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**To:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager  
**Date:** August 16, 2019  
**Re:** City Council Information Report

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## CLERKS GATHER FROM FAR AND WIDE

The City Clerk's Office hosted a City Clerks Association of California regional training on Friday, Aug. 9 in the Sam Pipes Room. Clerks from local municipalities and from cities as far away as Wasco, Antioch, and Sunnyvale were in attendance. The 4-hour training, presented by Jen



Woodworth, District Clerk for the Midpeninsula Open Space District, focused on the Brown Act and offered some new insight and tools to assist with certain agenda posting requirements for Clerks.

The Merced City Clerk's Office regularly attends these types of trainings to ensure they stay up-to-date on the latest laws and regulations and to network with other local Clerks. Jennifer is currently working towards her Certified Municipal Clerk designation (CMC) and John is working toward his Master Municipal Clerk designation (MMC).

## McKEE & YOSEMITE APARTMENT PROJECT

On Weds., Aug. 14 two Community Outreach Meetings were held on the proposed apartment project at McKee & Yosemite. Two members of the public attended the first session and six attended the second one. Notifications were sent to all registered property owners within 500 feet of the project location. The purpose of the event was to educate the public on what the proposal is for the project site. Many good questions were asked by those in attendance. The setting allowed for an informal dialogue and to get feedback from the community members that attended.



The area was previously annexed into the City several years ago. Subsequently a zone change was processed for the project site. The current zoning is Neighborhood Commercial. The project site owner and proposed developer explained that the proposed use is mixed use with apartments and retail. Apartments are allowed as a Conditional Use for the location and are therefore subject to a Conditional Use Permit being issued by the Planning Commission. The Commission is scheduled to have the Public Hearing and consider the project at its Aug. 21 meeting.

The community meeting focused on the number of people that would live at the location. The proposal is for single room occupancy – efficiency units. The units are sized for one person only. The project is proposed 428 single room – occupancy units. The units do have a kitchen, bathroom, living, and sleeping area. The project also includes other common space for the residents. The proposed retail – commercial space at the project will serve the proposed residents and surrounding neighborhoods. Renderings of the project are attached.

## **LABOR MARKET INFORMATION – JULY 2019**

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 8.4 percent in July 2019, up from a revised 8.1 percent in June 2019, and unchanged the year-ago estimate of 8.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.4 percent for California and 4.0 percent for the nation during the same period. The Labor Market Reports are attached for your review.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT**

Please find attached the Support Services July monthly report.

## **INSPECTION SERVICES REPORT**

Please find attached the Inspection Services biweekly report, with 41 new single family home permits issued.

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT NEA GRANT**

Please find attached a letter of support for a NEA Our Town grant that two UC Merced professors have applied for that would document the community's cultural heritage.

## **LEAGUE CENTRAL DIVISION QUARTERLY DINNER**

Please find attached a flier for the League of Cities Central Valley Division Quarterly Meeting to be held Thurs., Sept. 19 at the Boat House at River Islands, 980 Lakeside Dr., Lathrop. The no host social is at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Please contact Nancy Lee to RSVP by Sept. 13 if you plan to attend.

## **LEAF COLLECTION SITE (CORP YARD ANNEX)**

Rolfe Construction has made progress on the Highway 59 and Yosemite site this week, including paving and installation of fencing along the perimeter.



## **RFP FOR DESIGN OF WWTP EXPANSION**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued this week for the Phase VI Design of WWTP Expansion and Improvements, including increasing the plant capacity from 12 million gallons per day (MGD) to 16/20 MGD. The RFP is available online at [https://www.cityofmerced.org/services/bid\\_opportunities/bidrequest.asp?bidID=464](https://www.cityofmerced.org/services/bid_opportunities/bidrequest.asp?bidID=464) . Proposals are due no later than Friday, Sept. 13.



## **TREE TRIMMING AT SANTA FE PARK STRIP**

Public Works Tree crews trimmed trees at the Santa Fe Park Strip this week. Parks crews also repaired irrigation line breaks in the area.



## **VETERANS DAY PARADE**

Please find attached a Save the Date reminder for the Veterans Day Parade on Monday, Nov. 11.

## **MEASURE V IMPLEMENTAION PLAN**

Please find attached background material from MCAG on the Measure V Implementation Plan information sessions and public hearing.

## MERCED PD UPDATE



### *Park complaints*

On Aug. 13, DART received a complaint of transients camping at Charles Richard Drew Park at West 8<sup>th</sup> and N St. Subjects were cited and trash was removed from the park.

On Aug. 13, DART also cleared the Diego Rivera Park in the 900 block of P Street.



## COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CHANCELLOR, 2020 PROJECT

Community leaders, elected officials, and other UC Merced supporters gathered on campus to say farewell and thank you Chancellor Dorothy Leland on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. The new buildings completed as part of Phase 2 of the 2020 Project served as the setting for the event. Several of the masterminds who put together the 2020 Project and its one-of-a-kind P3 funding were present. Mayor Mike Murphy was one of the keynote speakers highlighting how UC Merced serves as an economic engine for the City, County, and Valley Region.



## CITY PARTICIPATES IN VALLEY TO VALLEY OUTREACH



The Merced Boosters and Assembly Member Adam Gray's Office coordinated a marketing outreach effort promoting Merced's quality of life, affordable housing, and labor force opportunities connected to the greater area to Silicon Valley businesses and entrepreneurs. The County was well represented including staff from UC Merced, the City of Merced, and Merced County. The event was held at the Museum of Computer Science in Mountain View, and concluded with a tour of the Google Campus.



## HIGH SPEED RAIL, ACE TRAIN MEETING



City staff, Mayor Murphy, and Richard Harmon (Townsend Public Affairs) met with Chad Edison, California State Transportation Agency and Dan Leavitt, ACE Train. The meeting centered on Downtown HSR Station location factors, land use compatibility, and co-locating ACE Train and HSR service from the same platform. The Merced Team provided Edison and Leavitt a tour of Downtown Merced and field visit of the preferred station location.

## TEAM CALIFORNIA STRATEGY WORKSHOP

Economic Development Director Frank Quintero and Economic Development Associate Maria Mendoza participated in the Team California Strategy Workshop. The board is made up of approximately 20 economic development organizations. Director Quintero is Team California's current past president. The board members engaged with representatives from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. Team California is the State's marketing organization who coordinates participation with industry tradeshow.



