

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA**

PANORAMA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM  
UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada  
non-profit corporation,

Appellant,

vs.

LAURENT HALLIER, an individual;  
PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; PANORAMA  
TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, a Nevada limited  
liability company; and M.J. DEAN  
CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Nevada  
corporation,

Respondents.

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2 14. Coincidentally, an individual who was previously employed by Sierra Glass, the  
3 window installer at the Panorama Towers project, and who worked on the Panorama project, was  
4 employed by one of the subcontractors working on the Unit 300 repair. He informed me that  
5 Sierra Glass had previously installed TWS windows on its projects, but fabricated its own  
6 windows for the Panorama project. This explained why there were no manufacturer's markings  
7 on the Unit 300 windows.

8 15. As noted, the Builders assert, based on the incorrect assumption that TWS  
9 windows were installed in the Panorama Towers, that because the TWS instructions did not  
10 require head flashings, they were not required at Panorama. Even if these were TWS windows at  
11 Panorama, that would not be true.

12 16. As noted, I am an AAMA accredited and certified window installation instructor.  
13 Attached for reference are excerpts from the applicable AAMA training manual, 2000 edition  
14 (**Exhibit B**). The Home Rule Doctrine described in the manual states (at 9-3 to 9-4):

15 Because of the large number of specifications, codes, and standards that affect the  
16 fenestration industry, conflicts between their requirements will inevitably arise.  
17 When a conflict occurs, one should remember the concept of "Home Rule  
Doctrine," which means "the most stringent requirement applies."


18 17. In this instance, the head flashings were required by the EIFS manufacturer, Sto.  
19 Attached is the Sto installation detail showing the proper installation of head flashing over the  
20 window assembly (**Exhibit C**). Regardless of whether these windows were manufactured by  
21 TWS, Sierra Glass or someone else, had the manufacture not specified head flashings, the Home  
22 Rule Doctrine would have required that the EIFS installer comply with the more stringent Sto  
23 requirement to install head flashings.

24 18. Significantly, the head flashings that were required to be installed by the EIFS  
25 installer, had they been installed, would have been part of the exterior EIFS cladding system, not  
26 part of the window assembly.

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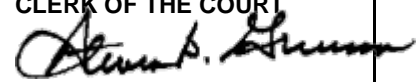
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19. I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

  
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## I.

### INTRODUCTION

The Builders, in line with their ongoing barrage of pre-discovery motion practice, seek reconsideration of the Court's ruling, filed November 30, 2018, on their motion for summary judgment, filed August 3, 2018 (MSJ). Just as they did at the MSJ hearing, the Builders reassert their argument that the HOA's specification of *head flashings* in their amended Chapter 40 notice, an additional detail the Builders demanded, was somehow an improper "new issue." The Builders cannot have it both ways. They cannot seek more specificity about the alleged window design defects and then label them as "new" defects in order to avoid the consequences of their request for more details.

Much like they did in their motion challenging the HOA's standing, the Builders play word games by treating generic verbiage used by the HOA's expert as if it were a generally accepted term of art in the construction industry. The Builders distort the HOA's expert's words into an alleged admission that the inclusion of head flashings in the amended notice is in fact a new issue.

The Builders' motion for reconsideration lacks procedural or substantive merit. The motion is procedurally improper for two reasons. First, the Builders did not timely seek reconsideration or base their request on any new evidence. Second, even if the Court were to give any weight to the Builders'

1 word games, the question here involves a disputed issue of fact that cannot be resolved on a motion  
2 for summary judgment.

3 And the motion is devoid of substance because it is based on wordplay and demonstrably  
4 incorrect assertions by the Builders' window expert. Specifically, the Builders assert that, because  
5 head flashings are (i) not "drainage" components and (ii) not part of the "window assembly," the  
6 HOA has improperly asserted a "new" defect not included within the original Chapter 40 notice. As  
7 shown below, there is no merit to these assertions.

## 8 II.

### 9 DISCUSSION

#### 10 A. The Builders' motion is both untimely and not based on anything new.

11 Preliminarily, the Builders' motion should be denied on two separate procedural grounds.  
12 First, EDCR 2.24 requires that motions for reconsideration be filed within 10 days of the challenged  
13 order. Rule 2.24 provides in relevant part:

14 (a) No motions once heard and disposed of may be renewed in the same cause, nor  
15 may the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court  
granted upon motion therefor, after notice of such motion to the adverse parties.

16 (b) A party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court, other than any order  
17 which may be addressed by motion pursuant to N.R.C.P. 50(b), 52(b), 59 or 60,  
18 must file a motion for such relief **within 10 days** after service of written notice of  
the order or judgment unless the time is shortened or enlarged by order.

19 EDCR 2.24 (emphasis added). The district court may deny a motion for reconsideration on this basis  
20 alone. *See Carmar Drive Trust v. Bank of America, N.A.*, 386 P.3d 988 (D. Nev. Dec. 16, 2016)  
21 (holding district court "within its discretion in denying" untimely motion for reconsideration).

22 The obvious reason for this requirement is that motions for reconsideration should be filed  
23 expeditiously while the matter is still fresh in the court's mind. Here, the present motion was filed on  
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1 December 17, 2018, 17 days after the challenged order, *i.e.*, the Court’s order filed on November 30,  
2 2018, ruling on the Builders’ MSJ.

3 Second, a district court need not consider arguments made for the first time in a motion for  
4 reconsideration. *See Arnold v. Kip*, 123 Nev. 410, 417, 168 P.3d 1050, 1054 (2007) (observing that a  
5 district court has discretion in deciding to consider the merits of arguments made for the first time in  
6 a motion for reconsideration); *Achrem v. Expressway Plaza Ltd.*, 112 Nev. 737, 742, 917 P.2d 447,  
7 450 (1996) (“Points or contentions not raised in the original hearing cannot be maintained or  
8 considered on rehearing.”).

9 The Builders’ motion purports to be based on “new evidence,” but there is nothing “new”  
10 involved here. The present motion is based on an alleged variance between the original Chapter 40  
11 notice and the amended notice. The Builders filed the MSJ on August 3, 2018, four months after the  
12 HOA’s amended notice was filed, and so had more than ample time to analyze the alleged variance  
13 between the two notices. Based on that analysis, the Builders asserted in their MSJ that the missing  
14 head flashing was a “new” defect. They supported that assertion with the declaration of their  
15 architect expert, Michelle Robbins, AIA, who declared that “the alleged omission of the head  
16 flashing is a new issue which the Association could have identified by way of its Initial Chapter 40  
17 Notice” (MSJ, Ex 8, at 1:24–26).

18 So, what is the excuse for now asking the Court to reconsider an issue that was fully briefed  
19 and argued – for nearly three hours – at the MSJ hearing on October 2, 2018? The Builders’ excuse  
20 for now reopening this fully addressed and resolved issue is that, in opposing the Builders’  
21 subsequent motion challenging the HOA’s standing, the HOA filed a declaration by Omar  
22 Hindiye<sup>1</sup>, one of its experts, in which he stated, “the head flashings that were required to be  
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25 <sup>1</sup> The Hindiye declaration, which was filed as part of the HOA’s opposition package on November  
16, 2018, is attached to the Builders’ present motion as Exhibit E (November 16 Declaration).

1 installed by the EIFS installer, had they been installed, would have been part of the exterior EIFS  
2 cladding system, not part of the window assembly.” Mot. at 5:24–26.

3 This, the Builders contend, is entirely “new information,” which they presumably could not  
4 have known when they filed their MSJ. However, whether or not head flashing is part of a “window  
5 assembly,” and whatever significance that might have (which will be addressed below), was an issue  
6 fully out in the open and one that Robbins could readily have opined on in her declaration in support  
7 of the MSJ. It did not require Hindiye’s subsequent declaration to put the Builders in a position to  
8 now argue that the head flashings were not part of the window assembly; the Builders and their  
9 expert were fully capable of doing that on their own.

10 The Builders have provided no legitimate reason for now reopening an issue that was fully  
11 briefed and argued to the Court.

12 **B. The Builders’ motion falls short of the requirements for summary judgment on the**  
13 **HOA’s head flashing defect.**

14 Nevada no longer applies the “slightest doubt” standard for summary judgment under Rule  
15 56 and now uses the standard and case law of the federal courts. *Wood v. Safeway, Inc.*, 121 P.3d  
16 1026, 1029–31 (Nev. 2005). To prevent summary judgment, the nonmoving party “must, by  
17 affidavit or otherwise, set forth specific facts demonstrating the existence of a genuine issue for trial  
18 . . . .” *Id.* at 1031 (quoting *Bulbman, Inc. v. Nevada Bell*, 825 P.2d 588, 591 (Nev. 1992)). “Summary  
19 judgment, however, may not be used as a shortcut to the resolving of disputes upon facts material to  
20 the determination of the legal rights of the parties.” *Collins v. Union Federal Sav. & Loan Ass’n*, 662  
21 P.2d 610, 619 (Nev. 1983) (quoting *Parman v. Petricciani*, 272 P.2d 492, 496 (Nev. 1954)). “A  
22 factual dispute is genuine when the evidence is such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict  
23 for the nonmoving party.” *Id.*; *Posadas v. City of Reno*, 851 P.2d 438, 441–42 (Nev. 1993). The  
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1 “substantive law controls which factual disputes are material” so as to preclude summary judgment.  
2 *Collins*, 662 P.2d at 619.

3 Nevada law places additional limitations on a trial court’s use of summary judgment, and the  
4 Nevada Supreme Court has instructed trial judges to exercise “great caution” in granting summary  
5 judgment. *Posadas*, 851 P.2d at 442. When considering a motion for summary judgment, the district  
6 court must view “the evidence, and any reasonable inferences drawn from it, . . . in a light most  
7 favorable to the nonmoving party.” *Winn v. Sunrise Hosp. & Medical Center*, 277 P.3d 458, 462  
8 (Nev. 2012). Furthermore, ““the trial court should not pass upon the credibility of opposing  
9 affidavits, unless the evidence tendered by them is too incredible to be accepted by reasonable  
10 minds.”” *Short v. Hotel Riviera, Inc.*, 378 P.2d 979, 984 (Nev. 1963) (quoting 6 Moore’s Federal  
11 Practice 2070); *see also Sawyer v. Sugarless Shops, Inc.*, 792 P.2d 14, 15–16 (Nev. 1990). Finally,  
12 the summary judgment tool is not meant “to cut litigants off from their right to trial by jury if they  
13 really have issues to try.” *Short*, 378 P.2d at 984 (*citing Sartor v. Arkansas Gas Corp.*, 321 U.S. 620  
14 (1944)).

15 Whether intentionally or not, the Builders’ Motion makes no mention of the Rule 56 standard  
16 they must meet to obtain summary adjudication of the HOA’s claims related to the critical head  
17 flashing missing from every window in both towers. Rather than demonstrate the lack of any  
18 genuine issue of material fact for trial, which Nevada law requires, the Builders simply point to a  
19 single out-of-context statement from the HOA’s expert. Summary judgment does not come that  
20 easily. Based on the response from the HOA’s expert, *see Exhibit 1*, the law precludes summary  
21 judgment and requires the factfinder to decide the issue.

22 **C. The Builders’ motion lacks substance because it is based on nothing more than a**  
23 **combination of inaccurate word play and incorrect expert testimony.**

24 Chapter 40 “pre-litigation notices are presumed valid under NRS 40.645.” *D.R. Horton, Inc.*  
25 *v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 123 Nev. 468, 481, 168 P.3d 731, 741 (2007). A contractor must challenge a

Chapter 40 notice with specificity, and, when challenged, the district courts must “determine whether a notice preserves a contractor’s opportunity to repair.” *Id.* “[T]he district court should use its wide discretion **to ensure that a contractor is not utilizing NRS 40.645 as a shield for the purpose of delaying the commencement of repairs or legitimate litigation.**” *Id.* at 482, 168 P.3d at 741 (emphasis added).

Here, the Builders continue to use Chapter 40 and this action as a shield to block the HOA from moving forward with legitimate litigation related to the significant design deficiencies impacting all windows in both towers. The Court should not allow the Builders to continue delaying this case with piecemeal, pre-discovery dispositive motion practice and requests to reconsider the Court’s decisions. The Builders have all of the information they need to exercise their right to repair, a right they already disclaimed as to all window-related defects.

The HOA’s original Chapter 40 notice provided in relevant part (at 1, emphasis added):

The window assemblies in the residential tower units were defectively designed such that water entering the assemblies does not have an appropriate means of exiting the assemblies. There are no sill pans, proper weepage components **or other drainage provisions** designed to **direct water from** and through **the window assemblies** to the exterior of the building.

The amended notice elaborates on this, as required by the Court’s order sought by the Builders, explaining that the universal design deficiencies in the windows involve the failure of the plans to specify pan flashings and head flashings (at 3:14-25).

The Builders, playing a game of semantics, claim that the head flashings are a new defect because (i) they are not “drainage provisions,” and (2) they are not part of the “window assemblies.” These contentions will be addressed in order.

***1. The head flashings are drainage provisions.***

The Builders argue, “Head flashings are not designed to drain (i.e., capture water that has already gotten behind the window and allow it to exit through a window assembly); rather, head

1 flashings are used solely to prevent water from entering the system.” Mot. at 6:23–25. This argument  
2 is based on the accompanying declaration of Simon Loadsman (Mot., Ex. C), which states:

3           3. In my opinion, head flashings do not fall within the purview of “sill pans,  
4 proper weepage components or other drainage provisions designed to direct water  
from and through the window assemblies to the exterior of the building.”

5           4. In my opinion, head flashings cannot be confused with sill pans. Whereas sill  
6 pans are designed to capture water and direct it through a window assembly, head  
7 flashings are not designed to capture and direct water through window assemblies.  
Head flashings are simply designed to prevent water from entering the window  
assembly, not drain water from within it.

8 Loadsman is wrong.

9 As explained in the accompanying declaration of Omar Hindiye, head flashings serve two  
10 purposes. Hindiye Dec. at ¶¶ 7–9. First, they prevent water intrusion into the wall or window  
11 assemblies at the primary barrier level, as Loadsman says.

12 Second, contrary to what Loadsman says, head flashings also “collect and drain unwanted  
13 water – that may have infiltrated from conditions above, such as stacked window wall assemblies –  
14 out and away from the window wall system”; *i.e.*, water that gets inside the wall assembly, behind  
15 the cladding and from above a window, will be collected by the head flashing and drained out over  
16 the top of the window to the building exterior. Hindiye Dec. at ¶ 9.

17 These dual functions of the head flashing are entirely consistent with the HOA’s original  
18 Chapter 40 notice, which stated that the window assemblies lacked “drainage provisions designed to  
19 direct water from and through the window assemblies to the exterior of the building.”

20           ***2. The head flashings are part of the overall window assemblies for all practical***  
21 ***purposes because they integrate with and protect the windows.***

22 As noted, the Builders’ pretext for filing the present motion is that Omar Hindiye allegedly  
23 admitted in his November 16 Declaration that “the head flashings that were required to be installed  
24 by the EIFS installer, had they been installed, would have been part of the exterior EIFS cladding  
25 system, not part of the window assembly.” Mot. at 5:24–26. Because, according to the Builders, the

1 head flashings are *not part of the window assembly*, they are not included in the original Chapter 40  
2 notice.

3 Wrong!

4 As shown by the HindiyeH declaration, the Builders' motion for reconsideration is based on  
5 word play and semantics. The term "window assembly" is not an accepted term of art in the  
6 construction industry that has a specific, recognized meaning. It can have different meanings  
7 depending on the context in which it is used.

8 In his November 16 Declaration, HindiyeH was distinguishing head flashing from the  
9 definition of "Apertures" as used in Section 4.2 of the HOA's CC&Rs, which state in part:

10 (e) Apertures. Where there are apertures in any boundary, including but not limited  
11 to windows ... such boundaries shall be extended to include the windows ...  
including all frameworks, window casings and weather stripping thereof....

12 HindiyeH explains that he had two reasons for stating in the November 16 Declaration that  
13 the head flashings at Panorama were not part of the window assemblies. First, he was using the term  
14 "window assembly" to refer to the above definition of "Apertures," which includes "windows ... all  
15 frameworks, window casings and weather stripping thereof." In that context head flashing was not  
16 part of the window assembly.

17 Second, as explained in his more recent declaration, the head flashing was not part of the  
18 window assembly from a sequencing standpoint. HindiyeH Dec. at 3:14-18. That is, had the head  
19 flashings been installed by the EIFS installer, they would have been part of the EIFS system because,  
20 sequentially, the window assemblies were already in place when the EIFS installer performed its  
21 installation work, including the head flashings and the EIFS cladding.

22 Looking to the bigger picture, head flashings are just one of the many elements of the  
23 exterior window wall drainage system. All the elements in the building envelope must work together  
24 to realize the intended water penetration resistance of the installed window products. In the context  
25 of this bigger picture, and considering the relationship between the head flashing and the window, it

1 is accurate to state that the head flashing, which is installed above and folds over the top of the  
2 window frame, is part of the window assembly. Hindiye Dec. at 3:19-24.

3 In sum, head flashing does not fall within the definition of “Apertures” as defined in Section  
4 4.2 of the CC&Rs. Nonetheless, it is accurate to state that head flashing, regardless of which  
5 contractor installs it, is part of the window assembly.

6 Accordingly, the head flashings in the Panorama Towers are included within the term  
7 “window assemblies” as used in the HOA’s original Chapter 40 notice.

8 **III.**

9 **CONCLUSION**

10 Because the Builders’ Motion for Reconsideration lacks procedural or substantive merit, the  
11 HOA respectfully requests an order denying the motion in its entirety.

12 DATED this 22nd day of January 2019.

13 Respectfully submitted,

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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019, the foregoing **Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiffs/ Counter-Defendants Laurent Hallier, Panorama Towers I, LLC, Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC, and M.J. Dean Construction, Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration of their Motion for Summary Judgment on Defendant/ Counter-Claimant Panorama Tower Condominium Unit Owners' Association's April 5, 2018 Amended Notice of Claims** was served on the following by Electronic Service to all parties on the Court's service list.

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DEPT. NO.: XXII

**DECLARATION OF OMAR HINDIYEH  
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S  
OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS'  
MOTION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF  
REGARDING STANDING**

1 PANORAMA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM  
2 UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada  
non-profit corporation, and Does 1 through 1000,

3 Counterclaimants,

4 vs.

5 LAURENT HALLIER, an individual; *et al.*,

6 Counterdefendants.  
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8 **DECLARATION OF OMAR HINDIYEH IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S**  
9 **OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

10 I, Omar Hindiye, state as follows:

11 1. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from San Jose State  
12 University in 1978. I am a licensed general contractor in California (license no. 757672) and in  
13 Nevada (license no. 53133). I am the owner and president of CMA Consulting (CMA), formed in  
14 1985, which specializes in construction management and forensic investigation services.  
15 Attached is copy of my CV, which includes my licenses, certifications and professional  
16 affiliations (**Exhibit A**).

17 2. Among other things, I am and an accredited and certified window installation  
18 instructor for the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) (there are only  
19 three of us in the State of California). AAMA promulgates standards and guidelines for window  
20 installation that are generally accepted nationwide and are often adopted by the building code  
21 bodies that draft the building codes.

22 3. If called as a witness, I could and would testify to the matters stated herein based  
23 on my own personal knowledge.

24 4. I have previously submitted declarations in this case, including one filed on  
25 November 16, 2018, in support of the HOA's opposition to the Builders' motion for declaratory  
26 relief (November 16 Declaration). In that declaration I stated (at 5:24-26):

27 Significantly, the head flashings that were required to be installed by the EIFS  
28 installer, had they been installed, would have been part of the exterior EIFS  
cladding system, not part of the window assembly.

1           5.       Having read the Builders' motion for reconsideration, which focuses on the above  
2 statement, this appears to be a matter of semantics. The term "window assembly" is not an  
3 accepted term of art in the construction industry that has a specific, recognized meaning. It can  
4 have different meanings depending on the context in which it is used.

5           6.       In my November 16 Declaration, I was distinguishing head flashing from the  
6 definition of "Apertures" as used in Section 4.2 of the HOA's CC&Rs, which state in part:

7                   (e) Apertures. Where there are apertures in any boundary, including but not  
8                   limited to windows ... such boundaries shall be extended to include the windows  
9                   ... including all frameworks, window casings and weather stripping thereof....

10          7.       I had two reasons for stating in the November 16 Declaration that the head  
11 flashings at Panorama were not part of the window assemblies:

12                   (a)       I was using the term "window assembly" to refer to the above definition of  
13 "Apertures," which includes "windows ... all frameworks, window casings and weather  
14 stripping thereof." In that context the head flashing was not part of the window assembly.

15                   (b)       Also, the head flashing was not part of the window assembly from a  
16 sequencing standpoint. That is, had the head flashings been installed by the EIFS installer, they  
17 would have been part of the EIFS system because, sequentially, the window assemblies were  
18 already in place when the EIFS installer performed its installation work, including the head  
19 flashings and the EIFS cladding.

20          8.       Looking to the bigger picture, head flashings are just one of the many elements of  
21 the exterior window wall drainage system. All the elements in the building envelope must work  
22 together to realize the intended water penetration resistance of the installed window products. In  
23 the context of this bigger picture, and considering the relationship between the head flashing and  
24 the window, it is accurate to state that the head flashing, which is installed above and folds over  
25 the top of the window frame, is part of the window assembly.

26          9.       Attached is a diagram showing how head flashing fits within the window  
27 assembly. Head flashings are used to integrate the window with the wall system in two  
28 significant ways.

10. First, they insure the integrity of the drainage plane by preventing water intrusion into the wall or window assemblies at the primary barrier level. In the attached diagram, the lower portion of the horizontal element and the lower vertical element of the head flashing divert and prevent water from entering the window assembly from the top of the window.

11. Second, head flashings collect and drain unwanted water – that may have infiltrated from conditions above, such as stacked window wall assemblies – out and away from the window wall system. In the diagram, the upper vertical and sloped horizontal elements of the head flashing collect water that has accumulated behind the exterior cladding and drain it over the top of the window frame.

12. I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

DATED this 21st day of January 2019.

Omar Hindiye

# Exhibit A

**OMAR HINDIYEH**  
**CMA CONSULTING**  
**PRESIDENT**

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**EXPERIENCE**

CMA Consulting, Livermore, CA, Owner, President 1985-Present. Construction Management and Building Construction Consulting Firm. Responsible for and perform the following: Pre-construction planning (cost feasibility studies, technical inspections, construction contracts negotiation, quality control, specification writing), on-site construction inspection and management of all phases of construction including earthwork, paving, concrete, carpentry, roofing, fenestrations, stucco, cladding, plumbing, mechanical, electrical; etc., building component studies, forensic construction defect investigations.

OSO Developers, Inc., San Jose, CA, Owner, President, Vice President 1980-1987. General Engineering and Building Construction Firm. Responsible for and performed the following: Earth-moving, excavating, grading, trenching, paving and concrete foundation work; building construction of all phases of construction including carpentry, roofing, fenestrations, stucco, cladding, plumbing, mechanical, electrical etc., new construction, alteration, improvement and repair of single-family and multi-family residential structures; light commercial and industrial structures; building construction inspection and general engineering consulting work.

Chemtech, San Jose, CA, Owner, President, 1983-1987. Hazardous Chemical Storage Facility Construction Firm. Responsible for and performed the following: Design and construction of flammable and toxic materials storage system facilities; hazardous materials management planning; procedural monitoring training.

CM4 Engineers, San Jose, CA, Owner, Vice-President, 1984-1985. Construction Management and Engineering Consulting Firm. Responsible for and perform the following: Pre-construction planning (cost feasibility studies, technical inspections, construction contracts negotiation, quality control, specification writing), on-site construction management of all phases of construction including carpentry, roofing, fenestrations, stucco, cladding, plumbing, mechanical, electrical; etc.

Aspen Roofing Systems, San Jose, CA, Owner, President, 1982-1986. Roofing Construction and Subcontracting Firm; specialists in re-roofing with tile. Responsible for and performed the following: Supervision of design staff, performed engineering calculations and design of structural roof framing upgrades on commercial and residential structures; new construction and repair of concrete, clay and slate tile roof systems; shake and shingle roof systems; built-up roof systems; single ply roof and waterproofing membrane systems; design and installation of roof flashing, etc.

Garden City Associates, San Jose, CA, Employee, Assistant Civil Engineer, Construction Coordinator, Supervisor, 1978-1979. Large commercial and residential earth moving, paving and grading projects. Coordinated work schedules; operations; and assisted in supervising employees from initial design stages to the finished product.

Supervised: demolition work, rough grading, finish grading, underground plumbing and electrical and concrete and asphaltic concrete paving operations.

## **EDUCATION**

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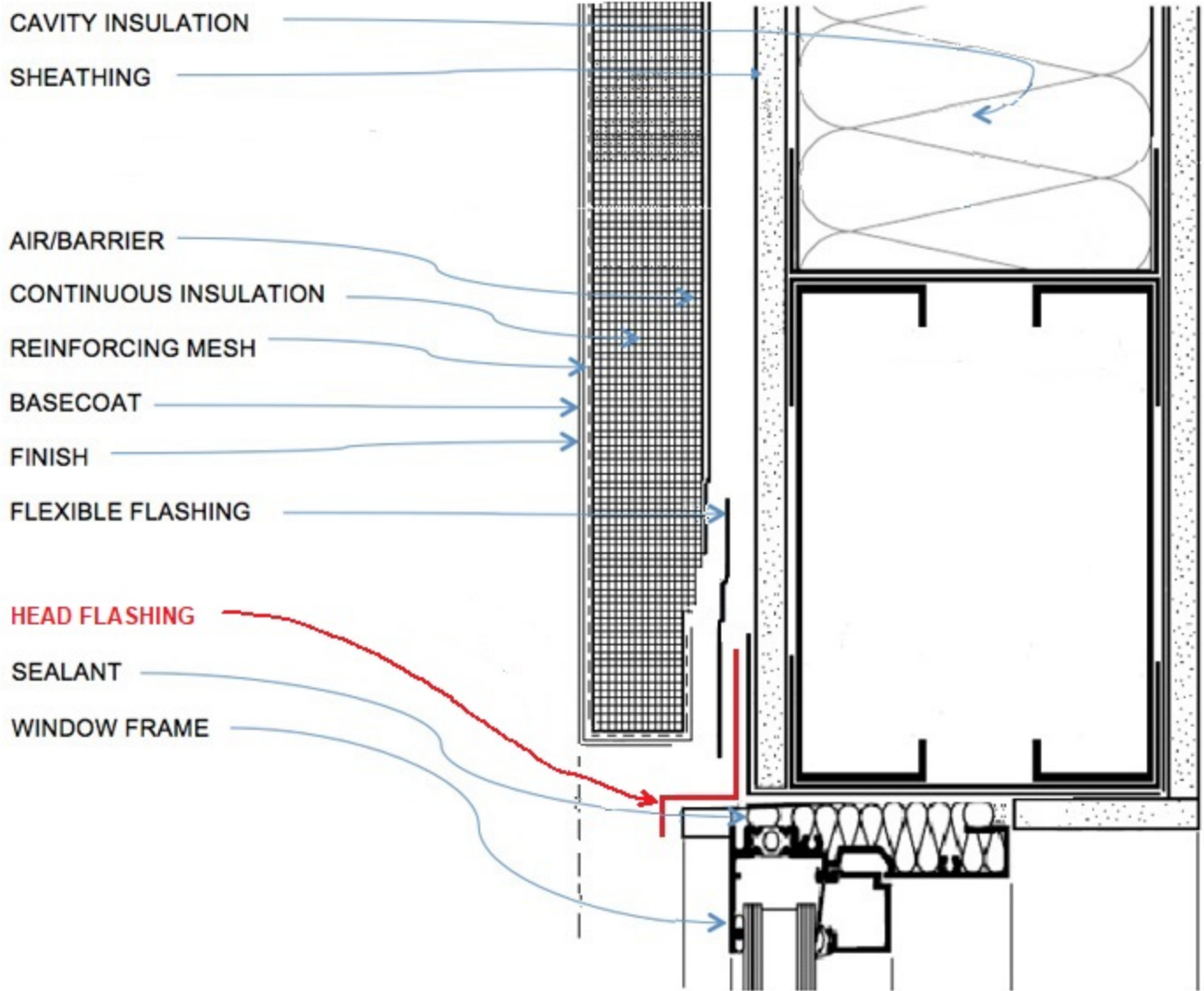
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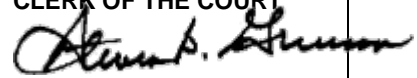
## **ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- AAMA – American Architectural Manufacturers Association
- ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials
  - Committee D08 – Roofing and Waterproofing
  - Committee E06 – Performance of Buildings
- ASPE – American Society of Professional Estimators
- CSLB – Contractors State License Board (CA)
- Nevada State Contractors Board
- ICC – International Code Council
- NFPA – National Fire Protection Association
- WESTCON – Western Construction Consultants Association
- FEWA – Forensic Expert Witness Association



# **Diagram Attachment**





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 2 liability company; and M.J. DEAN )  
 CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Nevada Corporation; )  
 3 SIERRA GLASS & MIRROR, INC.; F. )  
 ROGERS CORPORATION; DEAN ROOFING )  
 4 COMPANY; FORD CONTRACTING, INC.; )  
 INSULPRO, INC.; XTREME EXCAVATION; )  
 5 SOUTHERN NEVADA PAVING, INC.; )  
 FLIPPINS TRENCHING, INC.; BOMBARD )  
 6 MECHANICAL, LLC; R. RODGERS )  
 CORPORATION; FIVE STAR PLUMBING & )  
 7 HEATING, LLC, dba SILVER STAR )  
 PLUMBING; and ROES 1 through , inclusive, )  
 8 )  
 Counter-Defendants. )  
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11 COME NOW Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants Laurent Hallier, Panorama Towers I, LLC,  
 12 Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC and M.J. Dean Construction, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred  
 13 to as “the Builders”), by and through their attorneys of record Peter C. Brown, Esq., Jeffrey W. Saab,  
 14 Esq. and Devin R. Gifford, Esq. of the law firm of Bremer Whyte Brown & O’Meara LLP, and  
 15 hereby file their Reply in Support of Motion for Declaratory Relief Regarding Standing (“Reply”)  
 16 and Oppositions to Defendant/Counter-Claimant’s Counter-Motions (“Counter-Motions”) to  
 17 Exclude Inadmissible Evidence and For Rule 56(F) Relief (“Oppositions”).

18 This Reply and Oppositions are made and based upon the attached Memorandum of Points  
 19 and Authorities, the pleadings and papers on file herein, including the instant Motion, the Declaration

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1 of Peter C. Brown, Esq., and any and all evidence and/or testimony accepted by this Honorable Court  
2 at the time of the hearing on the Motion and Counter-Motions.

3 Dated: January 22, 2019

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CONSTRUCTION, INC.

11 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

12 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNSEL:

13 YOU AND EACH OF YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that  
14 **PLAINTIFFS/COUNTER-DEFENDANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR**  
15 **DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING STANDING AND OPPOSITIONS TO**  
16 **DEFENDANT/COUNTERCLAIMANT'S COUNTER-MOTIONS TO EXCLUDE**  
17 **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE AND FOR RULE 56(F) RELIEF** will come on for hearing before  
18 the above-entitled Court on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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2 **DEFENDANTS LAURENT HALLIER, PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, PANORAMA**  
3 **TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, AND M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.'S REPLY IN**  
4 **SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING STANDING**

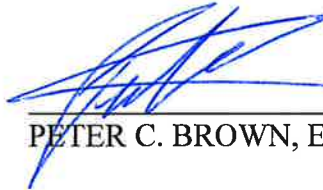
4 STATE OF NEVADA                    )  
5 CLARK COUNTY                    ) ss.  
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7 I, **PETER C. BROWN, ESQ.**, do swear under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of  
8 Nevada as follows:

- 9 1. I am duly licensed to practice law before all Courts of the State of Nevada, and I am an  
10 attorney with the law firm Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara, LLP.  
11 2. I am one of the attorneys representing for Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants in this matter.  
12 3. I know the following facts to be true of my own knowledge, and if called to testify I could  
13 competently do so.  
14 4. This Declaration is submitted in support of Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants Laurent Hallier,  
15 Panorama Towers I, LLC, Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC, and M.J. Dean Construction,  
16 Inc.'s Reply in Support of Motion for Declaratory Relief Regarding Standing.  
17 5. On or about February 24, 2016, the Defendant/Counter-Claimant, Panorama Tower  
18 Condominium Unit Owners' Association (hereinafter "Association"), through its counsel,  
19 separately served Laurent Hallier (the principal of Panorama Towers I, LLC), M.J. Dean  
20 Construction, Inc. ("M.J. Dean") and others with a "Notice to Contractor Pursuant to Nevada  
21 Revised Statutes, Section 40.645" ("Chapter 40 Notice"). Other than the addressee's name,  
22 the Chapter 40 Notices served on Mr. Hallier and M.J. Dean are the same.  
23 6. Attached as **Exhibit "I"** is a true and correct copy of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions  
24 of Law and Order Regarding Motion for Declaratory Relief from the *One Queensridge Place*  
25 *HOA, Inc. v. Perini Building Company, et al.*, case, Case No., A-12-661825-D.  
26 7. Attached as **Exhibit "J"** is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of John A. Martin, Jr.,  
27 SE.  
28 8. Attached as **Exhibit "K"** is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Ashley Allard.

- 1 9. Attached as **Exhibit "L"** is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Simon Loadsman.  
2 10. Attached as **Exhibit "M"** is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Michelle Robbins,  
3 AIA.  
4 11. Attached as **Exhibit "N"** are true and correct copies of Texas Wall System Shop Drawings.  
5 12. Attached as **Exhibit "O"** is a true and correct copy of an Unconditional Waiver and Release  
6 from the Panorama Project.  
7 13. Attached as **Exhibit "P"** are true and correct excerpts from the AAMA Installer Training  
8 Manual

9 FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

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12 PETER C. BROWN, ESQ.

13 Subscribed and Sworn before me  
14 this 22nd day of January, 2019.

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16 Notary Public in and for said State and County



## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### I. INTRODUCTION

The Association attempts to treat the Builders' Motion for Declaratory Relief incorrectly as a Motion for Summary Judgment, offering a litany of contentions to create a material dispute aimed at beating a Motion for Summary Judgment. The Association fails to establish why the Builders' Motion is improperly brought as a Motion for Declaratory Relief. Even if the Builders' Motion were considered a Motion for Summary Judgment, the Association still fails to satisfy its burden of proof. Sill Pan Flashings are classified, at the very least, as fixtures within the apertures, a fact the Association does not dispute. Other courts, based on rulings in other cases, would agree that the Association lacks standing to assert window defects alleging water intrusion. Despite the Association's contention, Texas Wall Systems was the manufacturer of the Windows at Panorama and it did not require head flashings. The EIFS manufacturer likewise did not require head flashings.

The Association's reliance on the parol evidence rule to seek exclusion of the Loadsman Affidavit and the AAMA Glossary is misguided. Both of these pieces of evidence fall outside of the purview of the parol evidence rule. On this basis, Defendant/Counter-Claimant's Counter-Motion to Exclude the Builders' Inadmissible Parol Evidence should be denied.

Because the Association has failed to satisfy its burden under NRCP 56(f), the Defendant/Counter-Claimant's Counter-Motion for NRCP 56(f) relief should be denied.

### II. LEGAL ARGUMENTS

#### A. The Association Fails to Prove Why the Builders' Motion is Improperly Brought as a Motion for Declaratory Relief

The Association fails to provide substantive law, statutes or rules that support the position that the Builders' Motion for Declaratory Relief is improper. In its Opposition, the Association cites to several cases in support of the purported position that declaratory relief is not appropriately brought without some other motion as a vehicle, like a Motion to Dismiss or Motion for Summary Judgment. None of these cases adequately support the Association's position.

The Association notes that the *Baldonado v. Wynn Las Vegas, LLC* case merely references summary judgment of declaratory relief claims. Nothing in this case mentions a Motion for



1 Summary Judgment. *Baldanado* addressed several issues in the context of Nevada’s employment  
2 law. One such issue involved whether declaratory relief was appropriately sought. The *Baldanado*  
3 Court noted that contrary to the appellants’ assertion that they merely desired an interpretation of a  
4 statute, appellants had actually requested a step further, that the interpretation be applied to grant  
5 them injunctive relief, thereby voiding the applicable policy and damages. The *Baldanado* Court  
6 ruled that such issues are not appropriate for declaratory relief actions when an administrative  
7 remedy is provided for by statute. In the present case, there is no such applicable administrative  
8 remedy.

9 The *Public Employees’ Benefits Program* case merely provides one example where  
10 declaratory relief was granted via a Motion for Summary Judgment. The case does not stand for the  
11 premise that Motions for Declaratory Relief are inappropriate. *Gordon v. Mckee* similarly provides  
12 an example of the use of a summary judgment motion seeking declaratory relief and does not stand  
13 for the premise that Motions for Declaratory Relief are per se inappropriate.

14 Lastly, the Association points to *Cox. v. Glenbrook* to stand for the position that declaratory  
15 relief is inappropriate because issues of fact should have to be tried and determined in the same  
16 manner as issues of fact are tried and determined in other civil cases. The Association’s reliance on  
17 the *Cox* case is misguided. Of note, the Association misquotes the case by adding in the term  
18 “[must],” essentially re-writing part of the *Cox* Court’s ruling (*See Opp. Pg. 9, Ln 16-19*).

19 In *Cox*, the servient estate sought a declaration as to the extent of an easement. The *Cox*  
20 Court evaluated the language of the easement in light of the facts of the case, and formulated  
21 decisions on several fronts. The one question the *Cox* Court did not decide was whether the  
22 development would cause an unreasonable burden on the servient estate *in the future*. The *Cox* Court  
23 reasoned that because there were no presently ascertainable facts illustrating what impact the not-  
24 yet-constructed development would have once built, the Court was not yet in a position to evaluate  
25 those facts and make a decision. Contrary to the Association’s assertion, the *Cox* Court did not hold  
26 that courts are precluded from analyzing factual questions when formulating rulings on declaratory  
27 relief. The *Cox* Court did just that.

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1 Many courts have analyzed and ruled in the movant's favor on Motions for Declaratory  
2 Relief, both in Nevada and other states. For example, in *One Queensridge Place Homeowners'*  
3 *Association, Inc. v. Perini Building Company, et al.*, the Honorable Joanna S. Kishner analyzed an  
4 almost identical Motion for Declaratory Relief on Standing and granted it. (See **Exhibit "I"**, Findings  
5 of Fact and Conclusions of Law re: Motion for Declaratory Relief in *Queensridge* matter).

6 Motions for Declaratory Relief have been ruled upon and granted in other jurisdictions as  
7 well. In *Alvarado v. McCoy*, a California District Court granted a Motion for Declaratory Relief, in  
8 part. (See *Alvarado v. McCoy*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 101605). Similarly, in *Satchell v. FedEx*  
9 *Express*, a California District Court granted the plaintiffs' Motion for Declaratory Relief. (*Satchell*  
10 *v. FedEx Express*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 105690).

11 The Association has failed to establish that Motions for Declaratory Relief are per se  
12 improper. Moreover, Courts have routinely granted Motions for Declaratory Relief, including in  
13 Clark County.

14 **B. Even if the Builders' Motion Were a Motion for Summary Judgment, the Builders**  
15 **Would Still Prevail**

16 **i. The Association's Failure to Assert a Triable Issue of Fact Disputing That Omitted**  
17 **Sill Pan Flashings Are Classified as Fixtures in Apertures is Fatal to Their**  
18 **Opposition**

19 The Association spends a great deal of time arguing that the Builders' Motion is not in fact a  
20 Motion for Declaratory Relief, but rather, a Motion for Summary Judgment. Based upon that  
21 assertion, the Association cites to numerous cases to contend that summary judgment is unwarranted.  
22 The Builders did not file a Motion for Summary Judgment. Even if they had, however, the  
23 Association has failed to satisfy its burden in opposing the Motion.

24 The primary theme in the Opposition on this point is that because the Builders used an expert  
25 affidavit, which the Association then similarly does, an issue of fact has been generated, precluding  
26 the court's ability to make a ruling. The Association cites to case law suggesting that a trial judge  
27 may not, in granting summary judgment, evaluate the credibility of opposing affidavits. (See *Opp.*  
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Pg. 11, Ln. 19-20; *citing Short v. Hotel Riviera, Inc.* 378 P.2d 979 (1963)). In a subsequent case that distinguished itself from the *Short* case, the Nevada Supreme Court also said the following:

In [*Short v. Hotel*], a case classic for its liberality in permitting inferences to overcome a motion for summary judgment, at least some minimum standards were established for the quality of facts that should be shown to allow the trial court to pass upon as controverted evidence. But the rule is well-settled that the opposing party is not entitled to have the motion for summary judgment denied on the mere hope that at trial he will be able to discredit movant's evidence; he must at the hearing be able to point out to the court something indicating the existence of a triable issue of fact. *Bair v. Berry*, 86 Nev. 26, 29 (1970).

Because they ignore pertinent parts of Section 4.2(e) of the Declaration, describing apertures, the Association fails to establish a triable issue of fact as to whether flashings fall within the scope of “other fixtures included in such apertures.” (*See* Exhibit D, Pg. 38, Sec. 4.2(e))

By offering Mr. Hindiyyeh’s lengthy affidavit, which provides the predominant support for the Association’s arguments, the Association is asking the Court to do exactly what they complain about of the Builders, to evaluate the credibility of an affidavit. In contrast to Mr. Hindiyyeh’s affidavit, the Builders have complete faith in the Court’s ability to evaluate the evidence even absent their expert’s, Mr. Loadsman, affidavit. His affidavit merely provides context and support for arguments that are readily apparent based on the evidence presented in the Motion. The Court is fully capable of analyzing the Declaration without relying on Mr. Loadsman’s affidavit and ruling that, based upon the language in the Declaration, the omitted sill pan flashings necessarily fall within the definition of “apertures,” which includes “windows, doors **and other fixtures located in such apertures**, including all frameworks, windows casings and weatherstripping.” (*See* Exhibit D., Pg. 38, Sec. 4.2(e)) (emphasis added).

The Association also argues that summary judgment should not be used as a tool to shortcut resolution of triable issues. The issues presented in this case revolve around the impact that alleged water intrusion has on the structural elements of the building. The triable issues in this matter do not involve whether the Association has standing to assert certain claims. Standing issues should be resolved at the outset of litigation. Besides, it is unclear what additional evidence or facts the Association intends to investigate that would somehow help them substantiate their argument that

1 flashings fall outside of the unit boundaries. Certainly, the Association fails to clarify this point.  
2 That said, the Association clearly had no reservations about arguing exactly how and why they do  
3 not believe flashings fall within the unit boundaries and they do not claim they are missing any pieces  
4 of information in doing so. The Association has already presented its standing arguments, which  
5 involved the use of Mr. Hindiye's interpretation of *portions* of the Declaration. His qualifications  
6 to do so are not substantiated in the least. It is ironic that the Association criticizes the Builders'  
7 expert's (Mr. Loadman) affidavit of interpreting the terms of the Declaration when Mr. Loadman  
8 in actuality does none of the kind.

9       The Association spends a great deal of time criticizing the use of the Builders' expert, Mr.  
10 Loadman, and his affidavit. Despite their contention that the Court is precluded from evaluating  
11 the credibility of competing expert affidavits, the Association asks this Court to scrutinize Mr.  
12 Loadman's affidavit and his credentials to the point of seeking a motion to exclude it. First, the  
13 Builders' Motion is not one for summary judgment, so Rule 56(e) does not apply. Second, contrary  
14 to the Association's position that Mr. Loadman "says nothing about his competence...", Mr.  
15 Loadman *does* explain his credentials. What more is needed? Third, contrary to the Association's  
16 argument that Mr. Loadman opines as to the missing head flashings, he says nothing about head  
17 flashings. The Builders, therefore, are not asking the Court to weigh conflicting expert opinions on  
18 the subject of whether head flashings should have been installed. Instead, the Association is asking  
19 the Court to do that.

20       Even if applying the Motion for Summary Judgment standard to view the evidence in favor  
21 of the non-movant, the Association still cannot prevail. The root of the Association's Opposition  
22 regarding pan flashings is that despite the fact that pan flashings comprise part of the window  
23 system and window assemblies, they fall outside of the definition of "apertures," as described in the  
24 Declaration. The Association relies entirely on its expert on this point (unlike the Builders who rely  
25 on the evidence presented to the Court with the added support of an expert affidavit to provide  
26 context and support for what is already plainly evident). Even if the Court were to view what the  
27 Association's expert's claims as true, that still does not preclude summary judgment. The  
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1 Association's expert's claims are conclusory in nature and not supported by facts. Moreover, neither  
2 the Association, nor its expert, address the fact that pan flashings fit squarely within the classification  
3 of "other fixtures located in such apertures." (*See* Exhibit 2 to Opp., Pg. 4, Par's 9 & 10; *See also*,  
4 Exhibit D, Pg. 38, Sec. 4.2(e))

5 Both the Opposition and Mr. HindiyeH cite to Section 4.2(e) "Apertures," as follows:

6 "[w]here there are apertures in any boundary, including but not limited to windows...  
7 such boundaries shall be extended to include the windows...including all  
8 frameworks, window casings and weatherstripping thereof..." (*See* Exhibit 2 to Opp.,  
Pg. 4, Ln. 3-5; *See also*, Opp. Pg. 8, Ln. 2-4).

9 However, there is key information both the Association and Mr. HindiyeH conveniently omit. That  
10 is, Section 4.2(e) more completely states:

11 "Where there are apertures in any boundary, including, but not limited to,  
12 windows, doors, bay windows and skylights, such boundaries shall be  
13 extended to include the windows, doors **and other fixtures located in such  
apertures**, including all frameworks, windows casings and weatherstripping  
thereof, except that exterior surfaces made of glass or other transparent  
materials..." (Exhibit D, Pg. 38, Section 4.2(e)) (emphasis added).

14 Even taking the Association's and Mr. HindiyeH's arguments that the missing flashings fall outside  
15 the description of "window," "frameworks," "casings," or "weatherstripping" as true, the fact that  
16 these flashings would certainly be categorized as "other fixtures located in such apertures" is  
17 completely ignored. NRCP 56(e) states, in part:

18 "When a motion for summary judgment is made and supported as provided in  
19 this rule, an adverse party may not rest upon the mere allegations or denials  
20 of his pleading, but his response, by affidavits or as otherwise provided in this  
21 rule, must set forth specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial.  
**If he does not so respond, summary judgment, if appropriate, shall be  
entered against him.**" NRCP 56(e) (emphasis added).

22 Because the Association has failed to oppose this argument, it is an admission that it is true. So even  
23 if the statements above were accepted as true, the Association still fails to raise a material issue of  
24 disputed fact as to whether the omitted flashings would comprise "other fixtures located in such  
25 apertures." (*See* Exhibit D, Pg. 38, Section 4.2(e))

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1           **i. The Association Does Not Dispute that the Declaration Unambiguously Includes Sill**  
2           **Pan Flashings**

3           The Association argues that the Builders have impliedly admitted that the Declaration is  
4           ambiguous, and therefore summary judgment in their favor is inappropriate. The Builders contention  
5           has never been that the Declaration is ambiguous. On the contrary, the Declaration unambiguously  
6           considers apertures, including windows, and other fixtures located in such apertures, including  
7           frameworks, casings and weatherstripping, to be within the boundaries of a unit. (See Exhibit D, Pg.  
8           38, Section 4.2(e)). The Association only disputes that flashings fall outside of the definition of  
9           “frameworks, casings and weatherstripping.” (See Opp. Pg. 15, Ln. 16 – Pg. 16, Ln. 7; See also,  
10          Exhibit 2 to Opp., affidavit of Omar Hindiyeh, Par.’s 9 & 10). In doing so, the Association  
11          hypocritically uses the AAMA glossary to argue that flashings do not fall within the definition of  
12          these terms. If anything, the inclusion of these specific examples of what *does* fall within the  
13          apertures is a testament to the definition’s breadth in defining “other fixtures.” (See Exhibit D, Pg.  
14          38, Section 4.2(e)).

