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Literature Review

Defining “Deaf”: An Introduction

What does it mean to be deaf? Is it simply the inability to hear? Physiologically speaking, yes, but over the course of time, deafness has created its own culture that encompasses far more than this mere definition. Elizabeth Keating and Gene Mirus, professors at the University of Texas, define it a little differently. They write, “In the American Deaf community, deafness is defined not only in physiological terms but also in cultural terms, since this group includes hearing children of deaf parents, who are thus hearing native signers” (“American Sign Language in virtual space”, 2003). Gallaudet University, a leader in deaf research and innovation, echoes that deaf culture is one “built around these sensibilities and shared life experiences” (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007). Deaf culture has lacked recognition for many years because of its minority classification, and deaf communities are often unintentionally ostracized from hearing communities. For instance, the invention of the telephone was a piece of technology that deaf individuals did not utilize until almost 100 years later when the TTY was created (“American Sign Language in virtual space”, 2003). In the built environment, deaf and hearing-impaired individuals are even more challenged to adapt to an environment constructed for the opposite, hearing individuals (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007). In an effort to address this division, schools, programs and cultural centers have been initiated all over the world to cater to deaf needs and desires, thus, establishing the division between the deaf and hearing worlds as a social issue. Examining how structural and aesthetic design can factor into these issues presents interesting solutions by innovating the way deaf and hearing-impaired individuals utilize space.

Effect of American Sign Language (ASL)

One of the many ways to define a culture of people is by the shared language they use. For the deaf community, they are familiar with American Sign Language, or ASL. ASL is an

inaudible combination of hand and body movements that express meaning. Gallaudet University describes sign language as “a visual-kinetic mode of communication” (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007). Because of this active movement to convey meaning, deaf and hearing-impaired individuals inhabit space differently from a hearing individual. Gallaudet University’s publication, *A Case for SLCC Aesthetic Principles*, states, “Deaf people inhabit a highly visual world; they have a visual and spatial language and a visually-centered way of orienting within the world around them” (2005). Deaf and hearing-impaired individuals must maintain visual contact with the other person or objects they are interacting with in order to communicate with their environment effectively. Deaf culture usually spends the first part of any conversation or gathering adjusting the environment to suit their needs including arranging furniture in conversational circles and adjusting sources of natural light (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007).

“DeafSpace” Design

“DeafSpace” is a term coined by a group of architects and students from Gallaudet University that outlines several design considerations unique to the deaf community (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007). Pioneered by architect Hansel Bauman with the assistance of Gallaudet’s ASL Deaf Studies Department, it is a concept that embodies how design can go beyond simply adapting buildings to deaf use, but rather pioneering an entire aesthetic which symbolizes the deaf way of being (*A Case for SLCC Aesthetic*, 2005). The concept includes considerations for sensory reach, space and proximity, mobility and proximity, light and color, and acoustics, which are all priorities to the deaf community. Gallaudet states, “Common to all of these categories are the ideas of community building, visual language, and the promotion of personal safety and well-being” (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007).

The first of the considerations, that of “sensory reach”, addresses spatial orientation. Since deaf people take notice of minute spatial cues like shadow movement, vibrations, and

other's expressions, they access a level of observation practically unknown to the hearing world ("What is DeafSpace", 2007). This places an emphasis on attempting to orient people in a complete circle rather than a straight line and pursuing intuitive wayfinding ("What is DeafSpace", 2007). The goal is to have a "smooth flow of space from public to shared to private spaces" without sacrificing the interest of the space visually (*A Case for SLCC Aesthetic Principles*, 2005).

"Space and proximity" and "mobility and proximity" also address spatial orientation but in reference to another person. A hearing person's "personal bubble" can be affectionately compared to a deaf person's "signing space," which is significantly larger due to the added space signer's must occupy for conversation, and that space increases as more individuals join the conversation ("What is DeafSpace", 2007). Consequently, a building's spatial dimensions should reflect this change, and equipment and furniture placement should allow for flexibility in optimizing the space for occupants ("What is DeafSpace", 2007). The same is true of signing conversations that become mobile. These conversations take up considerably more space than conversations between hearing people, so the key is to incorporate uninterrupted circulation and gathering spaces ("What is DeafSpace", 2007).

Concerning light and color, these elements should be utilized in such a way that promotes clear instruction of space and reduces eye strain ("What is DeafSpace", 2007). The best light for visual communication is soft and diffused, and it should help orientation while encouraging well-being (*A Case for SLCC Aesthetic Principles*, 2005). Use of color is mostly encouraged for wayfinding, and colors that contrast with skin tones are the most beneficial for highlighting sign language ("What is DeafSpace", 2007). All materials should make up the background for activities instead of being visually perceived as the foreground (*A Case for SLCC Aesthetic Principles*, 2005).

The last consideration in the DeafSpace concept is acoustics. This element begins to address the way “deaf individuals experience many different kinds and degrees of hearing loss” (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007). For those who use devices to enhance their hearing, sound can be especially distracting and even painful (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007). This is usually caused by reverberation off hard building surfaces like metal and concrete, so designs should incorporate solutions to reduce background noise and other audible distractions (“What is DeafSpace”, 2007).

Precedents

Sorenson Language and Communication Center, Gallaudet University

Envisioned by deaf students and faculty for deaf use, the Sorenson Language and Communication Center at Gallaudet University was conceptualized in May of 2005 (*A Case for SLCC Aesthetic Principles*, 2005). The center's concept revolves around seeking a "place of connection" within the deaf community. The group communicated that the building should foster a sense of connection to deaf individuals, openness and light, nature, and deaf history and culture. Most of all, the building integrates deaf interactions as a natural state ("Gallaudet University", 2009).

Every detail was considered in regards to how deaf and hearing-impaired people would use the building. Smithgroup JJR architects explain the building's spatial



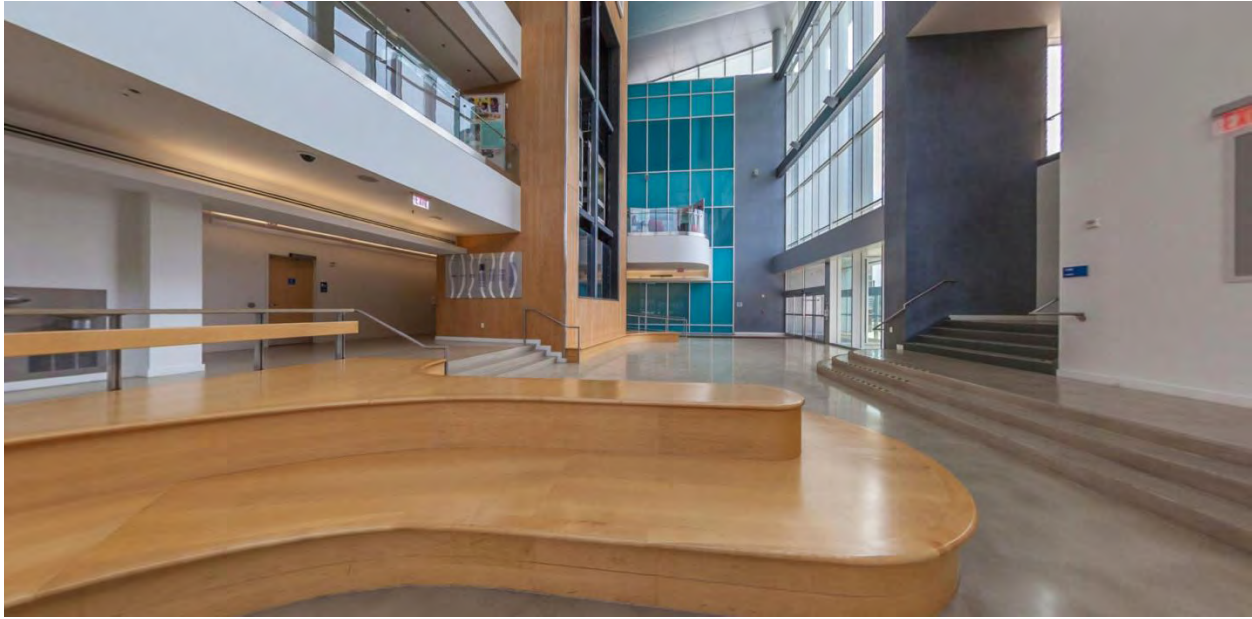
design as "splayed" to incorporate large, open areas for conversation ("Gallaudet University", 2009). These open spaces also provide direct sight lines throughout the interior to aid the visual communication used prominently by the building's occupants ("Gallaudet University", 2009).



