

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL 831 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 617 349-6100

BZA APPLICATION FORM

Plan No:

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A-017091-201

GENERAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby petitions the Bo	pard of Zoning Appeal for the follo	owing: SACHU
Special Permit :	Variance : √	Appeal:
PETITIONER: 808 Memorial Dri	ive Housing Charitable Tr	ust C/O William Monson, Homeowners R
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS : 280 F	ranklin Street Cambridge	, MA 02139
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 808-81	12 Memorial Dr Cambridge,	MA
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Office	ZONIN	G DISTRICT: Office 2 Zone
REASON FOR PETITION:		
Additions		
DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPO	OSAL:	
setbacks and building GFA so to well as expand the building loseeking relief on the Green Bu Enterprise Green Communities (rating system for multifamily	hat we can reclad and insubby to accomodate a new isilding Rating System (Art EGC) rather than LEED Silaffordable buildings.	irements (Article 5.32) for yard sulate the building envelope, as fire command center. We are also ticle 22.23), asking that we apply liver, as EGC is a more appropriate Dimensional Requirements).
Article 20.000 Section	n 20.89 (Memorial Drive C	Overlay District).
Article 22.000 Section	22.23 (Green Building Requirements).	
Article 22.000 Section	n 22.43.1&2 (Sustainable	Design & Development).
	Original Signature(s) :	(Petitioner(s) / Owner)
	-	(Print Name)
	Address :	280 Franklin St
	_	Combridge, MA 02139
	Tel. No. :	617-868-4858
3/21/2019	E-Mail Address :	Jearbone @ home owner snehab. org

BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

808 Memorial Drive Housing Charitable Trust
(OWNER) 280 Franklin Street Cambridge, MA 02139
State that I/We own the property located at 808-812 Memorial Drive Cambridge, MA 02139
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date
County Registry of Deeds at Book 27476 , Page 578 ; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No. 1036171 Book 1174 Page 39
SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT* *Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of
The above-name $PETER$ $DALY$ personally appeared before me,
this 70th of MARCH, 2019, and made oath that the above statement is true.
My commission expires FEB (Z, 2021 (Notary Seal) JOHN W. KELLEY Notary Public Massachusetts
• If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10:

A) A Literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

It is not possible to fit the proposed recladding, AVB, and insulation within the 4 inches of setback encroachment allowed by Article 22.43.1. A literal enforcement of the Ordinance requirements would make the entire scope infeasible, which would continue be detrimental to the well-being of all building tenants, as well as not allow us to achieve our Green Building requirements. Regarding the 812 Lobby, adding the mandatory new fire command center within the existing lobby footprint would make the lobby cramped and less accessible to building residents, which would be severely detrimental to their enjoyment of the property.

B) The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

The scale of the building, as well as its original construction technique, is what makes the proposed recladding outboarding necessary. Four inches of setback encroachment may be appropriate for retrofitting a single family house, but a 300 unit high-rise property requires more room to accommodate the necessary materials, as well as the internal support structure. Similarly, the hardship for the expanded lobby footprint stems from the Cambridge Fire Department's fire command center requirements as part of a substantial rehabilitation for a property of such a scale.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

We cannot think of what substantial detriment to the public good would result from the proposed recladding or lobby expansion. Conversely, the granted relief would increase residents' enjoyment of the property, improve the property's energy efficiency, reducing operating costs and carbon footprint, and upgrade the aesthetics for the larger community.

- 2) Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:
 - We believe the relief would allow us to better meet intentions of the Ordinances, which seeks to improve the well-being of residents and the energy efficiency of a building in a substantial rehab without negatively impacting abutters or the general public at large. Our proposed scope would accomplish this goal if granted the requested relief, and would fall short of these goals if such relief were denied.
- * If You have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with your own attorney.

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT: HRI PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY: Mixed Use

808-812 Memorial Dr Cambridge, MA ZONE: Office 2 Zone **LOCATION: PHONE: REQUESTED USE/OCCUPANCY:** Mixed Use **EXISTING** REQUESTED ORDINANCE **CONDITIONS CONDITIONS** REQUIREMENTS 384,923 407,073 384,923 TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA: (max.) 120,647 120,647 5000 LOT AREA: (min.) 3.19 3.37 3.19 RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA (max.) TO LOT AREA: 402 402 600 LOT AREA FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT: (min.) N/A N/A N/A SIZE OF LOT: WIDTH (min.) N/A N/A N/A DEPTH 54 55 55 SETBACKS IN FEET: (min.) FRONT N/A N/A N/A REAR (min.) 0 0 0 LEFT SIDE (min.) 22 21 22 RIGHT SIDE (min.) 209 209 209 SIZE OF BLDG.: HEIGHT (max.) N/A N/A N/A LENGTH N/A N/A N/A WIDTH 29 29 15 RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE (min.) TO LOT AREA: 300 300 201 NO. OF DWELLING UNITS: (max.) 257 257 300 (min./max) NO. OF PARKING SPACES: 0 0 6 (min.) NO. OF LOADING AREAS: N/A N/A N/A (min.) DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG.

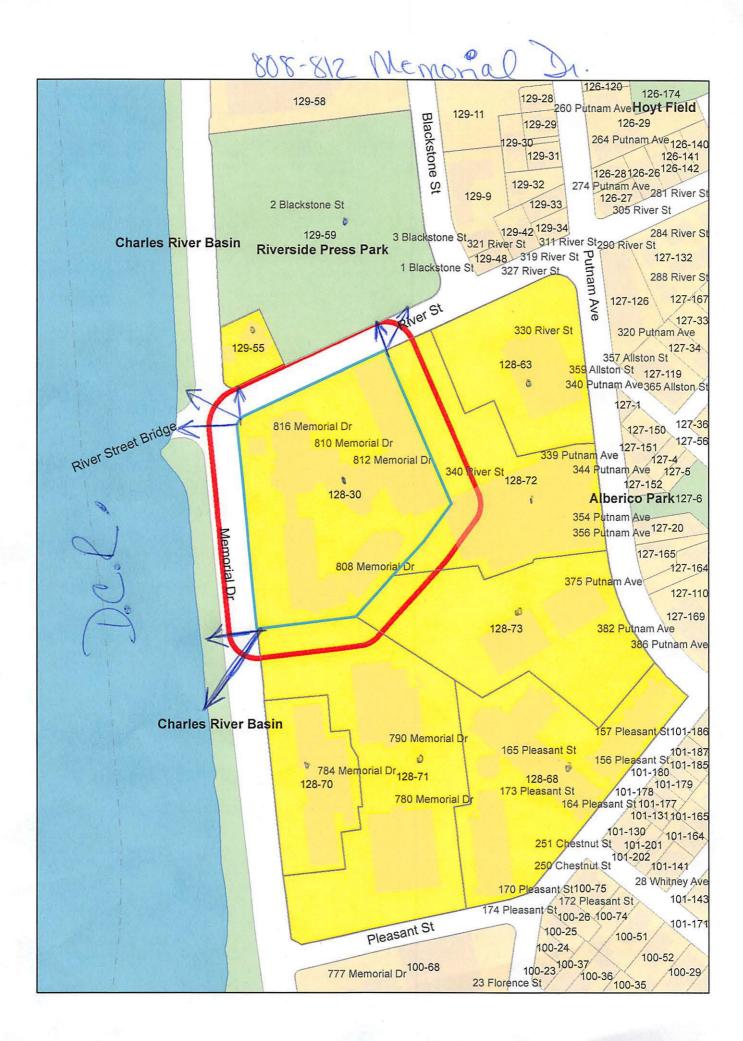
Describe where applicable, other occupancies on same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g.; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.

ON SAME LOT:

^{1.} SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).

^{2.} TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.

OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.



808-812 Memorial Dr.