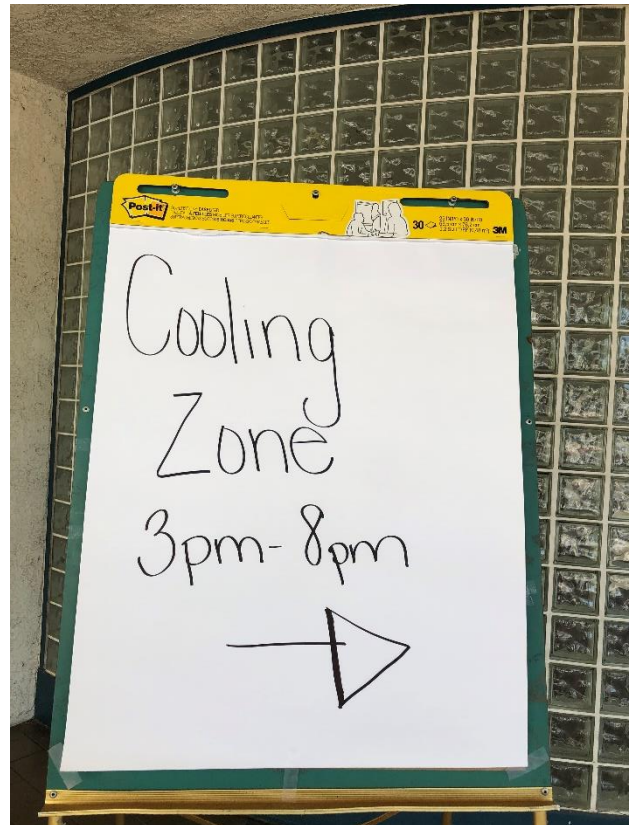


## PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Please find attached the Planning Commission agenda for Weds., Aug. 21.

## LAST DAY FOR COOLING ZONES

The heat wave that came through the Valley this week prompted the City, along with other jurisdictions in Merced County, to open Cooling Zones from Wednesday through today. The City Cooling Zone was open from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Sam Pipes Room. The room is promoted as being “pet friendly” because there are some people who might not take advantage of the facility if they can’t bring their animals. The pets must get along with other people and pets. Twelve people took advantage of the Cooling Zone through Thursday. A cooling trend was expected on Saturday, so Friday was the last day of operations. The Cooling Zone is staffed by the Parks and Recreation Department.



## SAVE THE DATE

Aug. 23 – Lives Well Lived, Merced Theatre, 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m.  
Sept. 10 – Historical Society BBQ, Lake Yosemite, 5-9 p.m.  
Sept. 19 – League Division Dinner, Lathrop, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner  
Oct. 2 – League of Cities Division Dinner, Long Beach, 6:30 p.m., Tequila Jacks  
Oct. 3 – MCOE Excellence in Education Awards, Merced Theatre, 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Parade, Bob Hart Square, TBD

## **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 8.4 percent in July 2019, up from a revised 8.1 percent in June 2019, and unchanged the year-ago estimate of 8.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.4 percent for California and 4.0 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jun-2019	Jul-2019	Change		Jul-2018	Jul-2019	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	85,100	82,500	(2,600)		80,700	82,500	1,800
Total Farm	15,100	15,100	0		15,000	15,100	100
Total Nonfarm	70,000	67,400	(2,600)		65,700	67,400	1,700
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,900	100		2,600	2,900	300
Manufacturing	9,700	10,700	1,000		10,600	10,700	100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,200	13,400	200		13,600	13,400	(200)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	0		1,800	1,800	0
Professional & Business Services	4,200	4,300	100		4,400	4,300	(100)
Educational & Health Services	10,500	10,900	400		10,300	10,900	600
Leisure & Hospitality	6,000	6,100	100		5,900	6,100	200
Other Services	1,500	1,500	0		1,500	1,500	0
Government	20,000	15,500	(4,500)		14,700	15,500	800

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding  
 Labor force data are revised month to month  
 Additional data are available on line at [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jul 18	May 19	Jun 19 Revised	Jul 19 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	113,400	115,700	115,400	113,500	-1.6%	0.1%
Civilian Employment	103,900	107,300	106,000	103,900	-2.0%	0.0%
Civilian Unemployment	9,500	8,400	9,300	9,500	2.2%	0.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.4%	7.2%	8.1%	8.4%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.5%	3.5%	4.2%	4.4%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%		

Total, All Industries (2)	80,700	85,600	85,100	82,500	-3.1%	2.2%
Total Farm	15,000	15,200	15,100	15,100	0.0%	0.7%
Total Nonfarm	65,700	70,400	70,000	67,400	-3.7%	2.6%
Total Private	51,000	49,200	50,000	51,900	3.8%	1.8%
Goods Producing	13,200	11,700	12,500	13,600	8.8%	3.0%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,700	2,800	2,900	3.6%	11.5%
Manufacturing	10,600	9,000	9,700	10,700	10.3%	0.9%
Nondurable Goods	9,200	7,600	8,200	9,100	11.0%	-1.1%
Service Providing	52,500	58,700	57,500	53,800	-6.4%	2.5%
Private Service Providing	37,800	37,500	37,500	38,300	2.1%	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,600	13,300	13,200	13,400	1.5%	-1.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,300	1,300	1,400	7.7%	-22.2%
Retail Trade	8,400	8,500	8,400	8,500	1.2%	1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	2.9%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	4,400	4,200	4,200	4,300	2.4%	-2.3%
Educational & Health Services	10,300	10,500	10,500	10,900	3.8%	5.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,900	5,900	6,000	6,100	1.7%	3.4%
Other Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Government	14,700	21,200	20,000	15,500	-22.5%	5.4%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	14,000	20,500	19,300	14,800	-23.3%	5.7%
State Government	2,800	4,400	3,200	3,200	0.0%	14.3%
State Government Education	2,200	3,800	2,600	2,600	0.0%	18.2%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	11,200	16,100	16,100	11,600	-28.0%	3.6%
Local Government Excluding Education	4,100	4,100	4,400	4,100	-6.8%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%

