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Waldorf School—201 S. Winebiddle Street

Individual Landmark

Bloomfield Neighborhood

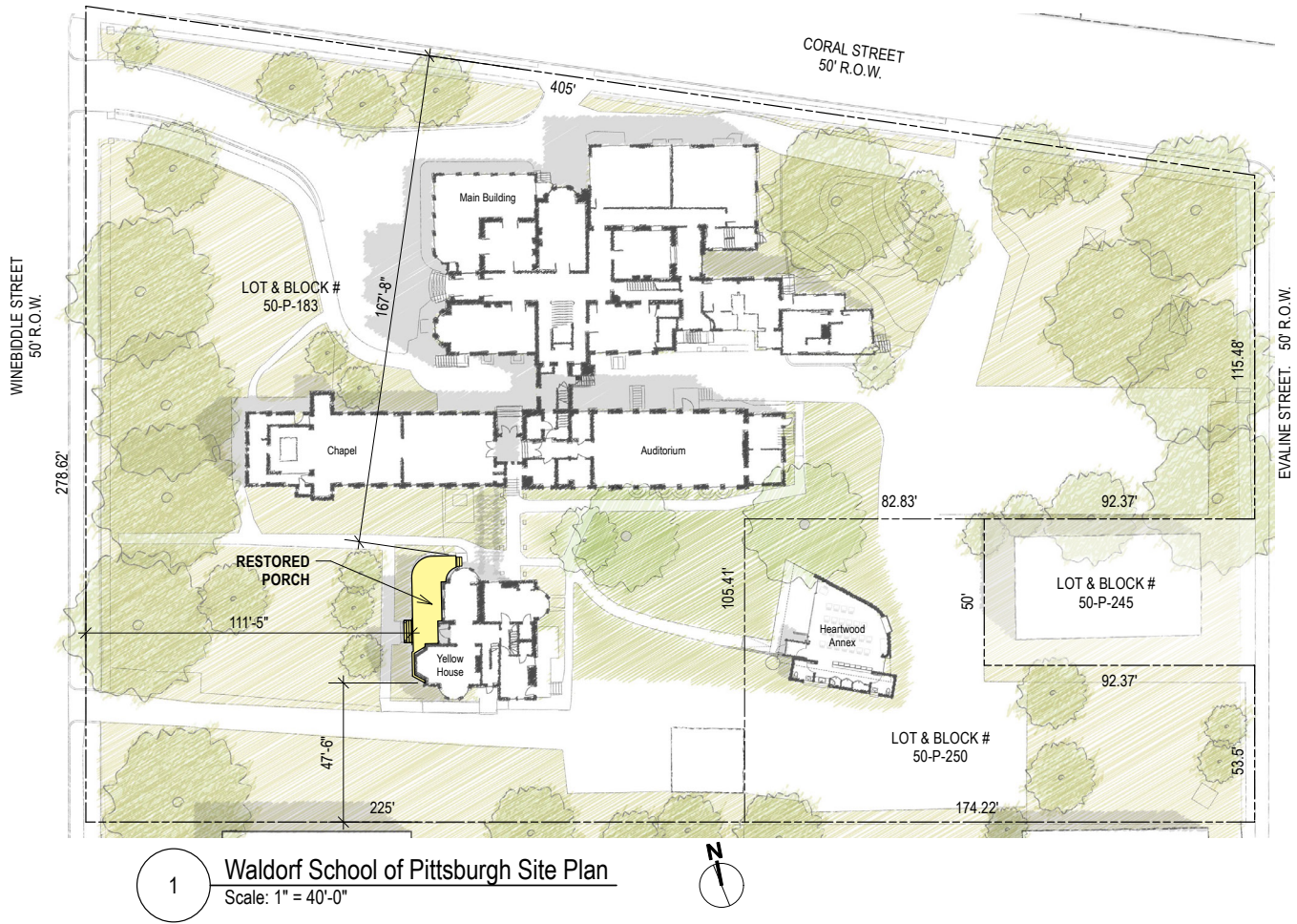
Porch restoration

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE (YELLOW HOUSE)

View From Winebiddle Street



View from Winebiddle Street Along Existing Pathway



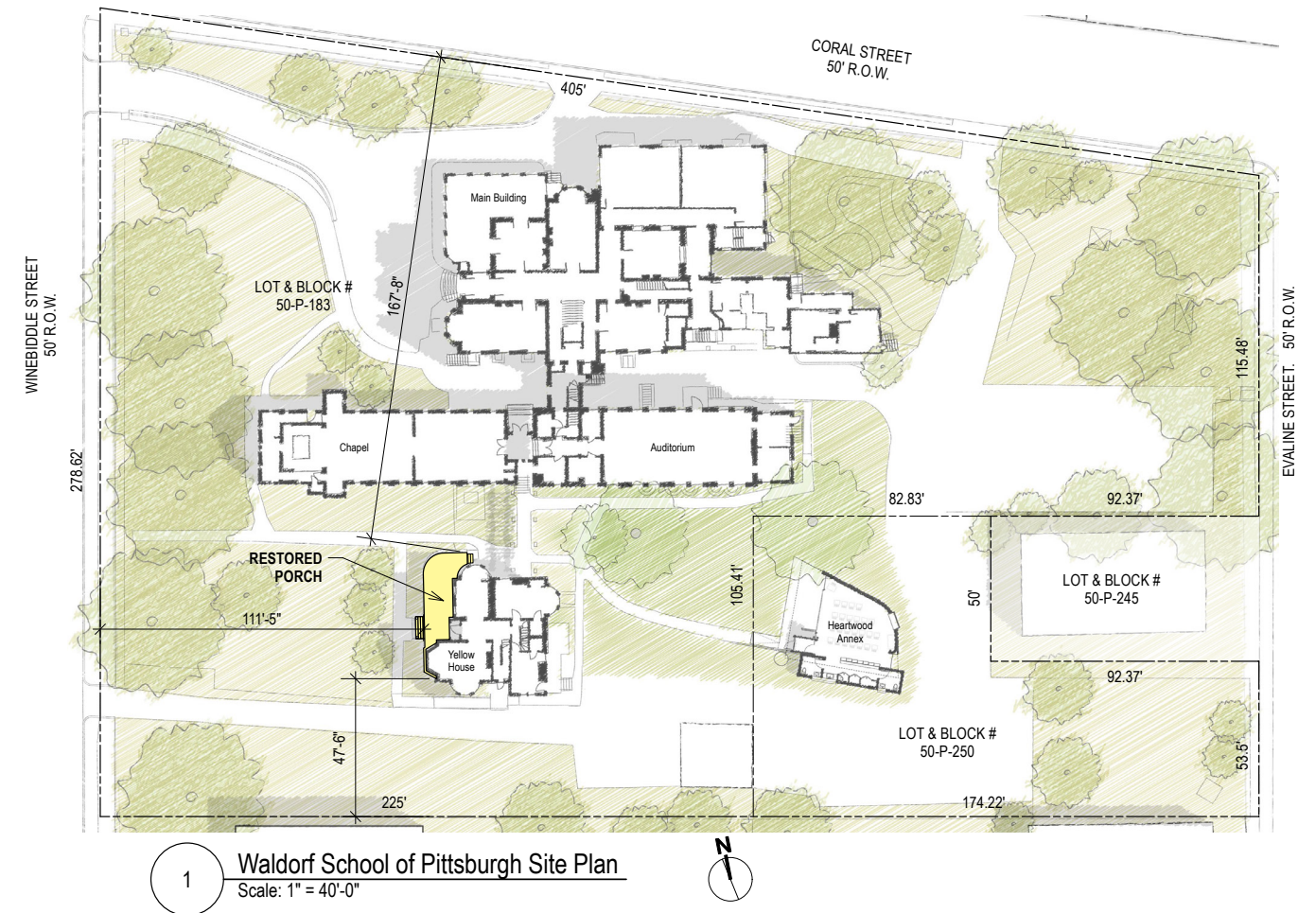
View from Winebiddle Street (between fence pickets)



View from Winebiddle Street (through fence pickets)

URSULINE ACADEMY IN PITTSBURGH

- **1872:** The Ursuline Young Ladies Academy was established.
- **1894:** Ursuline Sisters purchased 2.4 acres, including the 21-room Second Empire mansion, and relocated their school from Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood to the present-day 201 S. Winebiddle Street.
- **1894-1949:** Mother Ursula Crawford oversaw a significant expansion of the campus. The Friendship/Yellow/Sutton House was acquired by the Ursuline Sisters in **1921**.
- In its middle years, Ursuline Academy offered classes from elementary through 12th grade, but later focused on grades 9-12 for young women. Decreased enrollment and the opening of a Catholic High School in Lawrenceville led to the closing of Ursuline Academy in June **1981**.
- Early **1990s:** Ursuline Sisters sold the property.
- **1993-2002:** the site and building was known as "Victoria Hall," a venue for weddings and parties.
- **2003-Present:** The property is home to the Waldorf School of Pittsburgh, a part of the larger Waldorf education movement.



