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Attention: Jonathan Shomof

Subject:Proposed Parking Structure and Residential Structure<br/>8155 Van Nuys Boulevard, Panorama City, California

<u>References</u>: Reports by Geotechnologies, Inc.:

Geotechnical Engineering Investigation, dated November 13, 2015; Update of Geotechnical Engineering Investigation and Supplemental Stormwater Infiltration Recommendations, dated February 24, 2016, Revised February 25, 2016; Phase I Parking Structure, dated July 11, 2017.

*City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety Correspondence:* Soils Report Approval Letter (Log #90848), dated December 2, 2015; Soils Report Approval Letter (Log Number 92076), dated March 18, 2016; Soils Report Approval Letter, Log Number 99666, Dated September 18, 2017.

Dear Mr. Shomof:

# **INTRODUCTION**

It is the understanding of this firm that the design of the proposed development has changed since the referenced Geotechnical Engineering Investigation and addenda were prepared. These changes are addressed herein.

Except as updated or revised herein, all other recommendations contained in the referenced geotechnical engineering investigation remain applicable for the proposed project.

## PROPOSED PROJECT

The original scope of the proposed project, as addressed in our referenced geotechnical investigation, consisted of the conversion of an existing 13-story office building, as well as the construction of new structures. The improvements to the13-story structure have begun. However, the ground-up structures have changed in scope.

In the referenced documents by this office, the proposed new construction was considered to consist of several two-story retail structures. It was anticipated that the majority of these new

structures were going to be built over a single-level subterranean parking garage, while the rest of them were going to be built at the existing grade. In the Update by this office dated February 24, 2016, revised February 25, 2016, the new construction was to have been a single, one-story retail structure built at existing grades. The previously proposed subterranean parking garage had been eliminated, and the proposed structure was to be built at-grade.

Currently, it is the understanding of this office the proposed development consists of a parking structure and a multiple family residential structure. The structures are proposed to be three to seven stories built at existing site grades. Column loads are estimated to be between 500 and 800 kips. Wall loads are estimated to be between 4 and 6 kips per lineal foot. Grading will consist of removal and recompaction of existing unsuitable soils.

The Plot Plan shows the location and alignment of the proposed structures, and the enclosed Cross Sections A-A' and B-B' illustrate the anticipated and existing site grades. The following design data appeared in the report by this office dated November 13, 2015. It is reiterated here for clarity.

# CURRENT PROPOSED STRUCTURES

Based upon the exploration, laboratory testing, and research, it is the finding of Geotechnologies Inc., that construction of the proposed parking structure and residential structure are considered feasible from a geotechnical engineering standpoint provided the advice and recommendations presented herein are followed and implemented during construction.

The site is not located within an "Earthquake Fault Zone" as indicated on the City of Los Angeles reference materials. The site is not located in an area designated as "Liquefiable" by City of Los Angeles reference materials.

Fill materials were encountered in each of the geotechnical excavations between 2-1/2 and 3 feet in depth. The existing fill materials are not suitable for support of the proposed foundations, floor slabs or additional fill. Existing fill materials should be completely removed within the building area and recompacted. In addition, earth materials should be removed to a minimum depth of three feet below proposed foundations and recompacted as controlled fill prior to foundation excavation. Conventional foundations bearing in newly placed controlled fill are recommended for foundation support.

## California Building Code Seismic Parameters

Based on information derived from the subsurface investigation, the subject site is classified as Site Class D, which corresponds to a "Stiff Soil" Profile, according to Table 20.3-1 of ASCE 7-16. This information and the site coordinates were input into the OSHPD seismic utility program in order to calculate ground motion parameters for the site.



CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE SEISMIC PARAMETERS			
California Building Code	2019		
ASCE Design Standard	7-16		
Risk Category	II		
Site Class	D		
Mapped Spectral Acceleration at Short Periods (S <sub>S</sub> )	2.189g		
Site Coefficient (Fa)	1.0		
Maximum Considered Earthquake Spectral Response for Short Periods (S <sub>MS</sub> )	2.189g		
Five-Percent Damped Design Spectral Response Acceleration at Short Periods $(S_{DS})$	1.459g		
Mapped Spectral Acceleration at One-Second Period (S <sub>1</sub> )	0.734g		
Site Coefficient (F <sub>v</sub> )	1.7*		
Maximum Considered Earthquake Spectral Response for One-Second Period $(S_{M1})$	1.248g*		
Five-Percent Damped Design Spectral Response Acceleration for One-Second Period $(S_{D1})$	0.836g*		