128-30 808 MEMORIAL DRIVE ASSOCIATION C/O HOMEOWNER REHAB 280 FRANKLIN ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-72 ACADIA CAMBRIDGE LLC 550 BOWIE ST AUSTIN , TX 78704

129-59 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE C/O LOUIS DEPASQUALE, CITY MANAGER

128-68 KUMAR, NAVIN LINGAM & ANICA CHI-YING LAW 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/103 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 DAMSKY, BETH C. 157 PLEASANT ST.,UNIT #1/106 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 MATTOS, DAVID 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/202 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 SHIH, WILLY C. & JULIE M. SHIH 157 PLEASANT ST. UNIT#1/205 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 WERFEL, JUSTIN K. 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/208 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 SINGHAL, TARUN & GARIMA SINGHAL 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/302 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 COLE, SHAWN A. 157 PLEASANT ST. UNIT#1/305 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-73
CAMBRIDGE ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.
C/O NSTAR ELECTRIC CO
PROPERTY TAX DEPT., P.O. BOX 270
HARTFORD, CT 06141

128-70 BMX, LLC. TRUSTEE OF 784 REALTY TRUST. C/O DAVIS MALM & D'AGOSTINE ONE BOSTON PLACE BOSTON, MA 02108

129-59 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE C/O NANCY GLOWA, CITY SOLICITOR

128-68 ELMER, MARK & LACEY ROBINSON 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/104 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 OPRASEUTH, JONATHAN 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/107 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 DIVAKRAN, SANJAY 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/203 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 DANIEL, AMANDA L. 157 PLEASANT ST., UNIT #1/206 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 BRAUN, DAVID A. & LAURIE R. BRAUN 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/209 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 HENTSCHEL, DIRK M. 157 PLEASANT ST. UNIT# 1/303 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 TRAPP, TIMOTHY 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/306 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 HOMEOWNER'S REHAB INC. C/O WILLIAM MONSON & JANE CARBONE 280 FRANKLIN STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-63 ACADIA 330 RIVER STREET LLC, C/O RITE AID CORPORATON PO BOX 3165 HARRISBURG, PA 17105

129-55 PECTEN PROPERTIES, LLC 261 LEDYARD ST. NEW LONDON, CT 06320

128-68 DARLING, ALBERT T. 157 PLEASANT ST., UNIT #1/105 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 HERSKOVITS, ADRIANNA 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/201 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 SEONG, IHN SIK 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/204 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 COPE, DAVID 157 PLEASANT ST. UNIT 1/.207 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 BICHARA-GARCIA, DAVID A. 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/301 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 YANG, HYUN-SIK & GA YOUNG LEE 157 PLEASANT ST #1/101 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 ALLEN, TODD 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/307 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 808-812 Memorial D1.

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128-68 ALTIDOR, EDNOR 157 PLEASANT ST., UNIT #1/308 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

128-68 SABET, HAMID 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/311 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 MEIU, GEORGE PAUL 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/103 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 CRUMPACKER, CLYDE 165 PLEASANT ST. UNIT# 2/106 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 REDLINE, SUSAN 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/109 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 NADKARNI, SEEMANTINI K. 165 PLEASANT ST., # 2/112 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 JUNG, YUN JOON 165 PLEASANT ST 2/201 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 WONG, WESLEY PHILIP 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/204 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 HORWITZ, MORTON 165 PLEASANT ST 2/207 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

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128-68 CLICK, EMILY 165 PLEASANT ST. UNIT#2/101 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

128-68 SISKIND, MARIANO 165 PLEASANT ST., UNIT #2/104 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 LIPSITZ, STUART 165 PLEASANT ST. UNIT#2/107 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 COREY, KATHLEEN E. 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/110 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 CHEN, YAO 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/113 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

128-68 GURAL, ALEXANDRA 165 PLEASANT ST.,UNIT #2/202 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 D'ANGELO, EUGENE J. 165 PLEASANT ST, #2-205 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 FOOTE, WARREN C/O ELLIOTT, MARK C. 165 PLEASANT ST., UNIT #2/208 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 HO, BANKU & MARY HO 165 PLEASANT ST., UNIT 2/211 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 FORD, DEANNA B. 157 PLEASANT ST., #1/310 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 KERNKRAUT, MATTHEW ERIC 165 PLEASANT ST.,#2/102 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 KRONENBERG, HENRY M. 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/105 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 JEYIFO, BIODUN 165 PLEASANT ST. UNIT#108 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 OSNAT, NETZER 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/111 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 KHERA, AMIT V. 165 PLEASANT ST., # 2/114 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 CAIN, JOHN WESLEY 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/203 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 LEWIS, KIMBERLY A. 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/206 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 JOSEPH, JOSHUA W. 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/209 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 STERN, M. DAVID 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/212 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 FORD, LINDA S. 165 PLEASANT ST. UNIT#2/ 213 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 CHEN, JONATHAN H. 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/214 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 LIU, DAVID & KELLY PATRICIA BRUKE 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/215 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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ELLCOCK, JARRON & SHARMILA MATTHEWS
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128-68 VISWANATH, KASISOMAYAJULA 165 PLEASANT ST., UNIT #2/312 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 KIM, EDY Y. 165 PLEASANT ST. UNIT#2/313 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 NI, KANG-KUEN 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/314 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

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128-68 CHEBIB, IVAN A. 165 PLEASANT ST. #2/403 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 SACHEZ, SHERRY L. 165 PLEASANT ST.,UNIT #2/404 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 CHRISTODOULOU, JOANNA 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/405 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 MOLINA, GEORGE & ROSE LEONARD MOLINA 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/406 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 ASHLEY, STANLEY W. 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/407 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 SUTTON, VALERIE 165 PLEASANT ST 2/408 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 NARAYANDAS, DAS C/O LUO, LAN 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/409 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 DOKMECI, MEHMET REMZI C/O WENGROD, JORDAN C. 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/410 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 128-68 HEARN, ALYSHA 165 PLEASANT ST., #411 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 808-812 Memorial Dr.

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128-68 FOX, THOMAS C/O CONNORS, JOSEPH 165 PLEASANT ST., UNIT #2/412 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 FONG, HIU-FAI C/O LOH, RO-RU 165 PLEASANT ST., #2/415 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 MALIK, ATHAR NAVEED 173 PLEASANT ST., #3/102 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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128-68 TSOPAS, SCOTT 173 PLEASANT ST.UNIT#3/201 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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128-68 NEPAL, BIMAL & ANJANA NEPAL 173 PLEASANT ST.,UNIT #3/406 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-71 MIT 770/784/790 MEMORIAL LLC C/O ARE EQUITIES, INC PO BOX 847 CARLSBAD, CA 92018 128-68 BARTLEY, M. TREARTY 173 PLEASANT ST. UNIT 404 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

128-68 LIPSETT, SUSAN C. 173 PLEASANT ST., #3/407 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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Jurisdiction Advice

	Jurisdiction Advice	
To the Owner of Property at	808-812 Memorial Dri	ve
The above-referenced property is s reason of the status referenced below		bridge Historical Commission (CHC) by
Avon Hill Neig Half Crown - N Harvard Square Mid Cambridge Designated Lan Property is bein	on Historic District Th. 40C, City Code §2.78.050) The Historic District The Conservation District The Neighborhood Conservation District The Neighborhood Conservation District The Historic Distric	City Council Orders) bject to CHC review of any application City Code, Ch. 2.78, Article II). See the and the structure is less than fifty years e National Register of Historic Places; equest.
	es applicants to complete Historical reviews before appearing before the	
	liction is checked, the owner needs nine whether a hearing will be requ	
CHC staff initials <u>SLB</u>	Date _	March 27, 2019
Received by Uploaded to I Relationship to project BZA 01		March 27, 2019
cc: Applicant Inspectional Services Com	missioner	

Demolition Delay Ordinance and Application Information

The Demolition Delay Ordinance (Chapter 2.78, Article II of the Cambridge Municipal Code) was adopted by the City Council in 1979 to afford public review of demolition permit applications for potentially significant buildings. When the Historical Commission determines that a building is significant and should be preserved, demolition will be delayed for up to six months so that solutions can be sought to preserve the building indefinitely. The Ordinance covers all buildings over 50 years old, city-wide. The Historical Commission archives provide dates of construction for all properties in the City.

Demolition is defined in the ordinance as "the act of pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a building or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same." The Inspectional Services Commissioner has provided further guidelines to outline what actions require a demolition permit. In addition to complete demolition of a building, the following actions may require a demolition permit,

- removal of a roof,
- removal of one side of a building,
- gutting of a building's interior to the point where exterior features (windows, etc.) are impacted, and
- removal of more than 25% of a structure.

Please contact the building inspector or a staff member of the Historical Commission if you have questions about whether a demolition permit is required for a particular project.

Demolition permit applications can be obtained from the Inspectional Services Department. The completed application should be submitted to the Historical Commission, where the staff will review the application. If the Executive Director of the Historical Commission makes an initial determination that the building is significant, a public hearing will be scheduled with Historical Commission. If the staff makes an initial determination that the building is not significant, the application is released for further review by the Building Commissioner.

More information about the demolition permit application procedures is available on the Historical Commission's web site or by calling or dropping by the Historical Commission office.