**Notes:**

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Steven Gutierrez 559-230-4102 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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**REPORT 400 C**  
**Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties**  
**July 2019 - Preliminary**  
Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>19,453,600</b>	<b>18,589,100</b>	<b>864,500</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
ALAMEDA	9	853,900	825,700	28,200	3.3%
ALPINE	50	500	470	40	7.2%
AMADOR	21	15,170	14,570	610	4.0%
BUTTE	39	102,300	96,700	5,500	5.4%
CALAVERAS	18	21,880	21,020	850	3.9%
COLUSA	57	11,190	10,040	1,150	10.2%
CONTRA COSTA	10	567,900	548,400	19,400	3.4%
DEL NORTE	40	10,010	9,430	580	5.7%
EL DORADO	17	92,000	88,500	3,500	3.8%
FRESNO	51	456,400	423,200	33,200	7.3%
GLENN	48	12,630	11,780	850	6.7%
HUMBOLDT	21	62,100	59,600	2,500	4.0%
IMPERIAL	58	68,900	54,600	14,200	20.7%
INYO	13	8,900	8,580	320	3.6%
KERN	54	390,900	358,100	32,800	8.4%
KINGS	53	58,400	53,800	4,600	7.8%
LAKE	35	28,990	27,510	1,480	5.1%
LASSEN	30	9,780	9,310	460	4.7%
LOS ANGELES	34	5,121,600	4,864,300	257,300	5.0%
MADERA	52	60,700	56,200	4,500	7.4%
MARIN	3	142,700	139,000	3,600	2.5%
MARIPOSA	18	8,280	7,950	330	3.9%
MENDOCINO	21	39,560	37,980	1,580	4.0%
MERCED	54	113,500	103,900	9,500	8.4%
MODOC	44	3,250	3,040	210	6.4%
MONO	11	9,250	8,930	330	3.5%
MONTEREY	30	234,200	223,200	11,000	4.7%
NAPA	5	75,700	73,500	2,300	3.0%
NEVADA	13	48,630	46,880	1,750	3.6%
ORANGE	7	1,620,200	1,568,900	51,300	3.2%
PLACER	11	186,400	179,900	6,500	3.5%
PLUMAS	44	8,310	7,780	530	6.4%
RIVERSIDE	32	1,093,400	1,041,200	52,200	4.8%
SACRAMENTO	24	715,700	686,300	29,400	4.1%
SAN BENITO	35	31,200	29,600	1,600	5.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	28	962,700	919,700	43,000	4.5%
SAN DIEGO	13	1,598,900	1,541,800	57,100	3.6%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	586,700	572,500	14,200	2.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	43	321,800	301,400	20,400	6.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	7	140,900	136,300	4,600	3.2%
SAN MATEO	1	463,400	452,700	10,700	2.3%
SANTA BARBARA	16	219,200	211,100	8,100	3.7%
SANTA CLARA	4	1,064,400	1,034,900	29,500	2.8%
SANTA CRUZ	26	145,200	138,900	6,300	4.3%
SHASTA	33	73,400	69,800	3,600	4.9%
SIERRA	35	1,350	1,280	70	5.1%
SISKIYOU	41	17,840	16,780	1,060	6.0%
SOLANO	25	207,300	198,700	8,700	4.2%
SONOMA	5	262,000	254,200	7,800	3.0%
STANISLAUS	47	244,300	228,300	16,000	6.6%
SUTTER	49	47,000	43,800	3,200	6.9%
TEHAMA	42	25,380	23,840	1,550	6.1%
TRINITY	35	4,790	4,550	240	5.1%
TULARE	56	202,700	182,500	20,200	10.0%
TUOLUMNE	29	22,080	21,070	1,010	4.6%
VENTURA	18	419,000	402,500	16,500	3.9%
YOLO	26	109,700	105,000	4,700	4.3%
YUBA	44	29,200	27,300	1,900	6.4%

**Notes**

- 1) Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.
- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2018 benchmark and Census 2010 population controls at the state level.

## Support Services July 2019 Monthly Report

	<u>Current</u> July '19	<u>Previous</u> July '18	<u>2019</u> <u>YTD Total</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Grand Total</u>
<b>Personnel:</b>				
Recruitment(s)	6	5	36	61
New Hire(s) – Permanent	4	4	30	61
New Hire(s) – Temporary	4	6	46	59
Separations	4	5	23	48
Retired	0	0	8	11
Total Number of Employees	568	528		
Full Time	465	435		
Temporary	103	93		

<b>Insurance:</b>				
Government Claim (s) Filed	10	14	29	84
Subrogation Claim (s) Filed	0	15	14	50
Training - Workshops Offered	3	4	21	42

## Inspection Services CI

**For the period of July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there were 41 New Single Family Dwelling Permits Issued.**

The running total of New Single Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **77**.

### Multi Family Permits in review:

Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12<sup>th</sup> St, 1 Office/Lounge and 6, 2 story Apartments; 2 buildings have 16 units, 3 buildings have 30 units, and 1 building has 4 units.

Yosemite at Lake Apartments located at 2850 E. Yosemite Ave.; 15- 27,276 SF 3-story apartment buildings each with 15 units, and a 1,200 SF maintenance building.

Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings plus a clubhouse.

There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period.

(No change since last report)

There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.

There was 1 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period; for the demolition of a portion of a neighboring building associated with the El Capitan project located at 629 W. Main St.

There was 1 new commercial submittal during this period; for a 30,651 SF glass plant expansion for O'Keeffe's Inc. located at 220 S R St.

There were 4 new tenant improvement submittals during this period; one for accessibility upgrades for the existing community restrooms located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the building at 460 W. Main St., one for the demolition of restrooms to create a tenant space for the Merced Mall located at 851 W. Olive Ave. #706, one for a 1,537 SF remodel for the produce, deli, and rotisserie prep areas at Costco located at 1445 R St., and a tenant improvement for a new Pizza Hut located at 580 W. Olive Ave.

There were 3 CofOs issued for this period; one for a tenant improvement for the offices at the Merced Mall located at 851 W. Olive Ave. #713, one for a 15,522 SF office building for PG&E located at 4155 E. Childs Ave., and one for the 8,124 SF 8-plex apartment building #5 at Compass Pointe Apartments located at 3706 Compass Pointe Ave.



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August 13, 2019

Dr. Jayson Beaster-Jones  
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**Re: Support for Gateway to Merced NEA Our Town Grant**

Dear: Dr. Jayson Beaster-Jones

On behalf of the City of Merced, I want to express our support for the "Gateway to Merced" Our Town NEA Grant application being submitted by University of California, Merced, faculty Dr. Jayson Beaster-Jones, and Dr. Patricia Vergara. The grant would help preserve the community's history and cultural heritage and have a lasting impact and benefit for Merced and its residents.

Merced is a city that has become home to a rich fabric of diverse people from the Hmong of Laos to the Portuguese of the Iberian Peninsula. We are a tapestry that includes Mexican and Irish immigrants, Iranian and Syrian refugees, Native Americans and Punjabis. This project will help preserve their stories, culture and histories in a variety of formats.

The grant applicants have created a set of partnerships that will reach a broad base of the community in a way that will capture the depth of their heritages. These partnerships include the Merced Multicultural Arts Center, the Youth Leadership Institute, the Merced County Courthouse Museum and the City of Merced. They are tapping in to the young and the seniors of the community, those who have embraced technology and those who love pen and paper. Their approach is to seek people of all ethnicities where they live, work and are most comfortable. In the process, they are empowering youth to become the interviewers, in essence, the next generation of storytellers, to pass on the oral histories from one generation to the next.

The City of Merced strongly encourages the National Endowment of the Arts to fund this grant application. This grant will not only educate the people of Merced about their shared stories, but also the nation about what is happening in the rural America, and the common roots that bind us together. The stories of Merced are different than those of Texas or New York, but share some of the same threads of love of family, perseverance and fortitude. People need to understand their differences, but also their similarities.



