5. CASE 22.030, 126 ADELAIDE AVENUE, Westminster Congregational Church (Unitarian) 2 / Hood Memorial AME Zion Church, 1901 (PLD-RES)

This complex was erected by the Westminster Unitarian Society, a parish founded in 1828. In 1901 the congregation, compelled by the crush of business to vacate its venerable 4 Mathewson Street church, erected the modest shingle and stone chapel at the corner of Hamilton Street. This Woodbury Memorial Chapel, named for Augustus Woodbury, pastor of the church from 1857 to 1892, was designed by Howard K. Hilton and built by Theodore A. Perry, mason, and Thomas H. Doane, carpenter. The handsome cross-gable stone, auditorium-type, Gothic sanctuary, also designed by Hilton, was completed in 1907. In 1959 the Westminster Society moved to East Greenwich. The property was sold to the Friendship United Methodist Church, a predominantly Swedish group founded in 1883 in South Providence. This church was dissolved in September 1977. The church complex has become the home of the Hood Memorial Church, the descendant of Black Methodist congregations which had met since, the early 1860s at 148 Wadsworth Street in West Elmwood.

CONTRIBUTING



Arrow indicates 126 Adelaide Avenue.



Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

Owner/Applicant: Touchdown Realty, 319 Main Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852 Architect: David Sisson Architecture PC, 345 Taunton Ave, east Providence, RI 02914

Proposal: The scope of work proposed consists of Major Alterations and includes:

The applicant is requesting the following:

the modification of the roofline, addition of dormers and the introduction/removal of fenestration and doors.

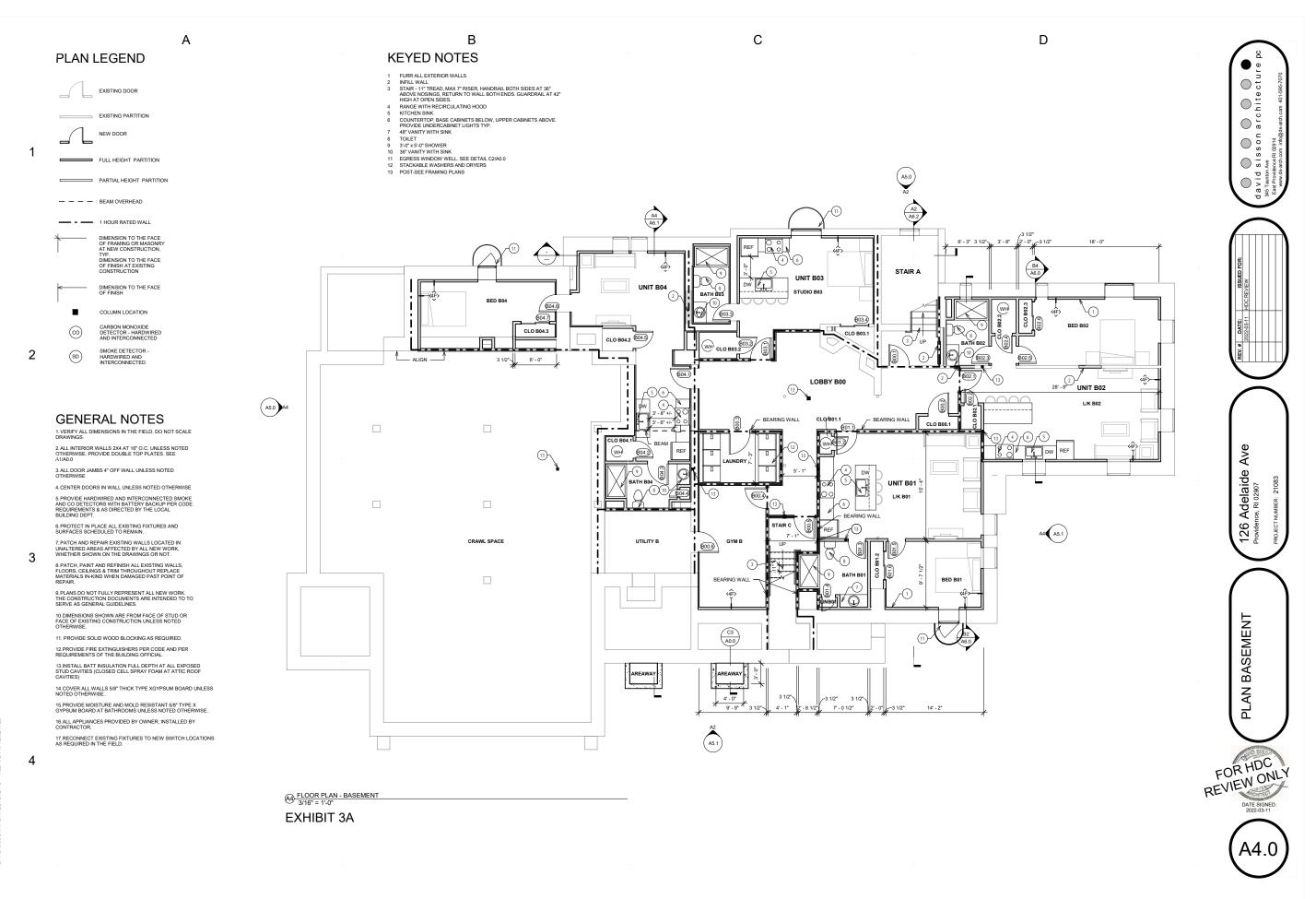
Issues: The following issues are relevant to this application:

- The proposal is for conceptual review;
- In January 2020, the Commission reviewed and granted approval for similar modifications to a previous owner. Upon examination that design, the new owners have determined that there was not the appropriate height need for the interior spaces. The new design is similar to the previously reviewed design;
- The proposed modifications are in keeping with the character of the property. The most significant proposal, the second-floor addition on the south elevation with be minimally-to-not-visible from the public right-of-way;
- Plans, photos and renderings have been provided; and,
- The previous owners had received a zoning use variance for a multi-family house in an R-2 district. The current applicants are inquiring with the zoning officials as to whether that variance is still valid or if another new variance will need to be applied for. It is the Planning Dept's understanding that most likely a new zoning use variance will be needed.

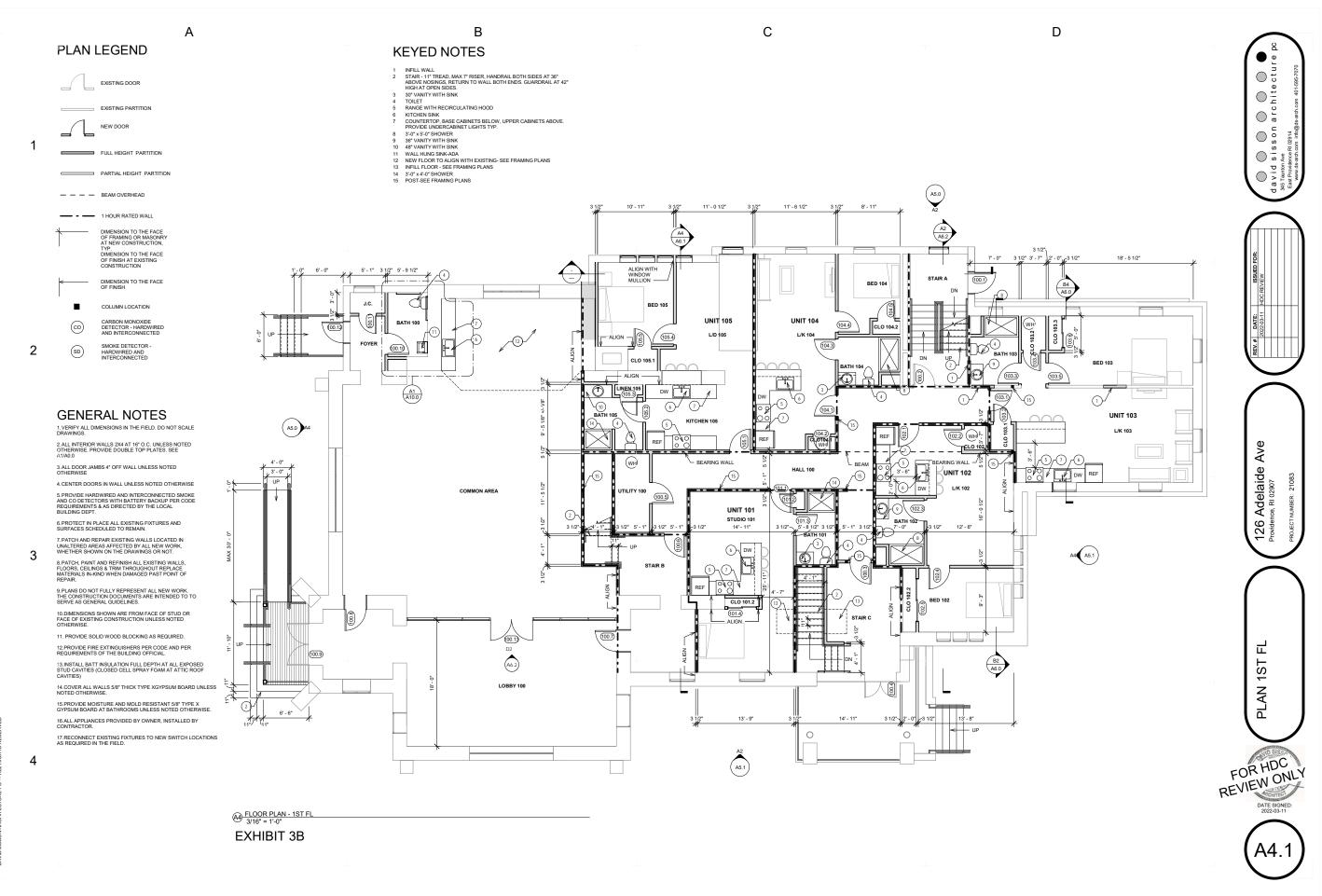
Recommendations: The staff recommends the PHDC make the following findings of fact:

- a) 126 Adelaide Ave is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the Providence landmarks District-Residential, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Elmwood National Register Historic District;
- b) The application for Major Alterations is considered complete for conceptual review; and,
- c) The work as proposed is in accord with PHDC Standard 8 as follows: the proposal as submitted does not destroy the historic character of the property or the district and is aesthetically compatible with the property and district as the proposed alterations are to a secondary addition, is reversible and will not have an adverse effect on the property or district.