Historic Status

- 201 Winebiddle was individually listed as a City Landmark in **1982**, and added to PHLF's Historic Landmarks list in **1984**. The campus was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in **2012**.

Sources Referenced:

- Jeff Slack, Principal with Time & Place LLC.
- <https://ursulinesisterslouisville.org/ursuline-academy-pittsburgh/> accessed April 28, 2025.
- Wikipedia, accessed April 28, 2025.

FRIENDSHIP / YELLOW / SUTTON HOUSE

- Circa **1881-90**: The house was built for Ann Sutton, widow of Alfred Sutton, Esq. No evidence found connecting its (presently unknown) architect to any other Waldorf buildings.
- **1921**: The Queen Anne-style house was acquired by the Ursuline Sisters to house boarding students and sisters. The house was referred to as St. Ursula Hall. In 1948, the school stopped taking boarding students.
- **1981**: After the Ursuline Academy closed, the house served as a hostel for families visiting hospitalized relatives from out of town (circa 1980s).
- **2003-Present**: Now owned by the Waldorf School of Pittsburgh, the Yellow House is home to the Little Friends program for children ages 18 months - 3 years. Little Friends are cared for in a mixed-age, family-style setting.
- **Before it was damaged by a fallen tree, in 2020, the Yellow House's curving porch served as an extension of the building interior, providing sheltered play space for children especially during inclement weather. After the porch is rebuilt, the porch will once again support Little Friends programming and activities.**



1950 photograph of the Friendship House



Circa 1948 photograph of the Friendship House interior.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE (YELLOW HOUSE)

2020 Porch Photos Before Tree Damage

- The Yellow House porch has been modified over time.
- The curved corner of the porch settled, changing roof drainage patterns and requiring a new, central downspout to be added. Rainwater had been conveyed to the (2) porch ends.
- The porch's original, low-sloped metal roof covering has been replaced by a rubber roof.
- Original porch posts were replaced by open-lattice metal posts.
- The original wood stairs at the front and rear of the porch were replaced by concrete stairs.
- The original square porch lattice has been replaced by pressure-treated fence lattice panels along the base of the porch.



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE (YELLOW HOUSE)

2025 Porch Photos After Tree Damage

- Access to most of the Yellow House porch is now prevented by a pressure-treated, lattice fence.
- A portion of the porch deck remains at the front building entrance. Several metal posts were removed, along with most of the porch deck, when the porch was damaged by a fallen tree in 2020. The porch roof is partially propped up by 2x wood supports.
- Rainwater from the porch is collected and conveyed to the site by a temporary, round downspout at the curve of the porch roof.



Project Goal

Reconstructing the original porch design, as closely as possible, within the Waldorf School of Pittsburgh's project budget.



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE (YELLOW HOUSE)

Proposed Materials: Posts, Pedestals & Capitals



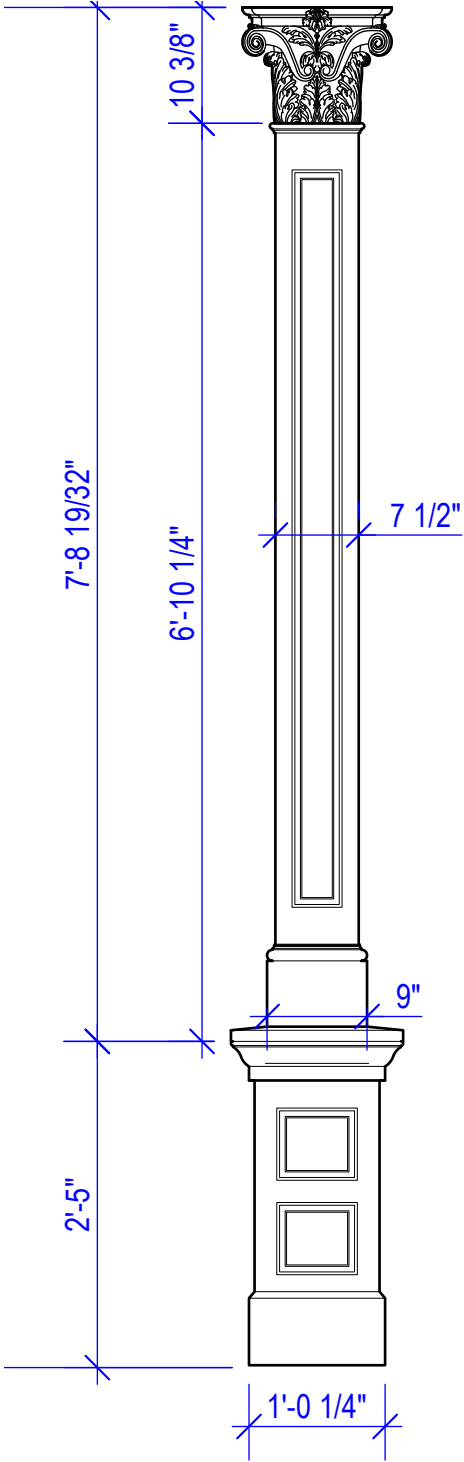
Existing original pilaster capital.



Existing original pilaster capital



The existing, original Pilaster, including the Composite-style capital, post and base, will serve as a model for new Porch Posts and Pedestals.



Proposed design for replacement posts, based on the design of the original existing, remaining pilasters.

Composite Order (Italian Renaissance Venice) - PILASTER CAP - [Plaster Material]

ITEM #: CAP-IRV-08-PLAS-F-2

*RETURN: Specify the depth of

CAP SIZE : 8" x 10-3/8" x 13-3/8"

Price: **\$505.25**
Shipping calculated at checkout

Quantity: 1

Add to cart

Composite Order (Italian Renaissance Venice) - PILASTER CAP

CAP-IRV-08-PLAS-F-2

Pilaster Capitals (Square)
Renaissance Pilaster Capital -
For 8" Wide Shaft
8" Width x 10 3/8" Ht. (Abacus - 13 3/8")

Please Specify Return: Return can be made 1/2 of face width or less.

Supplied in Paint Grade Plaster.

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PROJECT NAME:

SHOP DRAWING:
Composite Order (Italian Renaissance Venice) -
PILASTER CAP | Width: 8"

MATERIAL
PLASTER

NOTE
Quantity: (____)
*Produce as drawn.

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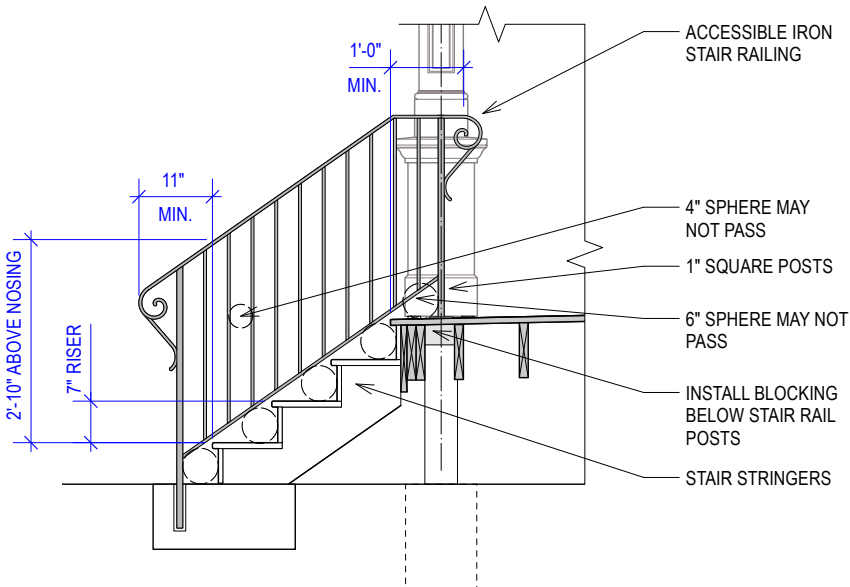
Plaster capitals will be shellacked and then receive an acrylic painted top coat. Seams between the capital and the beam and the post below will be caulked. Copper flashing will be installed above the capital where it extends beyond the beam and is exposed to the elements.