The City of Merced applauds the research that is being done at UC Merced on a daily basis. This grant will directly benefit Merced, but the training it will give to the students, and the honing of the research methods will have a long-lasting and far-reaching impact on society. However, the biggest result will be the body of work that will be archived and available for researchers and the public to use. In addition, the work will include the production of a graphic novel, a narrative film, a musical theatre performance, mosaics and murals, reaching more audiences and viewers through a spectrum of ages and tastes.

This grant is beneficial to the City as our Downtown is undergoing a rapid transformation into an arts and entertainment center. Our newly established Arts and Culture Advisory Commission is in the process of studying how to establish an arts and culture district in our Downtown. This grant would capture the “before” history and images of our Downtown as it makes that transition. As a major partner in the grant, the City would be a consistent and continuous partner with the researchers in the project, checking in regularly with them as the archive and arts projects develop. The City will facilitate a swift, streamlined permit process for the production of murals and gateways in the City, and will ensure the public performances in our parks also receive City support and regulatory approval.

The applicants propose to preserve a slice of Merced history that has never been undertaken before, and without this grant funding the opportunity will be lost. We urge the NEA to fund the “Gateway to Yosemite” grant application.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Murphy, Mayor  
City of Merced



# SAVE THE DATE

TO HONOR OUR VETERANS AT THE  
15TH ANNUAL MERCED COUNTY  
VETERANS DAY PARADE

MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 11, 2019

BOB HART SQUARE  
MERCED, CALIFORNIA



## **INFORMATION SESSIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE Draft 2019 Measure V Implementation Plan**

**August 19, 2019**  
City of Atwater  
Community Center  
760 E Bellevue Road  
Atwater, CA  
**6:00 pm**

**August 27, 2019**  
City of Gustine  
Council Chambers  
352 5th Street  
Gustine, CA  
**6:00 pm**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME AT THE HEARING OR IN WRITING:**

By mail: 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

By email: [matt.fell@mcagov.org](mailto:matt.fell@mcagov.org)

**COMMENTS ARE DUE BY 5:00PM ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

**For Interpreting Services contact:  
Eva Garibay at 209-723-3153 x 108**

## **For Immediate Release**

August 13, 2019

Mary-Michal Rawling, MPA  
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### **MEASURE V IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELEASED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

**Merced** - Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) has released the draft 2019 Measure V Implementation Plan for review by the public. The Implementation Plan is updated and published every two years as outlined in the Measure V Expenditure Plan, which was passed by the voters in 2016.

The Implementation Plan outlines how Measure V dollars will be distributed to regional transportation projects on both the east and west sides of the county. According to the Expenditure Plan, 44 percent of all monies (27 percent for east side and 17 percent for west side) must be spent on regional projects. Transportation projects are considered 'regional' when they are on the State Highway System, the Regional Road System, the Regional Transportation System, are located in more than one jurisdiction, or directly benefit more than one jurisdiction.

The Implementation Plan also includes programs and projects related to public transit. The Measure V Expenditure Plan provides that five percent of total revenue be used for transit services. Since its inception, Measure V has supported a bus fare subsidy for veterans, seniors, and ADA-eligible passengers. As a result of this program, the county-wide transit system has experienced an increase of seven percent in its overall ridership and provided 327,828 free rides to eligible passengers.

MCAG has scheduled public hearings on both the east and west side of the county to hear public comments on the Implementation Plan. The hearings will be on Monday, August 19 at the Atwater Community Center and Tuesday, August 27 at Gustine City Hall. Both events start at 6:00pm and Spanish language interpretation will be provided. Individuals may also send comments to the MCAG office located at 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Merced or via email to [matt.fell@mcagov.org](mailto:matt.fell@mcagov.org). Comments are due by 5:00pm on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The draft 2019 Implementation Plan can be found online at: [www.mcagov.org/MeasureV](http://www.mcagov.org/MeasureV).

MCAG is the state-designated Local Transportation Authority for Merced County responsible for the implementation and administration of Measure V. To keep the community informed about this transformative measure, MCAG features monthly updates in their electronic newsletter



which can be found on the MCAG website [www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org). Additional information about Measure V including financial statements and specific project information by jurisdiction can be found at [www.mcagov.org/MeasureV](http://www.mcagov.org/MeasureV).

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## **Central Valley Division Quarterly Meeting**

**Hosted by the City of Lathrop  
Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2019**

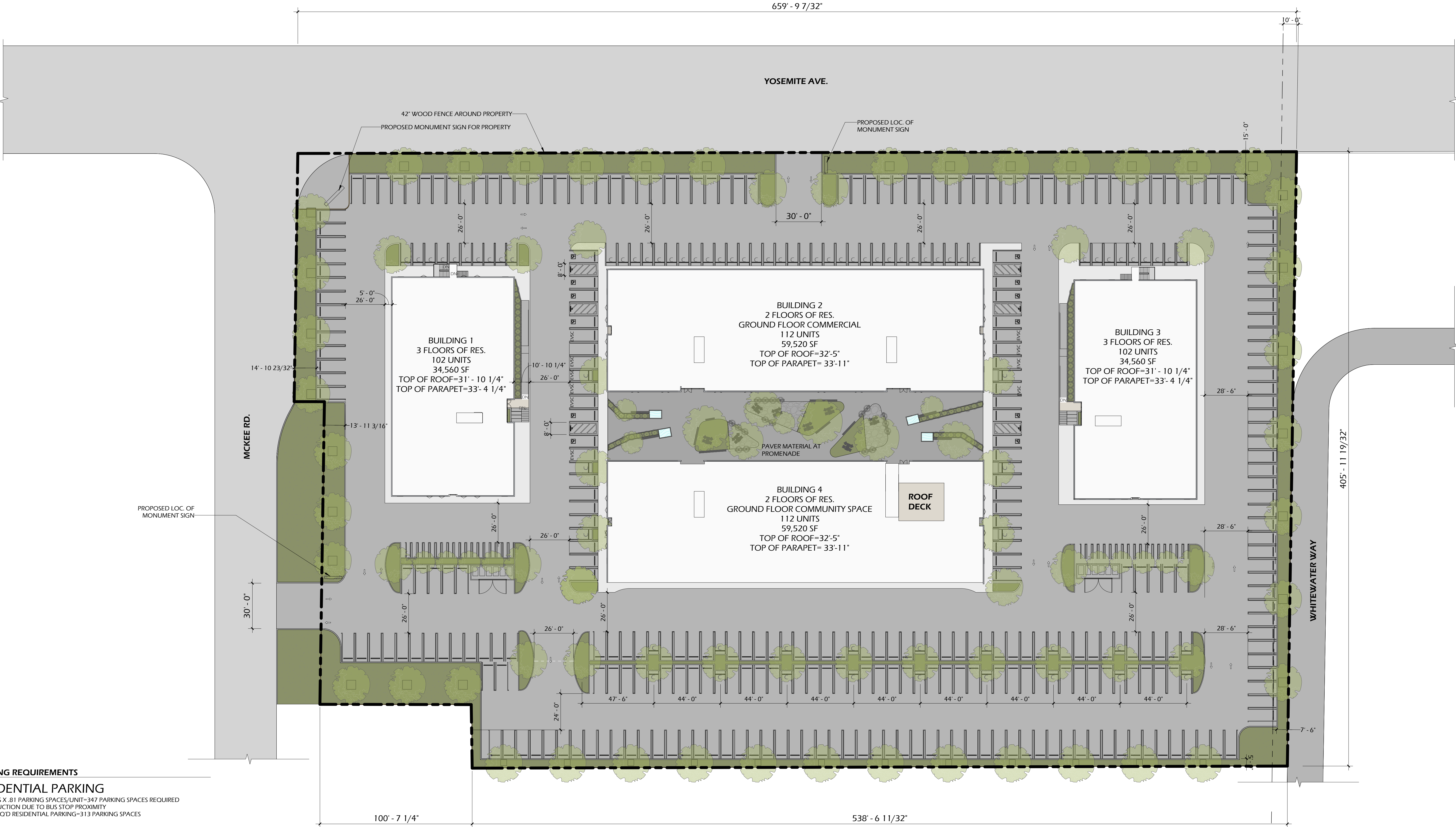
**The Boat House at River Islands  
980 Lakeside Dr, Lathrop, CA 9533**