15          Therefore, even if the Builders had sought summary adjudication, the Builders would  
16          succeed.

17          **C. Contrary to The Association’s Contention, Sill Pan Flashings Do Form Part of the**  
18          **Window Apertures, and Therefore the Association Does Not Have Standing to Raise**  
19          **These Issues Against the Builders**

20          The Association tries to treat the Builders’ Motion for Declaratory Relief as a Motion for  
21          Summary Judgment, then offers a litany of contentions to create a material dispute aimed at beating  
22          a motion for summary judgment. The Association first attempts to convolute what is clear and  
23          unambiguous from the Declaration by either regurgitating several portions that are either  
24          misconstrued, misquoted or simply do not assist with the Association’s arguments.

25               **i. The Association’s “Statement of Facts” Comprises Incomplete Trimmings From the**  
26               **Declaration That Take it Completely Out of Context**

27          Like a patchwork quilt, the Association cherry-picks random portions of the Declaration and  
28          incorporates them into a so-called “Statement of Facts,” none of which support the Association’s  
29          position that flashings fall outside of the unit boundaries.

1 The Association provides several examples of “Common Elements” taken from Section 1.39  
2 of the Declaration, including “...all apparatus, installation, and equipment of any Building existing  
3 for the use of one or more of the Owners; [and] [a]n easement of support in every portion of a Unit  
4 which contributes to the support of the Building, other Units and/or any part of the Common  
5 Elements.” (*See Opp.*, Pg. 4; Ln 11-17). As can be seen, the Association patches together random  
6 portions of various subsections into one sentence, taking the Declaration completely out of context.  
7 The Association omits in their Opposition the first sentence of Section 1.39, which states: “Common  
8 Elements shall mean all portions of the Property other than the Units.” (*See Exhibit D*, Pg. 16, Sec.  
9 1.39). Furthermore, the section that provides “all apparatus, installation and equipment of any  
10 Building...” is clearly referring to equipment devices, as it talks about pumps, tanks, motors,  
11 compressors, and ducts, not window parts. (*See Exhibit D*, Pg. 16, Sec. 1.39(c)). If the term “all  
12 apparatus, installation and equipment” were interpreted to include window parts, then arguably,  
13 every portion of the building could be categorized as “all apparatus, installation and equipment.”

14 Moreover, the Association’s allusion to Section 1.39(e) regarding easements of support is  
15 misconstrued. First, the windows at the Project do not contribute to the structural support of the  
16 Panorama towers. (*See Exhibit “J”*, Affidavit of John A. Martin, Jr., S.E.) The buildings will stand  
17 with or without the windows and the curbs they sit on when installed. (*Id.*; *See also, Exhibit “K”*,  
18 Affidavit of Ashley Allard – attesting to the floor plan of Unit 300). Second, the argument that  
19 missing flashings is causing corrosion to critical building components designed to support the  
20 building is outlandish. (*See Opp.*, Pg. 15. Ln. 4-5). There is no absolutely no evidence that this has  
21 occurred or is occurring. Besides, neither windows, nor curb walls upon which windows sit, are part  
22 of the principal structure of the Panorama Towers, and not essential to their overall structure stability.  
23 (*See Exhibit “J”*, Affidavit of John A. Martin, Jr., S.E.) Even if water did get into the curb wall,  
24 this does not compromise the primary structural integrity of the Panorama towers, as the Association  
25 suggests. (*See Opp.*, Pg. 15. Ln. 4-5).

26 The Association extracts various portions of Section 1.128 which addresses about the  
27 physical boundaries of a Unit not being determined by interpretation of Deeds or Plats. (*See Opp.*  
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1 Pg. 4, Ln 18-22). However, the Association is way off-base in including these provisions because  
2 this section of the Declaration discusses how to interpret boundary lines when settling or lateral  
3 shifting of the buildings has occurred. (*See* Exhibit D., CC&R's, Pg. 28, Sec. 1.128). There is no  
4 evidence of that here.

5 The Association also incorporates the last sentence of Section 1.128 into their "Statement of  
6 Facts," which discusses what a "Unit" includes. (*See* Opp., Pg. 4; Ln. 20-22). The Builders agree  
7 that a Unit includes all improvements situated within its boundaries, including interior walls,  
8 appliances, cabinets, interior doors and all electrical, heating, plumbing and other utility fixtures.  
9 Nothing in this sentence suggests that a Unit excludes parts of the window system, so it is unclear  
10 why the Association threw this section in, except perhaps to confuse the reader.

11 The Association then includes the part of the Declaration that refers to apertures. (*See* Opp.  
12 Pg. 4, Ln. 23 – Pg. 5, Ln. 3). Following that section, the Association then inputs another section that  
13 would seem to contradict the prior section regarding apertures. (*See* Opp. Pg. 5, Ln. 4-5). To help  
14 clarify the Association's misconception on this point, apertures and any fixtures therein are an  
15 exception to the general premise that items within walls are not part of the Unit. (*See* Exhibit D,  
16 CC&R's, Pg. 38, Sections 4.2(e)-(f)). Besides, there can be no dispute that sill pan flashings are not  
17 contained inside walls, but rather, are located in the apertures, or openings, of the building,  
18 comprising part of the window system, which too is included in the aperture (*See* Exhibit B.,  
19 Amended Chapter 40 Notice, Pgs. 16-17 - revealing that flashings, had they been incorporated, fit  
20 inside the building apertures, or openings, and not inside any walls; *See also*, Opp., Pg. 7, Ln. 19-23  
21 – agreeing that, as for sill pan flashings, they form part of the window system; *See also*, Exhibit 2 to  
22 Opp., Affidavit of Omar Hindiye, Pg. 4, Ln 13-14 – admitting that sill pan flashings would form  
23 part of the window assemblies; *See also*, **Exhibit "L"**, Affidavit of Simon Loadsman; *See also*,  
24 **Exhibit "M"**, Affidavit of Michelle Robbins)). The Builders' experts agree that sill pan flashings,  
25 had they been installed, would form part of the building apertures, or openings. *Id.* Even the  
26 Association and its expert agree, as they too contend that sill pan flashings are installed in the window  
27 openings. (*See* Opp., Pg. 6, Ln. 13-14).

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1 Next, the Association argues that it has a maintenance obligation for drainage systems. (*See*  
2 *Opp.* Pg. 5, Ln 6-9). Not surprisingly, the Association again misconstrues the Declaration,  
3 specifically section 6.3(c). Section 6.3(c) is titled: “Specific Maintenance Obligation (Drainage and  
4 Landscaping),” and begins by stating: “[t]he Board shall cause all drainage related systems and  
5 related landscape installation on the Property to be inspected...” (Exhibit D, Pg. 44) (emphasis  
6 added). It is telling, but not surprising, that the Association excluded this portion of Section 6.3(c)  
7 in their Opposition. Obviously, this section refers only to drainage systems that are *related to*  
8 *landscape installations*. Sill pan flashings, which would be part of the tower structure windows,  
9 have nothing to do with landscaping.

10 In their Motion, the Builders present the Court with the relevant portions of the Declaration  
11 that pertain to maintenance obligations of unit owners. (*See Mot*, Pg. 15, Ln. 4-27). A plain reading  
12 of that section makes it clear that maintenance obligations for the tower windows falls on the unit  
13 owner. It is telling that the Association’s Opposition completely ignores the Builders’ Motion on  
14 this point, which includes provisions which unequivocally state that unit owners are responsible for  
15 maintaining, repairing, replacing, finishing and restoring all portions of their Unit, which specifically  
16 includes the windows. (*See Mot.* Pg. 15, Ln 4 – 27; *See also*, Exhibit D, Pg. 45, Section 6.4).

17 The Association’s “Statement of Facts” includes a section from the Uniform Common-  
18 Interest Ownership Act (“UCIO Act”), NRS 116.2102, to perhaps argue that the Act prevails over  
19 the Declaration in determining what falls within unit boundaries, and therefore, flashings fall outside  
20 the unit. (*See Opp.* Pg. 5, Ln 15-23). The problem however is that NRS 116.2102 prefaces its entire  
21 section with the statement: “Except as otherwise provided by the Declaration.” (*See Opp.* Pg. 5, Ln.  
22 15; *See also*, NRS 116.2102). There is a built-in provision in the Act that defers to the Declaration.  
23 Whatever the Association’s argument was in relation to the UCIO Act, therefore, fails.

24 **ii. The Board’s Decision to Treat One Unit’s Repairs as “Common Elements” Cannot,**  
25 **Alone, Modify the Terms of the Declaration**

26 The Association’s next argument aimed at proving flashings form part of the “Common  
27 Elements” involves an affidavit from Mr. Kariger, an alleged resident and the president of the  
28 Association’s Board. (*See Opp.* Pg. 6, Ln. 1-16; *See also*, Exhibit 1 to *Opp.*). According to Mr.

1 Kariger's affidavit, the Association, "after reviewing the matter in detail," decided to treat the "failed  
2 and/or missing window components" as common elements and therefore assumed responsibility for  
3 the repairs. First, it is unclear what sort of "detailed review" a group of board members did for them  
4 to determine that "failing and/or missing" window components fell within the common areas. *See*  
5 *Id.* However, the fact that the Board was not able to even determine whether the window components  
6 were either "failing" or "missing" means that such investigation was meager, at best. The fact that  
7 the affidavit uses "and/or" means the Board's mere decision to take responsibility for one instance  
8 of alleged water intrusion did not rest upon a determination of whether the issue derived from the  
9 missing window components at all. More surprising is that Mr. Kariger even admits in his affidavit  
10 that the "failing" or "missing" elements are in fact "window components." *Id.*

11 Irrespective of the obvious misgivings of the Kariger affidavit, it should be obvious that a  
12 simple Board decision aimed at appeasing a unit owner by paying for repairs to some portions of his  
13 unit, does not automatically modify the written terms of the Declaration. The Association cannot  
14 simply change the language of the Declaration, like those sections that define Unit boundaries, by  
15 virtue of a mere Board decision. (*See* Exhibit D, Pg. 80, Section 13.4 – providing that changing the  
16 boundaries of a unit requires unanimous consent of the owners whose units are directly affected and  
17 the consent of a majority of owners and declarant). Rather, a detailed and coordinated process need  
18 be undertaken. (*See* Exhibit D, Pg. 80-81, Sec. 13.1-13.7).

19 Section 13.1 provides that the Declaration "may be amended only by vote or agreement of a  
20 Majority of Owners. *Id.* Section 13.1 also states that "[t]he procedure for amendment must follow  
21 the procedures set forth in the Act." *Id.* To preclude any further mischaracterization by the  
22 Association, it is worth noting that in accordance with the last section of Section 13.1, the procedure  
23 for amendments to the Declaration as contained in Article 13 do *not* conflict with the requirements  
24 of NRS 116.2117 "Amendment of Declaration."

25 Here, the Association's argument that the Board has unfettered, unilateral power to alter the  
26 provisions of the Declaration is a direct violation of the Declaration and NRS 116.2117. The  
27 Association did not receive unanimous consent of all impacted unit owners, it did not receive a  
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majority vote from all association members, and it did not record any written amendments to the Declaration with the County.

Therefore, the Board's alleged decision, following repairs to one unit, does not and cannot alter the scope of a unit's boundaries as contained in the Declaration.

**D. The Association's Own Expert, Mr. Hindiye, Tacitly Admits that Sill Pan Flashings Form Part of a Unit**

Despite the Association's contentions that the Builders' Motion would collapse without the use of its Simon Loadman's affidavit, the Association hypocritically utilizes its own expert, Omar Hindiye, to play the Association's "starring role" in arguing, among numerous other things, that sill pan flashings do not comprise part of the Unit.

Despite the steadfast contention that expert affidavits cannot be used to weigh evidence for purposes of Motions for Summary Judgment, which is how the Association is treating the Builder's Motion, the Association offers a **6-page** affidavit of their purported expert, Omar Hindiye. This affidavit carries with it numerous, unsubstantiated arguments that attempt to prop up the Association's flimsy claims, some of which are entirely unrelated to Mr. Hindiye's purported "expertise." This affidavit is nothing more than a brutally self-serving document that inevitably contradicts itself, a far cry from the minimal affidavit the Builders utilized in their Motion, which was aimed merely to provide context and support to a couple of the Builders' arguments. Mr. Hindiye boasts that he is "an accredited and certified window installation instructor for the AAMA, which promulgates standards and guidelines for window installation that are generally accepted nationwide..." (See Exhibit 2 to Opp., Pg. 2, Par. 2). It is interesting that the Association so heavily scrutinizes the Builders' use of the AAMA glossary in light of the fact that Mr. Hindiye's primary claim-to-fame is his involvement with the very organization that published the AAMA Glossary.

Mr. Hindiye makes sweeping contentions in his affidavit that lack proof and merit. First, Mr. Hindiye claims that alleged water intrusion at Unit 300 was directly affected by the lack of pan flashing and weepage components. Mr. Hindiye provides no basis for how he was able to make that determination. Second, Mr. Hindiye's apparent contention that water intrusion into the substrate could somehow compromise the structural integrity of the exterior walls is preposterous.

1 Mr. HindiyeH has not done *any* testing and has no proof that *any* damage to the structural integrity  
2 of the walls has occurred, nor could he. It does not appear that Mr. HindiyeH is even qualified to  
3 render such opinion, as he is not a structural engineer.

4 The Association is big on criticizing others' use of affidavits, but their expert's affidavit falls  
5 short even of their own mark. The Opposition cites to *Saka v. Sahara-Nevada Corp.* to argue that  
6 "it is not sufficient that pleadings be supported by affidavits alleging specific facts; these facts must  
7 be made upon the affiant's own personal knowledge, and there must be an affirmative showing of  
8 his competency to testify to them." (*See Opp. Pg. 12, Ln 20-25*). If that is not the height of hypocrisy,  
9 it is unclear what is. Mr. HindiyeH's affidavit fails to provide an affirmative showing that he is  
10 competent to testify on matters concerning the impact water might have on the structural integrity of  
11 buildings or their walls. Certainly, his affidavit lacks *any* facts to suggest that he has personal  
12 knowledge of this.

13 One thing that Mr. HindiyeH got right, however, was the fact that pan flashings do indeed  
14 form part of the window system and window assemblies. (*See Opp., Pg. 7, Ln. 19-23.; See also,*  
15 *Exhibit 2 to Opp., Pg. 3, Ln. 25-27; See also, Exhibit 2 to Opp., Affidavit of Omar HindiyeH, Pg. 4,*  
16 *Ln 13-14*). The problem, however, comes when Mr. HindiyeH tries to backtrack by saying that even  
17 though pan flashings form part of the window system, they do not fall within the window "apertures,  
18 as defined by the Declaration." (*See Exh 2 to Opp, Affidavit of Omar HindiyeH, Pg. 3, Ln. 25-26*).  
19 This is ridiculous and problematic for several reasons.

20 Mr. HindiyeH's affidavit provides no basis as to his qualifications to interpret the Declaration  
21 or the intent of its drafters. Also, it is apparent that the only way he was comfortable opining that  
22 sill pan flashings do not comprise "apertures" was by conditioning his statement by saying, "as  
23 defined in the Declaration." (*See Exh 2 to Opp, Affidavit of Omar HindiyeH, Pg. 3, Ln. 25-26*). It  
24 is hard to imagine how one could possibly argue that sill pan flashings do not fall inside apertures.  
25 Apertures can generally be described as openings. (*See "aperture."* Merriam-Webster Online  
26 Dictionary. 2004. <http://www.merriam-webster.com> (21 Jan. 2019); *See Exhibit "L", Affidavit of*  
27 *Simon Loadsman; See also, Exhibit "M", Affidavit of Michelle Robbins, AIA*). Even the  
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1 Association's so-called "Sto Details" and the two plans attached to the Amended Chapter 40 Notice  
2 aptly show that sill pan flashings form part of the aperture. (*See* Exhibit B, Pg. 17). The Unit 300  
3 repair photos attached to the Amended Chapter 40 Notice provide a good illustration of why sill pan  
4 flashings, if installed, would be installed in the apertures of the building. (*See* Exhibit B, Pg. 20-21).  
5 There is no dispute that windows and their frameworks, casings and weaterstripping fall within the  
6 apertures, or openings, of a building. All these items, as is plainly shown in the photos, rest atop the  
7 short curb wall. *Id.* Sill pan flashings, had they been installed, would similarly rest atop the curb  
8 walls, inside the aperture, or opening, of the building. (*See* **Exhibit "XX"**, Affidavit of Simon  
9 Loadsman). Yet, Mr. Hindiye has the audacity to say that the although windows, their frameworks,  
10 casings and weatherstripping fall within the "apertures," sill pan flashings do not.

11 Let's break down what Mr. Hindiye is actually saying: (a) he agrees that windows comprise  
12 part of the apertures; and (b) that sill pan flashing comprises a portion of the window  
13 system/assembly (*supra*); but (c) he claims sill pan flashing does not comprise part of the apertures.  
14 (*See* Exh 2 to Opp, Affidavit of Omar Hindiye, Pg. 3, Ln. 25-26). Deductive reasoning tells us,  
15 therefore, that Mr. Hindiye believes that although windows fall within apertures, window  
16 systems/assemblies do not. This must mean therefore that Mr. Hindiye considers the terms window  
17 and window system/assembly to be mutually exclusive terms. In other words, Mr. Hindiye is  
18 asserting that a window does not comprise part of a window system/assembly. This is nonsensical.

19 Another problem with Mr. Hindiye's affidavit is that he omits, just like the Opposition, key  
20 terms from the definition of "apertures" per the Declaration. Instead of the Association or its  
21 purported expert, Mr. Hindiye, transcribing complete sections of the Declaration, they yet again  
22 pick out tidbits of information that seemingly suit their needs. Both the Opposition and Mr. Hindiye  
23 cite to Section 4.2(e) "Apertures," but only include the following: "where there are apertures in any  
24 boundary, including but not limited to windows... such boundaries shall be extended to include the  
25 windows...including all frameworks, window casings and weatherstripping thereof..." (*See* Exhibit  
26 2 to Opp., Pg. 4, Ln. 3-5; *See also*, Opp. Pg. 8, Ln. 2-4). However, there is key information both the  
27 Association and Mr. Hindiye conveniently omit. Either the Association never gave its expert the  
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1 whole section 4.2(e) to review to make his determination (which would be grounds to strike his  
2 opinions), or both the Association and the expert want the Court to ignore what the Declaration  
3 *actually* says. That is, Section 4.2(e) states, in more complete terms:

4 “Where there are apertures in any boundary, including, but not limited to,  
5 windows, doors, bay windows and skylights, such boundaries shall be  
6 extended to include the windows, doors **and other fixtures located in such**  
7 **apertures**, including all frameworks, windows casings and weatherstripping  
thereof, except that exterior surfaces made of glass or other transparent  
materials...” (Exhibit D, Pg. 38, Section 4.2(e)) (emphasis added).

8 Did the Association and its expert really think they could get away with omitting this portion  
9 of the Declaration? The Builders did not omit that portion from their Motion. (*See* Mot., Pg. 13).  
10 Mr. HindiyeH is critical that the Declaration specifically omits flashings, but the language is  
11 overinclusive and clearly indicates that *all fixtures* in the apertures are part of the Unit. (*See* Exhibit  
12 2 to Opp., Affidavit of Omar HindiyeH, Pg. 4, Ln 10-15; *See also*, Exhibit D, Pg. 38, Section 4.2(e)).  
13 Section 4.2(e) provides some *examples* of items that fall within the apertures, including frameworks,  
14 window casings and weatherstripping. The section also *specifically* omits exterior glass. The broad  
15 nature of the language in Section 4.2(e) (“all fixtures” in apertures), combined with specific  
16 omissions (i.e., exterior glass), therefore, unambiguously means that all fixtures located in the  
17 apertures are part of the unit, include portions that comprise the window system/assembly. The  
18 Opposition is bereft of any argument in dispute of this point.

19 According to Mr. HindiyeH’s interpretation of the Declaration, only those items specifically  
20 listed in the Declaration are included in the apertures, but nothing else. (*See* Exhibit 2 to Opp.,  
21 Affidavit of Omar HindiyeH, Pg. 4, Par. 10). This makes no logical sense because why, then, would  
22 the drafters of the Declaration include the phrase: “and other fixtures located in such apertures” if  
23 they did not mean it? The Association is obviously aware of the damaging nature this overinclusive  
24 language has on their arguments, but instead of facing it head on, they avoid it by omitting key  
25 language from the Declaration. Not every item that would fall within an aperture could reasonably  
26 be described in the Declaration. The list could potentially be endless. Therefore, the Declaration  
27 unambiguously includes parts of the window system/assembly in the definition of “apertures.”  
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1       **E. Other Courts Would Agree that The Window-Related Defects in the Association's**  
2       **Amended Chapter 40 Notice Could Not Conceivably Fall Under the Common Elements**

3       In *One Queensridge Place Homeowners' Association, Inc. v. Perini Building Company, et*  
4       *al.*, the Honorable Joanna S. Kishner analyzed an almost identical Motion and granted it. (*See*  
5       **Exhibit "I"**, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law re: Motion for Declaratory Relief in  
6       *Queensridge* matter). In doing so, Judge Kishner ruled that among all the fixed window-related  
7       defects, most of which alleged water intrusion, the only one that could not conceivably fall within  
8       the "common elements" was the scratched/pitted glass defect. *Id.* At 19. Even then, Judge Kishner  
9       noted that since the scratched/pitted glass defect was only alleged to be on the inside of the glass,  
10      that therefore meant that all of the window defects pertaining to "fixed windows" were part of the  
11      unit and not conceivably related to the common elements. *Id.* Importantly, the Declaration in the  
12      *Queensridge* case, the one that Judge Kishner analyzed, had the **same pertinent language regarding**  
13      **the apertures**. In short, the language regarding "apertures" in the *Queensridge* Declaration  
14      provided:

15               "Where there are Apertures in any boundary, including, but not limited to  
16               windows, doors, bay windows and skylights, such boundaries shall be  
17               extended to include the windows, doors and other fixtures located in such  
18               Apertures, including all frameworks, window casings and weather stripping  
              thereof, except that exterior surfaces made of glass or other transparent  
              materials and exteriors or doors facing all vestibules shall not be included in  
              the boundaries of the Unit and shall therefore be Common Elements (*See*  
              **Exhibit "I"**, Pg. 10, Ln. 20-27).

19      Judge's Kishner's ruling gives credence to the position that based upon the Declaration's  
20      language concerning apertures, the only aspect of the windows that are excluded from the units is  
21      solely the exterior glass itself. Given the contention that the windows in both cases deal with water  
22      intrusion, and the legal reasoning utilized in the *Queensridge* matter, the Builders firmly believe that  
23      Judge Kishner would agree that the alleged lack of weatherproofing of the windows in the present  
24      case falls within the auspice of the unit, not the common elements.

25      **F. Despite the Association's reliance on Hearsay Statements from a Supposed Former**  
26      **Laborer on the Project, Texas Wall Systems Was the Manufacturer of the Windows**

27      The Association argues that Texas Wall Systems was not the manufacturer of the windows  
28      at the Project, but was instead Sierra Glass. The only evidence presented is hearsay testimony from

1 a laborer working on the Unit 300 repairs at Panorama, who claims that Sierra Glass was the  
2 manufacturer. (See Exhibit 2 to Opp., Affidavit of Omar Hindiye, Pg. 5, Par. 14). This is simply  
3 not true. There is a difference between assembling window product and manufacturing window  
4 product, which is perhaps what the laborer is confused about. In fact, often times, pre-manufactured  
5 window product can be fabricated and assembled at the site by the installer. Windows made out of  
6 curtain wall systems, like those found at the Project, are not typically labeled by the manufacturer of  
7 the window. (See **Exhibit “L”**, Affidavit of Simon Loadsman). Therefore, the fact that manufacturer  
8 labels or product markings were not included on the Unit 300 windows is not surprising. *Id.*

9 The fact that there exist shop drawings evidencing that Texas Wall Systems designed and  
10 manufactured the windows carries a great deal of weight. Texas Wall Systems developed very  
11 detailed Shop drawings for the Project. *Id.* These drawings are extremely detailed, intricate, stamped  
12 for approval, and have the identifying markings such that could only lead to one conclusion - that  
13 Texas Wall Systems manufactured the windows. (See **Exhibit “N”**, Texas Wall Systems Shop  
14 Drawings). It would be highly uncommon in the industry for a manufacturer to develop extremely  
15 detailed and costly shop drawings for a project where the manufacturer did not have a contract or  
16 work order to perform the work or supply the material. *Id.*

17 Besides, if Texas Wall Systems were not the manufacturer of the windows for Sierra Glass,  
18 the installer, then there would be no evidence that Texas Wall Systems was paid by Sierra Glass for  
19 its work or supply of materials relating to the Panorama Project. According to an Unconditional  
20 Waiver and Release relating to the Project, Texas Wall Systems executed a lien release in favor of  
21 Sierra Glass, its customer. (See **Exhibit “O”**, Unconditional Waiver and Release Upon Progress  
22 Payment). If Texas Wall Systems were not the manufacturer of the Project windows, then why else  
23 would they be getting paid by Sierra Glass, the window installer?

24 **G. Head Flashings Were Not Required at the Project**

25 **i. Texas Wall Systems, the Manufacturer, Did Not Call for Head Flashings**

26 The Association suggests that TWS was not the manufacturer of the windows in order to  
27 challenge the Builders’ contention that the manufacturer of the windows did not call for head  
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1 flashings. The Association suggests, instead, that it was Sierra Glass. While this is untrue, it is  
2 unclear how exactly this helps the Association's argument. Whoever installed/manufactured them,  
3 no head flashings were called for on the Project, which is why they were not installed at the Project.  
4 As explained above, TWS was the manufacturer of the windows and TWS did not call for head  
5 flashings at the windows, per the TWS shop drawings. (See **Exhibit "N"**, Texas Wall Systems Shop  
6 Drawings, Pg. 76, Detail 1 "Head Frame").

7 **ii. The EIFS Manufacturer did Not Require Head Flashings**

8 Contrary to the Association's blatant misconception, the EIFS manufacturer did not require  
9 head flashings. The only document the Association provides in support of this position is a pre-  
10 dated, computer-generated image that has *nothing* to do with the Panorama Project. (See Exhibit B,  
11 Pg. 17). Instead of requiring head flashings, this so-called "detail" specifically states: "Verify  
12 requirements for head flashing with local codes and window manufacturer. If not required, seal  
13 between window head and EIFS." *Id.* The window manufacturer, TWS, did not require head  
14 flashings, so sealant was applied between the window head and the EIFS, as shown in the photos  
15 included in the Association's Amended Chapter 40 Notice. *Id.* At 23-24.

16 **iii. The "Home Rule Doctrine," Whatever it is, Does Not Apply**

17 The Association then argues that regardless if TWS manufactured the windows, the EIFS  
18 manufacturer required them. On that basis, the Association argues that the "Home Rule Doctrine"  
19 mandates that the most stringent guidelines should apply and therefore head flashings should have  
20 been installed. As noted above, the EIFS manufacturer did not require head flashings. Moreover,  
21 the Association's use of the "training manual" attached to Mr. Hiniyeh's affidavit is specious. (See  
22 Exhibit B to Exhibit 2 of Opp.). The Association cried out when the Builders introduced an AAMA  
23 glossary and analyzed a single term from it, even though AAMA is the same organization Mr.  
24 HindiyeH brags about in his resume. The Association is hypocritical to criticize the Builders' use of  
25 the glossary when it was simply used to provide context. At least the Builders had the courage to  
26 introduce the complete AAMA glossary in their exhibits. In contrast, Mr. HindiyeH cherry-picks  
27 portions of the "training manual," yet another attempt at trying to tunnel-vision the reader. A closer  
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1 examination of this “training manual” is in order, in particular the parts that Mr. Hindiye  
2 conveniently omits.

3 The first thing to note is that Mr. Hindiye does not include the introduction to the “training  
4 manual,” the first sentence of which states:

5 **“1. INTRODUCTION** – This training manual addresses the installation of  
6 **residential and light commercial windows** and exterior glass doors.” (See  
7 **Exhibit “P”**, Training Manual, Pg. 4) (emphasis added)

8 Right off the bat, it is apparent that the “training manual” does not even apply to the Panorama  
9 Project, which involves high-rise windows, not residential or light commercial windows. Right  
10 below this section, still in the introduction, it states:

11 **“Important Note:** Different types of windows and doors require specific  
12 installation techniques. The information provided in this manual does not  
13 supercede installation instructions provided by the manufacturer. Always  
14 consult the manufacturer’s instructions.” *Id.*

15 The “training manual’s” section on EIFS and GRFC Walls provides that:

16 “the installer should work with the approving authority to verify the  
17 requirements of the fenestration system, flashing, sealant, and EIFS  
18 suppliers to ensure the compatibility of these materials in the completed  
19 assembly.” *Id.* at 5.

20 The “training manual” has a specific section on Manufacturers’ Installation Instructions. *Id.* at 9. It  
21 states:

22 “Manufacturer’s instructions should be considered a requirement, not an  
23 option. At any time that the manufacturer’s instructions appear inconsistent  
24 with the job requirements, the installer must seek further information from  
25 the responsible architect, builder, and manufacturer.” *Id.*

26 The “training manual” also provides:

27 “It is not the intent of this training to override the manufacturer’s  
28 recommendation on proper installation techniques.” *Id.*

29 In this case, the architect did not require head flashings, the manufacturer of the windows did  
30 not require head flashings and the manufacturer of the EIFS did not require head flashings. Pursuant  
31 to the above, it is obvious that this “training manual” is not intended to replace the manufacturer’s  
32 instructions or recommendations. Rather, it is only intended to guide individuals in the event  
33 information from the manufacturer is somehow missing.

1 As explained, Mr. Hindiye's use of the "training manual" is misguided, and even  
2 hypocritical. Had the Builder's instead introduced this "training manual" in *their* initial Motion,  
3 there is little doubt that the Association would have counter-moved to strike it as "inadmissible parol  
4 evidence." (*See Opp. Pg. 10, Ln. 20-25*).

5 **III. OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT/COUNTER-CLAIMANT'S COUNTER-MOTION TO**  
6 **EXCLUDE INADMISSIBLE PAROL EVIDENCE**

7 In its Opposition, the Association moves to exclude the Builder's use of 1) the Architectural  
8 Manufacturers Association Glossary ("Glossary") (*See Exhibit E*), and 2) the Affidavit of Simon  
9 Loadman ("Loadman Affidavit") (*See Exhibit F*), based on impermissible parol evidence. The crux  
10 of the Association's argument is that the Declaration is a contract in its entirety and hence bars any  
11 extrinsic evidence from supplementing it. The disputed evidence stems from the Builder's assertion  
12 in their Motion that "sill pan flashings" and "head flashings" fall outside the purview of the "common  
13 elements." This is a dispositive issue because if these two terms fall within the unit boundaries, then  
14 they are *per se* "Common Elements," for which the Association has no standing to litigate.

15 However, the Association's request should be denied. First, the doctrine of parol evidence  
16 does not apply to the entire Declaration because the Declaration, *as a whole*, is not a contract. The  
17 Declaration operates as a set of equitable servitudes with collateral obligations rather than a contract  
18 in its entirety. The disputed terms at issue here are not distinct contractual obligations. Second,  
19 assuming that the disputed issues do fall within the purview of contractual obligations, the parol  
20 evidence rule would not bar extrinsic evidence that does not vary or contradict the meaning of terms  
21 within the Declaration.

22 **A. The Parameters and Applicability of the Parol Evidence Rule to the Disputed Issues**

23 The parol evidence rule generally bars extrinsic evidence regarding prior or contemporaneous  
24 agreements that are contrary to the terms of an integrated contract. *Crow-Spieker No. 23 v. Robinson*,  
25 97 Nev. 302, 305, 629 P.2d 1198, 1199 (1981). Put another way, extrinsic or parol evidence is  
26 inadmissible to contradict or vary the terms of an unambiguous written instrument, "since all prior  
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1 negotiations and agreements are deemed to have been merged therein.” *Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch.*  
2 117 Nev. 273, 281, 21 P.3d 16, 21 (2001).

3 The “key consideration in application of the parol evidence rule, whether invoked by a party  
4 or a stranger to the contract, is whether the extrinsic evidence is being offered to reconstruct the  
5 parties’ contractual obligations.” *Thomson v. Canyon*, 129 Cal. Rptr. 3d 525, 536 (Ct. App. 2011).

6 As further stated in *Thomson v. Canyon*:

7 “...parties to an integrated written contract are bound by its terms under the  
8 parol evidence rule on the theory ‘that the parties have determined that a  
9 particular document shall be made the sole embodiment of *their* legal act  
10 for certain legal purposes [citation]. Hence, so far as that effect and those  
11 purposes are concerned, they must be found in that writing and nowhere  
12 else, no matter who may desire to avail himself of it,’ even a nonsignatory.  
13 (9 Wigmore, Evidence (Chadbourn rev. 1981) § 2446, p. 156, original  
14 italics; see *Neverkovec v. Fredericks*, *supra*, 74 Cal.App.4th 350, fn. 8  
[citing treatise with approval on this point].) ‘But so far as other effects and  
purposes are concerned, the writing has not superseded their other conduct,  
nor other persons’ conduct, and it may still be resorted to for any other  
purpose for which it is material, either by other persons or by themselves.’  
(9 Wigmore, Evidence, *supra*, § 2446, p. 156.)”

15 Thus, there are three required elements for the parol evidence rule to apply. First, there must  
16 be an **integrated** contract. Second, the disputed evidence must **contradict or vary** the terms of the  
17 written instrument. Third, that written instrument must be **unambiguous**. (*Supra*). As explained in  
18 *Thomson v. Canyon*, the key consideration in assessing whether the parol evidence rule is applicable,  
19 is whether the parties intended for the document to be the **sole embodiment of their legal act for**  
20 **certain purposes**. (*Supra*).

21 The primary flaws of the Association’s Counter-Motion are that it assumes 1) the entire  
22 Declaration is an integrated contract, including the specific definitions within, and that it was  
23 intended to be the sole embodiment of specific legal acts, and 2) that the disputed extrinsic evidence  
24 contradicts or varies the terms rather than simply assisting with their meanings.

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1                   **B. The Parol Evidence Rule Does Not Apply to the Disputed Issues Because They Are Not**  
2                   **Contractual Obligations**

3                   For the parol evidence rule to apply to the Declaration, the threshold question must first be  
4 resolved of whether the Declaration is an integrated contract. Here, the Declaration is a set of  
5 covenants that run with the land, as well as equitable servitudes.

6                   The Declaration is a product of the Nevada Revised Statutes. NRS 116.2101 permits the  
7 creation of a common-interest community “by recording a declaration executed in the same manner  
8 as a deed and, in a cooperative, by conveying the real estate subject to that declaration to the  
9 association.” Furthermore, “CC&Rs become a part of the title to [a homeowner’s] property.” NRS  
10 116.41095(2). Thus, the CC&Rs operate as specific conditional covenants and equitable servitudes  
11 to the underlying real estate deed between the individual condominium owners and the building  
12 owners. Under NRS 116.2105(1), a declaration must contain several required statements and “may  
13 contain any other matters the declarant considers appropriate.”

14                  As equitable servitudes and covenants, the terms of a declaration run with the land and hence  
15 are enforceable against the associations and individual owners. *Pinnacle Museum Tower Association*  
16 *v. Pinnacle Market Development*, 55 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 223, 241 (2012).

17                  The Association’s Counter-Motion, however, fails to distinguish between enforceability of  
18 the Declaration and formation of a contract. Equitable servitudes and covenants can be held  
19 enforceable and binding against the parties, but enforceability alone does not equate into a contract.  
20 Put another way, obligations to perform do not suffice for contractual obligations.

21                  The Nevada Supreme Court analyzed this distinction in the case of *United States Home Corp.*  
22 *v. Ballesteros Trust*, 415 P.3d 32 (2018). There, the issue was whether an arbitration agreement can  
23 exist within the Declaration of CC&Rs despite that the Declaration itself was not labeled a  
24 “contract.” The Court followed analysis in *Pinnacle* and found that “[a]s Pinnacle recognizes,  
25 accepting the premise that CC&Rs can impose contractual obligations to which a homeowner assents  
26 by purchasing a unit leads to the conclusion that CC&Rs can state agreements to arbitrate,  
27 enforceable under the UAA or the FAA.” (*Supra*).

1 The *Ballesteros* holding on this point is therefore that a declaration can have within it  
2 contractual obligations—such as an arbitration clause—that is binding on the parties. However,  
3 implicit in this holding is that while there can be contractual obligations within the Declaration, the  
4 Declaration **as a whole** is not a contract. In *Ballesteros*, the Court held that the arbitration clause  
5 was an enforceable contractual obligation, not that the entire document containing the arbitration  
6 clause was itself a contract. The Declaration as a whole is not a contract because while the CC&Rs  
7 are enforceable as equitable servitudes, the Declaration does not contain 1) a negotiation between  
8 the association and a buyer over the restrictions and duties imposed by owners, 2) there is no offer  
9 and acceptance, 3) there is no agreement between the association and a buyer regarding respective  
10 rights and duties, 4) there is no promise to perform, and 5) there is no valuable consideration  
11 exchanged between the association and a buyer. *Cohen-Breen v. Gray Tel. Grp., Inc.*, 661 F. Supp.  
12 2d 1158, 1171 (D. Nev. 2009). Again, mere enforceability in the form of a contractual relationship  
13 does not equate into a contractual agreement as a whole.

14 Here, the pertinent issue for the Builders’ Motion is whether “sill pan flashings” and “head  
15 flashings” fall within the unit boundaries as provided in the Declaration. This is a dispositive issue  
16 because if these two terms fall inside the classification of unit boundaries as per the Declaration, then  
17 they are not “common elements,” and therefore the Association lacks standing to assert these issues  
18 against the Builders.

19 Thus, the entire basis for the Builder’s Motion and the Association’s Counter-Motion is based  
20 on the meaning of terms within the Declaration. Definitions and terms within a declaration, however,  
21 are not themselves “contractual obligations” such as was the case with the arbitration clause in  
22 *Ballesteros*. An arbitration clause is a distinct contractual clause requiring parties to resolve their  
23 disputes through arbitration. The list of terms and their corresponding definitions - which is the basis  
24 for the dispute here - is simply that, a list of terms. By failing to recognize that the Declaration **as a**  
25 **whole** is not a “contract,” the Association improperly mischaracterizes the disputed terms as falling  
26 within the parameters of parol evidence.

27 It is for these reasons that the Association’s Counter-Motion should be denied at the outset.  
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1       **C. The Parol Evidence Rule Does Not Apply to the Loadsman Affidavit or the Glossary**  
2       **Because They Are Not Being Used to Vary or Contradict the Definitions in the**  
3       **Declaration**

4       Assuming that parol evidence applies to the terms at issue in the Declaration, the next  
5       question is the purpose of the extrinsic evidence being introduced. Parol evidence only bars evidence  
6       that **varies or contradicts** the integrated contract. *Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch.* 117 Nev. 273, 281,  
7       21 P.3d 16, 21 (2001).

8       Here, the Builders have introduced the AAMA Glossary and an affidavit of Simon Loadsman  
9       in order to provide additional context and support to show that pan flashing would fall within the  
10      definition of a “window system,” a term contained within the AAMA Glossary. (See Exhibit E and  
11      Exhibit F to Motion). Mr. Loadsman’s affidavit by no means attempts to alter or vary the terms of  
12      the Declaration, but rather describes Mr. Loadsman’s understanding of which elements comprise a  
13      “window system.” Mr. Loadsman’s interpretation of what constitutes a “window system” does not  
14      contradict the language in the Declaration. Thus, the HOA fails to recognize that since the Builder’s  
15      extrinsic evidence is not being used to vary or contradict anything, the parol evidence rule does not  
16      bar their entry.

17      **IV. OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT/COUNTER-CLAIMANT’S COUNTER-MOTION**  
18      **FOR RULE 56(F) RELIEF**

19      **A. The Builders’ Motion Should Not Be Denied Based on the Procedural Stage of the Case**

20      NRCp 56(f) allows a party opposing a motion for summary judgment to request additional  
21      time to complete discovery to gather information that is essential to opposing the summary judgment  
22      motion:

23               **NRCp 56(f): When affidavits are unavailable.** Should it appear from the affidavits  
24               of a party opposing the motion that the party cannot for reasons stated present by  
25               affidavit facts essential to justify the party’s opposition, the court may refuse the  
26               application for judgment or may order a continuance to permit the affidavits to be  
27               obtained or depositions to be taken or discovery to be had or may make such other  
28               order as is just.

29      However, Rule 56(f) does not operate automatically. A party seeking a continuance through NRCp  
30      56(f) relief must meet certain requirements. Specifically, “a party seeking an NRCp 56(f)

1 continuance for further discovery must demonstrate how further discovery will lead to the creation  
2 of a genuine issue of material fact.” *Aviation Ventures v. Joan Morris, Inc.*, 121 Nev. 113, 118, 110  
3 P.3d 59, 62 (2005). Furthermore, “[a] motion for continuance under NRCP 56(f) is appropriate **only**  
4 when the movant expresses how further discovery will lead to the creation of a genuine issue of  
5 material fact.” *Id.* As stated by the Supreme Court of Nevada, “it is insufficient for a party seeking  
6 such a continuance to merely allege that additional discovery is necessary; instead, the party **must**  
7 identify what additional facts might be obtained that are necessary to oppose the motion for summary  
8 judgment.” *Bakerink v. Orthopaedic Associates, Ltd.*, 94 Nev. 428, 431, 581 P.2d 9, 11 (1978).

9 NRCP 56 is closely modeled after Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 56. Federal cases  
10 interpreting the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure “are strong persuasive authority, because the  
11 Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure are based in large part upon their federal counterparts.” *Exec. Mgmt*  
12 *v. Ticor Title Ins. Co.*, 118 Nev. 46, 53 (2002). The requirements of a Rule 56(f) continuance are  
13 further clarified by the United States Court of Appeal for the First Circuit. Specifically, the Court  
14 of Appeal held the following:

15 “[A] litigant must submit to the trial court an affidavit or other authoritative  
16 document showing (i) good cause for his inability to have discovered or  
17 marshalled the necessary facts earlier in the proceedings; (ii) a plausible  
18 basis for believing that additional facts probably exist and can be retrieved  
19 within a reasonable time; and (iii) an explanation of how those facts, if  
20 collected, will suffice to defeat the pending summary judgment motion.”  
*Velez v. Awning Windows, Inc.*, 375 F.3d 35, 40 (1st Cir. 2004); *Paterson-*  
*Leitch Co. v. Mass. Mun. Wholesale Elec. Co.*, 840 F.2d 985, 988 (1st Cir.  
1998).

21 The first layer of the Association’s general argument is that because no discovery has been  
22 exchanged in this case, Rule 56(f) should operate automatically in allowing for a continuance:

23 “Because discovery just commenced and the HOA has not been dilatory in  
24 pursuing discovery, it would be an abuse of this Court’s discretion to deny the  
HOA a continuance to perform the requested discovery.” (Opp., Pg. 18)

25 Thus, the Association argues that a continuance should be granted as a matter of right given the  
26 procedural status of the case. This point was reiterated again in the Opposition’s Exhibit 3, the  
27 Declaration of Michael Gayan, in which Mr. Gayan states in Paragraph 5: “To date, little if any  
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1 discovery has occurred. Plaintiffs have not made their initial disclosures or produced any documents.  
2 From a discovery standpoint, the case is in its infancy.” Mr. Gayan also emphasizes in Paragraph 4  
3 of his Declaration that the Court has only recently issued a Case Agenda establishing discovery  
4 deadlines.

5 However, Rule 56(f) requires more than mere acknowledgement that the case might be at its  
6 infancy stage. Rather, Nevada law and its consistent Federal law counterpart (*supra*), require that  
7 the party seeking additional time meet its burden in demonstrating *how* further discovery will lead  
8 to the creation of a genuine issue of material fact. Aviation Ventures v. Joan Morris, Inc., 121 Nev.  
9 113, 118, 110 P.3d 59, 62 (2005).

10 A court is not precluded from granting summary judgment by the mere fact that additional  
11 discovery could be conducted. In the present case, the Association fails to identify *what* additional  
12 discovery is necessary in order to properly oppose a Motion for Summary Judgment (as noted in the  
13 Builders’ Reply Brief in support of their Motion for Declaratory Relief, the requested relief is not  
14 that of summary judgment). A generalized and vague argument about the *potential* for future  
15 discovery is insufficient to show how this discovery will lead to anything in dispute of the Builder’s  
16 Motion. Thus, the Association fails to adequately satisfy the grounds for a Rule 56(f) Motion even  
17 if this Court were to agree that the Builders are seeking summary judgment rather than declaratory  
18 relief.

19 **B. The Association Has Failed to Specifically Identify the Additional Discovery Needed to**  
20 **Overcome the Builders’ Motion for Declaratory Relief**

21 The Association has also failed to meet its prerequisites to obtain relief under NRCP 56(f),  
22 and thus its request for a continuance should be denied. In Nevada, “NRCP 56(f) requires that the  
23 party opposing a motion for summary judgment and seeking a denial or continuance of the motion  
24 in order to conduct further discovery provide an affidavit giving the reasons why the party cannot  
25 present facts essential to justify the party’s opposition.” *Choy v. Ameristar Casinos, Inc.*, 127 Nev.  
26 Adv. Op. 78, 265 P.3d 698 (2011).

1 The Association's only evidence relevant to its NRCP 56(f) burden is Exhibit 3, the  
2 Declaration of Michael Gayan, Esq. In Paragraph 6, Mr. Gayan states the following:

3 "The Association awaits Plaintiffs' disclosures and document productions.  
4 Thereafter, the Association intends to conduct the following discovery to  
5 develop the evidence necessary to fully respond to Plaintiffs' motion  
6 regarding standing: (a) propound written discovery to Plaintiffs; (b) depose  
7 Plaintiffs and/or their Rule 30(b)(6) representatives on various design and  
8 construction topics related to the design and construction of the windows;  
9 (c) depose other parties and/or non-parties regarding similar issues related  
10 to the design and construction of the windows; (d) designate one or more  
11 experts on the subject; and (e) depose experts designated by Plaintiffs and  
12 any other counter defendants."

13 However, none of these distinct requests specify 1) what information is being sought in  
14 discovery other than vague and generalized references, and 2) why such additional information is  
15 necessary to create a genuine issue of material fact by which the Association could overcome  
16 Builder's Motion. The most specific of the subsections in Paragraph 6 is Subsection (b), which states  
17 that the Association seeks to depose representatives on "various design and construction topics  
18 related to the design and construction of the windows."