\* According to ASCE 7-16, a Long Period Site Coefficient ( $F_v$ ) of 1.7 may be utilized provided that the value of the Seismic Response Coefficient ( $C_s$ ) is determined by Equation 12.8-2 for values of  $T \le 1.5T_s$  and taken as equal to 1.5 times the value computed in accordance with either Equation 12.8-3 for  $T_L \ge T > 1.5T_s$  or equation 12.8-4 for  $T > T_L$ . Alternatively, a site-specific ground motion hazard analysis may be performed in accordance with ASCE 7-16 Section 21.1 and/or a ground motion hazard analysis in accordance with ASCE 7-16 Section 21.2 to determine ground motions for any structure.

## **GRADING GUIDELINES**

## Site Preparation

• A thorough search should be made for possible underground utilities and/or structures. Any existing or abandoned utilities or structures located within the footprint of the proposed grading should be removed or relocated as appropriate.



- All vegetation, existing fill, and soft or disturbed geologic materials should be removed from the areas to receive controlled fill. All existing fill materials and any disturbed geologic materials resulting from grading operations shall be completely removed and properly recompacted prior to foundation excavation.
- Any vegetation or associated root system located within the footprint of the proposed structures should be removed during grading.
- Subsequent to the indicated removals, the exposed grade shall be scarified to a depth of six inches, moistened to optimum moisture content, and recompacted in excess of the minimum required comparative density.
- The excavated areas shall be observed by the geotechnical engineer prior to placing compacted fill.

## **Recommended Overexcavation**

The proposed building areas shall be excavated to a minimum depth of three feet below the bottom of all foundations. The excavation shall extend at least three feet beyond the edge of foundations or for a distance equal to the depth of fill below the foundations, whichever is greater. It is very important that the positions of the proposed structures are accurately located so that the limits of the graded area are accurate, and the grading operation proceeds efficiently.

## **Compaction**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety requires a minimum comparative compaction of 95 percent of the laboratory maximum density where the soils to be utilized in the fill have less than 15 percent finer than 0.005 millimeters. The soils tested by this firm would require the 95 percent compaction requirement.

Comparative compaction is defined, for purposes of these guidelines, as the ratio of the in-place density to the maximum density as determined by applicable ASTM testing.

All fill should be mechanically compacted in layers not more than 8 inches thick. The materials placed should be moisture conditions to within 3 percent of the optimum moisture content of the particular material placed. All fill shall be compacted to at least 90 or 95 percent of the maximum laboratory density for the materials used. The maximum density shall be determined by the laboratory operated by Geotechnologies, Inc. in general accordance with the most recent revision of ASTM D 1557.



Field observation and testing shall be performed by a representative of the geotechnical engineer during grading to assist the contractor in obtaining the required degree of compaction and the proper moisture content. Where compaction is less than required, additional compactive effort shall be made with adjustment of the moisture content, as necessary, until a minimum of 90 or 95 percent compaction is obtained.

## **Acceptable Materials**

The excavated onsite materials are considered satisfactory for reuse in the controlled fills as long as any debris and/or organic matter is removed.

Any imported materials shall be observed and tested by the representative of the geotechnical engineer prior to use in fill areas. Imported materials should contain sufficient fines so as to be relatively impermeable and result in a stable subgrade when compacted. Any required import materials should consist of geologic materials with an expansion index of less than 50. The water-soluble sulfate content of the import materials should be less than 0.1% percentage by weight.

Imported materials should be free from chemical or organic substances which could affect the proposed development. A competent professional should be retained in order to test imported materials and address environmental issues and organic substances which might affect the proposed development.

## **Utility Trench Backfill**

Utility trenches should be backfilled with controlled fill. The utility should be bedded with clean sands at least one foot over the crown. The remainder of the backfill may be onsite soil compacted to 90 or 95 percent of the laboratory maximum density. Utility trench backfill should be tested by representatives of this firm in general accordance with the most recent revision of ASTM D 1557.

## Wet Soils

At the time of exploration, the soils which will be exposed locally during grading above optimum moisture content. It is anticipated that the excavated material to be placed as compacted fill, and the materials exposed at the bottom of excavated plane may require significant drying and aeration prior to recompaction.

Pumping (yielding or vertical deflection) of the high-moisture content soils at the bottom of the excavation may occur during operation of heavy equipment. Where pumping is encountered, angular minimum <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch gravel and/or crushed concrete should be placed and worked into the



subgrade. The exact thickness of the gravel would be a trial and error procedure and would be determined in the field. It would likely be on the order of 1 to 2 feet thick.