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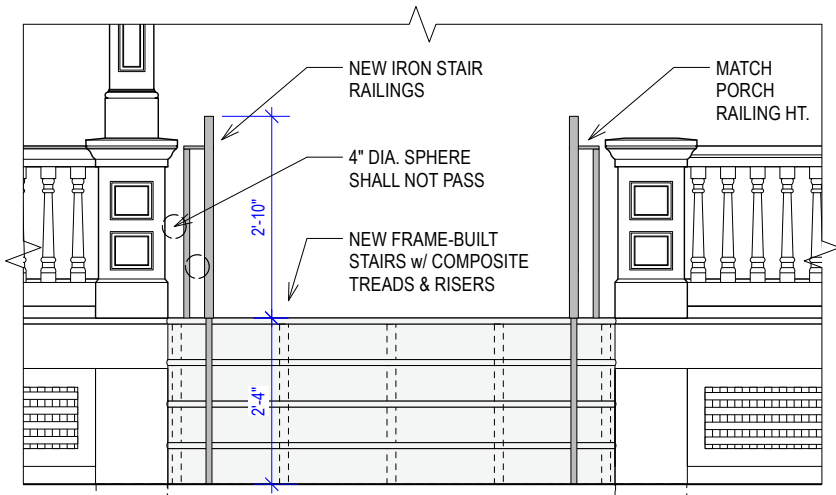
Proposed Materials: Deck, Front Stairs & Stair Railings



Friendship Stair Rail Example w/ Pickets



1 STAIR SECTION w/ RAILING
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2 ELEVATION DETAIL: NEW FRONT STAIRS
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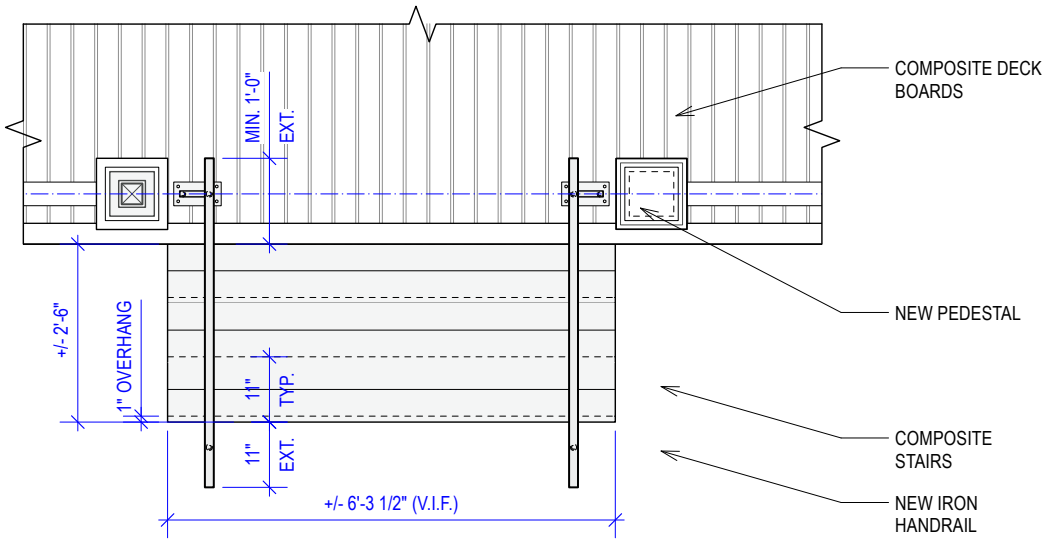
Friendship Stair Rail Example w/ Scrolled Railing Return



TimberTech Advanced PVC Porch Collection: Hardwood & Stained Wood Looks, in Oyster Gray



Proposed Deck and Stair Tread / Riser Material



3 PLAN: NEW FRONT STAIRS
Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

Front Stair Rebuild w/ ADA-Compliant Stair Railings

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE (YELLOW HOUSE)

Proposed Materials: Porch Top Rail, Base Rail & Balusters

Touchstone Woodworks

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Handcrafted Beauty,
Uncompromising Quality

1990 - 2019

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YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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Turned Cedar Balusters 3 X 3
(2-1/2" square)

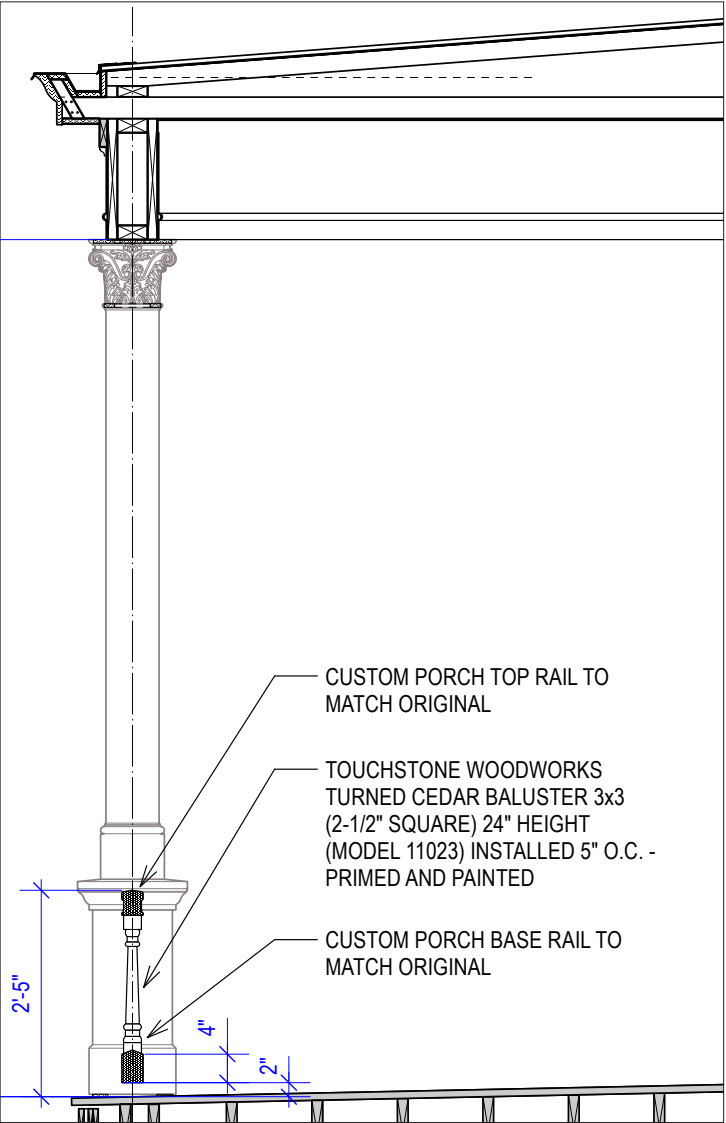
Note: Building codes for baluster spacing,
railing height and toe space vary by region
and should be consulted.

| Length/Application | Base | Turning | Top | 11010 | 11011 | 11014 | 11016 | 11020 | 11023 |
|-------------------------|------|---------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 24" for 32" porch rail* | 4" | 16" | 4" A | -----\$28.06ea / 30+ \$24.38-----> | | | | | |
| 30" for stair rail | 7" | 16" | 7" B | \$32.19ea / 30+ \$28.50 | | | | | |
| 28" for 36"porch rail* | 4" | 20" | 4" C | \$36.38ea / 30+ \$31.44 | | | | | |
| 34" for stair rail | 7" | 20" | 7" D | \$40.50ea / 30+ \$35.56 | | | | | |
| 34" for 42" porch rail* | 7" | 20" | 7" E | \$40.50ea / 30+ \$35.56 | | | | | |
| 40" for stair rail | 10" | 20" | 10" F | \$44.63ea / 30+ \$39.69 | | | | | |

*These rail heights are based on using Handrail #3 with a 3-1/2" toe space



Porch Balusters
A catalogue-sourced baluster will be used. This design is similar to the original but lacks some banding.