19 The Builder's Motion narrowly relates to whether sill pan flashings and head flashings fall  
20 within the purview of unit boundaries per the Declaration. The request in Paragraph 6, Subsection  
21 (b) of Mr. Gayan's affidavit, however, lacks any detail as to what specific facts are being sought that  
22 relate to the Builder's Motion. Similarly, the HOA fails to demonstrate how a vague request to  
23 depose these representatives would yield any meaningful facts that are essential to their legal  
24 contentions and which would enable them to overcome Builder's Motion for Declaratory Relief.  
25 Rather, the HOA's vague discovery requests equate into nothing more than a fishing expedition for  
26 facts that *might* relate to Builder's Motion.

27 Rule 56(f) provides: "...Should it appear from the affidavits of a party opposing the motion  
28 that the party cannot for reasons stated present by affidavit facts essential to justify the party's  
opposition..." Mr. Gayan's affidavit is devoid of stated reasons why his expert's, Mr. Hindiyeh,  
affidavit is lacking factual evidence to support his conclusions. Mr. Hindiyeh does not claim to lack  
factual support for his contentions.

1 Based on the foregoing, the Association's Counter-Motion for a 56(f) continuance should be  
2 denied.

3 **V. CONCLUSION**

4 The Association fails to establish why the Builders' Motion is improperly brought as a  
5 Motion for Declaratory Relief. Even if the Builders' Motion were considered a Motion for Summary  
6 Judgment, the Association still fails to satisfy its burden of proof. Sill pan flashings are classified,  
7 at least, as fixtures within the apertures, a fact that the Association does not dispute. Other courts  
8 agree that window defects alleging water intrusion fall within the Unit boundaries. Despite the  
9 Association's contention, Texas Wall Systems was the manufacturer of the Windows at Panorama  
10 and it did not require head flashings. The EIFS manufacturer likewise did not require head flashings.

11 Based on the foregoing, the Court should declare that the Association lacks standing to assert  
12 defect allegations and 1.01 and 1.02. Sill pan flashings comprise part of the window system, which  
13 fall within the Unit Boundaries, and thus outside the scope of the Common Elements. Since pan  
14 flashings fall outside the scope of the Common Elements, the Associations lacks standing to assert  
15 repairs to same per NRS 116.3102(1)(d), as amended by AB 125. In addition, local codes and the  
16 "Sto detail" defers the decision to incorporate head flashings onto the manufacturer of the window  
17 system. Since the manufacturer of the window systems, Texas Wall Systems, did not require head  
18 flashings at the unit windows, the lack of head flashing does not constitute a code violation. Since  
19 head flashings are not mandated, their addition would be an unnecessary upgrade, and outside the  
20 scope of the Association's responsibilities. Thus, the Association also lacks standing to assert defect  
21 allegation 1.02.

22 In addition, the Association's reliance on the parol evidence rule to seek exclusion of the  
23 Loadman Affidavit and the AAMA Glossary is misguided. Both of these pieces of evidence fall  
24 outside of the purview of the parol evidence rule. On this basis, the Association's Counter-Motion  
25 to Exclude the Builders' Inadmissible Parol Evidence should be denied.

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1 Lastly, because the Association has failed to satisfy its burden under NRCP 56(f), the  
2 Association's Counter-Motion for NRCP 56(f) relief should be denied.

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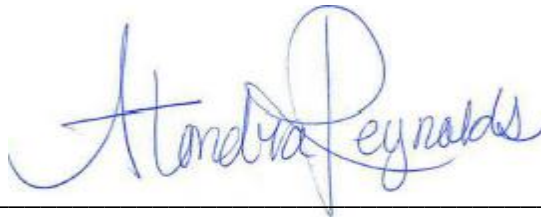
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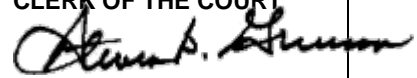
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14 Appendix of Exhibits to their reply in support of Motion for Declaratory Relief Regarding Standing  
15 and Oppositions to Defendant/Counterclaimant’s Counter-Motions to Exclude Inadmissible  
16 Evidence and for Rule 56(f) Relief.

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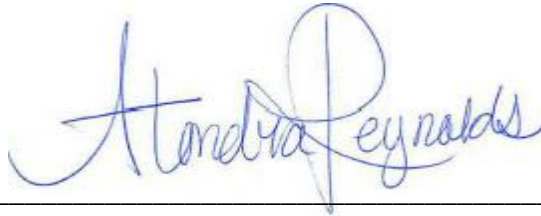
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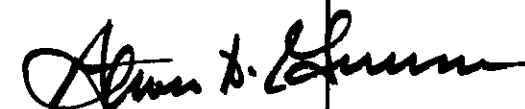


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CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Nevada  
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TILE, INC. dba BTI TILE & STONE, a  
California corporation; CHAMPION UTILITY  
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REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY; AND  
(3) APPROVAL OF PLAINTIFF'S  
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HOMEOWNERS**

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15 ENGINEERS, LLC, a Nevada Limited )  
Liability Company; HI-CON, INC., a Nevada )  
16 Corporation; INSULPRO PROJECTS, a )  
Washington Corporation; JMA )  
17 ARCHITECTS, INC. aka JMA )  
ARCHITECTURE STUDIOS, a Nevada )  
18 Corporation ; LAS VEGAS CONCRETE )  
PUMPING dba POOLS BY GRUBE, a )  
19 Nevada Corporation; LIGHTNING )  
PROTECTION SYSTEMS, LCC dba VFC, )  
20 INC., a Utah Limited Liability Company; )  
LYNCO ASSOCIATES, a Nevada )  
21 Corporation; M.A. ENGINEERING, INC., a )  
Nevada Corporation; NIBCO, an Indiana )  
22 Corporation; NOORDA SHEET METAL )  
COMPANY, a Nevada Corporation; )  
23 PRESTIGE ROOFING, INC., a Nevada )  
Corporation; QUEENSRIDGE TOWERS, )  
24 LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; )  
QT MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Nevada Limited )  
25 Liability Company; RAGLEN SYSTEM )  
BALANCE, INC., a Nevada Corporation; RS )  
26 ANALYSIS, INC., a California Corporation; )  
S3H, INC., a Nevada Corporation; SIEMENS )  
27 INDUSTRY, INC., a Delaware Corporation; )  
T. BROTHERS TILE, a Nevada Limited )  
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1 Liability Company; TECHNICOAT  
2 MANAGEMENT, INC., a Nevada Limited  
3 Liability Company; TIMBERLINE  
4 ARCHITECTURAL OPENINGS, LLC, a  
5 Nevada Limited Liability Company;  
6 VALENTIN GARCIA GUZMAN, an  
7 Individual; YAMAS CONTROLS  
8 SOUTHWEST, INC., a Nevada Corporation;  
9 DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-100; ROE  
10 SUBCONTRACTORS 2-100; ROE DESIGN  
11 PROFESSIONALS 101-200; ROE  
12 MATERIAL SUPPLIERS 201-300; and ROE  
13 PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS 302-400,

14 Third-Party Defendants.

15 PERINI BUILDING COMPANY, an Arizona  
16 Corporation,

17 Cross-Claimant,

18 vs.

19 EXECUTIVE HOMES, INC., a Nevada  
20 Corporation,

21 Cross-Defendant.

22 EXECUTIVE HOMES, INC., a Nevada  
23 Corporation,

24 Counter-Claimant,

25 vs.

26 PERINI BUILDING COMPANY, a Arizona  
27 Corporation,

28 Counter-Defendant.

29 NIBCO, INC., an Indiana Corporation,

30 Fourth-Party Plaintiff,

31 vs.

32 NOVASFER, S.R.L., an Italian single  
33 member company; HERZ VALVES UK LTD,  
34 a British entity; DOES 1 through 10; and  
35 ROE BUSINESSES 1 through 15, inclusive,

36 Fourth-Party Defendants.

1 QUEENSRIDGE TOWERS, LLC, a Nevada  
2 Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1  
3 through 100,

4 Third-Party Plaintiff,

5 vs.

6 A-1 MECHANICAL, INC., a Nevada  
7 CORPORATION; ABDA, INC., a Nevada  
8 Corporation; ALLIED WEST  
9 CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Nevada  
10 Corporation; ATLAS CONSTRUCTION  
11 CLEANUP, INC., a Nevada Corporation;  
12 AZTECA STEEL, a Texas Corporation;  
13 BEAUTY WITH PAVERS, LLC, a Nevada  
14 Limited Liability Company; BERG  
15 ELECTRIC, a California Corporation;  
16 BOMEL ELECTRIC, a California  
17 Corporation; BOMEL CONSTRUCTION CO.,  
18 INC., a California Corporation; BAJA TILE,  
19 INC. dba BTI TILE & STONE, a California  
20 Corporation; CIMA CONSTRUCTION, INC.,  
21 a Texas Corporation; COMPONENT WEST,  
22 LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company;  
23 DESERT FIRE PROTECTION, a Nevada  
24 Corporation; DESERT PLASTERING, LLC a  
25 Nevada Limited Liability Company;  
26 DIVERSIFIED CONCRETE CUTTING, a  
27 Nevada Corporation; ELSTER AMCO  
28 WATER, a Florida Corporation; FERGUSON  
ENTERPRISES, INC., dba FERGUSON  
BATH & KITCHEN GALLERY, a Virginia  
Corporation; GIROUX GLASS, a California  
Corporation; PROCARE CARPET AND  
FLOOR MAINTENANCE, INC., dba FLOOR  
TOPIA, a Nevada Corporation;  
HARDSTONE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, a  
Nevada Limited Liability Company; HARRIS  
& RUTH PAINTING CONTRACTORS, INC.,  
aka HARRIS & RUTH PAINTING  
CONTRACTORS, INC., a California  
Corporation; HI-CON, INC., a California  
Corporation; INSUL-FLOW, INC., a  
California Corporation; INSULPRO  
PROJECTS, a Washington Corporation;  
JMA ARCHITECTS, INC. aka JMA  
ARCHITECTURE STUDIOS, a Nevada  
Corporation; LAS VEGAS CONCRETE  
PLUMPING, INC. dba POOLS BY GRUBE, a  
Nevada Corporation; LYNCO ASSOCIATES,  
a Nevada Corporation; NIBCO, AN INDIANA  
CORPORATION; NOORDA SHEET METAL  
COMPANY, a Nevada Corporation;

1 PRESTIGE ROOFING, INC., a Nevada  
Corporation; RAGLEN SYSTEM BALANCE,  
2 INC., a Nevada Corporation; RS ANALYSIS,  
INC., a California Corporation; S3H, INC., a  
3 Nevada Corporation; SIEMENS INDUSTRY,  
INC., a Delaware Corporation; SILVER  
4 STATE SPECIALTIES COMMERCIAL, LLC,  
a Nevada Limited Liability Company; SLATE  
5 DESIGN STUDIOS, INC., a Nevada  
Corporation; SOUTHERN NEVADA  
6 PAVING, INC. aka AGGREGATE  
INDUSTRIES, INC. and AGGREGATE  
7 INDUSTRIES-SWR, INC., a Nevada  
Corporation; STEWART & SUNDELL  
8 CONCRETE, INC., a Nevada Corporation;  
RICHARD ALAMANDER COLE dba STONE  
9 DESIGNS, an Individual; T. BROTHERS  
TILES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability  
10 Company; TECHNICOAT MANAGEMENT,  
INC., a Nevada Limited Liability Company;  
11 TIMBERLINE ARCHITECTURAL  
OPENINGS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability  
12 Company; VALENTIN GARCIA GUZMAN,  
an Individual; YAMAS CONTROLS  
13 SOUTHWEST, INC., a Delaware  
Corporation; and DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-100;  
14 ROE SUBCONTRACTORS 1-100; ROE  
DESIGN PROFESSIONALS 101-200; ROE  
15 MATERIAL SUPPLIERS 201-300; and ROE  
PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS 302-400,

16 Third-Party Defendants.

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18 SLATER DEISGN STUDIOS, INC., a  
Nevada Corporation,

19 Cross-Plaintiff,

20 vs.

21 PRESTIGE ROOFING, INC., a Nevada  
Corporation; DOES INDIVIDUALS 1-100,  
22 and ROE ENTITIES 101-200,

23 Cross-Defendants.

24 **FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER**

25 This matter, concerning the Plaintiff One Queensridge Place Homeowners  
26 Association, Inc.'s Motion For (1) Adjudication of Definition of Defects That are  
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1 Pursued In Purely Representative Capacity; (2) Determination of Defects  
2 Pursued In a Purely Representative Capacity; and (3) Approval of Plaintiff's  
3 Notice of Lawsuit Re: Individual Unit Claims to One Queensridge Place  
4 Homeowners, and Defendant Perini Building Company's Motion for Declaratory  
5 Relief Regarding Representative Standing; What Defects Should Be Subject to  
6 Either An Opt-In Class Or An Assignment Protocol; And Form Of Proposed  
7 Notice and Joinders thereto having come for hearing on March 16, 2016, before  
8 Department XXXI of the Eighth Judicial District Court, in and for Clark County,  
9 Nevada, with Judge Joanna S. Kishner presiding. Plaintiff One Queensridge  
10 Place Homeowners Association, Inc. appeared by and through its attorneys,  
11 Michael C. Rubino of the law firm Fenton, Grant, Mayfield, Kaneda & Litt, LLP;  
12 Defendant Perini Building Company appeared by and through its attorneys, Peter  
13 C. Brown, Esq., Lucian J. Greco, Jr., Esq., and Prescott T. Jones, Esq. of the law  
14 firm Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara LLP; and Robert Nida, Esq. of the law firm  
15 Castle and Associates. Having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file herein,  
16 heard oral arguments of the parties, allowed the parties to submit proposed  
17 orders, and taken this matter under advisement, this Court makes the following  
18 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

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20 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

21 1. Plaintiff One Queensridge Place Homeowners Association, Inc.  
22 "Plaintiff" or "Association"- is a non-profit corporation and governing body of One  
23 Queensridge Place. Plaintiff, one a common-interest condominium community  
24 housed in two 20-story premiere luxury high-rise buildings connected by a  
25 partially below grade low-rise building. There are a total of 219 residential units  
26 and ten free-standing Casitas. There also are common areas and common  
27 amenities. The amenities include a fitness center, business meeting rooms, and  
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1 an outdoor swimming pool and spa/hot tub. The ten Casitas are located on the  
2 "podium," or ground level.

3 The project site also includes two above grade guardhouses and a below  
4 grade Condenser Water Plant and Cooling Tower building. The low-rise building  
5 contains enclosed parking garages, mechanical spaces - including two boiler  
6 rooms - support areas for staff and maintenance, and some residential units.  
7 The first floor of the low-rise building is referred to as the Courtyard Level, and  
8 the second floor is referred to as the Terrace Level.

9 A lobby area connects the two towers at the first floor. The lobby and first  
10 floors of each tower are referred to as the Garden Level. Each tower building  
11 contains elevators that provide access to the tower units above as well as to the  
12 parking garages in the low-rise building below. The Garden Levels also contain  
13 amenity spaces for residents including a fitness center, indoor pool, Roman-style  
14 spas, a media room, a card room, and a wine cellar.

15 Floors 2 through 20 contain living units, including penthouses at floors 15  
16 through 20. Single-story penthouse units are located on floors 15 through 17.  
17 Two three-story penthouses, referred to as Crown penthouses, top off each  
18 tower. The top floor of each Crown penthouse consists of a single room, with  
19 roofing making up the majority of the 20th floor plan.<sup>1</sup> Hereinafter all of the  
20 forgoing is referred to as the "Subject Property" or "Queensridge Towers".

21 2. Defendant Perini Building Company is alleged to be one of the  
22 general contractors of the aforementioned community. Other parties are alleged  
23 to be the developers, contractors, design professionals, subcontractors, and/or  
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27 <sup>1</sup>See Exhibit H to Perini's Motion, SGH Report dated 27 July 2011 at pp. 1-2.

1 material suppliers as those terms are understood and defined by NRS 40.620,  
2 40.632, and 40.634.

3 3. The Plaintiff Association brought this action in its own capacity and  
4 in a representative capacity on behalf of its unit owners.

5 4. On or about September 7, 2007, Developer Queensridge Towers,  
6 LLC formed the Association pursuant to NRS Chapter 116 by filing and recording  
7 the Declaration of Condominium for One Queensridge Place ("Declaration" or  
8 "CC&Rs"). The Declaration is the document that identifies the boundaries of the  
9 units, the common elements and limited common elements, and the  
10 responsibilities of the various parties for the maintenance and repair of portions  
11 of the project.

12 5. The Declaration delineates the boundary between an individual unit  
13 and common or limited common elements. A "Unit" is defined as the part of the  
14 condominium project that is "subject to exclusive ownership." The boundaries of  
15 a Unit are set forth in section 3.2 of the Declaration<sup>2</sup>:  
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17 <sup>2</sup> The Declaration provides the full definitions for the "Unit Boundaries" as follows:

18 "3.2 Unit Boundaries. Each Unit shall include that part of the building containing  
19 the Unit that lies within the following boundaries:

20 "(a) Upper and Lower Boundaries: The Upper and Lower Boundaries of the Unit  
21 shall be the following boundaries extended to their planar intersections with the  
parametrical boundaries:

22 "(i) Upper Boundaries: The horizontal plane of the unfinished lower  
23 surface of the ceiling (which will be deemed to be the ceiling of the upper  
24 story if the Unit is a multi-story Unit, provided that in multi-story Units the  
Upper Boundary shall include that portion of the ceiling of the lower floor  
for which there is no corresponding ceiling on the upper floor directly  
above such bottom floor ceiling);

25 "(ii) Lower Boundaries: The horizontal plane of the unfinished upper  
26 surface of the floor of the Unit (which will be deemed to be the floor of  
27 the first story if the Unit is a multi-story Unit, provided that in multi-story  
Units the Lower Boundary shall include that portion of the floor of the  
upper floor for which there is no corresponding floor on the bottom floor  
directly below the floor of such top floor);

- Upper Boundaries (3.2(a)(i)) – “The horizontal plane of the unfinished lower surface of the ceiling. . . .”
- Lower Boundaries (3.2(a)(ii)) – “The horizontal plane of the unfinished upper surface of the floor. . . .”
- Parametrical Boundaries (3.2(b)) – “[t]he vertical planes of the unfinished interior surfaces of the walls bounding the Unit extended to their planar intersections with each other and with the upper and lower boundaries.” However, where the boundary walls are made of sheetrock, the boundaries at those locations will be “the vertical planes of the unfinished exterior surface of the sheetrock . . . such that the Unit extends up to, but does not include, the face of any support studs. . . .”

“(iii) Interior Divisions: Except as provided in subsection 3.2(a)(i) and 3.2(a)(ii) above, no part of the floor of the top floor, ceiling of the bottom floor, stairwell adjoining the multi-floors, in all cases of a multi-story Unit, if any, or non-structural walls shall be considered a boundary of the Unit.

“(b) Perimetrical Boundaries: Except as provided herein, the parameter boundaries of the Unit shall be the vertical planes of the unfinished interior surfaces of the walls bounding the Unit extended to their planar intersections with each other and with the Upper and Lower Boundaries. Where, however, the perimetrical walls (as initially constructed by the developer) consist of sheetrock, the Perimetrical Boundaries of that portion of the Unit shall be the vertical planes of the unfinished exterior surface of the sheetrock bounding the Unit (such that the Unit(s) extend up to but does not include the face of any support studs in the wall) extended to their planar intersections with each other and with the Upper and Lower Boundaries.

“(c) Apertures: Where there are Apertures in any boundary, including, but not limited to windows, doors, bay windows and skylights, such boundaries shall be extended to include the windows, doors and other fixtures located in such Apertures, including all frameworks, window casings and weather stripping thereof, except that exterior surfaces made of glass or other transparent materials and exteriors or doors facing all vestibules shall not be included in the boundaries of the Unit and shall therefore be Common Elements in all Unit types depicted on the condominium plat as F, G, Courtyard, Garden, and Terrace level Units, with all other Unit types therefore deemed Limited Common Elements. Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, any elevators (including all mechanical equipment serving, and housing for the elevators), solely serving a Unit (to the exclusion of all other Units) shall be deemed a part of the Unit. Lastly, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the structural components of the Building and the Life Safety Systems, regardless of where located, are expressly excluded from the Units and are instead deemed Common Elements....

- Apertures (3.2(c)) – “where there are apertures in any boundary, including, but not limited to, windows, doors, bay windows and skylights, such boundaries shall be extended to include the windows, doors and other fixtures located in such apertures, including all frameworks, window casings and weather stripping. . . .” However, “exterior surfaces made of glass or other transparent materials and exteriors of doors facing all vestibules shall not be included in the boundaries of the Unit . . .” and, depending on which Unit is involved, are either Common Elements or Limited Common Elements.

6. “Common Elements” are defined by Section 2.15 of the Declaration which includes the following as “Common Elements:”

- The portions of the project which are not included as part of the Units.
- Structural columns and bearing walls.
- Easements for conduits, ducts, plumbing, wiring, and other utilities to the units.
- The “property and installations” for utilities to more than one Unit or the Common Elements.
- All life safety systems.
- All Limited Common Elements which are defined as “Common Elements the use of which is reserved to a certain Unit or Units to the exclusion of other Units...” Examples of Limited Common Elements include the project’s casitas, private courtyards and balconies/decks, garages, cabinets in the wine cellar, and external equipment such as A/C compressors and utility meters.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The Declaration at page 2 provides the full definitions for the “Association Property,” “Common Elements,” “Limited Common Elements,” and “Unit” as follows:

“2.7 ‘Association Property’ means that property, real (if any) and personal, which is owned or leased by, or is dedicated by a recorded plat to, the Association for the use and benefit of its members and which is not a part of the Common Elements.”

“2.15 ‘Common Elements’ mean and include:

1           7.       The Declaration also sets forth the responsibilities for maintenance  
2 and repairs in these areas. Section 7.1 of the Declaration addresses the  
3 obligations of the unit owners as it pertains to maintenance and repairs:  
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- 5           •       All maintenance, repairs and replacements of, in or to  
6 any Unit and Limited Common Elements appurtenant  
7 thereto, ordinary or extraordinary, foreseen or  
8 unforeseen, including, without limitation, inspection,  
9 maintenance, repair and replacement of interior windows,  
10 window coverings, interior non-structural walls, the  
11 interior side of any entrance door and all other doors  
12 within or affording access to a Unit, and the electrical  
13 (including wiring), plumbing that exclusively serves that  
14 Unit (including fixtures and connections), heating and air-  
15 conditioning equipment, fixtures and outlets, appliances,  
16 carpets and other floor coverings, all interior surfaces and  
17 the entire interior of the Unit lying within the boundaries of  
18 the Unit or the Limited Common Elements or other

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15           “(a) the portions of the condominium property which are not included  
16 within either the Units and/or the Association property;

17           “(b) All structural columns and bearing walls regardless of where located;

18           “(c) Easements through Units for conduits, ducts, plumbing, wiring and  
19 other facilities for the furnishing of utility and other services to Units, the  
20 Common Elements and/or the Association property;

21           “(d) An easement of support in every portion of a Unit which contributes  
22 to the support of the building;

23           “(e) The property and installations required for the furnishing of utilities  
24 and other services to more than one Unit or to the Common Elements  
25 and/or to the Association property;

26           “(f) Any and all portions of the life safety systems (as defined below)  
27 regardless of where located within the condominium property;

28           “(g) Each common Casita;

          “(h) Any other parts of the condominium property designated as  
Common Elements in this declaration;

          “(i) All Limited Common Elements unless the context would prohibit or it  
is otherwise expressly provided.”<sup>3</sup>

2.37   ‘Limited Common Elements’ means those Common Elements the use of  
which is reserved to a certain Unit or Units to the exclusion of other Units, as  
specified in this declaration, including, but not limited to Casitas, Gardens,  
Courtyards, Terraces, Garages, Cabinets in Wine Cellar, and shared access  
areas. References hereto to Common Elements also shall include all Limited  
Common Elements, unless the context would prohibit or it is otherwise expressly  
provided.”<sup>3</sup>

2.44   ‘Unit’ means a part of the Condominium Property which is subject to exclusive ownership.”

1 property belonging to the Unit Owner, shall be performed  
2 by the Owner of such Unit at the Unit Owner's sole cost  
3 and expense, except as otherwise expressly provided to  
the contrary herein.

4 8. Section 7.2 limits the Association's maintenance and repair  
5 obligations to the Common Elements and the Limited Common Elements not  
6 maintained by Unit owners.

7 9. The Association has brought a direct action seeking a monetary  
8 recovery in its own name for construction defects in Common Elements and  
9 Limited Common Elements. The Association also brought suit in a  
10 representative action on behalf of its Unit Owners/Members relating to  
11 construction defects that are disputed as to whether they are located exclusively  
12 within separate interest units pursuant to NRS 116.3102(1)(d).

13 The Association alleges that there are numerous defects pervading the  
14 Subject Property. Those alleged defects include problems with the exterior of the  
15 buildings, the roofs, the plumbing, the electrical system, the windows, the  
16 balconies, the sliding doors, the podium deck, the garages, and others.

17 10. The following defects are located exclusively in the separate  
18 interest units and the parties agree they require a NRCP Rule 23 analysis:

19 PLUMBING

20 4.1 Water meters - corrosion deposit buildup on outside  
21 of the meter body/inside surface/dezincification of brass  
meters

22 4.2 Ball valves – corrosion deposit accumulation on the  
surfaces of the internal balls/dezincification corrosion.

23 4.3 Balancing valves – corrosion deposit accumulation  
24 and a change in color (from yellowish to reddish) of the port  
inserts/dezincification corrosion.

25 P-01 Stall showers or combination bath/shower valves  
leak, shower diverter valves, hand-held wall mounted hubs,  
26 spout nipples and steamer emitter, drain and T&P discharge  
penetrations are not sealed.

27 P-02 Shower rain heads not properly secured/sealed.

28 P-03(a) Master tub improperly supported by expanding  
foam.

1 P-03(b) Hand-held shower connect. Inaccessible under tub  
deck.

2 P-03(c) Tub filler valves and connects, inaccessible under  
deck.

3 P-04(a) Master shower steam generators do not sit in drip  
4 pan.

5 P-04(b) Yellow brass make-up water connection appears to  
be constructed of yellow brass and is dezincifying.

6 P-04(c) Master shower steam emitter lacking anti-scald  
shield

7 P-04(d) T&P Discharge improperly terminates through steam  
emitter.

8 P-06(b)&(c) High zinc content yellow brass connectors and  
ball valves susceptible to dezincification; hot and cold water  
meters need to be calibrated.

9 P-08 Shut-off valves for refrigeration are inaccessible.

#### 10 MECHANICAL

11 M-01(a) Flow control at WSHP's are failing and leaking

12 M-01(b) Copper piping condens. Wtr. Lacks di-electric  
protect.

13 M-02 Water source heat pumps lack secondary condensate  
drain provisions.

14 M-04 Vinyl fabric duct connectors improperly used to  
connect the bathroom exhaust fans to sheet metal branches.

15 M-05 Range hood back draft dampers leaking air.

#### 16 ELECTRICAL

17 E-11 (F-7a) Recessed lighting cans have paint overspray

18 E-16 (S-12) 2-way radios cause the DGCI breakers in units'  
electrical panels to trip.

19 As to certain other defects, the parties could not agree on the definition or  
20 standard to be applied to determine whether the Association's standing is in a  
21 purely representative capacity. The remaining issues in dispute, and that have  
22 been joined by the instant Cross-Motions are: 1. The proper standard to  
23 determine whether a defect can be pursued by the Association directly or in a  
24 representative capacity; 2. The application of the standard to the defects alleged  
25 in this case; and, 3. Whether a traditional opt-out class should be established  
26 consistent with Rule 23; or, an "opt-in" class should be established; or, the  
27 Association must obtain joinders or assignments from individual homeowners.

1 The determination as to which defects fall into which category is guided by the  
2 Nevada Supreme Court's decisions in *D.R. Horton, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial District*  
3 *Court* (hereinafter referred to as "*First Light II*"), 125 Nev. 449, 215 P.3d 697  
4 (2009), *Beazer Homes Holding Corp. vs. District Court* (hereinafter referred to as  
5 "*View of Black Mountain*") 128 Nev. Adv. Op. 66, 291 P.3d 128 (2012), and the  
6 Association's governing documents

7 11. Defendant Perini Building Company moved this Court for a  
8 Declaration and Order: (1) requiring the matter to proceed as an "opt-in" or  
9 assignment-based class, (2) adopting Perini Building Company's proposed "opt-  
10 in" Notice if this Court rules that an "opt-in" Notice is required rather than  
11 assignments from the unit owners to the HOA; and (3) that the Notice include the  
12 list of defects identified by Perini Building Company in this Motion. Perini has  
13 submitted its own list of defect allegations that it believes should be included in an  
14 "opt-in" notice.

15 12. Conversely, Plaintiff moved this Court for an Order: (1) finding that  
16 they have standing to bring all claims directly; and (2) to approve its proposed  
17 opt-out Notice to Association Members. Plaintiff has submitted its own list of  
18 defect allegations that it believes should be included in an "opt-out" notice.

### 19 20 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

#### 21 **A. Plaintiff Does not Have Standing to Proceed with the Disputed** 22 **Claims directly**

23 1. In this construction defect action, the issue before the Court is how  
24 the action shall proceed; that is, whether it is to be "treated like a class action, a  
25 joinder action, consolidated actions, or in some other manner." *View of Black*  
26 *Mountain*, at 135. The parties agree that some of the alleged defects are  
27 completely within the common area for which the Association has statutory  
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1 standing pursuant to the Supreme Court's interpretation of NRS 116.3102(1)(d)  
2 without any further analysis. They further agree some of the defects are wholly  
3 within the separated interest units. The parties dispute whether some of the  
4 other defects require further analysis under *First Light II*.

5         2. In *First Light II*, the developer, D.R. Horton, Inc., argued that the  
6 association did not have standing to pursue a construction defect claim for  
7 defects in individual units because the units were not part of the common-interest  
8 community. *Id.* at 455-456. The Nevada Supreme Court found to the contrary. It  
9 held that units are "part and parcel of the 'common-interest community'" and  
10 because NRS 116.3102(1)(d) confers standing on a homeowners' association to  
11 assert claims 'on matters affecting the common-interest community,' a  
12 homeowners' association has standing to assert claims that affect individual  
13 units. *Id.* 455-456. However, the Court, citing to the commentary to Restatement  
14 (Third) of Property, Section 6.11, noted "[i]n suits where no common property is  
15 involved, the association functions much like the plaintiff in a class-action  
16 litigation, and questions about the rights and duties between the association and  
17 the members with respect to the suit will normally be determined by the principles  
18 used in class-action litigation." *Id.* at 458.

19         3. The *First Light II* Court then reasoned that "because a  
20 homeowners' association functions much like a plaintiff in a class action, we  
21 conclude that when an association asserts claims in a representative capacity,  
22 the action must fulfill the requirements of NRCP 23, which governs class action  
23 lawsuits in Nevada." *Id.* That reasoning led to some confusion as to whether, if  
24 an association's claim did not satisfy the standards set forth in NRCP 23, the  
25 case had to be dismissed.

26         4. In *View of Black Mountain*, the Supreme Court clarified its earlier  
27 holding, stating: "that, notwithstanding any suggestions in *First Light II* to the  
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1 contrary, failure of a common-interest community association to strictly satisfy the  
2 NRCP 23 factors does not automatically result in a failure of the representative  
3 action.” *Id.* at 135. However, the *View of Black Mountain* Court reiterated the  
4 *First Light II* Court’s pronouncement that “questions about the rights and duties  
5 between the association and the members with respect to the suit will normally  
6 be determined by the principles used in class-action litigation.” *Id.* The Court  
7 further explained that the “[r]ights and duties between an association and its  
8 members implicate, among other things, NRCP 23(c)(2) (notice and opt-out  
9 procedures), NRCP 23(c)(3) (class members included in the judgment), and  
10 NRCP 23(e) (governing dismissal and compromise).” *Id.* n3. The *View of Black*  
11 *Mountain* Court concluded that “[i]n analyzing the [Rule 23] factors, district courts  
12 are not determining whether the action can proceed; rather, they are determining  
13 how the action should proceed, *i.e.*, whether it is treated like a class action, a  
14 joinder action, consolidated actions, or in some other manner.” *Id.* at 135.

15         5. Perini argues that defects located in Limited Common Elements are  
16 subject to a Rule 23 analysis because the Declaration allocates the maintenance  
17 of the those elements to the owners, and not the Association. The Association’s  
18 position is that under both the statutory definition and the Declaration’s definition  
19 of Limited Common Elements, those elements are part of the Common Elements  
20 that do not require a Rule 23 Analysis. Put another way, Perini and Plaintiff  
21 dispute whether or not Plaintiff enjoys direct standing to pursue a number of  
22 defect allegations. Plaintiff claims entitlement to bring suit for defects that are  
23 located within a common element, a limited common element, and individual  
24 units if the defect can affect other units. While Perini does not dispute that  
25 Plaintiff HOA has direct standing to assert defect claims for common elements as  
26 defined in its CC&Rs, or that it has direct standing to assert claims for limited  
27 common elements for which it exercises sole repair and maintenance  
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1 responsibility, Perini asserts that Plaintiff does not have direct standing to bring  
2 claims either for defect allegations in the individual units or defect allegations  
3 related to limited common elements for which it does not have both maintenance  
4 and repair responsibilities.

5 6. The Court analyzes each of the series of claims below:

6 7. For the "5.0" series of defects claims, addressing private decks and  
7 public decks, Plaintiff claims direct standing for the following defect allegations,  
8 which is opposed by Perini:

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10 **5.1 PRIVATE DECKS (Upper Levels)**

11 **5.1.1 Deteriorated Finish: Rusted Metal at Guardrails**

12 **5.1.2 Cracked Grout: Missing Grout at Deck Tile**

13 **5.1.6 Lack of Weatherdrop at Deck Access Doors**

14 **5.1.14 Inadequate Anchorage of Balcony Railing**

15 **5.2 PRIVATE DECKS AT GARDEN LEVEL**

16 **5.2.1 Cracked Deck Pavers: Missing Grout at Paver Joints**

17 **5.2.2 Deteriorated Finish: Rusted Metal at Guardrails**

18 Plaintiff claims direct standing for each of these defects as it claims they  
19 are all Limited Common Elements. However, Plaintiff does not fully address the  
20 fact that it only exercises repair and maintenance responsibility for Limited  
21 Common Elements defined as "Shared Access Areas," which constitutes the  
22 area between elevators/stairwells and the individual units as set forth in § 2.41 of  
23 the Declaration. This is set forth in the Declaration, § 3.7(k):

24 any other portion of the Common Elements which, by its nature,  
25 cannot serve all Units but serves one Unit or more than one Unit  
26 . . . shall be deemed a Limited Common Element of the Unit(s)  
27 served **and shall be maintained by said Owner**, except that all  
28 Shared Access Areas shall be maintained by the Association. . .  
To the extent of any areas deemed a Limited Common  
Element hereunder, the Owner of the Unit(s) to which the Limited  
Common Element is appurtenant shall have the right to alter it as  
if the Limited Common Element were part of the Owner's Unit,  
rather than as required for alteration of Common Elements.

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2 Additionally, pursuant to § 3.7(a), a terrace is a limited common element,  
3 over which Plaintiff maintains repair and maintenance responsibility, but only for  
4 the structural and mechanical elements. None of the defects noted above  
5 constitute structural or mechanical elements. Lastly, pursuant to § 3.2(c), the  
6 frames of all exterior apertures are part of the unit, which includes access doors  
7 to the unit from the private decks. Accordingly, all of the defects listed above are  
8 part of the individual unit, and as such, would be subject to the Rule 23 analysis  
9 set forth below.

10 8. For the "1.3" series of defects claims, addressing Fixed Windows,  
11 Plaintiff claims direct standing for the following defect allegations, which is  
12 opposed by Perini:

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14 **1.3 FIXED WINDOWS**

15 **1.3.1 Water Leaks at Fixed Windows**

16 **1.3.2 Short Exterior Gaskets at Pre-Molded Corners**

17 **1.3.3 Open Corners at Interior Gaskets**

18 **1.3.4 Improperly Set Window Gaskets**

19 **1.3.5 Open Ends at Horizontal Mullion Caps**

20 **1.3.6 Excessive Gaps at Mullion Caps**

21 **1.3.7 Scratched/Pitted Glass**

22 **1.3.8 EIFS Coating on Exterior Frame**

23 For these series of defects, Plaintiff correctly notes the applicability of  
24 § 3.2(c), which states that the window casings of all exterior apertures are part of  
25 the unit, because the boundary between the unit and the Common Elements is  
26 extended to include the windows, with the exception of the exterior surfaces  
27 made of glass. As such, unless the exterior surface of the glass is alleged to be  
28 the cause of the alleged defective condition, each of the above defect claims  
involve window elements that are part of the unit. The only defect allegation that  
could conceivably be part of the Common Elements is 1.3.7, Scratched/Pitted

1 Glass. As § 3.2(c) does state that exterior surfaces of the class are Common  
2 Elements, it is conceivable that the Scratched/Pitted Glass claims could involve  
3 Common Elements. However, Plaintiff HOA's expert report does not contain any  
4 allegations that the scratched or pitted glass occurs on the exterior surface.  
5 Therefore, as there is no evidence presented to the Court that this alleged defect  
6 would fall within a Common Element claim, this series of defects, subject to the  
7 Rule 23 analysis set forth below.

8 9. For the "1.4" series of defects claims, addressing Sliding Glass  
9 Doors, Plaintiff claims direct standing for the following defect allegations, which  
10 is opposed by Perini:  
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12 **1.4 SLIDING GLASS DOORS (SGDS)**

- 13 **1.4.1 Water Leaks at SGD at Garden Level and Unit Balconies**  
14 **1.4.2 Water Infiltration at SGD at private balconies**  
15 **1.4.3 Non-Compliant Means of Egress SGD**  
16 **1.4.5 Excessive Air Infiltration at SGD**  
17 **1.4.6 Elevation Change of Finish Surfaces at Balconies**  
18 **1.4.8 Difficult to Open and Close SGDs**  
19 **1.4.9 Exposed and/or Unsealed Exterior Fasteners**  
20 **1.4.10 Short and Missing Glazing Gaskets**  
21 **1.4.11 Deteriorated Weather-Stripping**  
22 **1.4.12 Missing Exterior Fasteners**  
23 **1.4.13 SGD Frame Out of Square**  
24 **1.4.14 Short and/or Loose Thermal Breaks**  
25 **1.4.15 Dents in Frame of SGDs**  
26 **1.4.16 Excessive Deflection of Vertical Sash**

27 **1.5 PANDA SLIDING GLASS DOORS**

- 28 **1.5.1 Water Leaks at Panda SGDs**  
**1.5.2 Excessive Air Infiltration at Panda SGDs**  
**1.5.3 Leaks in Collector Boxes**  
**1.5.4 Sill Pan Traps Water**  
**1.5.5 Missing EPDM Gaskets**  
**1.5.6 Exposed and Unsealed Fasteners at Exterior**  
**1.5.7 Loose Fasteners**  
**1.5.8 Panda SGDs Not Squared or Plumb**  
**1.5.9 Insufficient Track Height**

Similar to the last series of defects, this series is governed by ¶ 3.2(c),

1 which holds that the frames of all exterior apertures are part of the individual  
2 units. This includes, of course, sliding glass doors and panda doors.  
3 Additionally, this section also specifically includes weatherstripping of exterior  
4 apertures as part of the unit. Lastly, § 3.2(a)(ii) notes that the unit extends to the  
5 unfinished floor, thereby further confirming defect 1.5.9 is part of the individual  
6 unit. Therefore, no Common Element claims are included in this series of  
7 defects, and these defects are subject to the Rule 23 analysis below.

8 10. For the Plumbing defect claims, Plaintiff claims direct standing for  
9 the following defect allegation, which is opposed by Perini:

10 **P-05 Toilet Closet Rings Not Securely Mounted to Floor**

11 Plaintiff HOA admits this defect is located within the individual units.  
12 Section 3.2 notes the Unit includes all parts of the building within the boundaries  
13 of the unit. As this claim involves fixtures located within the individual units, this  
14 claim clearly does not involve common elements. Plaintiff seeks to argue for  
15 direct standing on the grounds that “when the closet rings fail, they leak down  
16 into the building components between floors and into Units below, causing  
17 damage to the Common Areas and to the lower Units.” However, Plaintiff puts  
18 forth no evidence of this actually occurring. As such, because this defect is  
19 located within the individual Units and is alleged to affect more than one unit, it  
20 must be analyzed consistent with the Rule 23 analysis below.

21 11. For the Mechanical defect claims, Plaintiff claims direct standing for  
22 the following defect allegation, which is opposed by Perini:

23 **M-05 Condenser Water Risers Lack Floor Sleeves with Flood Curbs;**  
24 **Piping is Not Isolated from Structure**

25 Similar to the last defect allegation, Plaintiff seeks direct standing on the  
26 grounds that potential damage to Common Elements is occurring. However,  
27 Plaintiff provides no legal basis to gain direct standing on speculation that  
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1 damage may occur to Common Elements. Additionally, Plaintiff attempts to  
2 place this defect within the direct standing area by claiming that noise could be  
3 transmitted to Common Elements or potentially other Units. Plaintiff has not  
4 provided a basis for its contention pursuant to applicable law. As such, because  
5 this defect is located within the individual Units and has other characteristics, it  
6 must be analyzed accordingly consistent with Rule 23 as discussed herein.

7 12. For the Hexagram STAR System defect claim, Defect 7.2, Plaintiff  
8 claims direct standing, which is opposed by Perini. Plaintiff claim that a water-  
9 meter reading system is a common element is contradicted by § 3.7(j) of the  
10 CC&Rs, which reads:

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12 Any fixtures or equipment (e.g., an air conditioning compressor or  
13 **utility meters**) serving a Unit or Units exclusively and any area  
14 (e.g., a closet or ground slab) upon/within which such fixtures or  
15 equipment are located shall be Limited Common Elements of such  
16 Unit(s). **The maintenance of any such equipment and/or areas  
so assigned shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner of the  
Unit(s) to which it is assigned.**

17 (Emphasis added). As such, this defect is not located in the Common Elements,  
18 it must be analyzed accordingly.

19 13. In its Errata to its Motion for Declaratory Relief, Perini sets forth  
20 additional defects that are properly part of the common elements. Defect 1.3.9,  
21 window repairs, is not a defect allegation, and instead includes the  
22 recommended repairs for the defects alleged in 1.3.1-1.3.8. As such, the  
23 analysis is the same as in sections 1.3.1-1.3.8 above. Defect 1.4.17, Sliding  
24 Glass Door Repairs, is also not a defect allegation, and instead includes the  
25 recommended repairs for the defects alleged in 1.4.1-1.4.16. As such, the  
26 analysis is the same as in sections 1.4.1-1.4.16 above. 1.5.10, Panda Door  
27 Repairs, is also not a defect allegation, and instead includes the recommended

1 repairs for the defects alleged in 1.5.1-1.5.9. As such, the analysis is the same  
2 as in sections 1.5.1-1.5.9 above. Defect 2.2, Water Meters, 5, Hot/Cold System  
3 Interconnections, and 7.1, Replacement of Water Heaters, are part of the  
4 common areas based on the Declaration, § 3.2(a) & (b). The Unit includes all  
5 parts of the building within the boundaries of the Unit. This claim involves  
6 fixtures and equipment located within individual Units. In addition, the identified  
7 equipment serves only one Unit. Per § 2.15, each Unit is entirely responsible for  
8 the maintenance and repair of all plumbing (including equipment, fixtures, and  
9 connections) that exclusively serves that Unit. These defects must be included in  
10 the Notice.

11 14. Defects P-01, Shower, Tub/Shower In-Wall Valves Leaks;  
12 Unsealed Penetrations, P-03(c), Tub Filler Valves & Connections Inaccessible  
13 Under Deck, P-04(d), T&P Discharge Improperly Terminates Through Steam  
14 Admitter, P-06(b), High Content Yellow Brass Connectors & Ball Valves, and P-  
15 06(c), Individual Unit Hot & Cold Meters Cannot Be Measured, are all part of the  
16 individual units. Pursuant to the Declaration, § 3.2(a) & (b), the Unit includes all  
17 parts of the building within the boundaries of the Unit. This claim involves  
18 fixtures and equipment located within individual Units. In addition, the identified  
19 items serve only one Unit. Per § 2.15, each Unit is entirely responsible for the  
20 maintenance and repair of all plumbing (including equipment, fixtures, and  
21 connections) that exclusively serves that Unit.

22 15. Defect P-07, Dezincification of Water Meter, must also be analyzed  
23 pursuant to Rule 23. All water meters are located within and/or serve only one  
24 Unit, and are thus part of that Unit pursuant to the above analysis.

25 16. Defect M-01(a), Flow Control at WSHPs are failing and leaking, M-  
26 01(b), Copper piping condensation lacks die-electric protection, Defect M-02,  
27 WSHPs lack secondary condensate drain protections, M-03, T-Bar CLGS/Piping  
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1 precludes proper access to service, and M-04, Vinyl duct connector improperly  
2 connected to exhaust fans, are all also part of the individual units and must be  
3 including in the opt-in notice. Pursuant to § 3.2(a) & (b) of the Declaration, the  
4 Unit includes all parts of the building within the boundaries of the Unit. This claim  
5 involves fixtures and equipment located within individual Units. In addition, the  
6 identified items serve only one Unit. Per § 2.15, each Unit is entirely responsible  
7 for the maintenance and repair of all HVAC (including equipment, fixtures, and  
8 connections) that exclusively serves that Unit.

9 17. Defect 3.1, Water Meters, Defect 3.2, Valves, Defect 4.1, Water  
10 Meters, Defect 4.2, Ball Valves, Defect 4.3, Balancing Valves, and Defect 4.4,  
11 Check Valves, are all also part of the individual units and must be including in the  
12 opt-in notice. Pursuant to § 3.2(a) & (b) of the Declaration, the Unit includes all  
13 parts of the building within the boundaries of the Unit. This claim involves  
14 fixtures and equipment located within individual Units. In addition, the identified  
15 equipment serves only one Unit. Per § 2.15, each Unit is entirely responsible for  
16 the maintenance and repair of all plumbing (including equipment, fixtures, and  
17 connections) that exclusively serves that Unit.

18 18. Defect A, Domestic Water Controlling Devices; Defect B, Water  
19 Meters; and Defect D, Ball Valves, are all also part of the individual units and  
20 must be included in the opt-in notice. Pursuant to § 3.2(a) & (b) of the  
21 Declaration, the Unit includes all parts of the building within the boundaries of the  
22 Unit. This claim involves fixtures and equipment located within individual units.  
23 In addition, the identified equipment serves only one Unit. Per §2.15, each Unit  
24 is entirely responsible for the maintenance and repair of all plumbing (including  
25 equipment, fixtures, and connections) that exclusively serves that Unit.

