

Planning Commission 525 East Broadway

August 5, 2021

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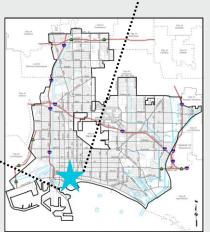
Application No. 2004-05



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VICINITY MAP





Zoning:

• PD-30 (Downtown Plan) – Height Incentive Area

General Plan (2019):

Downtown/DT

Subject Site:

• 15,052 square feet





BACKGROUND

- May 6, 2021 Public Comments at Planning Commission on Non-Agendized Items regarding the Proposed Project
- May 26, 2021 Proposed Project approved by Site Plan Review Committee
- June 4, 2021 Third Party Appeal Filed

- Coordination Meetings Held Between Applicant and Interested Parties
 - May 24, 2021
 - June 29, 2021
 - July 29, 2021





EXISTING CONDITIONS (STREET FACING)













EXISTING CONDITIONS (REAR)

















PROJECT PROPOSAL



Overall Project:

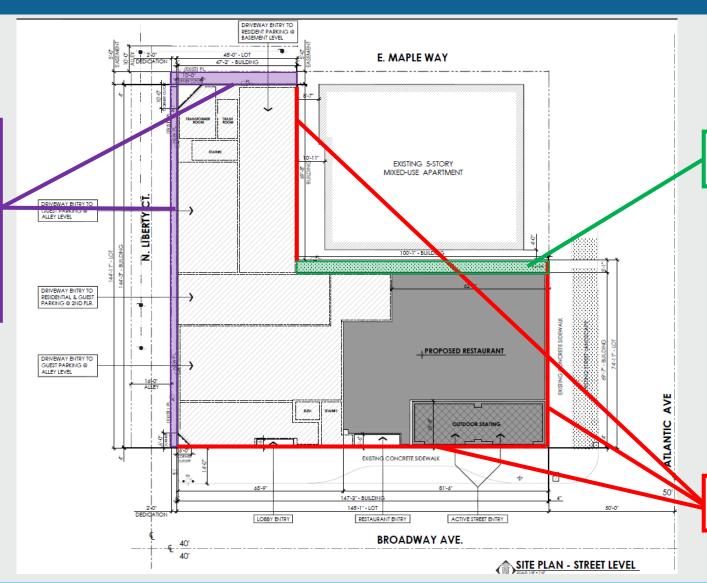
- Clear site of existing commercial uses and surface parking lot
- Construction of:
 - 7-story mixed-use building containing 48 dwelling units, 5,090 sq. ft. of retail/restaurant space,
 - 1 level of subterranean parking with two levels of grade/podium parking for a total of 60 parking stalls





SITE PLAN (STREET LEVEL)

- 10 feet from centerline required
- 10 feet from centerline provided
 - Interior setback of 2 ft at Liberty Ct and 5 ft at Maple Way