Another component that aids this is the circular architectural forms and expanses of glass materials throughout the building ("Gallaudet University", 2009). Not only does this aid communication, but it also allows the building to

achieve a connection to nature through light and air to create a calming and welcoming

atmosphere. Smithgroup JJR architects also cite that the materials like zinc for the exterior of the building were chosen to reflect light in a helpful way, and other considerations like the light and shadows diagram below were explored to also maximize natural light (“Gallaudet University”, 2009).



Living and Learning Residence Hall 6, Gallaudet University – Washington, D.C.



The Living and Learning Residence Hall 6, LLRH6, on Gallaudet University's campus was the first of its kind to be designed using the DeafSpace standards. The five-story residence hall houses 164 residents in semi-private suites and features community oriented amenities like collaboration rooms, kitchens, a fitness room, and others. The building also features energy-efficient lighting and geo-thermal heating and cooling ("Gallaudet University Residence Hall", 2012).

In true DeafSpace form, the building incorporates multitudes of natural light and adjustable shades. The furniture remains flexible enough to





accommodate different arrangements, and color is kept to a minimum, only providing interest where truly needed. Materials offer a sense of transparency to maintain visual access from space to space and help carry light

throughout the building. It even includes a “terraced living room” to facilitate large group gatherings, providing each attendant with a direct sight line to the front ("Gallaudet University Residence Hall", 2012).

Central Institute for the Deaf, Washington University – St. Louis, MO

Dr. Max Aaron Goldstein opened the Central Institute for the Deaf, CID, in 1916 with the mission to teach deaf children how to talk (*Central Institute for the Deaf*, 2014). He implemented strategies using “remnants” of hearing and used assistive devices like hearing tubes and ear trumpets, so students’ progress was measured by how well they responded to new devices and strategies (*Central*



Institute for the Deaf, 2014). Out of Dr. Goldstein’s model, a “Language Outline” was produced, which is a model for teaching language to deaf individuals in the place of simple vocabulary.

This pioneered the methods for educating deaf students (*Central Institute for the Deaf*, 2014).



The CID “Quiet School” was constructed with deaf students’ educational needs in mind. The school’s acoustics exceeds ASHA’s recommendations, and they utilize special technologies to enhance speech (*Central Institute for the Deaf*, 2014). Also to help with this noise concern, the school was located away from the busy highway and is surrounded by natural landscaping that aids as a buffer (*Central Institute for the Deaf*, 2014).

Deaf Cultural Centre – Birmingham, UK

The Deaf Cultural Centre in the United Kingdom houses the Birmingham Institute for the Deaf charity offices as well as the Signing Tree Conference Centre and Café. They host a variety of events that highlight deaf art in multiple forms (“D5 Architects LLP”, 2007).



The building features large expanses of glass on the façade to provide visual access and natural light to the interior (“D5 Architects LLP”, 2007). The bold architecture matches the bold



statement made by the mission of the building to provide unique services to the deaf population (“D5 Architects LLP”, 2007). The form resembles a “series of linked spaces” that provide maximum flexibility, and the interior boasts long open areas to lend a spacious and comfortable atmosphere (“D5 Architects LLP”, 2007). Like most, color is used in a minimum here only to add interest, and it does not distract from the conversation at hand.

Site Analysis

The centers and structures detailed above provide a striking mix between the needs of deaf culture and possible solutions, each specific to their region and purpose. A center that addresses these needs in Johnson City, Tennessee would serve both the community and the native deaf population, as a meeting ground for both cultures.

The building's location will be located in the heart of Downtown Johnson City, Tennessee, USA in a currently vacant lot on Main Street between the Hamilton Bank building and Energy Fitness. The following Google Earth image visually represents the location. The building will assume a linear form based on the site, and views will be located on the east, opening to a small green area, and north, opening to Main Street, sides of the building. The south side of the building will open into a back alley.



Johnson City, situated in Northeast Tennessee at 1,525 feet above sea level, hosts a typically mild and temperate climate (“Johnson City”, 2010). Average annual rainfall is 41 inches, and the region experiences all four seasons with varying day length (“Johnson City”, 2010). The proximity to the Appalachian Mountains sometimes provides harsher winters than expected.

Structural and Contextual Needs

The buildings structural needs will be determined by the use of each floor. The building is constructed of brick with wooden columns, so heavy load adjustments will have to be made in certain areas. The building will need to accommodate a two-story atrium with a grand stair, causing changes to the first level ceiling and second level floor. Accommodations will also need to be made to adhere to safety and fire codes given the buildings materials. Contextual needs will address those mentioned within Gallaudet University’s DeafSpace concept, including but not limited to, sensory touch, space, mobility, proximity, light, color, acoustics, etc. The building will also implore elements of Universal Design.

Sustainable Accommodations

The building will explore the use of sustainable strategies through space planning for flexibility, materials, finishes, and other innovative ideas. The building will be evaluated based on the LEED building analysis checklist with an emphasis placed on alternative transportation, site development, materials, sustainable lighting, and energy efficiency. Johnson City provides mass bus transportation to various sites throughout the city, one being down the street from the proposed building site. Given the visual communication used by deaf people, the design will maximize natural light in a way that is energy efficient and atmospherically pleasant. Materials will also be chosen based on longevity, recycled content, and the materials positive affect on indoor air quality.

Design Theory Application

Social Cognition Theory

Albert Bandura introduced the Social Learning Theory in the 1960s, which eventually became known as the Social Cognitive Theory (“The Social Cognitive Theory”, 2013). The theory states, “[L]earning occurs in a social context with a dynamic and reciprocal interaction of the person, environment, and behavior” (“The Social Cognitive Theory”, 2013). Social Cognitive Theory, SCT, calls attention to how people acquire and maintain certain behaviors and use them in certain social environments (“The Social Cognitive Theory”, 2013). According to the Boston University of Public Health, “The goal of SCT is to explain how people regulate their behavior through control and reinforcement to achieve goal-directed behavior that can be maintained over time” (“The Social Cognitive Theory”, 2013).

This building designed with the deaf population in mind will provide an opportunity to facilitate the Social Cognitive Theory. By creating a space where deaf individuals can grow and regularly use their native form of communication for everyday tasks, it allows them to effectively portray a normal state of being. They encounter a space that not only accommodates their needs but encourages their way of life. Also by creating this unique space, people outside the realm of deaf culture receive exposure to it in an immersive manner. Therefore the SCT becomes double-fold because it also encourages hearing individuals to learn and maintain a new form of communication. By interacting with deaf culture on a daily basis, it can be expected that hearing individuals will pick up some of the signs and will want to retain the knowledge for future use.

Programming Phase

Problem Statement

Johnson City boasts a sizeable, and yet unrecognized, deaf population. In an effort to foster community enrichment and address the specific needs of the deaf population in Johnson City, the city government has proposed a community center that will be erected in the downtown area to cater to deaf individuals. The city has deemed the building to be mixed-use and requires a community theatre and conference center, a parks and recreation area, and residential living space for select deaf residents. The community theatre and conference center should be equipped to handle events both of deaf and hearing nature but should be designed with the deaf user in mind utilizing innovative technologies and other solutions. This area should inspire all who enter. The parks and recreation area should focus on merging the hearing and deaf cultures through comraedery and recreational activities, empowering both to meet their differences head-on and learn to work together. The residential floor will be solely occupied by deaf tenants, providing direct community and unique living solutions. Residential tenants will be applicable for a scholarship initiative that allows them to live and work in the building for reduced cost.

Community Center Space Program: Main Level

Visitor Space:

Reception/Lobby 2,000 s.f.

- Adequate work surface/storage for 1 receptionist
- Lounge space for 15 seated guests

Women's Restroom 160 s.f.

Men's Restroom 160 s.f.

Concessions/Café 546 s.f.

- Café tables and chairs for 10-20 guests
- Small kitchen (with oven/range, fridge/freezer, etc.)

Visual Communication Booth 150 s.f.

Theatre Space:

Audience Seating 900 s.f.

- Seating for 50 guests

Stage 300 s.f.

Reserve/Backstage 200 s.f.

Creative Shop 200 s.f.

- Storage for costumes, sets, etc.
- Work surface for 1 artistic director
 - Task chair
 - Telephone, electrical

Dressing Rooms 250 s.f.

- Lockers/Cubbies for 12 cast members

- Sink/vanity combo
 - electrical

Women's Restroom 80 s.f.

Men's Restroom 80 s.f.

Administrative Space:

Director's Office 120 s.f.

- Work surface
- Storage
- Task/side chairs
- Data, telephone, electrical

Support Space:

Mechanical 50 s.f.

Accessory Space/Circulation 2100 s.f.

Community Center Space Program: Second Level

Visitor Space:

Lounge 1,200 s.f.

- Lounge seating for 10 guests
- Single person restroom

Recreation Space:

Game Room 600 s.f.

