



# Claremont Planning Commission

## Agenda Report

**File #: 5817**

**Item No: 3.**

**TO: PLANNING COMMISSION**

**FROM: BRAD JOHNSON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2025**

### **SUBJECT:**

**REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (FILE #22-C04AMD) FOR MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EXISTING BONA-FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT, LOCATED IN THE CLAREMONT VILLAGE AT 235 NORTH YALE AVENUE. APPLICANT - LA POPULAR RESTAURANT.**

### **SUMMARY**

La Popular Restaurant has submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) amendment to allow for various forms of music entertainment in conjunction with the existing eating establishment located at 235 North Yale Avenue. The proposed entertainment includes live music with amplification every Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM and general amplified music through the restaurant sound system from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM on weekdays and until midnight on weekends. Staff finds that the required CUP findings can be met and that the proposed indoor entertainment will positively contribute to the business's overall success and the vitality of the surrounding area while remaining compatible with adjacent land uses through continued operational controls and conditions.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Planning Commission:

- A. Adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT #22-C04AMD, A REQUEST FOR MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EXISTING BONA-FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT, LOCATED IN THE CLAREMONT VILLAGE AT 235 NORTH YALE AVENUE. APPLICANT - LA POPULAR RESTAURANT; and
- B. Find this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Quality Act (CEQA).

## **ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION**

In addition to staff's recommendation, the following alternatives have been identified:

- A. Continue the item for additional information.
- B. Approve the project with additional or revised Conditions of Approval.
- C. Express an intent to deny CUP #07-C09AMD in its entirety, specifically identifying the findings of Section 16.303.040 of the CMC that cannot be met, and continue the item to January 6, 2026 for adoption of a denial resolution.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Costs associated with the review of this application have been borne by the applicant.

## **ANALYSIS**

### **Background**

The project site is a rectangular commercial property of approximately 15,776 square feet, located at the southwest corner of North Yale Avenue and West Bonita Avenue. The property has a zoning designation of Claremont Village Overlay District (CVO) and a corresponding General Plan designation of Claremont Village (CV). Located in the heart of Village, uses adjacent to the subject site include 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Bagel and Viva Madrid to the south, and the Bonita Yale Plaza to the north across Bonita Avenue. The Union on Yale and House of Pong restaurants are located across Yale Avenue to the east of the subject site, while an alley abuts the subject property to the west, with a real estate office on the other side of the alley.

In 2022, La Popular obtained CUP File #22-C04 to allow for the sale of a full line of alcohol and a new outdoor dining area. The purpose of this CUP is to include music entertainment and to establish conditions of approval.

Although the application submitted to the City requested only Tuesdays, the restaurant currently provides live music for its customers on Tuesdays and Sundays from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. The City has received numerous complaints over the last year from nearby businesses and the general public due to nuisance noise that is negatively impacting the immediate area. Although there are only three formal noise complaints documented by the Claremont Police Department at La Popular, staff is aware of several additional informal complaints.

### **Project Description**

La Popular Restaurant is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for recurring live music entertainment and amplified music in conjunction with its existing restaurant operations. The proposed live music would occur every Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM and would be conducted within the interior of the restaurant. Any music played in the outdoor patio area is limited to the installed speakers at a decibel rating that complies with the environmental protection standards found in Claremont Municipal Code Chapter 16.154.020.D.1. Additionally, the restaurant proposes to play amplified music through speakers as part of its normal business operations.

All music entertainment and amplification would be subject to operational conditions to ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses. No structural modifications or expansion of the existing building footprint are proposed as part of this request. The proposed entertainment is intended to enhance the dining atmosphere and overall customer experience while maintaining consistency with applicable noise ordinances.

## **Concerns**

Staff has received concerns regarding La Popular's existing practice of playing amplified music at excessive volume levels while the garage-style roll-up doors on the north and east sides of the building are open to the outdoor patio and sidewalk areas. This has resulted in the outward projection of sound beyond the interior of the restaurant and has caused significant disruption to neighboring businesses within the Claremont Village downtown area. Unlike fully enclosed indoor music, the open-door configuration creates the entertainment into an outdoor sound source, increasing the potential for noise spillover and adverse impacts to adjacent commercial uses.

To address these concerns, staff included conditions of approval requiring that all live and amplified music be maintained at a volume that is limited beyond the property line and that the garage-style doors remain closed during live music performances and periods of amplified music, except for ingress and egress. Additional measures may include the installation of a decibel-limiting device and routine noise monitoring by restaurant staff. These conditions would ensure that entertainment activities remain compatible with the surrounding environment while still allowing the restaurant to provide music as part of its operations.

## **Basis for Recommendation**

The approval of a CUP requires that the Planning Commission make certain findings as set forth in Section 16.303.040. Staff believes that all the findings can be made with regard to the proposed music entertainment at the existing restaurant and proposed location as identified in the draft resolution (Attachment A). Staff believes that the entertainment will enhance the overall dining experience and positively contribute to the long-term performance of both the restaurant and the Claremont Village. The project's conditions of approval listed in the resolution also gives the City of Claremont the authority to revoke the subject CUP if it is discovered that the operators of the use are violating regulations or any condition(s) of approval.

## **CEQA REVIEW**

The Community Development Director has determined that the project under review is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1) for existing facilities in that the proposed project consists of allowing limited indoor music entertainment within an existing restaurant tenant space and does not involve any physical expansion of the structure or intensification of use beyond established commercial activity. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS**

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The property was posted and written notices were mailed to property owners within 300 feet of the boundaries of the site. Copies of this staff report have been sent to the applicant and other interested parties.