The gravel will help to densify the subgrade as well as function as a stabilization material upon which heavy equipment may operate. It is not recommended that rubber tire construction equipment attempt to operate directly on the pumping subgrade soils prior to placing the gravel. Direct operation of rubber tire equipment on the soft subgrade soils will likely result in excessive disturbance to the soils, which in turn will result in a delay to the construction schedule since those disturbed soils would then have to be removed and properly recompacted. Extreme care should be utilized to place gravel as the subgrade becomes exposed.

#### **Bulking and Shrinkage**

Shrinkage results when a volume of soil removed at one density is compacted to a higher density. A shrinkage factor between 5 and 15 percent should be anticipated when excavating and recompacting the existing fill and underlying native geologic materials on the site to an average comparative compaction of 92 percent.

#### Weather Related Grading Considerations

When rain is forecast all fill that has been spread and awaits compaction shall be properly compacted prior to stopping work for the day or prior to stopping due to inclement weather. These fills, once compacted, shall have the surface sloped to drain to an area where water can be removed.

Temporary drainage devices should be installed to collect and transfer excess water to the street in non-erosive drainage devices. Drainage should not be allowed to pond anywhere on the site, and especially not against any foundation or retaining wall. Drainage should not be allowed to flow uncontrolled over any descending slope.

Work may start again, after a period of rainfall, once the site has been reviewed by a representative of this office. Any soils saturated by the rain shall be removed and aerated so that the moisture content will fall within three percent of the optimum moisture content.

Surface materials previously compacted before the rain shall be scarified, brought to the proper moisture content and recompacted prior to placing additional fill, if considered necessary by a representative of this firm.



#### **Abandoned Seepage Pits**

No abandoned seepage pits were encountered during exploration and none are known to exist on the site. However, should such a structure be encountered during grading, options to permanently abandon seepage pits include complete removal and backfill of the excavation with compacted fill, or drilling out the loose materials and backfilling to within a few feet of grade with slurry, followed by a compacted fill cap.

If the subsurface structures are to be removed by grading, the entire structure should be demolished. The resulting void may be refilled with compacted soil. Concrete and brick generated during the seepage pit removal may be reused in the fill as long as all fragments are less than 6 inches in longest dimension and the debris comprises less than 15 percent of the fill by volume. All grading should comply with the recommendations of this report.

Where the seepage pit structure is to be left in place, the seepage pits should cleaned of all soil and debris. This may be accomplished by drilling. The pits should be filled with minimum 1-1/2 sack concrete slurry to within 5 feet of the bottom of the proposed foundations. In order to provide a more uniform foundation condition, the remainder of the void should be filled with controlled fill.

## **Geotechnical Observations and Testing During Grading**

Geotechnical observations and testing during grading are considered to be a continuation of the geotechnical investigation. It is critical that the geotechnical aspects of the project be reviewed by representatives of Geotechnologies, Inc. during the construction process. Compliance with the design concepts, specifications or recommendations during construction requires review by this firm during the course of construction. Any fill which is placed should be observed, tested, and verified if used for engineered purposes. Please advise this office at least twenty-four hours prior to any required site visit.

Proper compaction is necessary to reduce settlement of overlying improvements. Some settlement of compacted fill should be anticipated. Any utilities supported therein should be designed to accept differential settlement. Differential settlement should also be considered at the points of entry to the structure.

## **LEED Considerations**

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System encourages adoption of sustainable green building and development practices. Credit for LEED Certification can be assigned for reuse of construction waste and diversion of materials from landfills in new construction.



In an effort to provide the design team with a viable option in this regard, demolition debris could be crushed onsite in order to use it in the ongoing grading operations. The environmental ramifications of this option, if any, should be considered by the team.

The demolition debris should be limited to concrete, asphalt and other non-deleterious materials. All deleterious materials should be removed including, but not limited to, paper, garbage, ceramic materials and wood.

For structural fill applications, the materials should be crushed to 2 inches in maximum dimension or smaller. The crushed materials should be thoroughly blended and mixed with onsite soils prior to placement as compacted fill. The amount of crushed material should not exceed 20 percent. The blended and mixed materials should be tested by this office prior to placement to insure it is suitable for compaction purposes. The blended and mixed materials should be tested by Geotechnologies, Inc. during placement to ensure that it has been compacted in a suitable manner.