- Various game tables (pool, foosball, etc.)
- Storage cabinets
- Lounge seating for 10 guests

Recreation Theatre 350 s.f.

- Accommodate 12-15 guests
- Multi-media center

Administrative Space:

Director's Office 120 s.f.

- Work surface/storage
- Task/side chairs
- Data, telephone, electrical

Open Office 600 s.f.

- Systems work surfaces for 3 employees
- Task/side chairs
- Data, telephone, electrical

Meeting Rooms 900 s.f.

- Smart television

- Marker boards
- Conference tables/chairs
- Video/Skype capability
- Data, electrical

Support Space:

Mechanical	50 s.f.
Storage/Misc.	300 s.f.
Accessory Space/Circulation	1580 s.f.

Community Center Space Program: Third Level

Visitor Space:

Lobby/Corridor 1,400 s.f.

- Lounge space for 6 guests

Residential Space:

Studio Lofts (4 @ 900 s.f.) 3,600 s.f.

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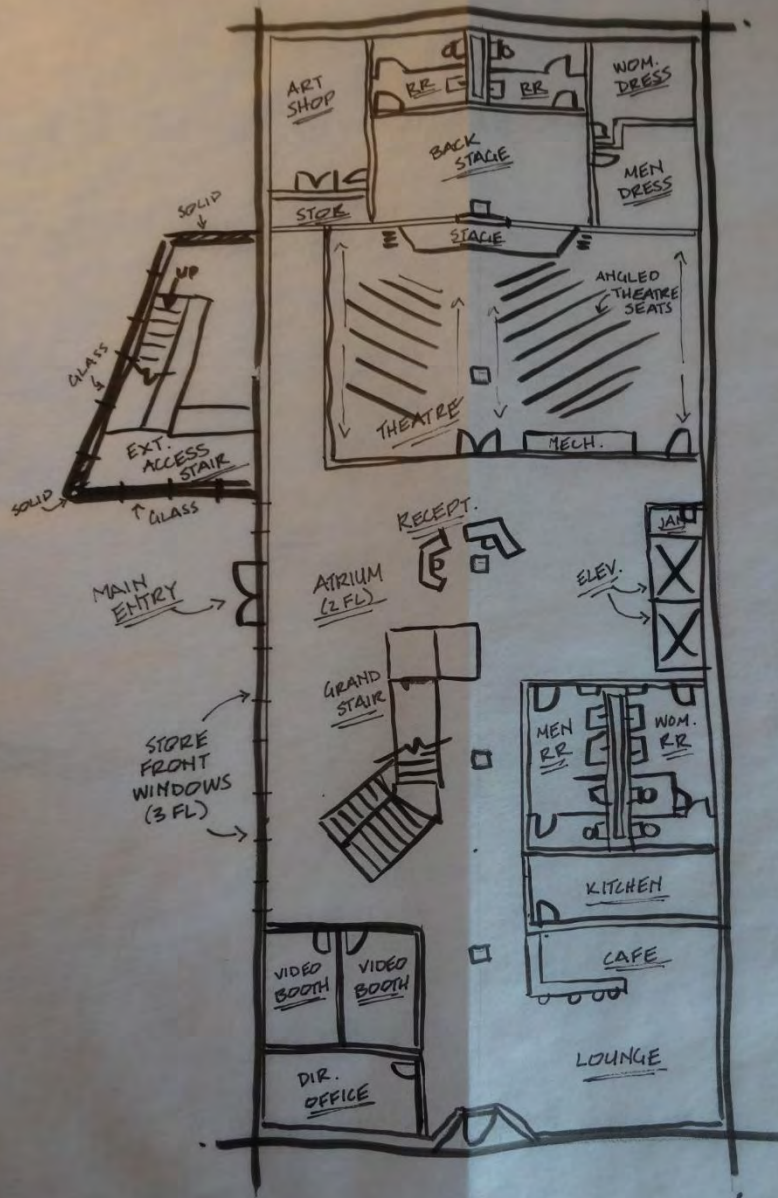
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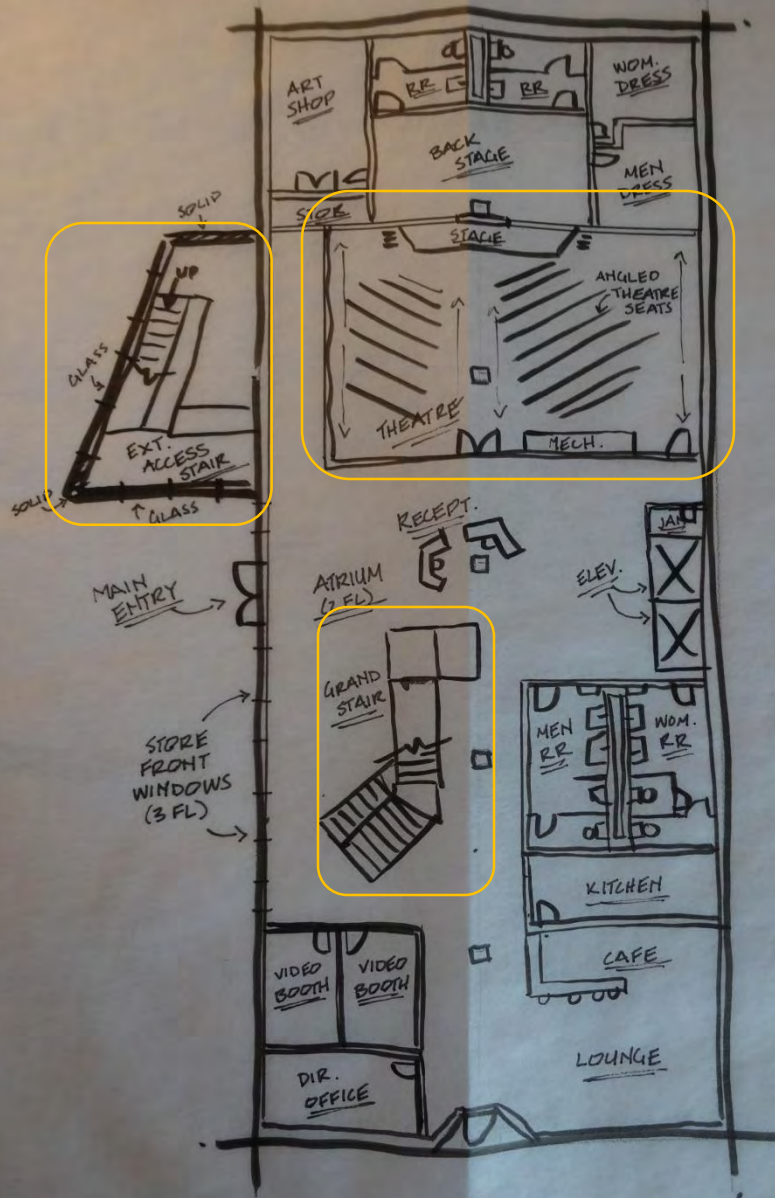
- Utilize Universal Design and DeafSpace concepts to create an intuitive environment for deaf individuals
 - Integration of technology (light/sound sensors)
 - Open space planning (barrier free)
 - Light and color theory
- Foster community and comraedery between deaf and hearing cultures
 - Activity driven spaces encourage interaction (exterior green, lobby)
 - Immersive experience
- Create a cohesive design brand that encompasses all three purposes
 - Space planning (architectural shapes and openings)
 - Light and color theory as wayfinding

