

### ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 21, 2021

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SUBJECT: SAN JACINTO HOLDINGS, MARK TEMPLE (OWNER), FOR A MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 4,365-SQUARE FOOT HOUSE ON A HILLSIDE LOT LOCATED AT 502 LA MIRADA ROAD, ZONE R-1-A. (CASE 3.4222 MAJ)

FROM: Development Services Department

### <u>SUMMARY</u>

This is a request of the Architectural Advisory Committee to review a Major Architectural Application for the construction of a one-story 4,365-square foot house on a hillside lot with maximum height of eighteen (18') feet and meeting all setback development standards.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to the Planning Commission.

#### BACKGROUND:

Related Relevant City Actions by Planning, Fire, Building, etc		
12/1/1969	Subdivision map recorded forming Lot 1 – subject parcel.	

Most Recent Ownership		
10/20/2015	San Jacinto Holdings (Mark Temple)	
Notification		
04/21/21	Notice sent to adjacent and abutting property owners.	
06/17/21 Email notification alerting the following neighborhood groups of the AAC meeting: Old Las Palmas, Barito, Midtown, Baristo, Historic Tennis Club, Tahquitz River Estates, Warm Sands, The Mesa, Parkview neighborhood organizations.		

Field Check		
June 2021	Staff visited site to observe existing conditions	
Details of Application Request		
Site Area		
Net Area	16,553-square feet	



Subject Site: 502 S. La Mirada Road

### ANALYSIS:

Surrounding Property	Existing General Plan Designations	Existing Land Use	Existing Zoning Designations
Subject	ER (Estate Residential),	Vacant	R-1-A (Single-
Property	2 Units per acre		Family Residential)
North	ER (Estate Residential),	Trail – Open Space	R-1-A (Single-
	2 Units per acre		Family Residential)
South	ER (Estate Residential),	Residence	R-1-A (Single-
	2 Units per acre		Family Residential)
East	ER (Estate Residential),	Residence	R-1-A (Single-
	2 Units per acre		Family Residential)
West	ER (Estate Residential),	Residence	R-1-A (Single-
	2 Units per acre		Family Residential)

### **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:**

	R-1-A	Proposed Project	Comply
Lot Area	20,000-square feet	16,553-square feet	Yes lot of record
Lot Width	140 feet	168 feet	Yes
Lot Depth	120 feet	123 feet	Yes
Front Yard	25 feet	25 feet	Yes
Side Yard	10 feet	10 feet	Yes
Rear Yard	15 feet	22 feet from center line of equestrian trail	Yes
Building Height (max.)	12 feet at setback line to max 18 feet at a 4:12 slope	12 feet at garage; 18' max at center of house	Yes
Bldg. Coverage	35% lot coverage	26%	Yes
Off-street parking	2 covered spaces	2 garage spaces	Yes
Landscaping	No specific requirements	Landscape plan provided	Yes

Section 92.01.03 (A) of the PSZC for the R-1-A development standards.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The applicant is seeking approval to construct a 4,365-square foot, three (3) bedroom house, casita and three car garage on a vacant hillside lot at the corner of West Ramon Road and South La Mirada Road in the Historic Tennis Club Neighborhood. The immediate area consists of other single-family houses that are one-story in height and modern designs with consistent front yard setbacks with a garage facing the street.

The subject lot is rectangular in shape with the north property line fronting West Ramon Road narrower than the opposite south lot line. This results in the house being stepped back at the garage and main entry point to maintain the twenty-five (25') foot front yard setback. The house is designed in a "U" shape surrounding a courtyard and pool in the front yard. The east property line which is considered the side yard is the centerline of an existing Equestrian trail that has not been developed but remains as an easement. The side yard setback is measured from the center of the easement resulting in a twenty-two (22') foot setback from the property line. A new six (6') tall block wall will be built adjacent to the trail.

The building height at the garage façade which is placed at the front yard setback will be twelve (12') feet and will confirm to the PSZC. In addition, the northwest corner of

the casita is twelve (12') feet and both elevations meet the height standard at the setback line.

The pad for the house is at 524 feet with the curb at West Ramon Road that slopes downward to 518 feet. The southwest corner of the lot will be at 525 feet requiring a three (3') foot stepped retaining wall along the south property line with planter bed at three (3) feet above grade with a six (6') foot garden wall on top. There is a similar condition on the east portion of the lot adjacent to the equestrian trail easement. A one (1) to three (3') foot retaining wall is proposed with a six (6') foot garden wall. The grading of the lot with the small retaining walls will provide a level pad with a flat driveway.

The house consists of a three (3) car garage, and three (3) bedrooms with a casita and large open kitchen/dining/living room leading to an outdoor pool and spa area. The main living area is located at the center of the structure with two (2) bedrooms behind the garage and the master suite on the north end of the house. Building materials include stucco for the main body in a light gray color named "Ice Cube" and two accent colors, named "Zinc Gray" and Gray Screen". Details also include vertical rake foam, clear anodized window frames, control joints to break up the stucco massing, standing seam metal roof in a gray color and shadow block for walls in the front yards. The front façade will include a three-car garage with pedestrian entry colonnade and custom metal gate leading into the pool courtyard. The building roof lines will be a series of sheds sloping east to west with the higher points toward the mountain providing solar shading for the glass facades of the great room. The pool equipment and trash cans will be located on the south yard with mechanical equipment located in a closet off the garage and along the property perimeter.

The landscaping plan will re-use the existing tress, boulders, and cactus currently on the vacant lot. Additional landscaping includes Palo Verde trees along La Mirada Road, Mexican and Californian fan palms, Desert Spoon, Blue Agave, and on the walled interior, citrus trees, Ponytail Palm, and other ornamental plants with small sections of artificial turf around the pool deck. A lighting plan is provided which shows accent, pathway, and bollard lights throughout the property. Other hardscape elements include concrete benches, two fire pits, a waterspout, and an outdoor bar.

Section 93.13.00 of the PSZC provides guidance when developing a lot in a hillside area. In the case of the subject property the development is conforming in terms of building height, setbacks, size, new grading, landscaping, and other sensitive elements that allow the house to be harmonious with the adjacent development.