## **CONVENTIONAL FOUNDATIONS**

The parking structure may be supported by conventional foundations, bearing in the newly placed controlled fill.

Continuous foundations to support the parking structure may be designed for a bearing capacity of 2,000 pounds per square foot and should be a minimum of 12 inches in width, 18 inches in depth below the lowest adjacent grade and 18 inches into the recommended bearing material.

Column foundations to support the parking structure may be designed for a bearing capacity of 2,500 pounds per square foot and should be a minimum of 24 inches in width, 18 inches in depth below the lowest adjacent grade and 18 inches into the recommended bearing material.

The bearing capacity increase for each additional foot of width is 125 pounds per square foot. The bearing capacity increase for each additional foot of depth is 400 pounds per square foot. The maximum recommended bearing capacity is 4,000 pounds per square foot.

The bearing capacities indicated above are for the total of dead and frequently applied live loads and may be increased by one third for short duration loading, which includes the effects of wind or seismic forces.

## Foundation Reinforcement

All continuous foundations should be reinforced with a minimum of four #4 steel bars. Two should be placed near the top of the foundation, and two should be placed near the bottom.



## Lateral Design

Resistance to lateral loading may be provided by friction acting at the base of foundations and by passive earth pressure. An allowable coefficient of friction of 0.33 may be used with the dead load forces.

Passive geologic pressure for the sides of foundations poured against undisturbed or recompacted soil may be computed as an equivalent fluid having a density of 300 pounds per cubic foot with a maximum earth pressure of 1,200 pounds per square foot.

The passive and friction components may be combined for lateral resistance without reduction. A one-third increase in the passive value may be used for short duration loading such as wind or seismic forces.

## **Foundation Settlement**

Settlement of the foundation system is expected to occur on initial application of loading. The anticipated settlement for a column foundation supporting the at-grade portion of the structure will be in the order of <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>-inch. A differential settlement on the order of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch may be anticipated within conventional foundations bearing in the same type of soils.

## Influence of New Conventional Foundations on Existing Belled Caissons

It is anticipated that the proposed structures will be built over 60 feet from the existing 13-story building. The base of the belled caissons supporting this structure extend to depths ranging between 45 to 62 feet below the natural site grade. No adverse effect is expected on the foundation of the 13-story structure from the proposed structures.

## **Foundation Observations**

It is critical that all foundation excavations are observed by a representative of this firm to verify penetration into the recommended bearing materials. The observation should be performed prior to the placement of reinforcement. Foundations should be deepened to extend into satisfactory geologic materials, if necessary.

Foundation excavations should be cleaned of all loose soils prior to placing steel and concrete. Any required foundation backfill should be mechanically compacted, flooding is not permitted.



#### **RETAINING WALL DESIGN**

#### **Cantilever Retaining Walls**

Retaining walls supporting a level backslope may be designed utilizing a triangular distribution of pressure. Cantilever retaining walls may be designed for 30 pounds per cubic foot for walls retaining up to 6 feet of earth.

For this equivalent fluid pressure to be valid, walls which are to be restrained at the top should be backfilled prior to the upper connection being made. Additional active pressure should be added for a surcharge condition due to sloping ground, vehicular traffic or adjacent structures.

#### **Retaining Wall Drainage**

Subdrains may consist of 4-inch diameter perforated pipes, places with perforated facing down. The pipe shall be encased in at least one foot of gravel around the pipe. The gravel shall be wrapped in filter fabric. The gravel may consist of three-quarter inch to one-inch crushed rock. As an alternative, the use of gravel pockets and weepholes is an acceptable drainage method. Weepholes shall be a minimum of 2 inches in diameter, placed at 8 feet on center along the base of the wall. Gravel pockets shall be a minimum of 1 cubic foot in dimension and may consist of three-quarter inch to once inch crushed rock, wrapped in filter fabric.

Certain types of subdrain pipe are not acceptable to the various municipal agencies, it is recommended that prior to purchasing subdrainage pipe, the type and brand is cleared with the proper municipal agencies. Subdrainage pipes should outlet to an acceptable location.

Where retaining walls are to be constructed adjacent to property lines there is usually not enough space for emplacement of a standard pipe and gravel drainage system. Under these circumstances, the use of a flat drainage produce is acceptable.

Some municipalities do not allow the use of flat-drainage products. The use of such a product should be researched with the building official. As an alternative, omission of one-half of a block at the back of the wall on eight-foot centers is an acceptable method of draining the walls. The resulting void should be filled with gravel. A collector is placed within the gravel which directs collected waters through the wall to a sump or standard pipe and gravel system constructed under the slab. This method should be approved by the retaining wall designer prior to implementation.