Design Concept

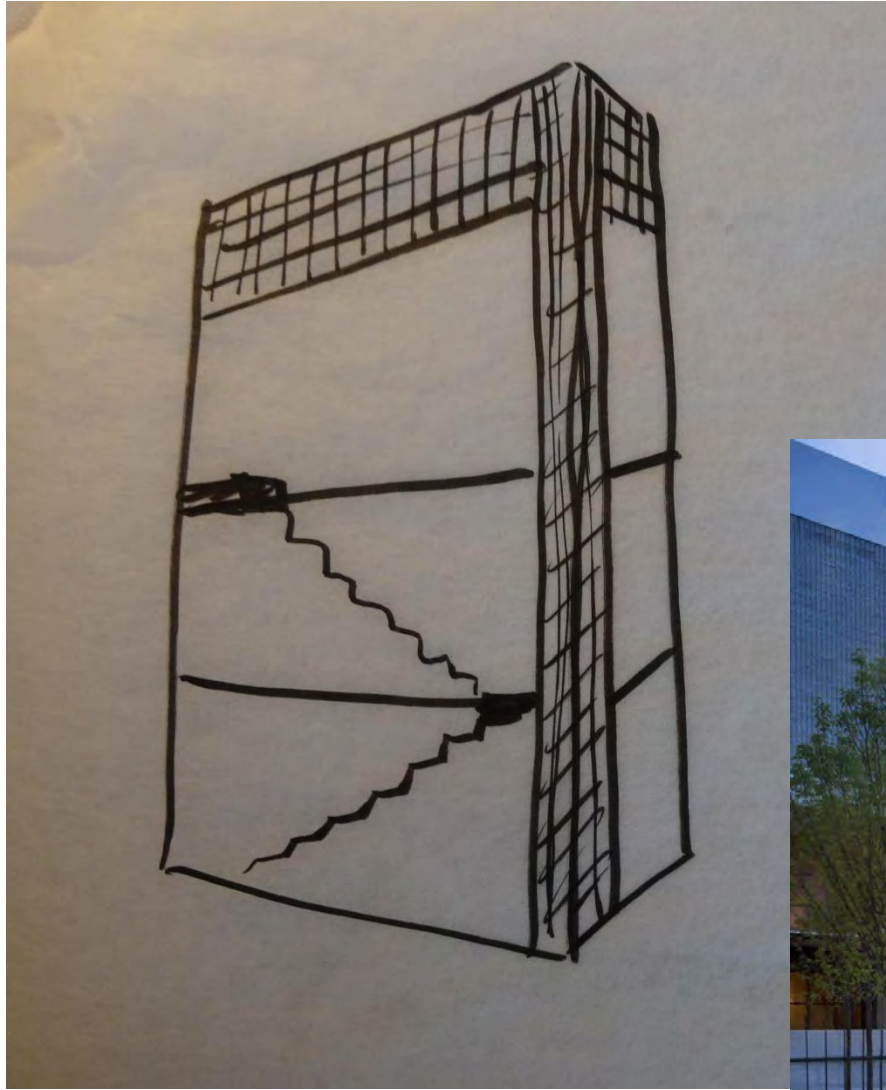
Enriching everyday lives by inspiring individuals, empowering community, and honing in on the deaf way of being.



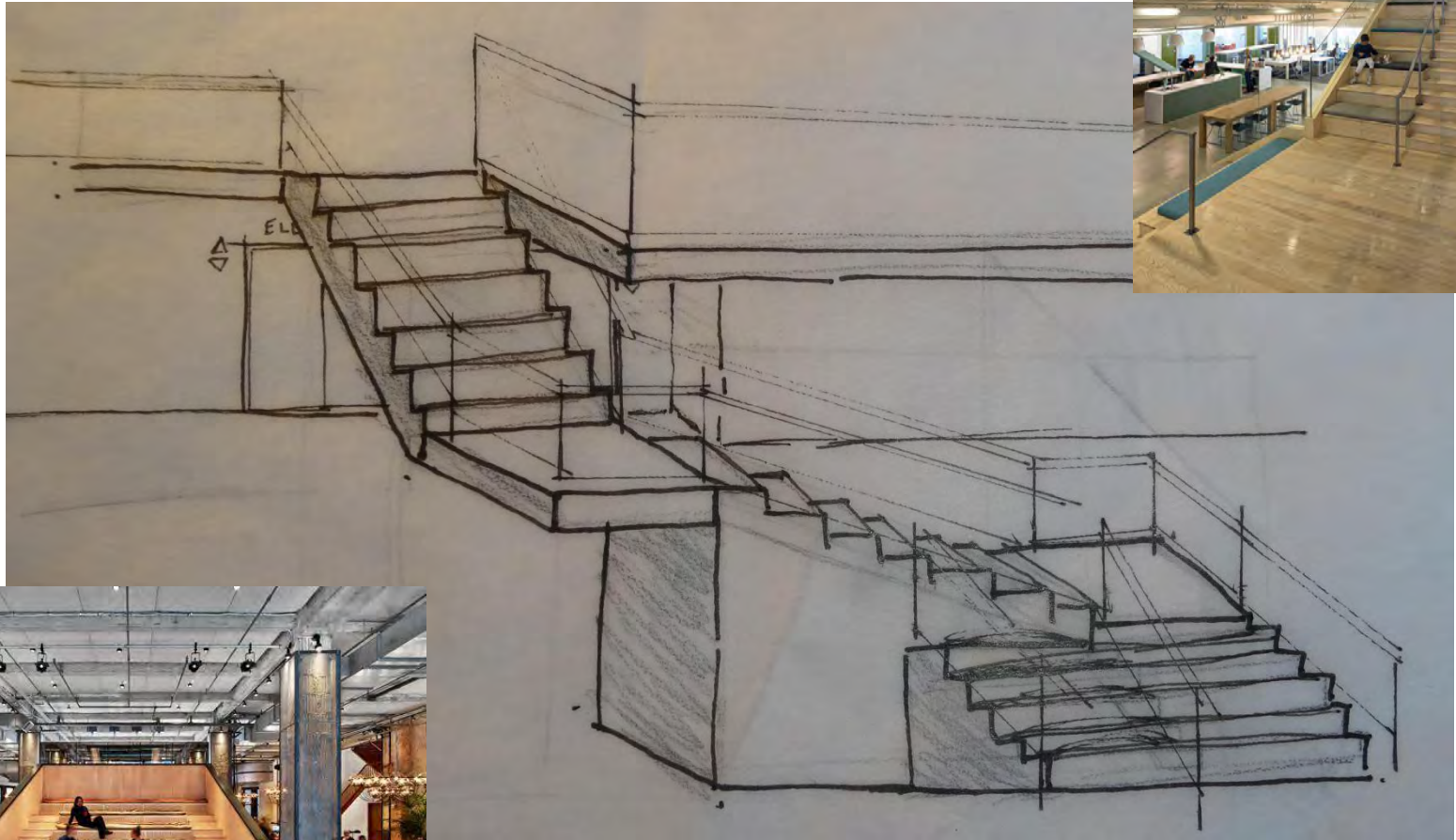
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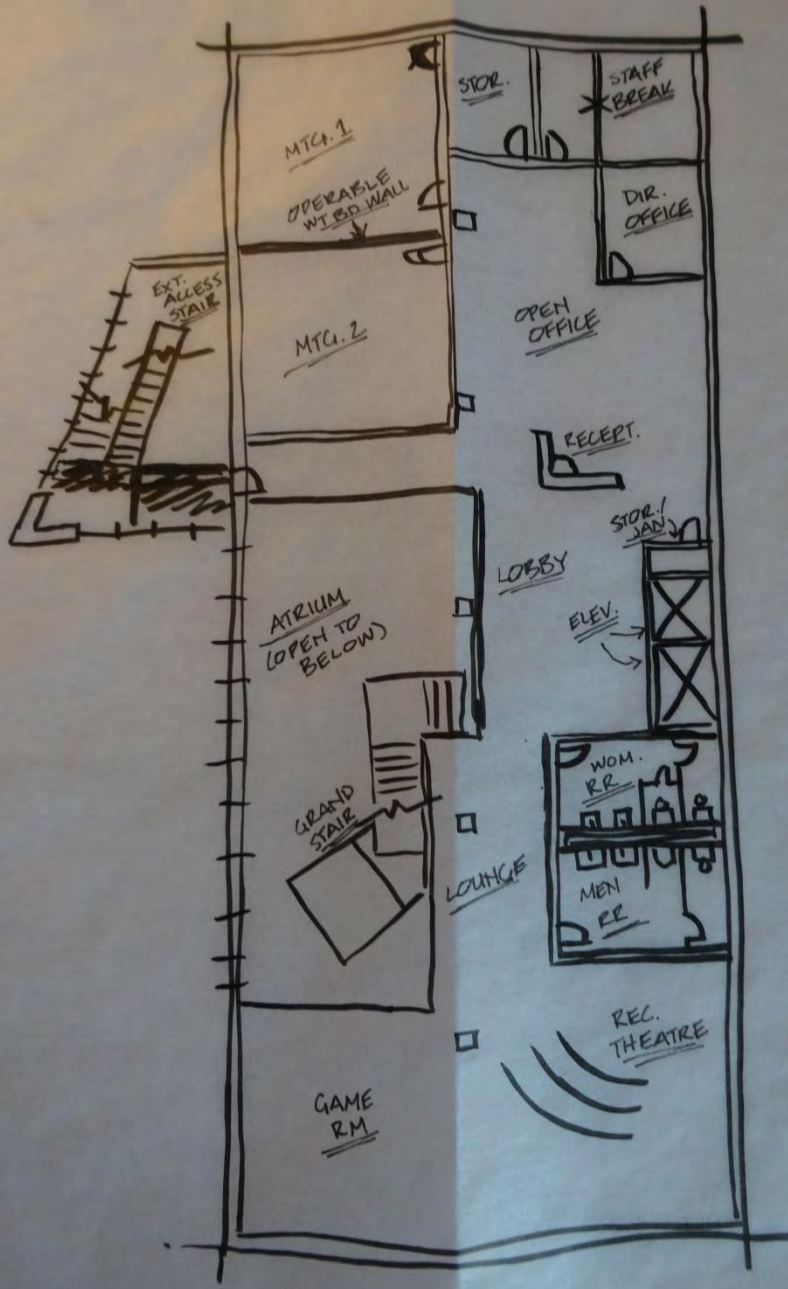