July 2003

Cambridge Historical Commission 831 Massachusetts Ave., 2nd Fl. Cambridge, MA 02139 Ph: 617/349-4683 or TTY: 617/349-6112 http://www.cambridgema.gov/Historic

BZA VARIANCE APPLICATION

808-812 Memorial Drive, Cambridge MA 02139

March 21, 2019

Board of Zoning Appeal City of Cambridge 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: BZA Variance Application for 808-812 Memorial Drive

Dear Board of Zoning Appeal Members,

Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. (HRI), on behalf of the 808 Memorial Drive Housing Charitable Trust (the "Trust") is submitting this application for a zoning variance for "808 Memorial Drive" (the "Property"), located at 808-812 Memorial Drive in the Cambridgeport neighborhood. In order to commence much needed rehab work at the property, HRI is seeking variance relief from two sections of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance: 5.32 Dimension Requirements for the Property's location in an Office 2 district; 22.23 Green Building Requirement to meet LEED certification.

The following documents are attached in support of this application:

- Application Form, 3 copies with original signatures
- Supporting statement from architect Bruner/Cott
- Assessor's GIS "Block Map" for the parcel
- Dimensional form table
- Ownership Certificate, notarized
- Most recent floor plans and elevations
- Proposed 812/810 lobby redesign
- Survey of the property conducted by Feldman Land Surveyors
- Photograph of the property

Development Background

The Sponsor of this Project is HRI, a non-profit affordable housing developer with a long track record developing and preserving affordable housing in the City of Cambridge. The Project is a mixed-income, mixed-use site with 212 restricted affordable units, 88 market residential units, and approximately 38,000 square feet of commercial space. The Project was built in 1974 as part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 236 program and acquired by the Trust in 1997 to preserve its affordability. At the time, HRI oversaw a limited capital rehab scope to address dire deficiencies in the property. However, it was not able to address all the issues, and many persist to the current day. Chief among these issues are air and water penetrations in the exterior envelope, stemming from poor initial construction design and execution that results in water leaks in resident living spaces, impacting their quality of life.

In order to address this issue, HRI and the Project's architect, Bruner/Cott, propose removing the existing rib face block cladding and replacing it with a new exterior wall assembly that includes added insulation, a new Air Vapor Barrier (AVB), and metal panel cladding. In addition to preventing water infiltration, the proposed recladding will greatly improve the thermal performance of the building, resulting in operational savings that can help HRI maintain affordability of the residents, as well as helping Cambridge and HRI both meet their environmental goals of reducing energy usage.

Zoning Analysis: Request for Zoning Relief

Working in conjunction with our architect, Bruner/Cott, and our zoning lawyer at Nolan Sheehan Patten LLP, HRI reviewed the proposed scope of work and its conformance with the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. 808 Memorial Drive is situated in an Office 2 District, as well as the Memorial Drive Overlay District. HRI is seeking zoning relief from the Board of Zoning Appeal through the variance application for the following issues:

- Encroachment into Side Yard Setbacks. Zoning Ordinance Article 5.32 provides Dimensional Regulations for buildings in Office 2 districts. The existing side yard setbacks for the Property were established in the Memorial Drive Overlay District, Article 20.89, which defined the required yards as those existing at the Property as of July 1st, 2004. Therefore, the re-established yard setbacks reach to the existing exterior face of the building. As part of our proposed scope, the new thermal insulation, sheathing, AVB, and cladding assembly will be outboard from the existing plane of the exterior wall, and therefore extend into the re-established yard setbacks. Article 22.43.2 grants limited relief for this additional insulation, allowing encroachment into the setback of four inches. However, given the size and scale of the building the proposed scope will require up to 12 inches of encroachment into the setback in certain areas to accommodate the entire added cladding and insulation assembly. The attached dimensional form table details the new required yard setbacks to accommodate the proposed recladding. A literal enforcement of the four-inch limitation on side yard encroachment would render the entire recladding and insulation scope infeasible for 808 Memorial Drive.
- Additional GFA for Expanded Lobby Area. In addition to setbacks, Zoning Ordinance Article 5.32 dictates allowable GFA for buildings on Office 2 districts. We are requesting an additional 650 sf of GFA to expand the lobby of 812/810 Memorial Drive. This additional lobby area stems from the need to comply with the Cambridge Fire Department's (CFD) regulations to replace and upgrade the building's fire command center, enclosing the center within the lobby space and providing a new entrance to the space for firefighters in the event of an emergency, separate from the building's primary means of egress. In order to accommodate this request from the CFD while still providing a functional lobby for residents to circulate, congregate, and access their mailboxes, we propose the expanded lobby as shown in the attached drawings. An attempt to accommodate the CFD's design regulations within the existing lobby footprint would be severely detrimental to the building's over 200 residents, as well as its commercial tenants by creating insufficient capacity for circulation, congregation, and mailbox access. An expanded lobby would have no conceivable negative impact on building residents or the public at large.
- Sustainability Rating System. Zoning Ordinance Article 22.22 requires that all projects with 25,000 square feet or more of gross floor area undergoing substantial rehabilitation and is subject to the provisions of Section 19.50 to meet Cambridge's Green Building requirements: Leadership in Energy and

Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System at the level 'Silver' or better. Although we question the applicability of section 19.50 to this Project, 808 Memorial Drive is requesting relief from this requirement by replacing LEED certification with Enterprise Community Partners Green Communities 2015 certification. The Enterprise Green Communities (EGC) certification system is more appropriate to this building because EGC was specifically developed for affordable multifamily buildings, in contrast to the LEED certification system which was developed for office buildings. HRI requested and was granted such relief from the BZA for another one of its affordable housing developments, Concord Highlands. The pre-requisites for LEED and EGC are substantially the same, although EGC 2015 utilizes a more stringent energy efficiency baseline than the current LEED rating system, LEED Version 4. The EGC certification has several additional pre-requisites that LEED does not, including those relating to resilience, active and healthy living, and indoor air quality and occupant health. EGC requires all ENERGY STAR appliances and that all paints, coatings and adhesives be low- or no-VOC while these are optional points under the LEED system. The City is currently considering amendments to Article 22 that would allow the replacement of EGC for LEED on affordable low-income housing projects. EGC is a better fit for this project than LEED while delivering comparable, or superior, energy and sustainability results.

HRI believes that requests for zoning relief for 808 Memorial Drive are reasonable for the following reasons:

- 1) The City fully supports the 808 Memorial Drive rehabilitation, as illustrated in their letter of support submitted to the BZA. The project serves a public benefit by maintaining and improving quality affordable housing in an otherwise unaffordable neighborhood and greatly reducing the Property's energy consumption.
- 2) The Cambridge Fire Department has reviewed and supports the renovated 812 Memorial Drive lobby design which satisfactorily meets their mandate to improve the building fire command center in the lobby of 812 Memorial Drive.
- 3) The BZA has granted relief to numerous other affordable housing projects to utilize EGC rather than LEED, and indeed, is currently in the process of incorporating EGC into its Article 22 Green Building Requirements language.
- 4) As noted above, literal adherence to the four inches of allowed setback encroachment in Article 22.43.2 would render the entire proposed recladding of the building impossible. In addition to the continued detrimental impact on both affordable and market residents from water infiltration, removing the proposed recladding from the rehab scope would not allow the Property to meet its Green Building requirements to reduce energy consumption through substantial rehabilitation of the Property. Due to the nature, shape and overall size of the building, four inches of encroachment relief is insufficient for the necessary cladding assembly. Our architect estimates up to 12 inches of setback relief is necessary to accommodate the recladding assembly appropriate for this building. Given the lack of immediate abutters to the site, we do not see any substantial detriment to the public good as result of this variance. Conversely, we see many benefits that would result from this relief: improved quality of life for residents, lower operating costs and reduced carbon footprint from improved energy efficiency, and improved aesthetics of a long-standing landmark in a prominent Cambridge location.