#### Surcharge from Adjacent Structures

As indicated herein, additional active pressure should be added for a surcharge condition due to sloping ground, vehicular traffic or adjacent structures for retaining walls and shoring design.

The following surcharge equation provided in the LADBS Information Bulletin Document No. P/BC 2008-83, may be utilized to determine the surcharge loads on basement walls and shoring system for existing structures located within the 1:1 (h:v) surcharge influence zone of the excavation and basement.

Resultant lateral force:	$R = (0.3*P*h^2)/(x^2+h^2)$
Location of lateral resultant:	$d = x^*[(x^2/h^2+1)^*tan^{-1}(h/x)-(x/h)]$
where:	

R	=	resultant lateral force measured in pounds per foot of wall width.
Р	=	resultant surcharge loads of continuous or isolated footings measured in
		pounds per foot of length parallel to the wall.
Х	=	distance of resultant load from back face of wall measured in feet.
h	=	depth below point of application of surcharge loading to top of wall footing measured in feet.
d	=	depth of lateral resultant below point of application of surcharge loading measure in feet.
$\tan^{-1}(h/x)$	=	the angle in radians whose tangent is equal to $h/x$ .

The structural engineer and shoring engineer may use this equation to determine the surcharge loads based on the loading of the adjacent structures located within the surcharge influence zone.

## Waterproofing

Moisture effecting retaining walls is one of the most common post construction complaints. Poorly applied or omitted waterproofing can lead to efflorescence or standing water inside the building. Efflorescence is a process in which a powdery substance is produced on the surface of the concrete by the evaporation of water. The white powder usually consists of soluble salts such as gypsum, calcite, or common salt. Efflorescence is common to retaining walls and does not affect their strength or integrity.

Waterproofing is recommended for retaining walls. Waterproofing design and inspection of its installation is not the responsibility of the geotechnical engineer. A qualified waterproofing consultant should be retained in order to recommend a product or method which would provide protection to below grade walls.



## **Retaining Wall Backfill**

Any required backfill should be mechanically compacted in layers not more than 8 inches thick, to at least 90 or 95 percent of the maximum density in general accordance with the most recent revision of ASTM D 1557 method of compaction. Flooding should not be permitted. Compaction within 5 feet, measured horizontally, behind a retaining structure should be achieved by use of light weight, hand operated compaction equipment.

Proper compaction of the backfill will be necessary to reduce settlement of overlying walks and paving. Some settlement of required backfill should be anticipated, and any utilities supported therein should be designed to accept differential settlement, particularly at the points of entry to the structure.

#### **Dynamic (Seismic) Earth Pressure**

The maximum dynamic active pressure is equal to the sum of the initial static pressure and the dynamic (seismic) pressure increment. Under the most recent building code, as interpreted by most building departments, seismic earth pressure is required in the design of restraining walls which support over 6 feet of earth. The proposed walls are less than 6 feet in height therefore the dynamic earth pressure may be omitted.

## TEMPORARY EXCAVATIONS

Excavations on the order of 5 to 6 feet in vertical height are anticipated for construction of the proposed subterranean garage and its foundation elements. The excavations are expected to expose fill and dense native soils, which are suitable for vertical excavations up to 5 feet where not surcharged by adjacent traffic or structures. Vertical excavations which will be surcharged by adjacent traffic or structures should be shored.

Where sufficient space is available, temporary unsurcharged embankments could be cut at a uniform 1:1 slope gradient. A uniform sloped excavation is sloped from bottom to top and does not have a vertical component.

If the temporary construction embankments are to be maintained during the rainy season, berms are strongly recommended along the tops of the slopes to prevent runoff water from entering the excavation and eroding the slope faces. Water should not be allowed to pond on top of the excavation nor to flow towards it.



#### **Excavation Observations**

It is critical that the soils exposed in the cut slopes are observed by a representative of Geotechnologies, Inc. during excavation so that modifications of the slopes can be made if variations in the geologic material conditions occur. Many building officials require that temporary excavations should be made during the continuous observations of the geotechnical engineer. All excavations should be stabilized within 30 days of initial excavation.

## **SLABS ON GRADE**

#### **Concrete Slabs-on Grade**

Concrete floor slabs should be a minimum of 4 inches in thickness. Slabs-on-grade should be cast over undisturbed native alluvial soils or properly controlled fill materials. Any geologic materials loosened or over-excavated should be wasted from the site or properly compacted to 95 percent of the maximum dry density.