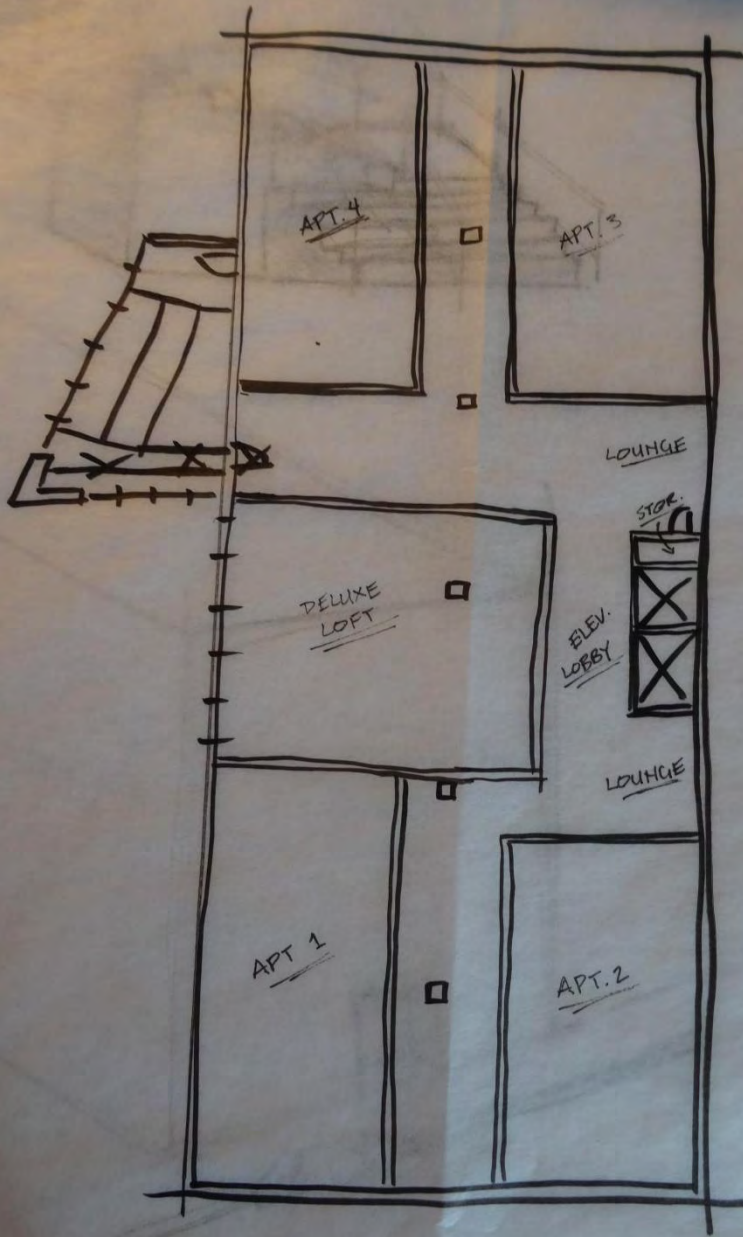
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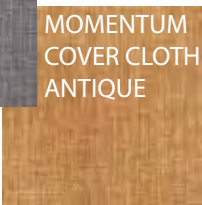
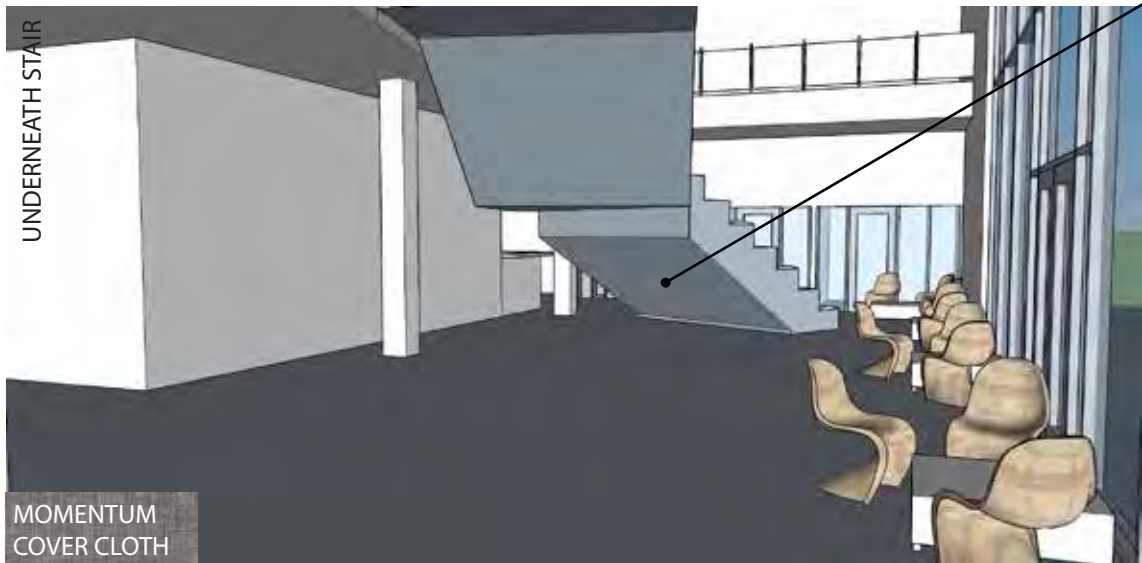
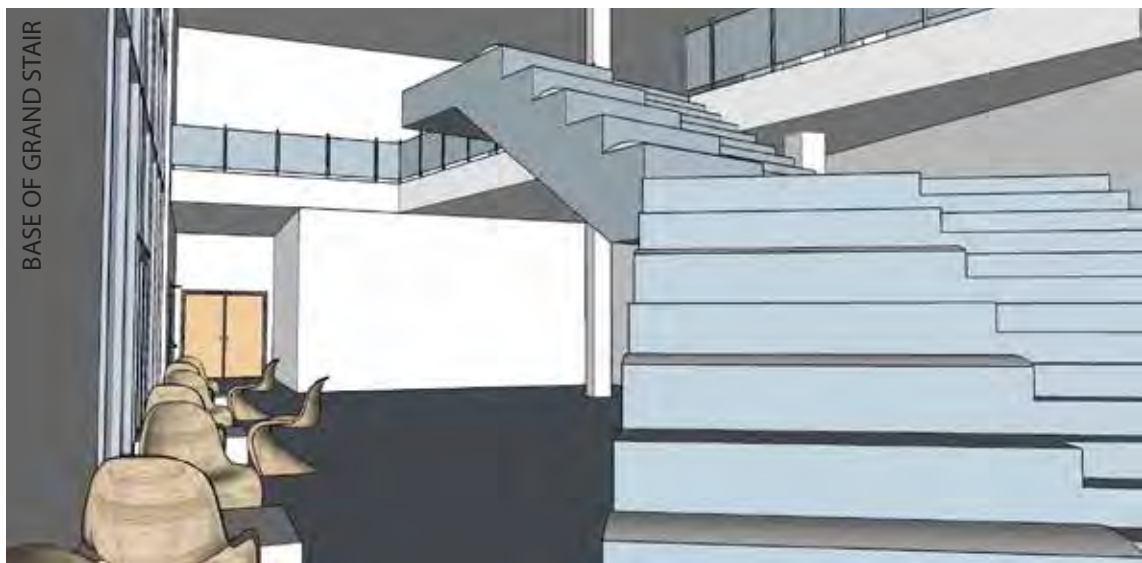
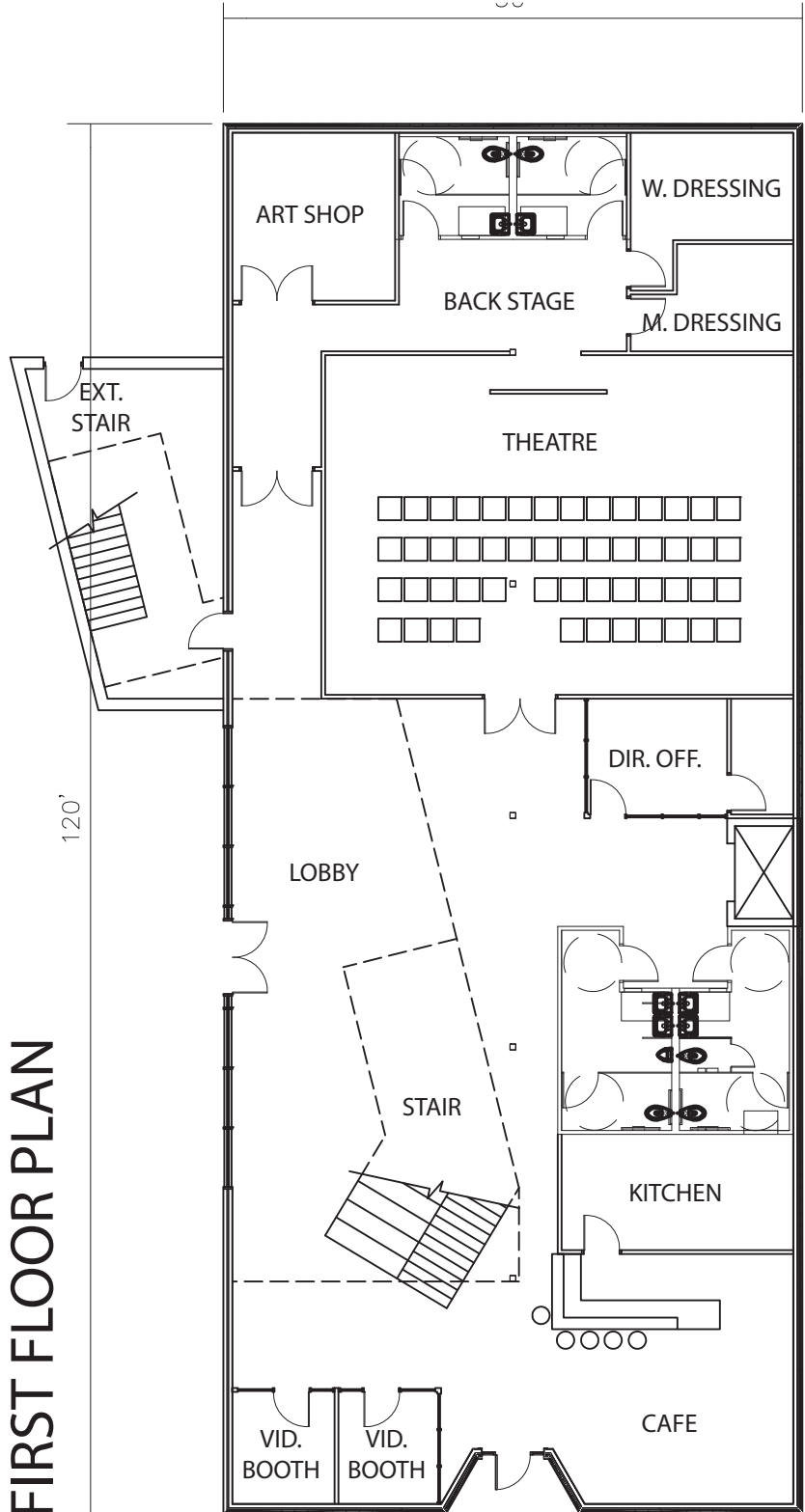