Submitted by:

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Community Development Director

Prepared by:

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Attachments:

A - Draft Resolution  
B - CUP File #22-C04  
C - CUP Signed Resolution # 2022-05  
D - Floor Plan



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-****A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT #22-C04AMD, A REQUEST FOR MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EXISTING BONA-FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT, LOCATED IN THE CLAREMONT VILLAGE AT 235 NORTH YALE AVENUE. APPLICANT – LA POPULAR RESTAURANT**

**WHEREAS**, on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the applicant submitted an application for Conditional Use Permit Amendment File #07-C09AMD to allow various forms of music entertainment in conjunction with an existing restaurant in the Claremont Village at 235 North Yale Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant is located within the General Plan designation of Claremont Village and zoning designation of Village Expansion Specific Plan (VESP) – Specific Plan 8 in the Commercial Mixed Use (CMX) sub-area, where music entertainment outside of the scope of Claremont Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 5.45 is subject to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP); and

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public hearing was duly given, and the above-mentioned site was posted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 16, 2025, at which time all persons wishing to testify in connection with said proposal were heard and said proposal was fully studied.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CLAREMONT PLANNING COMMISSION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**SECTION 1.** The Planning Commission has determined that the proposed music entertainment is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1) for existing facilities, in that the project consists of allowing limited indoor music entertainment within an existing restaurant tenant space and does not involve any physical expansion of the structure or intensification of use beyond established commercial activity. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

**SECTION 2.** The Planning Commission makes the following findings in regard to the amendment to the existing CUP for the above-described project:

- A. La Popular occupies an existing restaurant tenant space within a fully developed commercial center at 235 North Yale Avenue. The existing facility is adequate in size and configuration to accommodate the proposed indoor music entertainment. The proposed live entertainment activity will occur entirely within the interior of the existing tenant space and will be subject to closures of the front doors and northern and eastern roll-up garage/window doors and any outdoor music will be limited to low levels, and no structural modifications or expansion of the building footprint are proposed. As such, the proposed amendment is compatible with the existing commercial development and will not result in adverse impacts related to size and shape.

- B. The proposed restaurant with entertainment relates to streets and highways in that it can be directly accessed from roadways that are sufficiently sized to accommodate the mix of uses in the Claremont Village area. Approval of this requested CUP is not anticipated to generate a significant increase in traffic that will not relate properly to the streets serving the site.
- C. The proposed amendment to allow limited music entertainment will not impair the integrity or character of the zone in which the restaurant is located, nor will it be detrimental to adjacent properties or permitted uses, provided that all entertainment is conducted in compliance with the Conditions of Approval. While the applicant proposes regular live music and amplified sound, the imposition of conditions requiring front doors and northern and eastern garage/window doors to remain closed during music entertainment, limiting outdoor music to background music levels, and limiting sound levels to prevent audibility beyond the property line will minimize potential noise impacts and ensure compatibility with surrounding commercial uses.
- D. The proposed amendment is consistent with the City's General Plan. Approval of the requested CUP amendment will support the goals of the General Plan to encourage economic and social activity in commercial and mixed-use areas of the City. Specifically, approval of the project supports General Plan Goal 3-1, to "Maintain a strong, diversified economic base," and General Plan Policy 3-1.1 to "Encourage a variety of businesses to locate in Claremont, including...restaurants/entertainment, to promote the development of a diversified local economy."
- E. The proposed amendment will not endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to public health, safety, or general welfare. The entertainment activities will occur indoors, will be subject to specific operational conditions, and may be revoked if violations occur. La Popular will continue to operate under the conditions of its existing CUP and any additional conditions imposed through this amendment. The conditions of approval included in the Resolution give the City of Claremont the authority to revoke the CUP if it is discovered that the restaurant operator is violating state regulations or any condition(s) of this approval.

**SECTION 3.** The Planning Commission hereby approves CUP #22-C04AMD, based on the findings of Section 16.303.040 of the Claremont Municipal Code (CMC) outlined in Section 2 above, and subject to the following conditions:

- A. This CUP approval allows for indoor music entertainment in the form of live musicians, consisting of one to three-piece band music groups and general amplified music in conjunction with a bona-fide restaurant at 235 North Yale Avenue.
- B. Alcohol sales and service hours are as follows:
  - Monday through Friday: 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM
  - Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 AM

The approved hours of live musician(s) entertainment are limited to Tuesdays and Sundays from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

The Planning Commission shall approve any changes to the hours during which alcohol is sold/served and music entertainment is conducted.

- C. Disc Jockey events shall be prohibited for both private party events and regular restaurant operating hours.
- D. No outdoor live music shall be permitted at any time within the patio or exterior areas.
- E. The front entrance doors and garage-style roll-up doors on the north and east side of the building shall remain fully closed during all live music, except for normal ingress and egress.
- F. Noise sources associated with entertainment use shall not exceed the noise levels of 60 dBA from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, and 65 dBA from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM, as measured from the exterior of the restaurant as set forth in Chapter 16.154 of the Claremont Municipal Code.
- G. The dining area and music entertainment shall be continuously supervised by management or employees of the business.
- H. All applicable conditions set forth by Planning Commission Resolution #2022-05 shall remain in effect.
- I. Noncompliance with any condition of approval shall constitute a violation of the CMC. Violations may be enforced in accordance with the provisions of Title 16 and/or the administrative fines program of Title 1 of the CMC including up to suspension, revocation, or modification of this CUP
- J. The permitted entertainment events shall remain consistent with the operation of the premises as a bona-fide restaurant. At no point shall the use of any space on the property be operated as a stand-alone bar, nightclub, dance club, or similar use, including after regular dining hours. All entertainment and special events shall be accessory to the restaurant use, with full food service provided at all times in accordance with the requirements of a bona-fide eating establishment. Private events may be permitted provided they are well-documented, pre-arranged, and maintain continuous food service consistent with restaurant standards.
- K. No signs advertising music entertainment shall be installed on the exterior of the premises, or within the interior of the premises, directed and intended to be visible toward the exterior of the premises without prior City approval in accordance with sign regulations in the Claremont Municipal Code.
- L. If the use for which this CUP was granted for (music entertainment) is discontinued for a period of 12 months or more, such use shall not be re-established, and the

matter shall be referred to the Planning Commission to initiate the proceedings for the revocation of this Conditional Use Permit.

- M. The applicant and successors shall operate the subject premises in a safe and sanitary manner at all times, including compliance with curfew and daytime loitering regulations pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 and/or the administrative fines program of Title 9 of the CMC. Continued or repeated violations of any municipal or health code, or other violation, as determined by the City of Claremont, Los Angeles Health Services Department, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, or County of Los Angeles Fire Department, may be grounds for initiation of proceedings for the revocation of this CUP.
- N. The applicant/owner shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Claremont and its agents, officers, and employees from and against any claim, action, or proceeding against the City agency or its agents, officers, or employees relating to this discretionary approval, including without limitation, a claim, action, or proceeding to attack, set aside, void, or annul this approval, and/or an action by an advisory agency, appeal board, or legislative body concerning this approval. This defense and indemnification shall include the payment of all legal costs incurred on behalf of the City in connection with the application, and the defense of any claim, action, or proceeding challenging the approval. The City will promptly notify the applicant/owner of any claim, action, or proceeding and will cooperate fully in the defense. In the event a legal challenge to the discretionary approval is successful, and an award of attorney fees is made to the challenger, the applicant/owner shall be responsible to pay the full amount of such an award.
- O. Failure to comply with any of the conditions set forth above, or as subsequently amended in writing by the City, may result in failure to obtain a building final and/or a Certificate of Occupancy until full compliance is reached. The City's requirement for full compliance may require minor corrections and/or complete demolition of a non-compliant improvement regardless of costs incurred where the project does not comply with design requirements and approvals that the applicant agreed to when permits were pulled to construct the project.