Outdoor concrete flatwork should be a minimum of 4 inches in thickness. Outdoor concrete flatwork should be cast over undisturbed native alluvial soils or properly controlled fill materials. Any geologic materials loosened or over-excavated should be wasted from the site or properly compacted to 95 percent of the maximum dry density.

#### **Design of Slabs That Receive Moisture-Sensitive Floor Coverings**

Geotechnologies, Inc. does not practice in the field of moisture vapor transmission evaluation and mitigation. Therefore, where necessary, it is recommended that a qualified consultant should be engaged to evaluate the general and specific moisture vapor transmission paths and any impact on the proposed construction. The qualified consultant should provide recommendations for mitigation of potential adverse impacts of moisture vapor on various components of the structure.

Where any dampness would be objectionable or where the slab will be cast below the historic high groundwater level, it is recommended that floor slabs should be waterproofed. A qualified waterproofing consultant should be engaged in order to recommend a product and/or method which would provide protection from unwanted moisture.

Based on ACI 302.2R-30, Chapter 7, for projects which do not have vapor sensitive coverings or humidity-controlled areas, a vapor retarder/barrier is not necessary. Where a vapor retarder/barrier is considered necessary, the design of the slab and the installation of the vapor retarder/barrier should comply with the most recent revisions of ASTM E 1643 and ASTM E 1745. The vapor retarder/barrier should comply with ASTM E 1745 Class A requirements. The necessity of a vapor retarder/barrier is not a geotechnical issue and should be confirmed by qualified members of the design team.



Based on ACI 302.2R-30, Chapter 7, for projects with vapor sensitive coverings, a vapor retarder/ barrier should be provided. Figure 7.1 shows that the slab should be poured on the vapor retarder/barrier. The ACI guide notes in 5.2.3.2 that the decision to locate the vapor retarder/barrier in direct contact with the slab's underside had long been debated. Experience has shown, however, that the greatest level of protection for floor coverings, coating, or building environments is provided when the vapor retarder/barrier is placed in direct contact with the slab. The necessity of a vapor retarder as well as the use of dry granular material, as discussed above is not a geotechnical issue and should be confirmed by qualified members of the design team.

Where a vapor retarder/barrier is used, it should be placed on a level and compact subgrade. Precautions should be taken to protect the vapor retarder/barrier from damage during installation of reinforcing, utilities and concrete. The use of stakes driven thought the vapor retarder/barrier should be avoided. Repair any damaged areas of the vapor retarder/barrier prior to concrete placement.

Groundwater was not encountered on the subject site to 90 feet below site grade. Proposed concrete slabs-on-grade do not need to be supported on a layer of compacted aggregate to provide a capillary break.

## **Concrete Crack Control**

The recommendations presented in this report are intended to reduce the potential for cracking of concrete slabs-on-grade due to settlement. However even where these recommendations have been implemented, foundations, stucco walls and concrete slabs-on-grade may display some cracking due to minor soil movement and/or concrete shrinkage. The occurrence of concrete cracking may be reduced and/or controlled by limiting the slump of the concrete used, proper concrete placement and curing, and by placement of crack control joints at reasonable intervals, in particular, where re-entrant slab corners occur.

For standard control of concrete cracking, a maximum crack control joint spacing of 12 feet should not be exceeded. Lesser spacings would provide greater crack control. Joints at curves and angle points are recommended. The crack control joints should be installed as soon as practical following concrete placement. Crack control joints should extend a minimum depth of one-fourth the slab thickness. Construction joints should be designed by a structural engineer.

Complete removal of the existing fill soils beneath outdoor flatwork such as walkways or patio areas, is not required, however, due to the rigid nature of concrete, some cracking, a shorter design life and increased maintenance costs should be anticipated. In order to provide uniform support beneath the flatwork it is recommended that a minimum of 12 inches of the exposed subgrade beneath the flatwork be scarified and recompacted to 95 percent relative compaction.

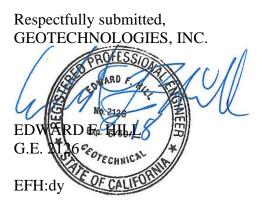


## **Slab Reinforcing**

Concrete slabs-on-grade should be reinforced with a minimum of #4 steel bars on 16-inch centers each way. Outdoor flatwork should be reinforced with a minimum of #3 steel bars on 18-inch centers each way.