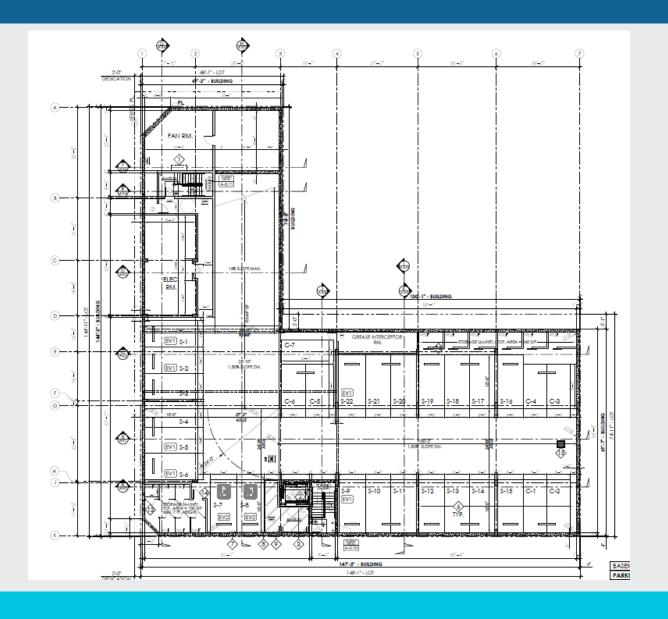
- 5 feet required
- 5 feet provided

- 0-foot build to line
- 4 inches provided





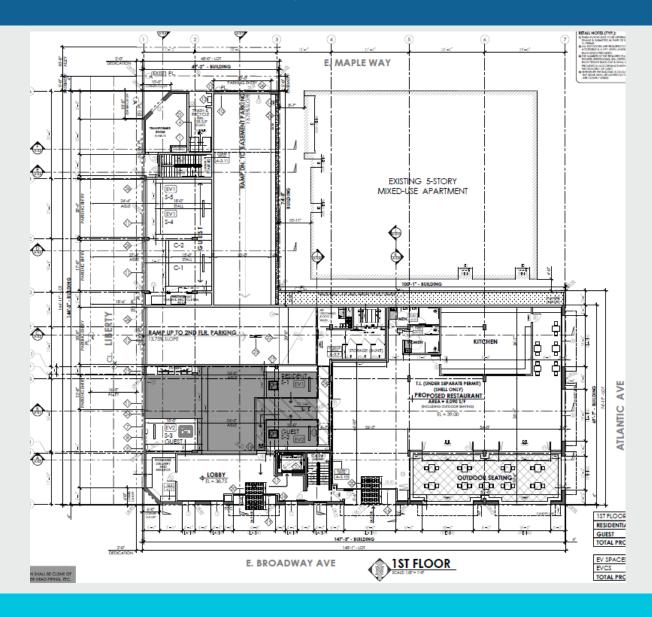
FLOOR PLAN (BASEMENT LEVEL)







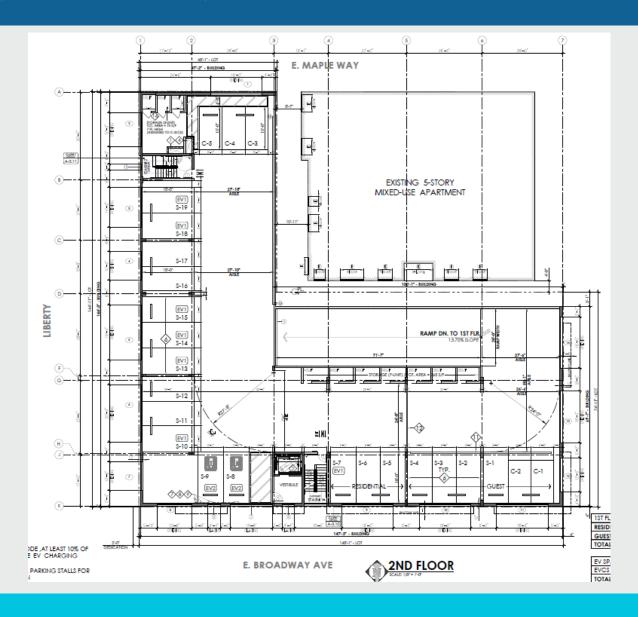
FLOOR PLAN (GROUND LEVEL)







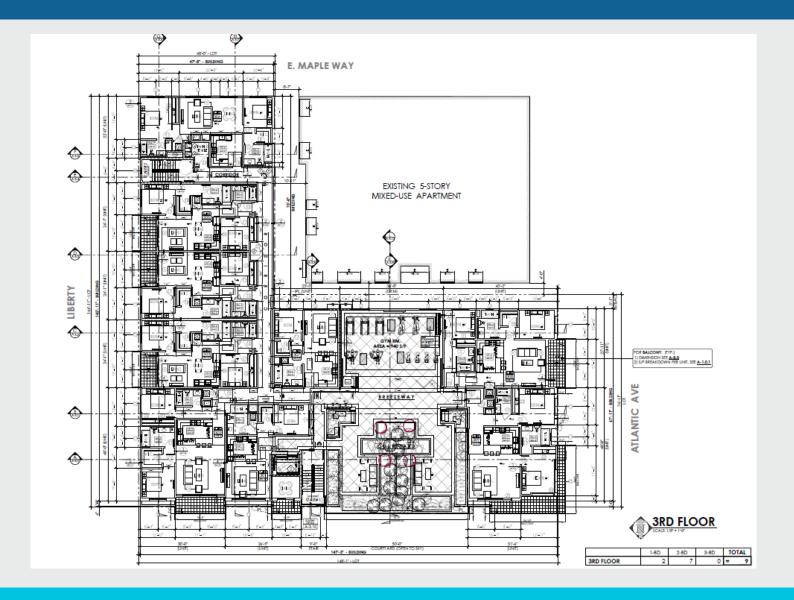
FLOOR PLAN (2ND LEVEL)







