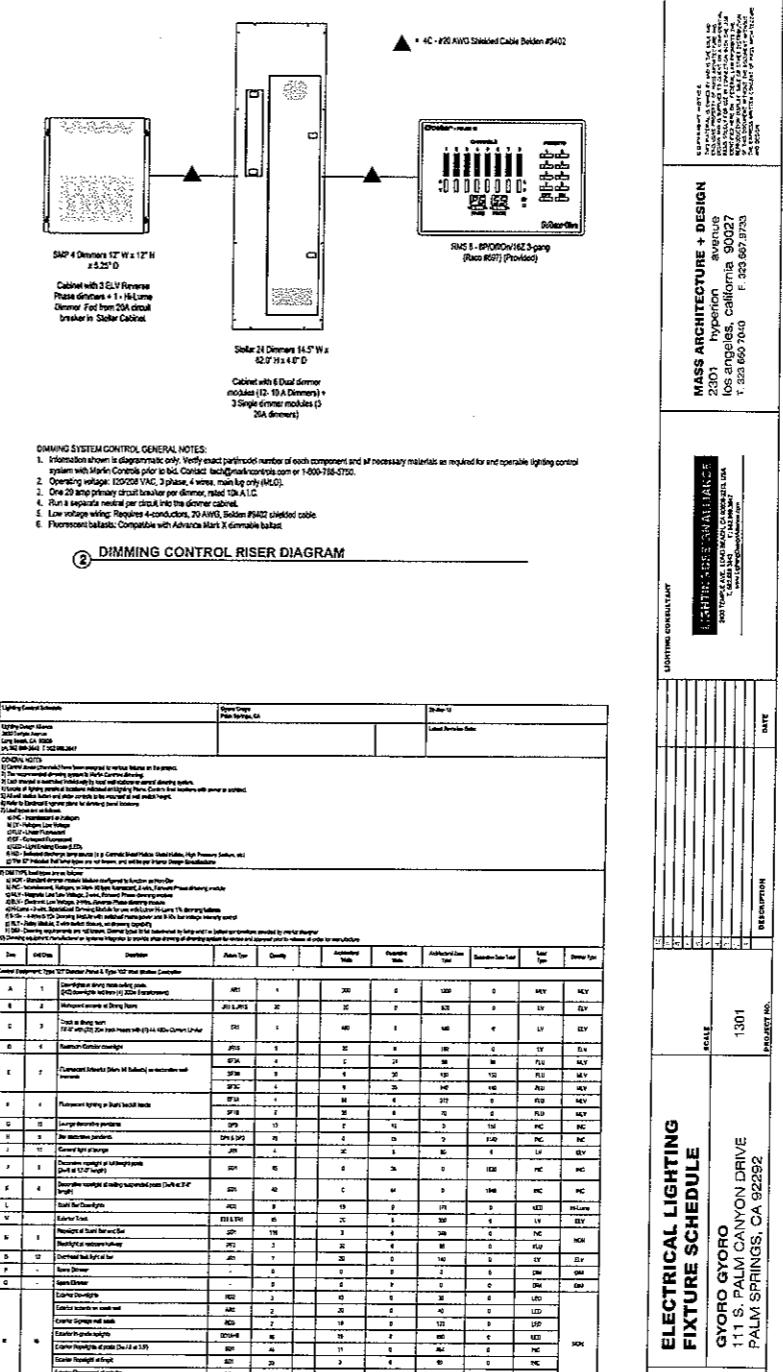






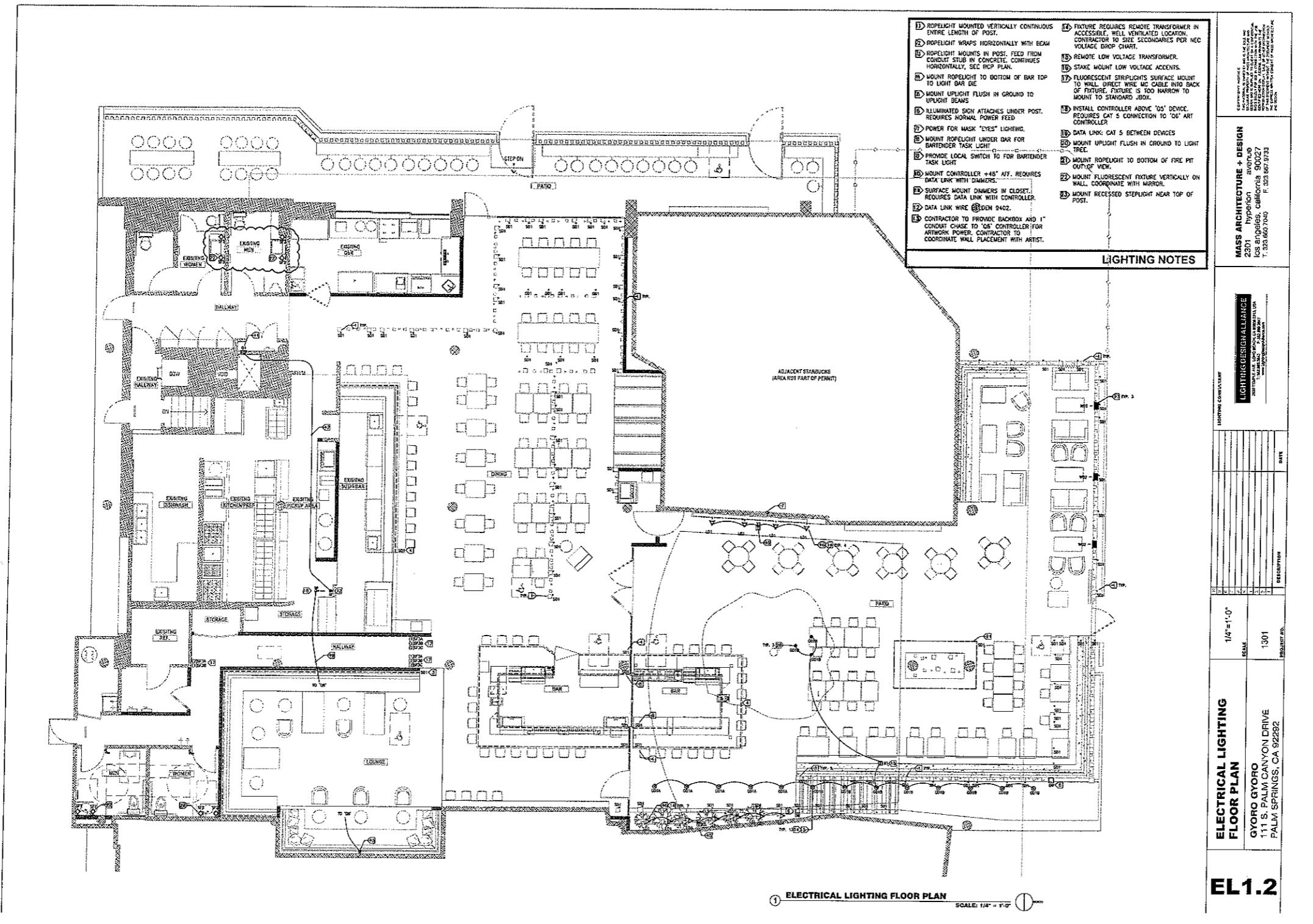