Porch Railing
The outer edge of the porch is less than 30" above the adjacent ground: therefore a full-height porch railing is not required by 2018 IBC. The original 29" height porch railing design will be restored.

Porch Top Rail & Base Rail:
Will be custom made to match the original profile using mahogany, Spanish cedar or clear pine.



Profile of original porch top rail and base rail are visible.



Original top rail profile.



Original base rail profile.

Pedestal only, no post above

Wood balustrade with turned balusters

Top: 1950s photograph of the front facade of Friendship House (Archives of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, KY).

Bottom left: Students on front porch of Friendship House (Ursuline Academy yearbook photo, 1971).

Bottom right: Balustrade detail (Ursuline Academy yearbook photo, 1968).

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Proposed Materials: Lighting, Porch Beam, Box Gutter & Cornice Dentils



Original porch box beam.



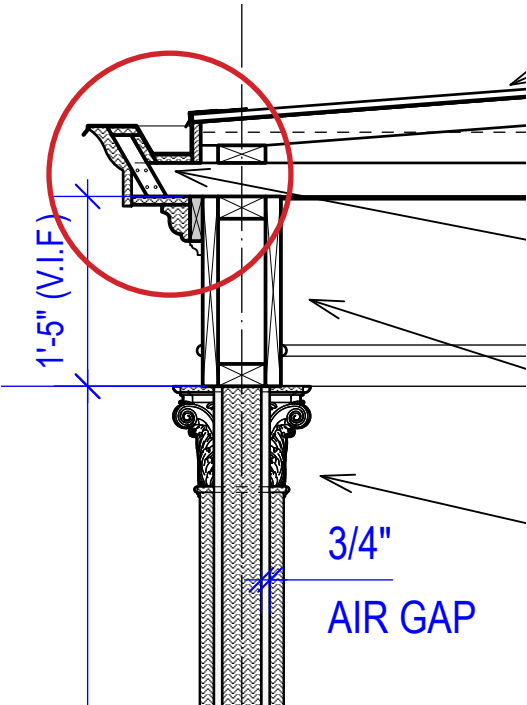
Existing porch lighting will be retained.



Wood outriggers will be sistered to existing porch roof when box gutter is rebuilt.



Porch cornice dentils are visible in historic photos, but they are no longer present.



The copper-lined box gutter will be reestablished. Replacement dentils, below the box gutter, will be shaped similarly to the 2nd floor bracket ends..



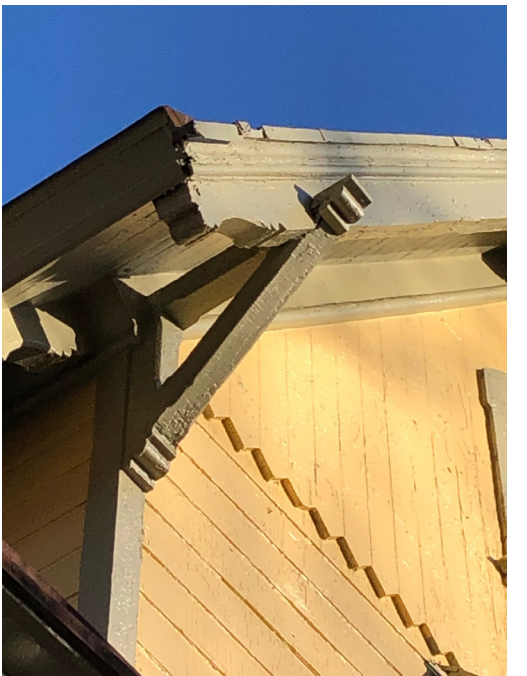
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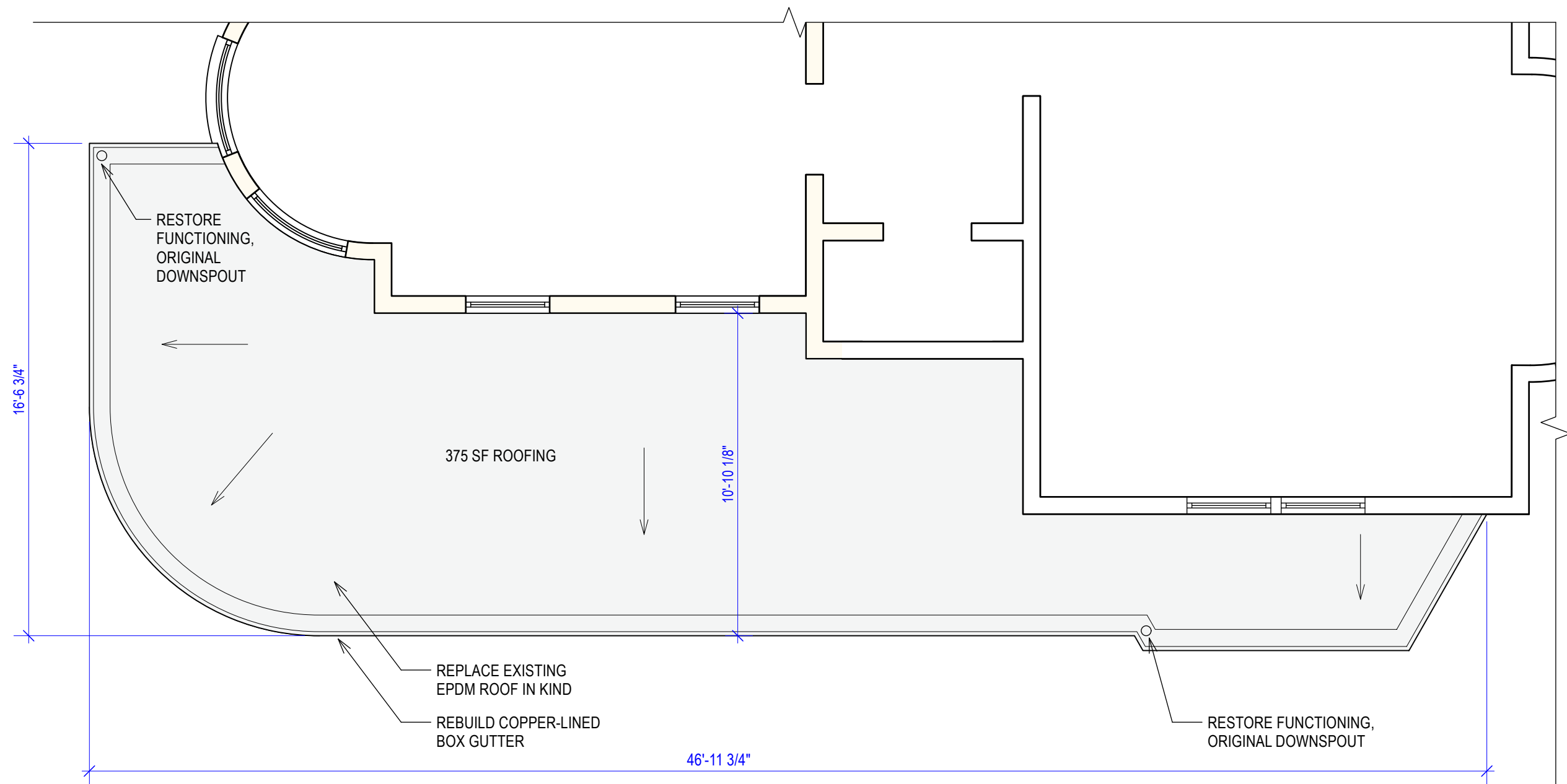
Existing rear porch stair and railings will remain as-is.



The shadows of missing porch cornice dentils are visible.



The curving shape of bracket ends upstairs inspired the design of new porch dentils..



