



June 13, 2022

Architectural Review Committee

c/o: Warren Hoag

City of Arroyo Grande

300 East Branch Street

Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Reference: 211 East Branch Street; ARC Hearing

Dear Chair Hoag and ARC Members:

Unfortunately, I am unable to be with you at the ARC meeting in person on June 20th, I will be out of town celebrating my 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary so I do apologize for not being there. However, I am confident with my notes below and the presence of the Von Berg's and our past history on the project we can easily work to a resolution on this project, once again.

In our progress towards building permit our current budget construction numbers are forcing us into making some changes to the design. Although, we all deeply want to continue with the roof deck we are having to push this piece of the design to a future date when it may become more financially feasible.

With the elimination of the roof deck, we eliminate the need for the elevator, transformer, additional restrooms and exterior stair case. This is a substantial cost for the project and if we eliminate only this one feature we can still preserve the intent of the original approved project. Honestly, outside of being on the roof deck you will really not notice any difference. I would also like to request that we can eliminate the lower stone wainscot on the north and east elevations. This will allow us to keep only the full height stone veneer while cutting back some to help our budget.

The VonBerg's have agreed to plant a mature olive tree in the location of the exterior staircase which will serve to preserve the needed indoor gallery wall space and add a nice softening effect for the courtyard.

We would like to keep pushing forward on our documents and path to building permit so we ask that you agree with city staff that this revision is still in substantial conformance with the approved project plans which will allow us to keep moving forward.

Thank you for your time and as always again for your dedication and service to our City.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Martin, Architect