PSZC Section 93.13.00(B)(4) requires that architectural review of hillside development shall consider the following criteria:

	Guidelines [PSZC 93.13.00(B)(4)(a)]	Compliance
1.	Rock and soil exposure;	Y
	The vacant lot is well maintained and consists of decomposed	
	granite with a few boulders used for accent purposes.	
2.	Size of building pad;	Y
	The subject lot is 16,553-square feet in size and the proposed 4,365-square foot home is consistent with others in the area.	
3.	Design considerations, such as supporting stilts, colors and building arrangement;	Y
	The building will be placed parallel to the street and painted a light gray color which will blend with the surroundings.	
4.	Screening of parking areas;	Y
	Three covered parking spaces within an enclosed garage are proposed.	
5.	Landscaping plans;	Y
	The site will be fully landscaped with water efficient landscaping.	
6.	Continuity with surrounding development;	Y
	The proposed structure is a one-story home with building heights	
	that are consistent with adjacent developments.	
7.	Sensitivity to existing view corridors.	Y
	The hillside house is positioned to take advantage of the	
	mountain views to the west and will not block sightlines for	
	adjacent homes.	

#### D. Planning Commission Architectural Advisory Committee Review Guidelines.

The Planning Commission and Architectural Advisory Committee shall examine the material submitted with the architectural approval application and specific aspects of design shall be examined to determine whether the proposed development will provide desirable environment for its occupants as well as being compatible with the character of adjacent and surrounding developments, and whether aesthetically it is of good composition, materials, textures, and colors. Conformance will be evaluated, based on consideration of the following:

#### ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES:

	Guidelines [PSZC 94.04.00(D)]	Compliance
1.	Site layout, orientation, location of structures and relationship to one another and to open spaces and topography. Definition of pedestrian and vehicular areas; i.e., sidewalks as distinct from parking lot areas.	Yes
	The proposed development is on a vacant corner hillside lot with development requiring the grading of a flat pad resulting in small retaining and garden walls. The proposed house is sited with the house front facing west with the pool courtyard taking advantage	

	Guidelines [PSZC 94.04.00(D)]	Compliance
2.	of the mountain views. The siting of the one-story house as proposed will meet the front yard setbacks of twenty-five (25') and off-street parking will be provided in a three-car garage with a clear and distinct front entry walkway. The driveway will be long enough for a car to park off the street. Harmonious relationship with existing and proposed adjoining developments and in the context of the immediate neighborhood/community, avoiding both excessive variety and	Yes
	monotonous repetition, but allowing similarity of style, if warranted;	
	The proposed house will be sited in a way that is consistent with adjacent and neighboring development. The pad for the one- story house requires minimal grading with a seven (7') foot drop along La Mirada Road. The maximum height of the roof structure over the great room will be eighteen (18') feet which conforms to the PSZC and will be harmonious with the existing adjacent homes.	
3.	Maximum height, area, setbacks, and overall mass, as well as parts of any structure (buildings, walls, screens, towers, or signs) and effective concealment of all mechanical equipment;	Yes
	The one-story building will be eighteen (18') feet in height at the highest point of the shed roof and at the lowest point twelve (12') feet at the setback line. The siting of the house on the rectangular shaped lot will meet all setback requirements. All mechanical equipment is ground mounted and not visible from the street.	
4.	Building design, materials, and colors to be sympathetic with desert surroundings; Building materials include stucco for the main body in a light gray color named "Ice Cube" and two accent colors, named "Zinc Gray" and "Gray Screen". Details also include vertical rake foam, clear anodized window frames, control joints to break up the stucco massing, standing seam metal roof in a gray color, and shadow block for walls in the front yards. The front façade will include a three-car garage with pedestrian entry colonnade and custom metal gate leading into the pool courtyard. The building roof lines will be a series of sheds sloping east to west with the higher points toward the mountain providing solar shading for the glass facades of the great room.	Yes

	Guidelines [PSZC 94.04.00(D)]	Compliance
5.	Harmony of materials, colors, and composition of those elements of a structure, including overhangs, roofs, and substructures which are visible simultaneously; The proposed structure is a one-story house that will be similar in design to the previously approved homes in the immediate area. The structures have similar sloped shed roofs, and building materials to include stucco, and garden privacy walls.	Yes
6.	<i>Consistency of composition and treatment;</i> The use of flat and angular shed roofs and building materials used within the subdivision along with expansive glass walls allowing for indoor/outdoor living is consistent with other homes in the immediate neighborhood.	Yes
7.	Location and type of planting, with regard for desert climate conditions. Preservation of specimen and landmark trees upon a site, with proper irrigation to insure maintenance of all plant materials;	Yes
	The landscaping plan will re-use the existing tress, boulders, and cactus currently on the vacant lot. Additional landscaping includes Palo Verde trees along La Mirada Road, Mexican and Californian fan palms, Desert Spoon, Blue Agave, and on the walled interior, citrus trees, Ponytail Palm, and other ornamental plants with small sections of artificial turf around the pool deck. A lighting plan is provided which shows accent, pathway, and bollard lights throughout the property. Other hardscape elements include concrete benches, two fire pits, a waterspout, and an outdoor bar.	

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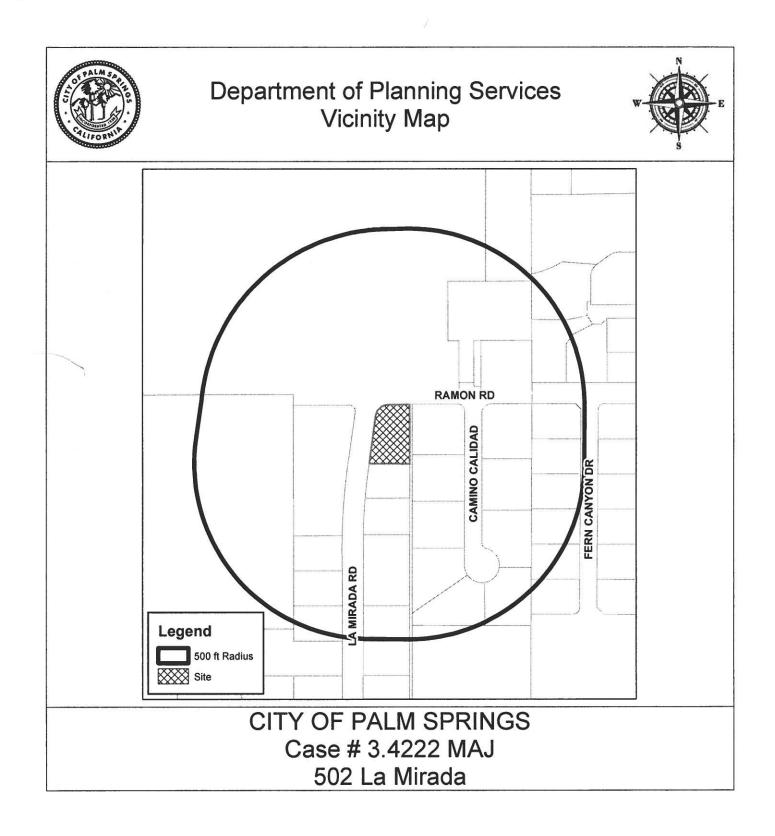
Glenn Mlaker, AICP Associate Planner