**SECTION 4.** The Planning Commission Chair shall sign this Resolution and the Commission Secretary shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

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Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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Planning Commission Secretary



# Claremont Planning Commission

## Agenda Report

File #: 4371

Item No: 3.

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: BRAD JOHNSON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Reviewed by:  
Finance Director: N/A

### **SUBJECT:**

REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (FILE #22-C04), TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF A FULL-LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE (DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL TYPE-47 FULL LIQUOR LICENSE) IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BONA-FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT IN AN EXISTING RETAIL SPACE AND A NEW OUTDOOR DINING AREA OF 842-SQUARE FEET WITH A TOTAL OF 56 SEATS LOCATED AT 235 NORTH YALE AVENUE. APPLICANT - MARK FERNANDEZ (LA POPULAR RESTAURANT).

### **SUMMARY**

Mark Fernandez, the applicant, has submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for the sale and service of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption (with a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Type-47 liquor license) in conjunction with a new bona-fide eating establishment, La Popular, located at the subject property in the retail space formerly occupied by Rhino Records. The applicant has also proposed a new outdoor dining area of 842-square feet with 56 seats along the north side of the building where food and alcohol would also be served. CUP approval is required for outdoor seating areas that include more than a single row of tables along a business' frontage and/or those which are separated from the public right-of-way by a fence or wall.

Staff believes that all of the required CUP findings can be met by the project and that the new restaurant, with alcohol service and new outdoor area, will positively contribute to the dynamic mix of uses in the Claremont Village and add to the synergy. The applicant has proposed a thoughtfully designed restaurant concept operated by an experienced team that will anchor this prominent corner of the Village for Claremont's residents and visitors alike.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (FILE #22-C04), TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF A FULL-LINE OF ALCOHOLIC



BEVERAGE (DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL TYPE-47 FULL LIQUOR LICENSE) IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BONA-FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT IN AN EXISTING RETAIL SPACE AND A NEW OUTDOOR DINING AREA OF 842-SQUARE FEET WITH A TOTAL OF 56 SEATS LOCATED AT 235 NORTH YALE AVENUE. APPLICANT - MARK FERNANDEZ (LA POPULAR RESTAURANT).

## **ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION**

In addition to staff's recommendation, the following alternatives have been identified:

- A. Continue the item for additional information; or
- B. Express an intent to deny CUP #22-C04 in its entirety, specifically identifying the findings of Sections 16.060.030.B and 16.303.040 of the CMC that cannot be met and continue the item to October 4, 2022 for adoption of a denial resolution.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Costs associated with the review of this application have been borne by the applicant.

## **ANALYSIS**

### **Background**

The project site is a rectangular commercial property of approximately 15,776-square feet located at the southwest corner of North Yale and West Bonita Avenues. The property has a zoning designation of Claremont Village Overlay District (CVO) and a corresponding General Plan designation of Claremont Village (CV). Located in the heart of Village, uses adjacent to the subject site include 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Bagel and Viva Madrid to the south, and the Bonita Yale Plaza to the north across Bonita Avenue. The Union on Yale and House of Pong restaurants are located across Yale Avenue to the east of the subject site, while an alley abuts the subject property to the west, with a real estate office on the other side of the alley.

The site is developed with a well-maintained 6,800-square-foot, 1.5-story concrete block structure built in 1938. The property has long been owned by Bentley Family Trust and is listed in the City's Register of Sites of Historic or Architectural Merit. Although specific historic details or character-defining features are not noted in the Register, the structure is shown as a contributing building in the Architectural Quality Map of the Village Design Plan. The property was the longtime home of Rhino Records (along with Video Paradiso), which occupied the building from 1974 until this year, when the business moved locations.

The Claremont Municipal Code (CMC) requires that restaurants obtain approval of a CUP for on-site sales of alcohol in conjunction with food service (CMC Section 16.051.020). Pursuant to CMC Section 16.090.040 CUP approval is also required for private outdoor patio dining areas having more than a single row of tables along a business' building frontage.

### **Project Description**

The applicant, Mark Fernandez, represents David Peters, the restaurant owner and building lessee, who is proposing to repurpose a portion of the historic Bentley Building to create a restaurant known



as La Popular Taqueria. La Popular is a chef-driven concept originating in the global gastronomic center of Mexico City that will be making its US debut in Claremont. The team behind the restaurant's US expansion has local roots, having owned and operated Eureka! Burger in the Claremont Heights Packing House since 2010. La Popular in Claremont will apply a chef-driven, adventurous approach to authentic Mexican cuisine where the food offerings will be complemented by a curated cocktail menu and selection of beers and wines. The restaurant will feature a highly-designed interior that takes inspiration modern Mexico City and features materials such as concrete wall tile, terra cotta floor tile, backlit smokey mirrors, subdued neon signature and ample greenery. (The proposed changes to the exterior of the building and the proposed signage are being reviewed concurrently by the City along with this CUP and will be reviewed by the Architectural Commission at one of their upcoming public hearings). La Popular's food and drink menu is provided as Attachment C and interior renderings are provided as Attachment D.