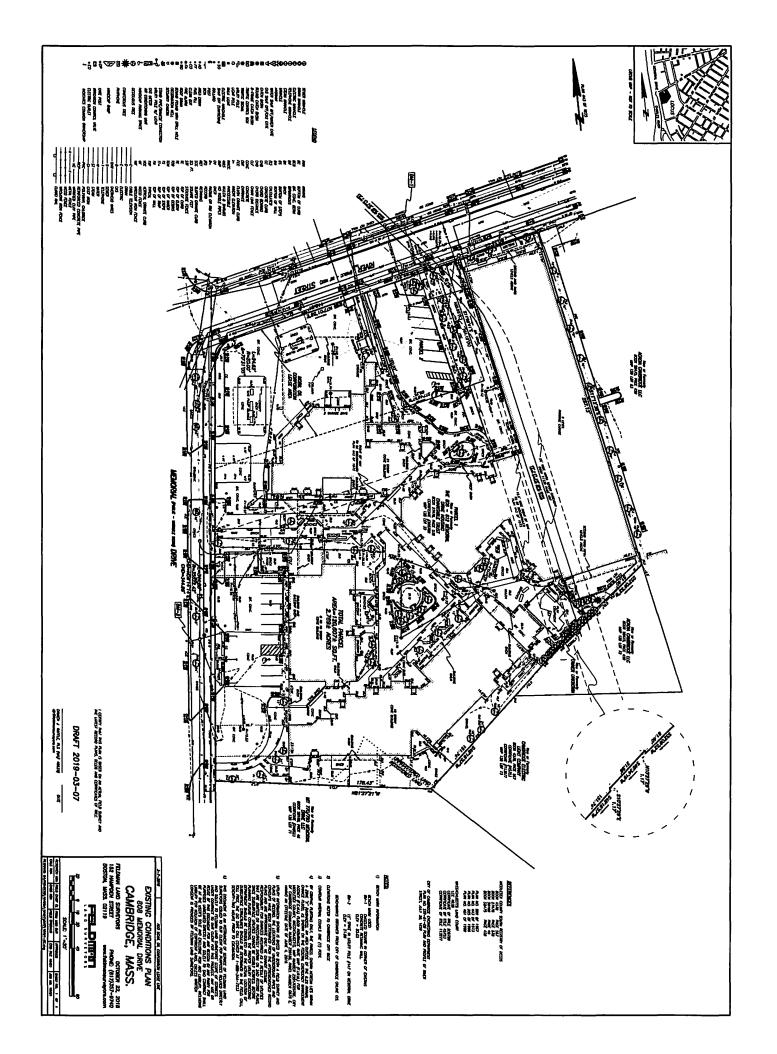
Conclusion

Approval of these three variances is critical to the success of 808 Memorial Drive. All requested variances are rooted in the goal for maintaining scarce affordable housing while achieving the City's goals of sustainability and resiliency. We sincerely hope that the BZA will look favorably upon this request and the benefits of preserving affordable units for families and individuals in need of quality housing.

Sincerely,

Jane Carbone

Director of Housing, HRI



Project Address: DRAFT 808-812 Memorial Drive

Application Date: March 8 2019

	Existing	Allowed or Required (max/min)	Proposed	Permitted
Lot Area (sq ft)	120,647 sf	5,000 sf minimum	No Change	
Lot Width (ft)	~360' @ Memorial Drive	50' minimum	No Change	
Total Gross Floor Area (sq ft)	* 384,923	conforms per zoning 20.89	***407,073	
Residential Base	~319,537 sf	conforms per zoning 20.89	~337,921	
Non-Residential Base	~65,386 sf	conforms per zoning 20.89	~69,152	
Inclusionary Housing Bonus	N/A	N/A, no new housing created	No Change	
Total Floor Area Ratio	~* 3.19	conforms per zoning 20.89	***~ 3.37	
Residential Base	~2.65	conforms per zoning 20.89	~2.80	
Non-Residential Base	~0.54	conforms per zoning 20.89	~0.57	
Inclusionary Housing Bonus	0	N/A, no new housing created	No Change	
Total Dwelling Units	300	201	No Change	
Base Units	300	201	No Change	
Inclusionary Bonus Units	0	N/A, no new housing created	No Change	
Base Lot Area / Unit (sq ft)	~402 sf / unit existing	600 sf/unit min.	No Change	
Total Lot Area / Unit (sq ft)	~402 sf / unit existing	600 sf/unit min.	No Change	
Building Height(s) (ft)	812 @ 209' / 808 @ 117'	conforms per zoning 20.89	No Change	
Front Yard Setback (ft)	River Street - 10'	conforms per zoning 20.89	No Change	
Front Yard Setback (ft)	Mem Drive - 55'	conforms per zoning 20.89	varies - 54'	
Side Yard Setback (ft)	Adjacent Mem Drive - 22	conforms per zoning 20.89	varies - 21'	
Side Yard Setback (ft)	Adjacent River St - 0' (garage)	conforms per zoning 20.89	No Change	
Side Yard Setback (ft)	Adjacent National Grid - 4'	conforms per zoning 20.89	No Change	
Rear Yard Setback (ft)	no rear yard per Section 5.2.4.3	conforms per zoning 20.89	No Change	
Open Space (% of Lot Area)	~29% courtyard / landscape	minimum ratio of 15%	**** No Change	
Private Open Space	35,420 + **12,000	10% per 5.22.2	**** No Change	
Permeable Open Space	~10,000		**** No Change	
Other Open Space (Specify)	~ 31,497 drives, walkways		**** No Change	
Off-Street Parking Spaces	257	300 res +	**** No Change	
Long-Term Bicycle Parking	170 added 2018	314 res + 65 office = 379	**** No Change	
Short-Term Bicycle Parking	~20	30 res + 4 office = 34	**** No Change	
Loading Bays	0 - existing	CATEGORY F = 6	**** No Change	

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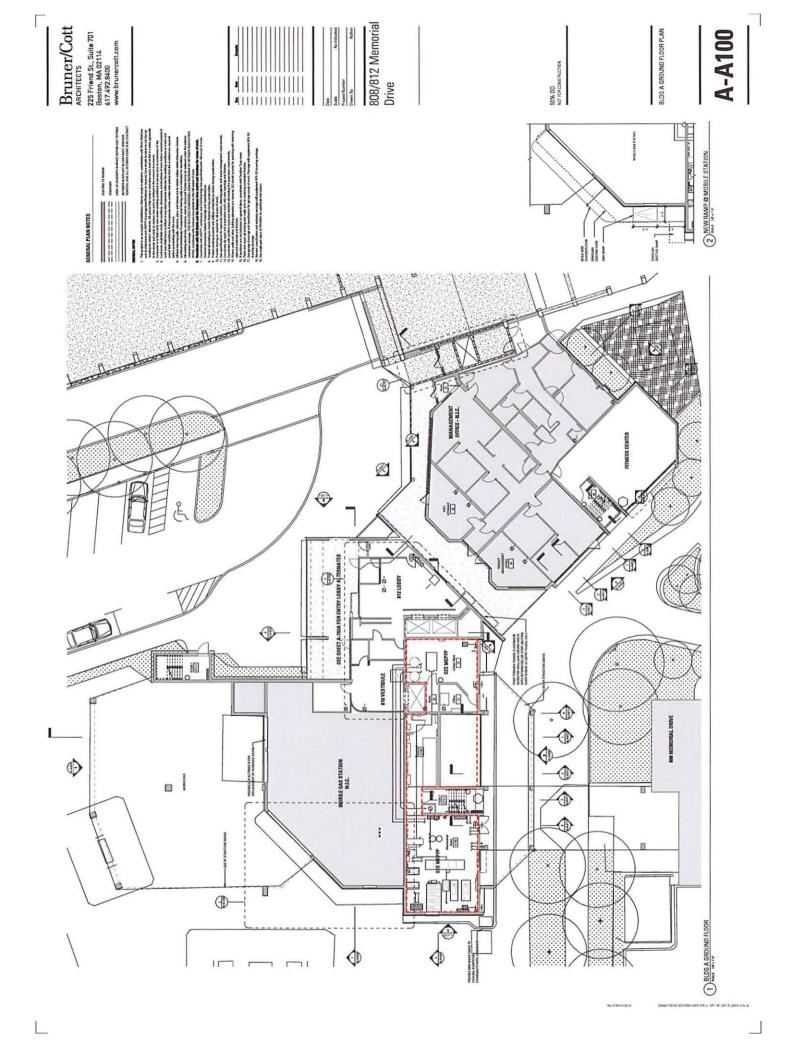
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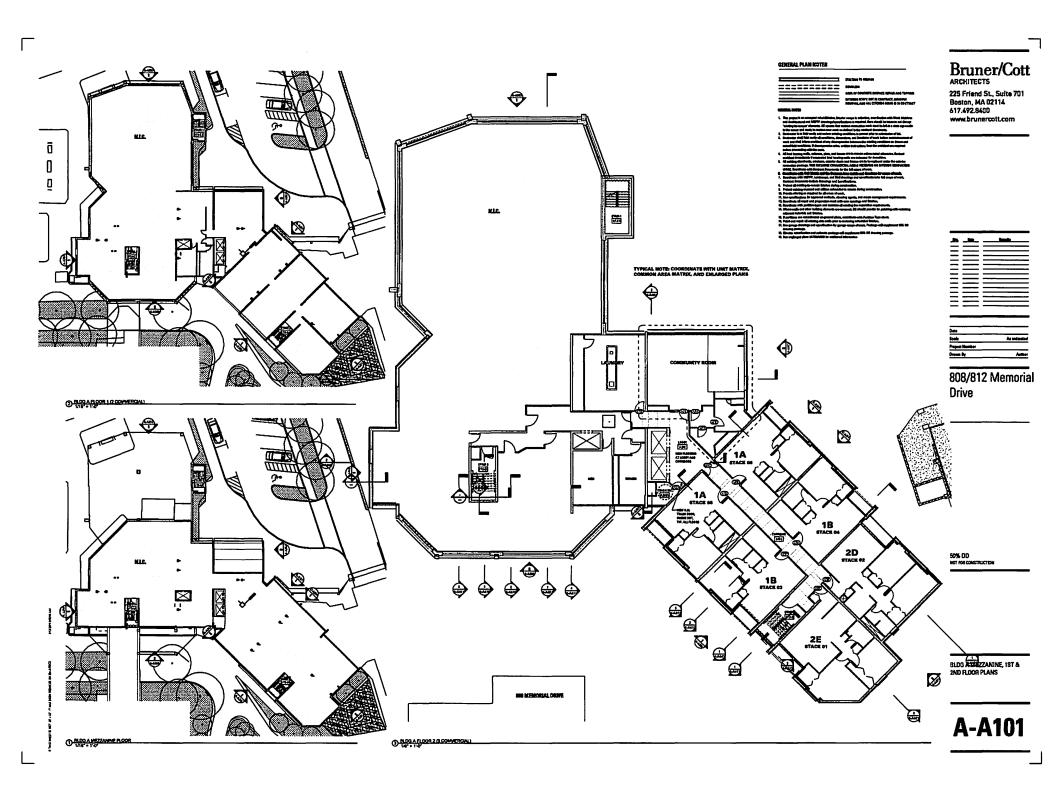
^{*}Existing parking garage area of 104,120 GSF is excluded per 5.25.3 exemption
**Existing balconies are considered private open space per the zoning definition