1 PORCH ROOF PLAN
Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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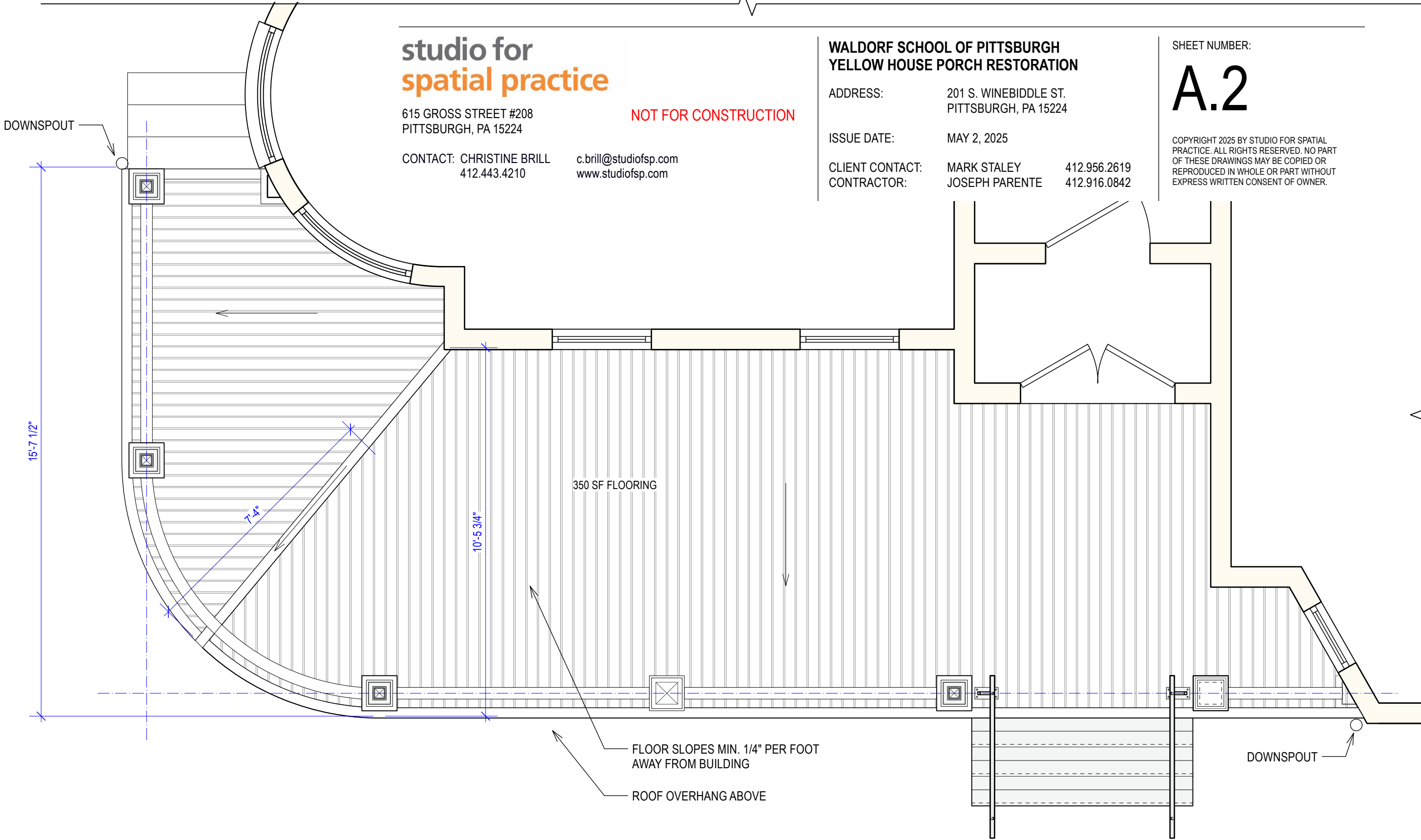
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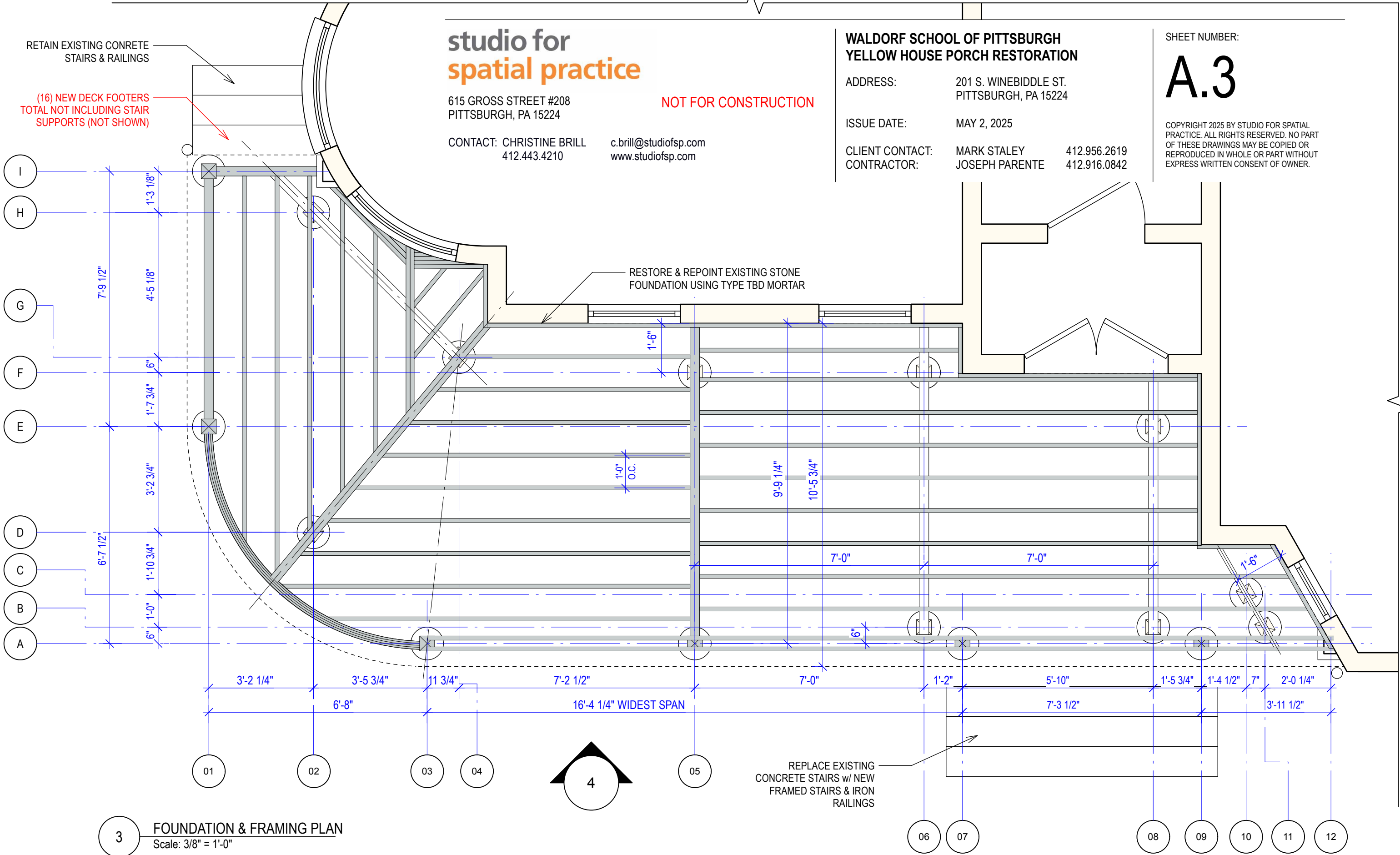
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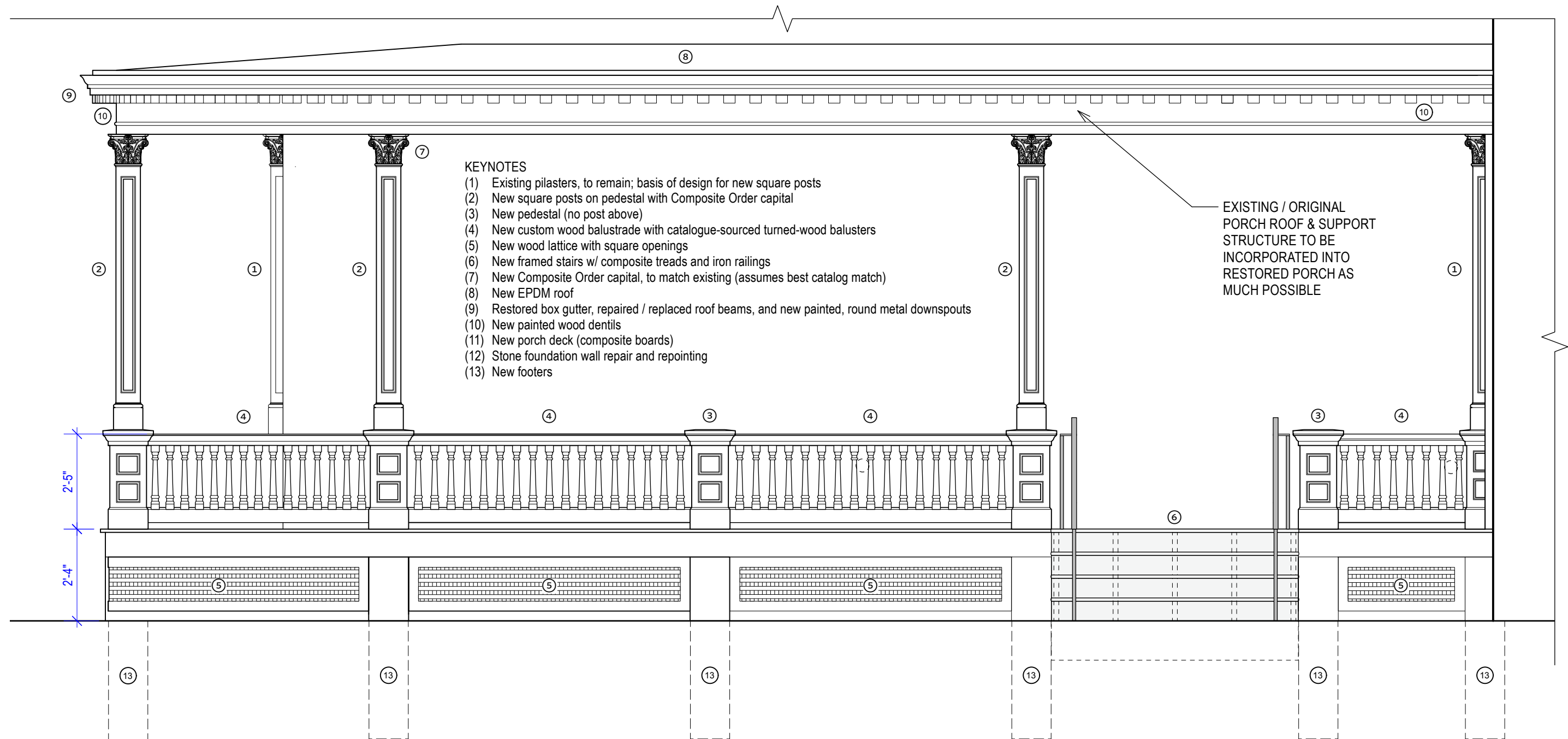
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FOUNDATION & FRAMING PLAN
Scale: 3/8" = 1'-0"