The below bullet points summarize La Popular's proposal for 235 N Yale Avenue:

- The sale and service of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a bona-fide restaurant having a full-service kitchen
- 2,090-square foot interior dining area with 110 seats, including a centrally located 135-square foot bar with 22 bar seats
- New 842-square foot outdoor dining area with 56 seats (includes alcohol service)
- Hours of operation:
  - Monday-Friday: 11:00am - 1:00am
  - Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 1:00am
- Employees: 25-30 employees during busiest shifts (weekend dinner and brunch), Total hiring is anticipated to be 80 employees
- On-site parking: 20 on-site parking spaces (including one ADA space)

### Outdoor Dining Area

An important component of La Popular's proposal is the new outdoor dining area, proposed to be located on the north side of the existing building at the property's Yale Avenue frontage. Located entirely on private property, the outdoor dining area would replace four existing angled parking stalls on the north side of the building. A low precision block wall and metal railing system will provide a barrier between the outdoor dining area and adjacent parking area and Yale Avenue sidewalk while also providing opportunities for planter areas. Such a barrier is required by California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) for outdoor alcohol service. The outdoor area would be directly accessible from the restaurant's indoor dining area as well as from Yale Avenue via a gate equipped with panic hardware. The outdoor dining area would feature a trellis covering with louvered openings allowing for the option of a solid covering to protect from the elements. Two feet of clearance is provided between western edge of the outdoor dining area and the adjacent parking space, and the patio features a chamfered corner to minimize the potential for conflicts with automobiles entering and exiting this parking space.

The site plan, indoor and outdoor floor plans, and elevations are included as Attachment B.

### Parking

Unlike many restaurants in the Claremont Village, La Popular's parking requirement would be able to be satisfied entirely by on-site parking in the existing lot, which would have a total of 20 spaces after



the establishment of the outdoor dining area. Pursuant to CMC Section 16.060.030.A, the parking requirement for restaurants in the CVO District is one parking space for each 150 square feet of net indoor area and one parking space for each 200 square feet of net outdoor dining area. This results in a parking requirement of 14 parking spaces for the 2,090-square feet of indoor area (not including the bar and kitchen areas), and 4 spaces for the 842-square foot outdoor dining area for a total of eighteen spaces required for the proposal use as a whole. In addition to the 20 on-site parking spaces, the subject property has a non-conforming parking credit of four spaces that may be used to satisfy the parking requirements associated with the currently vacant tenant space adjacent to the proposed La Popular (the former Video Paradiso space) and the Bentley Building's currently vacant mezzanine spaces. When the CV District was adopted in 1975, parcels with existing buildings that had insufficient parking to meet the new code were granted non-conforming parking credits. The parking credits were determined by the existing uses at the time of the zone change. The minimum credit per building was two spaces and the maximum was 10 spaces. As noted above, the subject property was granted four parking space credits.

While the restaurant's Code-required parking requirement is satisfied by available on-site parking spaces, the operator recognizes the high demand for parking in the Village during evenings and weekends. In recognition of this, the operator will require employees to park in the remote satellite lot located near the intersection of Grinnell Drive and Bonita Avenue, located less than 500-feet away from the subject property to the west along Bonita Avenue. This lot was purchased by the City and has always been intended for overflow parking for Village merchants and their employees. Section 3.L in the draft approval resolution (Attachment A) memorializes this requirement for La Popular's employees and helps allocate parking for La Popular's customers and other visitors to the property.

### **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The approval of a CUP requires that the Planning Commission make certain findings as set forth in Section 16.303.040 of the CMC. Staff has determined that all the findings can be made to allow the on-site sale of alcohol and incidental outdoor seating for La Popular as identified in the draft resolution (Attachment A). Staff believes that La Popular will be a positive addition to the vibrant mix of uses found in the Claremont Village and that it will contribute to its synergy. Staff finds that with a strong restaurant concept and a proven operational team, La Popular will be able to anchor this prominent Village corner for the benefit of Claremont residents and visitors alike. Staff is also supportive of the outdoor dining area, finding that it will further activate the Claremont Village core with pedestrian activity and eyes on the street.

### **CEQA REVIEW**

The Community Development Director has determined that the project under review is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1) for existing facilities, in that the project entails the continued leasing of an existing tenant space involving a negligible expansion of use beyond that which currently exists. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

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property owners within 300 feet of the boundaries of the site. Notice of the Planning Commission hearing was also published in the September 9, 2022 edition of the Claremont Courier Copies of this staff report have been sent to the applicant and other interested parties.

Submitted by:

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Senior Planner

Attachments:

- A - Draft Resolution Approving Conditional Use Permit #22-C04
- B - Site Plan, Floor Plans, and Elevations
- C - La Popular Food and Beverage Menu
- D - Interior and Exterior Renderings

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FILE #22-C04, A REQUEST TO ALLOW THE SALE AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF A FULL-LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BONA-FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT AND A NEW OUTDOOR DINING AREA WITH A TOTAL OF 56 SEATS AT LA POPULAR RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 235 NORTH YALE AVENUE. APPLICANT – MARK FERNANDEZ**

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2022, the applicant submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application (File #22-C04) to allow the sale of a full-line of alcohol beverages (Type-47 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control license) for on-site consumption in conjunction with a bona-fide eating establishment (restaurant) and for a new outdoor dining area of 842-square feet with 56 seats located at the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant is located within the Claremont Village Overlay District (CVO) where on-site alcohol sale and consumption in conjunction with a restaurant is subject to the approval of a CUP; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 16.090.040 of the Claremont Municipal Code (Incidental Outdoor Uses) requires that businesses that have more than a single row of tables for incidental outdoor seating be subject to the approval of a CUP; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public hearing was duly given and the above-mentioned site was posted on September 8, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing was published in the September 9, 2022 edition of the Claremont Courier; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 20, 2022, at which time all persons wishing to testify in connection with said proposal were heard and said proposal was fully studied.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CLAREMONT PLANNING COMMISSION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**Section 1.** The Planning Commission has determined that the proposed sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a restaurant, and the establishment of a new outdoor seating area are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), in that the project entails the continued leasing of an existing tenant space involving a negligible expansion of use beyond that which currently exists. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

**Section 2.** The Planning Commission makes the following findings in regard to the CUP for the above-described project:

- A. The 2,090-square foot interior space (along with the 822-square foot kitchen and 135-square foot bar) and the 842-square-foot outdoor dining area are adequate in size and



shape to accommodate the on-site sale of a full alcohol menu, including beer, wine, and distilled spirits in conjunction with the service of a full restaurant menu. The indoor, outdoor, and bar dining areas can adequately accommodate the seating layout shown on the floor plan on file with the Planning Division. The restaurant use is consistent with and will complement the variety of retail, office, and commercial uses in the Claremont Village area and is anticipated to add to the synergy that makes the Village a desirable locale for the City's residents and visitors. Required parking for the restaurant use (18 spaces) is satisfied by on-site parking in the existing lot, which has 20 spaces. Additionally, the property has four non-conforming parking credits assigned through the 1976 Village Parking Study, which would allow for the currently vacant adjacent retail space to be parked per CMC requirements at a future date.