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David Newell, AICP Assistant Planning Director

Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Justification Letter from Applicant
- 3. Site Photos
- 4. Design Packet



### San Jacinto Holdings

699 S Indian Trail Palm Springs, CA 92264 760/323-5310 Cell 760-774-3294

April 5, 2021

Alex Perez City of Palm Springs Planning Department 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way Palm Springs, CA 92262

Re: Justification letter

**Dear Alex:** 

**Background:** San Jacinto Holdings, purchased the lot in 2017.

#### **Project Description:**

To build 1 new single-family 4,365 square feet custom home on the 16,553 square foot lot including pool, spa, outside bar, BBQ, firepit and desert landscape throughout.

#### **Information:**

The lot is within all single-family homes and tract map from the 1960's and one of the few remaining vacant lots in the area.

#### Finding:

This single-story family home supports the type of use and zoning for the location and surrounding areas.

I have lived permanently in the Palm Springs since 1977 and Temple Development has developed many resort homes and condominiums in Palm Springs and can visit our web site at <u>http://www.templeconstructioninc.com/</u>

In consideration of the above information and project history, we respectfully request the Architectural and Planning Commissions to approve this home.

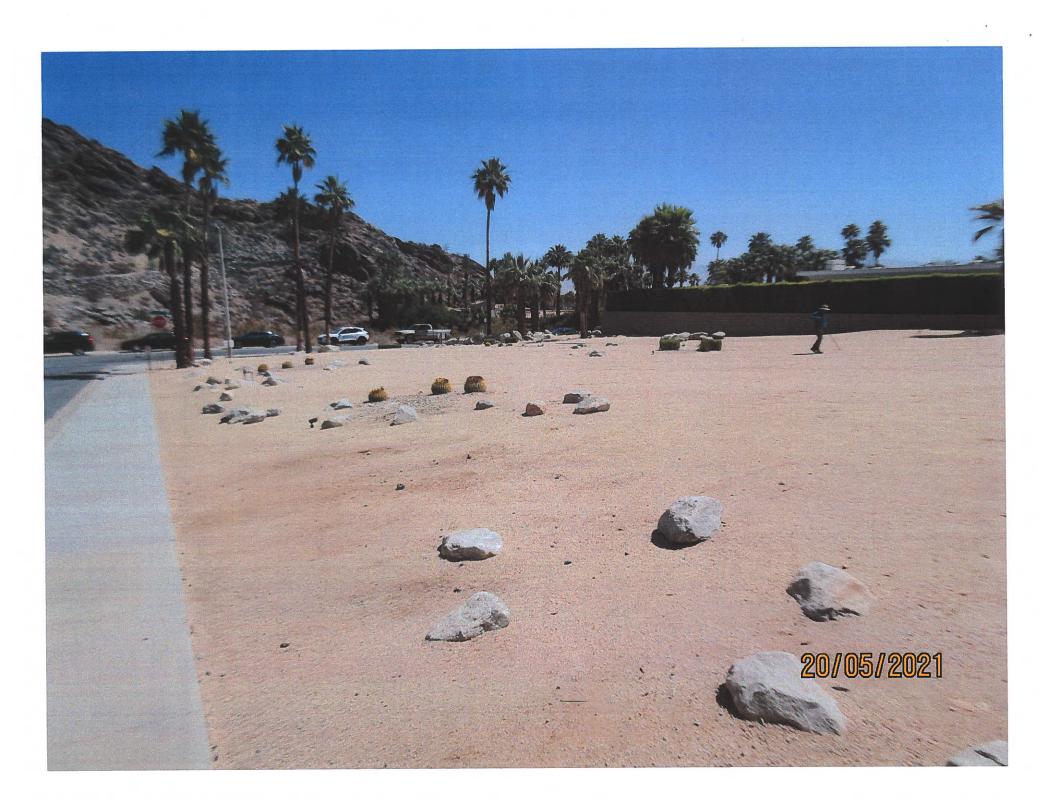
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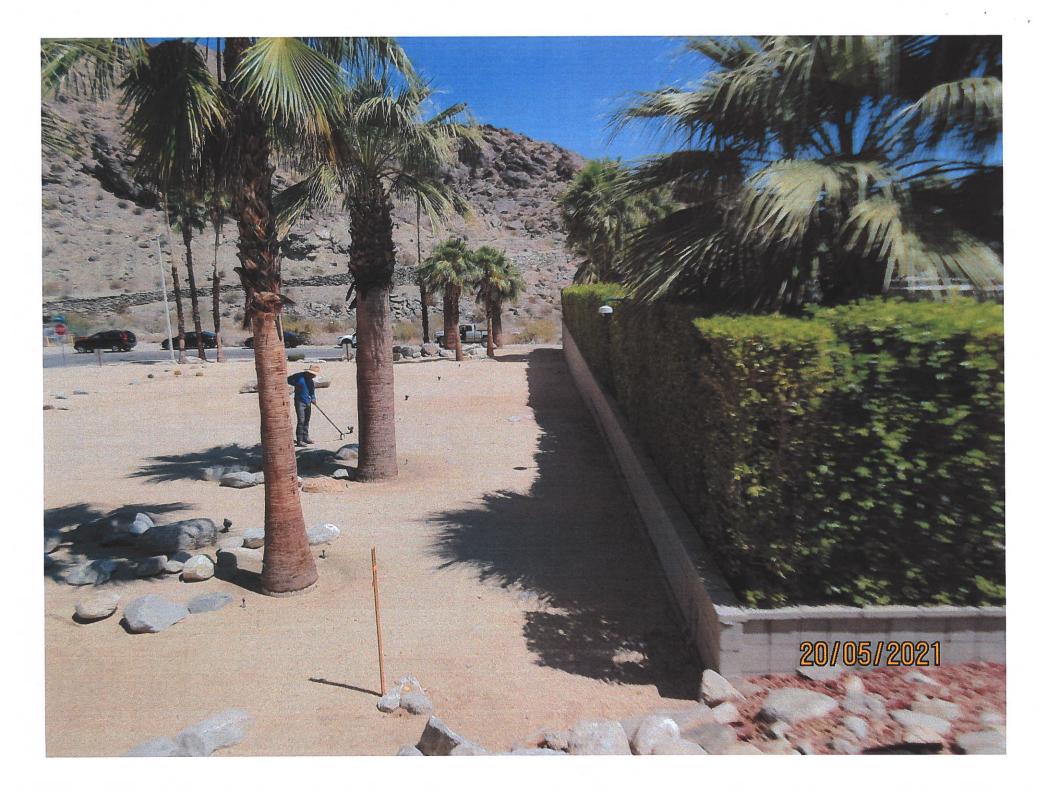
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Mark Temple