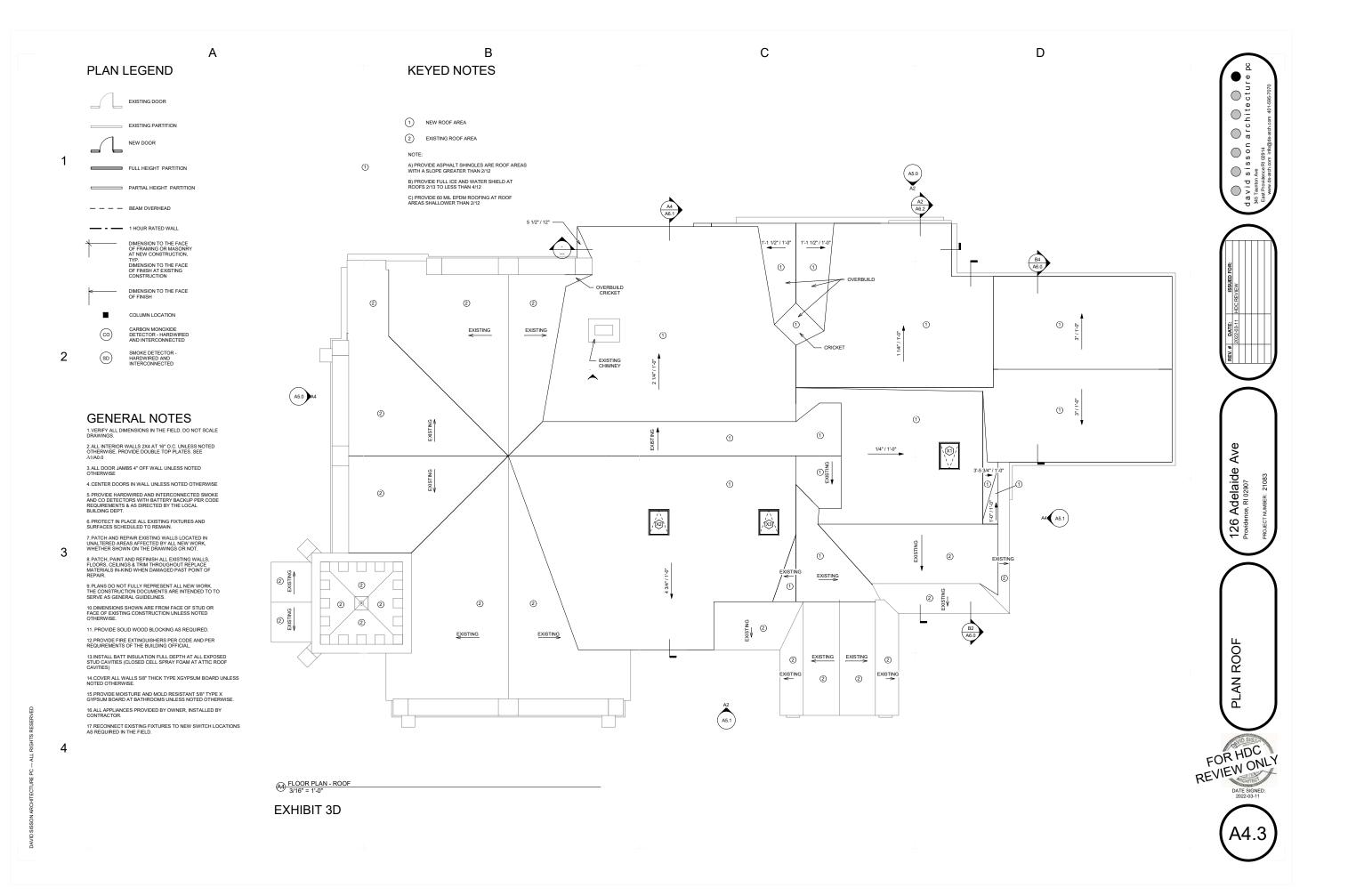
Staff recommends a motion be made stating that: The application is considered complete. 126 Adelaide Ave is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the Providence landmarks District-Residential, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Elmwood National Register Historic District. The Commission grants Conceptual Approval of the proposal as submitted as the proposal as submitted does not destroy the historic character of the property or the district and is aesthetically compatible with the property and district, is reversible and will not have an adverse effect on the property or district, and the recommendations in the staff report, with the applicant to return to the Commission for final approval once any required zoning relief has been granted.

