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SECONDARY SUBMISSIONS



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Please deliver these documents to each of the commisioners for our hearing this next Thursday at 4pm

Regards,

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Greetings members of the South Valley Area Planning Commission

I sincerely regret not being able to address the commission in person regarding this project but with the proper narrative and exhibit I feel comfortable presenting a viable case for outright denial of the project

I have been directly involved with this project for several years and have seen it evolved into a convoluted assortment of facts, mistakes and even out right ommissions which seem to have been made intentionally to mislead the Mulholland Scenic Corridor Review Board(MSCRB) group and now the SVAPC.

This latest set of plans is the fourth generation of plans and has not been thoroughly reviewed by the MSCRB .My preliminary review indicates many changes but since there are no further reviews by the MSCRB and since it has been rejected three (3) times and I see no project improvement that would warrant a reconsideration of the MSCRB rejection.

Therefore I have turned my attention to what I feel is the most critical and potentially dangerous element of the project..

The excavation and shoring

I have been working in the local mountains for over thirty (30) years, the Hollywood hills, Santa Monica mountains and the Malibu mountains.

*Most of these housing tracts were subdivided in the 1920's and the road were built about the same time. The roads were cut into the hillside and the soil debris was dumped over the downhill side of the road. This material has been identified in many reports as uncertified fill and even sometimes as landslide debris or loose alluvial...not much different in terms of stability. The three (3) homes just immediately above and to the east of the proposed development were built in the 1940's and 1950's without the strict grading ordinance we have now. Many projects were allowed to move forward by acknowledgement of the underlying subgrade and also by signing a **hillside stability** waiver. The three parcels just uphill and to the east were developed to a lesser standard than is required today. The homes are small and one story. A lot has changed in the last 80 years. Slope stability analysis*

is now required for all hillside projects with safety factor elements included in the design. Given the vulnerability of the three (3) upslope lots to subadjacent grading a comprehensive site evaluation should be considered. Especially since the stability of the existing structures is what provides stability for the City street (Glenridge Drive)

It is good to note that the cross section details that were submitted for review by the applicant conveniently omitted cross section details thru the upslope property and across the adjacent road (Glenridge Dr.)

please note

Comprehensive evaluation of hillside stability requires two concepts be addressed "Analysis and Design". In other words (1) be sure you are addressing the entire scope of the project and (2) employ the technical and engineering skills that solve the problems in accordance with the local building codes.

*I have reviewed the slope stability diagrams that are included in the addendum report 3/14/2018 dated. The diagrams consider probable slope plane failure(s) lines from sub grade pad to the east boundaries of the existing slope. The calculations seem to meet the minimum requirements of the building code but the conditions of approval are numerous in regards to slope stability and specifically do not address the **adjacent support** requirements for the three (3) structures uphill and to the **east**. In other words it is the responsibility of the applicant not only to provide slope stability for the three(3) upslope lots but to also take into consideration the slope stability of the City Street (Glenridge Drive). This would require a separate plan check by*

the City of Los Angeles engineering department along with application for an "E" permit. Performance bonds would be required for this work and most likely a "B" permit would be required for the driveway encroachment permit.

Also

*The depth of the excavation thirty five (35) feet presents a significant challenge to shore up the properties in questions. It is important to note that at this juncture the required shoring of the properties to the east also constitutes a "**de facto**" shoring of the public street -Glenridge drive. Therefore it is recommended that an E permit be applied for and proper notice--not just the 30 day statutory requirement but done immediately with plans and calculations submitted to the property owners for independent verification by a licensed structural engineer (paid for by the applicant). As shown on the attached Exhibit-A the excavation of the basement is approximately **85 Ft.** below street level. Thus if you remove the lateral support of the existing structure at the basement level you remove the lateral support at the street. I have prepared Exhibit-A (attached) to show the depths of excavation and three possible slope planes that could be considered.*

The plans call for seven (7) rows of shoring pile but the slope stability diagrams show only four (4) applicant should clarify

Continual independent monitoring of the plan development process by an independent structural engineer paid for by the applicant and reporting directly to the property owners will be necessary prior to approval of the shoring plan by the owners

The plan check conditions calls for the shoring pile to be considered constrained. The pile as shown during the shoring procedures are unconstrained and considerable deflection should be anticipated. This must be avoided. This deflection will translate up to street level.