<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>No host social</b>
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner</b>

**Thank you to our sponsor California Water Service for covering the cost of the dinner for city staff. All others and no shows will be charged for their meal. (cost TBD)**

**Kindly RSVP by September 13<sup>th</sup> to: Stephen Qualls @ (209) 614-0118 or [squalls@cacities.org](mailto:squalls@cacities.org)**

**Please make checks payable to: League of California Cities Central Valley Division P.O. Box 785 Hughson, Ca.95326**



**PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

**RESIDENTIAL PARKING**  
428 UNITS X .81 PARKING SPACES/UNIT=347 PARKING SPACES REQUIRED  
10% REDUCTION DUE TO BUS STOP PROXIMITY  
TOTAL REQ'D RESIDENTIAL PARKING=313 PARKING SPACES

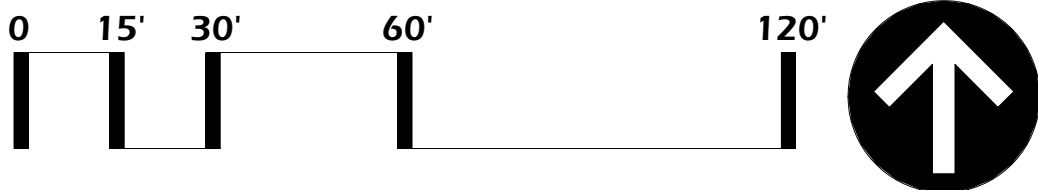
**COMMERICAL PARKING**  
200 SF OF COMMERCIAL/PARKING SPACE  
18,000 SF OF COMMERCIAL SPACE/200SF=90 PARKING SPACES REQUIRED  
30% REDUCTION DUE MIXED USE TYPOLOGY  
TOTAL REQ'D COMMERCIAL PARKING=63 PARKING SPACES

**TOTAL PARKING SPACES**  
RESIDENTIAL PARKING=313 PARKING SPACES  
COMMERCIAL PARKING=63 PARKING SPACES  
PARKING SPACES REQ'D=376 PARKING SPACE

AUTOMOBILE PARKING SCHEDULE	
PARKING TYPE	COUNT
MOTORCYCLE	36
ACCESSIBLE PARKING	12
STANDARD PARKING	290
COMPACT PARKING	74
TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED: 412	

BIKE PARKING SCHEDULE	
Description	TOTAL BIKE PARKING
LONG TERM BIKE PARKING	145

PROJECT DATA	
SITE AREA:	5.94 ACRES
COMMERCIAL AREA:	18,000 SF
COMMUNITY AREA:	16,853 SF
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS:	428 UNITS