- B. The subject site relates to streets properly designed to carry the type and quantity of traffic generated by a restaurant use, with the sale of alcohol and having outdoor seating is not expected to significantly increase traffic along those streets, namely Bonita Avenue and Yale Avenue. Vehicular access to the site, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Yale and Bonita Avenues will not be modified from the property's longstanding previous use (record store), with entrance to the existing parking lot provided from Yale Avenue and its exit provided through the north-south alley that bisects the block. While the addition of the outdoor dining area requires the removal of four parking spaces in the existing lot, the restaurant use is parked to Code using on-site parking in the existing lot. Additionally, on-street parking is available throughout the Claremont Village and it is anticipated that some of the restaurant's customers will use available on-street parking as they park once and patronize La Popular and surrounding merchants.
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**Section 3.** The Planning Commission hereby approves Conditional Use Permit 22-C04, based on the findings of Sections 16.303.04 of the Claremont Municipal Code outlined in Section B, above, and subject to the following conditions:

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**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 20th day of September, 2022.

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Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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Planning Commission Administrative Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FILE #22-C04, A REQUEST TO ALLOW THE SALE AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF A FULL-LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BONA-FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT AND A NEW OUTDOOR DINING AREA WITH A TOTAL OF 56 SEATS AT LA POPULAR RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 235 NORTH YALE AVENUE. APPLICANT – MARK FERNANDEZ**

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2022, the applicant submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application (File #22-C04) to allow the sale of a full-line of alcohol beverages (Type-47 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control license) for on-site consumption in conjunction with a bona-fide eating establishment (restaurant) and for a new outdoor dining area of 842-square feet with 56 seats located at the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant is located within the Claremont Village Overlay District (CVO) where on-site alcohol sale and consumption in conjunction with a restaurant is subject to the approval of a CUP; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 16.090.040 of the Claremont Municipal Code (Incidental Outdoor Uses) requires that businesses that have more than a single row of tables for incidental outdoor seating be subject to the approval of a CUP; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public hearing was duly given and the above-mentioned site was posted on September 8, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing was published in the September 9, 2022 edition of the Claremont Courier; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 20, 2022, at which time all persons wishing to testify in connection with said proposal were heard and said proposal was fully studied.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CLAREMONT PLANNING COMMISSION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**Section 1.** The Planning Commission has determined that the proposed sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a restaurant, and the establishment of a new outdoor seating area are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), in that the project entails the continued leasing of an existing tenant space involving a negligible expansion of use beyond that which currently exists. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

**Section 2.** The Planning Commission makes the following findings in regard to the CUP for the above-described project:

- A. The 2,090-square foot interior space (along with the 822-square foot kitchen and 135-square foot bar) and the 842-square-foot outdoor dining area are adequate in size and

shape to accommodate the on-site sale of a full alcohol menu, including beer, wine, and distilled spirits in conjunction with the service of a full restaurant menu. The indoor, outdoor, and bar dining areas can adequately accommodate the seating layout shown on the floor plan on file with the Planning Division. The restaurant use is consistent with and will complement the variety of retail, office, and commercial uses in the Claremont Village area and is anticipated to add to the synergy that makes the Village a desirable locale for the City's residents and visitors. Required parking for the restaurant use (18 spaces) is satisfied by on-site parking in the existing lot, which has 20 spaces. Additionally, the property has four non-conforming parking credits assigned through the 1976 Village Parking Study, which would allow for the currently vacant adjacent retail space to be parked per CMC requirements at a future date.

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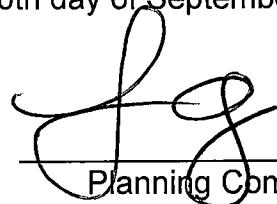
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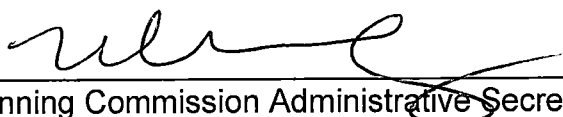
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Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