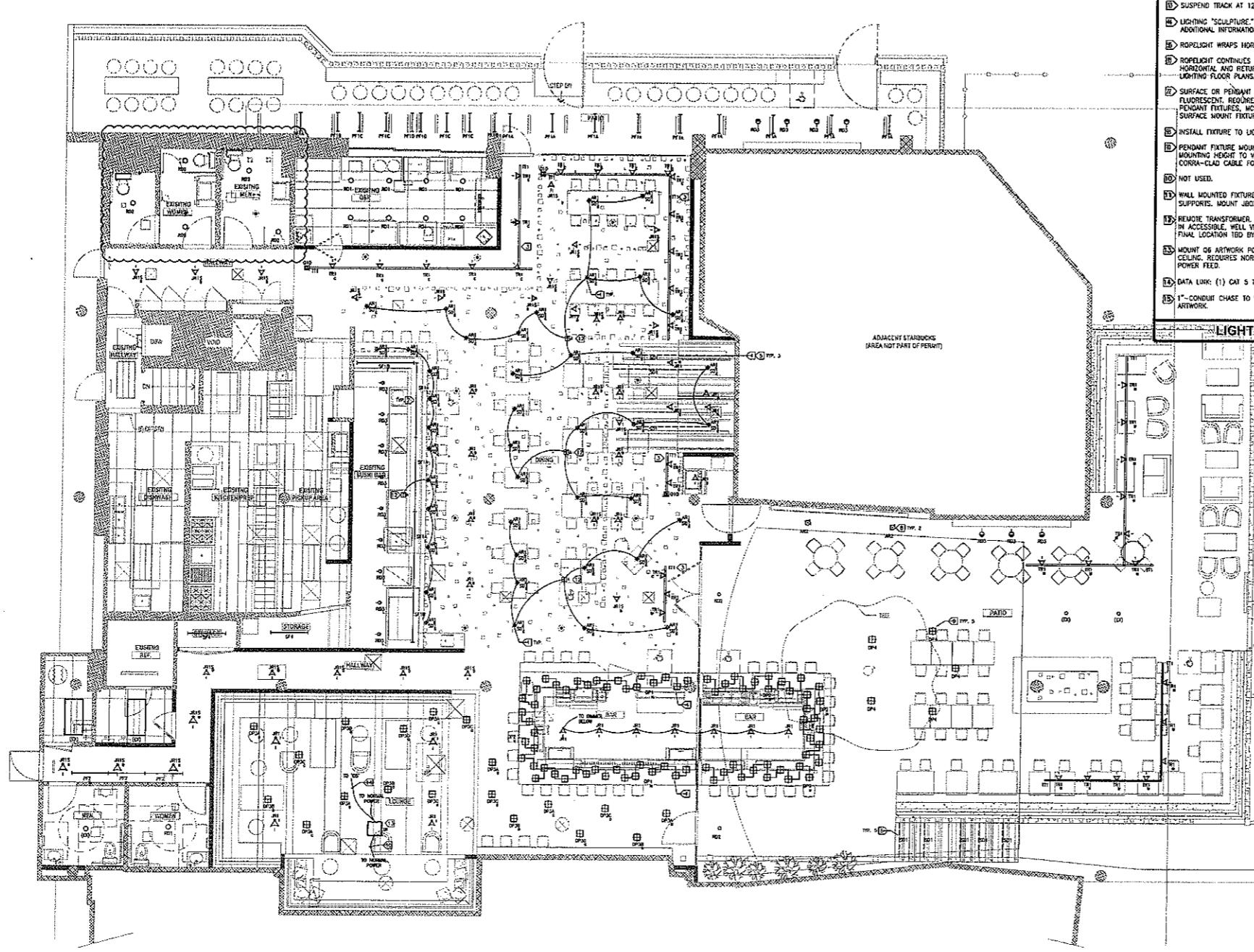