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2 COMMERCIAL STOREFRONT



3 RESIDENTIAL WINDOWS



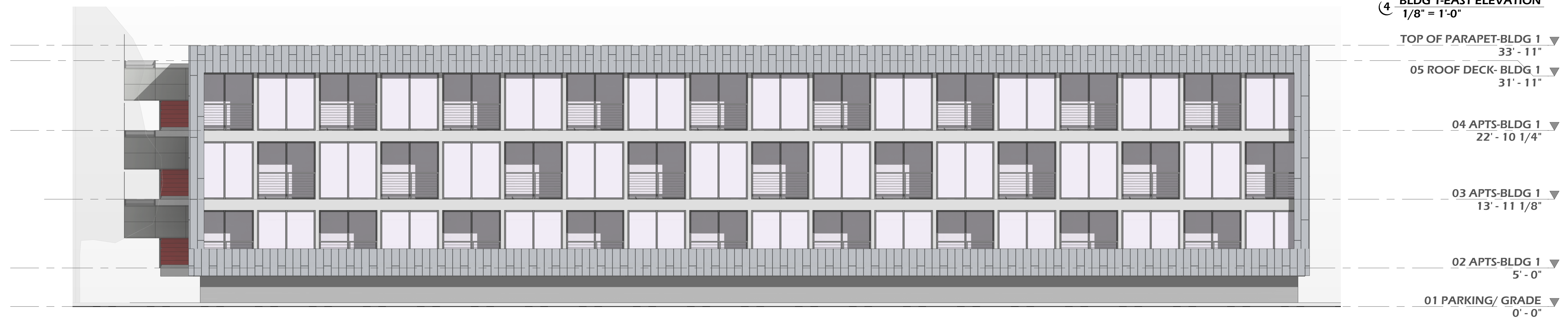
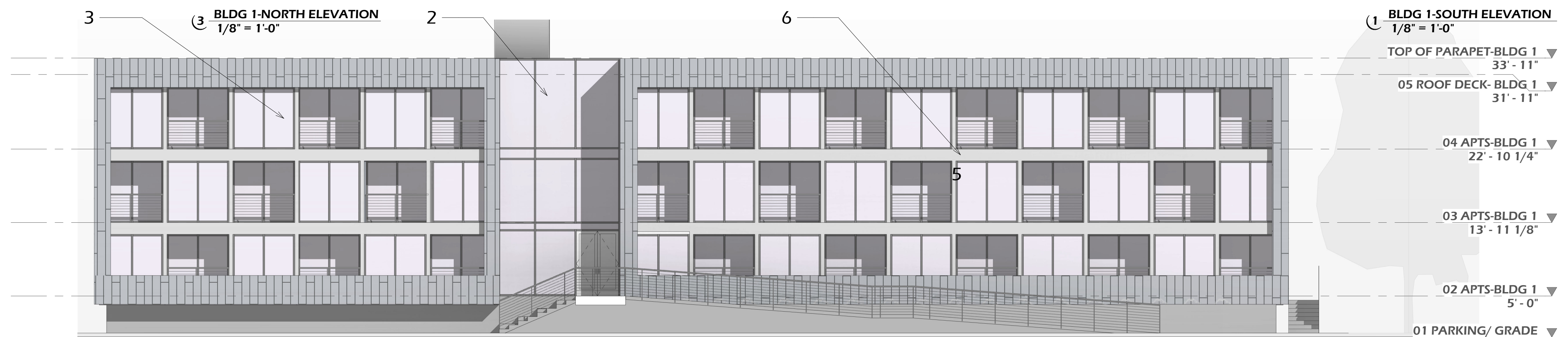
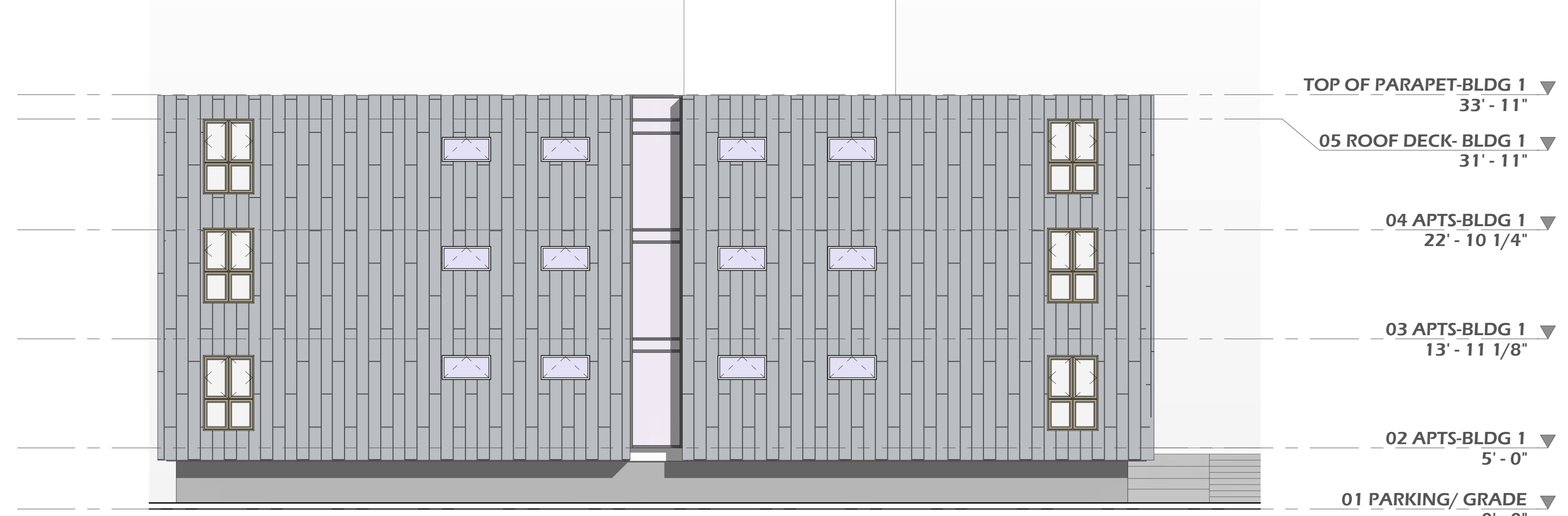
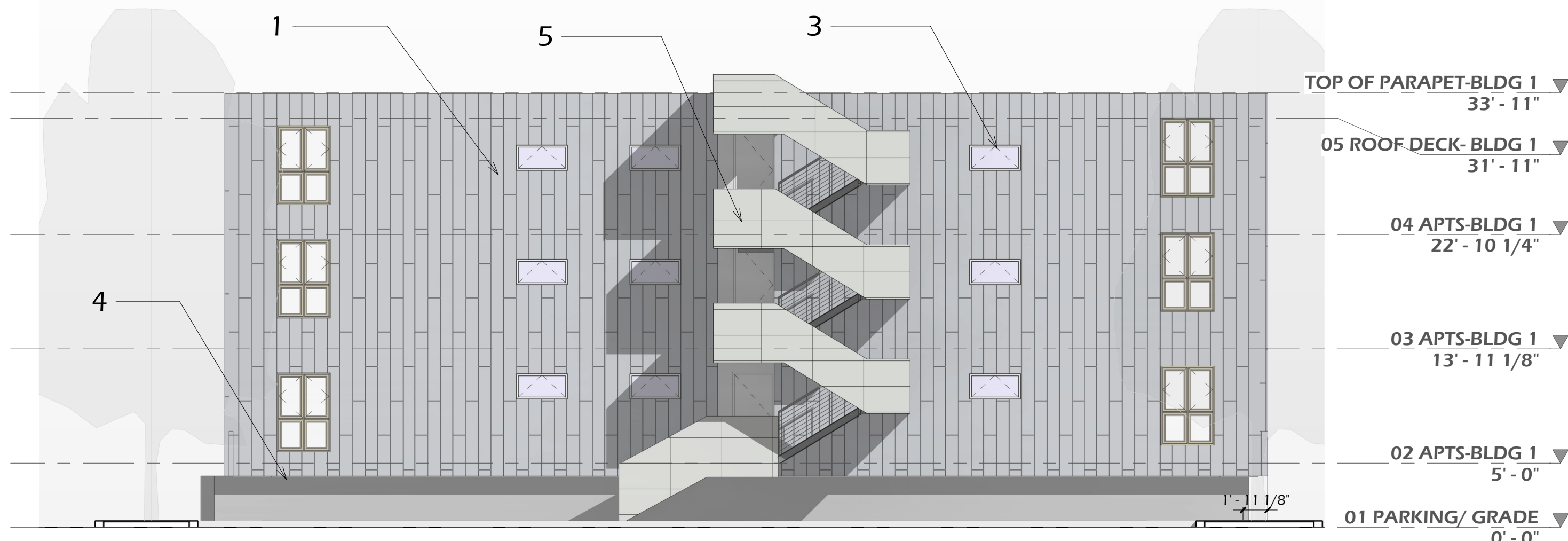
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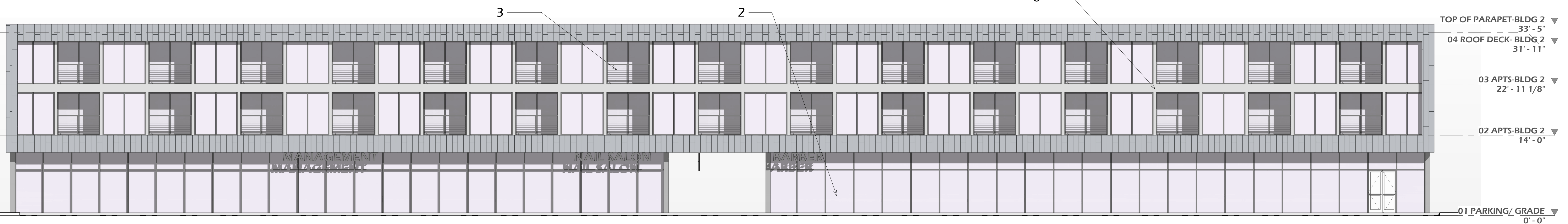