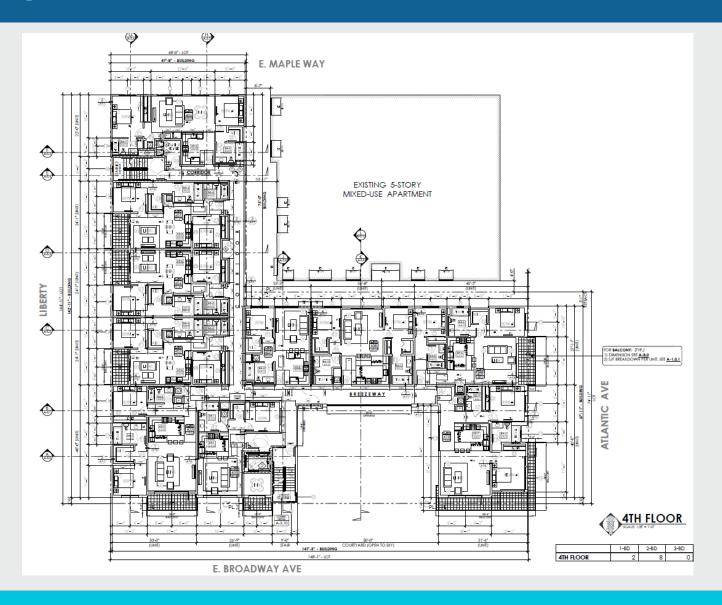
FLOOR PLAN (3RD LEVEL)







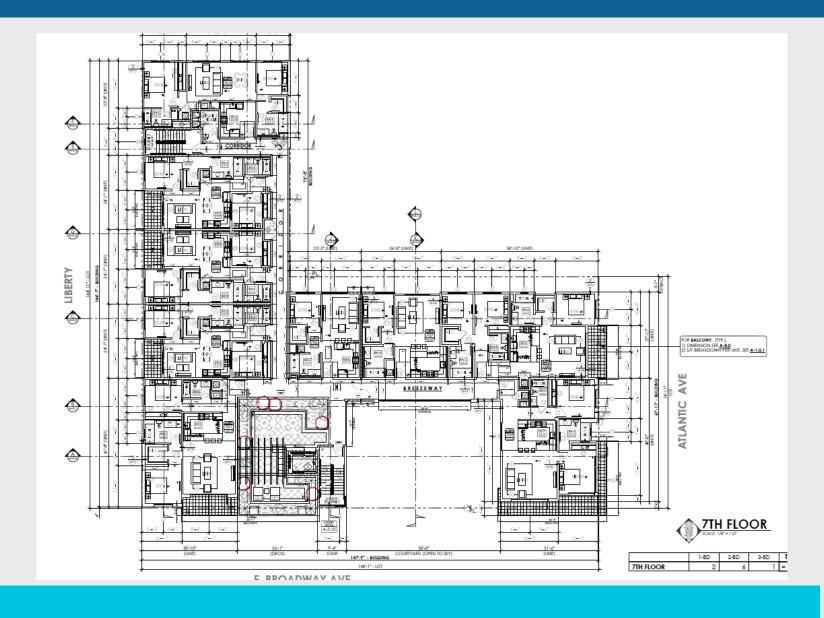
FLOOR PLAN (4TH – 6TH LEVELS)







FLOOR PLAN (7TH LEVEL)







RENDERINGS







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COMMUNITY COMMENTS

<u>At Planning Commission (Non-Agendized Items)</u>

- Privacy
- Natural Air Flows
- Height of Building
- Style of Architecture
- Parking
- Views
- Property Values

Through staff discussions

- Would like courtyard flipped
- Increased setbacks/stepbacks
- Landscaping
- More parking
- More historic design inspiration

Appeal

- Desires for the flipped courtyard and/or greater setbacks
- Alternatives to blank wall, landscaping
- Concerns for air quality, construction impacts, and shade and shadow.
- Design concerns





CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Special Conditions

- Prior to issuance of building permits, an illustrative diagram shall be provided to the Site Plan Review Committee to demonstrate both vertical and horizontal offset of windows facing the 5-story structure at Atlantic Plaza, 215 Atlantic Avenue.
- The windows at the indoor gym shall be frosted or revised to provide the maximum feasible privacy to the adjacent building.
- The 5-foot-wide landscaped setback at the north elevation abutting 215 Atlantic Avenue shall be landscaped with vegetation capable of growing vertically.