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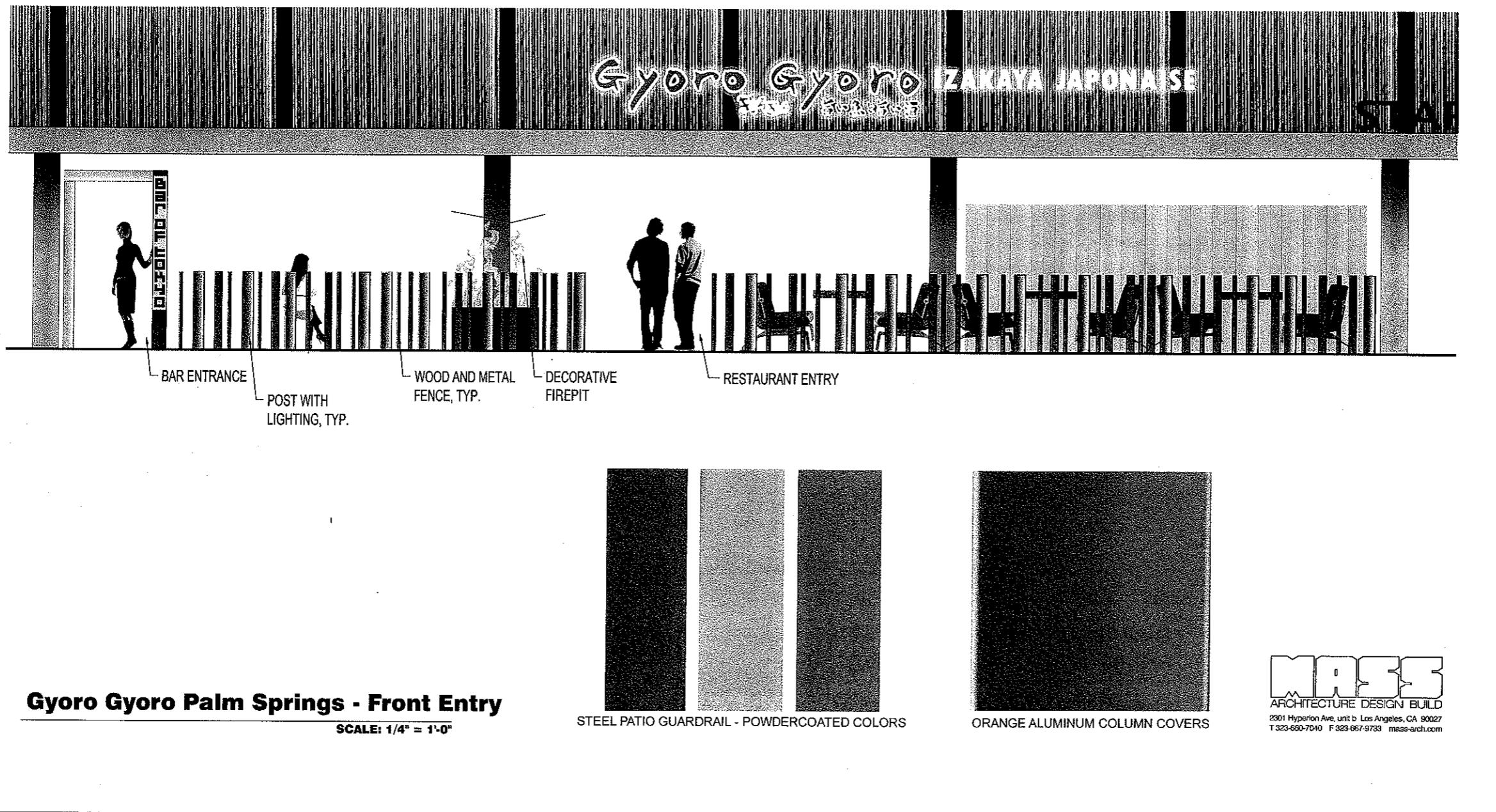