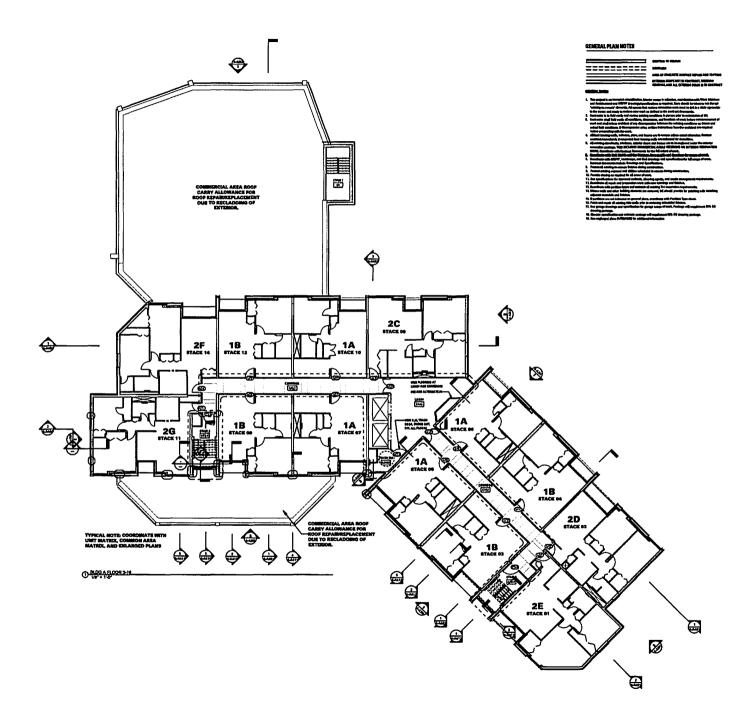
^{***}Proposed falls under 22.43.1 Floor area exemption for added exterior insulation.

NOTE: Project seeks relief to expand the existing 810/812 main entry lobby (River Street) by 650sf to accommodate an enclosed fire command center with separate entrance.

^{****} Total GSF increase for overcladding and lobby does not exceed 15% of existing GSF. It does not trigger parking/loading/open space adjustments
Note: Existing garage will not receive over-cladding and current setbacks will remain.