PUBLIC COMMENTS

Six (6) public comments received in response to Planning Commission Noticing. The following topics were included in the comments:

- Concerns related to shade and shadow, air quality, and parking
- Compliance with the Housing Accountability Act
- Concerns with development on the site
- Support for the project





PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

- Projects less than 50 dwelling units are approved at the Site Plan Review Committee level
- Residential and Commercial/Restaurant Uses are allowed by right.
- SB 167 –2017 (Housing Accountability Act)
 - Developments that comply with all "applicable, objective general plan, zoning, and subdivision standards and criteria." Local governments may not disapprove – or even reduce the size of – these types of projects unless they find that the project would have an unavoidable impact on public health or safety that cannot be mitigated in any way other than rejecting the project or reducing its size.
- SB 743 (2013) -
 - Aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project on an infill site within a transit priority area shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment.
 - Aesthetics include topics such as shade and shadow.





CEQA

- This project was analyzed as part of the previously-certified Downtown Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).
- An EIR Compliance Checklist (PECC-02-21) was prepared for this project.
- The EIR Compliance Checklist analyzed the proposed project in accordance with the Downtown Plan PEIR and determined that the project will not result in any new significant impacts that exceed those analyzed in the Downtown Plan PEIR.
- The development is subject to the Downtown Plan PEIR Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) to ensure compliance with adopted mitigation measures during project implementation.





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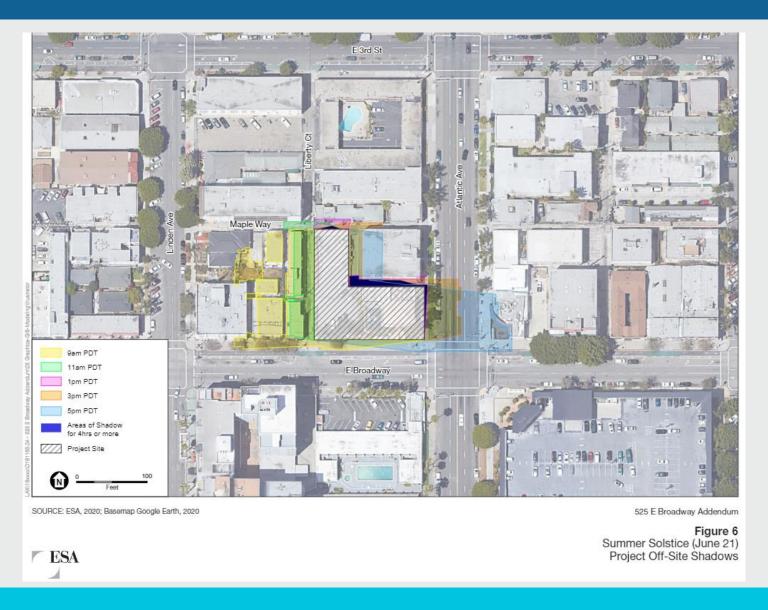


