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## LA MIRADA LOT 1

PROJECT NO: 20029

DATE: 06.08.21

TITLE: ROOF PLAN SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"





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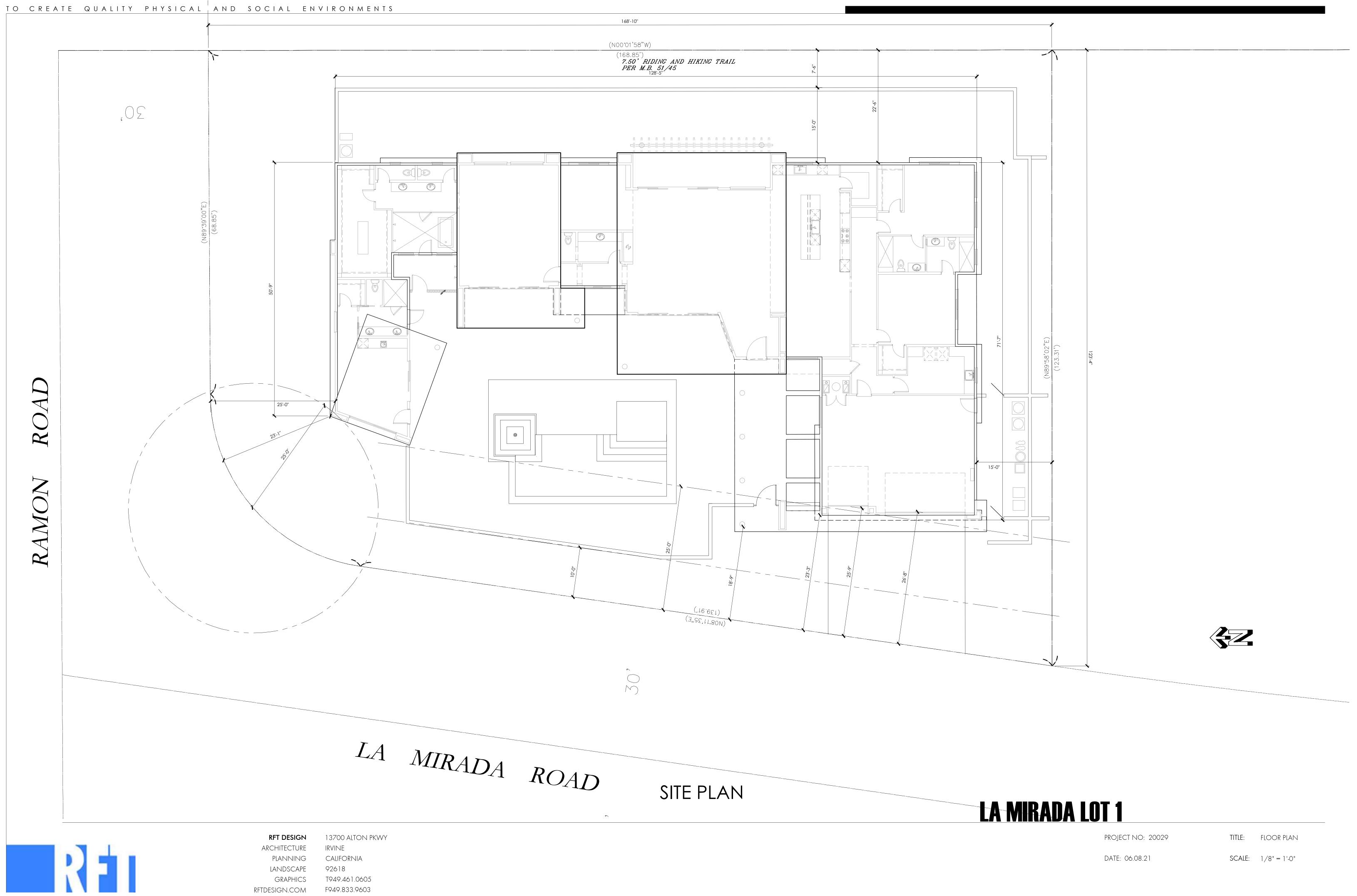