26 19. Defect P-11(2) & (3), The Load Center is Recessed And Overcut  
27 Into The Wall Space; Defect 4(a)-(k), The general quality of workmanship in the  
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1 electrical system does not meet the Code; Defect 5(a)-(c), The conduits are  
2 improperly supported or not supported at all; Defects 6 & 7, The Boxes for wiring,  
3 devices and splices are required to the flush to the finished surface, Defects 8 &  
4 9; The outlet for the Dishwasher and Disposal cord has been placed in an area  
5 where it is now blocked by the finished installation of the cabinets and plumbing;  
6 Defect 10, The required outlet along the floor line is not present at the wall  
7 spaces; Defect 11, The recess lighting fixtures contain paint overspray; Defect  
8 12, There is paint in the light socket and/or covering the motor of the fan light  
9 combination unit located in the laundry and/or bathrooms; and Defect 16, The  
10 GFCI breakers in unit panels trip when two-way radios are within a certain  
11 distance, are all also part of the individual units and must be including in the opt-  
12 in notice. Pursuant to § 3.2(a) & (b) of the Declaration, the Unit includes all parts  
13 of the building within the boundaries of the Unit. This claim involves fixtures and  
14 equipment located within individual units. In addition, the identified equipment  
15 serves only one Unit. Per § 2.15, each Unit is entirely responsible for the  
16 maintenance and repair of all electrical (including equipment, fixtures, and  
17 connections) that exclusively serves that Unit.<sup>4</sup>

18         20. In short, there are four forms of ownership at the Subject Property:  
19 1) "Association Property," real or personal, owned exclusively by the Association;  
20 2) Common Elements; 3) Limited Common Elements; and, 3) the Units, owned  
21 exclusively by each Association member.  
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24 <sup>4</sup> Between the date of the hearing on the instant Motions and the date of this Order, some of the  
25 parties have either reached a resolution as to some defects or have made agreements as to  
26 Plaintiff's standing relating to certain defects. Nothing in this Order is intended to modify or  
27 abrogate those subsequent Orders or agreements and to the extent any of the defects listed  
28 herein are subject to those subsequent Orders or agreements, the subsequent Order and/or  
agreement would take precedence. In order to address the claims of the parties at the time of  
the hearing and the actual record presented to the Court, however, the Order addresses all  
claims presented in the record at that time.

1           21. From the Supreme Court's instructions in both *First Light II* and  
2 *View of Black Mountain*, defects located exclusively in the separate interest units  
3 must undergo a Rule 23 analysis and the Court's analysis herein is consistent  
4 therewith. The remaining issue to be analyzed, with respect to each of the  
5 disputed series of defects, was whether the fact that the CC&Rs which required  
6 the owner of the unit to be responsible for care and maintenance of the above  
7 listed items was consistent with either a direct Association standing concept or a  
8 representational concept.

9           22. As detailed herein, the Court finds that if the owner had the  
10 responsibility over the care and maintenance of the item, then it would be  
11 inconsistent to find that the Association had direct standing to pursue that claim if  
12 it did not even have responsibility for the care or maintenance of that item. The  
13 plain language of the CC&Rs supports this conclusion. Specifically, the CC&Rs  
14 definition of "limited common elements" states:

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16           "'Limited common element' means a portion of the common  
17 elements allocated by the declaration or by operation of  
18 subsection 2 or 4 of NRS 116.2102 for the exclusive use of one  
19 or more but fewer than all of the units."<sup>5</sup>

20           Where a statute is unambiguous, courts apply its plain meaning. See  
21 *Westpark Owners' Ass'n v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 123 Nev. 349, 357, 167  
22 P.3d 427 (2007). "[T]he rights and obligations of condominium owners with  
23 regard to the common elements may be found in three sources-the statutes, the  
24 declaration, and the bylaws." *American Savings Service Corp. v. Selby*, 149 Ariz.  
25 348, 355-356, 718 P.2d 1001 (App.1985, Review Denied 1986). These must be

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27           <sup>5</sup> Compare CC&Rs Section 2.37 at 6 to NRS 116.059.

1 read together, in relation to each other, and harmonized, if possible. *Sun-Air*  
2 *Estates, Unit 1 v. Manzari*, 137 Ariz. 130, 132, 669 P.2d 108 (App.1983,  
3 Rehearing Denied 1983, Review Denied 1983). In reading these sources  
4 together, the Court finds that it was the clear intent to have the owners be  
5 responsible for the care and maintenance of the disputed alleged defects which  
6 would be inconsistent with having the Association claim they have the right to  
7 sue directly as to the defects when they did not take on the obligation to care and  
8 maintain or fix the alleged defects. Thus, the Court finds that Perini's argument  
9 that "representational standing" exists for "unit issues and any limited common  
10 elements where the owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair" as  
11 further analyzed above is supported by *View of Black Mountain*.

12 23. The Court observes that in the case before it, the parties dispute  
13 whether certain defects are in the separate interests, in the common elements, or  
14 in the limited common elements. The Association claims that the exterior  
15 windows, window frames, window mullions, sliding glass doors, and door frames  
16 are integral parts of the building Exterior Insulating and Finish - EIFS, commonly  
17 referred to as the 'building envelope' - which protects the building superstructure  
18 from water intrusion.<sup>6</sup> According to the Association, because these building  
19 components are in the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements, the  
20 Association has the right to pursue the claims for them without a Rule 23  
21 analysis.

22 On the other hand, Perini argues that these building components are in  
23 the separate interest units and/or in the limited common elements. Based on that  
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26 <sup>6</sup>Barbara Nadel, FAIA, *21st Century Building Envelope Systems: Merging Innovation with*  
27 *Technology, Sustainability, and Function*, AIA/Architectural Record, Continuing Education Series,  
28 August 2006, at 146; cited in *Oxbow Construction, LLC v. Eighth Judicial District Court*, *supra*,  
335 P.3d at 1238.

1 proposition, Perini contends the owners are responsible for the repair of those  
2 defects, and the owners must either provide assignments to the Association or  
3 be joined as parties to the action. And, Perini further contends that any notice  
4 provided to those owners must give them the option to opt-in to the action, rather  
5 than to opt-out of it.

6 As set forth above, while the Association has contended that some of the  
7 alleged defects at issue affect the buildings' structural integrity and/or the need to  
8 keep water out and allowing thermal control within, they have not presented  
9 evidence to the Court that the concern has actually materialized. Further, as  
10 noted in both briefs, depending on how the case proceeds, there can be a  
11 system in place to ensure that if funds are made available both the unit owners  
12 as well as the Association can be compensated and then determine which  
13 repairs should be made consistent with their respective obligations under the  
14 CC&Rs. It is the Court's opinion that after evaluating all of the potential methods  
15 in which this case could proceed, the best method is to have the matter proceed  
16 as contemplated by statute and the CC&Rs and in a manner consistent with  
17 applicable law in a representational capacity as further discussed below.

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19 **B. Plaintiff Association Meets the Requirements for Representational**  
20 **Standing Pursuant to a Rule 23 Analysis Which is Preferable to**  
21 **Seeking Joinders or Assignments.**

22 24. The Nevada Supreme Court, in the *First Light II* decision (*D.R.*  
23 *Horton, Inc. v. District Court*, 215 P.3d 697 (2009)), addressed the issue of  
24 associational standing to bring suit for constructional defects. NRS  
25 116.3102(1)(d) provides that an association may "[i]nstitute, defend or intervene  
26 in litigation or administrative proceedings in its own name on behalf of itself or two  
27 or more unit owners on matters affecting the common-interest community."  
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1 Based on this section, and the Restatement (Third) of Property, the *First Light II*  
2 Court concluded that an association does have standing, under certain  
3 circumstances, to assert claims in a representative capacity for defects that are  
4 either within the individual units or which fall within the individual unit owner's  
5 responsibility for maintenance and repair. However, if an association wishes to  
6 assert such claims in a representative capacity, "the action must fulfill the  
7 requirements of NRCP 23, which governs class action lawsuits in Nevada." *First*  
8 *Light II*, at 703.

9 25. The policy behind class action lawsuits is that "class actions  
10 promote efficiency and justice in the legal system by reducing the possibilities  
11 that courts will be asked to adjudicate many separate suits arising from a single  
12 wrong." *Id.*, quoting *Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp.*, 121 Nev. 837, 846,  
13 124 P.3d 530, 537 (2005). However, the *First Light II* Court noted that "a  
14 fundamental tenet of property law is that land is unique, 'as a practical matter,  
15 single-family residence constructional defect cases will rarely be appropriate for  
16 class action treatment.'" *First Light II*, 215 P.3d at 703, quoting *Shuette*, 121 Nev.  
17 at 854. Indeed, "because constructional defect cases relate to multiple properties  
18 and will typically involve different types of constructional damages, issues  
19 concerning causation, defenses, and compensation are widely disparate and  
20 cannot be determined through the use of generalized proof. Rather, individual  
21 parties must substantiate their own claims and class certification is not  
22 appropriate." *First Light II*, 125 NEV. 449, 457, 215 P.3d at 703-04, quoting  
23 *Shuette*, 121 Nev. at 855.

24 26. The *First Light II* Court ultimately concluded that where a  
25 homeowners' association brings suit on behalf of its members, "the district court  
26 must conduct and document a thorough NRCP 23 analysis." *First Light II*, at  
27 704. Such an analysis must consider whether the claims and theories of liability  
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1 satisfy the NRCP 23 requirements of numerosity, commonality, typicality,  
2 adequacy, and, as set forth in *Shuette*, whether common questions of law or fact  
3 predominate over individual questions. *Id.* Notwithstanding the above, the *First*  
4 *Light II* Court “emphasize[d] that a shared experience alone does not satisfy the  
5 threshold requirements under NRCP 23.” *Id.*

6 27. Ultimately, “[i]t is the plaintiffs’ burden to prove that the case is  
7 appropriate for resolution as a class action.” *Shuette*, at 846. Consequently,  
8 this Court must look to NRCP 23(a) and (b) in “pragmatically determin[ing]”  
9 whether the Plaintiff HOA has shown that “it is better to proceed as a single  
10 action, [than as] many individual actions in order to redress a single fundamental  
11 wrong.” *Id.* NRCP 23(a) mandates that the Plaintiff HOA must establish four  
12 prerequisites: First, that the members of the proposed class are so numerous  
13 that separate joinder of each member is impracticable; second, that questions of  
14 law or fact common to each member of the class exist; third, that the  
15 representative parties’ claims or defenses are typical of the class’s claims or  
16 defenses; and fourth, that the representative parties are able to fairly and  
17 adequately protect and represent each class member’s interests.

18 28. The Plaintiff HOA must also satisfy the requirements of NRCP  
19 23(b) by showing one of the three conditions specified by Rule 23 (b): “(1) that  
20 separate litigation by individuals in the class would create a risk that the  
21 opposing party would be held to inconsistent standards of conduct or the non-  
22 party members’ interest might be unfairly impacted by the other members’  
23 individual litigation; (2) the party opposing the class has acted or refused to act  
24 on grounds generally applicable to the class, thereby making appropriate final  
25 injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the class as a  
26 whole; or (3) common questions of law or fact predominate over individual  
27 questions, and a class action is superior to other methods of adjudication.” See  
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1 *Shuette*, 849-850. Thus, pursuant to Rule 23(b), the proposed class(es) must be  
2 sufficiently cohesive to warrant adjudication by representation, and a class  
3 action must be the superior method for adjudicating the claims, thereby  
4 promoting the interests of efficiency, consistency, and ensuring that class  
5 members actually obtain relief. The *Shuette* Court recognized additional factors  
6 to be considered: “the members’ interests in individually controlling the litigation;  
7 whether, and the extent to which, other litigation of the matter by class members  
8 has already commenced; the desirability of litigating the class action in the  
9 particular forum; whether the class action will be manageable; and the time and  
10 effort a district court must expend in becoming familiar with the case.” *Id.* at 852.

11 29. In *Beazer*, the Supreme Court held that “failure of a common-  
12 interest community association to strictly satisfy the NRCP 23 factors does not  
13 automatically result in a failure of the representative action.” *Id.* at 135. Instead,  
14 the analysis helps to “guide both the court and the parties in developing a  
15 meaningful and efficient case management plan.” *Id.* Importantly, the *Beazer*  
16 Court held that “[i]n analyzing the factors, district courts are not determining  
17 whether the action can proceed; rather, they are determining how the action  
18 should proceed, i.e., whether it is treated like a class action, a joinder action,  
19 consolidated actions, or in some other manner.” *Id.*

20 30. The *Beazer* Court then addressed how each of the Rule 23 factors  
21 impacts the decision on how a matter should proceed. As for numerosity:

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23 “the court need only determine that the common-interest  
24 community association’s representative action claim pertains to  
25 at least two units’ owners; if so, the representative action is  
26 permissible and cannot be defeated on the ground that the  
27 represented members are insufficiently numerous. Nevertheless, evaluating the number of individual homeowners’  
units involved can help determine whether the case will proceed  
more like a class action, joinder action, or in some other fashion



1 and how discovery, recovery, and claim preclusion issues should  
2 be addressed”

3 Id.

4 31. The *Beazer* Court addressed commonality and predominance by  
5 noting:

6 The commonality requirement, which examines the factual and  
7 legal similarities between claims and defenses, and the NRCP  
8 23(b)(3) predominance requirement, which questions whether  
9 common questions predominate over individualized questions,  
10 will affect whether the member “class” is divided into subclasses  
11 and, if so, how. They also affect the resolution of generalized  
12 proof and other evidentiary questions and influence how trial will  
13 proceed. In *First Light II*, we noted that “the district court may  
14 classify and distinguish claims that are suitable for class action  
15 certification from those requiring individualized proof.” By  
16 evaluating the commonality and predominance requirements, the  
17 court can best organize the proceedings for the particular  
18 circumstances of the case.

19 Id. at 135-36 (Citations omitted).

20 32. Lastly, the *Beazer* Court addressed typicality and adequacy:

21 Reviewing any concerns with typicality and adequacy, which  
22 seek to ensure that the class members are fairly and adequately  
23 represented by the plaintiffs, will affect issues regarding notice to  
24 the association members and influence how claim preclusion  
25 issues should be addressed. As the California court noted, a  
26 common-interest community association “is typically the  
27 embodiment of a community of interest.” Although the typicality  
28 of the claims pertaining to at least two of the units will generally  
meet the adequacy requirement, issues regarding the overall  
adequacy of representation must be determined by the district  
court.

29 Id. (Citations omitted)

30 33. For numerosity, there is evidence that it would be impracticable for  
31 the individual unit owners to join the case or opt-in if they want to seek recovery  
32 for defects which relate only to their individual units, because Plaintiff provides an  
33 affidavit of its property manager, who attests that approximately 39 unit owners

1 have a primary residence outside of the state of Nevada, and 10 have a primary  
2 residence outside of the United States. While this alone does not prove that a  
3 joinder action would be impracticable, it does lean in favor of Plaintiff. While  
4 Defendant has cited to a few decisions of federal courts which have ruled that  
5 where a "handful" of proposed plaintiffs live outside of the geographical proximity  
6 of the litigation, numerosity is not satisfied. *Bustillos v. Bd. of County Com'rs of*  
7 *Hidalgo County*, 310 F.R.D. 631, 669 (D. N.M. 2015), the Court does not find  
8 them persuasive. Further, the analysis of the *Bustillos* Court can be  
9 distinguished from the present case given in the case at bar there are a number  
10 of individuals who primarily reside outside of the state. Thus, the proposed class,  
11 based on the evidence provided, has the geographic diversity that favors a  
12 finding of numerosity. NRCP Rule 23 requires that the number of class members  
13 be sufficiently high such that individual treatment would be impractical. That  
14 requirement, however, does not apply to this context in the same manner as it  
15 would in a typical class action. The Nevada Supreme Court held in *View of Black*  
16 *Mountain*, at 134, that the numerosity requirement is satisfied so long as there  
17 are at least two affected members of the Association. In the present case, this  
18 requirement is met because the identified defects occur at two or more units.

19 34. "The commonality requirement...examines the factual and legal  
20 similarities between claims and defenses...and the NRCP 23(b)(3)  
21 predominance requirement, which questions whether common questions  
22 predominate over individualized questions." *Beazer Homes Holding Corp. v.*  
23 *Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct.* (2012) 291 P.3d 128, 135. Footnote 4 from that case  
24 states that "[u]nder NRCP 23(b)(3), the class action plaintiff must prove 'that the  
25 questions of law or fact common to the members of the class predominate over  
26 any questions affecting only individual members, and that a class action is the  
27 superior method of adjudicating the case.'" *Id.*; see also *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v.*  
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1 *Dukes, et al.* (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2541, 2558. Typicality requires that the claims or  
2 defenses of the representative parties be “typical” of those of the class. See  
3 NRCP 23(a)(3). Further in *Wolin v. Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC*, 617  
4 F.3d 1168, 1173 (9th Cir. 2010), the Court held that identical manifestation of a  
5 defect was not required; the Court found the commonality requirement was met  
6 even though some aspects of the case were not common to each class member.  
7 Here, all claims will be resolved under NRS Chapters 40 and 116. The defects  
8 all arise out of the original construction which precludes them from being subject  
9 to comparative negligence defenses. See, e.g. *Shuette*, at 860. To prove  
10 breaches of implied warranties or violations of Chapter 40, the Association  
11 asserts that it can do so by establishing the defective conditions exists and need  
12 not prove the tort elements of causation or damage. See *Stackiewicz v. Nissan*  
13 *Motor Corporation in U.S.A.*, 100 Nev. 443, 448-449 (1984).

14 Perini contends that commonality does not exist here. The Court notes  
15 that Perini has presented some evidence that not every defect occurs in every  
16 unit, and it is possible that the costs of repair could vary from unit to unit. While  
17 these differences could destroy any class-wide commonality in certain instances,  
18 in the present case, the other alternative methods that the Court is to consider  
19 have similar issues, and thus, the concern over commonality does not preclude a  
20 class action type analysis of the claims.

21 Further, the United States Supreme Court has addressed the conceptual  
22 argument in a different context and has allowed class type claims to go forward.  
23 In *Tyson Foods, Inc. v. Bouaphakeo*, 136 S.Ct. 1036 (2015), the plaintiff alleged  
24 that the defendant had improperly shortchanged the class by not paying class  
25 members for time putting on and taking off uniforms. Although the question  
26 whether such time is compensable was common to the class, the amount of time  
27 each class member took varied from person to person, and in some cases,  
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1 particular class members may not have been shortchanged at all. The plaintiff  
2 addressed that concern through expert testimony, presenting average times to  
3 put on and take off uniforms on a class basis without regard for individual  
4 considerations. The defendant contended that this sort of generalized proof—  
5 similar to the type of proof that might be offered in the instant case—was not  
6 sufficient; and, therefore, that the commonality requirement was not met. The  
7 Supreme Court rejected that assertion. It held representative samples are  
8 appropriate and can be sufficient to establish liability. *Tyson Foods* at 1042  
9 (2016).

10 Under the *Tyson Foods* reasoning, expert evidence could be used in the  
11 present case. Further, the question whether particular individual unit holders  
12 might or might not have suffered harm from the alleged defect is not fatal to class  
13 treatment. Plaintiff contends that statistical proof can be introduced to determine  
14 the total reasonable damages for each defect. The Association can, through an  
15 appropriate methodology after approval of the Court, determine the proper  
16 allocation method. Due process will be readily satisfied in that defendants will be  
17 liable (as to class members) only for the amount set forth in the judgment.

18 35. Similarly, the Nevada Supreme Court determined the typicality  
19 factor centers on the defendant's conduct, not on the plaintiff's conduct. *Shuette*,  
20 121 Nev. at 848. The typicality factor can be satisfied by a showing that each  
21 member's "claim arises from the same course of events and each class member  
22 make similar legal argument to prove the defendant's liability." *Id.* at 848-849.  
23 Thus, under the Supreme Court's reasoning for typicality, the fact the  
24 Association, in some instances, may have identified specific defects in one or  
25 more units, but not all of them, is not of consequence whether the identified  
26 defects were the result of the defendants' acts or omissions during the course of  
27 project construction.

1 The Court has analyzed Perini's argument that typicality is not met  
2 because not every individual homeowner suffered from each defect. In so doing,  
3 the Court finds that the defect claims are typical enough in this context to satisfy  
4 Rule 23's requirements. Here, as to each particular defect, the Association  
5 alleges that the same conduct or course of conduct caused the defect. Perini, in  
6 turn, has the same or similar defenses to the asserted defects asserting that  
7 either they do not exist or they are not the responsibility of Perini.

8 By looking at the totality of the arguments asserted by both parties, the  
9 Court finds that the NRCP 23(a)(3) showing that "the claims or defenses of the  
10 representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the class" is met.  
11 *Shuette*, 121 Nev. at 848-849 (citations omitted). The Court further notes that  
12 the assertions of Plaintiff are similar to those alleged in prior construction defect  
13 cases where NRCP 23 parameters were utilized; and thus, a case such as the  
14 present can be litigated within the confines of NRCP 23 modified as applicable.

15 36. As for adequacy of Plaintiff's counsel, Perini asserts that this  
16 requirement cannot be satisfied because conflicting views between the Plaintiff  
17 HOA and unit owners on how a limited amount of recovery should be divided,  
18 dispersed, and otherwise dealt with, would be inevitable. Plaintiff contends that it  
19 can act as adequate counsel.

20 37. The adequacy factor has two prongs: 1) whether the class  
21 representative fairly and adequately protects the interest of the class; and, 2)  
22 whether counsel for the class can adequately prosecute the class claims.

23 Here, the Association, through its Board of Directors, is the class  
24 representative. Each member of the Board has a fiduciary duty to act in the best  
25 interest of the Association and its members. NRS 116.3103(1). It is presumed  
26 "that in making business decisions, the directors of a corporation acted on an  
27 informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action was in the  
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1 best interest of the company. *Shoen v. SAC Holding Corp.*, 122 Nev. 621, 632  
2 (2006); *see also*, NRS 78.138 (codifying the business judgment rule enacted the  
3 same year as NRS 116.3103). Additionally, the Legislature, by enacting NRS  
4 116.3102(1)(d), has authorized the Association to act in a representative capacity  
5 on behalf of its member on matters, like those before the Court, that affect the  
6 common-interest community.

7 As to the second prong, the Court finds that the Association's counsel can  
8 adequately prosecute this action. Indeed, Perini has not seriously argued to the  
9 contrary. The Court finds the adequacy factor is met.

10 **C. Common Questions Predominate over Individual Questions; and a**  
11 **Class Action is Superior to Other Available Methods for Resolution**  
12 **of The Individual Unit Defects.**

13 38. Because the Association is seeking monetary damages, its claims,  
14 in addition to satisfying the Rule 23(a) factors, must also satisfy the two prongs of  
15 Rule 23(b)(3). First, the Court must find that "the questions of law and fact  
16 common to the members of the class predominate over any questions affecting  
17 only individual members"; and the second prong requires the Court to find "that a  
18 class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient  
19 adjudication of the controversy." *Amchem Products, Inc. v. Windsor*, 521 U.S.  
20 591, 625, 117 S.Ct. 2231 (1997) ("*Amchem*")

21 39. The Rule also identifies four matters pertinent to making this  
22 determination: (A) the interest of members of the class in individually controlling  
23 the prosecution or defense of separate actions; (B) the extent and nature of any  
24 litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by or against members  
25 of the class; (C) the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of  
26 the claims in the particular forum; (D) the difficulties likely to be encountered in  
27 the management of a class action. NRCP Rule 23(b)(3); *Amchem* at 616.

1           **1.     Predominance.**

2           40.     Although the predominance inquiry is closely related to the  
3 commonality and typicality requirements, it is somewhat more demanding.  
4 *Comcast Corp. v. Behrend*, 133 S.Ct. 1426, 1432 (2013); *Shuette, supra*, 121  
5 Nev. at 851. This test requires courts to take a “close look” at whether common  
6 questions predominate over individual ones.” *Comcast*, at 1432. However,  
7 although questions common to the class must predominate, the Plaintiff does not  
8 have to show that those questions will be answered, on the merits, in favor of the  
9 class. *Amgen Inc. v. Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds*, 133 S.Ct.  
10 1184, 1191 (2013). Nor must a plaintiff show that each element of its claim can  
11 be proven class-wide. *Id.* at 1196, punctuation and emphasis omitted.

12           What the rule does require is that common questions predominate over  
13 any questions affecting any individual class members. Common issues are  
14 those for which the case can be established through common evidence, while  
15 individual issues are those for which evidence will vary from class member to  
16 class member. *In re Zurn Pex Plumbing Products Liability Litigation* (hereinafter  
17 referred to as “Zurn”), 644 F.3d 604, 618 (8th Cir. 2011). Common issues  
18 predominate if they have a direct impact on the class members’ effort to establish  
19 liability, and if that impact is more substantial than the impact of individualized  
20 issues in resolving the claims. *Shuette*, at 851(citing, *Amchem Products, supra*,  
21 521 U.S. at 623–24, 117 S.Ct. 2231) (common questions predominate over  
22 individual questions if they significantly and directly impact each class member's  
23 effort to establish liability and entitlement to relief); *Sacred Heart Health Systems,*  
24 *Inc. v. Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.*, 601 F.3d 1159, 1170 (11th Cir.  
25 2010). Indeed, “[t]he class issues often will be the most complex and costly to  
26 prove, while the individual issues and the information needed to prove them will  
27 be simpler and more accessible to individual litigants.” For example, proving that  
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1 a particular condition found inside all or most of the units is a defect, should be  
2 repaired, and the general calculation of the cost to repair the defect, requires  
3 technical expertise, expert testimony, and possibly even discovery into the  
4 defendants' design and construction practices; while any potential individual  
5 issues will be more easily determined. *Suchanek v. Sturm Foods, Inc.*, 764 F.3d  
6 750m 756 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2014).

7       Warranty and negligence claims premised on a universal construction  
8 defect present predominant common issues. *Zurn*, 644 F.3d at 619. And, of  
9 course, individualized monetary claims do not prevent certification of a Rule  
10 23(b)(3) class. *Suchanek*, 764 F.3d at 756. If the issues of liability are genuinely  
11 common issues, and the damages of individual class members can be readily  
12 determined in individual hearings, in settlement negotiations, or by creation of  
13 subclasses, the fact that damages are not identical across all class members  
14 should not preclude class certification. *Butler v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 702 F.3d  
15 359, 362 (7th Cir. 2012) (hereinafter referred to as "*Butler I*"), *cert. granted and*  
16 *judgment vacated*, 133 S.Ct. 2768 (2013), *reinstated* by 727 F.3d 796, 801 (7th  
17 Cir. 2013) ("*Butler II*").

18       41. In the instant action, the legal and factual issues to be resolved  
19 regarding the individual unit defects are alleged to be the same or similar as to all  
20 the units where such defects arise. Although Perini argues that differing usage  
21 and maintenance may affect the existence and/or amount of damages, they  
22 presented no evidence to support these arguments. Indeed, the Nevada  
23 Supreme Court recognized in *Shuette* that damages for breach of warranty are  
24 amenable to class treatment because they are limited to the cost to repair the  
25 defective product, which can be established by generalized proof. *Shuette*, at  
26 857 (*citing, Hicks v. Kaufman & Broad Home Corp., supra*, 89 Cal.App.4th 908  
27 (2001, Ct. of Appeal, Second District)).



1 The fact that some of the defects do not exist in every unit does not defeat  
2 class treatment. Courts universally have recognized certification of a Rule  
3 23(b)(3) class does not require all of the class members have suffered the exact  
4 same damages, or even that all class members have suffered damages.  
5 *Suchanek*, 764 F.3d at 756; *Butler II*, 727 F.3d at 801.

6 The Association seeks only damages related to the Individual Unit Defects  
7 that can be established through generalized proof, *i.e.* the cost to repair the  
8 defects and relocation costs during repairs. To the extent any individual issues  
9 remain, they are limited, and the class issues predominate.

## 10 **2. Superiority.**

11 42. The superiority requirement tests whether a class action is the  
12 superior method for adjudicating the claims, thereby promoting the interests of  
13 efficiency, consistency, and ensuring that class members actually obtain relief. A  
14 proper class action prevents identical issues from being “litigated over and over[,]”  
15 thus avoid[ing] duplicative proceedings and inconsistent results.” *Shuette*, at 851-  
16 852. It also helps class members obtain relief when they might be unable or  
17 unwilling to individually litigate an action for financial reasons or for fear of  
18 repercussion. *Shuette*, at 851, citing *Ingram v. The Coca-Cola Co.*, 200 F.R.D.  
19 685, 700, 701 (N.D. Ga. 2001); *see also*, *Hughes v. Kore of Indiana Enterprise*,  
20 731 F.3d 672, 675 (7th Cir.2013) (“The smaller the stakes to each victim of  
21 unlawful conduct, the greater the economies of class action treatment and the  
22 likelier that the class members will receive some money rather than [without a  
23 class action] probably nothing...”).

24 43. In the present case, the cost to investigate these defects, prove the  
25 defendants’ liability for them, and establish the cost to repair each of these  
26 defects, could easily exceed this cost to repair by tens of thousands of dollars.  
27 Given the gross disparity in the potential recovery for the time, effort,  
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1 aggravation, and monetary investment an individual homeowner would have to  
2 make in order to prosecute these defect claims individually, it is unlikely that most  
3 homeowners would undertake to do so in an independent action. Thus, the One  
4 Queensridge Place homeowners are an example of the type of group Rule  
5 23(b)(3) was intended to protect – people who individually would be without  
6 effective strength to bring their opponents to court at all. *Amchem*, 521 U.S. at  
7 615; *see also, Carnegie v. Household International, Inc.*, 376 F.3d 656, 661 (7th  
8 Cir. 2004)(“The realistic alternative to a class is not 17 million individual suits, but  
9 zero individual suits, as only a lunatic or fanatic sues for \$30.”) The Court finds  
10 that pursuing this case like a class action, with respect to defects where the  
11 Association will be acting in a purely representative action, is superior to other  
12 judicial procedures.

13 44. Finally, because not all defects apply to each unit, a representative  
14 action is far superior to individual actions. A recovery through a representative  
15 action will allow the Association to determine how best to allocate any recovery  
16 and insure proper repairs, all in the furtherance of its fiduciary obligations to the  
17 homeowners. On the other hand, requiring a series of individual actions would  
18 add the complexity of forcing each individual to prove that the defect in question  
19 exists in his or her particular unit, an added expense that can be avoided through  
20 a representative action. In sum, the Court finds that a representative lawsuit  
21 under the provisions of Rule 23 would be the most effective and efficient means  
22 to address the disputed claims. While the Court evaluated the other options  
23 presented such as Joinders or Assignments, the Court finds that due to the  
24 nature and complexity of the claims and for all the reasons set forth herein, a  
25 class action format would be the best alternative.  
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1           **D. The Notice to Potential Class Members Will Allow them to Opt Out**  
2           **of the Case if They Wish Not to Participate and Will Notify**  
3           **Participants of Issue and Claim Preclusion.**

4           45. As the Court has determined that the disputed claims will proceed  
5 pursuant to class action principles, the next determination is whether the Notice  
6 should contain an “opt out” or “opt in” provision. Perini asserts that an “opt in”  
7 notice would be appropriate for any claims that are pursued in a representative  
8 capacity. It also asserts that *inter alia* that an “opt-out” representative action  
9 would be inappropriate because, after the litigation concludes, it may not be  
10 protected by claim or issue preclusion. The Association contends that an “opt  
11 out” provision is preferable and consistent with Rule 23 principles.

12           46. Prior to determining which type of option is preferable, the Court  
13 needs to address each of the parties’ arguments. Perini contends that Nevada  
14 case law does not actually establish a class-action litigation for representative  
15 claims brought by an HOA on behalf of unit owners; instead, it calls for Courts to  
16 only “conform with class action principles.” *First Light II*, 125 Nev. at 459.  
17 Additionally, the *Shuette* Court held that, due to land's unique nature, “as a  
18 practical matter, single-family residence constructional defect cases will rarely be  
19 appropriate for class action treatment.” *Shuette* at 854. The *Beazer* Court further  
20 notes that, unlike a typical class action, compliance with NRCP 23 is not the  
21 ultimate requirement for pursuing a representative construction defect action.  
22 Instead, it further differentiated a class action from a representative construction  
23 defect case, and ruled that (unlike a Rule 23 class action), “failure of a common-  
24 interest community association to strictly satisfy the NRCP 23 factors does not  
25 automatically result in a failure of the representative action.” *Beazer*, at 135.  
26 Perini also contends that NRS 40.688 requires a unit owner to disclose to a  
27 potential buyer the existence of construction defect litigation, including  
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1 representative cases, such as the instant matter. Such an action could devalue  
2 the property, and is a further distinction from a typical class action. It goes on to  
3 assert that Nevada can be viewed to already have a statutory basis for requiring  
4 an opt-in class, and that it is a hallmark of Chapter 40 that a claimant must  
5 provide notice before pursuing a construction defect claim. See, e.g., Barrett v.  
6 Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct., 331 P.3d 892, 894 (Nev. 2014) (“[b]efore claimant  
7 homeowners may assert construction defect claims in the district court, they must  
8 provide the contractor written notice of the alleged defect, followed by an  
9 opportunity to repair. . . . Based on the plain language of NRS 40.645, a  
10 claimant ‘must’ give notice to a contractor.”). Perini also explains that an opt-in  
11 class would protect it against subsequent claims of homeowners as it would be  
12 clear that claim and issue preclusion would apply.

13 47. In contrast, the Association contends that Perini had no compelling  
14 rationale as to why an “opt-in” option would better serve the management of this  
15 case than an “opt-out” option. The Association also states that in adopting the  
16 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23, and the Nevada Rules of Civil  
17 Procedure Rule 23, both the state and federal bodies had more than sufficient  
18 opportunity to analyze whether an “opt-in” notice would serve the purposes of  
19 representative actions better than would an opt-out notice provision. They chose  
20 the “opt-out” provision over the “opt-in” provision and the courts have been  
21 supportive. For instance, in *Kern v. Siemens Corporation*, 393 F.3d 120 (2d Cir.  
22 2004) a wrongful death class action, brought by surviving family members of  
23 passengers killed in a ski train fire in Austria, the Federal District Court certified  
24 the class, but it required the prospective members to “opt-in” by affirmatively  
25 consenting to be included. *Id.* at 122. The Second Circuit reversed. It found that  
26 the district court erred by certifying a class with an “opt-in” provision. Instead, the  
27 Court held that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment does not  
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1 require plaintiffs to affirmatively “opt-in,” *Id.* at 124, citing *Phillips Petroleum Co.*  
2 *v. Shutts*, 472 U.S. 797, 812, 105 S.Ct. 2965, 86 L.Ed.2d 628 (1985) and,  
3 importantly, the Court stated the requirement of an affirmative request for  
4 inclusion in the class is contrary to the express language of Rule 23(c)(2)(B). *Id.*  
5 at 125. The *Kern* Court further rejected the proposition that the district court  
6 could invoke its “equitable powers” because, “Rule 23 offers the *exclusive* route  
7 to forming a class action.” *Id.* at 128, original emphasis. Finally, the United  
8 States Supreme Court has stated, “[O]f overriding importance, courts must be  
9 mindful that [Rule 23] as now composed sets the requirements they are bound to  
10 enforce. Federal Rules take effect after an extensive deliberative process  
11 involving many reviewers... The text of a rule thus proposed and reviewed limits  
12 judicial inventiveness.” *Amchem Prods., Inc. v. Windsor*, *supra*, 521 U.S. at 620

13 The Association also contends that the claim preclusion and issue  
14 preclusion concern of Perini’s argues strongly in favor of an “*opt-out*” class  
15 rather than an “*opt-in*” class, or a requirement that the Association obtain joinders  
16 or assignments. An “*opt-out*” class is likely to capture the vast majority of  
17 homeowners, binding them to whatever final judgment is entered. In contrast, an  
18 opt-in class (or series of joinders or assignments) is likely to cover a much  
19 smaller number of homeowners, leaving Perini open to a much larger risk of later  
20 litigation. It also asserted that an “*opt-in*” notice would be contrary to the express  
21 language of Rule 23, and would be contrary to the directives given in *Shuette*,  
22 and *View of Back Mountain* and would have a chilling effect on homeowner  
23 participation in this action.

24 48. While the Court could find both methods meet the needs of the unit  
25 owners, the Court has to take into consideration which is the preferable method  
26 that is consistent with the Nevada Supreme Court mandates for this case. In so  
27 doing, the Court not only considers what will be the most effective means to have  
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1 each of the claims addressed, but also whether one format or the other would  
2 impact the likelihood of duplicative claims and the impact of any such notice on  
3 the condo homes of each of the potential class Plaintiffs. As was pointed out in  
4 different contexts by both parties, the goal of the litigation is to do what is in the  
5 interests of the unit owners consistent with applicable law. The Court finds that a  
6 Notice that clearly informs the unit owner of the his/her rights to participate or not  
7 in the action, and clearly defines the impact from not only a litigation standpoint,  
8 but also a claim preclusion and issue preclusion standpoint, is the most effective  
9 means to meet the goals of the statute and the best interests of all the parties  
10 and potential parties. As that goal can be reached better with an "opt-out" notice,  
11 which is the common practice in Rule 23 type cases, the Court finds that an "opt-  
12 out" Notice should be used. As further discussed infra, an "opt-out" notice  
13 provides the due-process protections that were considered before that form of  
14 notice became part of Rule 23, as well as addresses the best needs of the  
15 parties and potential parties as further set forth in the record.

16 49. Given the detailed and specific nature of the Court's Order, neither  
17 Notice is strictly applicable. Accordingly, the parties will need to meet to propose  
18 a Notice that is consistent with the Court's Order herein. Said Notice will make it  
19 clear that a unit owner can "opt-out" of the litigation, and the impact of  
20 participating or not participating in the litigation. The Notice will also explain not  
21 only the nature of the claims and specific defects alleged, but also the application  
22 of both claim and issue preclusion. The Notice must also set forth by what date  
23 and to who any "opt-out" Notices are to be sent. To satisfy the due process  
24 requirement in a representative action, "individual notice must be provided to  
25 those class members who are identifiable through reasonable effort." *Eisen v.*  
26 *Carlisle and Jacquelin*, 417 U.S. 156, 175, 94 S.Ct. 2140 (1974). The individual  
27 notice must be specific to the claims asserted in the representative action to  
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1 inform the absent member either that the claims like his are being litigated, or  
2 that they have been settled.” *Twigg*, 153 F.3d at 1228. See, also *In re Prudential*  
3 *Insurance Co. American Sales Practice Litigation Agent Actions*, 148 F.3d 283,  
4 306 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir. 1998), citations omitted. (Preclusion of future claims begins with an  
5 opt-out notice. In the class action context, the district court obtains personal  
6 jurisdiction over the absentee class members by providing proper notice of the  
7 impending class action and providing the absentees with the opportunity to be  
8 heard or the opportunity to exclude themselves from the class. The combination  
9 of reasonable notice, the opportunity to be heard and the opportunity to withdraw  
10 from the class satisfy the due process requirements of the Fifth Amendment.  
11 Consequently, silence on the part of those receiving notice is construed as tacit  
12 consent to the court’s jurisdiction.)

13         50. In the record, Perini also set forth that it was able to provide Offers  
14 of Judgment in accordance with NRCP 68. It set forth that NRCP governs when  
15 a party may serve an Offer of Judgment and what effect, if any, the Offer or  
16 failure to accept the Offer, may have on a party’s rights. NRCP 68 specifically  
17 provides, “[a]t any time more than 10 days before trial, any party may serve an  
18 offer in writing to allow judgment to be taken in accordance with its terms and  
19 conditions.” Perini then contended that there is nothing in the language of NRCP  
20 68 that limits Defendants’ right to make Offers to the individual unit owners. The  
21 plain language of NRCP 68 provides that Defendants can serve Offers with no  
22 limitation as to who the Offer can be made to, and upon what conditions  
23 Judgment can be taken. The Association did not appear to address the issue  
24 raised by Perini in its Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.  
25 Accordingly, as there was no Opposition to Perini’s position, and Court finds that  
26 there has not been any case law or evidence provided that would preclude Perini  
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1 from acting in accordance with NRCP 68, their requested relief should be  
2 granted.

3 Accordingly, and based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and  
4 Conclusions of Law:  
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6 **ORDER**

7 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** Perini Building  
8 Company's Motion for Declaratory Relief Regarding Representative Standing;  
9 What Defects Should Be Subject to Either An Opt-In Class Or An Assignment  
10 Protocol; And Form Of Proposed Notice and Joinders Thereto is GRANTED IN  
11 PART AND DENIED IN PART. The Motion is GRANTED consistent with the  
12 analysis herein that that the Association does not have direct standing to pursue  
13 the disputed claims on their own behalf, but must do so in a representative  
14 capacity as further detailed herein. The Motion is DENIED to the extent that the  
15 Motion sought to require the representative claims be pursued pursuant to an  
16 "Opt-In" Notice;

17 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the  
18 Association claims for defects in original construction located entirely within the  
19 separate interest units that affect two or more units that were set forth in this  
20 Order satisfy all of the NRCP Rule 23 factors for the Association to prosecute  
21 those claims in a purely representative capacity.

22 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Plaintiff  
23 One Queensridge Place Homeowners Association, Inc.'s Motion For: (1)  
24 Adjudication of Definition of Defects That are Pursued In Purely Representative  
25 Capacity; (2) Determination of Defects Pursued In a Purely Representative  
26 Capacity; and (3) Approval of Plaintiff's Notice of Lawsuit Re: Individual Unit  
27 Claims to One Queensridge Place Homeowners is GRANTED IN PART AND  
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1 DENIED IN PART, consistent with the Court's ruling on Perini's Motion. The  
2 Association's Motion is GRANTED to the extent it seeks to have the  
3 representative claims proceed through an "Opt-Out" Notice, but is DENIED in all  
4 other respects consistent with the Court's ruling on Perini's Motion.

5 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the  
6 parties shall meet and confer on the preparation of an "Opt-Out" Notice that  
7 complies with this Order and applicable law. The Parties will need to clearly  
8 articulate who will be included in the class, and an agreed-upon date by which  
9 the Notices will be mailed, as well the what efforts are necessary if a Notice is  
10 returned as undeliverable.

11 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that nothing  
12 is the Order would preclude either party from exercising their rights pursuant to  
13 NRCP 68.

14 DATED this 29th day of September, 2016.

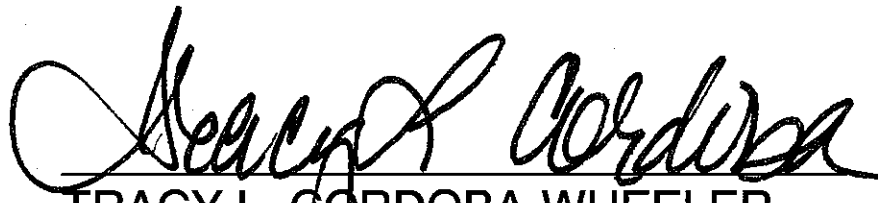
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17 HONORABLE JOANNA S. KISHNER  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on or about the date filed, a copy of this Order was provided to all counsel, and/or parties listed below, as a courtesy not comprising formal written notice of entry, via one or more of the following manners: Email, Facsimile, U.S. mail, Electronic Service (E-Service) if the Attorney/Party has signed up as required, and/or a copy of this Order was placed in the attorney's file located at the Regional Justice Center:

**ALL COUNSEL SERVED VIA E-SERVICE**

  
TRACY L. CORDOBA-WHEELER  
Judicial Executive Assistant

# EXHIBIT "J"

1 **DECLARATION OF JOHN A. MARTIN, JR. IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS/COUNTER-**  
2 **DEFENDANTS LAURENT HALLIER, PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, PANORAMA**  
3 **TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, AND M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.'S REPLY BRIEF IN**  
4 **SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING**  
5 **STANDING**

6 I, John A. Martin, Jr., SE, declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of  
7 Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct:

- 8 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts and can testify hereto and would be competent to  
9 testify in open Court. This Affidavit is submitted in support of Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants  
10 Laurent Hallier, Panorama Towers I, LLC, Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC, and M.J. Dean  
11 Construction, Inc.'s (the "Builders") Reply Brief in Support of Their Motion for Declaratory  
12 Relief Regarding Standing.
- 13 2. I have reviewed the affidavit of Omar Hindiye, attached as an exhibit to the Opposition to  
14 the Motion for Declaratory Relief.
- 15 3. I am a structural engineer with more than 40 years of experience in the design and  
16 construction of large-scale, complex structures.
- 17 4. Mr. Hindiye is not a structural engineer.
- 18 5. In my opinion, windows and window supports, including curb walls, do not form part of the  
19 primary structure of the Panorama Towers, and are not essential to their overall structural  
20 stability.
- 21 6. The photographs in the Amended Chapter 40 Notice, attached hereto as Exhibit "1", do not  
22 depict primary structural components essential to supporting the stability of Panorama  
23 Towers.

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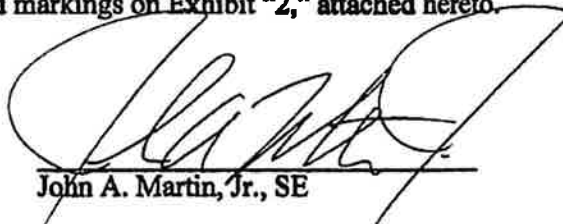
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7. The primary structural components essential to supporting the stability of the Panorama Towers can be identified via cloud-shaped markings on Exhibit "2," attached hereto.

1/21/19  
Dated

  
John A. Martin, Jr., SE

# EXHIBIT 1



## CMA Consulting - Investigations Catalog



Exhibit 5 – CMA Consulting Photograph: Depicting Omission of Sill Pan Flashing



## CMA Consulting - Investigations Catalog



Exhibit 6 – CMA Consulting Photograph: Depicting Omission of Sill Pan Flashing



# EXHIBIT 2



# EXHIBIT“K”

1                                    **DECLARATION OF ASHLEY ALLARD, AIA, IN SUPPORT OF**  
2                                    **PLAINTIFFS/COUNTER-DEFENDANTS LAURENT HALLIER, PANORAMA TOWERS**  
3                                    **I, LLC, PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, AND M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION,**  
4                                    **INC.'S REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION FOR DECLARATORY**  
5                                    **RELIEF REGARDING STANDING**

6                                    I, Ashley Allard, AIA, declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada  
7                                    that the following is true and correct:

- 8                                    1. I have personal knowledge of the facts and can testify hereto and would be competent to  
9                                    testify in open Court. This Declaration is submitted in support of Plaintiffs/Counter-  
10                                   Defendants Laurent Hallier, Panorama Towers I, LLC, Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC, and  
11                                   M.J. Dean Construction, Inc.'s (the "Builders") Reply Brief in Support of Their Motion for  
12                                   Declaratory Relief Regarding Standing.
- 13                                   2. I am an employee of Madsen, Kneppers & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm hired by the  
14                                   Builders in connection with the *Laurent Hallier, et al., v. Panorama Towers Condominium*  
15                                   *Unit Owners' Association* matter.
- 16                                   3. I was present during the repairs that occurred at Unit 300 of Tower I of the Panorama Towers.
- 17                                   4. Based upon information and belief, the floor plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "1", is an  
18                                   accurate depiction of the floor plan of Unit 300 of Tower I of the Panorama Towers.

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26                                   Ashley Allard, AIA

# Exhibit 1

# GENERAL UNIT ROOM NOTES

1. ALL DIMENSIONS INDICATED ON THIS SHEET ARE FROM FACE OF WYF WALL TO FACE OF OTY WALL UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE.
2. REFER TO INTERIOR DESIGN FOR FINISHES, FINISHES, SUCH AS WALLS, MATERIALS, APPLIED HOLDINGS, AND ETC.
3. COORDINATE ALL FINISHES DIMENSIONS WITH INTERIOR DESIGN.
4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FURNISH AND INSTALL METAL SINKS, PLATES, AND ALL WALL MOUNTED FIXTURES AND ACCESSORIES SEE I.D. DRAWINGS.
5. FURNITURE SHOWN FOR REFERENCE ONLY. THEY DO NOT SHOW ACTUAL SIZE AND FINISHES.
6. REFER TO INTERIOR DESIGN AND ACCESS FOR ACQUISITION OF FURNITURE.
7. ALL FINISHES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE I.D. DRAWINGS AND ACCESS FOR ACQUISITION OF FURNITURE.