  
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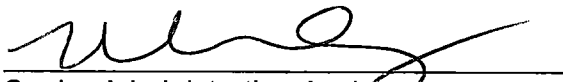
I, Nhi Atienza, Senior Administrative Assistant of the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2022-05 was adopted by the Planning Commission of said City of Claremont at a regular meeting of said Commission held on September 20, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	Commissioners:	Andersen, Alvarez, Edwards, Emerson, Gonzalez, Jones, and Rahmim
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NOES:	Commissioners:	None
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ABSTENSIONS:	Commissioners:	None
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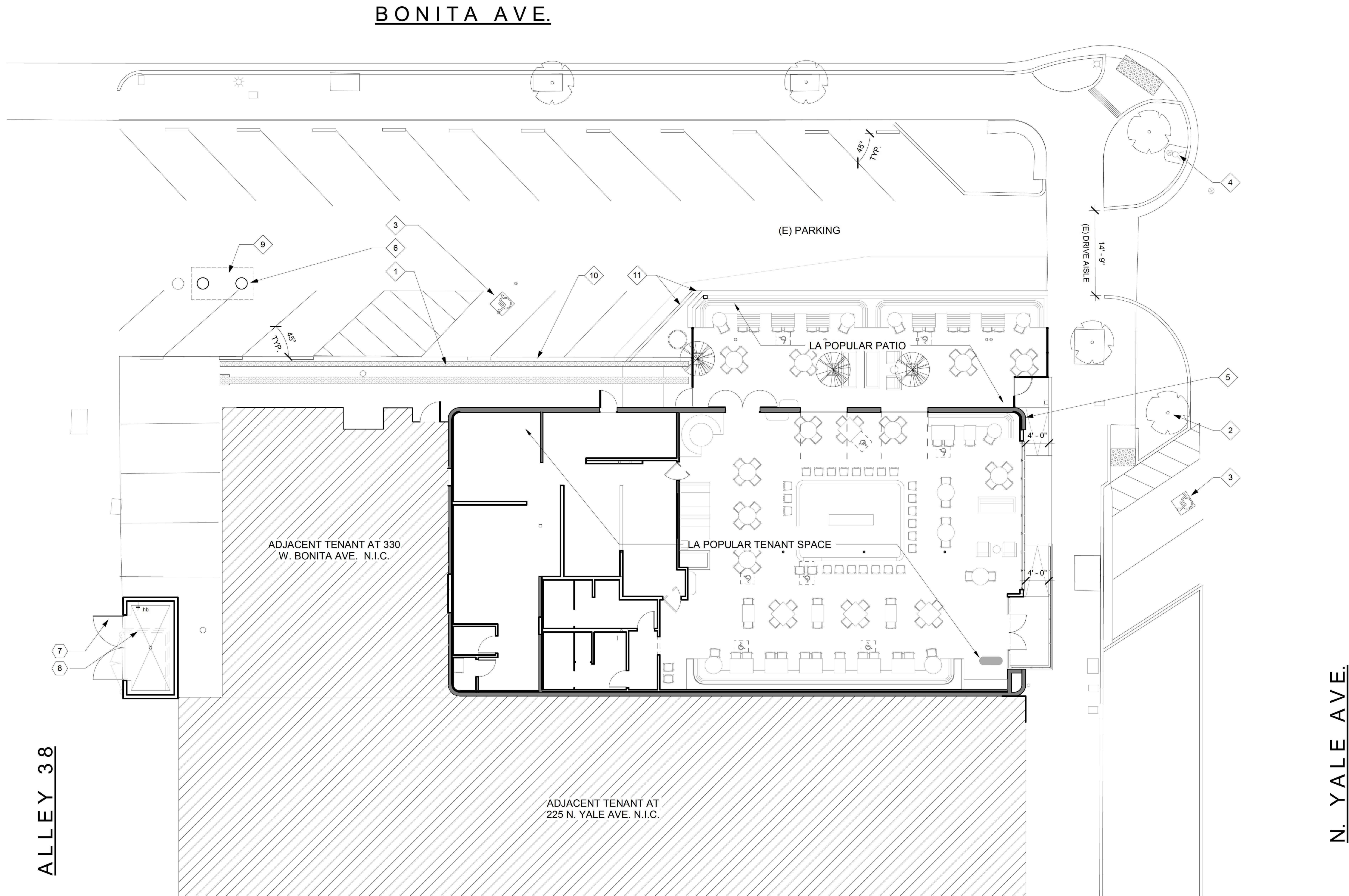
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2	EXISTING LANDSCAPING IS TO REMAIN AS APPROVED UNDER SEPARATE PERMIT.	BAR: 135 SQ FT		d. SIGNS MAY ALSO BE CENTERED ON THE WALL OF THE INTERIOR END OF THE PARKING SPACE	
3	EXISTING ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS TO REMAIN AS APPROVED UNDER SEPARATE PERMITS	DINING: 2,090 SQ FT		e. VAN-ACCESSIBLE SPACES SHALL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SIGN "VAN-ACCESSIBLE" MOUNTED BELOW THE SYMBOL OF ACCESSIBILITY	
4	EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT	OUTDOOR DINING: 842 SQ FT		f. IN ADDITION, THE SURFACE OF EACH ACCESSIBLE SPACE IS REQUIRED TO BE MARKED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESSIBILITY	
5	FIRE POINT OF CONNECTION	<b>NUMBER OF SEATS:</b>		H. AN ADDITIONAL SIGN SHALL ALSO BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT EACH ENTRANCE TO OFF STREET PARKING FACILITIES, OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO AND VISIBLE FROM EACH STALL OR SPACE. SECTION 11B-502.8.2, THE SIGN SHALL BE: 17" X 22" WITH LETTERING NOT ≤ 1" IN HEIGHT. PER SECTION 1129B.4 REQUIRED WORDING IS AS FOLLOWS: "UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES PARKED IN DESIGNATED ACCESSIBLE SPACES NOT DISPLAYING DISTINGUISHING PLACARDS OR LICENSE PLATES ISSUED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MAY BE TOWED AWAY AT OWNER'S EXPENSE. TOWED VEHICLES MAY BE RECLAIMED AT _____ OR BY TELEPHONING _____	
6	NEW 1,500 GALLON GREASE INTERCEPTOR; APPROX. LOCATION SHOWN	INTERIOR: 110		I. ALL PROPERTY LINES, EASEMENTS, AND BUILDING, EXISTING AND PROPOSED ARE SHOWN ON THIS SITE PLAN	
7	NEW CMU TRASH ENCLOSURE WITH STACK BOND AND RAKED JOINTS; PROVIDE GATES, NON-COMBUSTIBLE CANOPY, DRAIN TO GREASE INTERCEPTOR AND WATER SPIGOT	EXTERIOR: 56		J. ALL SITE DESIGN & ELEMENTS ARE EXISTING. PLAN IS INCLUDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY.	
8	REMOVE EXISTING TRASH ENCLOSURE	TOTAL SEATS: 166			
9	REMOVE PATCH AND REPAIR EXISTING ASPHALT AND SUB-BRADE AS REQUIRED	<b>PARKING REQUIRED:</b>			
10	EXISTING CURB TO REMAIN	DINING: 2,090 SQ FT / 150 = 14			
11	NEW CURB, SEE CIVIL DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFO	KITCHEN & BAR: 957 SQ FT / 150 = 6			
		OUTDOOR DINING: 1,167 SQ FT / 200 = 4			
		TOTAL REQUIRED: 24			



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KEYED NOTES:

NUMBER	NOTE
1	NEW STOREFRONT
2	NEW NANA WALL STOREFRONT
3	NEW RAILING. GC TO SUBMIT SHOP DRAWINGS FOR OWNER AND ARCHITECT APPROVAL
4	NEW FULLY GLAZED TEMPERED GLASS ROLLING SHUTTER, GC TO SUBMIT SHOP DRAWINGS FOR OWNER AND ARCHITECT APPROVAL
5	STAINLESS STEEL CORNER GUARD (16 GA 1-1/2" RETURNS). INSTALL FROM TOP OF TILE TO CEILING, BY KITCHEN VENDOR
6	STAINLESS STEEL END CAP (16 GA 1-1/2" RETURNS). INSTALL FROM TOP OF TILE TO CEILING BY KITCHEN VENDOR
7	STAINLESS STEEL CLOSURE, PLATE (16 GA) FROM FLOOR TO CEILING OR BOTTOM OF BULKHEAD, BY KITCHEN VENDOR
8	ADA BAR TOP
9	PROVIDE CUSTOM ADA TABLE BASE
10	GC TO RUN BEER LINE UNDERSLAB FROM BEER COOLER TO BEER TAPS. CONFIRM ROUTING WITH BEER VENDOR.
11	GC TO RUN SODA LINES UNDERGROUND AND THROUGH BAR DIE WALL FROM BAG N' BOX TO SODA MACHINE. CONFIRM ROUTING WITH SODA VENDOR.
12	NEW BACK BAR CASEWORK, FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY JBI. REFER TO DETAILS.
13	KITCHEN DOORS MUST BE TIGHT-FITTING, SELF-CLOSING AND VERMIN PROOF. 1/4" MAX. GAP AT THE BASE.
14	EXISTING TENANT DEMISING WALL.
15	NEW GREETER'S STATION, FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY JBI.
16	NEW HOST STATION SCREEN WALL FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY JBI. REFER TO DETAIL 04/A601
17	NEW PLANTERS AND ARTIFICIAL PLANT SPECIFICATION/ INFO TO BE PROVIDED BY OWNER.
18	NEW MILLWORK/STEEL CUSTOM FABRICATED PATIO PLANTER BOX
19	NEW AV CABINET FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY JBI. BLUE LED LIGHT PROVIDED BY OWNER, INSTALLED BY GC. REFER TO ELECTRICAL FOR CIRCUIT INFORMATION.
20	NEW DRINK RAIL. REFER TO FURNITURE SCHEDULE.
21	NEW FOOTRAIL, FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY JBI. REFER TO DETAILS.
22	EXISTING COLUMN TO REMAIN.
23	NEW STRUCTURAL COLUMN. SEE STRCUTURAL DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
24	OWNER PROVIDED SAFE AND PRINTER. PRINTER TO HAVE POWER AND DATA CONNECTION.
25	RAISED CHARACTER AND BRAILLE SIGN READING EXIT. INSTALL PER CBC 1013.4 REFER TO 2/A002 FOR INSTALLATION HEIGHTS AND LOCATIONS
26	MT-101 SCHLUTER CORNERS BY GC.
27	NEW POS STATION FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY JBI.
28	NEW OUTDOOR POS STATION.
29	DOOR SIGNAGE, SEE 2/G-002
30	NEW PATIO GATE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH PANIC HARDWARE.
31	MOP SINK SEE PLUMBING DRAWINGS

SYMBOLS LEGEND:

	NEW WALLS		LIGHT FIXTURE
	COUNTER TOP		SECTION MARK
	DIMENSION LINE		WALL TYPE
	ELEVATION MARK		WALL BEYOND
	EXISTING CONDITIONS		GLAZING TAG
	FINISH		
	FURNITURE		
	KEYED NOTE		
	PARTIAL HEIGHT WALL		

PARTITIONS LEGEND:

	INTERIOR PARTITIONS
	PARTIAL HEIGHT WALLS
	EXISTING CONDITIONS
	FREEZER/ COOLER WALLS
	EXISTING 1-HOUR U419 RATED DEMISING WALL BY LANDLORD
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	INTERIOR PARTITION WITH SOUND BATT INSULATION

GENERAL NOTES:

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- B. GC SHALL SUPPLY & INSTLL RECESSED FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AS REQUIRED BY LOCAL CODES. LOCATION PER LOCAL CODES.
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- E. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT BY GC. SEE ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS.
- F. PLUMBING EQUIPMENT BY GC. SEE PLUMBING DRAWINGS.
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- H. PROVIDE 2" AIR SPACE AT SIDES OF COOLER. VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATION WITH VENDOR'S SHOP DRAWINGS. NO FINISH ON WALLS BEHIND COOLER, (TAPE AND PRIME ONLY)
- I. SOUND BATT INSULATION TO BE MINIMUM CLASS 2 WITH A FLAME SPREAD RATING OF 25 TO 75.
- J. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GC AND TRADES TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE EXISTING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID. COORDINATE SURVY WITH OWNER AND LANDLORD.
- K. THE OWNER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGE ORDERS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO RESULT FROM CONDITIONS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.
- L. CAULK ALL JOINTS BETWEEN MATERIALS.
- M. DEMISING WALL FRAMING TO BE COMPLETED BY GC, TYP.
- N. REQUIREMENTS AT DOORS:
- a. 1/2" MAXIMUM HIGH THRESHOLD (ABOVE FLOOR AND LANDING ON BOTH SIDES) AT BUILDING MAIN ENTRY AND EGRESS DOORS.
- b. MAXIMUM DOOR OPENING EFFORT OF 5 LBS. AT EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR DOORS.
- c. ALL DOORS ARE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SINGLE-EFFORT, NON-GRASP HARDWARE CENTERED BETWEEN 34" AND 44" AFF.
- d. 10" KICKPLATE AT BOTTOM OF GLAZED DOORS (MAIN ENTRY AND EGRESS DOORS)
- O. BARRICADES AND/OR WINDOW GRAPHICS CANNOT BE REMOVED UNTIL LANDLORD'S TENANT COORDINATOR HAS PROVIDED WRITTEN APPROVAL THAT STOREFRONT MODIFICATION WORK IS COMPLETE AND THE WORK IS ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AND THE TENANT'S PREMISES IS FULLY MERCHANDISED AND PREPARED TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS. TENANT'S GENERAL GC IS REQUIRED TO SCHEDULE THE DATE FOR REMOVAL OF THE BARRICADE. LANDLORD RECOMMENDS THAT TENANT GENERAL GC CONTACT THE LANDLORD'S VENDOR AT LEAST 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE PROJECTED DATE THAT THE TENANT PLANS TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS.
- P. GC TO FINAL CLEANING ONE BEFORE TURNOVER, ONE BEFORE HEALTH INSPECTION, AND FINAL CLEANING DAY BEFORE OPENING.