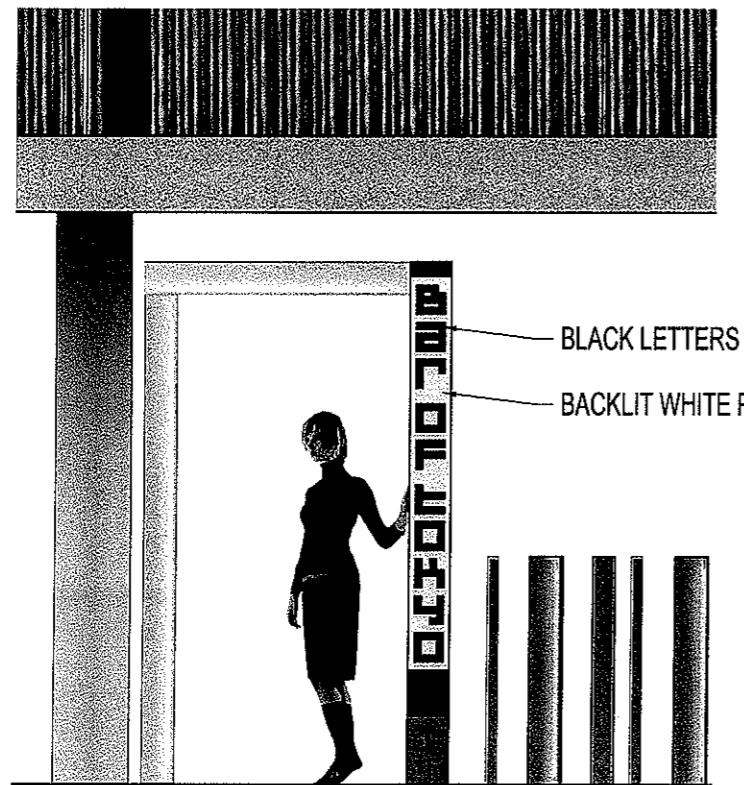


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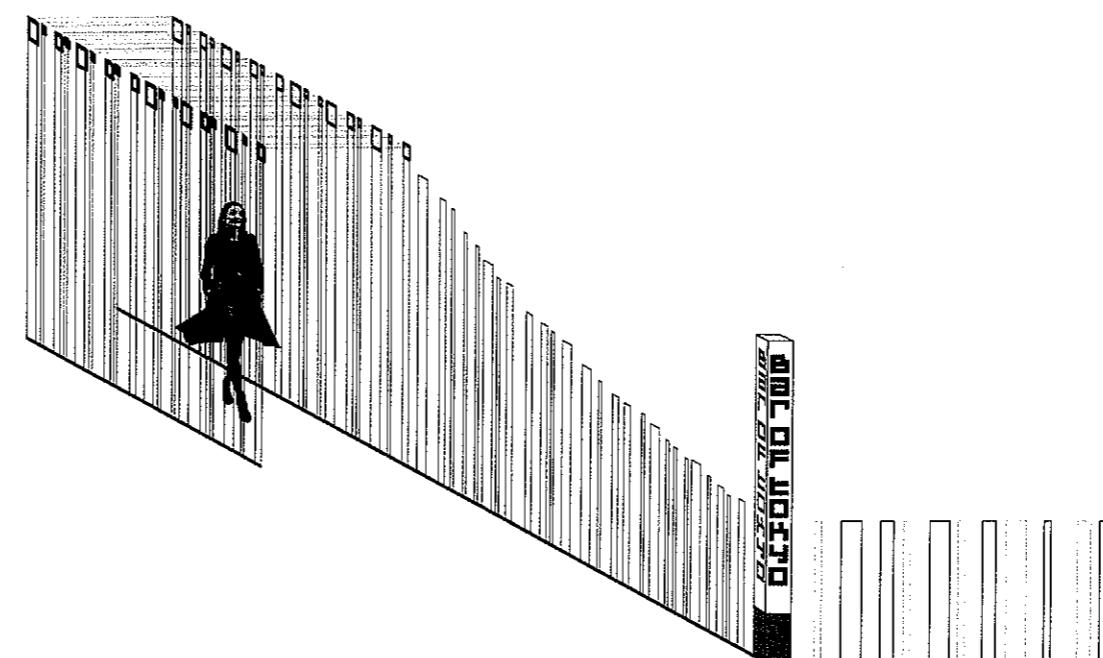
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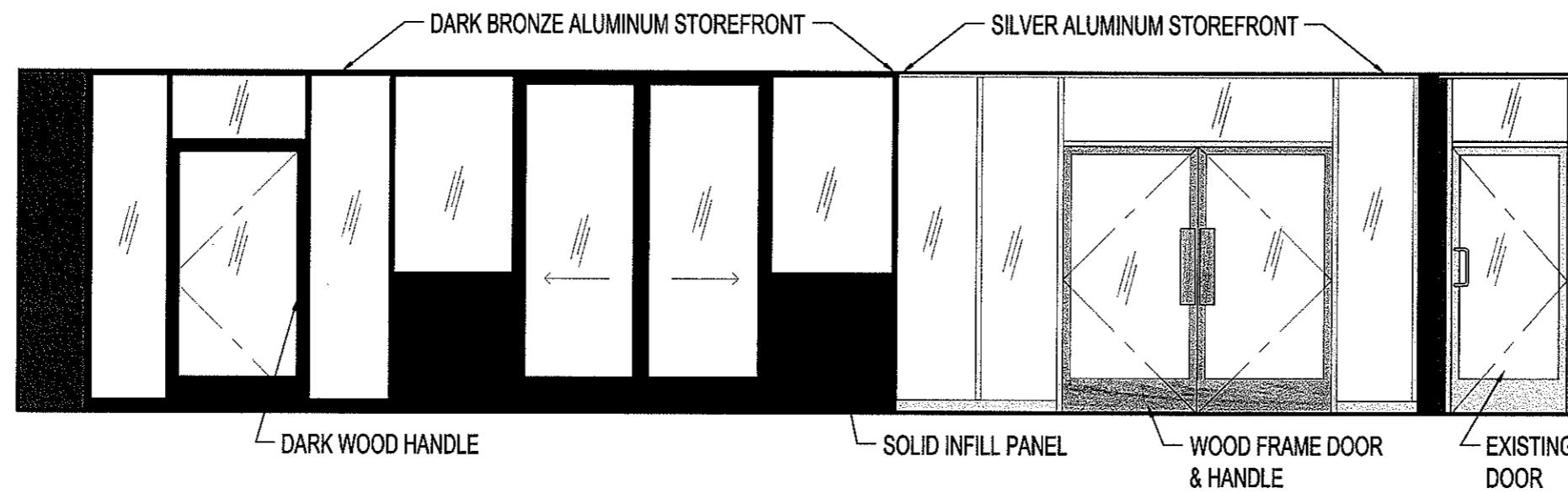