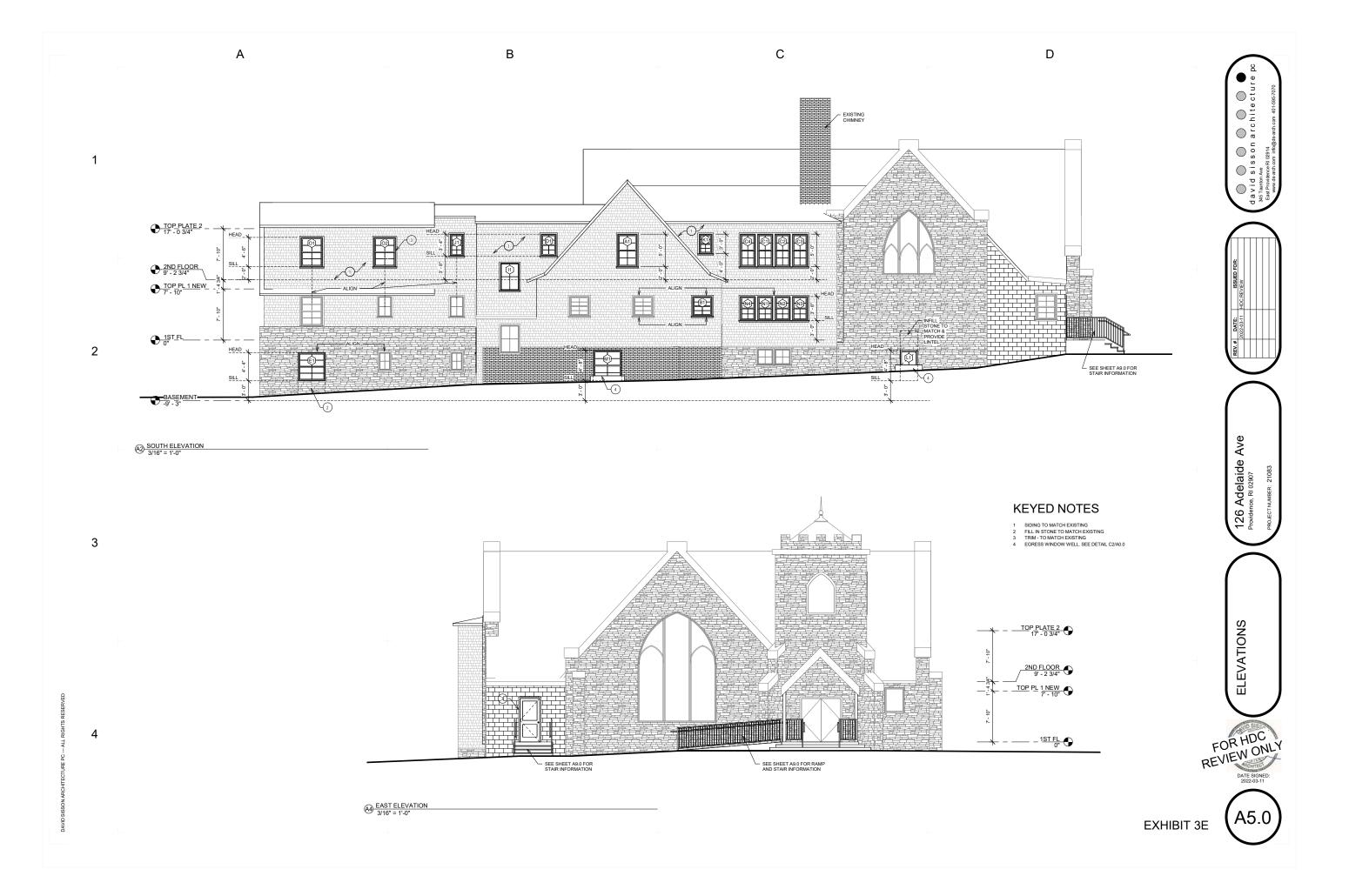


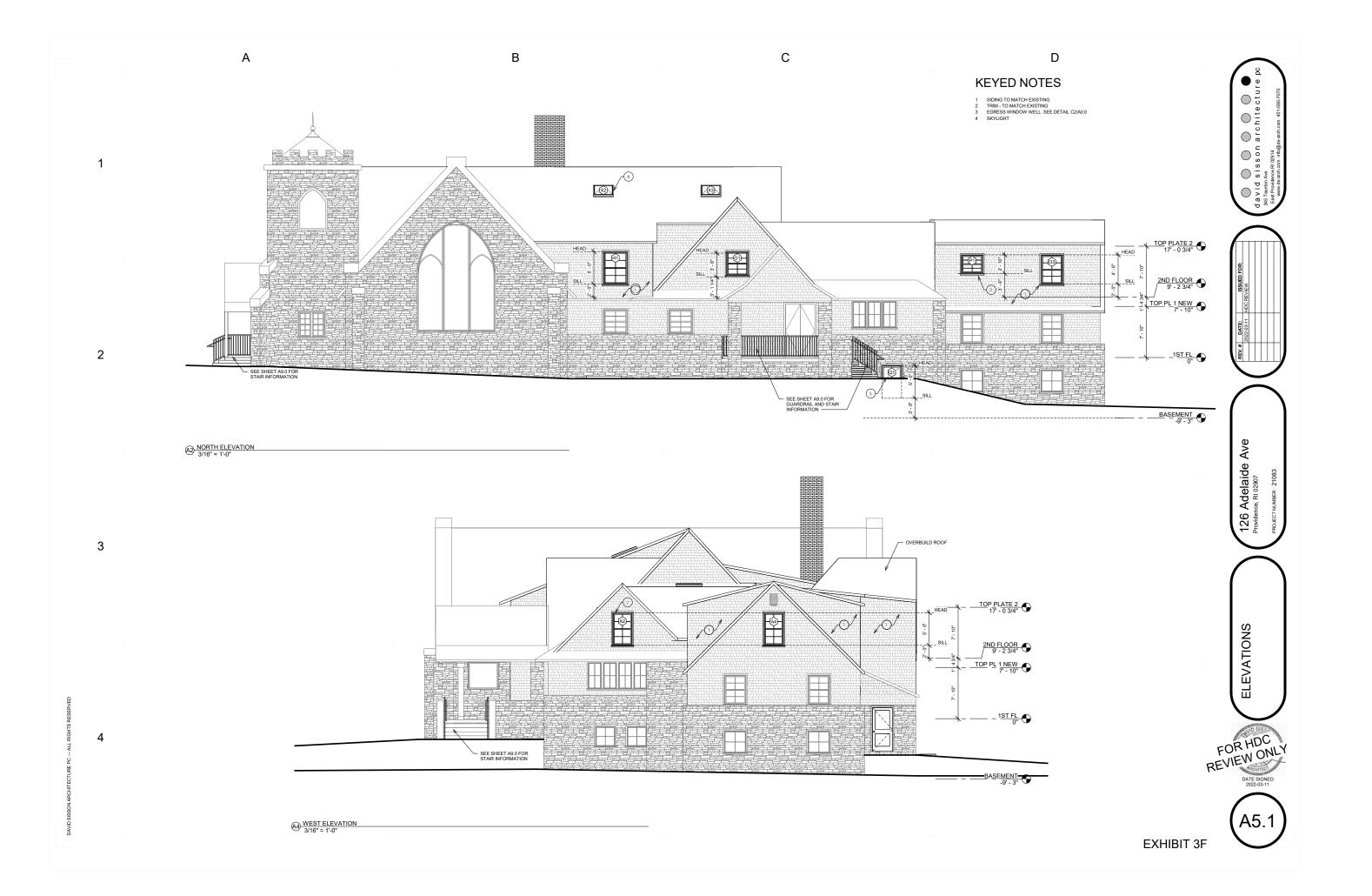
AVID SISSON ARCHITECTURE PC --- ALL RIGHTS RESERVED