## **CLOSURE**

Except as updated or revised herein, all other recommendations contained in the referenced geotechnical investigation prepared by this firm remain applicable for the proposed project. Geotechnologies, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide our services on this project. Should you have any questions please contact this office.

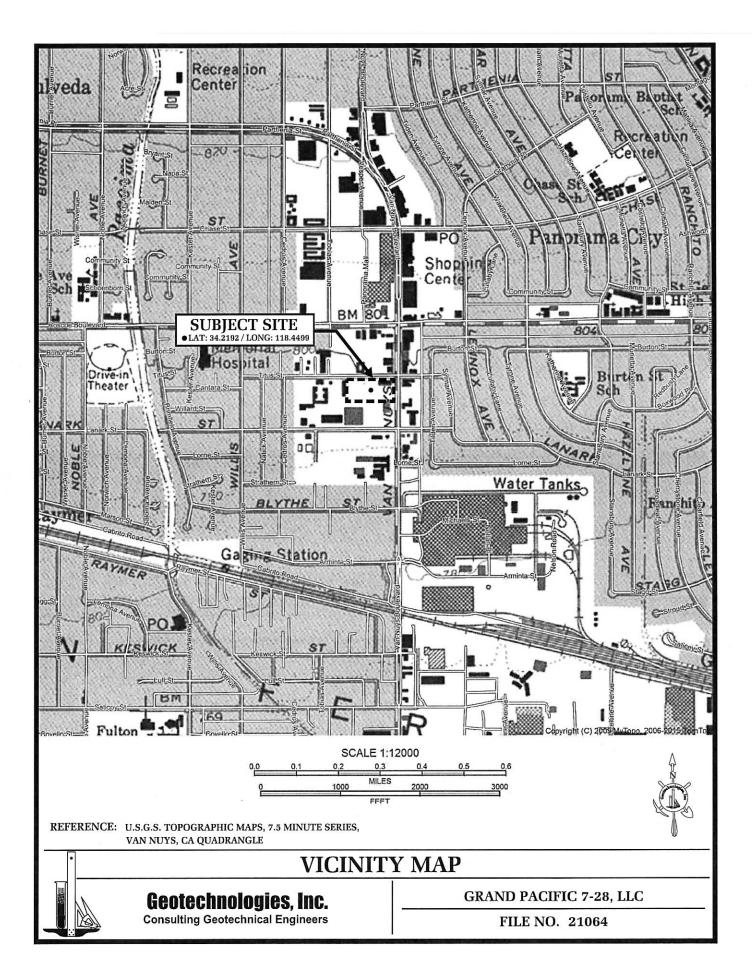