## KEY NOTES: UNIT PLANS

1. WATER SOURCES HEAT PLUMBING REFER TO MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
2. ALUMINUM WINDOW WALL SYSTEM WITH T INSULATED GLAZING REFER TO EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS, SECTIONS, AND DETAILS.
3. CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE BUILDING STRUCTURE INCLUDING CHIMNEY WALL, REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
4. UNLOCATED INTERIOR DIMENSIONS REFER TO PLUMBING AND INTERIOR DESIGN DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
5. STACKED WALKER AND DRIVER UNIT REFER TO PLUMBING AND INTERIOR DESIGN DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
6. FULLY ACCESSIBLE DATA PANELS, SEE TELECOM DRAWING FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
7. VENTILATION AND DRAIN REFER TO PLUMBING AND INTERIOR DESIGN DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
8. SHOWER W/ SUB-INCIDENTAL FLOOR TILE, SEE I.D. DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
9. PRE-INSULATED ACQUISITION SUB-INCIDENTAL FLOOR TILE, REFER TO PLUMBING DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
10. MILLWORK ISLAND BY SINK WHERE SHOWN, REFER TO INTERIOR DESIGN AND PLUMBING DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
11. MILLWORK ISLAND, COUNTER, ETC., REFER TO I.D. AND MILLWORK SHOP DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
12. FULLY ACCESSIBLE DATA PANELS, SEE ELEC. DRAWING FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
13. REFRIGERATOR REFER TO I.D. DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
14. APPLIANCE, SEE I.D. AND ELEC. DRAWING FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
15. SHOWER, WINDOW W/ F INSULATED GLAZING, REFER TO EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS, SECTIONS, AND DETAILS FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION.
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17. ACCESS PANEL.
18. HATCH W/INT DOORWELL.

## KEY NOTES: CEILING PLANS

INDICATED CEILING HEIGHT ABOVE FINISHED FLOOR

INDICATED CEILING MATERIAL - REFER TO MATERIAL NOTES BELOW FOR DESCRIPTION

- A1. 6" TYPE 'X' GYPSUM BOARD ON TOP METAL FRAMING CHANNELS & 1/2" G.C. ON 1" WYF C.A. S.A. FOR CHIMNEY & 2" G.C. FRAMING. SOUND ATTENUATION INSULATION ABOVE GYPSUM BOARD. SMOOTH PAINT FINISH.
- A2. 6" TYPE 'X' WATER RESISTANT GYPSUM BOARD ON TOP METAL FRAMING CHANNELS & 1/2" G.C. ON 1" WYF C.A. S.A. FOR CHIMNEY & 2" G.C. FRAMING. SOUND ATTENUATION INSULATION ABOVE GYPSUM BOARD. SMOOTH PAINT FINISH.
- A3. 5/8" GYPSUM BOARD ON CONCRETE SLAB. SMOOTH PAINT FINISH.
- A4. 6" TYPE 'X' GYPSUM BOARD ON TOP METAL FRAMING CHANNELS & 1/2" G.C. ON 1" WYF C.A. S.A. FOR CHIMNEY & 2" G.C. FRAMING. SOUND ATTENUATION INSULATION ABOVE GYPSUM BOARD. SMOOTH PAINT FINISH.
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**KLAJ JUBA**  
ARCHITECTS



SASSON / HALLER  
INVESTMENT  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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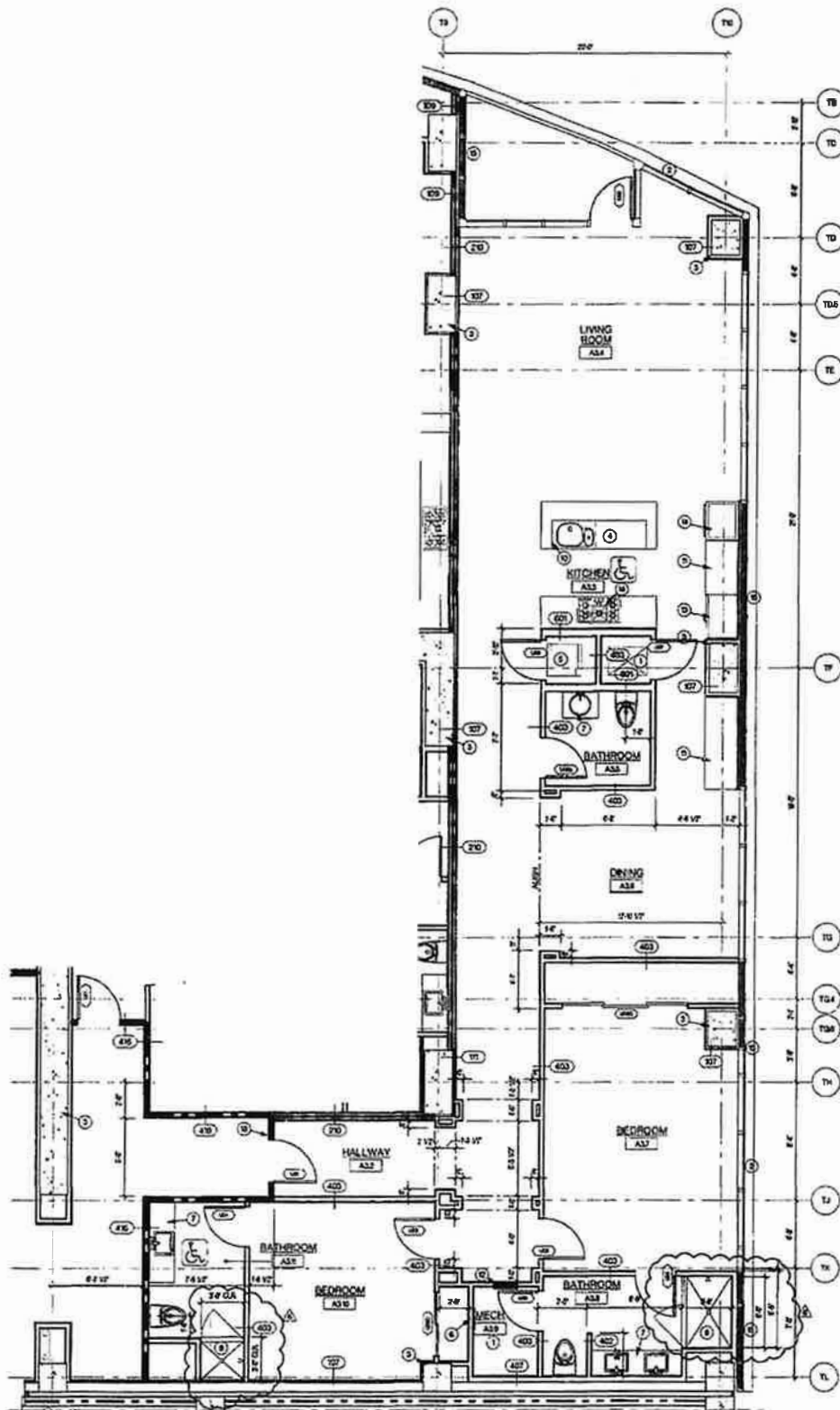
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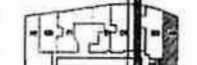
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1 ENLARGED FLOOR PLAN UNIT A3 (3RD FLOOR)  
1/4" = 1'-0" ADAPTABLE DWELLING UNIT TYPE 'B' PER I.B.C. 2000



3RD FLOOR  
KEY PLAN

ENLARGED PLANS  
UNIT A3

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# EXHIBIT “L”



1 **DECLARATION OF SIMON LOADSMAN IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS/COUNTER-**  
2 **DEFENDANTS LAURENT HALLIER, PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, PANORAMA**  
3 **TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, AND M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.'S REPLY BRIEF IN**  
4 **SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING**  
5 **STANDING**

6 I, Simon Loadsmann, declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada  
7 that the foregoing is true and correct:

- 8 1. I am a partner of Reid Loadsmann Fenestration Consultants & Associates, LLC, an expert  
9 consulting firm which specializes in the field of construction defects. I have worked as a  
10 forensic expert in the field of fenestration for over 10 years. I have an extensive history in  
11 the fenestration industry, including designing, manufacturing, and installing window  
12 systems. I have been retained by Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants as a consultant to evaluate  
13 the alleged window-related deficiencies contained within Defendant/Counter-Claimant  
14 Panorama Tower Condominium Unit Owners' Association's ("Association") Chapter 40  
15 Notice of Defects and amendment thereto.
- 16 2. This Declaration is submitted in support of Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants Laurent Hallier,  
17 Panorama Towers I, LLC, Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC, and M.J. Dean Construction,  
18 Inc.'s (the "Builders") Reply Brief in Support of Their Motion for Declaratory Relief  
19 Regarding Standing.
- 20 3. I have reviewed the affidavit of Omar Hindiye, attached as an exhibit to the Opposition to  
21 the Motion for Declaratory Relief.
- 22 4. I have also reviewed the Amended Chapter 40 Notice and attached exhibits.
- 23 5. In my experience, windows made out of curtain wall systems are not typically labeled by the  
24 manufacturer or fabricator of the windows. Therefore, the fact that manufacturer labels or  
25 product markings were not included on the Panorama Unit 300 window systems is not  
26 surprising.
- 27 6. It would be highly uncommon in the industry for a window manufacturer to develop detailed  
28 and costly shop drawings for a project where the window manufacturer did not have a contract



1 or purchase order to perform the work or supply the materials. Therefore, based upon my  
2 experience, Texas Wall Systems would not have developed shop drawings for the Panorama  
3 Project unless Texas Wall Systems had a contract or purchase order for performing work or  
4 supplying materials at the Panorama Project.

5 7. In my opinion, window system components such as sill pan flashings, if installed, can be  
6 classified as fixtures located in apertures, or openings, in the building.

7 8. In the photos of the Unit 300 repairs contained in the Amended Chapter 40 Notice, the  
8 window systems, including the window, frameworks, casings, weatherstripping and sill  
9 flashings (and sill pan flashings had they been installed) all rest atop the curb wall, inside the  
10 aperture, or opening, of the building.

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Simon Loadsman

# EXHIBIT “M”

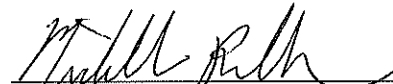
1                   **DECLARATION OF MICHELLE ROBBINS, AIA, IN SUPPORT OF**  
2                   **PLAINTIFFS/COUNTER-DEFENDANTS LAURENT HALLIER, PANORAMA TOWERS**  
3                   **I, LLC, PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, AND M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION,**  
4                   **INC.'S REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION FOR DECLARATORY**  
5                   **RELIEF REGARDING STANDING**

6                   I, Michelle Robbins, AIA, declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of  
7                   Nevada that the following is true and correct:

- 8                   1. I have personal knowledge of the facts and can testify hereto and would be competent to  
9                   testify in open Court. This Declaration is submitted in support of Plaintiffs/Counter-  
10                  Defendants Laurent Hallier, Panorama Towers I, LLC, Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC, and  
11                  M.J. Dean Construction, Inc.'s (the "Builders") Reply Brief in Support of Their Motion for  
12                  Declaratory Relief Regarding Standing.  
13                  2. I have reviewed the affidavit of Omar Hindiye, attached as an exhibit to the Opposition to  
14                  the Motion for Declaratory Relief.  
15                  3. I have also reviewed the Amended Chapter 40 Notice and attached exhibits.  
16                  4. In my opinion, window system components such as sill pan flashings, if installed, can be  
17                  classified as fixtures located in apertures, or openings, in the building.

18                  Dated

1-22-19

  
Michelle Robbins, AIA

# **EXHIBIT 'N'**

# PANORAMA II LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

**CUSTOMER: SIERRA GLASS**  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

**ARCHITECT: KLAI JUBA ARCHITECTS**  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS:

- ALUMINUM TO BE:
  - 6061-T6 OR 6061-T5 FOR EXTRUSIONS
  - 5052-H14 FOR PAINTED OR MIL SHEET
  - 5052-H34 FOR ANODIZED SHEET
- STEEL TO BE:
  - ASTM A36 FOR HOT-ROLLED SHAPES AND PLATES
  - ASTM A500 GRADE B FOR STEEL TUBING
  - ASTM A588 FOR SHEET
- ANCHOR BOLTS TO BE SAE J429 (GRADE 5) STEEL (QWP 416, TYPE 1)
- EXTERIOR FASTENERS TO BE STAINLESS STEEL (QWP 416, TYPE 1) OR GALVANNEAL STEEL (QWP 416, TYPE 1) WITH DICHROMATE, AND SELF-FLUX (WITH STANDARD COATING)
- INTERIOR FASTENERS TO BE TYPE 1, CLASS 1, CAP PLATED STEEL (QWP 416, TYPE 1) OR STAINLESS STEEL (QWP 416, TYPE 1)
- WELDS TO BE:
  - EXXON ELECTRODE FOR STEEL
  - ER4043 ELECTRODE FOR ALUMINUM

## DESIGN CRITERIA:

**DEAD LOAD:**  
1" VISION GLASS \_\_\_\_\_ 6.50 PSF  
MISCELLANEOUS ALUMINUM \_\_\_\_\_ 2.00 PSF

**WIND LOAD**  
RESULTS ARE PER RWI FINAL WIND TUNNEL STUDY DATED MAY 11, 2005

**DEFLECTIONS**  
NORMAL (W.L.) — PER AIAA TIR-011-1985  
1/125 FOR SPANS UP TO 13'-6"  
1/240 + 1/4" MAXIMUM FOR SPANS OVER 13'-6"  
IN-PLANE (D.L.) — 1/8" MAXIMUM  
DIFFERENTIAL FLOOR MOVEMENT = 1/4" MAX. (LIVE LOAD)

**SEISMIC LOAD**  
RESULTS ARE PER BC 2000 / ASCE 7-98 REQUIREMENTS:

SEISMIC USE GROUP = I  
SOIL SITE CLASS = C  
COMPONENT AMPLIFICATION FACTOR,  $A_p$  = 1.00 @ BODY  
= 1.25 @ CONNECTOR  
DESIGN SPECTRAL RESPONSE ACCEL,  $S_{DS}$  = .43  
COMPONENT RESPONSE MOD. FACTOR,  $R_h$  = 2.50 @ BODY  
= 1.00 @ CONNECTOR  
COMPONENT IMPORTANCE FACTOR,  $I_p$  = 1.00  
HEIGHT,  $z$ , =  $h$  = 393'-7"  
COMPONENT DEAD LOAD =  $W_d$

**SEISMIC DESIGN FORCE COMPONENT ATTACHMENT**  
 $F_p = 0.4 \times A_s \times S_{DS} \times W_p \times [1 + 2 \left( \frac{z}{h} \right)]$   
= .205  $W_p$  @ BODY  
= .645  $W_p$  @ CONNECTOR

EXCEPTION: The design load and the resulting stress on the strength of these fasteners shall be based on the design load and the resulting stress on the strength of these fasteners as shown on the drawings and the design load and the resulting stress on the strength of these fasteners as shown on the drawings and the design load and the resulting stress on the strength of these fasteners as shown on the drawings.

KLAI JUBA ARCHITECTS	
NO. 1000000000	DATE: 10-1-97
PROJECT: PANORAMA II	
DRAWN BY: J. J. J.	
CHECKED BY: J. J. J.	
APPROVED BY: J. J. J.	

**REVISIONS**

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	10-1-97	Initial Design
2	10-1-97	Revised Design
3	10-1-97	Final Design

## GENERAL NOTES:

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- ALL MATERIALS TO WHICH TWS, INC. FRAMING IS TO BE ANCHORED MUST BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING MAXIMUM DESIGN LOADS IMPOSED BY THE CURTAINWALL SYSTEM.
- ALL CONTROL DIMENSIONS AND PROFILES AFFECTING CURTAINWALL DESIGN SHALL BE PROVIDED ON ALL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. REVISIONS TO EXISTING CONTRACT DIMS. MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING.
- TWS, INC. WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFLICTS WITHIN THE CONTRACT DIMS. OR ANY RELATED COORDINATION. THIS INCLUDES PRECAST OPENINGS AND DIMENSIONS.

## GLAZING NOTES:

- GLAZING:
  - EXTERIOR GLAZING TO BE EPDM SILICONE COMPATIBLE CLOSED CELL SPONGE GASKET WITH FACTORY WELDED CORNERS (WHERE APPLICABLE) MEETING ASTM C509-79, OPTION 1, WHERE SPONGE GASKETS ARE USED AT INTERIOR APPLICATIONS, THEY WILL BE SHIPPED IN ROLLS.
  - INTERIOR WELDED GASKETS TO BE EPDM SILICONE COMPATIBLE DENSE EPDM (70 +/- 5 DUROM), MEETING ASTM C509-79, OPTION 1, WHERE WELDED GASKETS ARE USED AT INTERIOR APPLICATIONS, THEY WILL HAVE WELDED CORNERS.
  - EXTERIOR THROUGH GLAZING TO BE EPDM SILICONE COMPATIBLE DENSE EPDM (70 +/- 5 DUROM).
  - "Y" EDGE BLOCKS TO BE EPDM SILICONE COMPATIBLE DENSE EPDM (60 DUROM).
  - STRUCTURAL SILICONE GLAZING AT TWS TEST CURTAINWALL SYSTEMS:
    - ALL STRUCTURAL GLAZING AND/OR SEALANT APPLICATIONS USING SILICONE SHALL BE REVIEWED BY SEALANT AND GLASS MANUF.
    - META AND GLASS SHALL BE CLEANED WITH SOLVENT APPROVED BY SEALANT MANUF.
    - SILICONE SHALL BE APPLIED AND WIPED OFF CLEAN WITH CLEAN, OIL FREE AND LINT FREE CLOTHS (2 CLOTH METHOD - 1 CLEAN, 1 WIPER).
    - SPACERS BACKING STRUCTURAL SILICONE TO BE APPROVED DOWN CORNING 2-LB DENSITY ETHAFOAM AND MORTON THERMALBOND V2100 POLYURETHANE FOAM TAPE (SHORE A HARDNESS OF 35, DENSITY OF 31 LBS/CU FT).
    - SETTING BLOCKS TO BE EPDM SILICONE COMPATIBLE DENSE EPDM (80 +/- 5 DUROM).
    - INTERNAL SEALANTS TO BE DOW CORNING 795.
    - PERIMETER SEALANTS MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH FRAME SEALANTS.
    - BACKER RODS TO BE CLOSED CELL FOAM.
    - FOAM BATTLES TO BE 30 PPI RETICULATED PIR COATED URETHANE FOAM.

## FINISH NOTES:

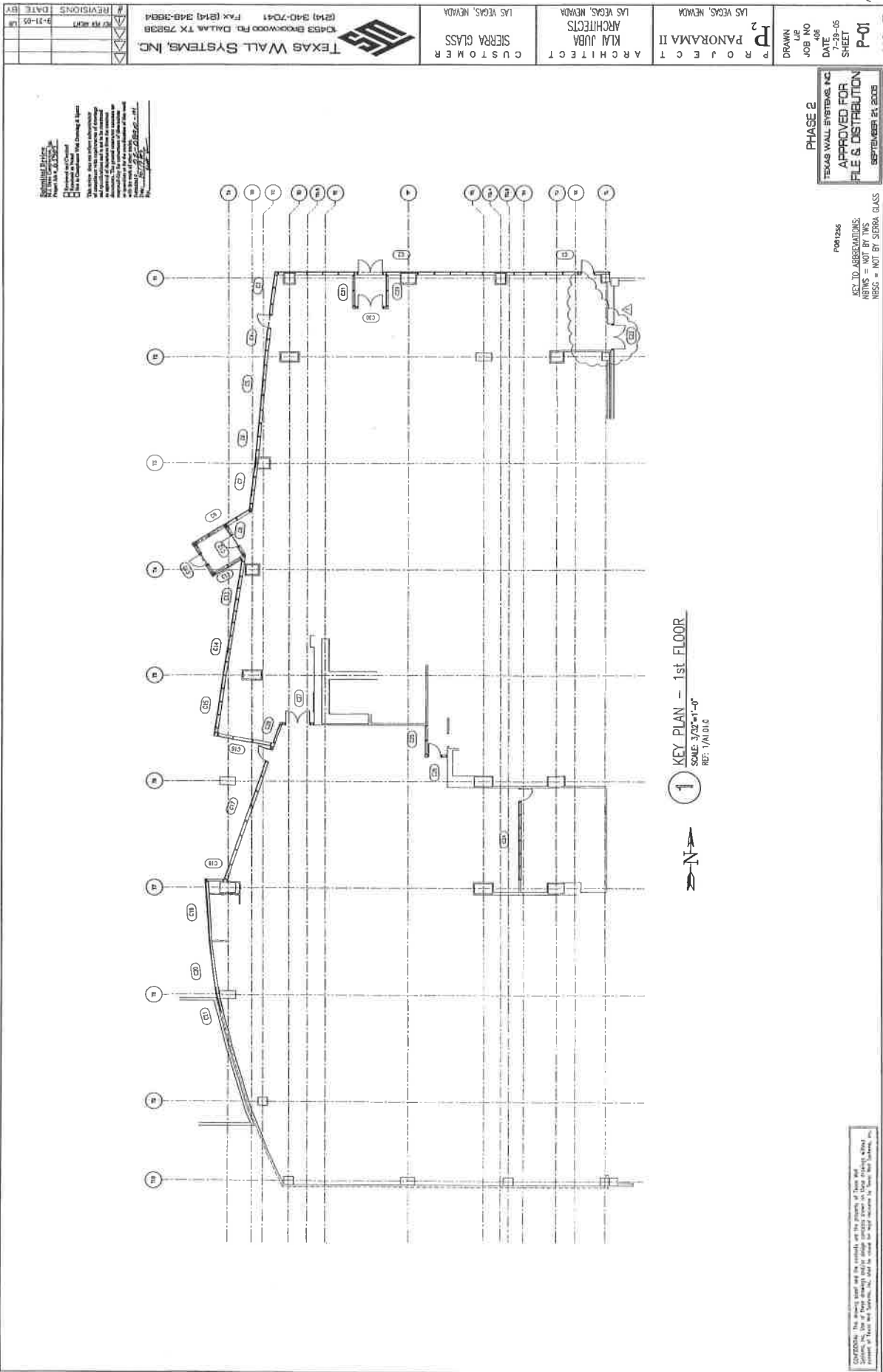
- ALL EXPOSED EXTERIOR ALUMINUM TO RECEIVE CLASS 1 CLEAR ANODIZED FINISH.
- EXPOSED INTERIOR ALUMINUM TO RECEIVE A H-SOLID POLYESTER PAINTED FINISH.
- ALL UNEXPOSED ALUMINUM:
  - TO BE MILL FINISH WHEN NOT IN CONTACT WITH STRUCTURAL SILICONE.
  - ALL STEEL TO HAVE (1) COAT OF ZINC RICH PRIMER (FIELD TOUCH-UP).

## GLASS AND INFILL TYPES:

- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| 6   | BLUE GLASS VISION                         |
| 6A  | BLUE GLASS VISION W/ Frost INTERIOR       |
| 7   | BLUE GLASS SPANDREL                       |
| 8   | BLUE-GREEN GLASS VISION                   |
| 8A  | BLUE-GREEN GLASS VISION W/ Frost INTERIOR |
| 9   | BLUE-GREEN GLASS SPANDREL                 |
| 10  | CLEAR GLASS VISION                        |
| 10A | CLEAR GLASS SPANDREL                      |
| 11  | SILVER GLASS SPANDREL                     |

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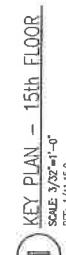
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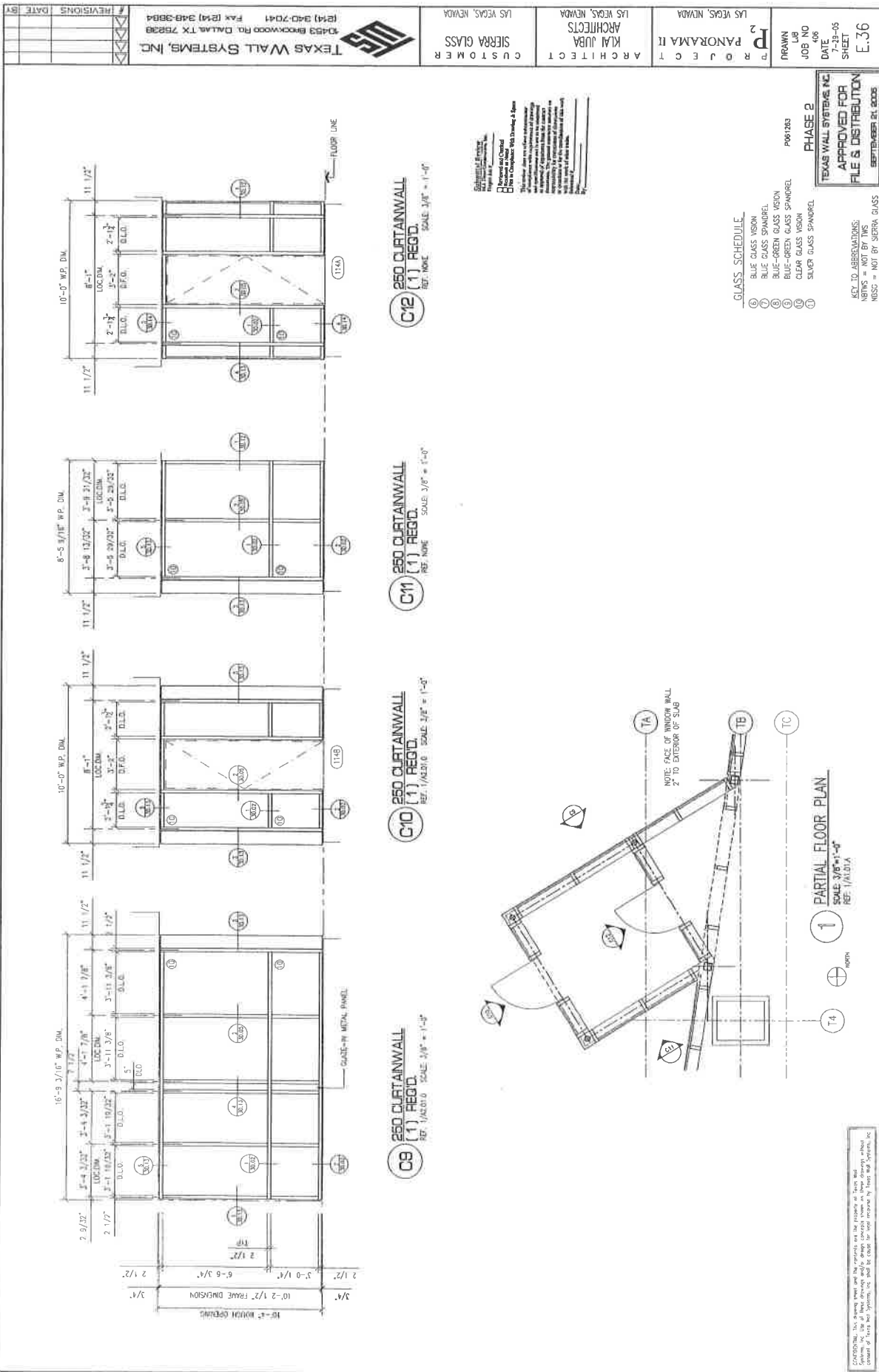




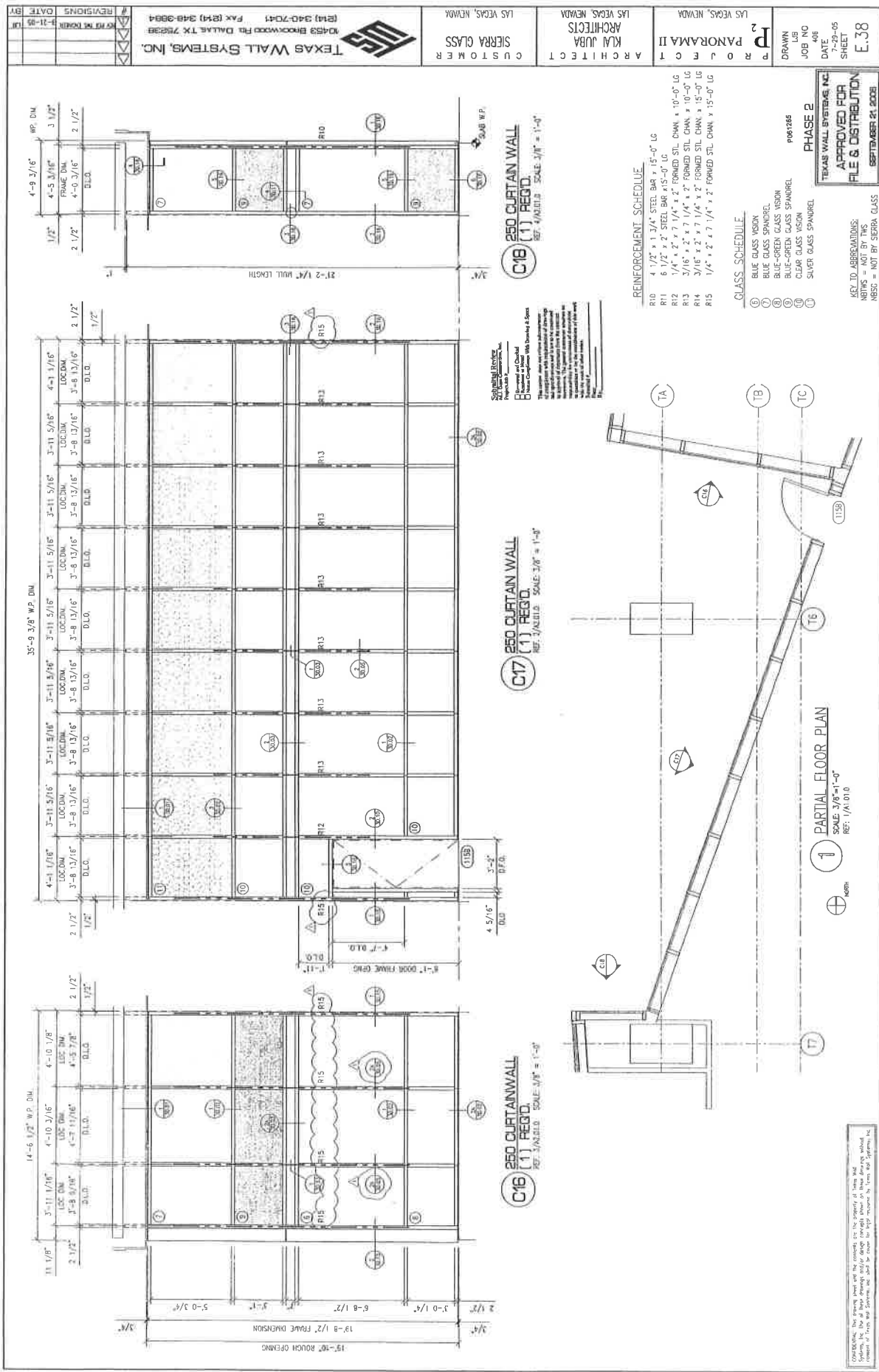




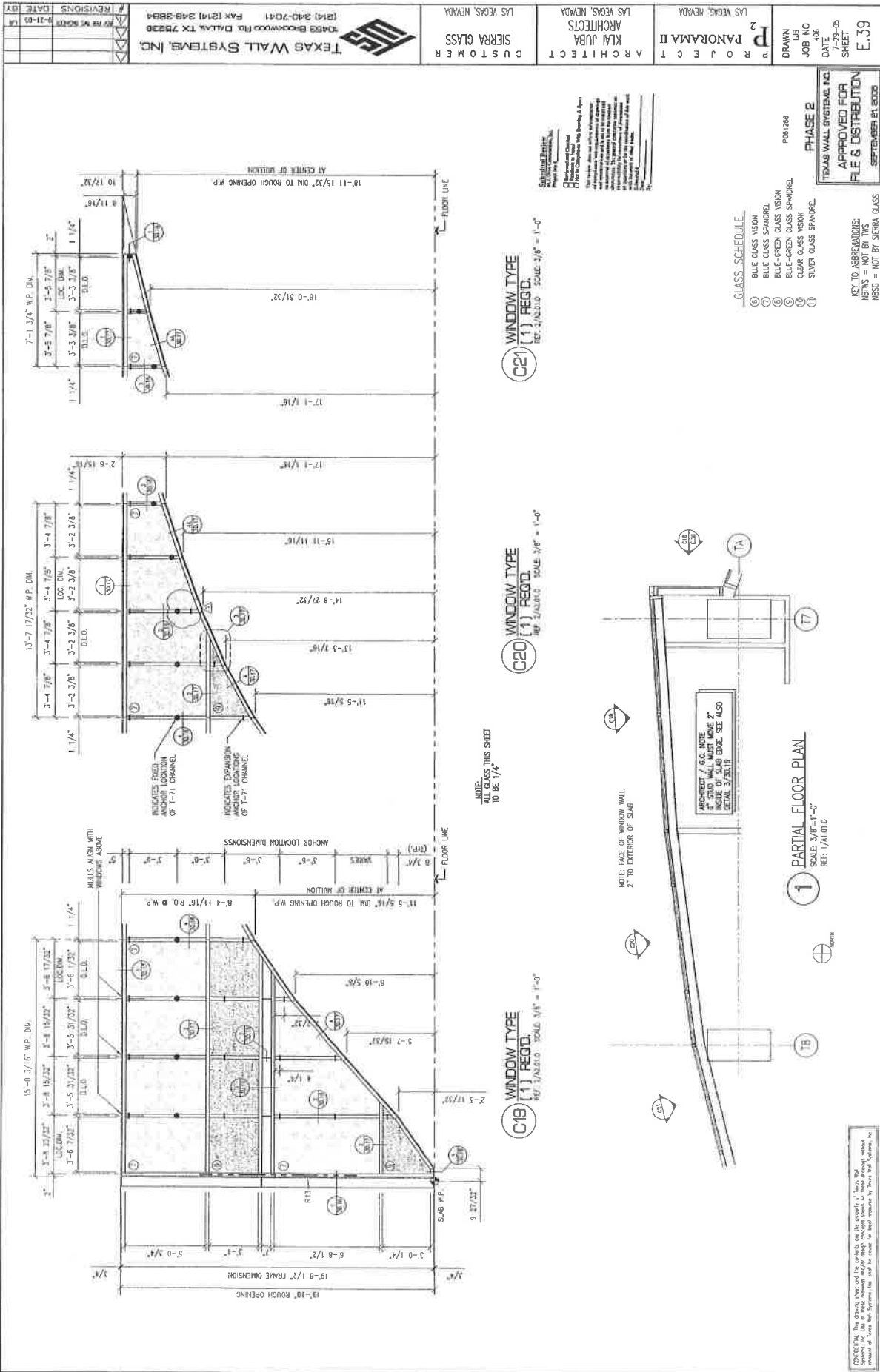




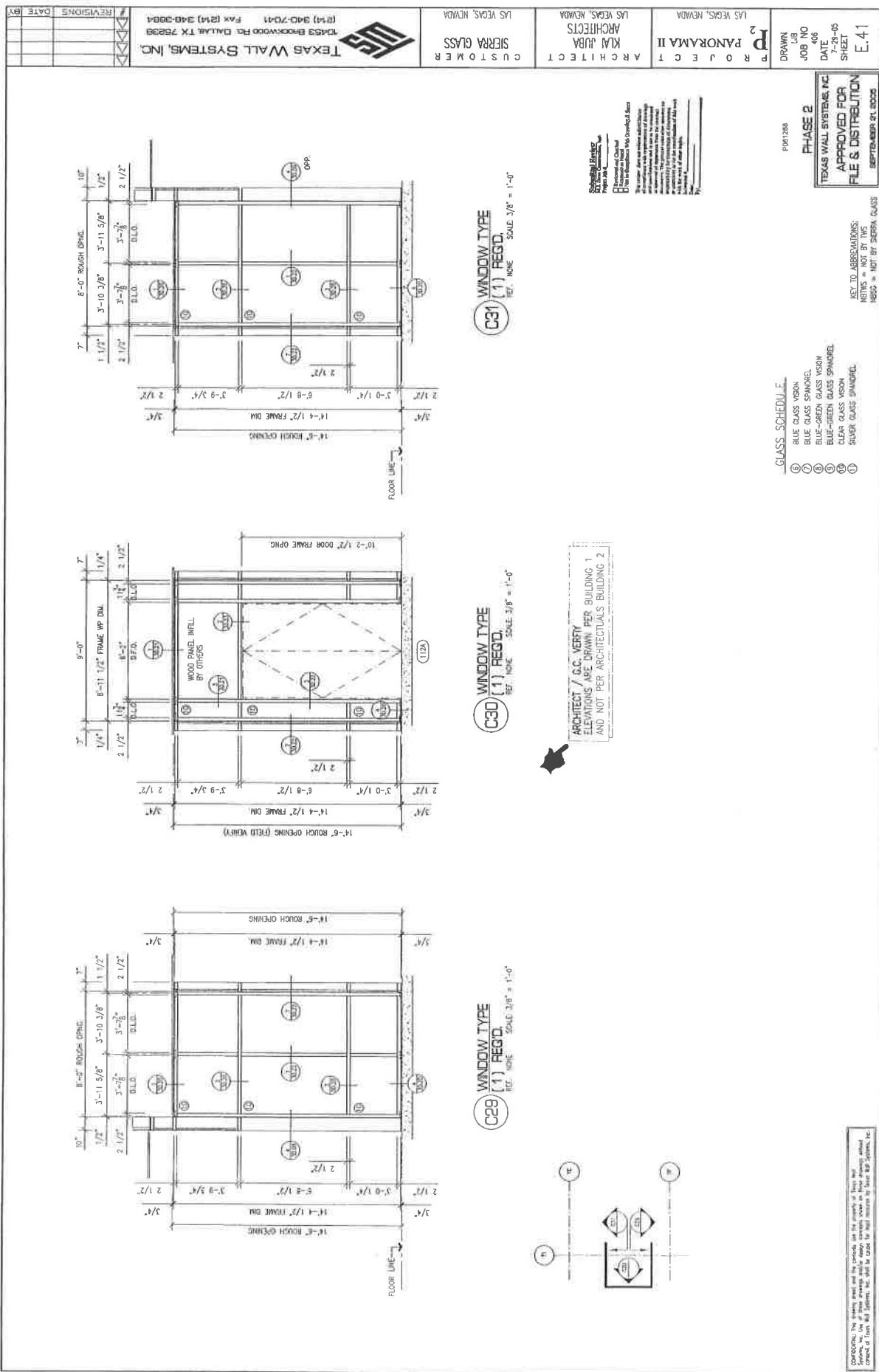


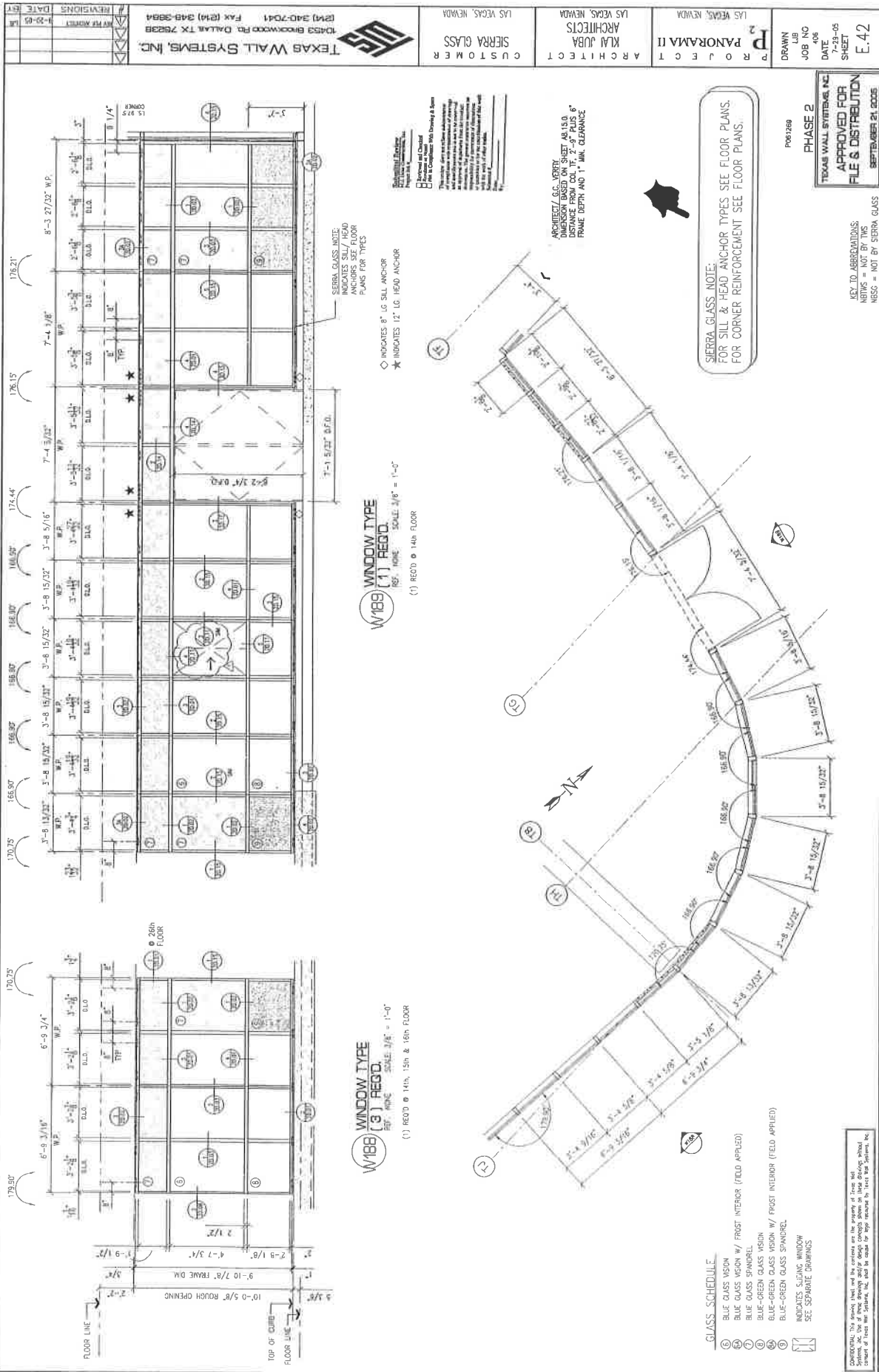


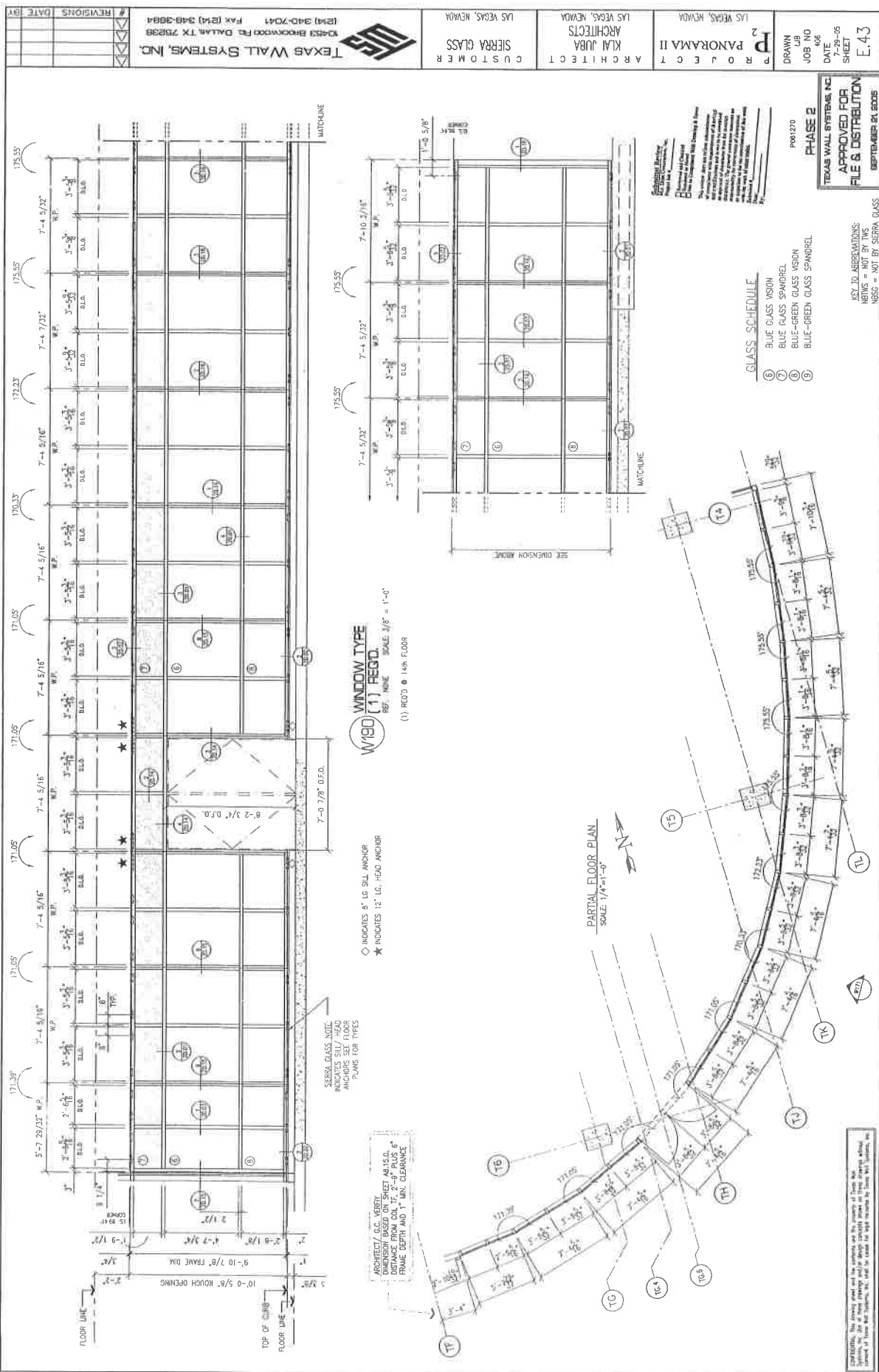


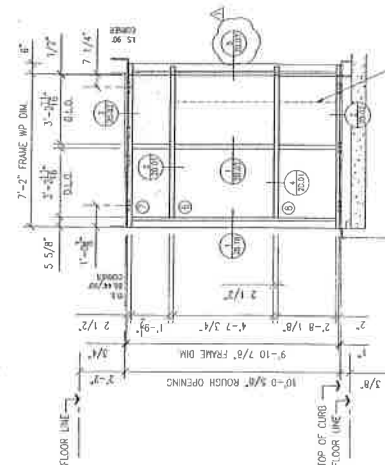






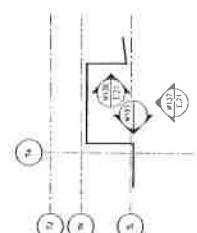






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REV. 11/82 SCALE: 1/8"