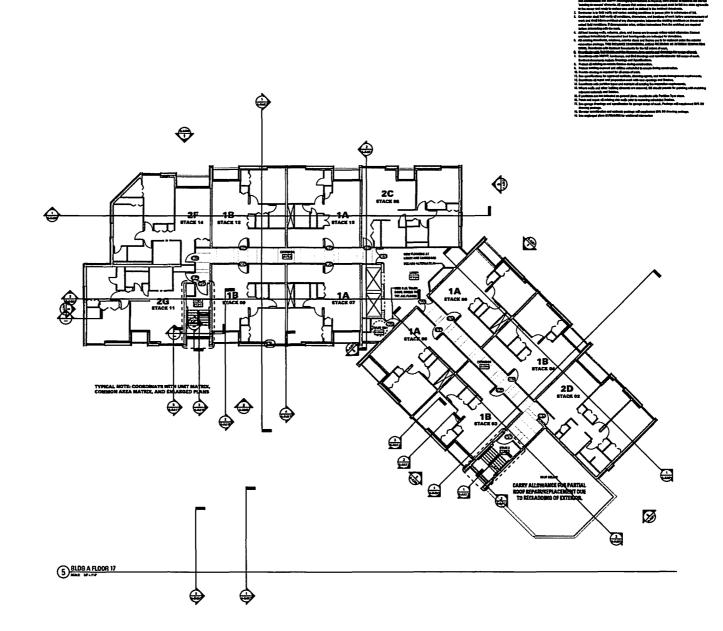
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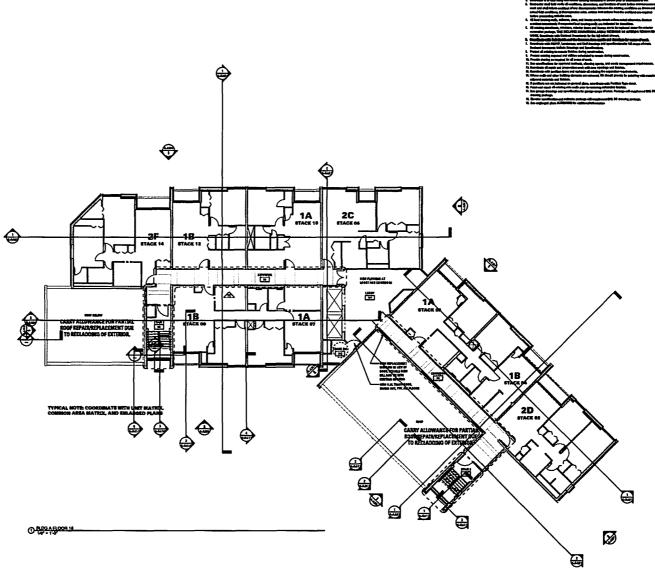
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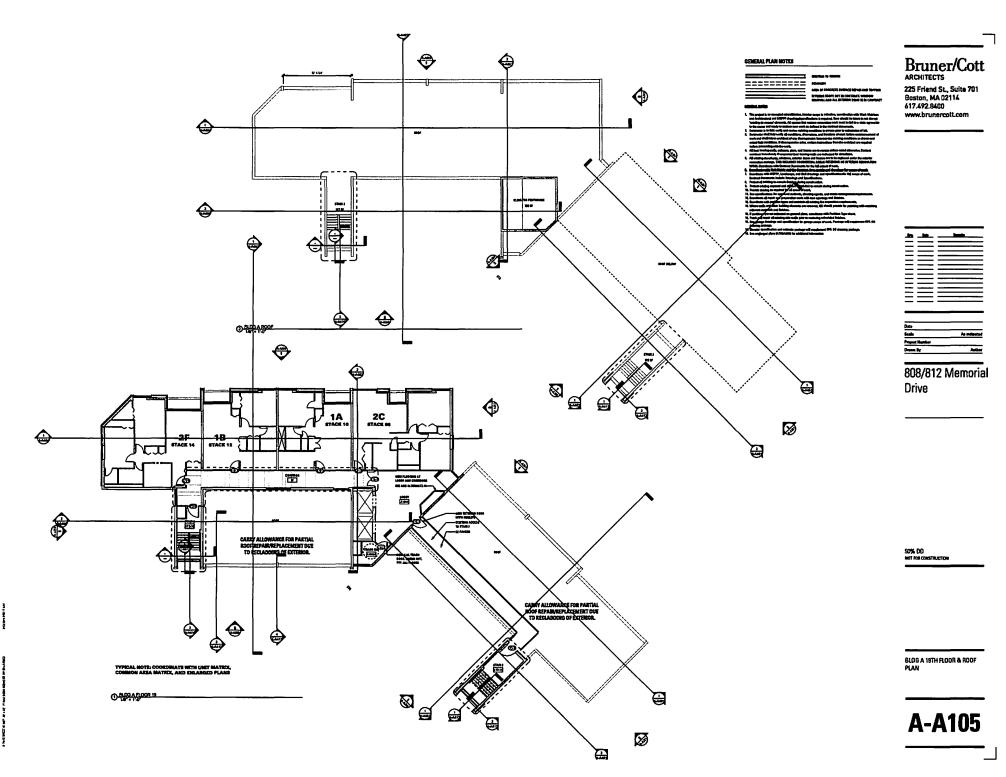
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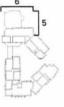
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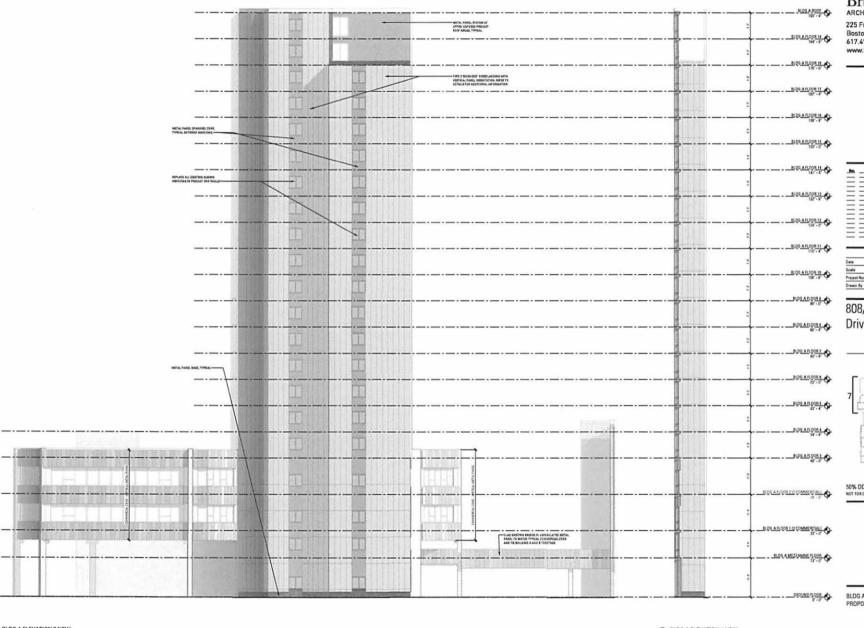
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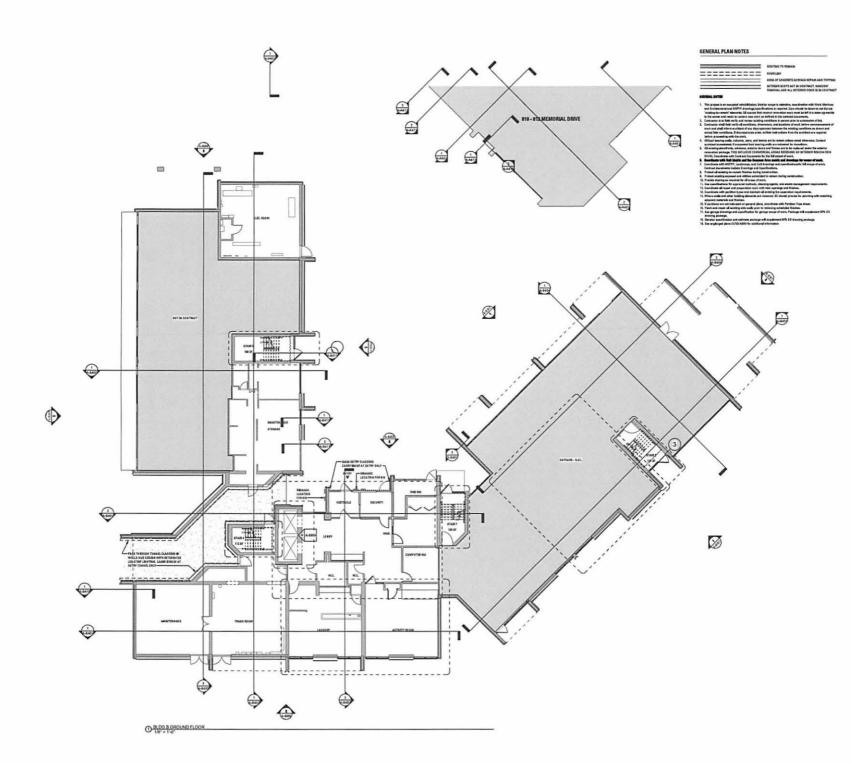
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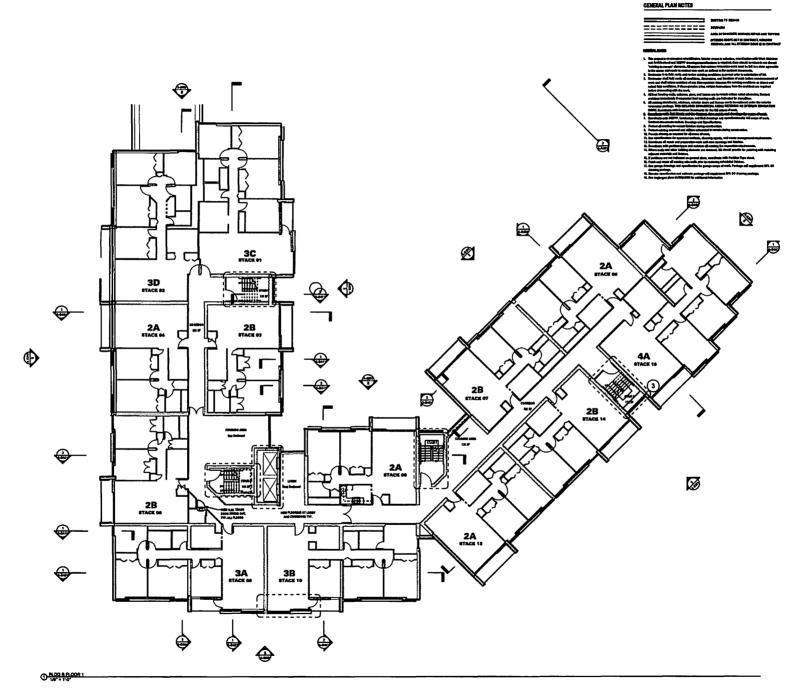
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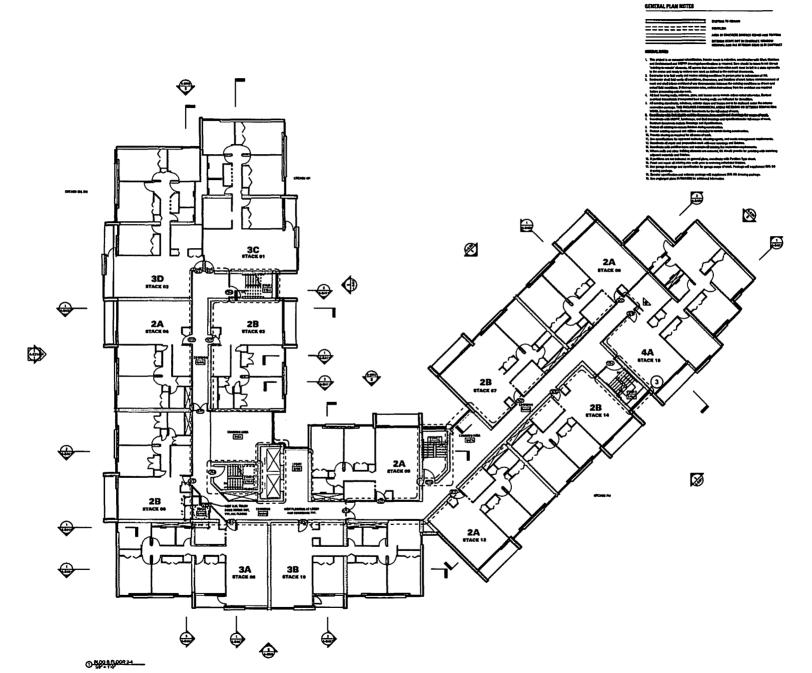
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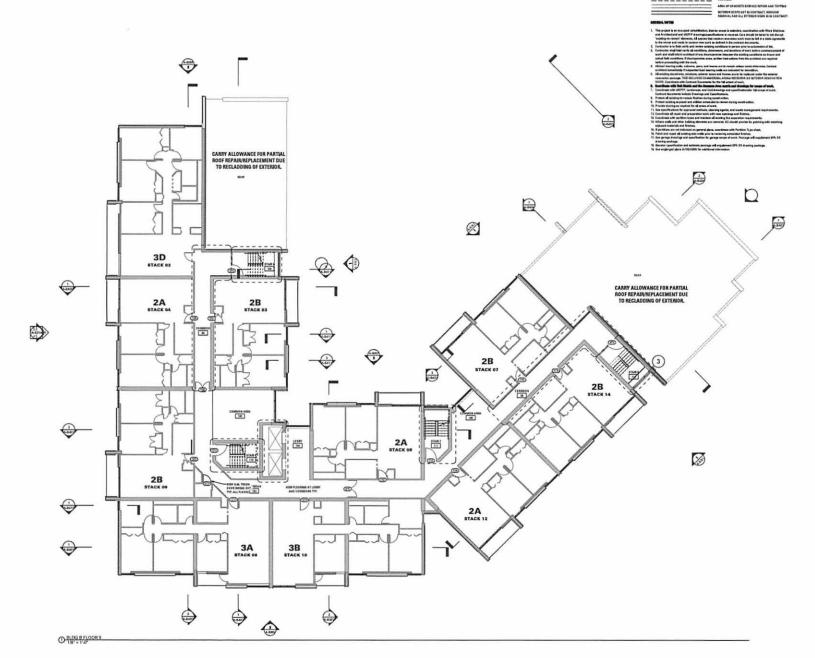