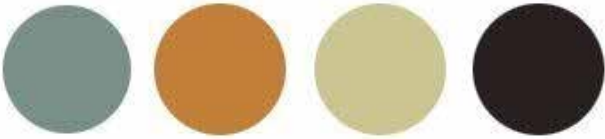




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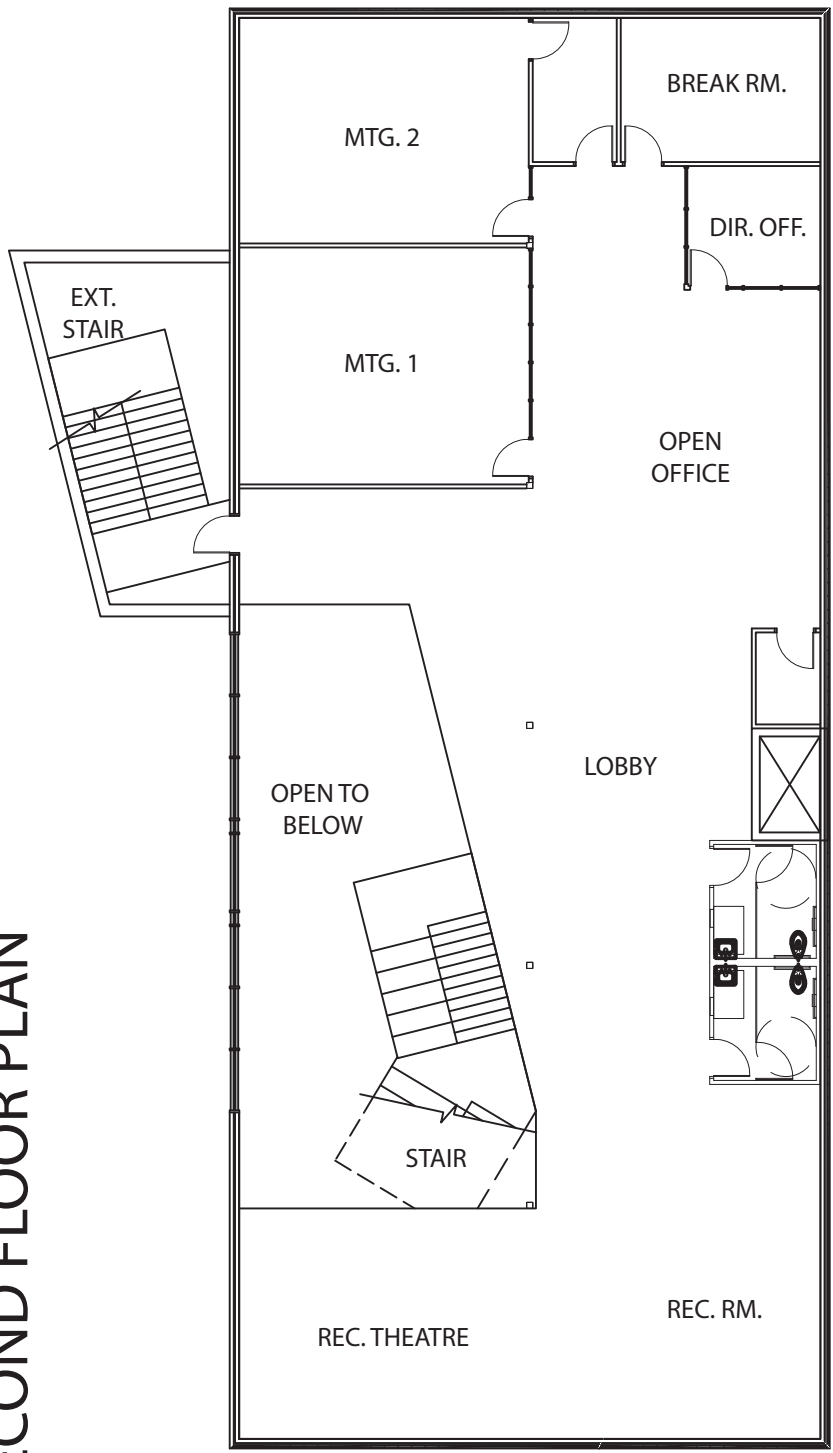
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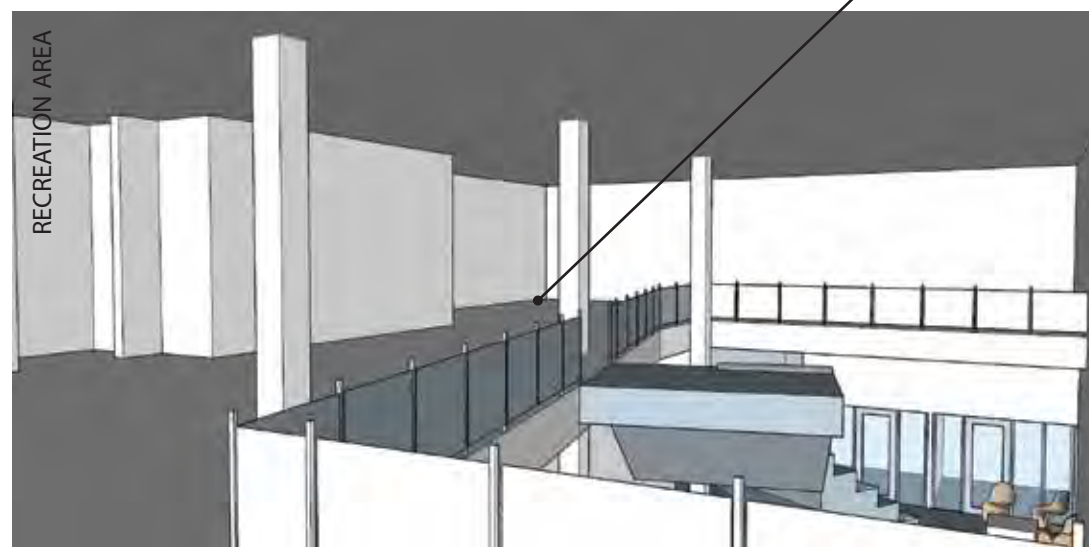
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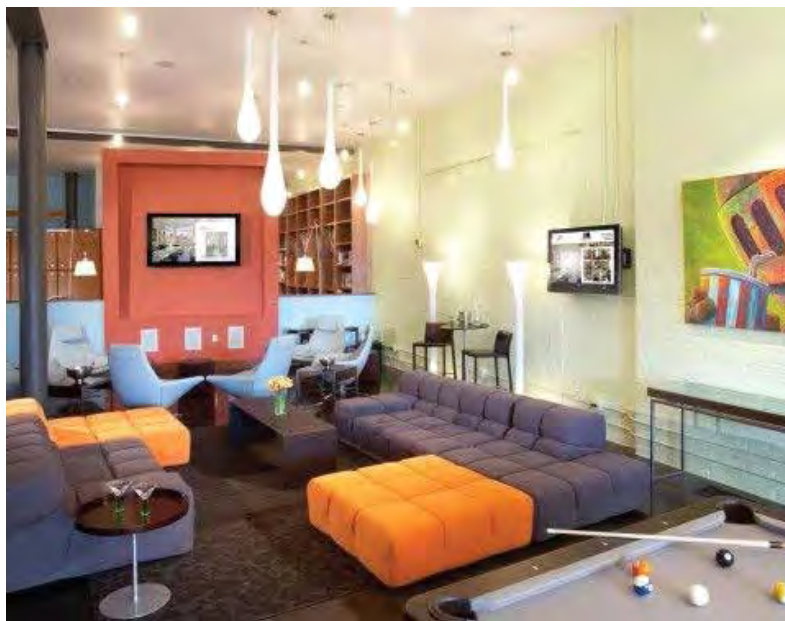
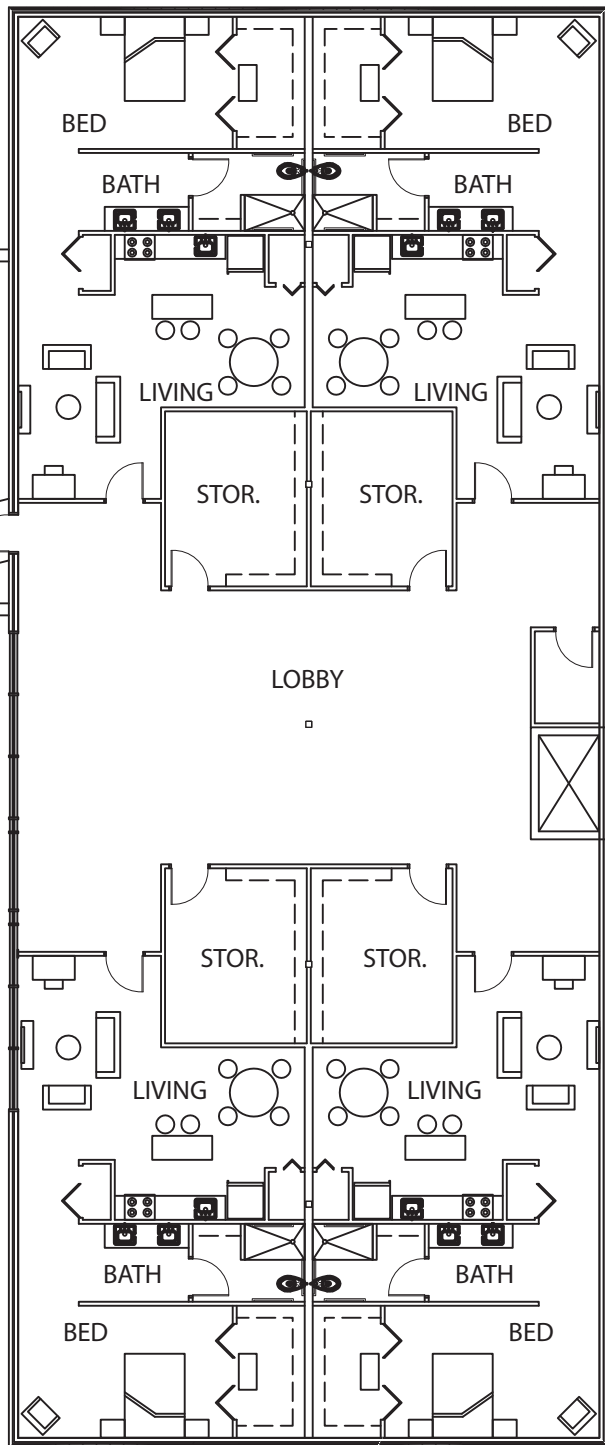