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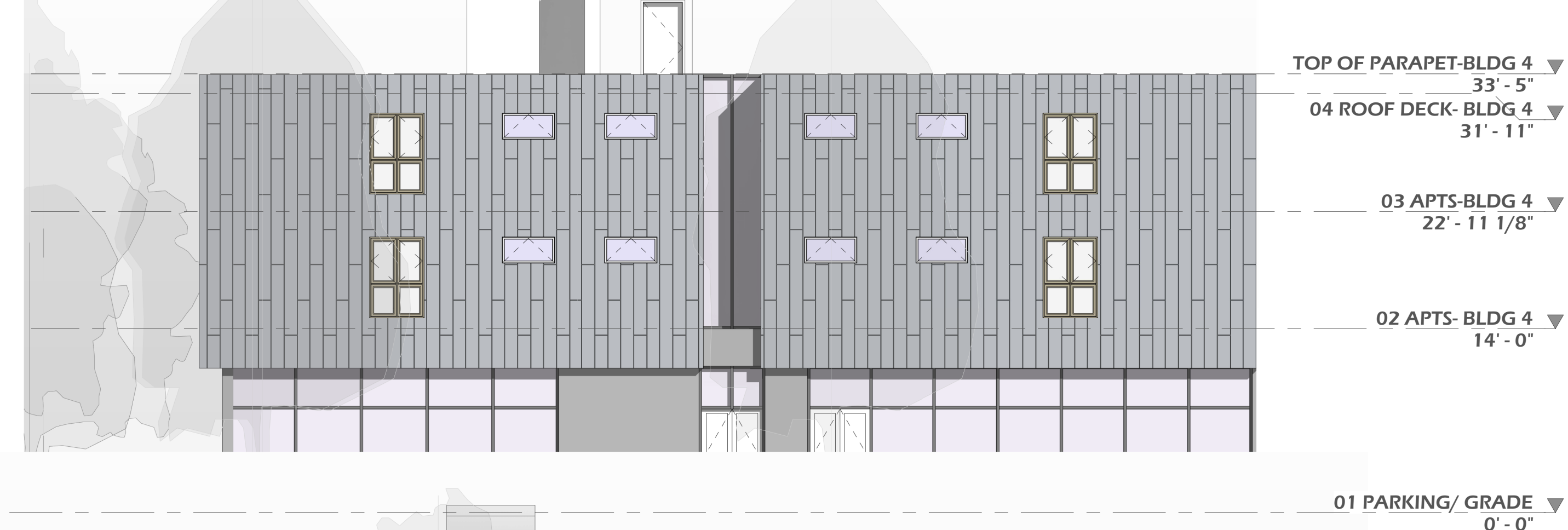
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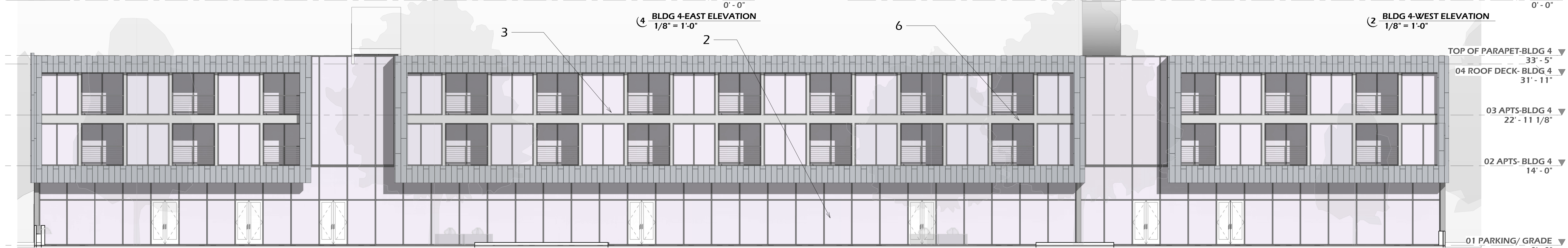
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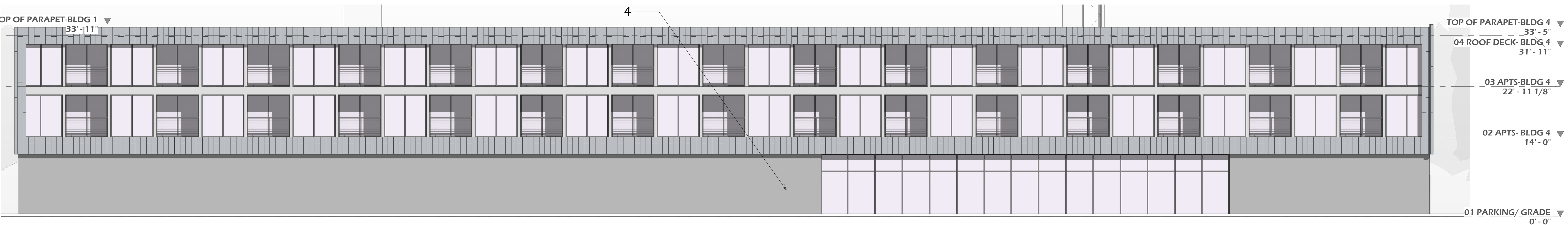
(4) BLDG 4-EAST ELEVATION  
1/8" = 1'-0"