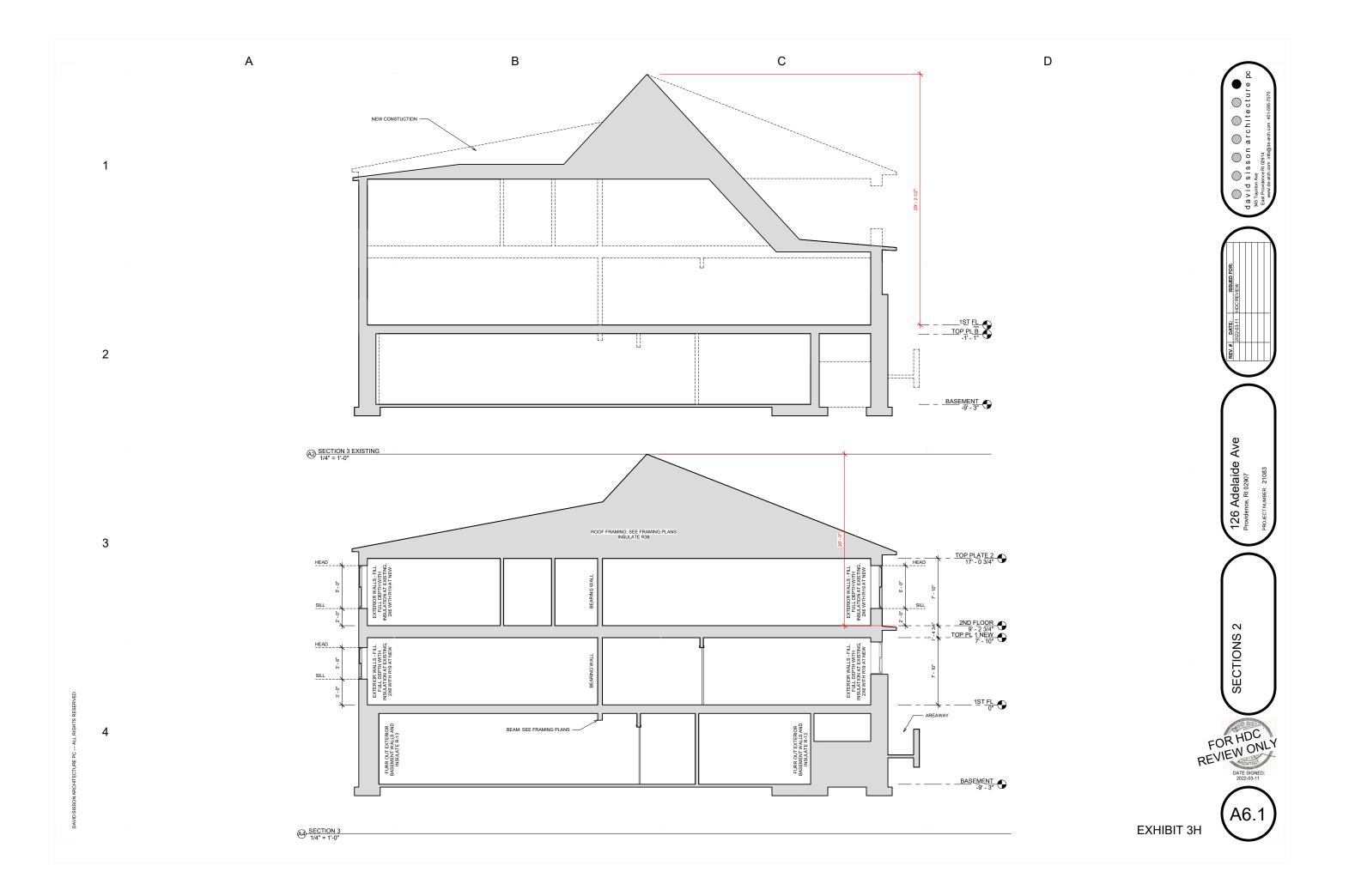
Massa studie IIV Se sei tostiloevinossis di













Α

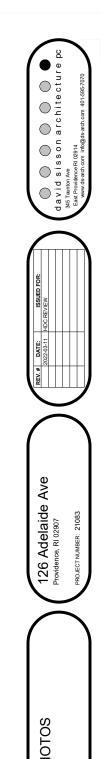


D

3

2





PHOTOS