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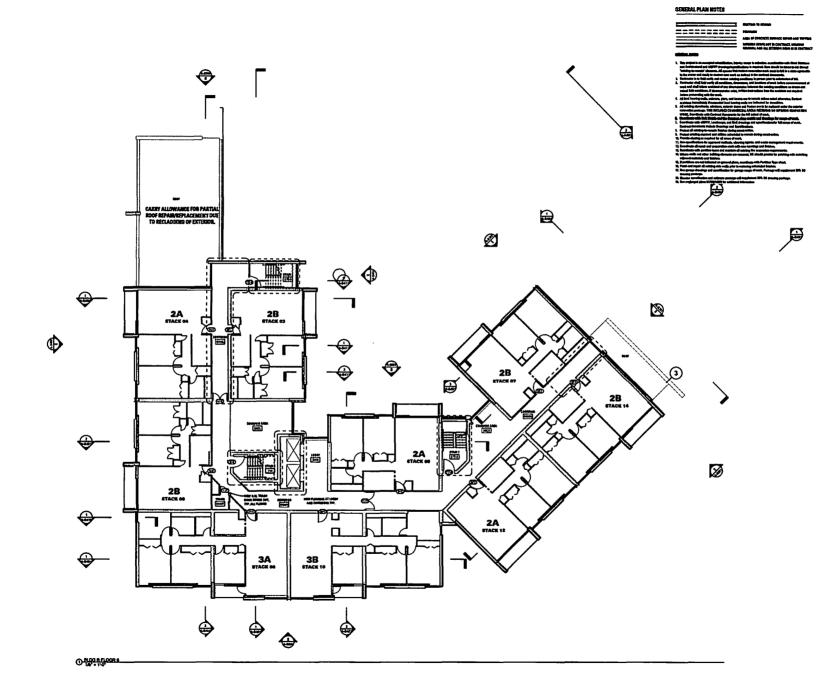
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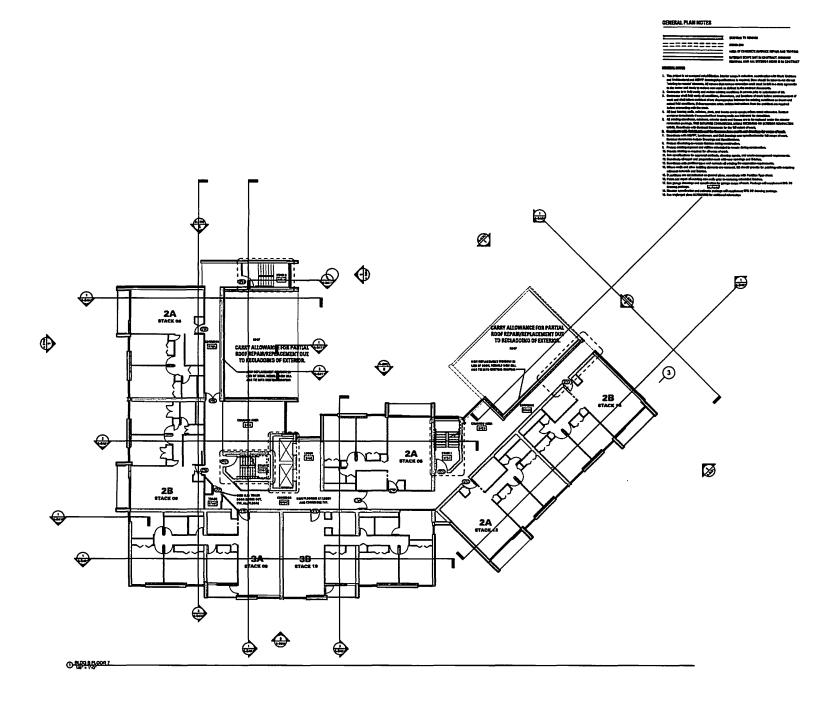
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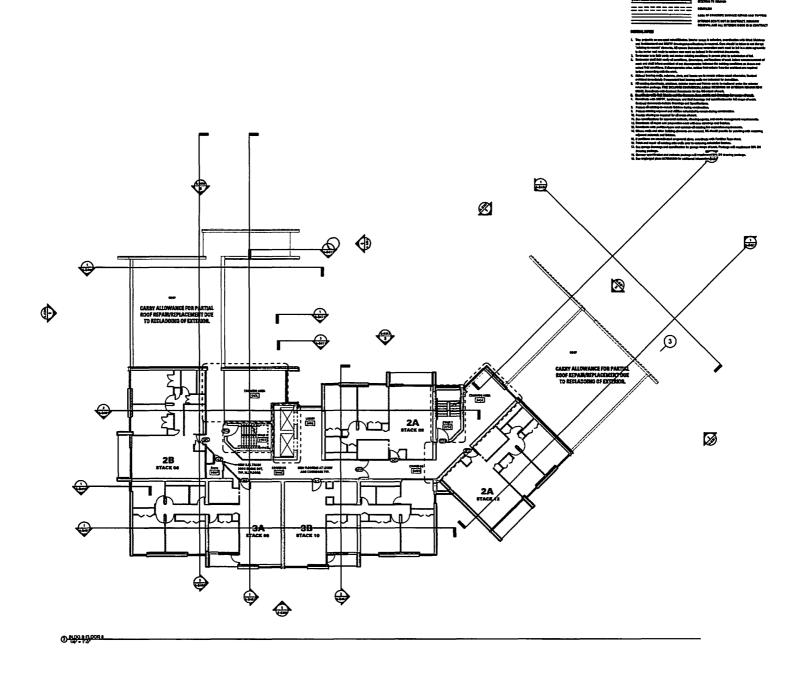
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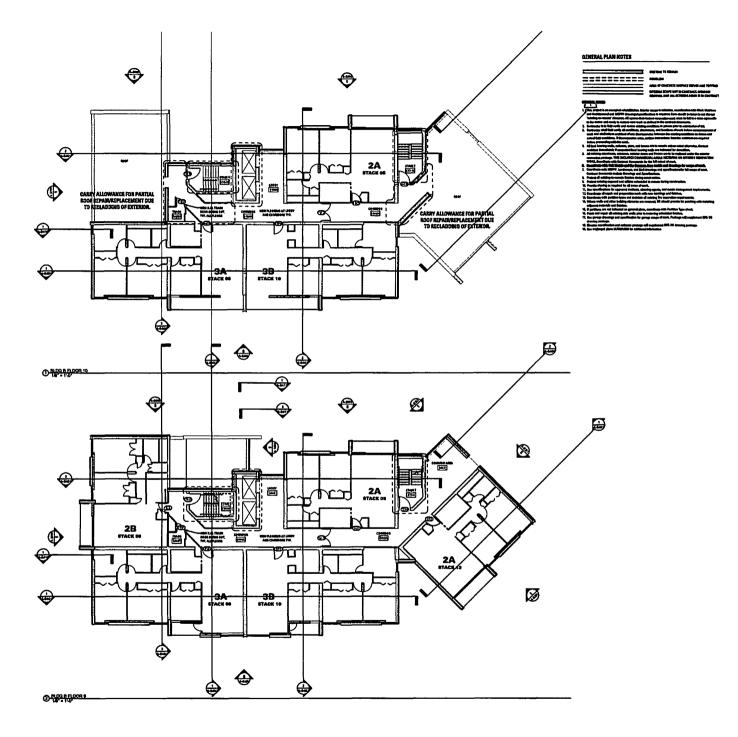