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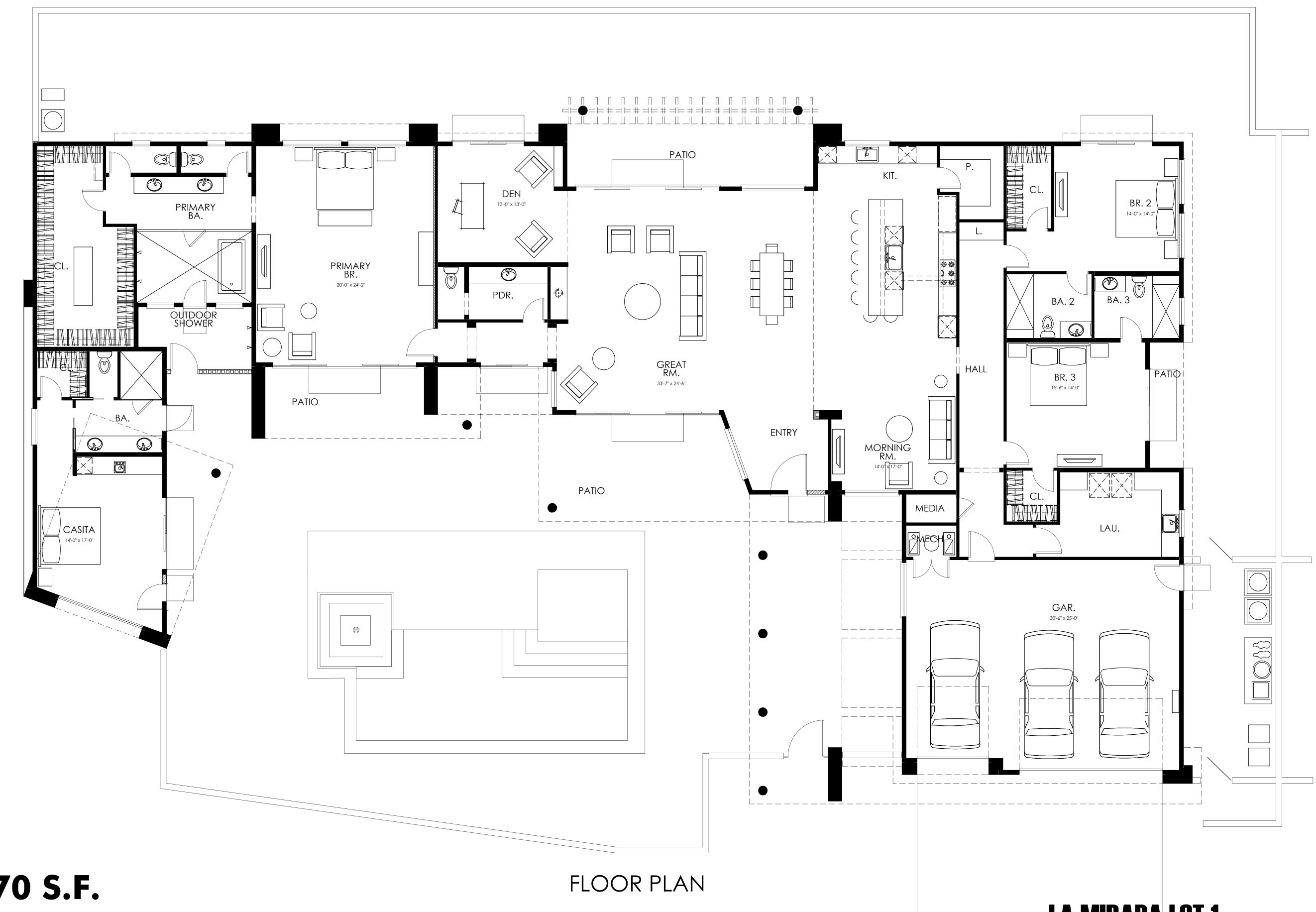
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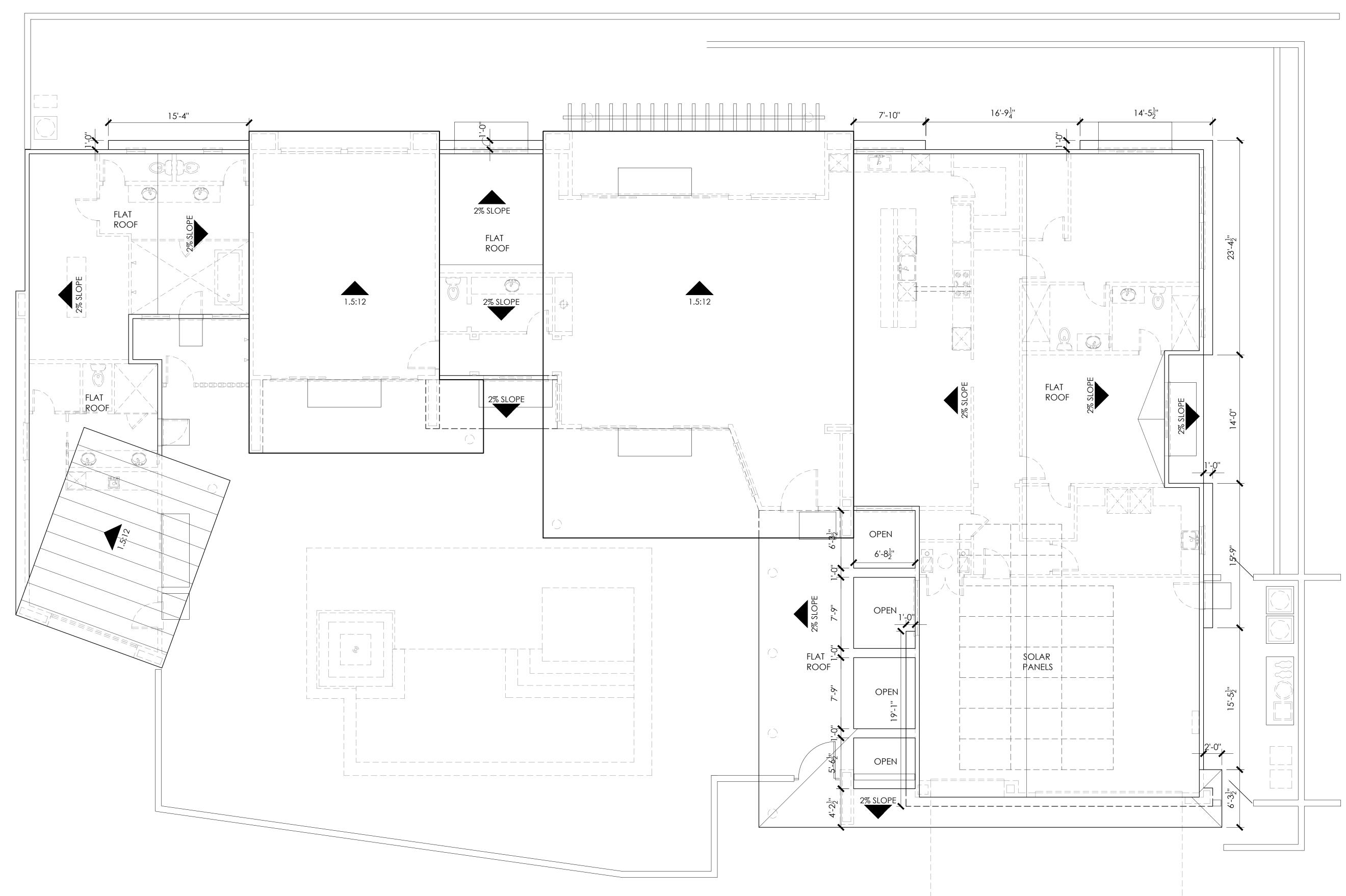
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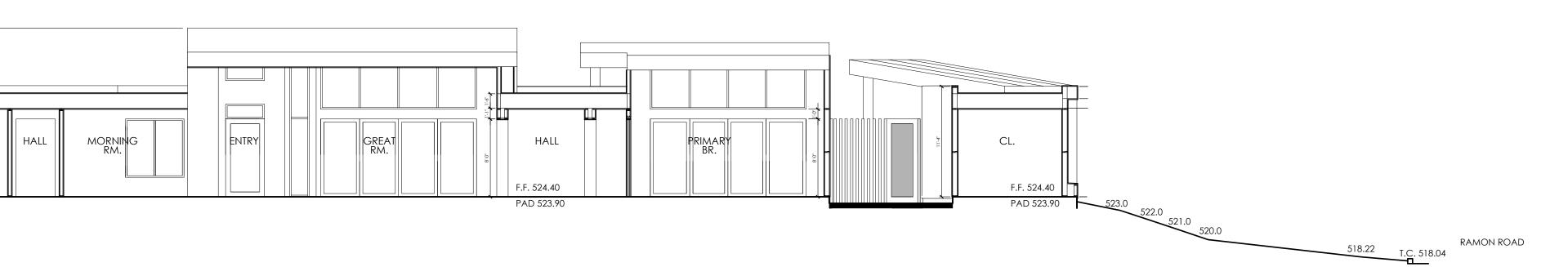