(2) BLDG 4-WEST ELEVATION  
1/8" = 1'-0"



(3) BLDG 4-NORTH ELEVATION  
1/8" = 1'-0"



(1) BLDG 4-SOUTH ELEVATION  
1/8" = 1'-0"







**City of Merced**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Agenda**

SEMIMONTHLY REGULAR SESSION

*Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities may be Prearranged  
and Assisted Listening Devices Available in the Council Chambers  
Please Contact the Recording Secretary at (209) 385-6858*

CALL TO ORDER

Merced City Council Chambers  
Wednesday, August 21, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. MINUTES: July 17, 2019

**S P E A K E R S**

Please be brief and to the point - preferably 3 to 5 minutes.

Max Time Limit prior to Agendized items: 15 minutes. Once the maximum has been reached, remaining speakers will be asked to wait until the end of the meeting to make their comments.

To address the Planning Commission, complete a Request to Speak Form and place in the drop box located to the right of the speaker podium prior to the opening of the public hearing or the announcement of the item by the Chairperson. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received.

Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record.

Information/instruction on how the meeting will be run appears on the reverse side of this page.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/REPORTS:**

Permits, license, and other entitlements:

Applicant's Representative – 15 minutes (including rebuttal)

Appellant's Representative – 15 minutes (including rebuttal)

All other speakers will have 5 minutes each.

All other issues:

3 or less speakers: 5 minutes each

Over 3 speakers: Maximum of 3 minutes each

A timer clock is located directly across from the podium, illuminating the speaker's remaining time. Once the time is exhausted, a buzzer sounds. Please be courteous and conclude your discussion promptly.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Planning staff can assist you with other planning questions on matters such as annexation to the city, land subdivision, downtown Merced projects, home occupation permits, zoning, population and housing. (Phone 385-6858) 678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. Prior to each regular Commission Meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review in the Planning Department at 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, and on the City's website at [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org). Any documents provided to a majority of the Commissioners after this agenda is posted will be available for public inspection in the Planning Department during normal business hours.

## **THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

The citizens of Merced elect the members of the City Council. They in turn appoint seven advisors, the Planning Commission, to make recommendations on planning matters. The Commissioners are civic-minded citizens who serve an average of 35 meetings a year with no pay. Meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday nights following the first and third Mondays of the month, in addition to special meetings as called.

The staff assists the Commission but does not vote. The City Attorney provides legal assistance and assists the Commission on procedural matters; the Planning Director and staff prepare the agenda, provide reports, etc. Other City staff members such as the Civil Engineer also serve as advisors to the Commission.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

The Commissioners are interested in your views and want to hear them. Information on a proposed action is publicized before it is brought before the Planning Commission. For example, on a proposed zoning action, mailers are sent to all property owners within a 300-foot radius and a notice appears in the legal advertisement section of the Merced Sun-Star. Important pending items will also often be mentioned in pre-meeting references in the local newspaper.

### **Consent Items**

Items noted as “(CONSENT)” are considered routine and will normally be approved without a staff presentation or discussion by the Planning Commission unless a Commissioner or member of the audience has a question(s) or wishes to make a statement or discuss an item. If so, please approach the microphone at the time the particular item is reached.

### **Public Hearings**

The Commission will ask those who are for\* or against\*\* a proposal to speak at all public hearings. The sequence of events is:

1. Staff report of facts and a recommendation.
2. Applicant's statement.
3. Proponents\* of the proposal.
4. Opponents\*\* of the proposal.
- (5. If necessary, a summary statement or rebuttal from the applicant.)

If you decide to speak, please submit a “Request to Speak” form prior to the start of the public hearing. You will be called up to speak at the appropriate time by the Recording Secretary. Please start by giving your name and city of residence, then tell the Commissioners your concern. We want your views; don't worry about how to say them. If several people have spoken, try not to be repetitious. If there are several in your area with concerns, why not appoint a spokesman. The Commission is particularly interested in the specific reasons you are for or against a proposal because their decision has to be based on specific reasons.

A Commission denial of a request or proposal is final in the case of Conditional Use Permit Applications (unless appealed to City Council within five business days) and Tentative Subdivision Maps (unless appealed to City Council within 10 business days). On many other items, the Commission RECOMMENDS ACTION to the Council. If your item is passed on to the City Council, be sure to follow up by attending the Council hearings and expressing your point of view.

You may also find that the Commission may not get to your item - set for 7:00 p.m. public hearing - until 10:00 p.m. for instance. We regret you having to wait. Experience has shown that setting hearings 1/2 - 1 hour apart is unwise, however. Sometimes matters are withdrawn or are resolved quickly leaving the Commission and public in a position of waiting for an appointed time to arrive.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, any member of the audience may comment on any matter which is not listed on the agenda. Please submit a “Request to Speak” form prior to the announcement of the item by the Chairperson.

### 4. ITEMS

Any matters listed as (“CONSENT”) in the descriptions below are considered routine by the Planning Commission and will be adopted by one action of the Commission unless any citizen submits a “Request to Speak” form or Commission member has any question or wishes to make a statement or discuss an item. In that event, the Chairperson will remove that item from the Consent Calendar and place it for separate consideration.

- 4.1 (Consent) **Conditional Use Permit #1232**, initiated by United Signs System, applicant for Isenberg and Ericson, Inc., property owner. This application involves a request to install a 20-foot-tall freestanding pylon sign for the shopping center located at 3155 R Street. The subject site is generally located on the west side of R Street, approximately 575 feet north of W. Olive Avenue. This property is located within Planned Development (P-D) #7 and has a Regional/Community Commercial (RC) General Plan Designation. \*PUBLIC HEARING\*

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #19-19 (Categorical Exemption)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1232

- 4.2 **General Plan Amendment #19-02, Zone Change #426, and Conditional Use Permit #1231**, initiated by Merced Holdings, LP, property owner. The General Plan Amendment and Zone Change application is a request to change the General Plan designation from Low Density Residential (LD) to Neighborhood Commercial (CN) and change the Zoning designation from R-1-6 to Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) for approximately 22,670 square feet of land located approximately 360 feet south of Yosemite Avenue, on the east side of McKee Road. The Conditional Use Permit application is a request to allow the construction of 428 Efficiency Dwelling Units and 18,000 square feet of retail on 5.94 acres of land with a General Plan designation of Neighborhood Commercial (CN) and Zoning designation of Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) generally located at the southeast corner of Yosemite Avenue and McKee Road. \*PUBLIC HEARING\*

ACTION: PLANNING COMMISSION:

Recommendation to City Council



- 1) Environmental Review #19-18 (Mitigated Negative Declaration)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #19-02
- 3) Zone Change #426

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Conditional Use Permit #1231 (contingent on City Council approval of the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change)

#### CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #19-18 (Mitigated Negative Declaration)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #19-02
- 3) Zone Change #426

#### 4.3 Cancellation of September 4, 2019, Planning Commission Meeting due to a lack of items.

ACTION: Cancel the Planning Commission Meeting of September 4, 2019

#### 5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Calendar of Meetings/Events (see below)

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT (Traditionally no later than 11:00 p.m.)

#### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/EVENTS

August	19	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	21	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
	27	Bicycle Advisory Commission, 3:00 p.m. Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
September	3	City Council, 6:00 p.m. ( <i>Tuesday</i> )
	4	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. ( <i>To Be Cancelled</i> )
	16	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
October	18	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
	7	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	9	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
	21	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	23	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

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