1) REQD @ 14th & 15th FLR



W1928 WINDOW TYPE  
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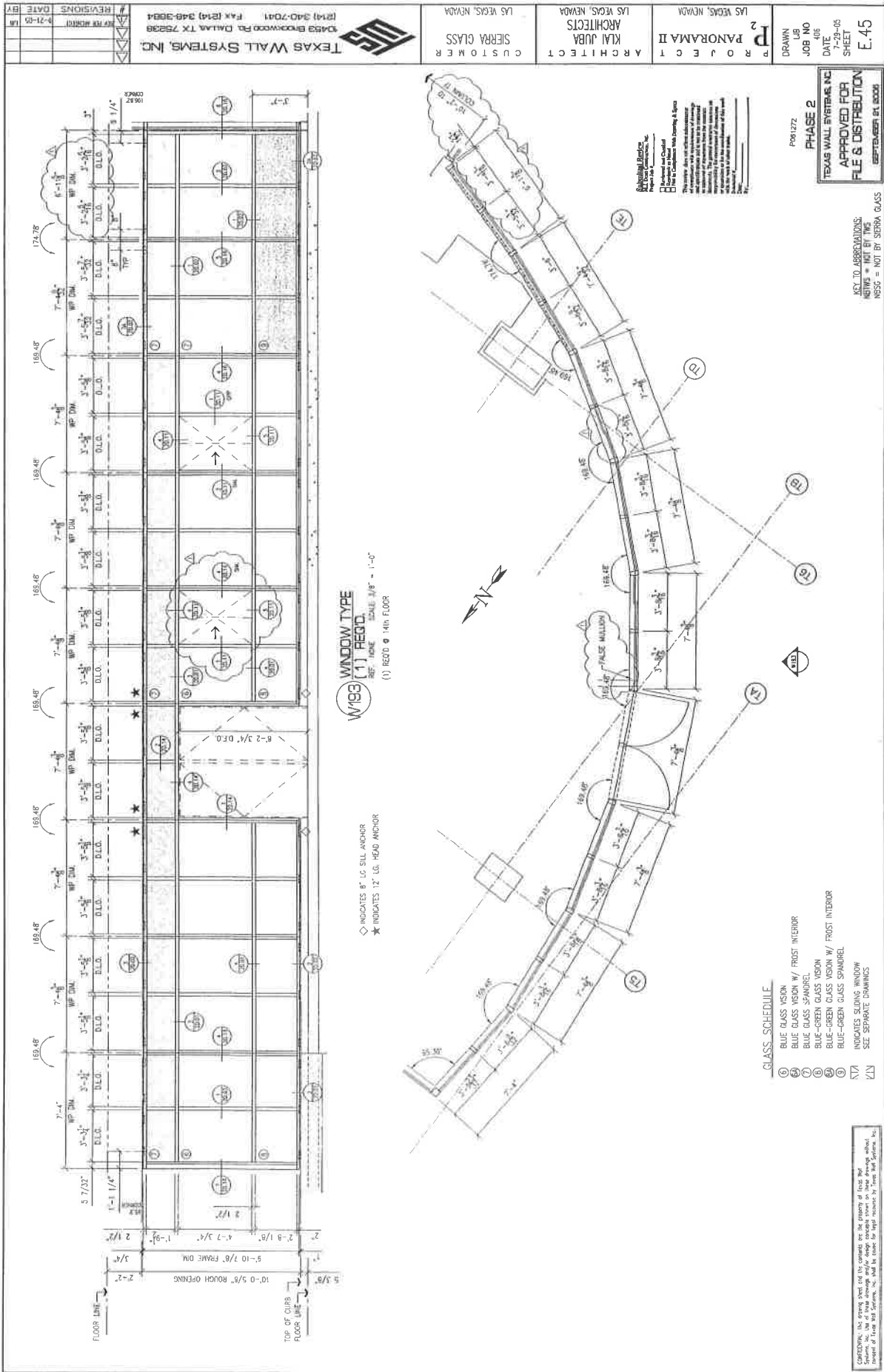
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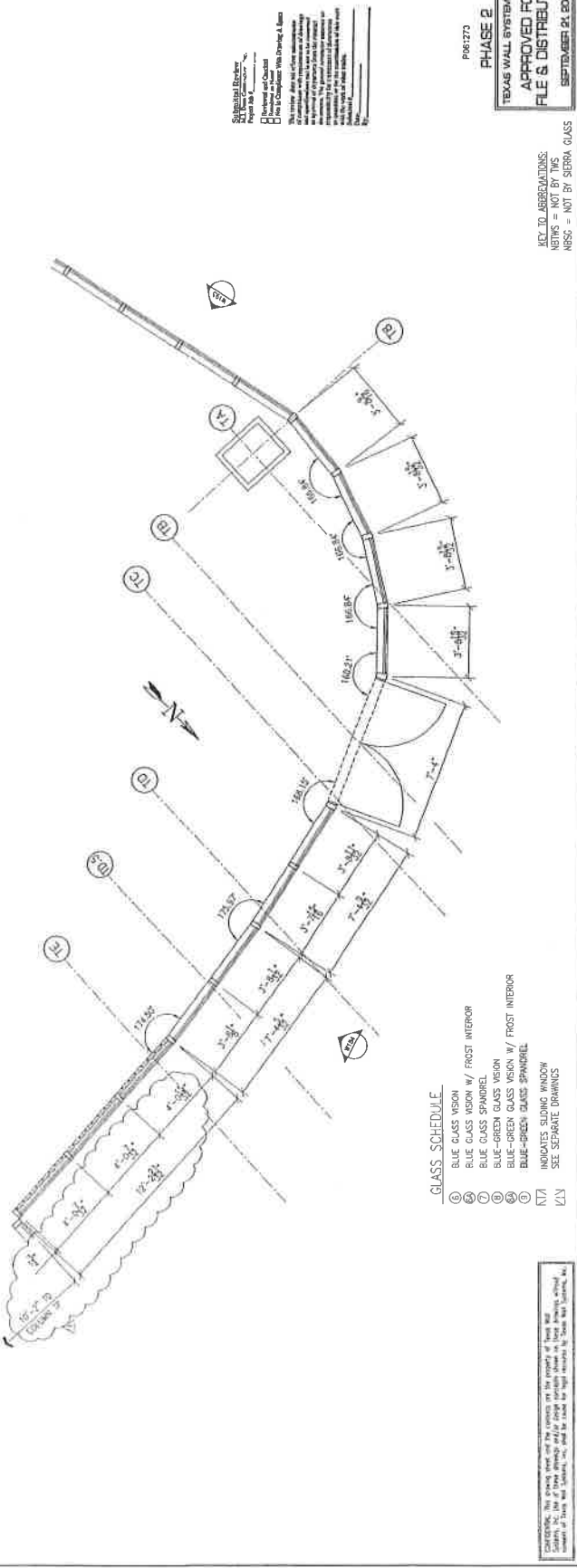
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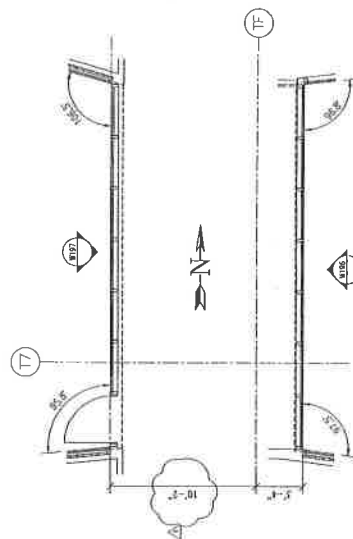
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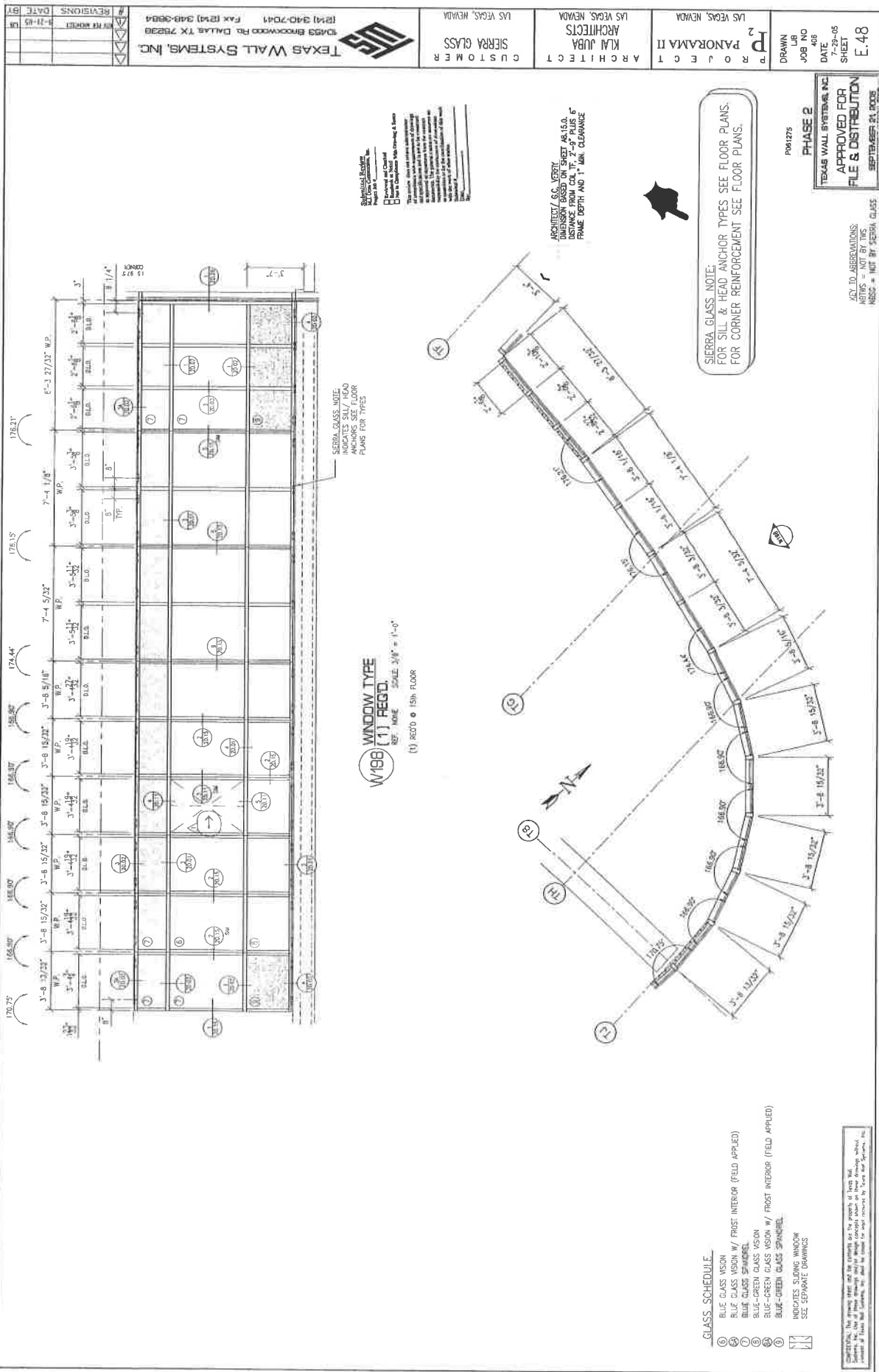


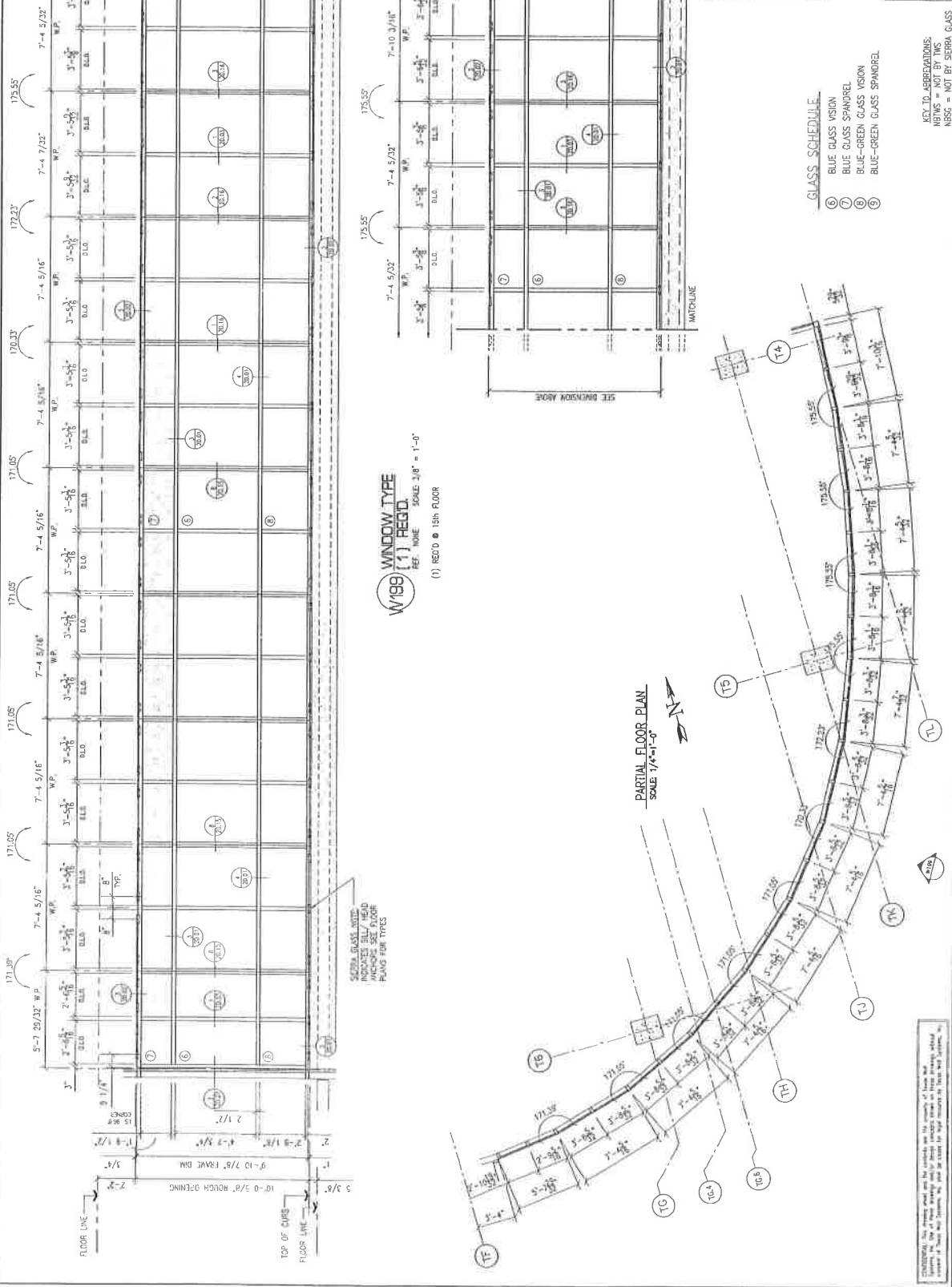


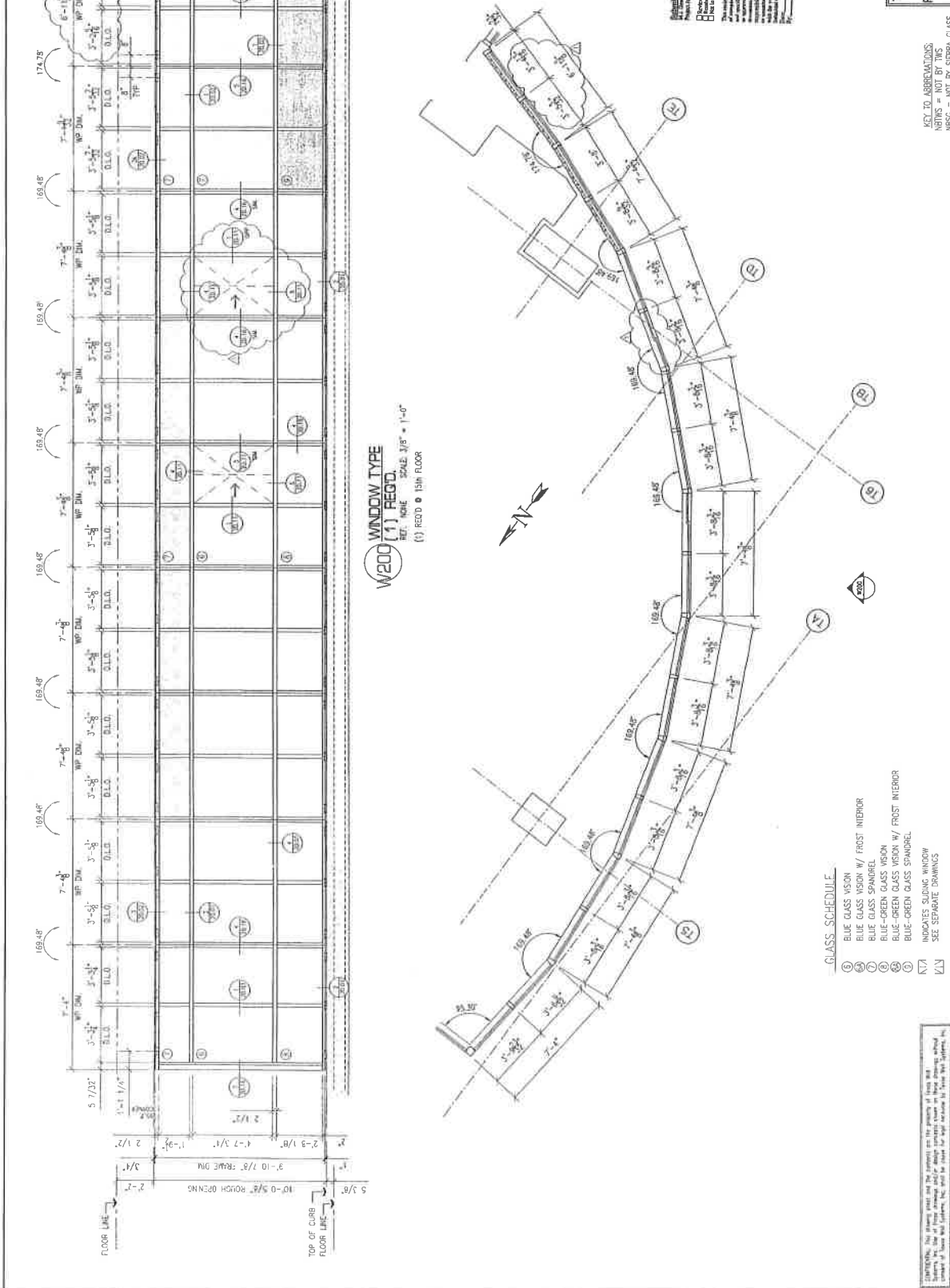
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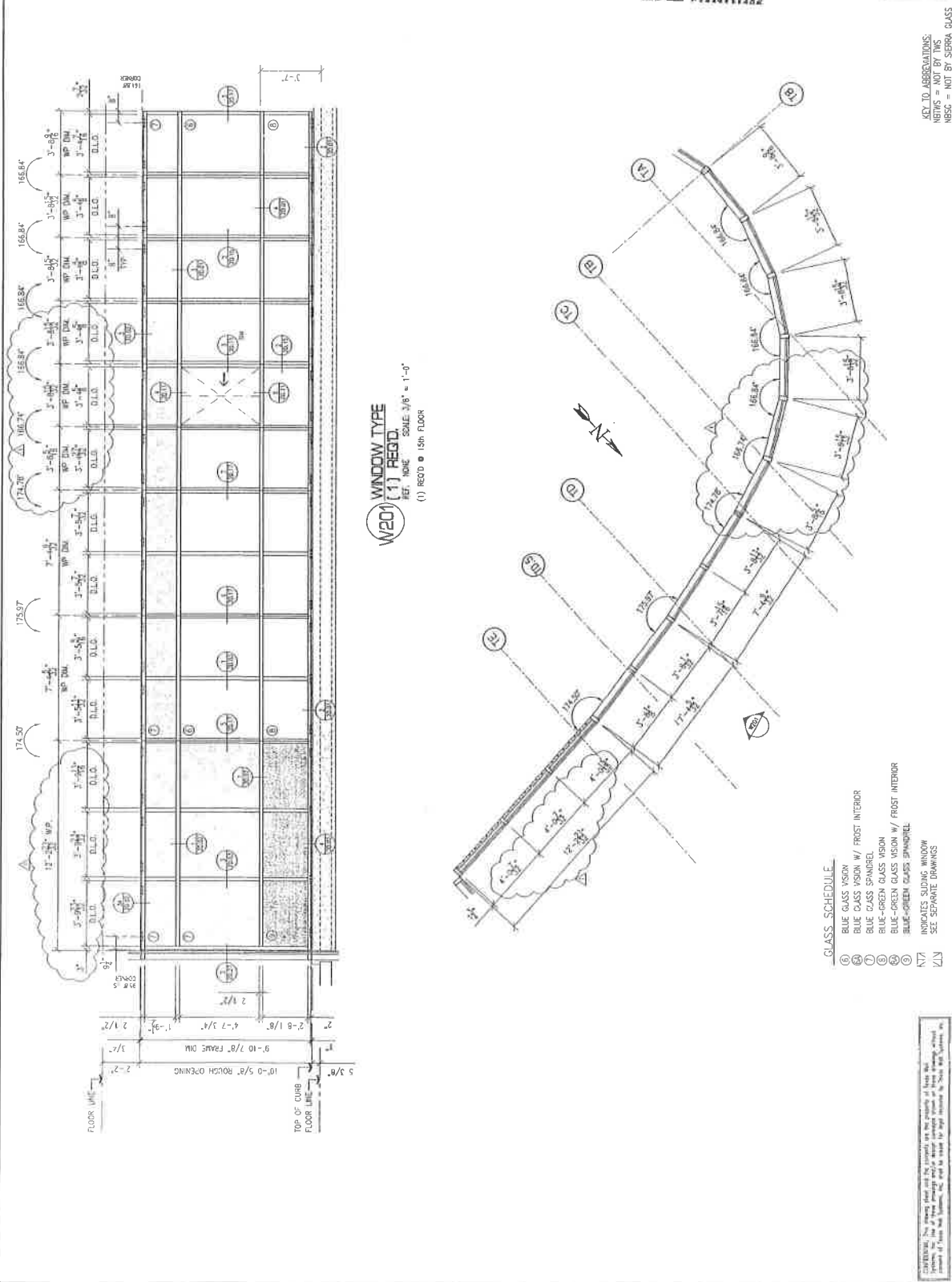


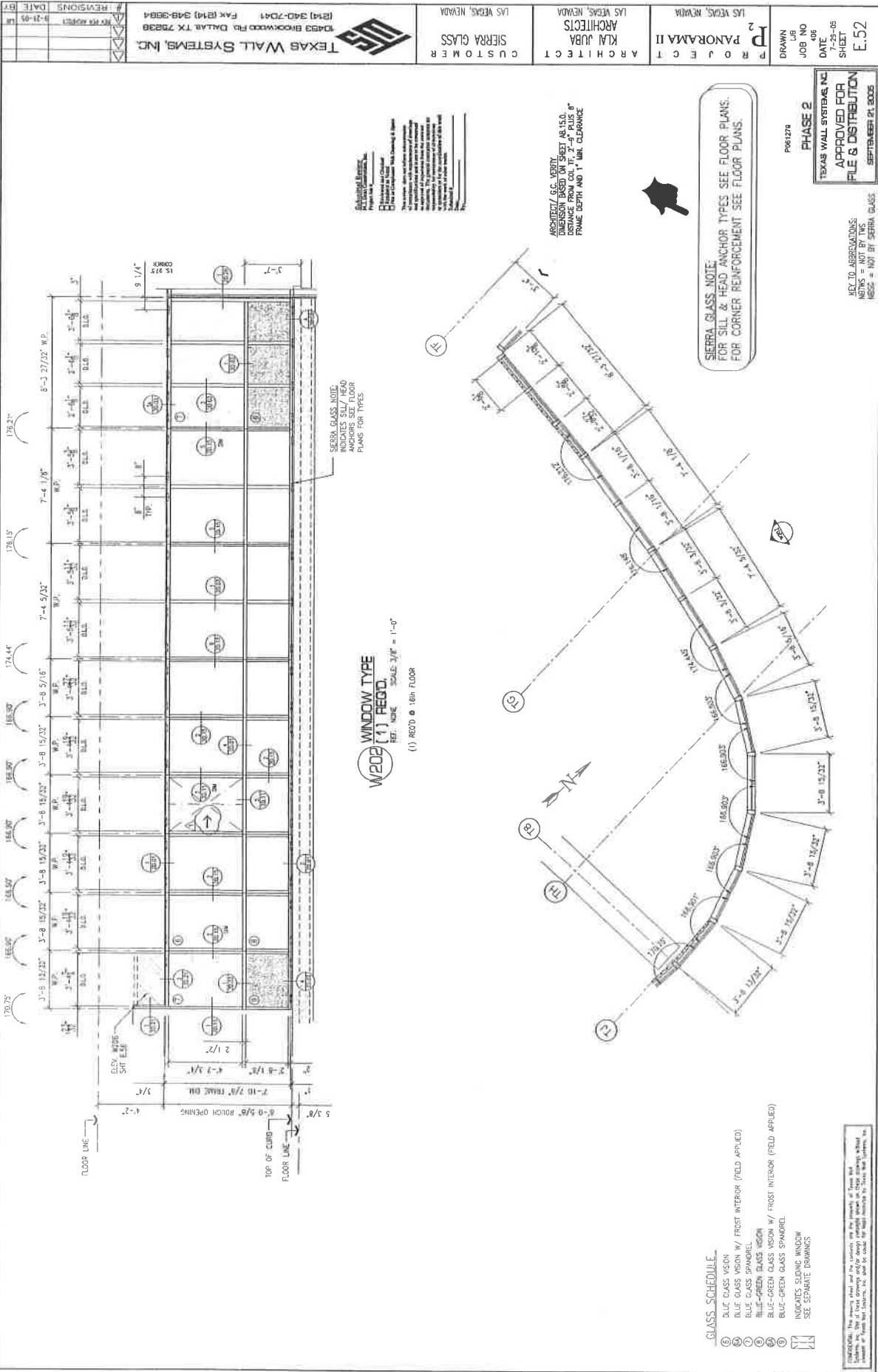
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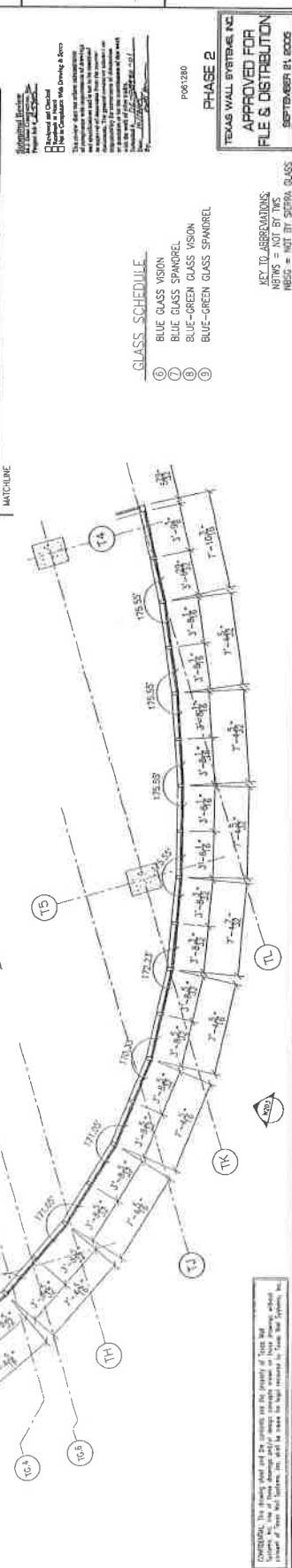