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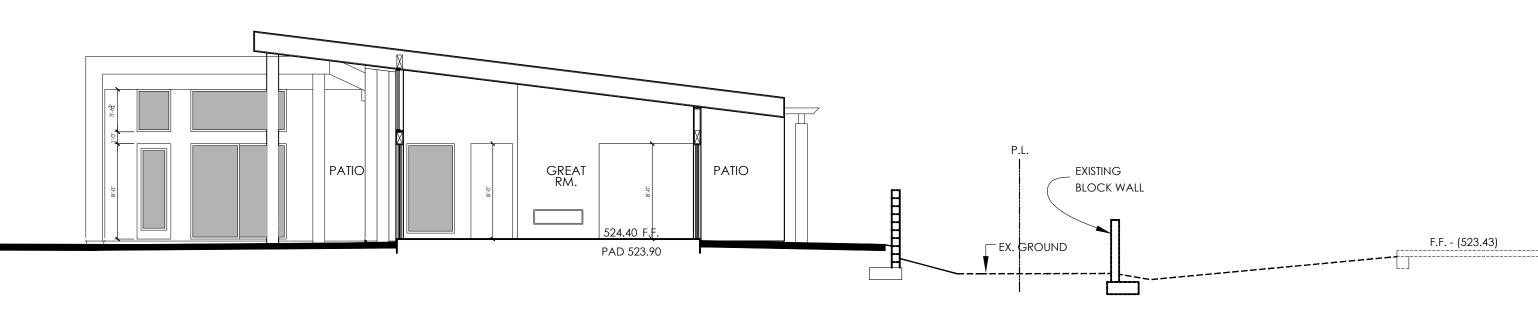
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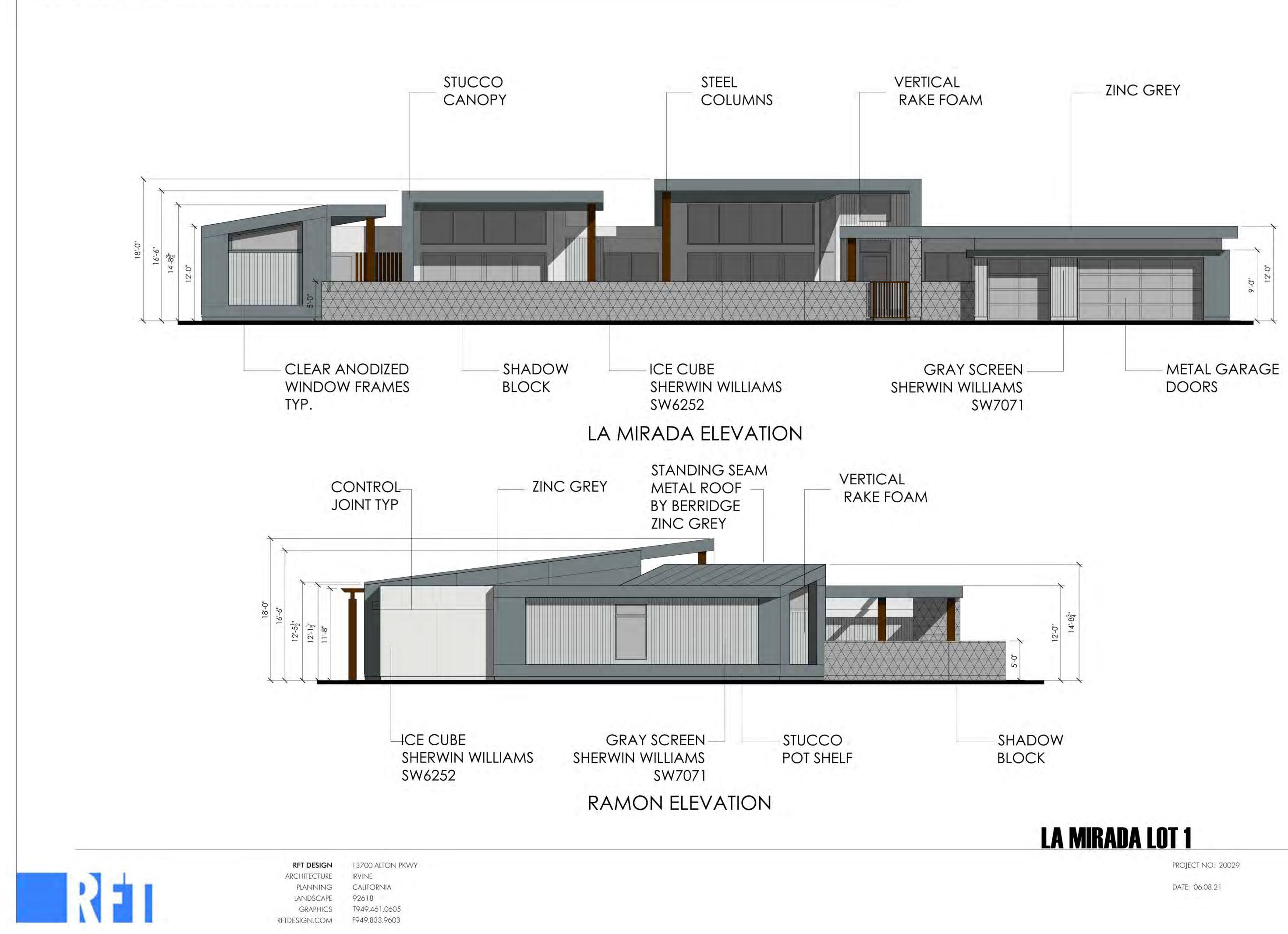
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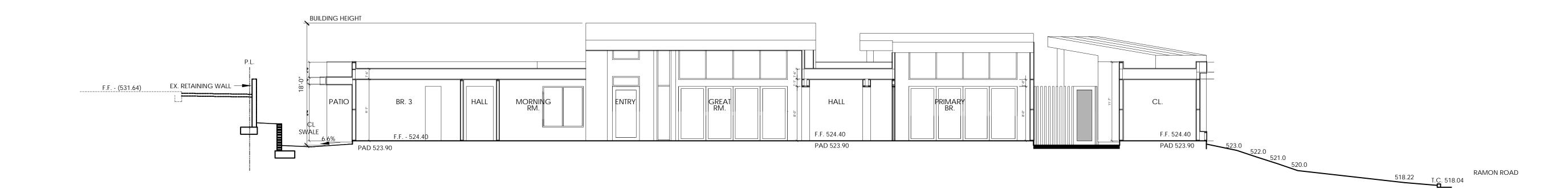