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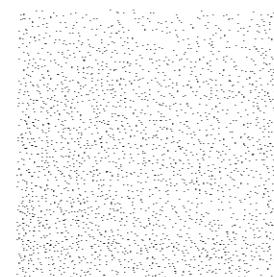


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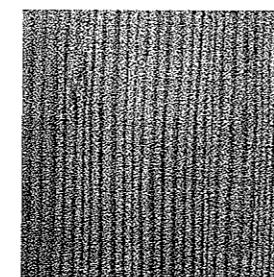
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DARK BRONZE ALUMINUM



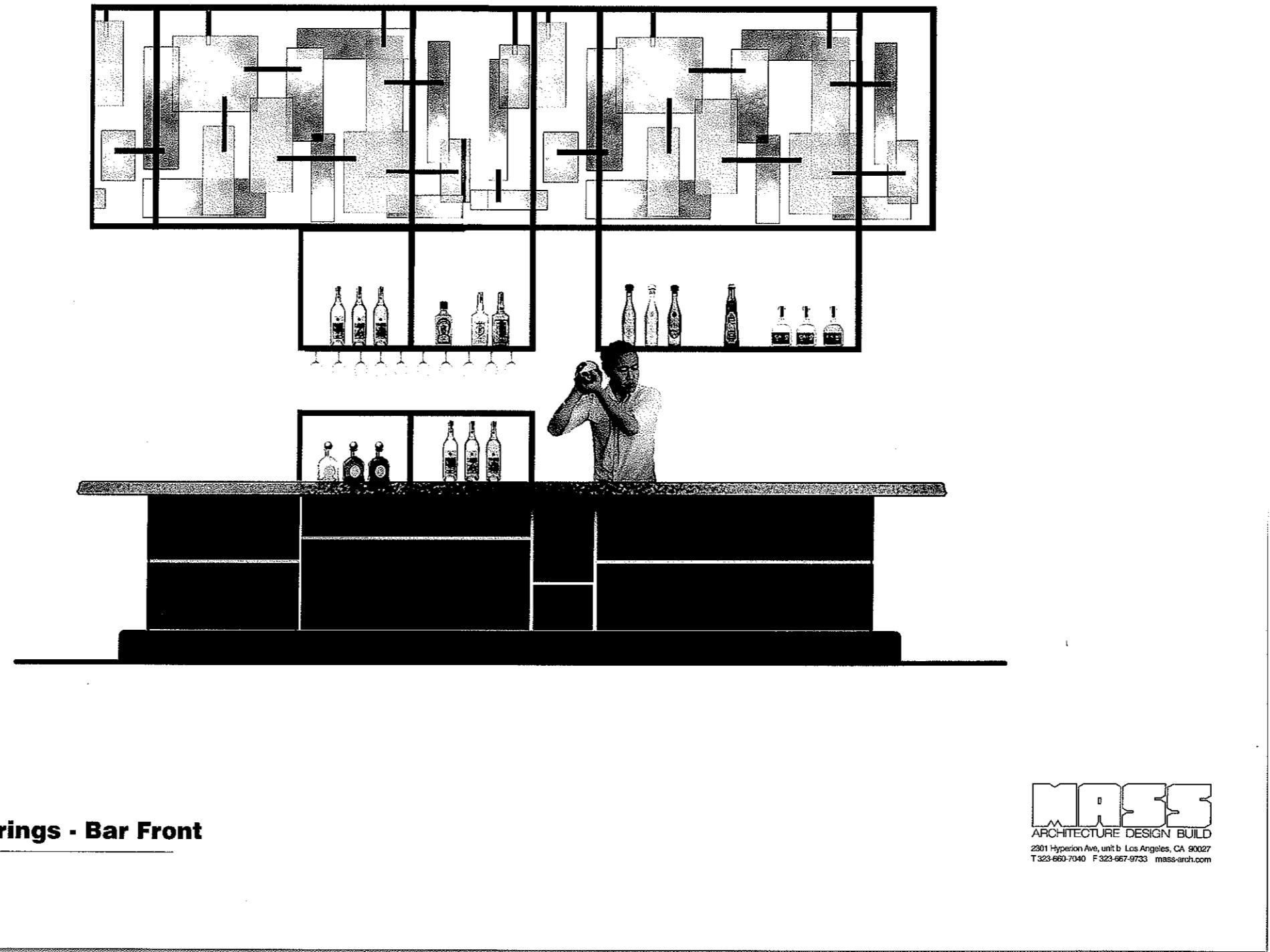
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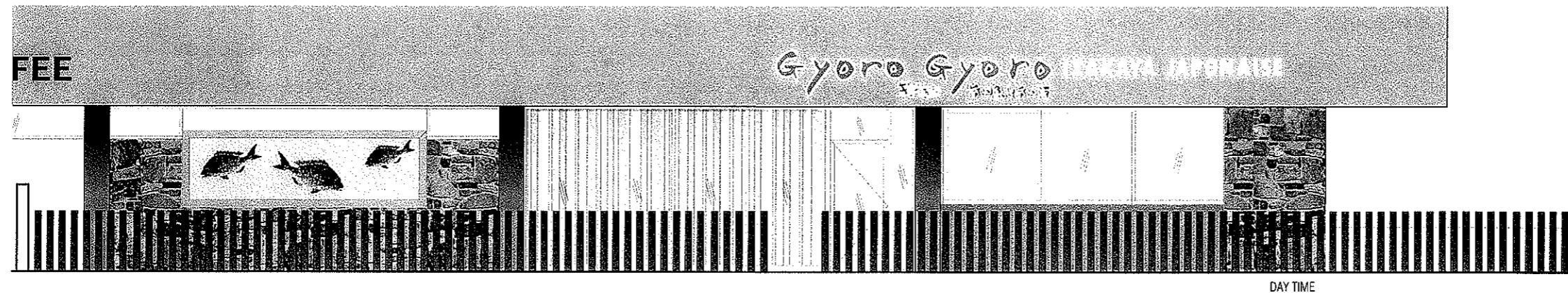
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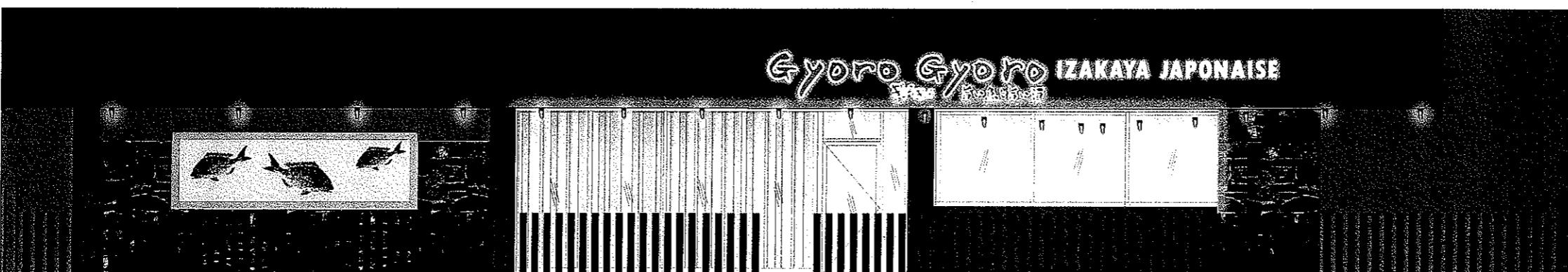