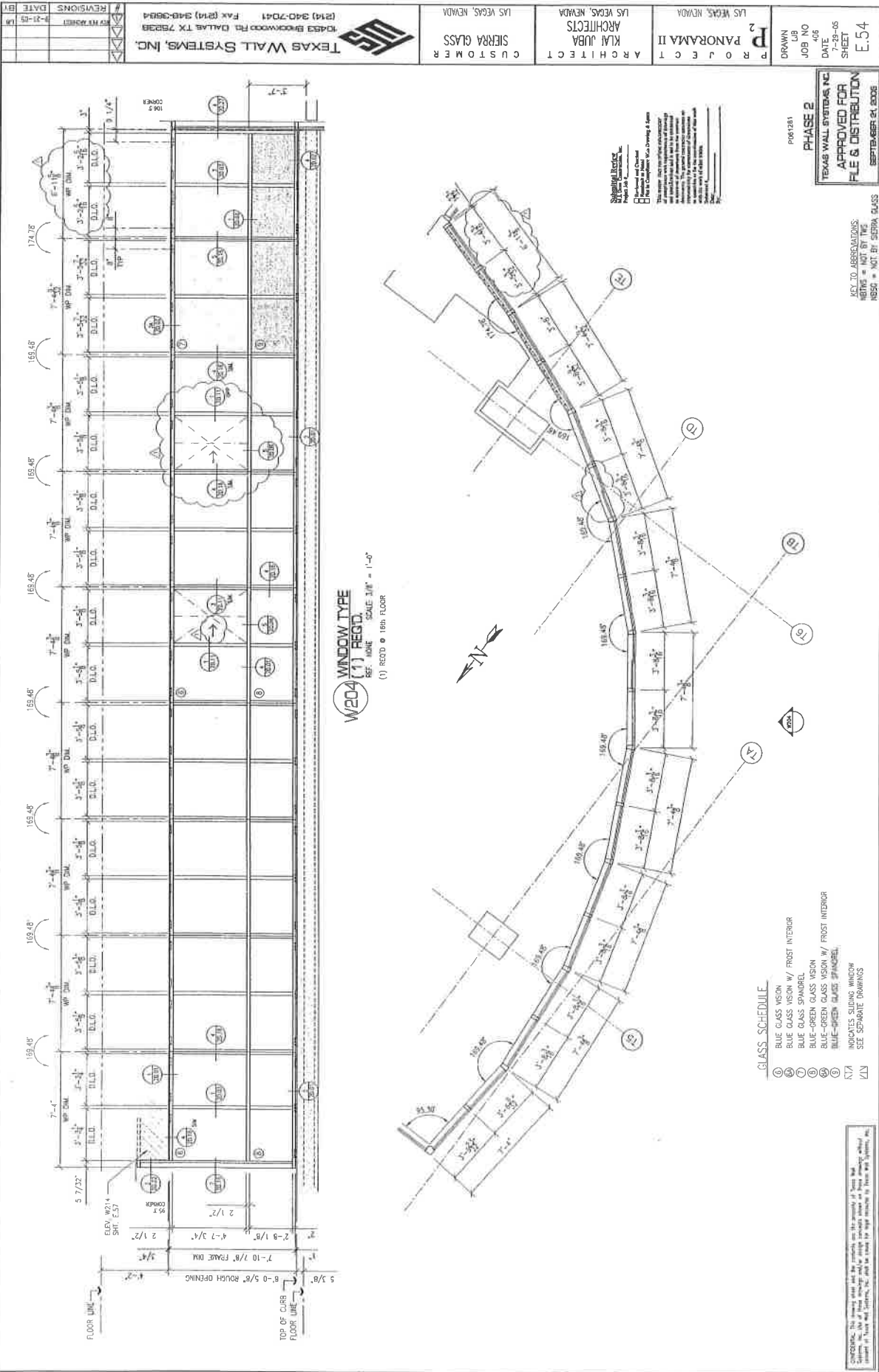




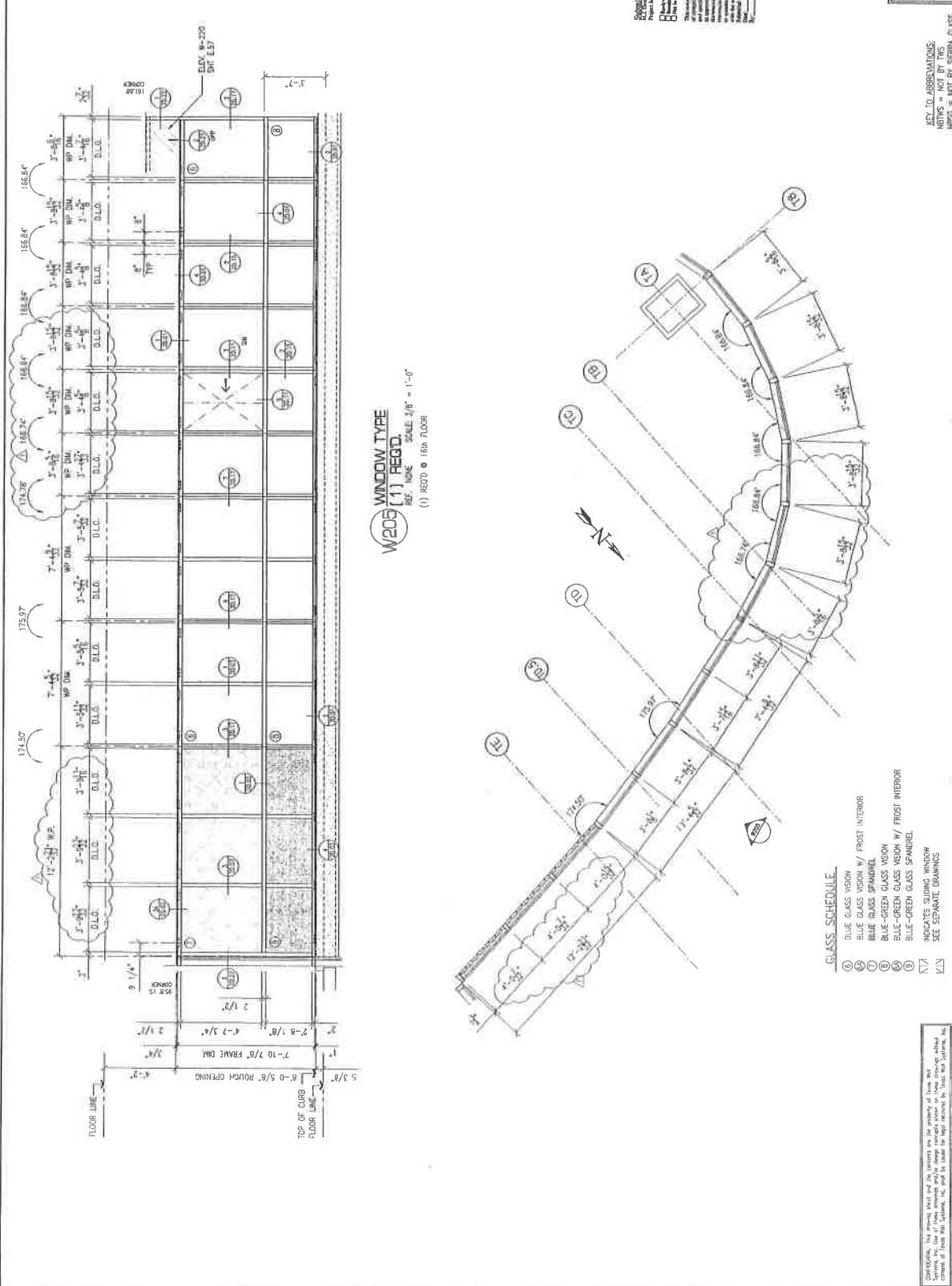


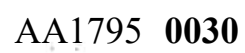


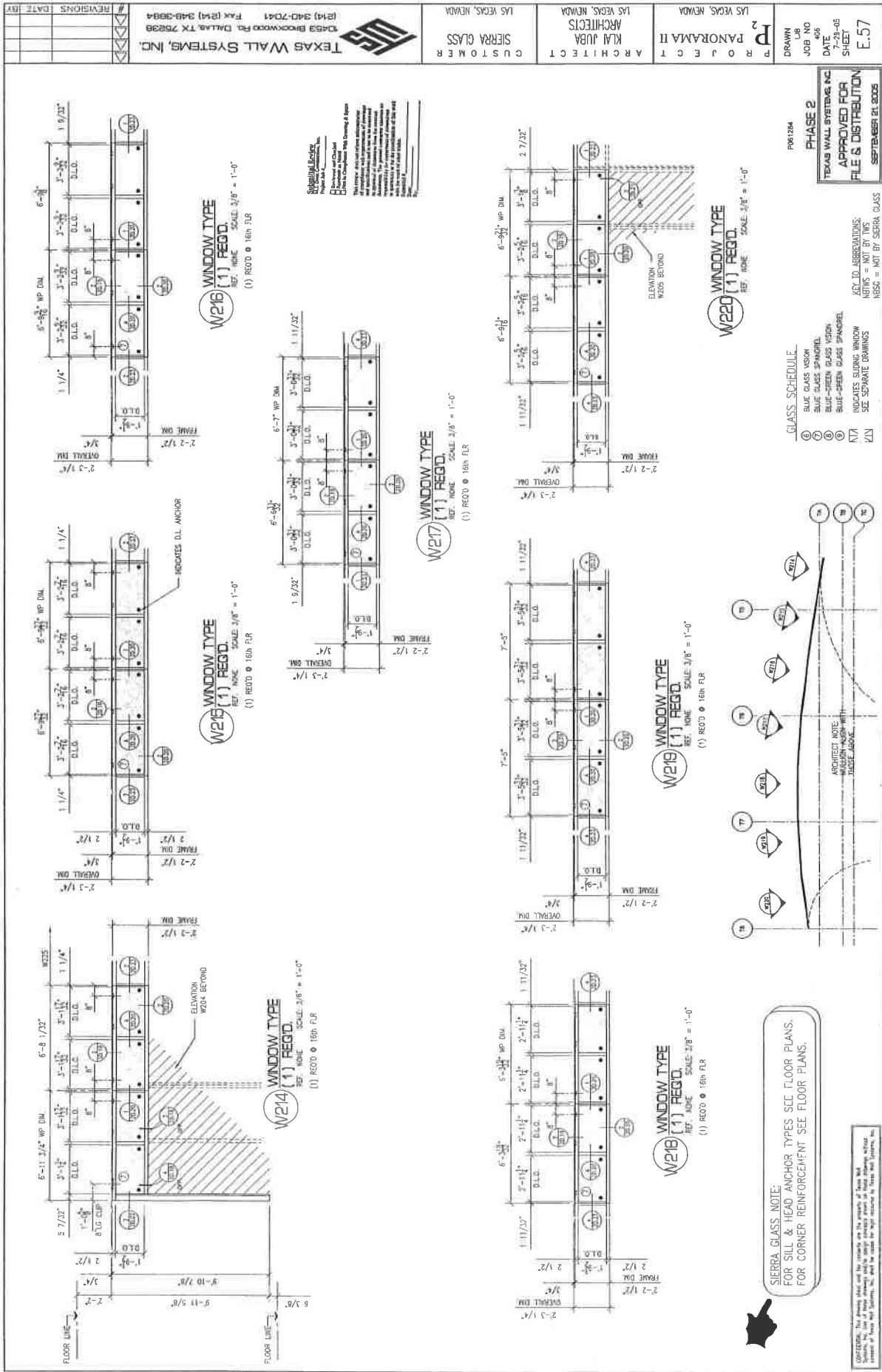














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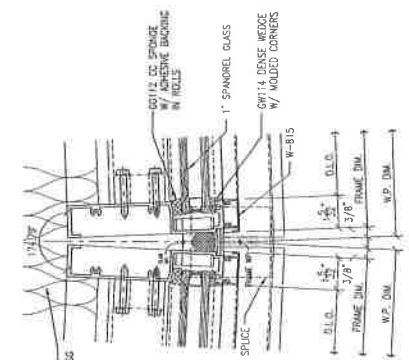
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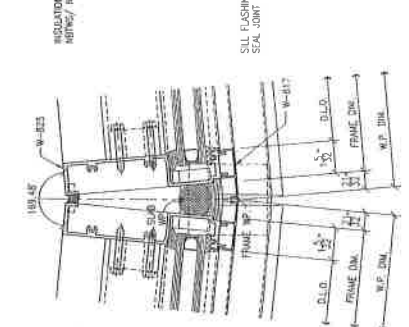
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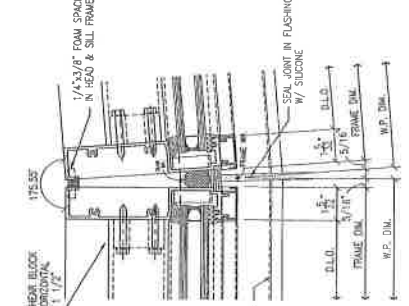
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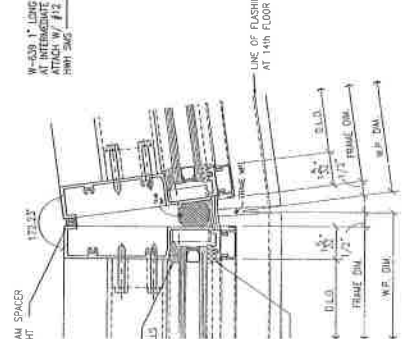
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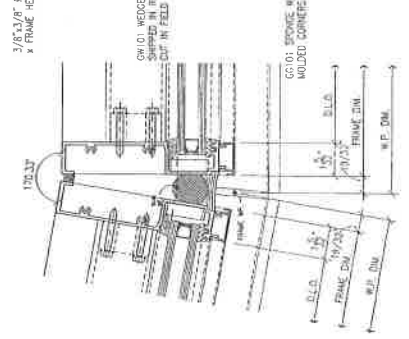
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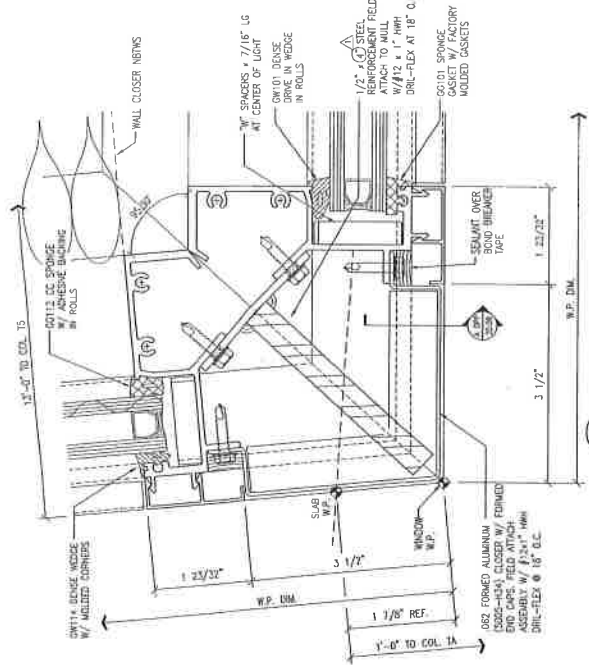
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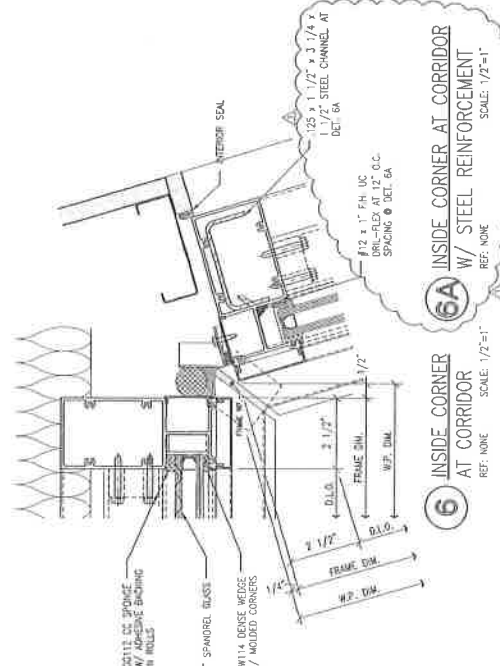
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7 OUTSIDE CORNER  
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5A INSIDE CORNER AT CORRIDOR  
W/ STEEL REINFORCEMENT  
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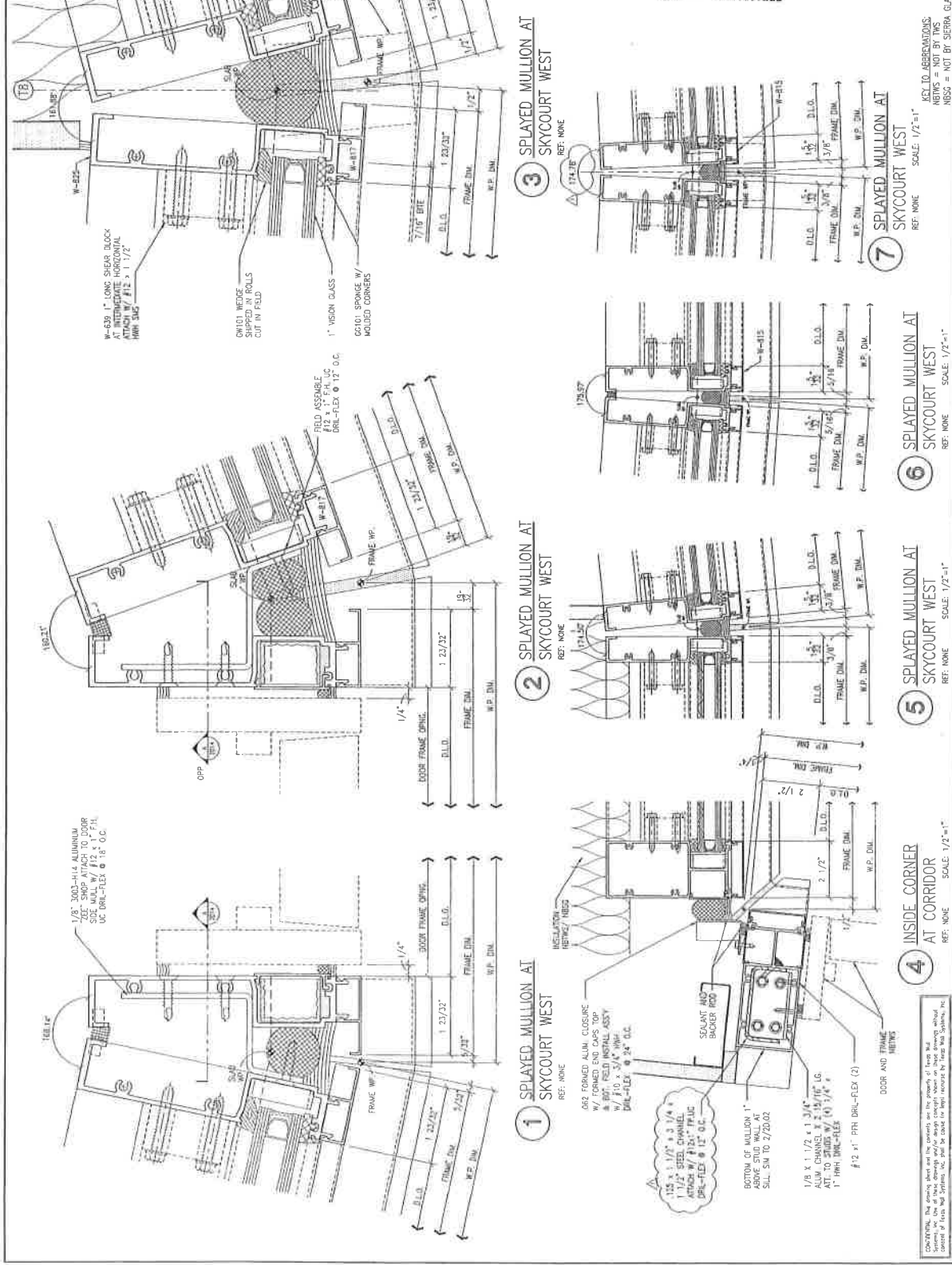
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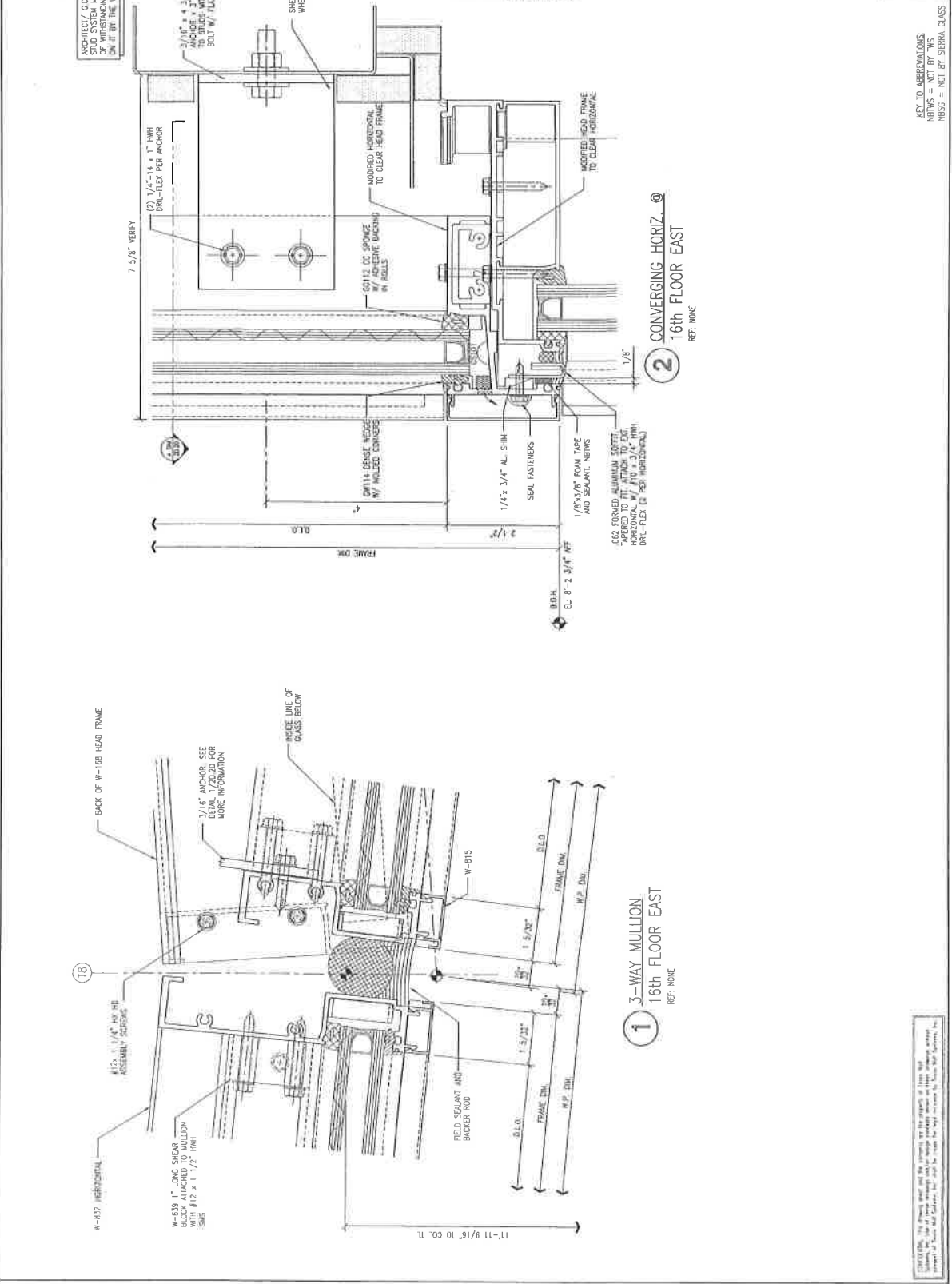
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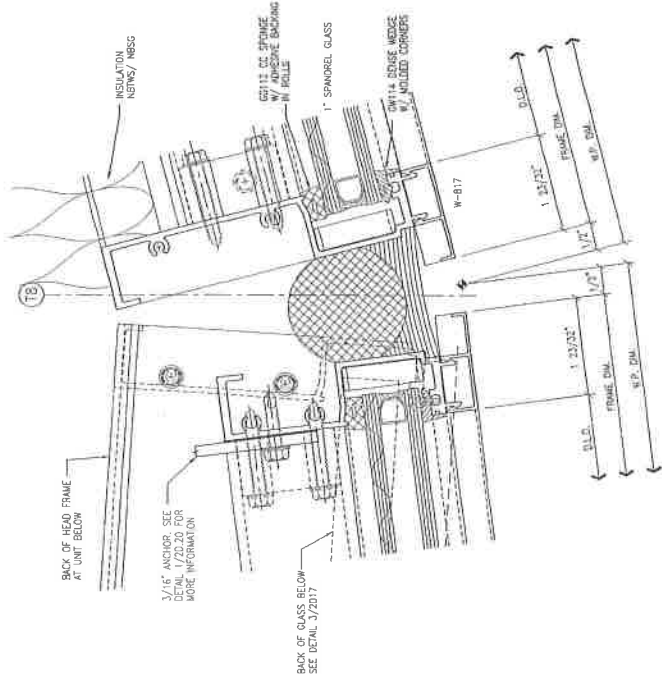
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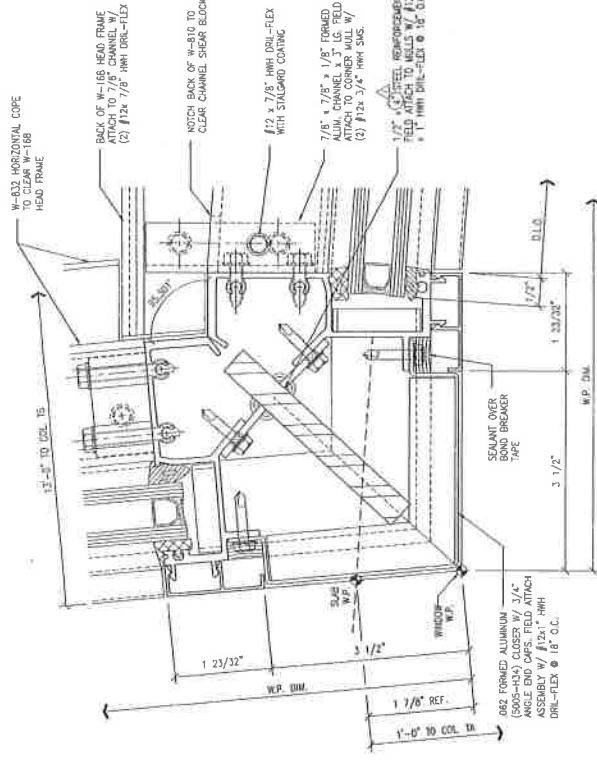
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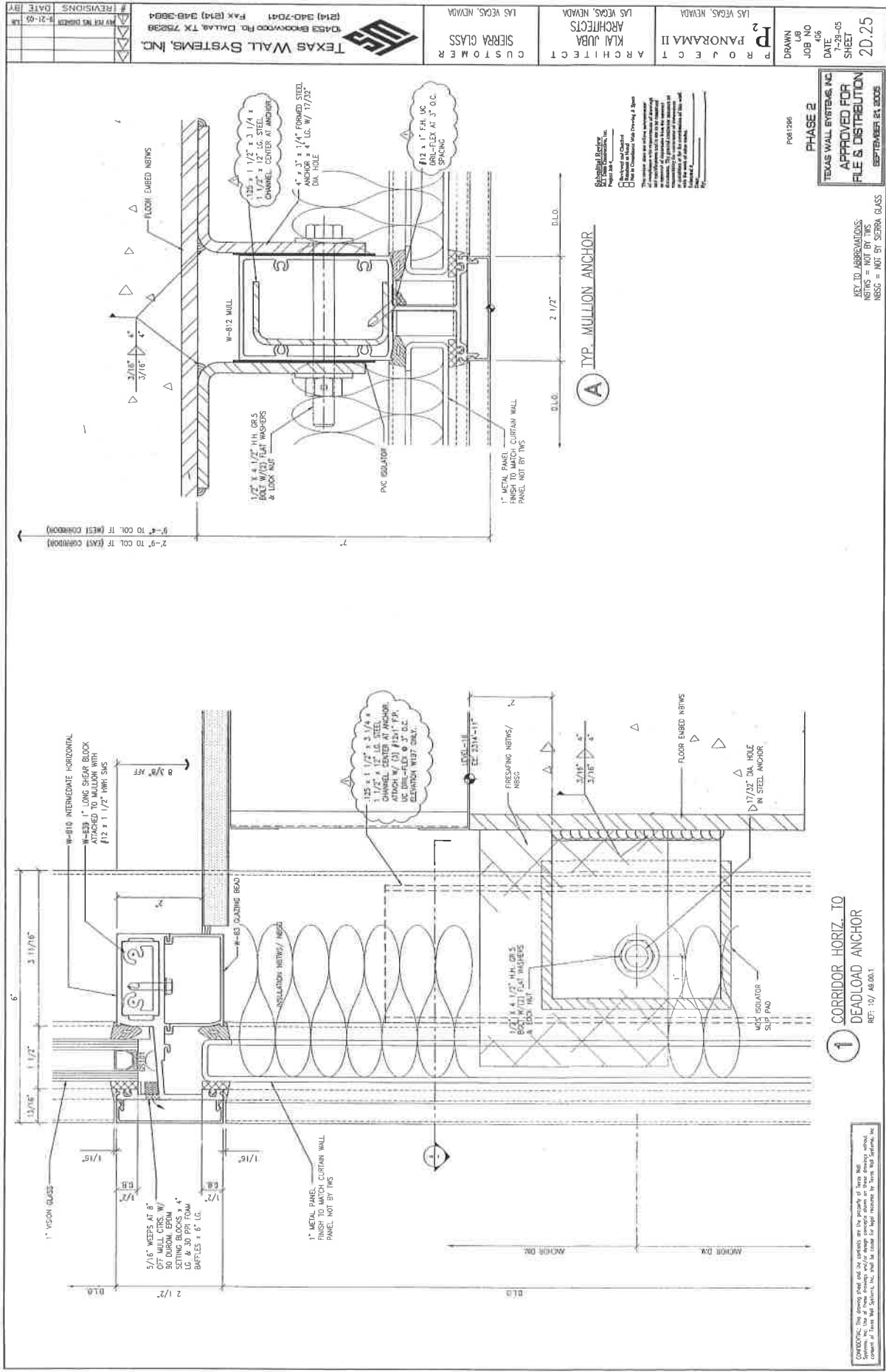
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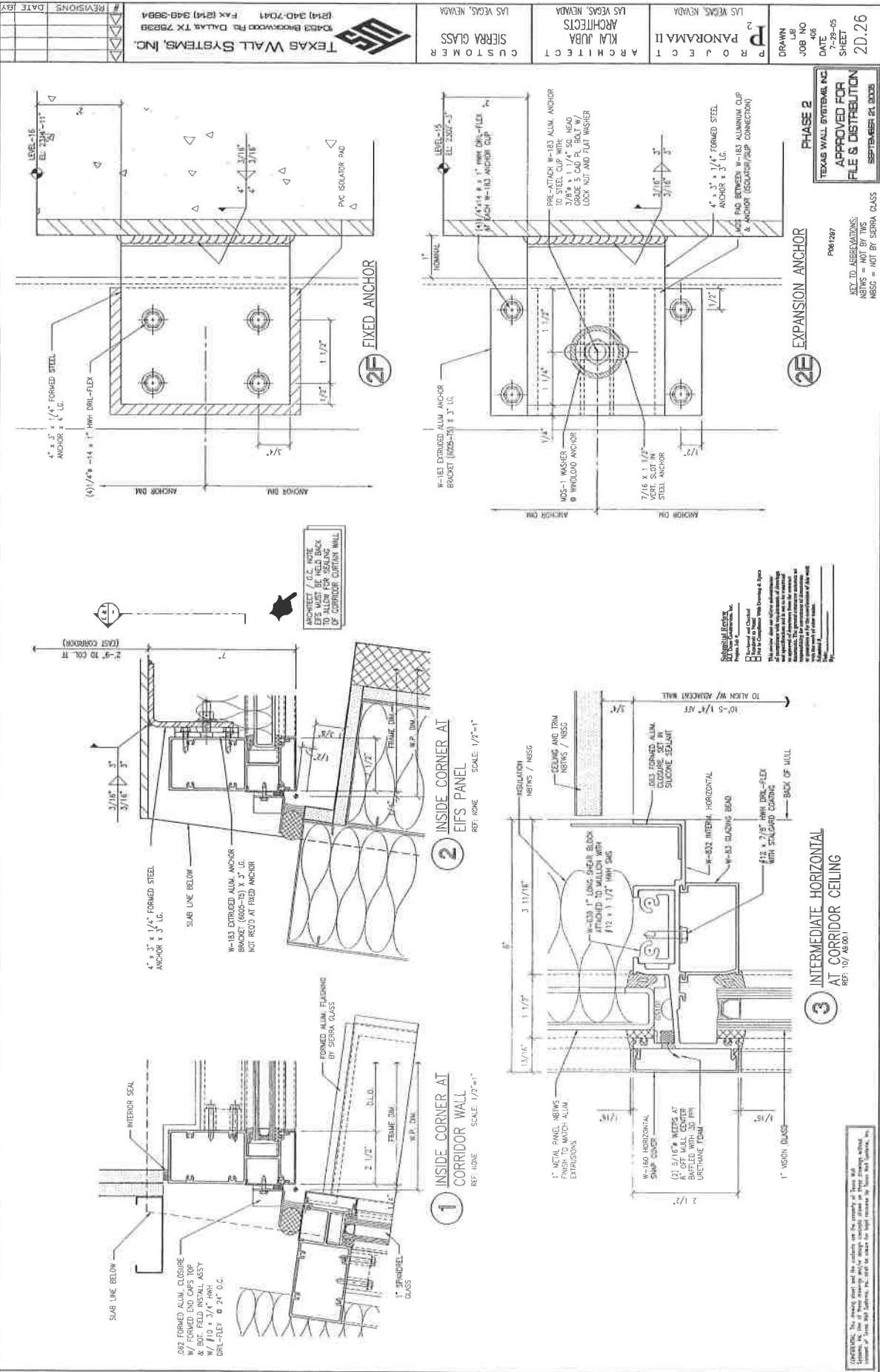
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FORMED ALUMINUM GLAZE-IN PANEL NUTS

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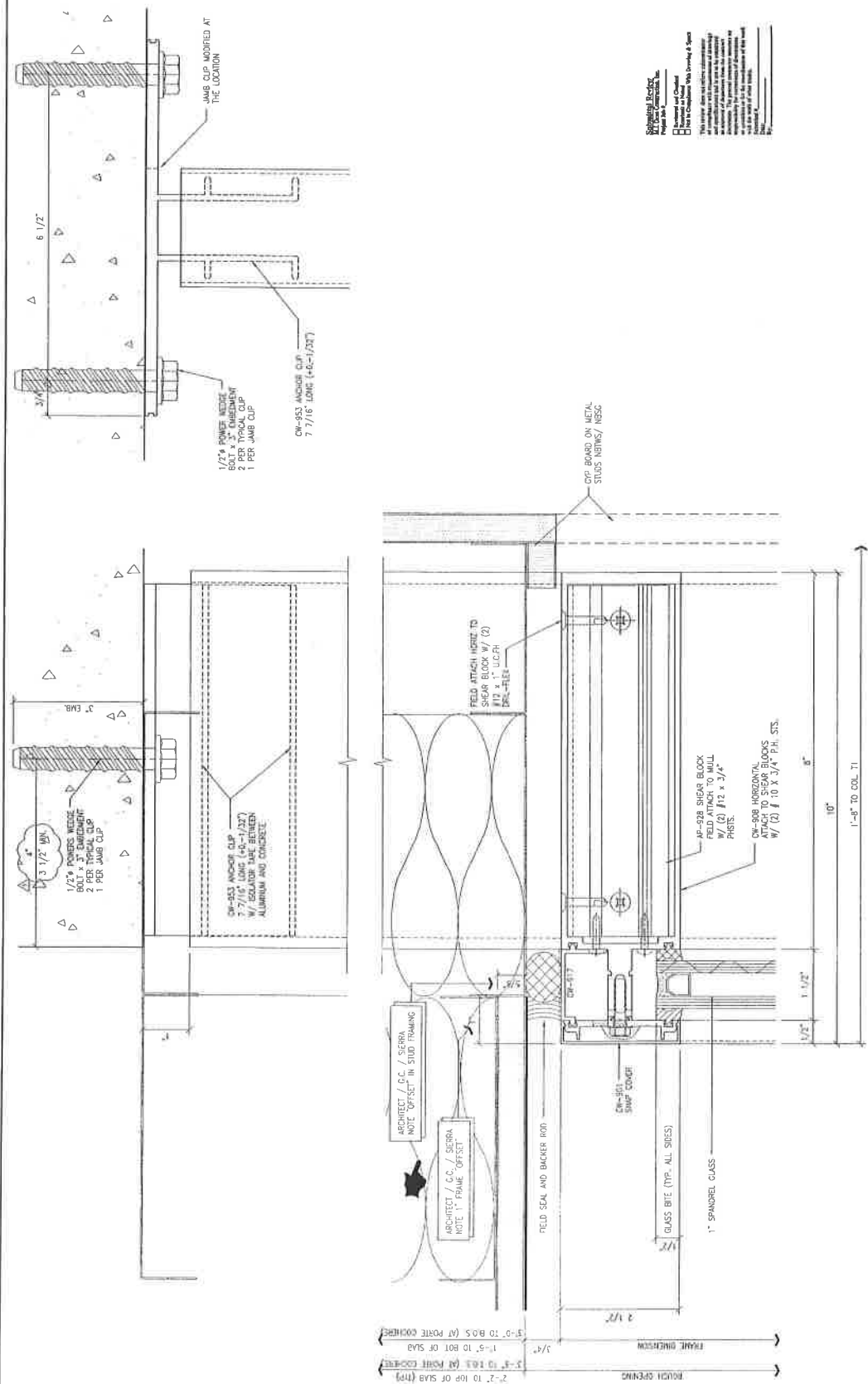
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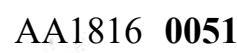
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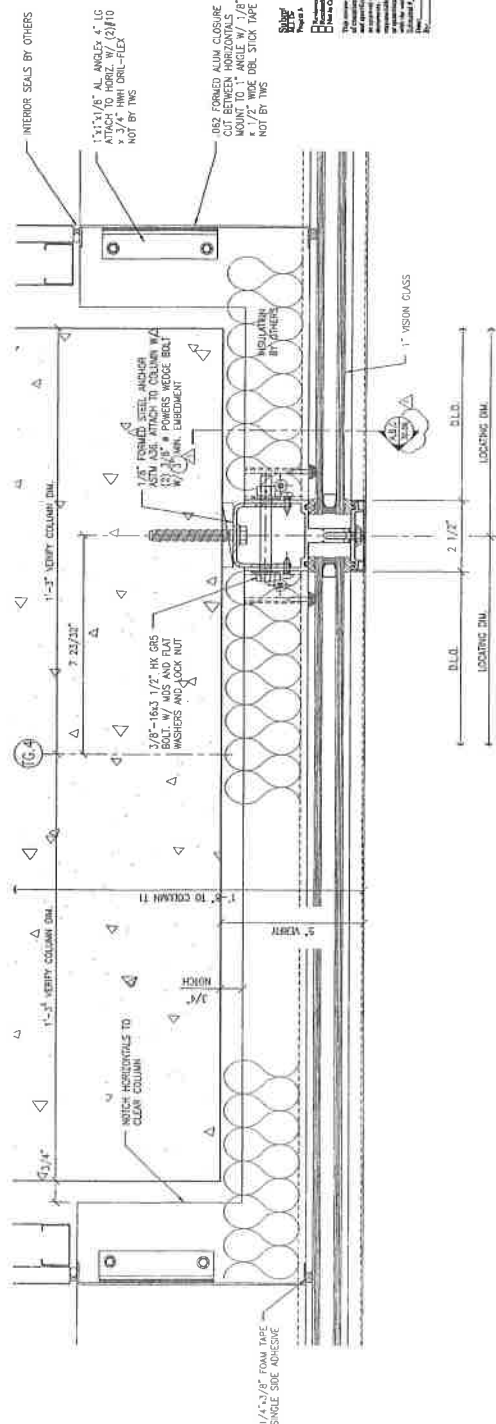






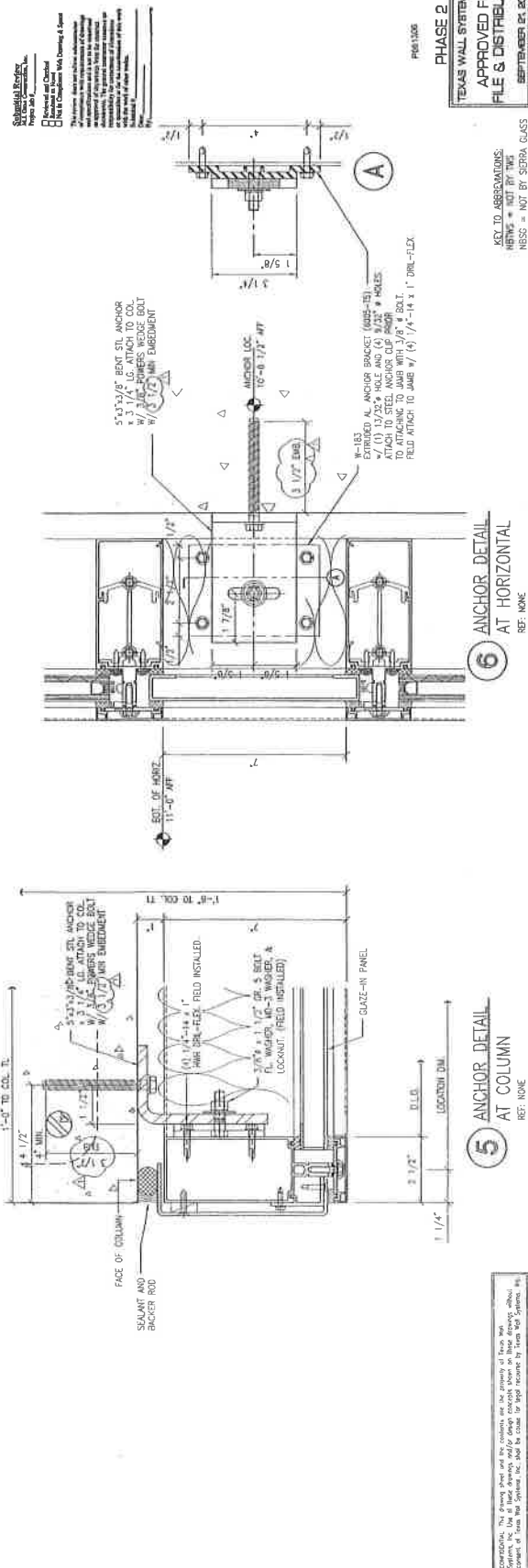
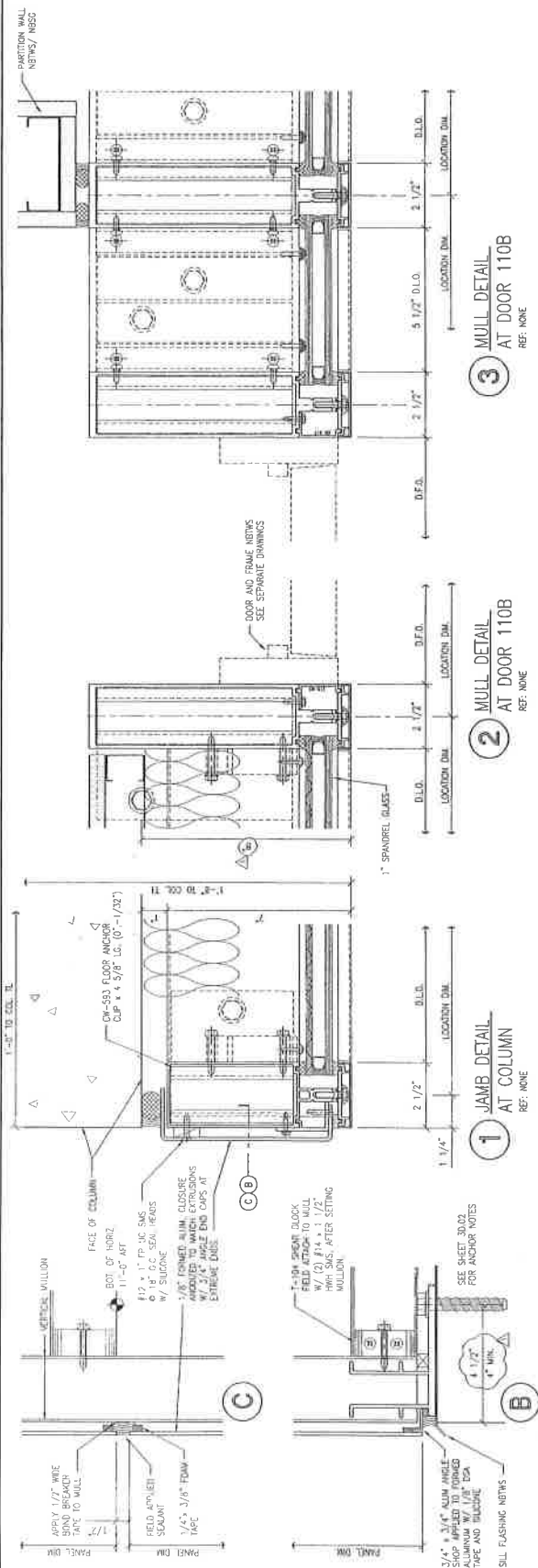
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FLASHING METERS

MECHANICAL CHEN SHEATHING METERS / MISC.

INSULATION

W/ 1/2" TYP. WALL

3/8" - 16x1 1/4" HEX GL.S BOLT W/ WASHERS AND LOCK W/ NUTS (2 PER MULLION & 1 PER JAMB)

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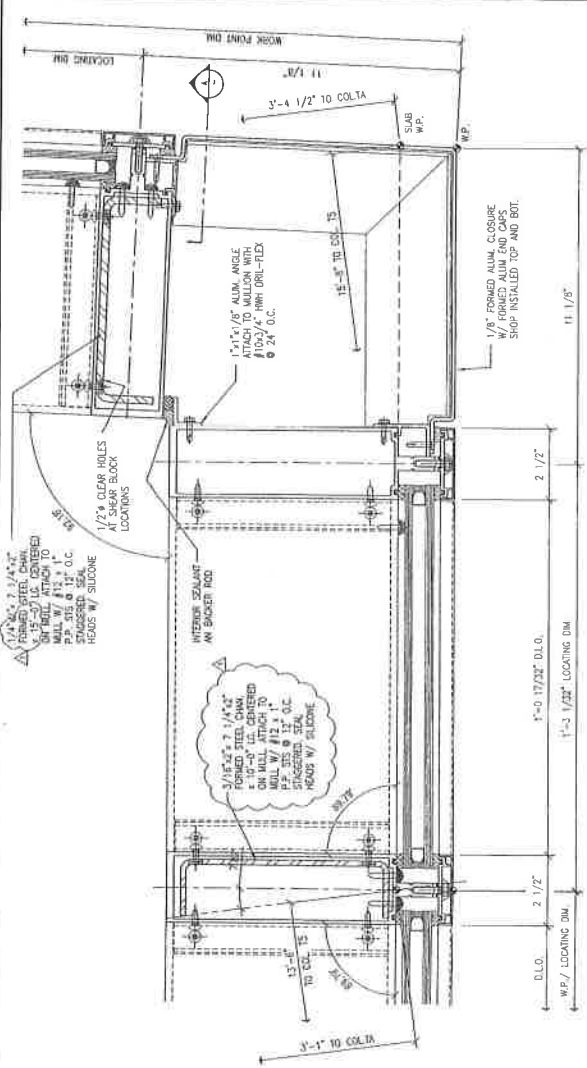
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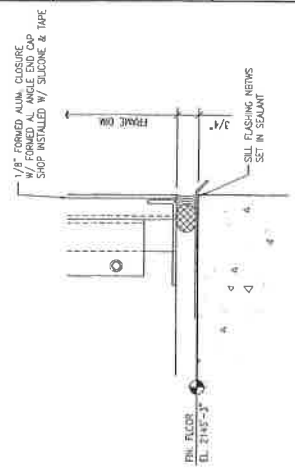
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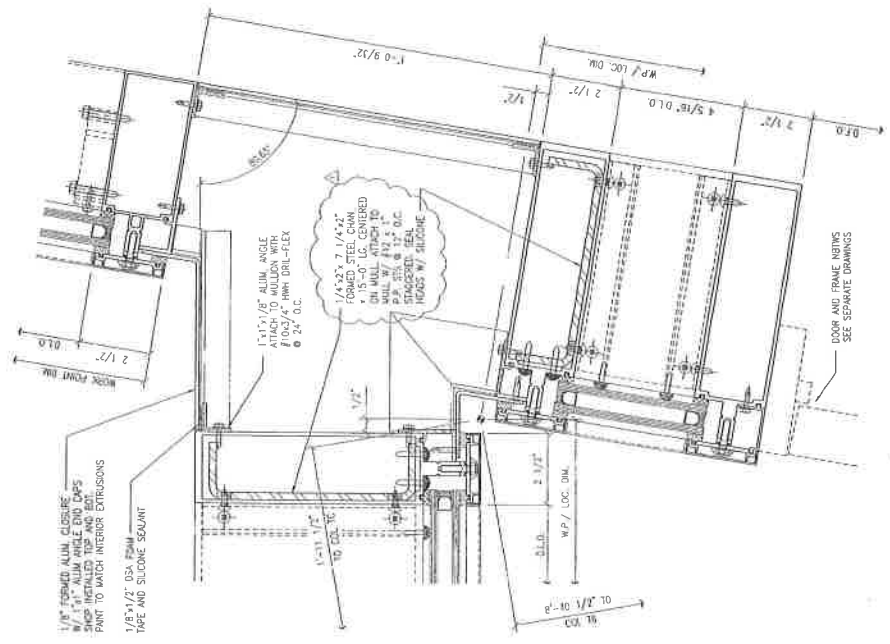
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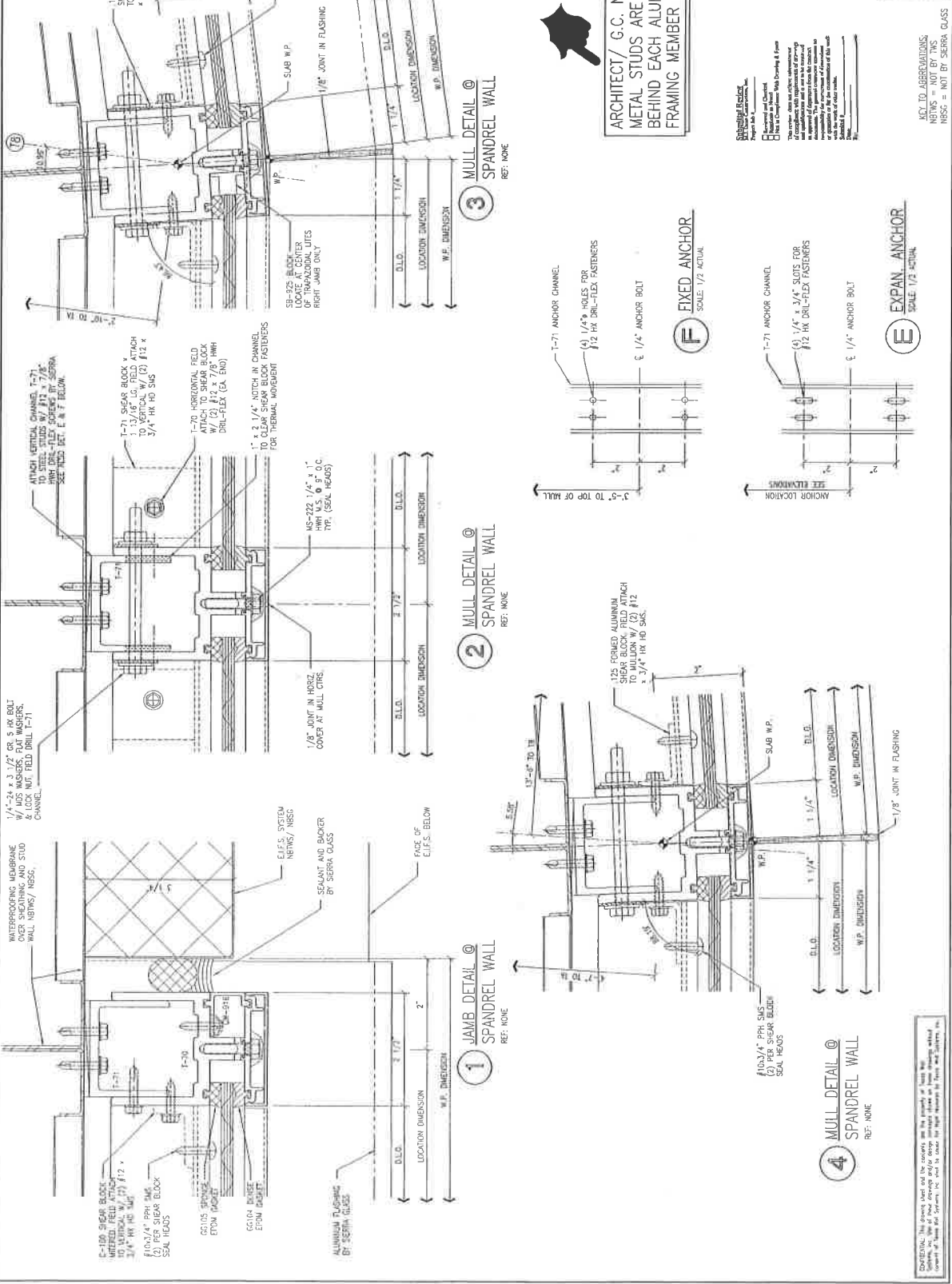


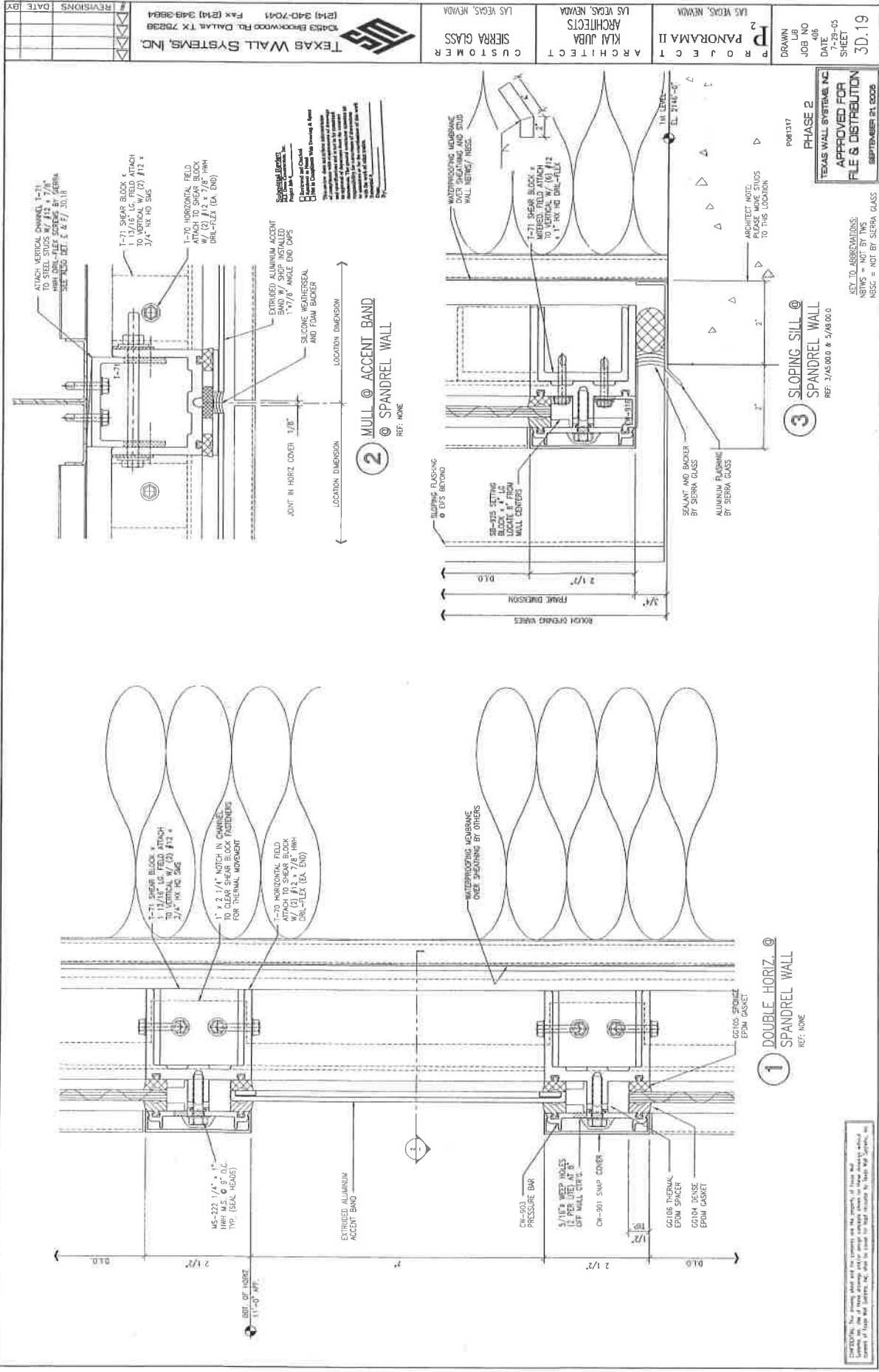


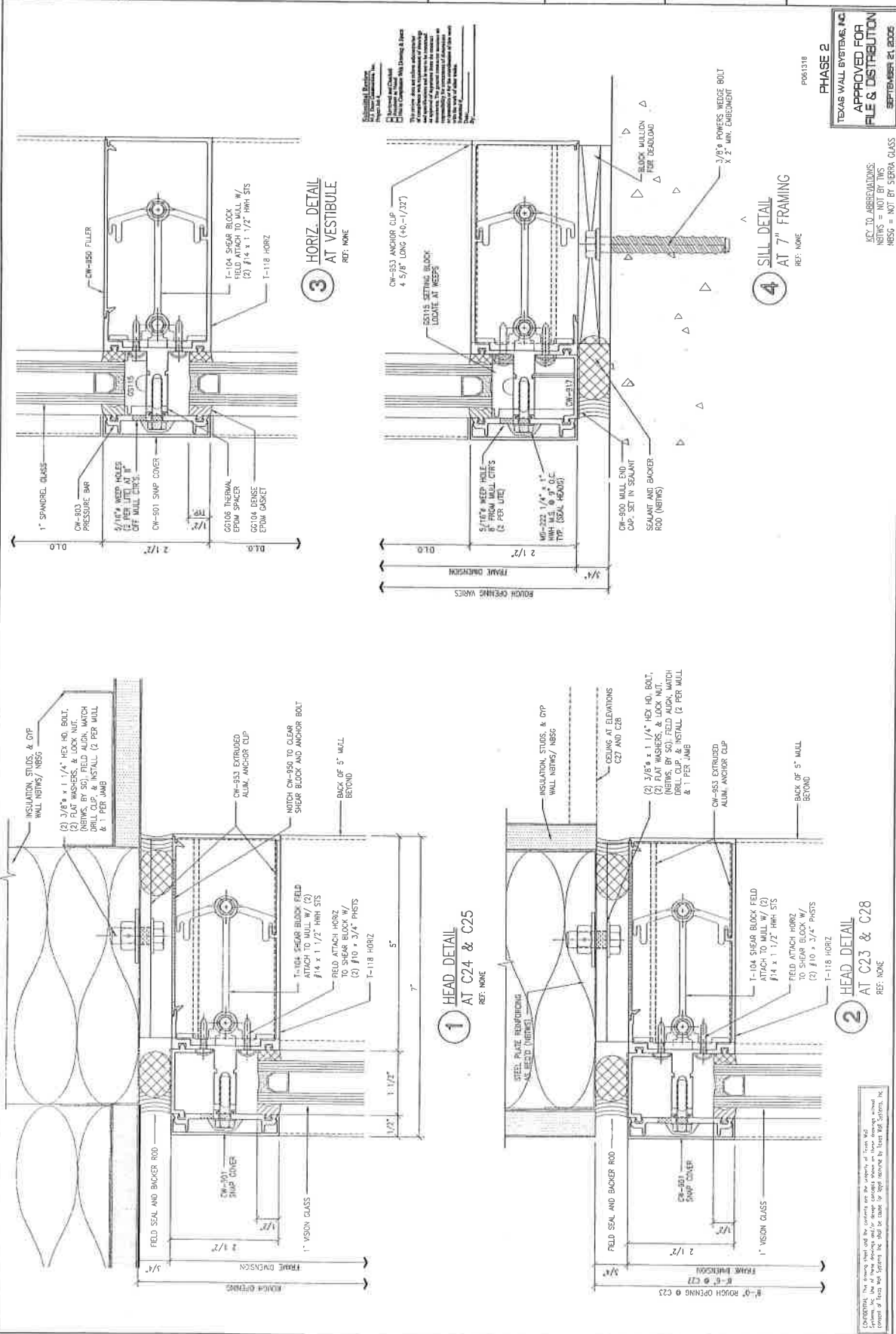
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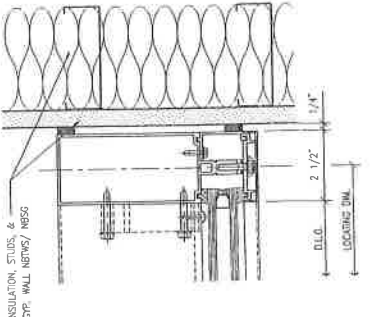




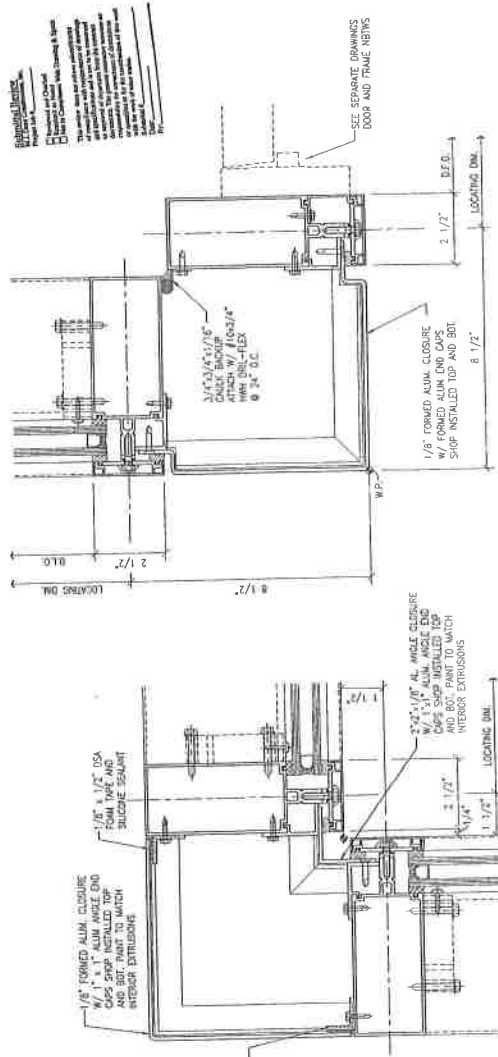


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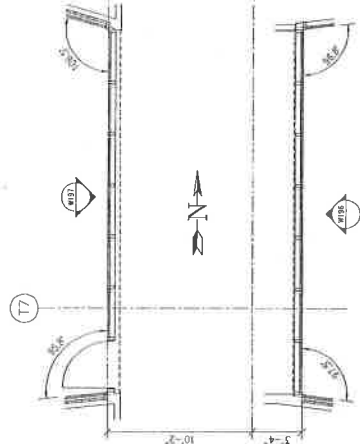
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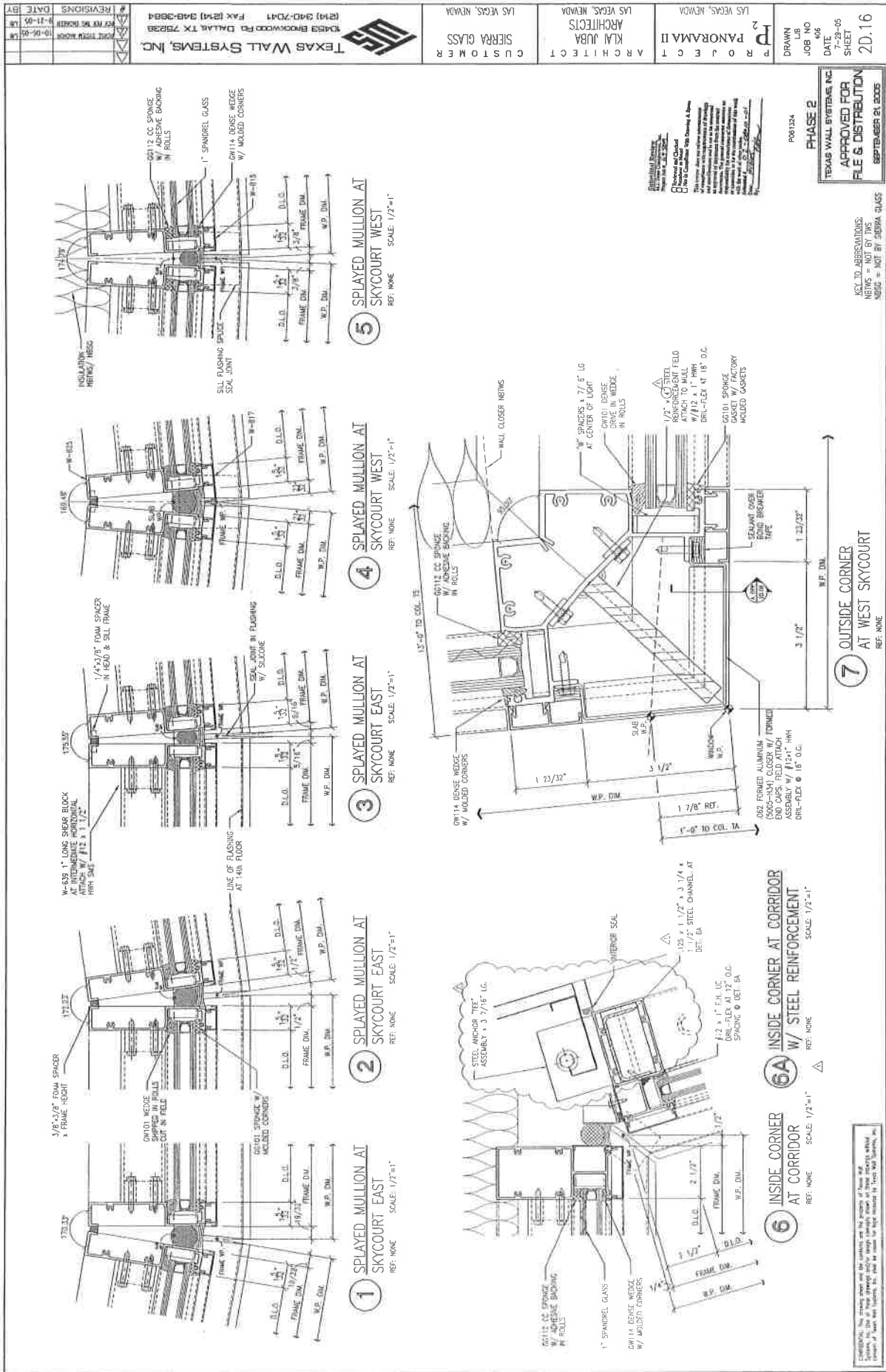