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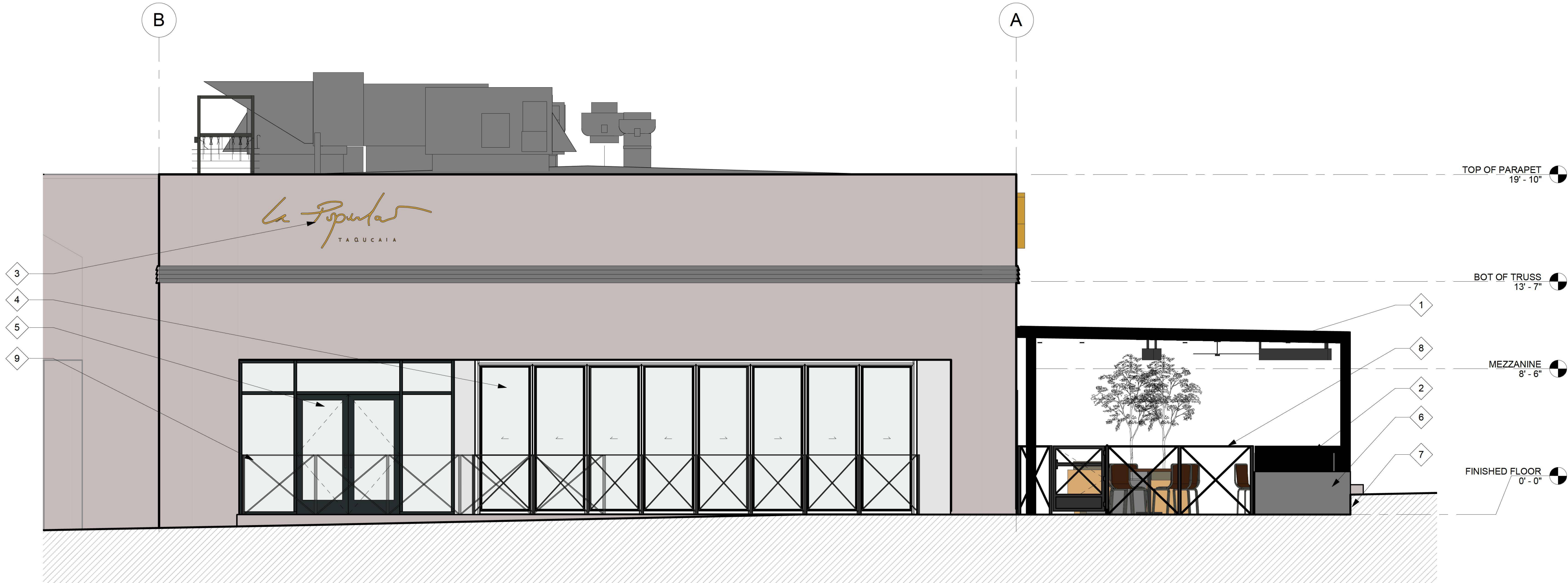
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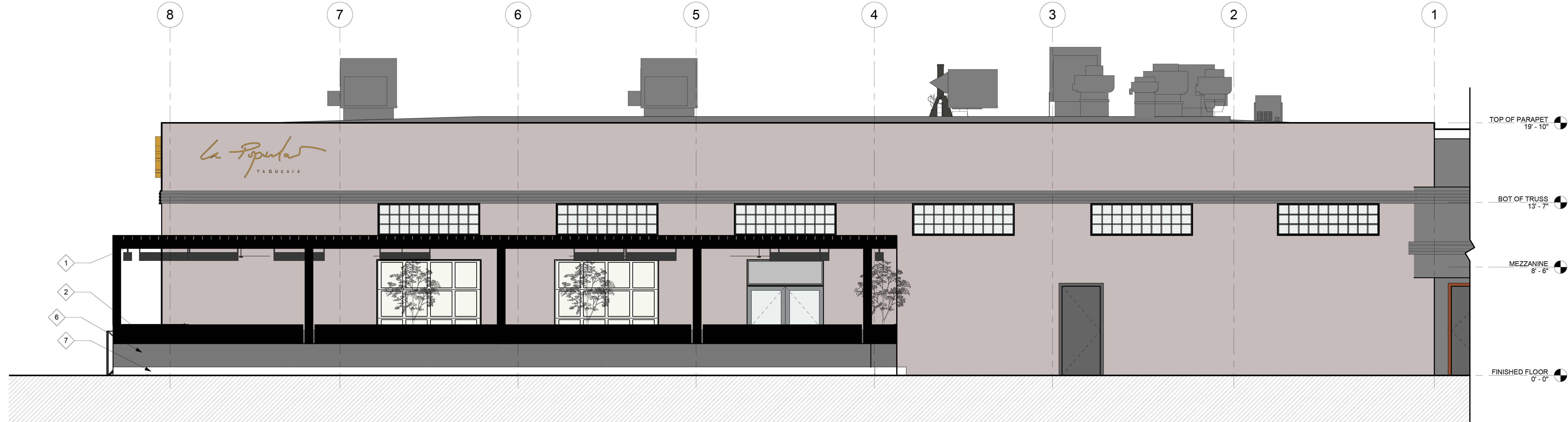
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1 EAST ELEVATION  
1/4" = 1'-0"



2 NORTH ELEVATION  
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## GENERAL NOTES:

- A. ALL SIGNAGE TO COMPLY WITH LL TENANT DESIGN CRITERIA.  
B. ALL NEW STOREFRONT GLASS TO HAVE DARK TINT. CONFIRM SPECIFICATION WITH OWNER.  
C. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GC AND TRADES TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE EXISTING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID. COORDINATE SURVEY WITH THE OWNER AND LANDLORD. THE OWNER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGE ORDERS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO RESULT FROM CONDITIONS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.

## KEYED NOTES:

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1	NEW MECHANICAL EQUINOX LOUVERED SYSTEM OVER PATIO. ENGINEERED BY MANUFACTURER TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE CODES AND REGULATIONS. FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY MANUFACTURER.
2	NEW MILLWORK/STEEL CUSTOM FABRICATED PATIO PLANTER BOX
3	NEW HALO AND FACELIT ACRYLIC SIGN. FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY SIGNAGE VENDOR. GC TO PROVIDE NECESSARY BLOCKING AND ACCESS PANELS. REFER TO ELECTRICAL SHEETS FOR MORE INFORMATION. SIGNAGE UNDER SEPARATE PERMIT.
4	NEW LA CANTINA FOLDING SYSTEM
5	NEW STOREFRONT
6	NEW LOW CMU WALL; STACK BOND WITH RAKED JOINTS
7	NEW CONCRETE CURB
8	NEW RAILING AND GATE AT PATIO
9	NEW RAILING AT NEW SLOPED WALK

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① 3D PATIO VIEW



② 3D ENTRY VIEW

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