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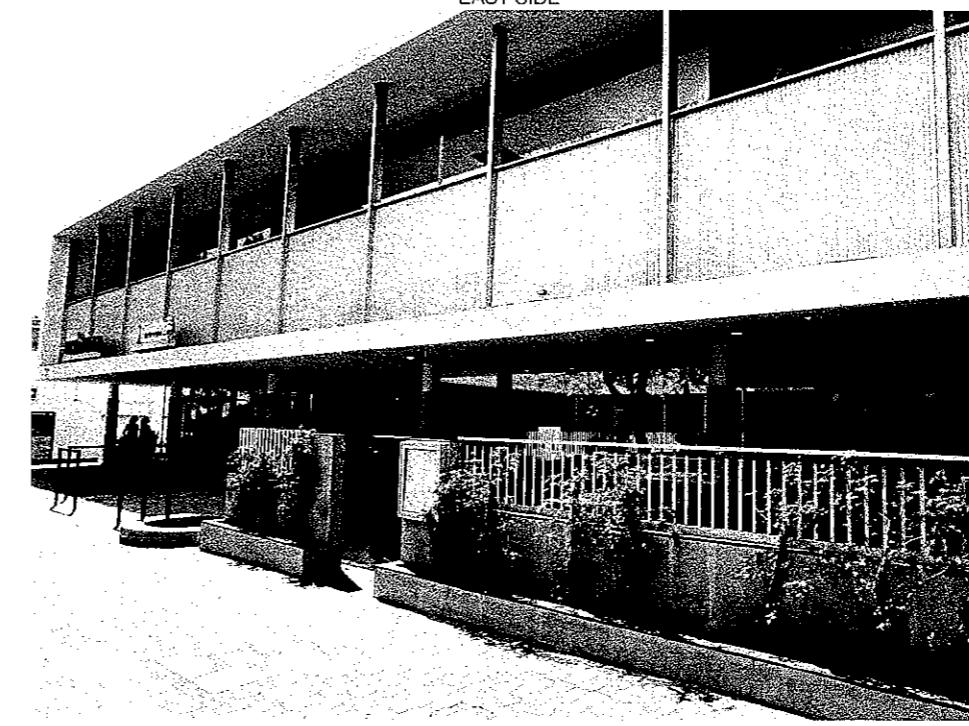
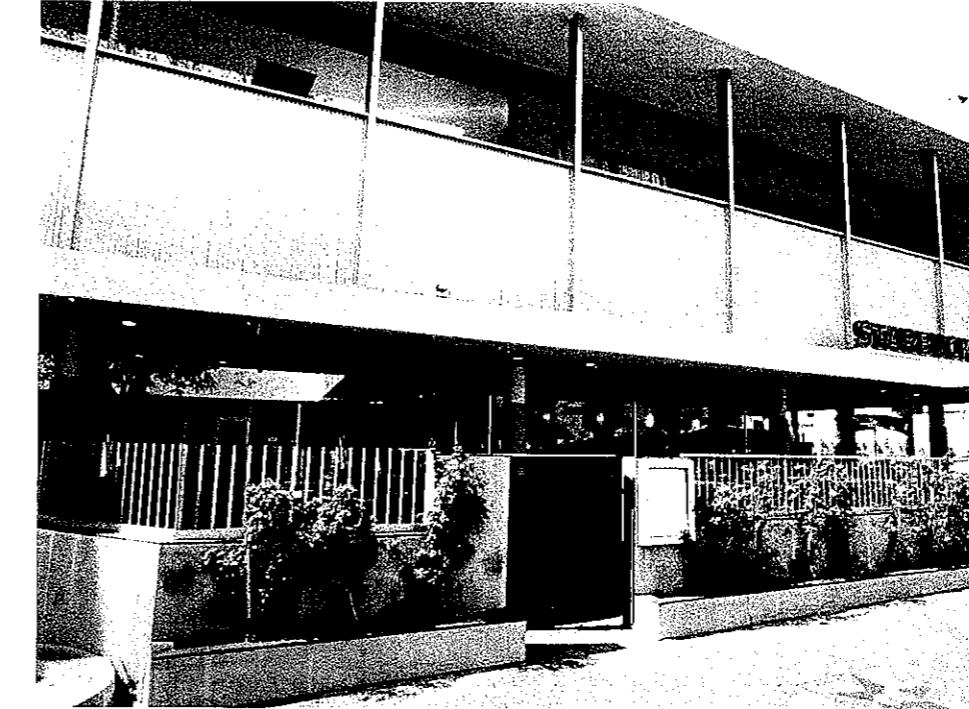
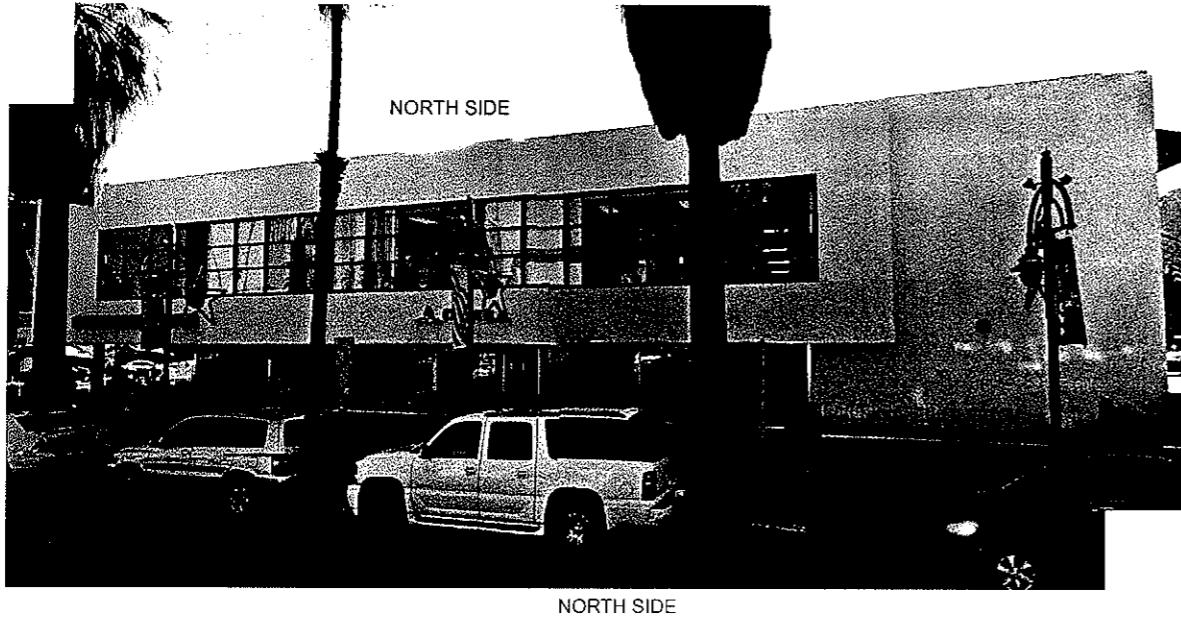