1 FRONT PORCH ELEVATION
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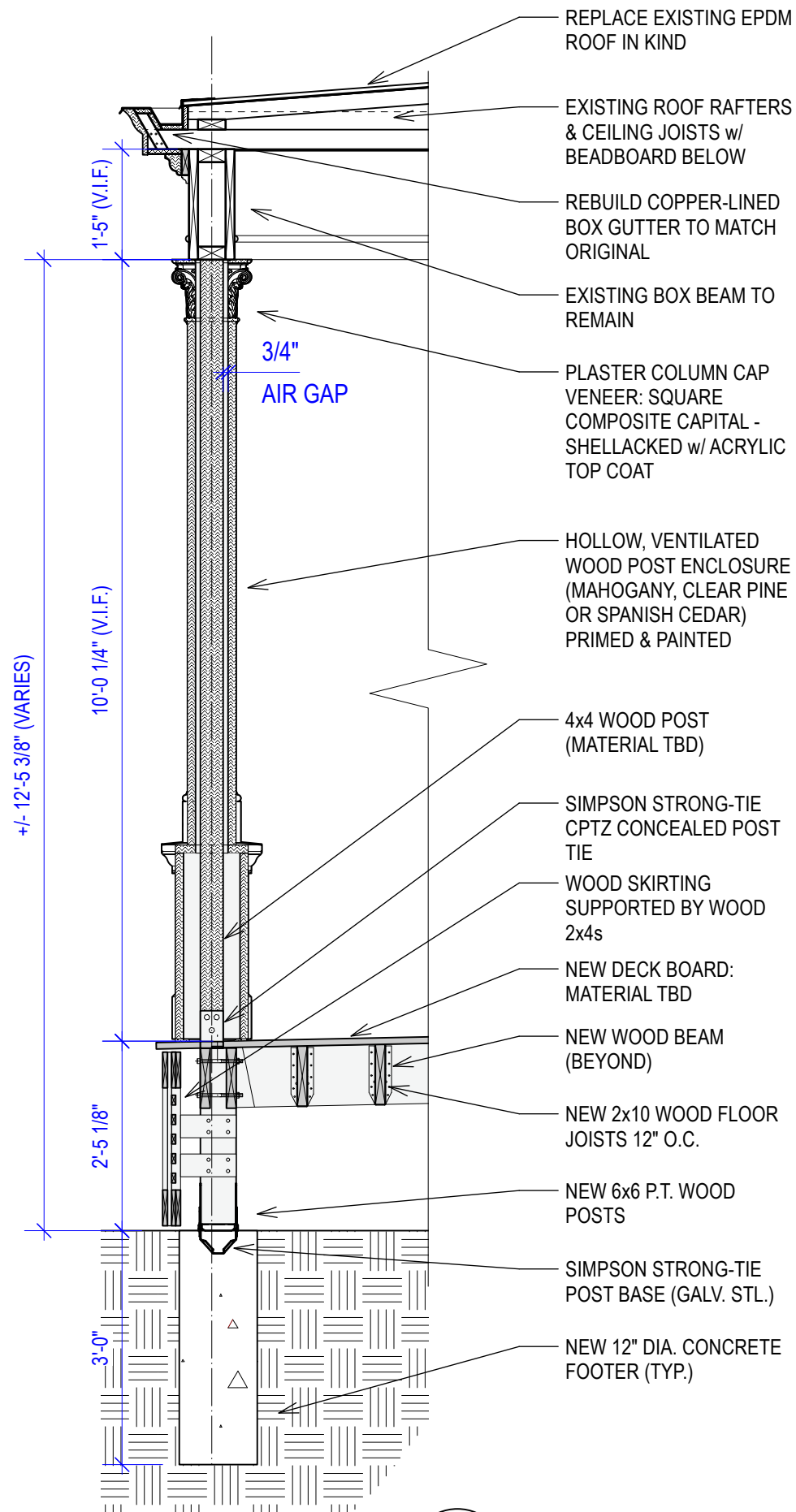
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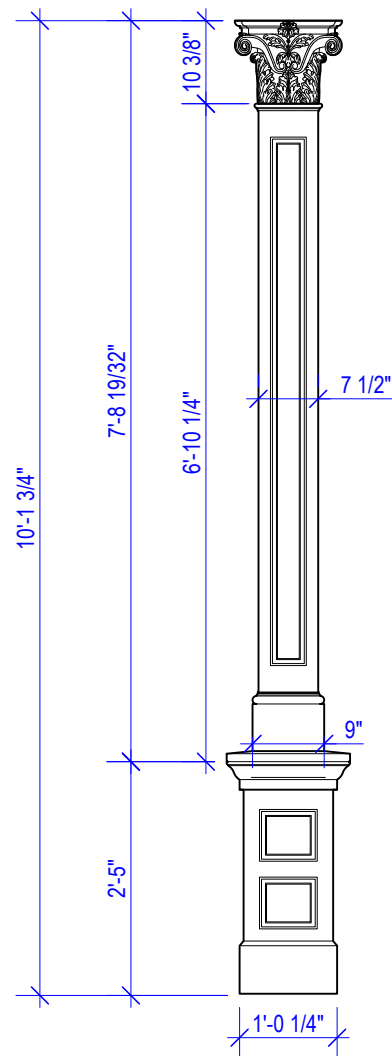
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1 SECTION @ NEW POSTS
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2 COLUMN ELEVATION
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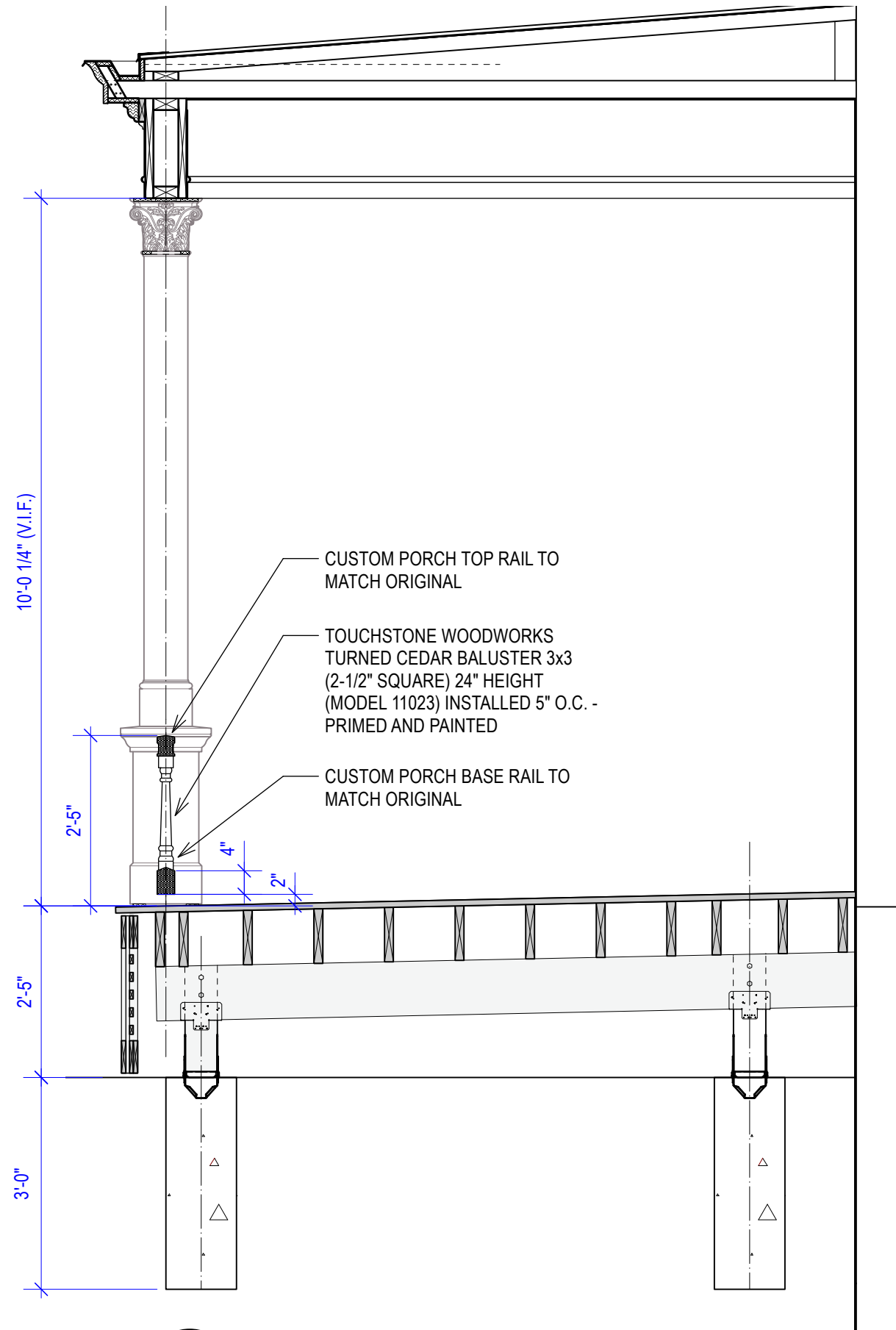