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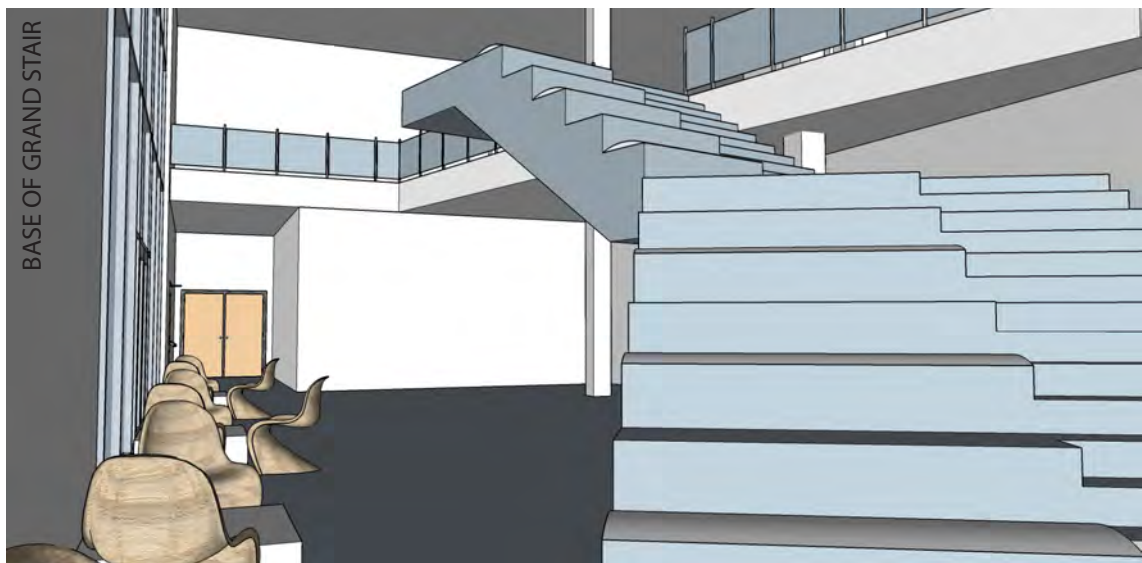
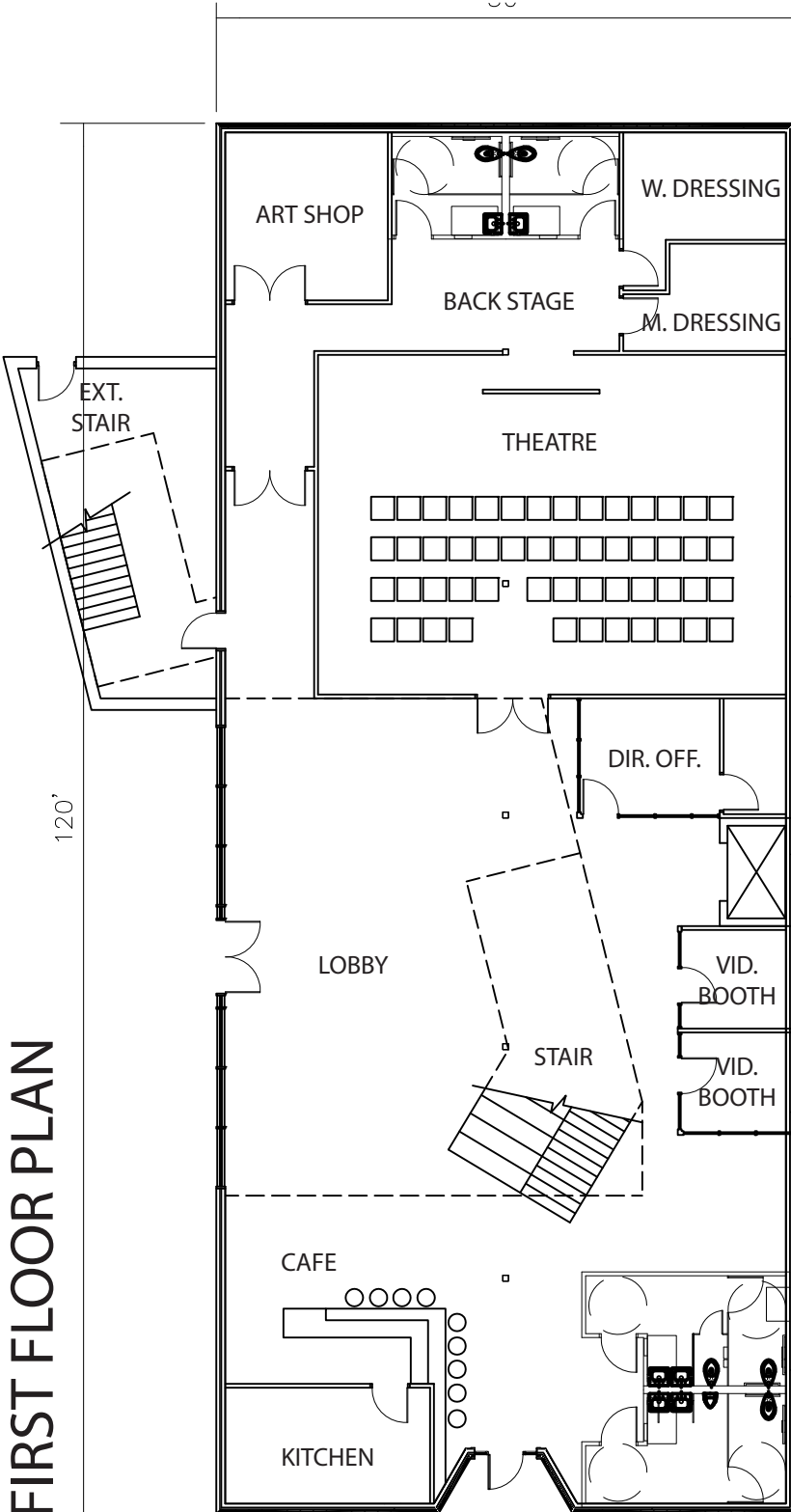
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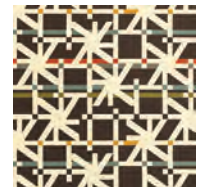
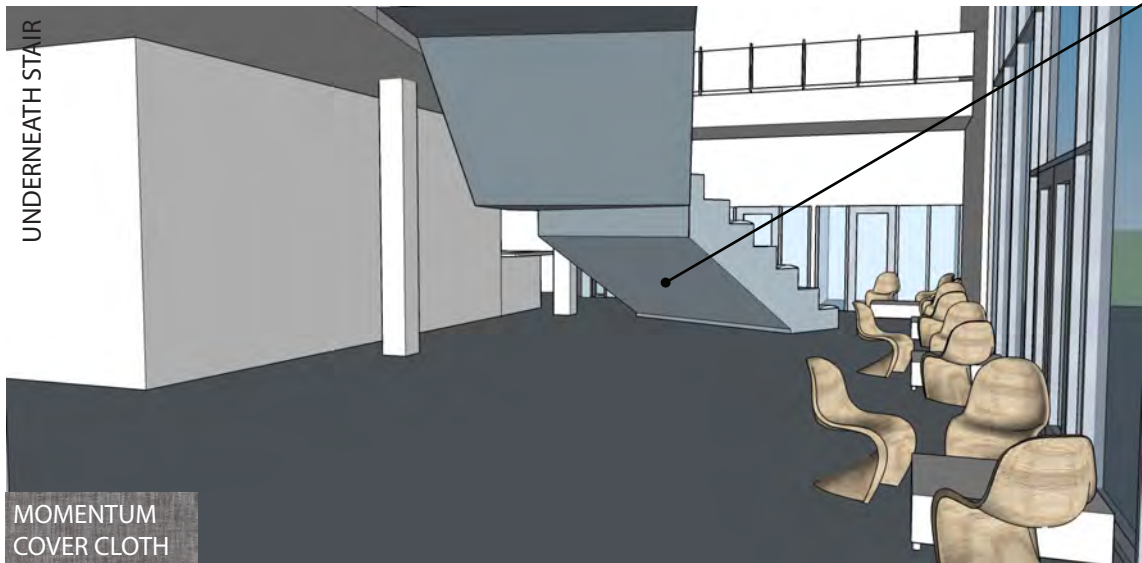