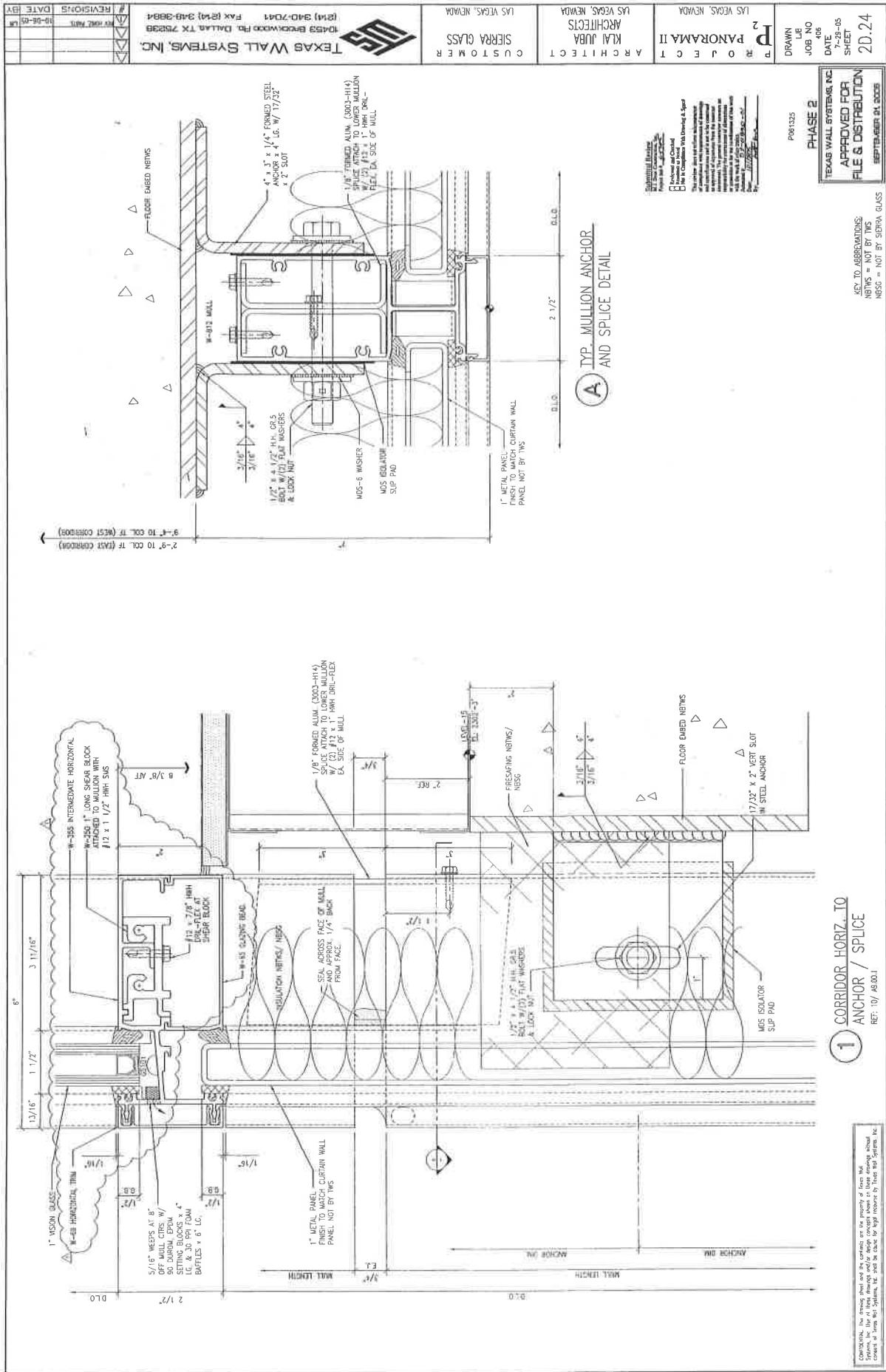
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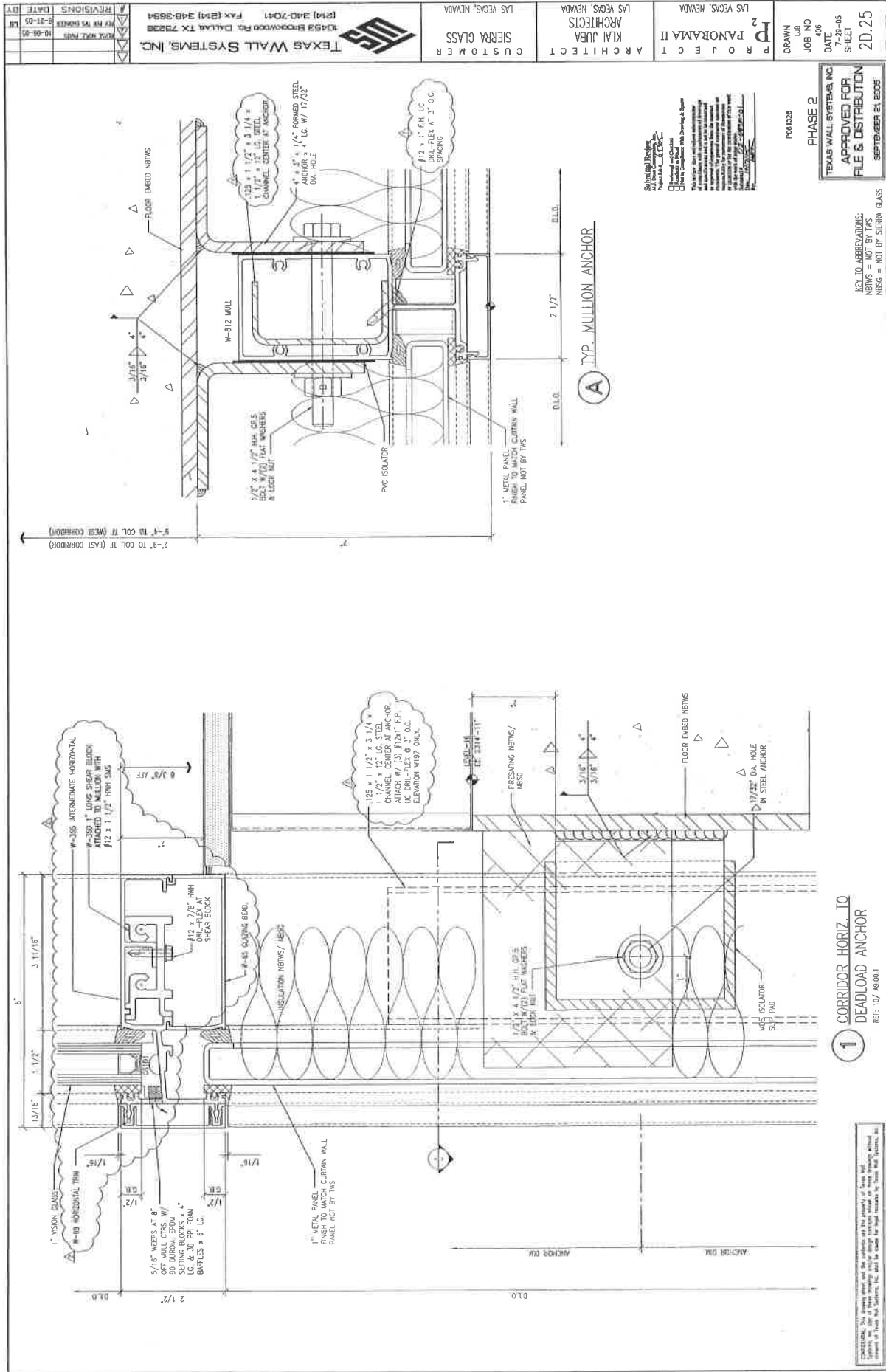
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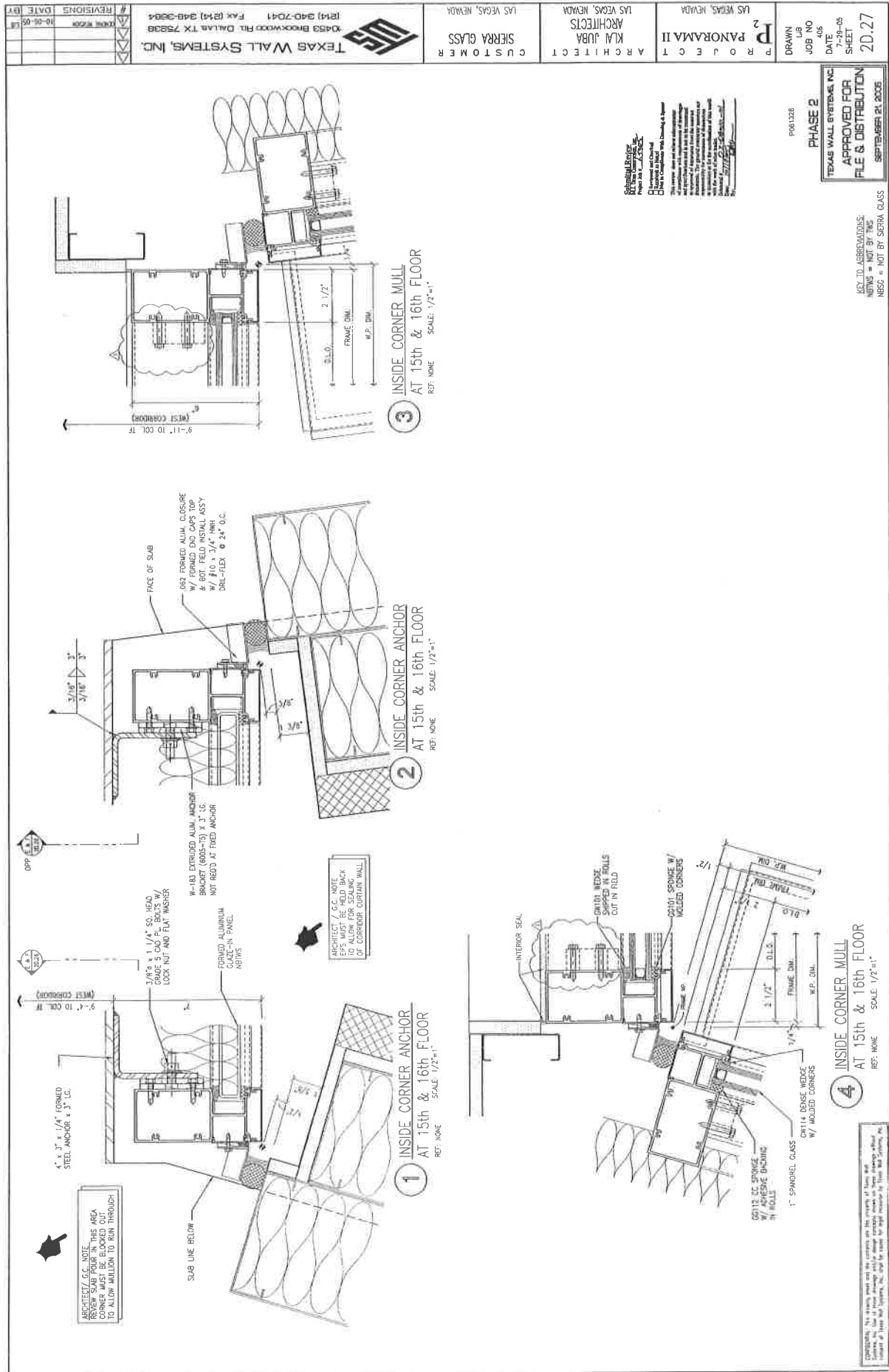
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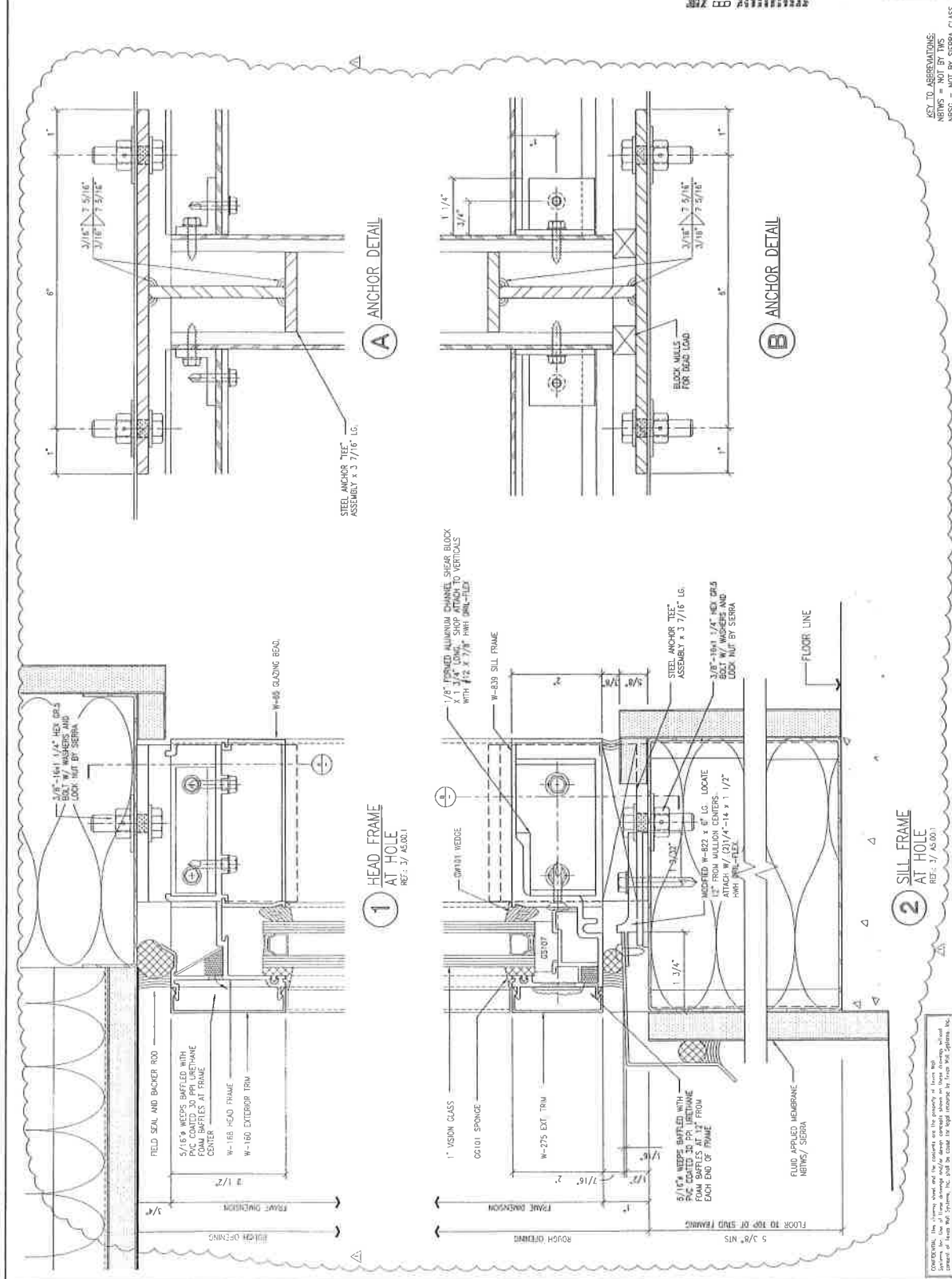
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Undersigned's Customer: Sierra Glass & Mirror  
Invoice/Payment Application Number: 4  
Payment Amount: \$42,000.00  
Payment Period: November 30, 2005

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# Training Manual

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This training manual addresses the installation of residential and light commercial windows and exterior glass doors. It includes information pertaining to both new construction and replacement projects. This manual is only a portion of the information provided to installers who participate in the AAMA Installer Training and Registration Program. In addition to this manual:

1. Training videos involving twenty-one installation demonstrations will be used; and
2. Instructional training classes are offered, which may include installation demonstrations, product samples, and classroom lectures.

**Important Note:** Different types of windows and doors require specific installation techniques. The information provided in this manual does not supercede installation instructions provided by the manufacturer. Always consult the manufacturer's instructions.

### 1.1 AAMA INSTALLER TRAINING AND REGISTRATION PROGRAM

#### 1.1.1 Purpose of the Program

The AAMA Installer Training and Registration Program was developed to improve the installation of fenestration products within the construction industry. The goal is to eliminate avoidable problems and reduce the need for additional work due to callbacks.

This program is intended for installers of residential and light commercial windows and exterior glass doors. This training does not address the installation of residential entrance doors (i.e., wood, steel, fiberglass doors).

Other professionals involved in the construction industry can benefit from this training program and the information contained in this manual. This includes architects, specification writers, contractors, building owners, manufacturers, and numerous others.

Through an examination process, installers can demonstrate a mastery of the minimum knowledge required to complete the course in good standing. After an installer passes the examination, he/she will become an AAMA Registered installer.

Receiving an AAMA Registration does not assure the quality or appropriateness of work with respect to any particular installation. Being an AAMA Registered Installer is an indication that the candidate has attained a specific body of knowledge skills required to complete the course and pass a final examination.

The specific objectives of the AAMA Installer Training and Registration Program are to:

- Promote consistent, high quality installations in the residential and light commercial markets, promoting energy efficiency, decreasing installation deficiencies, minimizing product failure and callbacks, thereby lowering the ultimate cost to the consumer;
- Provide a means for installers to gain specific training regarding current practices used in their field;
- Provide a means of verification of installers' knowledge attained within their industry;
- Provide employers of installers an additional method of evaluating a potential employee's knowledge;
- Improve the credibility of practicing installers by verifying the measurement of a specific body of knowledge;

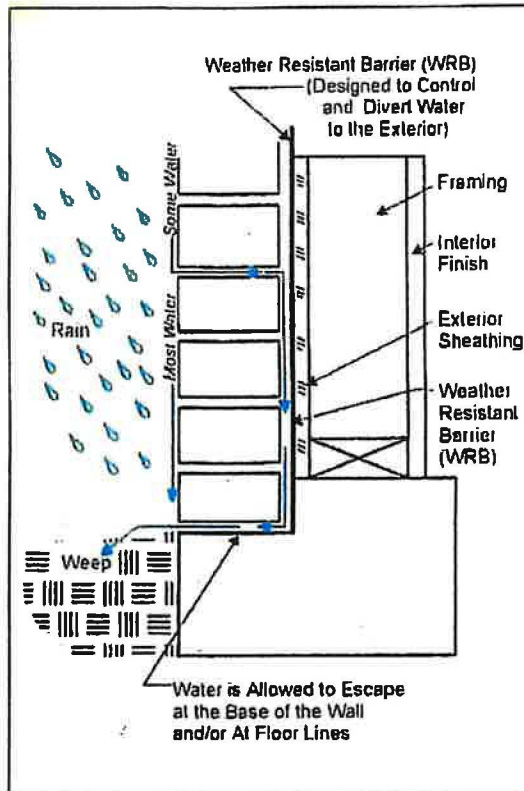


Figure 8-2 Membrane/Drainage Wall System

- Windows and doors are just one component of the entire building. Buildings employing the "Membrane/Drainage System" must incorporate the "Whole Building Concept." This concept is based on the knowledge that each construction element may allow some minor water infiltration; therefore, the water must be controlled and allowed to escape harmlessly. The "Whole Building Concept" includes the use of a weather resistant barrier applied in weather-board (shingled) fashion, which allows any residual water to drain down to the base where it is diverted out by a flashing member, screed, or screen.
- The most common types of products used in Membrane/Drainage Systems are products with mounting flanges (nail

fins). The mounting flange is used to locate and/or attach the product into the opening. Additionally, flashing and sealant are applied to integrate the fenestration product and the weather resistant barrier. Block frame windows can also be used in membrane/drainage walls when they include exterior casing (brick mold) and are properly integrated with the flashing and weather resistant barrier materials. Block frame windows in this example can be attached through the brick mold or through the frame.

- Sealing to the exterior surface (building façade) of a membrane/drainage wall should never be the only method of sealing between the fenestration product and the weather resistant barrier. Sealing to the exterior surface of the membrane/drainage wall only may inhibit or trap water inside the drainage plane of the wall cavity, which could result in water buildup and water infiltration toward the interior of the building.

#### EIFS and GFRW Walls

EIFS (Exterior Insulation Finish System) and GFRW (Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete) walls can be considered either the "Surface Barrier System" or the "Membrane/Drainage System," depending on the manufacturer and the design of their product. EIFS systems (see Figure 8-3) are proprietary and may not be compatible with all types of fenestration products, flashing systems, and sealants. The installer should work with the approving authority to verify the requirements of the fenestration system, flashing, sealant, and EIFS suppliers to ensure the compatibility of these materials in the completed assembly. If conflicts exist, the installer should receive written direction from the approving authority on how to proceed with the work.



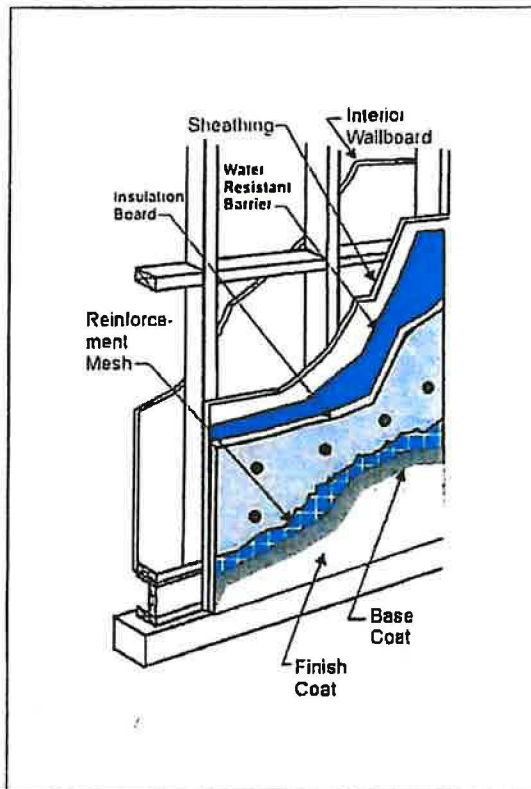


Figure 8-3 Exterior Insulation Finish System (EIFS)

- EIFS walls require a weather resistant barrier over the sheathing, which allows the system to be mechanically attached through the paper into the supporting wall structure. A drainage plane can be introduced by placing a plastic mesh between the EIFS and the weather resistant barrier. Weep holes or drainage tracks installed at the bottom of the walls and the floor lines eliminate the buildup of incidental water, permitting it to drain to the exterior.
- Wall systems which do not incorporate a weather resistant barrier (such as house wrap or building paper) behind the exterior face to allow for drainage must be treated as a "Surface Barrier System."

- The installer must consult with the EIFS cladding supplier to obtain information regarding the type of EIFS system to be installed in order to determine the appropriate method of installing the fenestration products and related flashing materials.

## 8.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION

Contractors and installers are required to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards (29CFR Parts 1910 and 1926) if they have employees. OSHA requires all employers to provide a safe and healthy workplace for their employees. In addition to OSHA's requirements, it is also important to protect the occupants from health and safety hazards as well as to protect their possessions from damage resulting from the installation process.

Health and safety on the job site are very important. Over 90 percent of construction-related major accidents are the result of four factors:

1. Falls (from heights)
2. Electrocutions
3. Crushing injuries (i.e., trench cave-ins)
4. Being struck by equipment or materials

On the job, a little caution and care go a long way. Make health and safety awareness a habit. Workers can avoid most accidents by using common sense, working at a reasonable pace, and maintaining constant awareness of their surroundings.

Contractors and/or installers can maintain a safe and healthful workplace by conducting a health and safety inspection of the work site before and during each job.

## 9.1.4 Standards

There are numerous groups that work diligently to develop standards for the fenestration industry (see Table 9-2).

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Table 9-2 Agencies Developing Standards

Agencies and departments within the federal government also develop standards to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens. Many of their standards address fenestration product requirements which have been adopted as code and must be obeyed.

- **CPSC** — Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is a federal agency that regulates product safety. Safety glazing regulation 16 CFR Part 1201 became law on July 6, 1977, and mandates glazing in all doors designed primarily for human passage.
- **OSHA** — Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is a division of the U.S. Department of Labor that develops and enforces safety requirements for the protection of employees in the workplace.
- **ADA** — Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990 and was implemented by the Department of Justice on July 26, 1991. These regulations have had far-reaching effects upon the glazing trade, especially regarding access to, and use of, buildings by the disabled.

## 9.2 HOME RULE DOCTRINE

Because of the large number of specifications, codes, and standards that affect the fenestration industry, conflicts between their requirements will inevitably arise. When a conflict occurs, one should



remember the concept of "Home Rule Doctrine," which means "the most stringent requirement applies." Our governmental structure allows the lowest governing body to have final control of the code, as long as their requirement is more stringent than state or federally adopted regulations.

An example of "Home Rule Doctrine" might be maximum sill height for an egress window (see Figure 9-3). The UBC (Uniform Building Code) allows a maximum of 44 inches. A state code may reduce this to 42 inches. The county code may be 40 inches, and the local code even lower, to 38 inches. In this case, the 38-inch maximum would be enforced because it is the most stringent. The Homeowners' Association's CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) could reduce the sill height even more.

### 9.3 ACCESSIBILITY

The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 requires that public buildings and multifamily dwellings include certain features of accessible design. Therefore, installers of doors must have an awareness of Fair Housing Act design and construction requirements. Multifamily dwellings are generally considered to be buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units.

#### 9.3.1 Windows

The Fair Housing Act Amendment requirement does not apply to windows.

#### 9.3.2 Doors

When installing exterior glass doors in multiple family dwellings, consider this list of pointers and cautions:

- Doors must be wide enough to enable a person in a wheelchair to maneuver through easily.

- Doors must have a minimum clear-opening width of 32 inches (measured from face of door to the stop with door open 90 degrees) for wheelchair access.
- Exterior door thresholds and sliding door tracks must not exceed 3/4" in height. Thresholds and changes in level at these locations are beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.
- In single-story dwelling units, changes in height within the unit of 1/4" to 1/2" must be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2. Those greater than 1/2" must be ramped or have other means of access.
- Minimum clear width for accessible route inside the unit is 36 inches.
- All types of doors are covered - hinged, sliding, and folding.
- Doors leading to any outdoor amenities the dwelling may have—balcony, patio, deck—should be covered. If a deck or patio has doorways leading into two or more separate rooms, all these doors must be accessible.
- Requirements apply to public and common-use doors, doors leading into an individual dwelling unit, and all doors within the dwelling unit itself.
- Doors in public or common-use areas, when installed, must be in conformance with ANSI Standards.
- Hallways, passages, and corridors must be wide enough to allow room to maneuver a wheelchair throughout.

### 9.4 EGRESS REQUIREMENTS

Egress refers to a means of exiting a building. All three Model Codes include specific requirements for egress. They include requirements for emergency egress (doors and windows) and standard egress (doors). This section briefly discusses emergency egress, which is titled "Access

## 10. MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

There are hundreds of manufacturers of windows and doors across the country. Many manufacturers have developed specific uses and installation procedures for their products, which are referred to as "manufacturer's installation instructions."

These manufacturers provide installation instructions for guidance and direction in the proper installation of their products. The information provided as part of the instructions protects both the installer and the manufacturer from improper installation of fenestration products.

Manufacturer's Instructions should be considered a requirement, not an option. At any time that the manufacturer's instructions appear inconsistent with the job requirements, the installer must seek further information from the responsible architect, builder, and manufacturer. Action inconsistent with manufacturer instructions must never be taken without consultation with all appropriate parties.

### 10.1 MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Manufacturers often develop and build products to meet industry standards. These products must meet specific performance requirements when built and installed in a certain manner. It is not the intent of this training to override the manufacturer's recommendations on proper installation techniques. This training is meant to provide minimum requirements and to reinforce the use of the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Let's review an example. Assume that there are no architectural drawings, specifications, or shop drawings. If a manufacturer's

installation instructions indicate that the products are to be installed with #10 x 2 inches long wood screws located at 8 inches on center, those recommendations must be followed. The manufacturer is being specific regarding the need to attach the product at certain locations. It is entirely possible that the manufacturer has determined through testing that the window performs better when attached in this manner. If another source, such as this training manual, indicates that products are to be attached at a minimum of 12 inches on center, the manufacturer's instructions should still be followed. For clarification, this training manual might indicate a spacing that covers most circumstances, but the manufacturer's requirement is based on product performance. When this situation occurs, the installer must follow the manufacturer's guidelines. Understanding this distinction is critical to an installer's success in meeting his obligation to install the products in an appropriate manner.

To reduce the potential for confusion, the installer or the appropriate responsible authority should review the construction documents listed below:

- Local and Regional Codes
- Building Codes
- Architectural Specifications and Drawings
- Manufacturer's Detailed Shop Drawings and Installation Instructions

### 10.2 GENERAL INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

The guidelines and principles outlined in this training manual are general installation guidelines and should be considered minimum requirements. The manufacturer's specific installation instructions should be followed. However,



## MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS: CHAPTER 10

they sometimes do not include flashing or sealing technique information. When information is missing, use the manufacturer's instructions to attach or install the product into the opening and the guidelines outlined in this manual for appropriate sealing and flashing techniques.

This training manual does not offer recommendations specific to every manufacturer, but it does offer recommendations for basic installation practices. The installation practices outlined in this training manual have been developed by consensus among industry experts in the field of building construction.

### 10.3 CONSULTING THE MANUFACTURER

If the installer does not find installation instructions with the product, the installer should consult the contractor, manufacturer, or dealer regarding his or her recommendations and have instructions sent before proceeding. When no installation instructions are offered from any other source, the installer should use the procedures outlined in this training manual as a minimum installation requirement.

### 10.4 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Occasionally, the installation of windows and doors differs from the "norm." If the manufacturer's installation instructions and the guidelines offered in this training do not address a special circumstance found on the job, the installer is responsible for contacting the contractor or manufacturer for specific instructions relative to the special job in question. Many manufacturers have trained engineering personnel on staff who can assist with special applications. Often the manufacturer provides products based on a specific order without knowing the intended use of his products. Detailed information should be shared between the installer and

the manufacturer to correctly address the special circumstances that arise.

### 10.5 WHEN CONFLICTS ARISE

There will be cases when conflicts arise between the installer and the approving authority. An installer may be told to install a product in a certain manner which is in direct conflict with the manufacturer's instructions and/or the principles outlined in this training manual. When this situation occurs, the installer may consider stopping work until a written waiver of responsibility is provided.

Full documentation of the situation, the conflicting instructions, and the actions taken by the installer must be done in writing as a matter of permanent record. Installers are encouraged to maintain these records for a period of not less than ten (10) years.

#### Notes:

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Wall Covering	When to Install Trim
Shingle	Before wall covering
Stucco, Brick, and Stone	Before wall covering
Horizontal or Vertical Board Siding	Before or After wall covering
Plywood Siding	After wall covering
Specialty Design	As determined by the architect

Table 16-3 Trim Application

4. Use a top-quality exterior primer to seal all sides and ends of the trim before installing. Unsealed trim will tend to soak up water and decay.
5. Attach bottom trim first, jambs second and head last (if needed).
6. Butter sealant along end grain of jamb trim before installing.
7. Do not penetrate mounting flange, if existent.
8. Seal the joints between the trim, siding, and window using the proper sealant and joint designs.
9. Finish with two coats of top-quality exterior paint. *For detailed information on Priming and Painting, see Chapter 13, Section 13.7.*

### 16.9.2 Drip Caps

A drip cap is often used at the head of windows to help direct water away (see *Figure 16-75*). Whenever adding a drip cap, the top surface should extend beyond the

outboard face of the window and/or trim, slope to the exterior, and have a pronounced drip edge. The drip cap can be made of wood, vinyl, aluminum, and other materials.

Some drip caps are provided as an integral part of the frame, while others are site-built and applied. When field-applying a drip cap, make sure to integrate it with a piece of rigid head flashing, both above and below the drip cap. The rigid head flashing above the drip cap and/or brick mold should be set in a bead of sealant. When using rigid head flashing under the drip cap, the sealant is omitted in order to allow for any residual water to escape from behind the drip cap. In both cases, the top edge of the rigid head flashing is sealed to the flexible flashing and/or weather resistant barrier. (See *Section 16.9.3 for instructions relative to the application of rigid head flashing.*)

### 16.9.3 Rigid Head Flashing

When using head trim, brick mold, and /or drip caps, a piece of rigid head flashing is recommended. The head flashing is applied over the head trim to promote shedding of water off the top of the window head. The upstanding leg of this flashing must be integrated with the weather resistant barrier as indicated in *Section 16.7.5*.

To apply the head flashing, follow the instructions below:

1. Cut the rigid head flashing the full length of the width of the window head trim or drip cap, plus enough to allow for capping the ends. (Approximately 1" to 1 1/2" longer than trim, depending on the height of the down turned leg of the flashing.) (See *Figure 16-74.*)
2. Cut the ends of the head flashing and fold over to cover the exposed ends of any head trim or brick mold. The folded

ends will help restrict water from blowing under the head flashing.

3. Prior to installation of the rigid head flashing, apply a bead of sealant on top of the drip cap or brick mold. Locate the bead where it will allow the head flashing to be set in sealant.
4. Apply another bead of sealant to the top edge of the head flashing prior to attaching it to the header/sheathing. Install the head flashing under the flap of the weather resistant barrier.
5. Attach the head flashing with galvanized screws or nails. Seal over the heads of any fasteners that penetrate the flashing (see Figure 16-75).
6. Trim the weather resistant barrier to lie flat against the upstanding leg of the flashing.
7. Place a bead of sealant along the lower portion of the upstanding leg of the rigid flashing.
8. Release the weather resistant barrier and trim to lay against the upstanding leg of the flashing. Compress the flap of the weather resistant barrier into the sealant previously applied to the rigid head flashing.
9. Apply sheathing tape over the diagonal cuts previously made in the flap of the weather resistant barrier at the head.

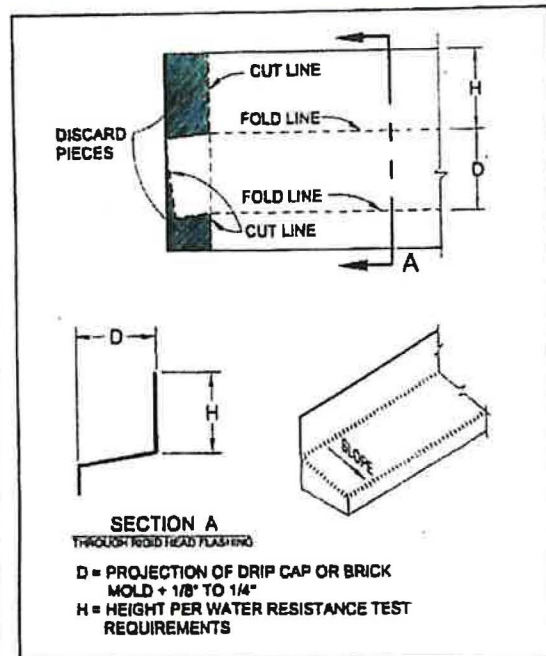


Figure 16-74 Cut and Fold Rigid Head Flashing

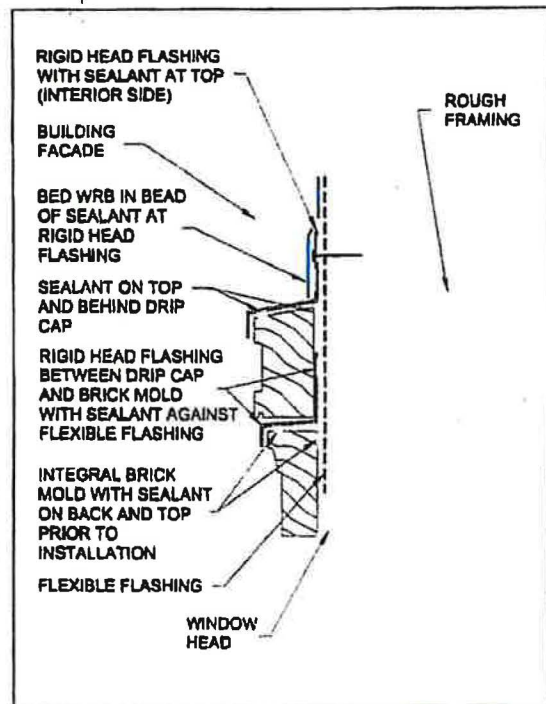
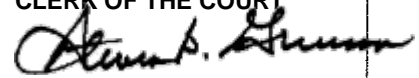


Figure 16-75 Seal Drip Cap and Rigid Head Flashing





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**Defendant's Reply in Support of  
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Hearing Date: February 12, 2019  
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MECHANICAL, LLC; R. RODGERS  
CORPORATION; FIVE STAR PLUMBING &  
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ROES 1 through 1000, inclusive,

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## **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

### **I.**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In effort to obtain an unfair and early end to this litigation, the Builders oppose the HOA's legally sound Countermotions to exclude the Builders' inadmissible parol evidence and to conduct discovery pursuant to Rule 56(f). Nevada law, ignored by the Builders, clearly subjects the Declaration to the parol evidence rule and precludes the Court from considering the Builders' unreliable, self-serving extrinsic evidence. Nevada law also requires affording the HOA an opportunity to conduct discovery before having summary judgment against it due to the HOA's amply supported Rule 56(f) request. At a bare minimum, the HOA must be allowed to depose the Builders' purported expert, Mr. Loadsman, before having this Court adopt any of his inconsistent statements.

## II.

## LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. **The Declaration is Subject to the Parol Evidence Rule, Which Precludes the Court from Considering the Builders' Extrinsic Evidence to Alter the Declaration's Unambiguous Terms.**

The Builders go to great lengths to support their incorrect argument that the parol evidence rule does not apply to the Declaration. *See* Reply at 22:1–23:27. The Nevada Supreme Court has held that “CC & Rs constitute[] a written contract to convey land” and applied the parol evidence rule to such instruments. *See Sandy Valley Assocs. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Ass’n*, 117 Nev. 948, 956–58, 35 P.3d 964, 969–70 (2001) (permitting parol evidence to interpret ambiguous part of CC&Rs), *overruled on other grounds by Horgan v. Felton*, 123 Nev. 577, 170 P.3d 982 (2007). Therefore, Nevada law plainly requires this Court to follow the well-established parol evidence rule when deciding the Builders’ Motion seeking to strictly enforce the Declaration against the HOA.

The Builders also claim the Declaration is not an integrated contractual document. Reply at 21:21–24. When parties intentionally reduce their agreement to writing in a way that shows consideration of the legal ramifications, Nevada law conclusively presumes the entire agreement is contained in the writing. *See Brunzell v. Woodbury*, 85 Nev. 29, 33, 449 P.2d 158, 160 (1969). The Builders cannot seriously contend the Declaration does not show consideration of legal ramifications related to this highly detailed contractual document. Therefore, Nevada law requires this Court to conclusively presume the Declaration contains the entire agreement and reject parol evidence except as needed to interpret ambiguous terms. To the extent any ambiguities exist in the Declaration, the Court must construe them against the parties responsible for drafting the Declaration—the Builders. *See Am. First Fed. Credit Union v. Soro*, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 73, 359 P.3d 105, 106 (2015) (holding ambiguous contracts “should be construed against the drafter.”).

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1           ***1. The parol evidence rule precludes the Court from considering the Builders' self-***  
 2           ***serving extrinsic evidence aimed at altering the Declaration's plain meaning.***

3           The parol evidence rule prohibits reliance on extrinsic evidence “to add to, subtract from, vary,  
 4 or contradict . . . written instruments which dispose of property, or are contractual in nature and which  
 5 are valid, complete, unambiguous, and unaffected by accident or mistake.” *M.C. Multi-Family*  
 6 *Development, L.L.C. v. Crestdale Associates, Ltd.*, 124 Nev. 901, 913–14, 193 P.3d 536, 544–45  
 7 (2008).

8           Here, the Builders' contention that the Court may consider their inadmissible parol evidence  
 9 because it simply explains the Declaration is inaccurate for two reasons. First, the Builders never claim  
 10 the Declaration is ambiguous and in need of explanation via extrinsic evidence. Second, the Builders  
 11 use the Loadsman affidavit and Glossary for more than merely explaining the Declaration. For  
 12 example, Mr. Loadsman provides a suspect statement that conflates the definitions of “pan/panning”  
 13 and “pan flashing” from the Glossary, a document he claims as support for his opinion. *See* Mot., Ex.  
 14 F at ¶ 4; *compare* Mot., Ex. E at 38. The Builders plainly use these two pieces of extrinsic evidence to  
 15 alter the Declaration in their favor, something Nevada law precludes under any scenario.<sup>1</sup>

16           **B. The HOA's Conditional Countermotion for a Rule 56(f) Continuance.**

17           The Builders ask this Court to summarily dispose of the HOA's entire case without any ability  
 18 to conduct discovery, including a deposition of Mr. Loadsman, whose affidavit the Builders ask this  
 19 Court to rely on to throw out the HOA's case. Nevada law makes it quite clear that a district court  
 20 abuses its discretion by granting summary judgment without permitting any discovery. *See Aviation*  
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 23 <sup>1</sup> The Court may not consider extrinsic parol evidence to interpret the Declaration unless it first finds  
 24 the relevant terms to be ambiguous. *See M.C. Multi-Family Development, L.L.C.*, 124 Nev. at 913–  
 25 14, 193 P.3d at 544–45. And if the Court finds those terms to be ambiguous, Nevada law requires the  
 Court to interpret the terms in the HOA's favor and against the Builders. *See Am. First Fed. Credit*  
*Union v. Soro*, 359 P.3d at 106.

1 *Ventures, Inc. v. Joan Morris, Inc.*, 110 P.3d 59, 62 (Nev. 2005) (citing *Halimi v. H.R. Blacketer*, 770  
2 P.2d 531, 531–32 (Nev. 1989) (holding abuse of discretion to deny Rule 56(f) continuance where  
3 complaint on file less than one year and party not dilatory in doing discovery)); *Summerfeld v. Coca*  
4 *Cola Bottling Co.*, 948 P.2d 704, 705–06 (Nev. 1997) (same holding where complaint on file less than  
5 two years); *Ameritrade, Inc. v. First Interstate Bank*, 782 P.2d 1318, 1320 (Nev. 1989) (same holding  
6 where complaint on file less than eight months); *see also Harrison v. Falcon Products, Inc.*, 746 P.2d  
7 642 (Nev. 1987) (same holding where complaint on file less than two years). The Builders have no  
8 viable response to this long line of binding authority.

9       The Builders falsely claims the HOA has not identified what specific discovery it would  
10 perform if given the opportunity. Reply at 26:10–18. The HOA identified, by declaration of its counsel  
11 and elsewhere, the following discovery it would like to conduct: (1) depose Mr. Loadman, *see* Opp.  
12 at 13:8–10; (2) propound written discovery to the Builders, *see id.*, Ex. 3 (Gayan Dec.) at ¶ 6(a); (3)  
13 depose the Builders’ Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) related to the design and construction of the windows,  
14 *see id.* at ¶ 6(b); (4) depose others on the same issues, *see id.* at ¶ 6(c); and (5) designate experts after  
15 a full and fair opportunity to conduct fact discovery on the relevant issues. *See id.* at ¶ 6(d). All of this  
16 discovery will assist the HOA in presenting the fact-intensive, technical issues related to the window  
17 components before having summary judgment entered against it, which is the exact purpose of a Rule  
18 56(f) request.

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## III.

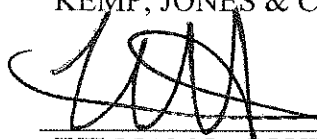
## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, should the Court consider the Builders' woefully inadequate request for summary judgment, the HOA respectfully countermoves (1) to exclude the Builders' inadmissible parol evidence, and (2) for a continuance pursuant to Rule 56(f) in order to conduct discovery before having summary judgment entered against it on these critical issues.

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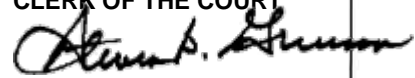
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I hereby certify that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, the foregoing **Defendant's Reply in Support of Countermotions to Exclude Inadmissible Evidence and for Rule 56(f) Relief** was served on the following by Electronic Service to all parties on the Court's service list.



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) **IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR**  
) **RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR**  
) **MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**  
) **ON DEFENDANT/COUNTER-**  
) **CLAIMANT PANORAMA TOWER**  
) **CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS'**  
) **ASSOCIATION'S APRIL 5, 2018**  
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CORPORATION; FIVE STAR PLUMBING & )  
7 HEATING, LLC, dba SILVER STAR )  
PLUMBING; and ROES 1 through , inclusive, )  
8 Counter-Defendants. )  
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10 COME NOW Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants Laurent Hallier, Panorama Towers I, LLC,  
11 Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC and M.J. Dean Construction, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred  
12 to as “the Builders”), by and through their attorneys of record Peter C. Brown, Esq., Jeffrey W.  
13 Saab, Esq. and Devin R. Gifford, Esq. of the law firm of Bremer Whyte Brown & O’Meara LLP,  
14 and hereby file their Reply in Support of Motion For Reconsideration of Their Motion For  
15 Summary Judgment on Defendant/Counter-Claimant Panorama Tower Condominium Unit  
16 Owners’ Association’s April 5, 2018 Amended Notice Of Claims (“Motion for Reconsideration”).

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1 This Reply in Support of Motion for Reconsideration is made and based on the attached  
2 Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the pleadings and papers on file herein, the Declaration of  
3 Jeffrey W. Saab, Esq., and all evidence and/or testimony accepted by this Honorable Court at the  
4 time of the hearing on this Motion for Reconsideration.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF JEFFREY W. SAAB, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS/COUNTER-DEFENDANTS LAURENT HALLIER, PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, AND M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON DEFENDANT/COUNTER-CLAIMANT PANORAMA TOWER CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION'S APRIL 5, 2018 AMENDED NOTICE OF CLAIMS**

STATE OF NEVADA            )  
  ) ss.  
CLARK COUNTY                )

I, JEFFREY W. SAAB, ESQ., do swear under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Nevada as follows:

1. I am duly licensed to practice law before all Courts of the State of Nevada, and I am a partner with the law firm Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara, LLP.
2. I am one of the attorneys representing Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants in this matter.
3. I know the following facts to be true of my own knowledge, and if called to testify I could competently do so.
4. This Declaration is submitted in support of Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants Laurent Hallier, Panorama Towers I, LLC, Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC, and M.J. Dean Construction, Inc.'s (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Builders") Reply in Support of Motion for Reconsideration of Their Motion for Summary Judgment on Defendant/Counter-Claimant Panorama Tower Condominium Unit Owners' Association's April 5, 2018 Amended Notice Of Claims ("Motion for Reconsideration").
5. The Association's revised Chapter 40 Notice ("Amended Chapter 40 Notice"), served on April 5, 2018, alleged defects pertaining to: (1) Residential Tower Windows; (2) Residential Tower Exterior Wall Insulation; and (3) a Sewer Problem.
6. The Builders' Motion for Summary Judgment on the Association's April 5, 2018 Amended Chapter 40 Notice came before Department XXII on October 2, 2018 (the "October 2, 2018 Hearing") at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Since the date of the October 2, 2018 hearing, new evidence was obtained confirming that the omission of head flashings is a new issue.

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