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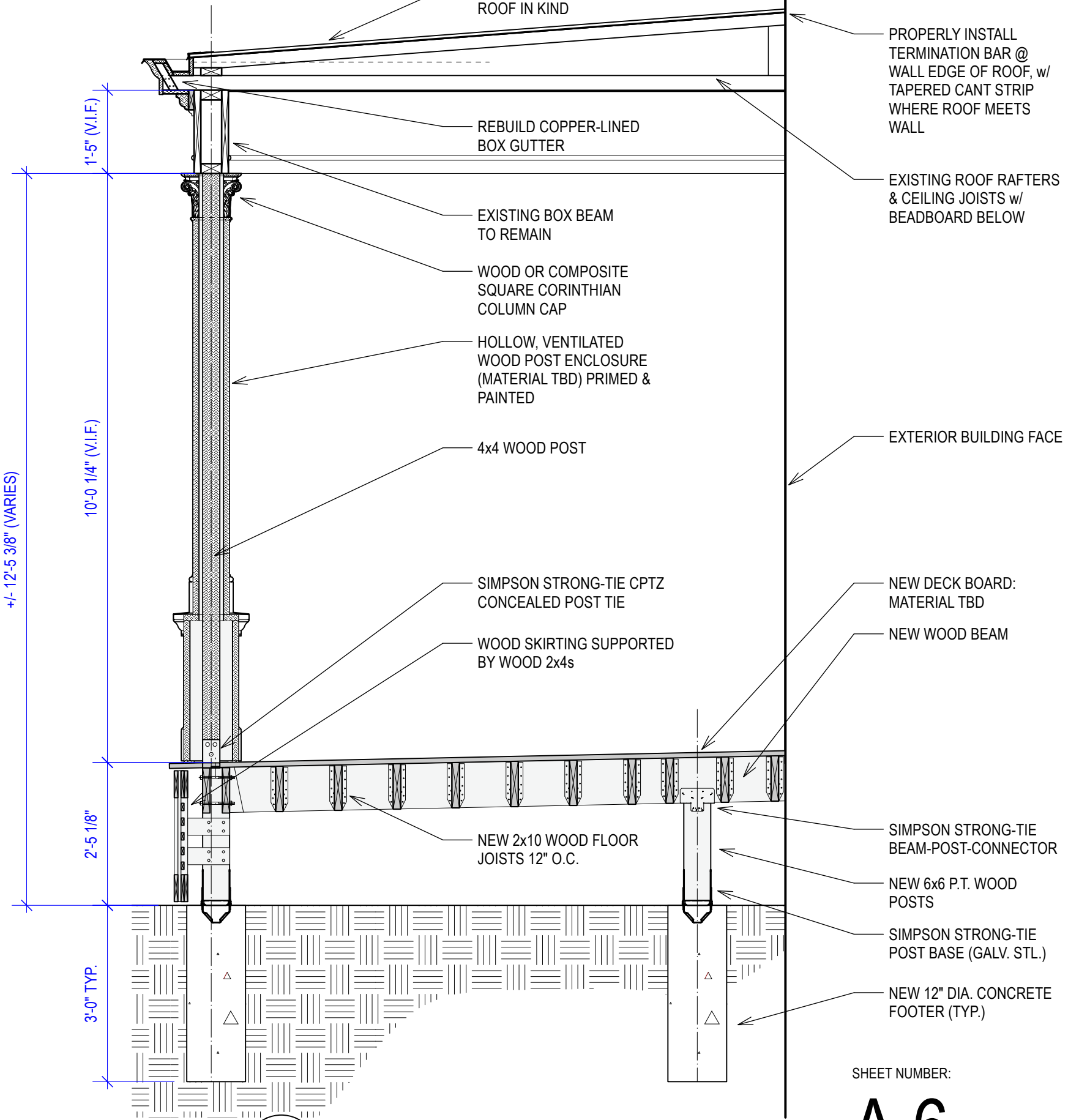
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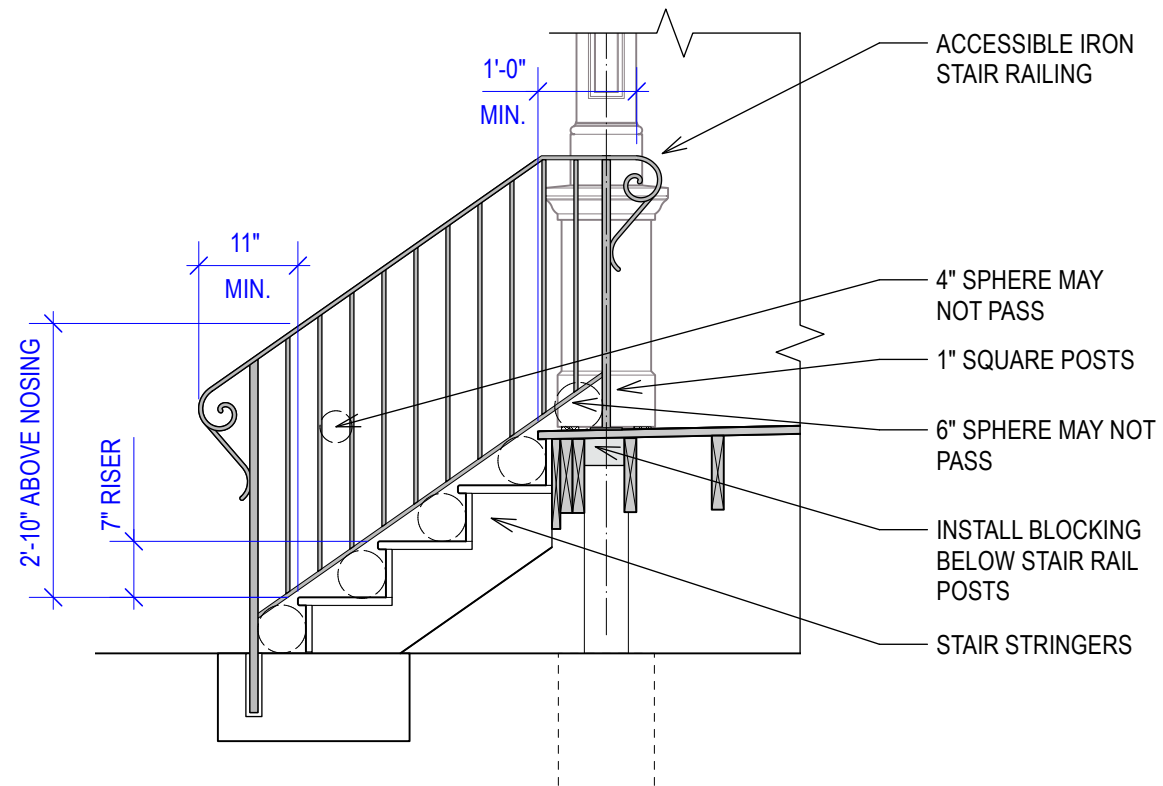
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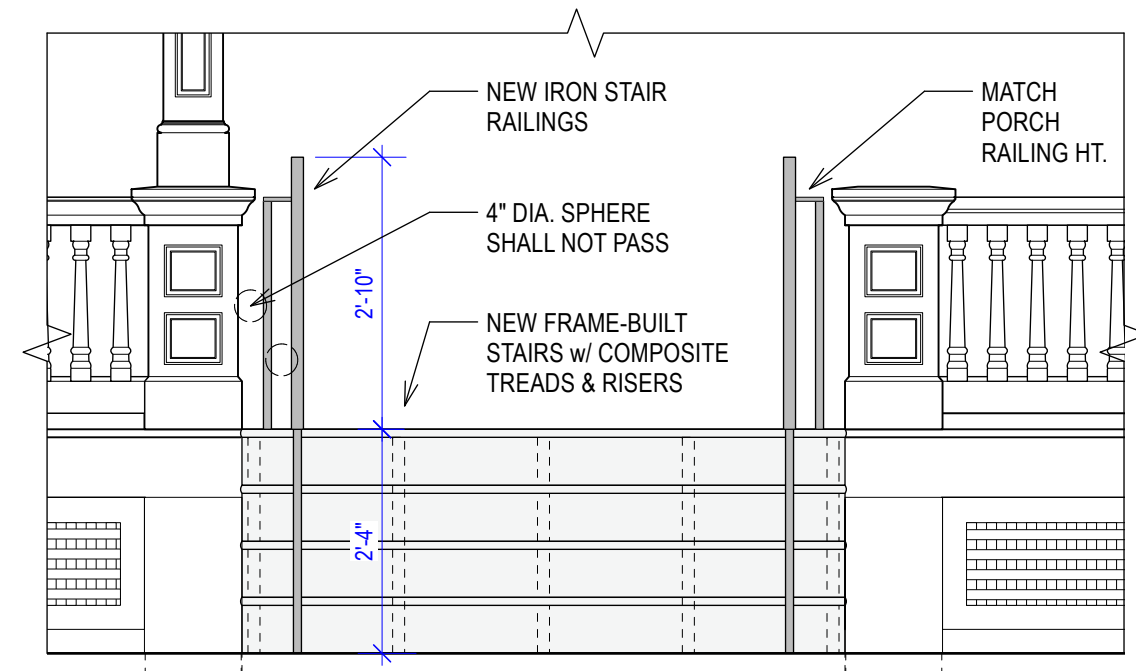
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STAIR SECTION w/ RAILING