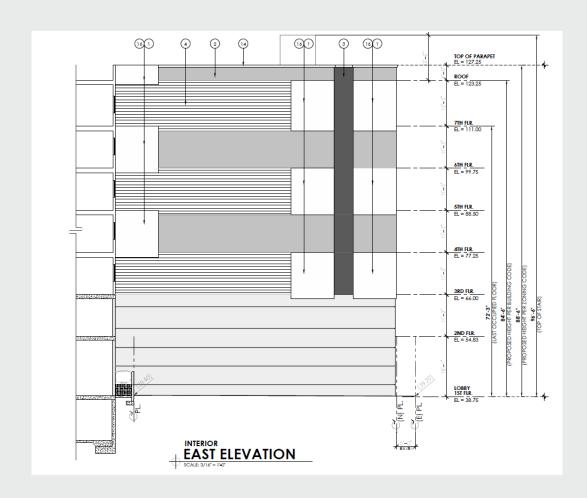














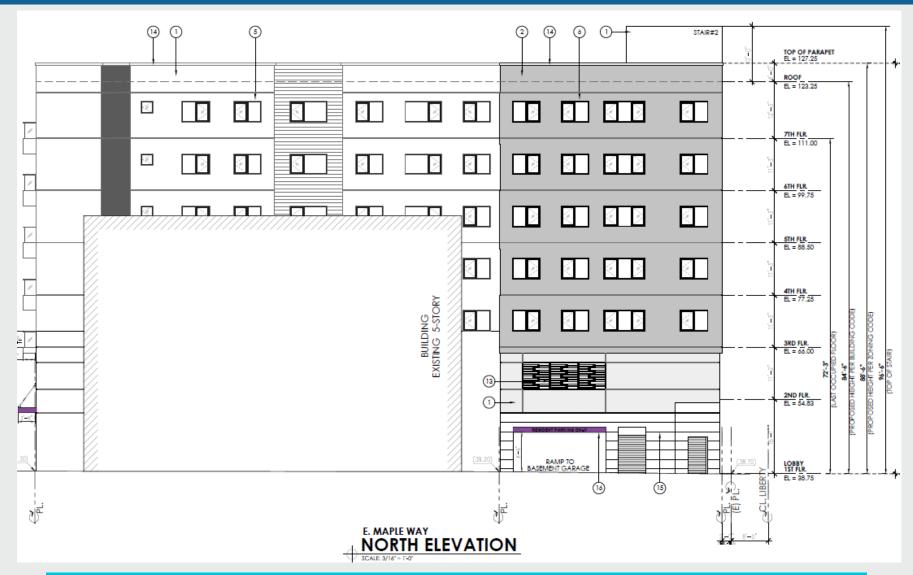














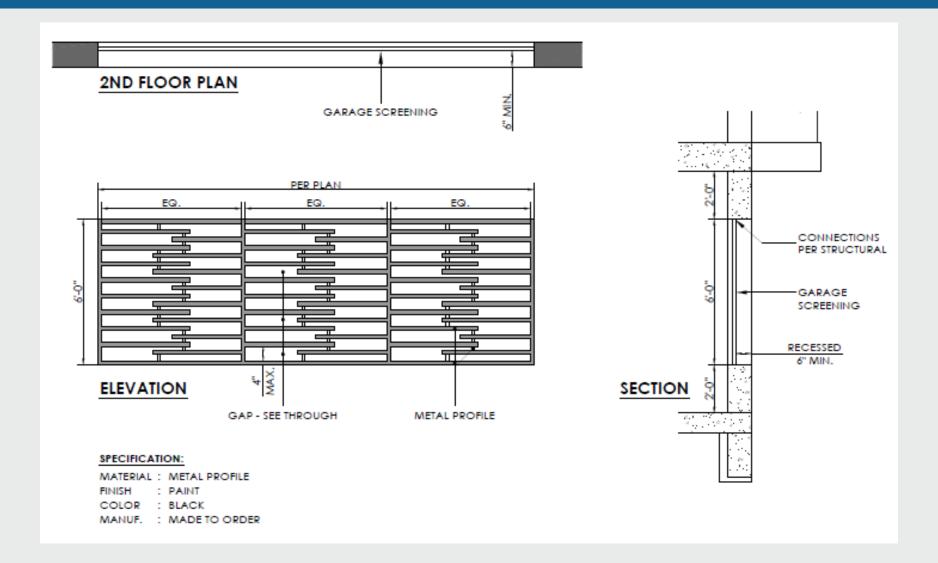








Garage Screening







Materials







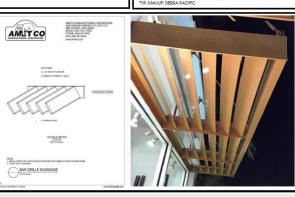


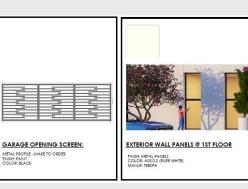


















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