The applicant will need to provide a performance bond and liability insurance for the duration of the project that names the property owners to the east as additional insured.

Conclusion

Standing back and looking at this project as a whole I am concerned that if this project should fail to be completed during the excavation stage the entire hillside would be in jeopardy thru many winter seasons without a responsible party able and willing to complete this work. Should the project be abandoned after the shoring and excavation the neighborhood would be left with a dangerous eyesore.

*Completion bond and Liability insurance for the **ENTIRE** duration of the project are absolutely necessary.*

It just may be best to deny this project as being ill conceived.

regards,

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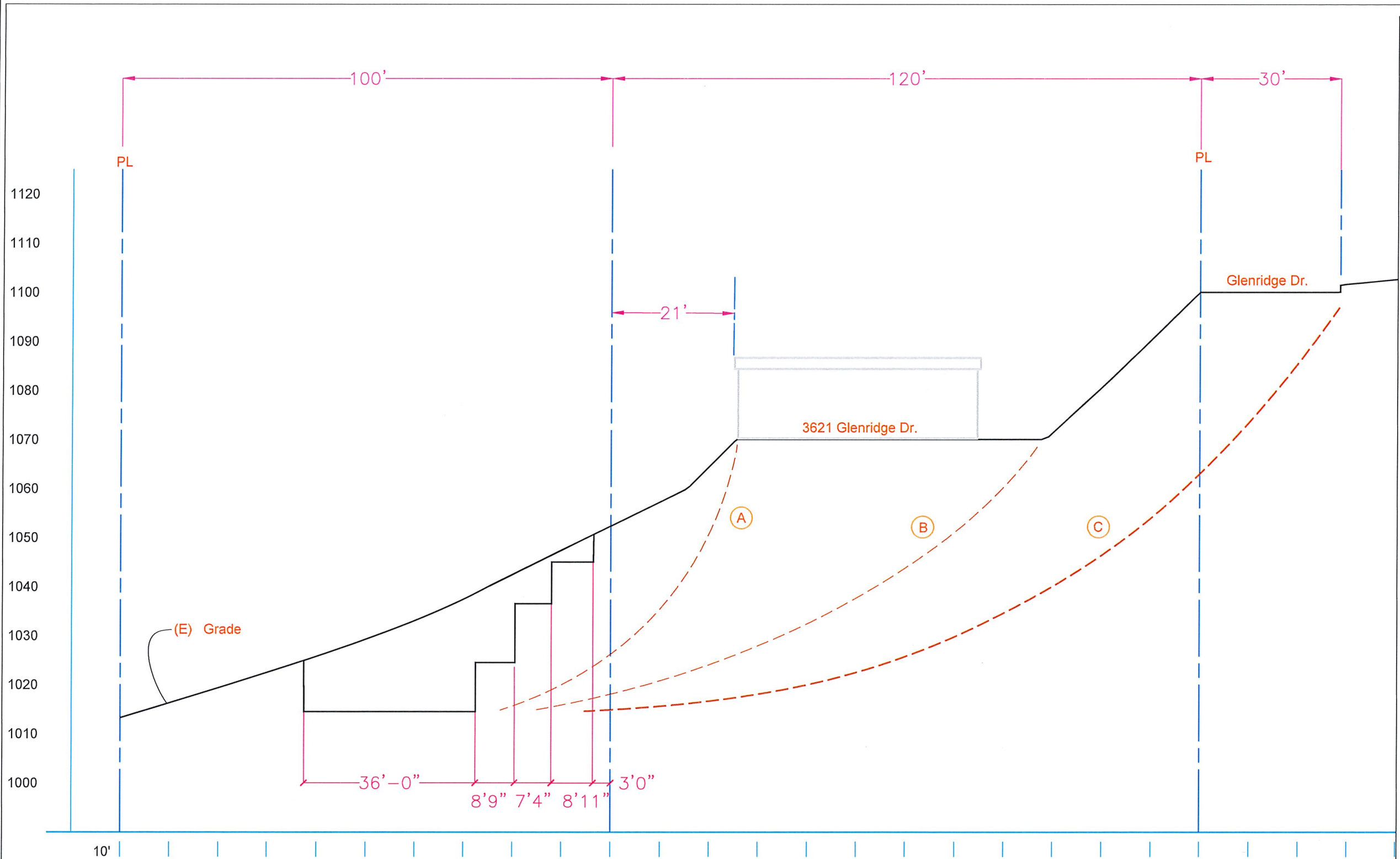
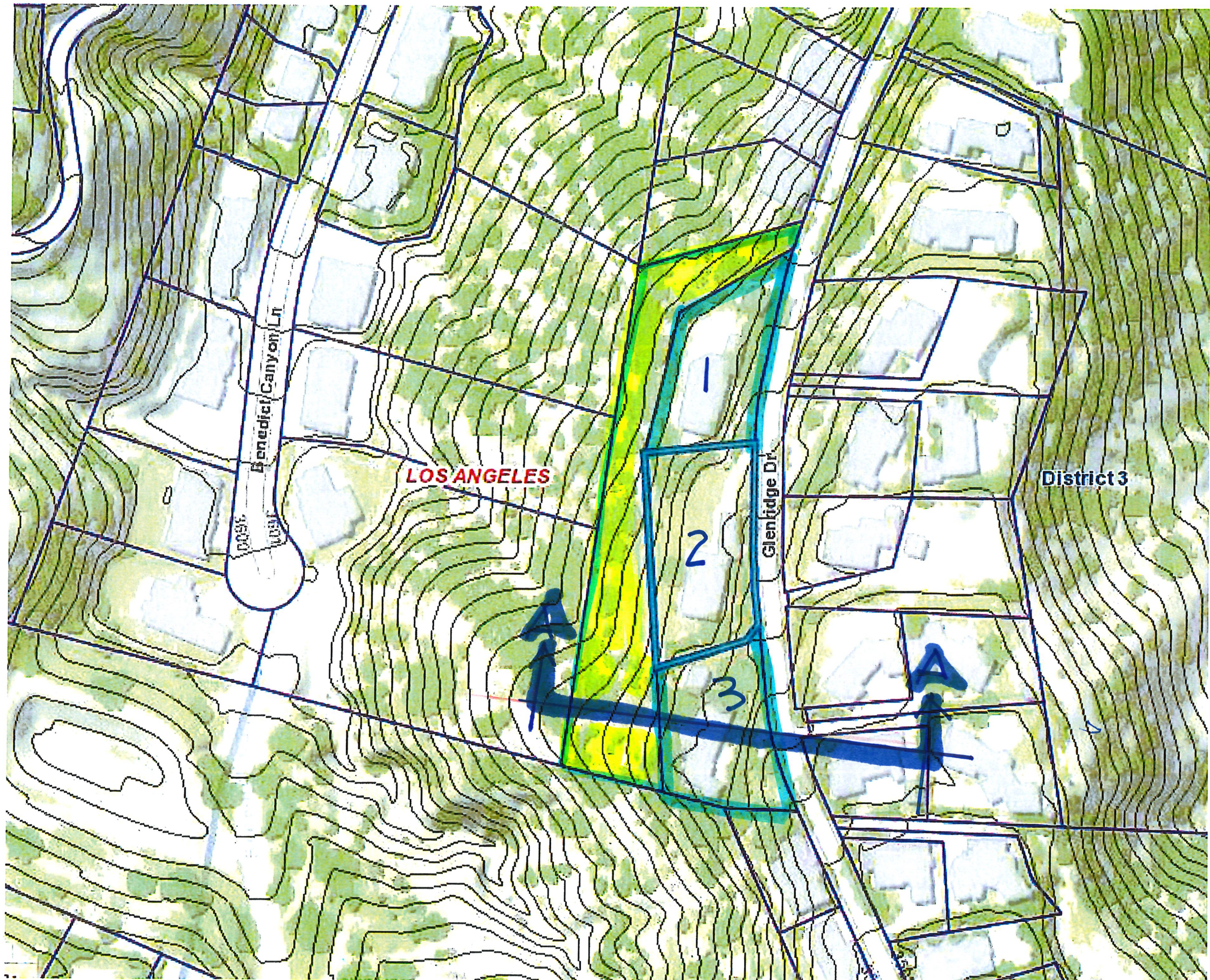
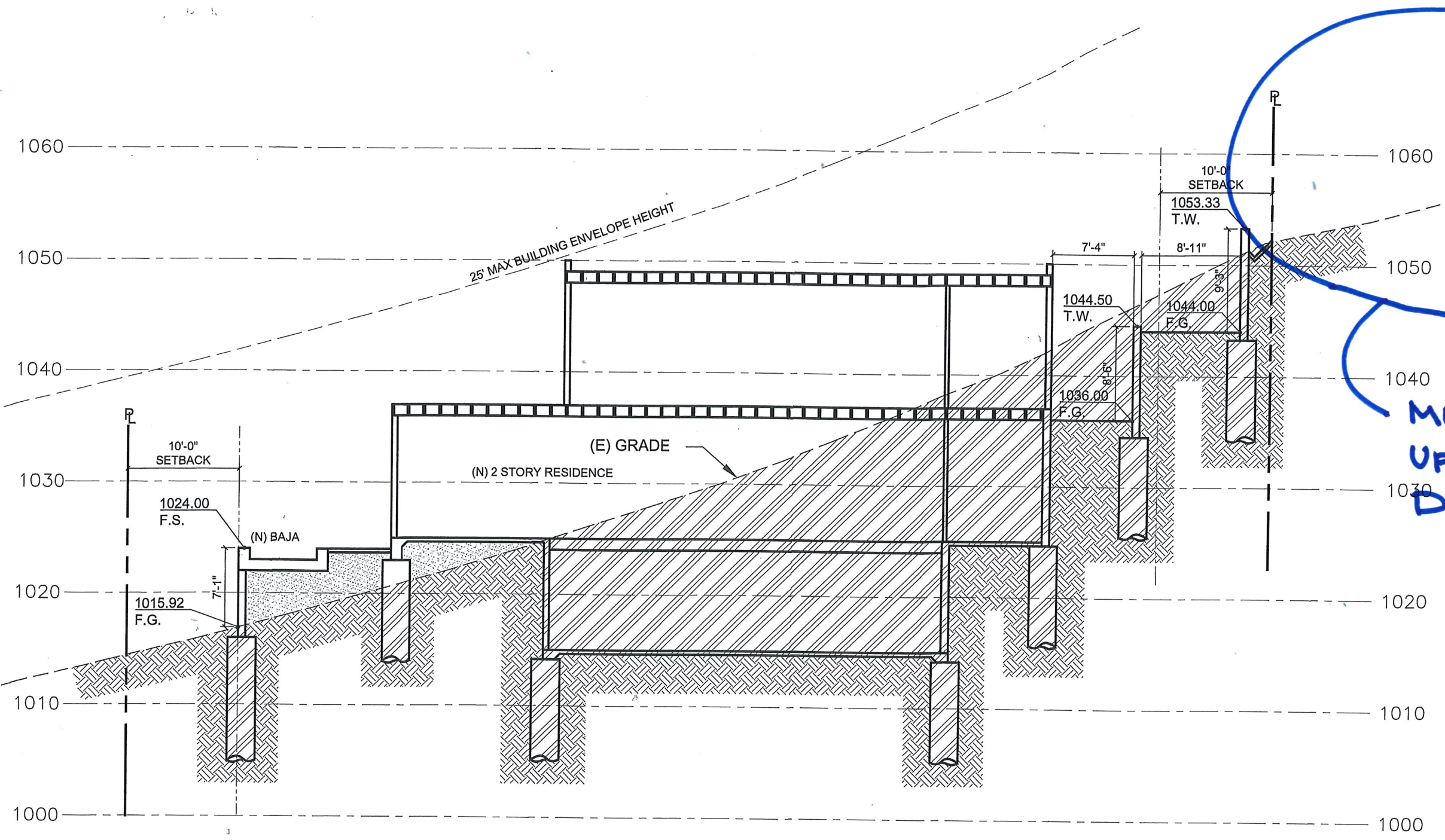


EXHIBIT A

General Notes		
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SLOPE STABILITY DIAGRAM		
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GROUND PLAN	A	
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EXHIBIT - C

DAY OF HEARING SUBMISSIONS