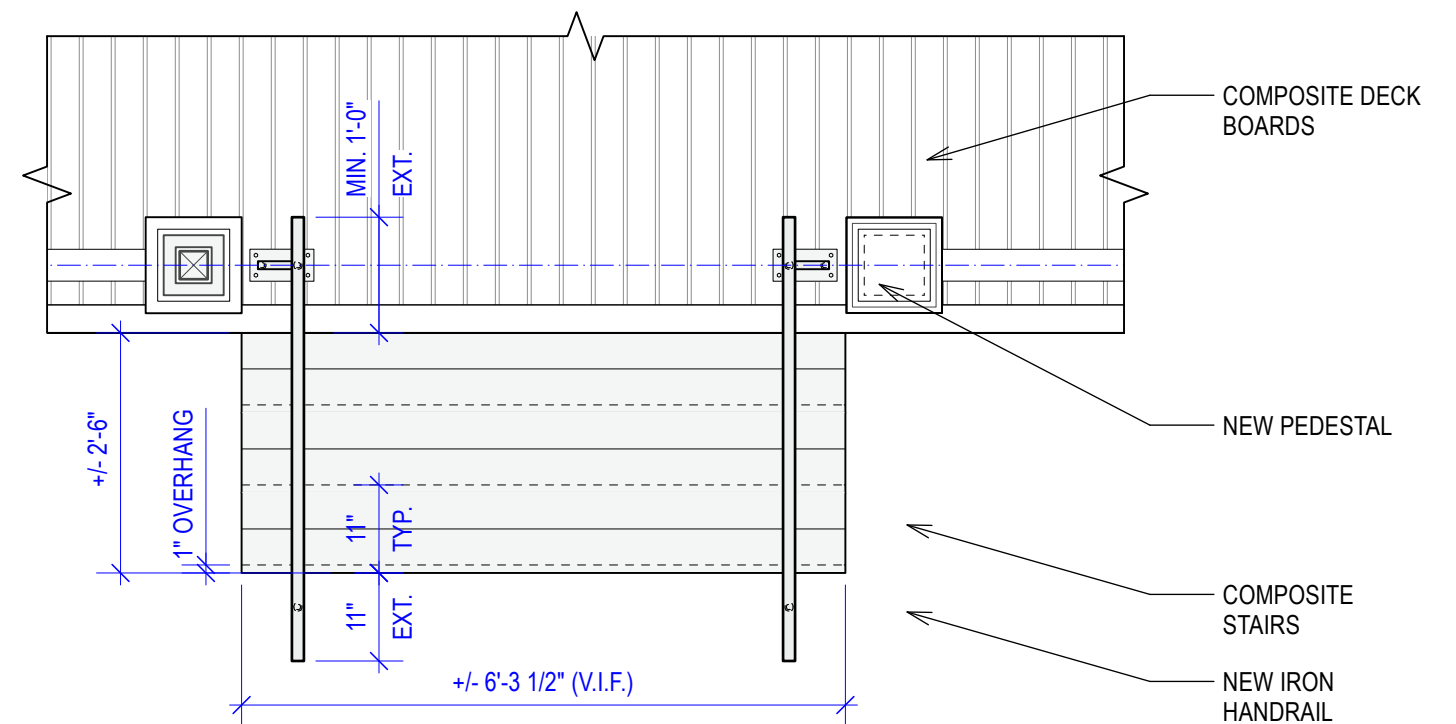
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ELEVATION DETAIL: NEW FRONT STAIRS

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PLAN: NEW FRONT STAIRS

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