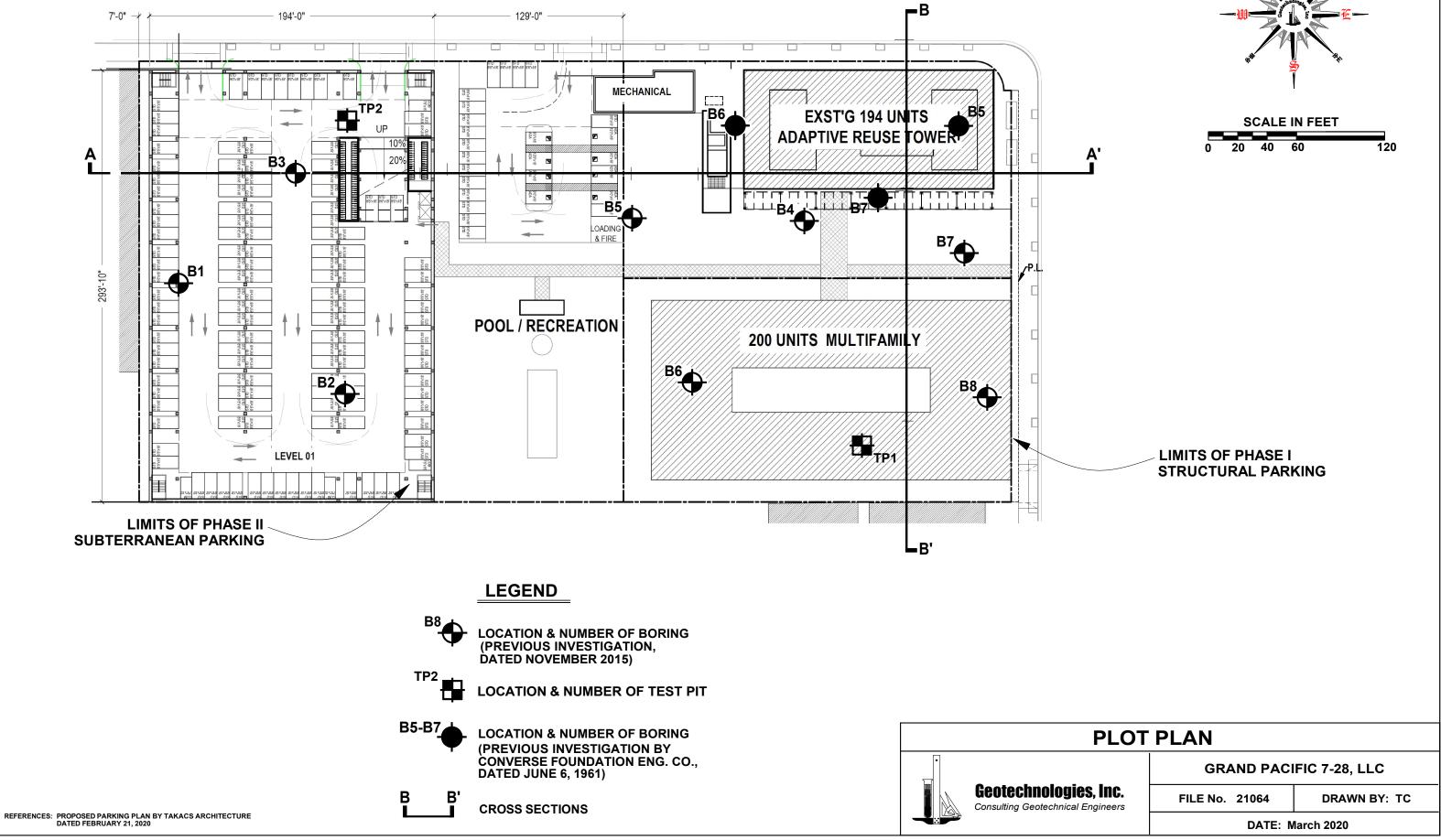
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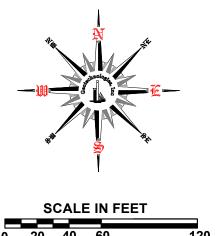
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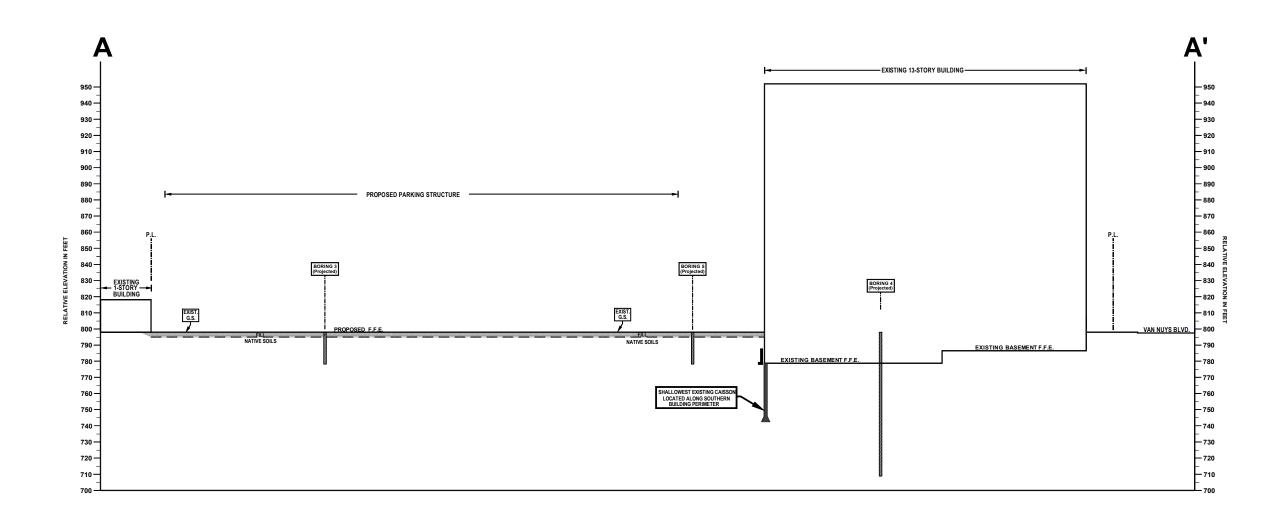
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REFERENCES: SITE PLANY BY HANSON LA ARCHITECTURE DATED JUNE 21, 2017

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