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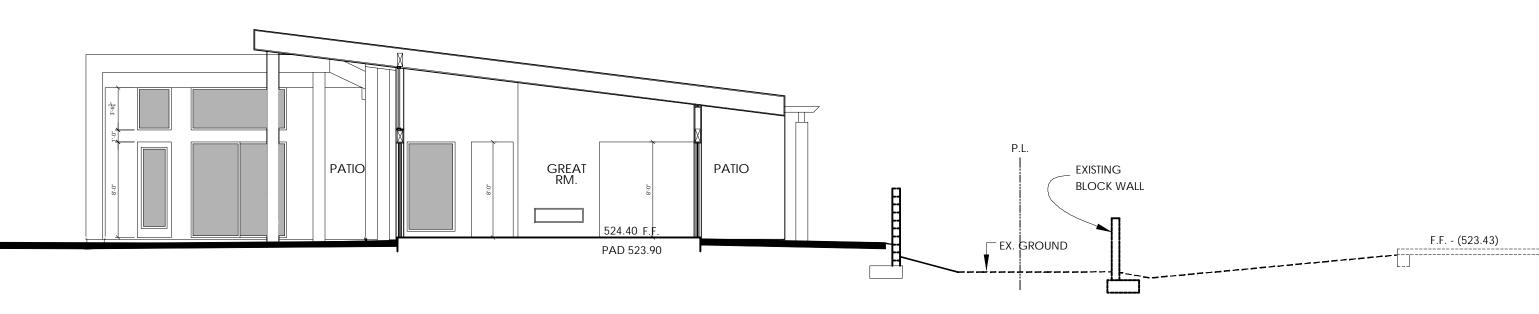
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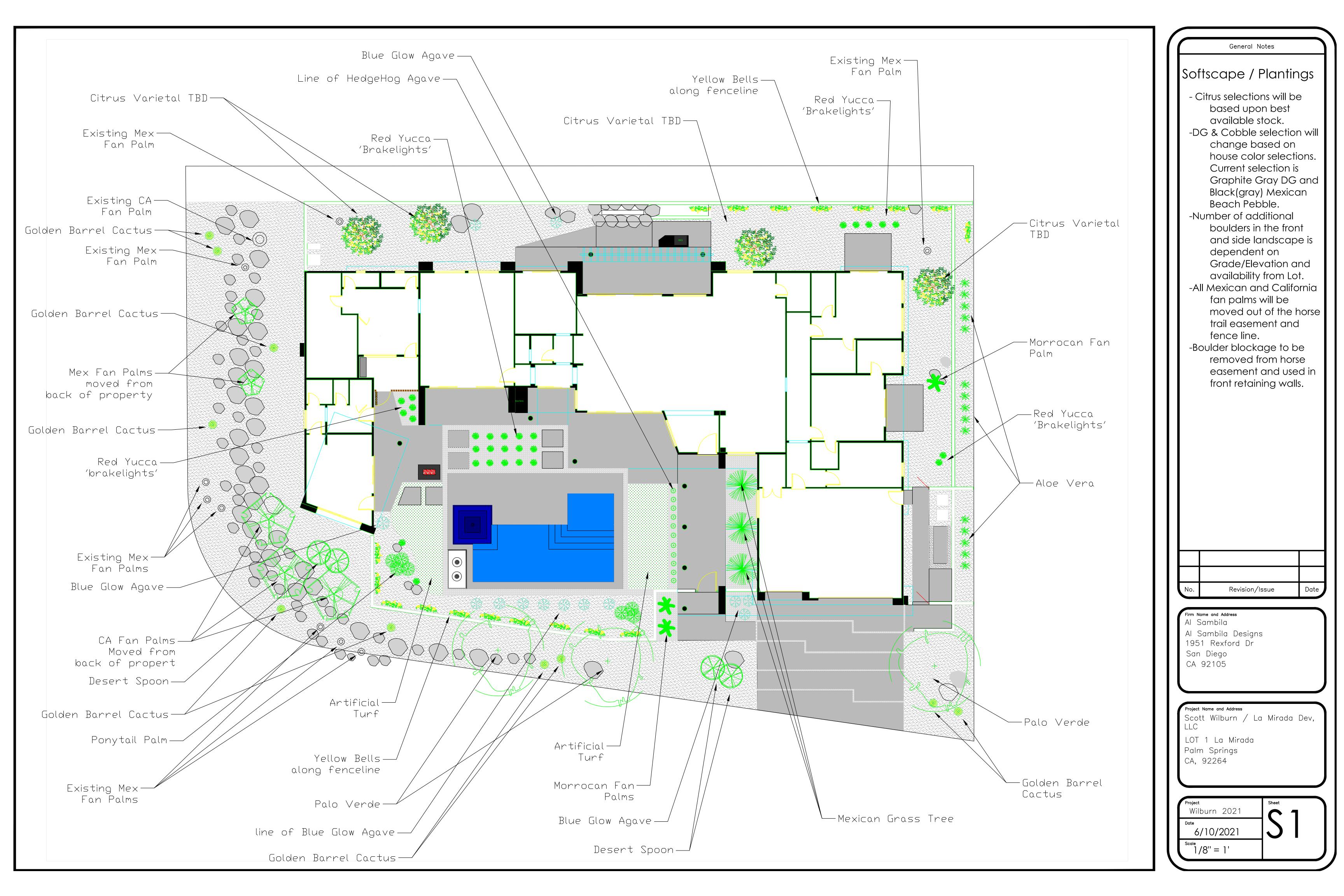
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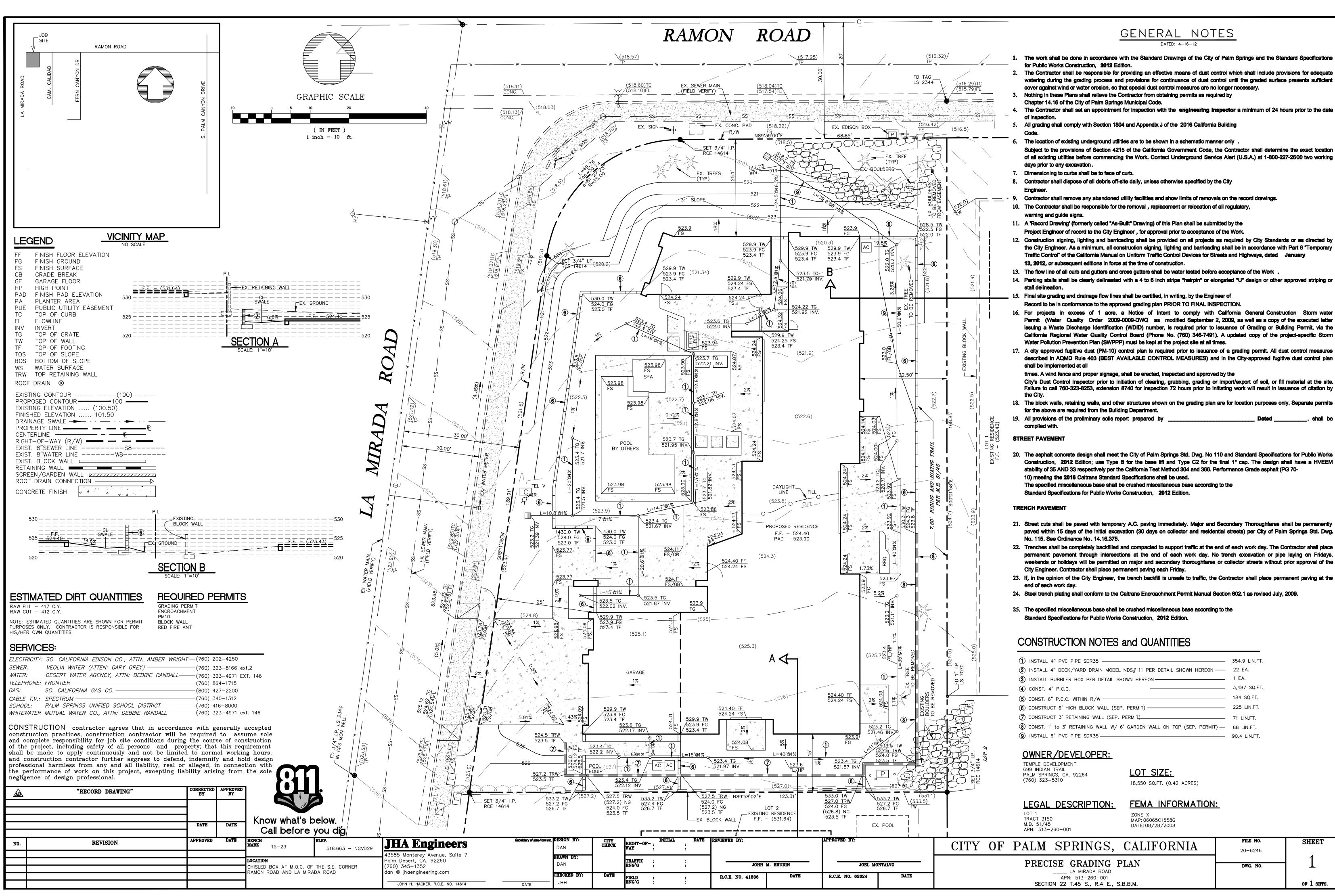
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	General Notes
	Lighting
	- 17 Accent Lights WAC 5211-30BK 3000k Low Voltage
	<ul> <li>- 15 Eyebrow Directiond Path aqlighting Low Voltage Black PGP425S w/ stake, &amp; 3000k LED bulb.</li> </ul>
	-5 Bollard / Entry Lights Kuzco Line Voltage Napa 24'' square Bollard 3000k
VPro2	Vista vPro2 300W Dual Zone Bluetooth enabled Multstage Dimmable Zones divided into 3 1 minimal lighting for away/security 2 maximum lighting for entertaining 3 Entry Line Voltage Bollards
	No. Revision/Issue Date
	Firm Name and Address Al Sambila Al Sambila Designs 1951 Rexford Dr San Diego CA 92105
	Project Name and Address Scott Wilburn / La Mirada Dev, LLC LOT 1 La Mirada Palm Springs CA, 92264
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