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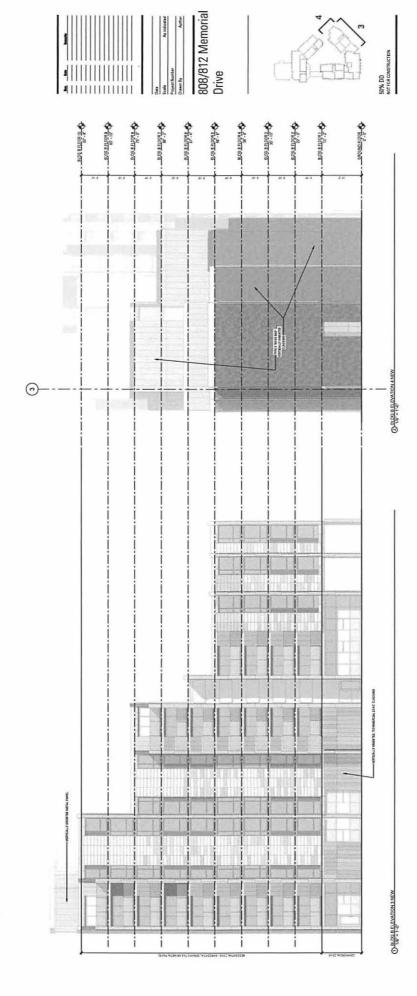


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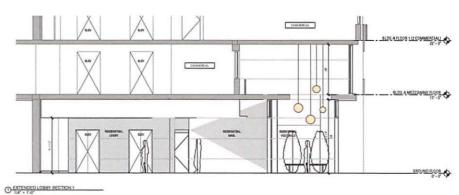
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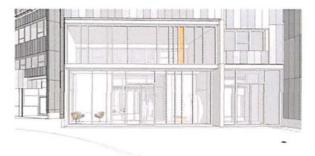
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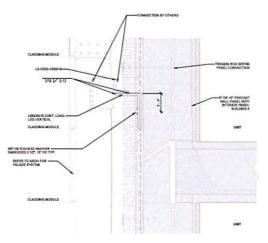
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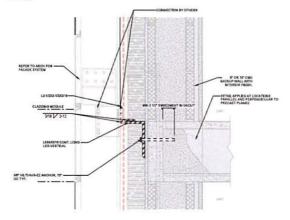
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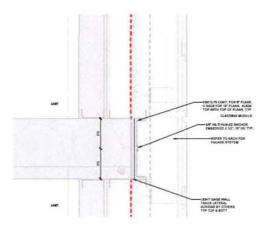
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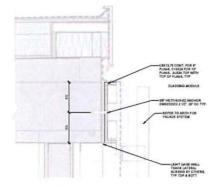




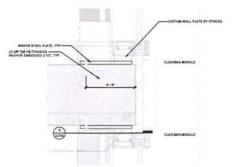
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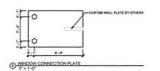
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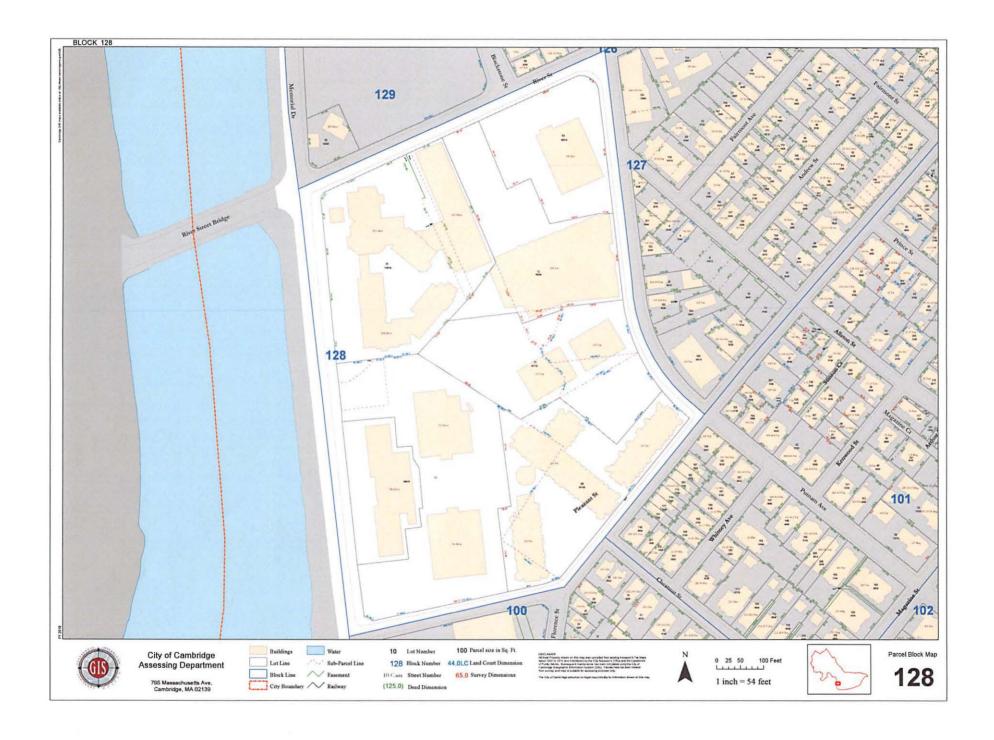
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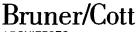
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808 Memorial Drive (right, 11 stories) and 812 Memorial Drive (Left, 19 stories), as seen from the southern bank of the Charles River





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Memorandum

March 7, 2019

Dear Jane,

The following memo is to express our support for an over-cladding approach at 808-812 Memorial Drive.

The buildings at 808-812 Memorial Drive consist of two towers constructed in 1974 that house 300 apartment units of varying sizes, a large percentage of which are Affordable Housing units. The buildings also house commercial and community spaces, a gas station, and above ground parking garage. 808-812 Memorial Drive houses a strong community of residents, some of whom have called the buildings home for multiple decades.

The buildings display envelope deterioration reflective of their type of construction and age. Since the previous major renovation in 1997, extensive and ongoing repairs to the exterior envelope have been required to remediate leaks caused by cracks and spalls in the concrete structure and precast panels, sub-par flashing installations, aged exterior sealant, prolonged exposure of coatings applied to rib-faced block veneer, and multiple other conditions negatively impacting the tenant community. Years of moisture infiltration has impacted the masonry veneer and wall assembly inviting more infiltration.

These exterior envelope issues expose dozens of units to water damage annually. The low thermal performance of the building envelope directly impacts annual energy use and occupant comfort. The buildings' primary mechanical and electrical infrastructure is approaching the end of its service life and is scheduled to be updated. The replacement of these mechanical systems alongside an improved over cladding and building envelope upgrade can maximize building efficiency moving forward. We believe a whole building renovation approach is necessary and that the exterior over cladding is the primary contributing factor to improved building efficiency.

BCA has been involved with the buildings at 808-812 Memorial Drive over the past four years. We have witnessed ongoing repair work and continued deterioration of the existing exterior wall and veneer. We have discussed the history of repairs with engineers and contractors with long histories of involvement. We have witnessed areas of deterioration first hand during re-roofing and other isolated repair and mock-up projects. We have also used energy modeling to compare over cladding approaches to understand the benefits of over cladding. We believe a new insulated over cladding system can bring the exterior up to current code standards. Unfortunately, the additional depth of the over-cladding systems cannot be confined to the listed 4" exclusion depth under zoning. We welcome further discussion with the city on how to align the needs of zoning and code requirements for a project of this type and others like it.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions,

Shaun Dempsey AIA Associate