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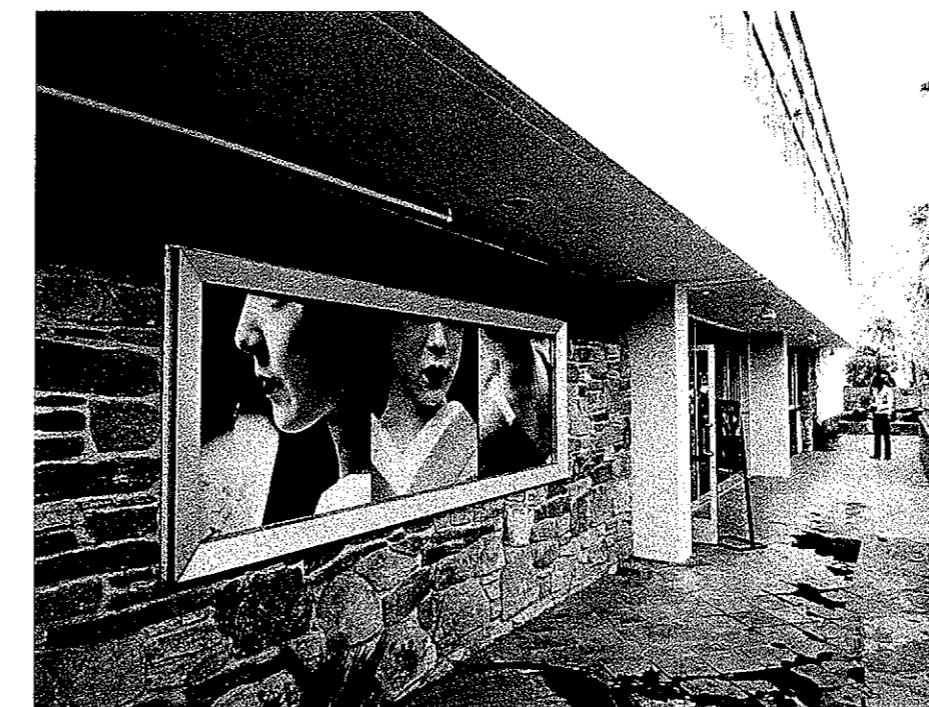
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4 1/2" Aperture MR16 Lensed Adjustable Accent Reflector

Cooling Fan and Assembly Diagrams

Reflector Trim Kit

Reflector Trim Kit	Item No. 100-01770	Item No. 100-01771	Item No. 100-01772
Spiral Clear Ultra Bright	100-01770	100-01771	100-01772
Spiral Clear Polished	100-01773	100-01774	100-01775
Smooth Clear Ultra Bright	100-01776	100-01777	100-01778
Smooth Clear Polished	100-01779	100-01780	100-01781
White Satin	100-01782	100-01783	100-01784
White Gloss	100-01785	100-01786	100-01787

Mounting Frame Kit

Mounting Frame Kit	Item No. 100-01788	Item No. 100-01789	Item No. 100-01790
ULC Low	100-01788	100-01789	100-01790
ULC Mid	100-01791	100-01792	100-01793
ULC High	100-01794	100-01795	100-01796

Options & Accessories

Reflector Trim Kit

- 1. **Reflector Trim Kit:** Includes all parts required to assemble the reflector trim. Each kit includes one reflector trim, one mounting frame, and one cooling fan.
- 2. **Complicated Assembly:** For those who prefer to have their fixture assembled at the factory, we offer a complicated assembly service. This service will reduce the time required to assemble your fixture by approximately 10 hours.
- 3. **Easy Assembly:** For those who prefer to assemble their fixture themselves, we offer an easy assembly service. This service will reduce the time required to assemble your fixture by approximately 5 hours.
- 4. **Smooth Clear High Intensity:** Increases fixture output by up to 10%.
- 5. **Partial Reflected Light:** Reduces glare from the fixture.
- 6. **Power Dimmer:** Provides power to the fixture.
- 7. **Power Transformer:** Provides power to the fixture.
- 8. **ULC Mounting Frame:** Includes a mounting frame for the fixture. It is designed to be mounted on a ceiling or wall. The mounting frame has a height of 12 inches and a width of 12 inches.
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Dimensions	See Below						
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Finish	Standard Powdercoat TBD						
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4' Architectural LED Round Remote Phosphor Wall Wash Reflector			
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		DB-SERIES		DB-12-1212	
INDUSTRIAL JUNCTION BOXES THE DB-SERIES PROVIDE ALL THE PROTECTION, RELIABILITY, AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES REQUIRED FOR GRAVEL BURIAL JUNCTION BOX APPLICATIONS.					
SPECIFICATIONS					
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WARRANTY					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 year warranty 					
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DB-99-7B	Direct Burial Junction Box, 9" x 9" x 7"	2 lbs.	DB-99-7B	Direct Burial Junction Box, 9" x 9" x 7"	2 lbs.
DB-55-1B	Direct Burial Round Junction Box, 5" x 5"	2 lbs.	DBR-79-1B	Direct Burial Round Junction Box, 7" x 9"	2 lbs.
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