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UNDER STAIR BARRIER IDEAS



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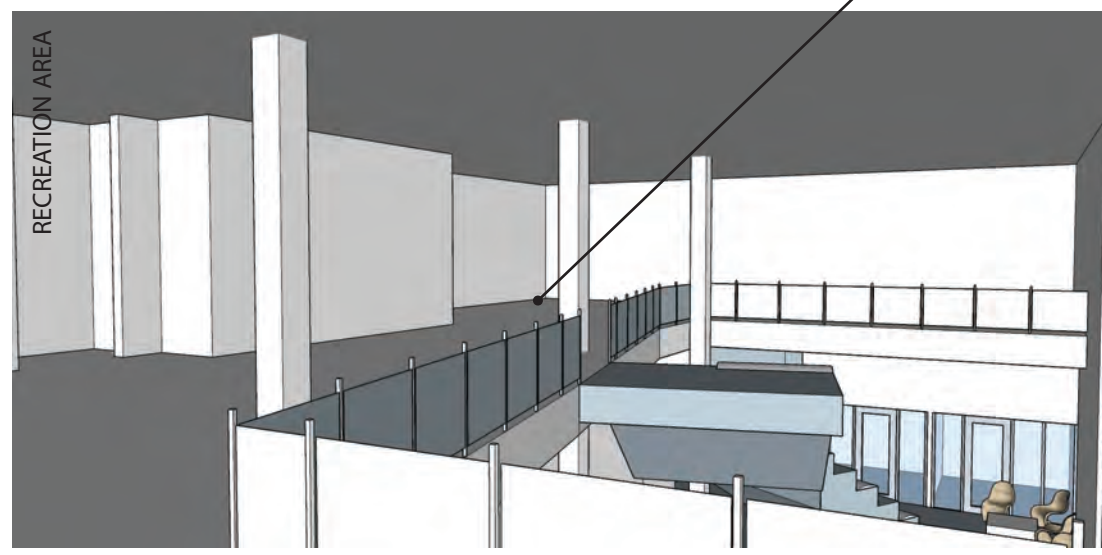
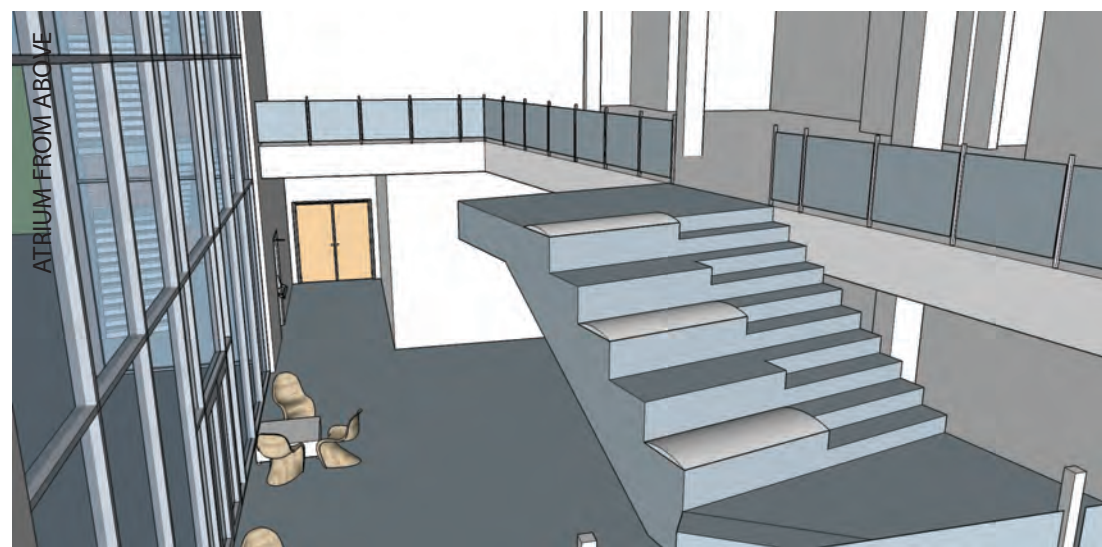
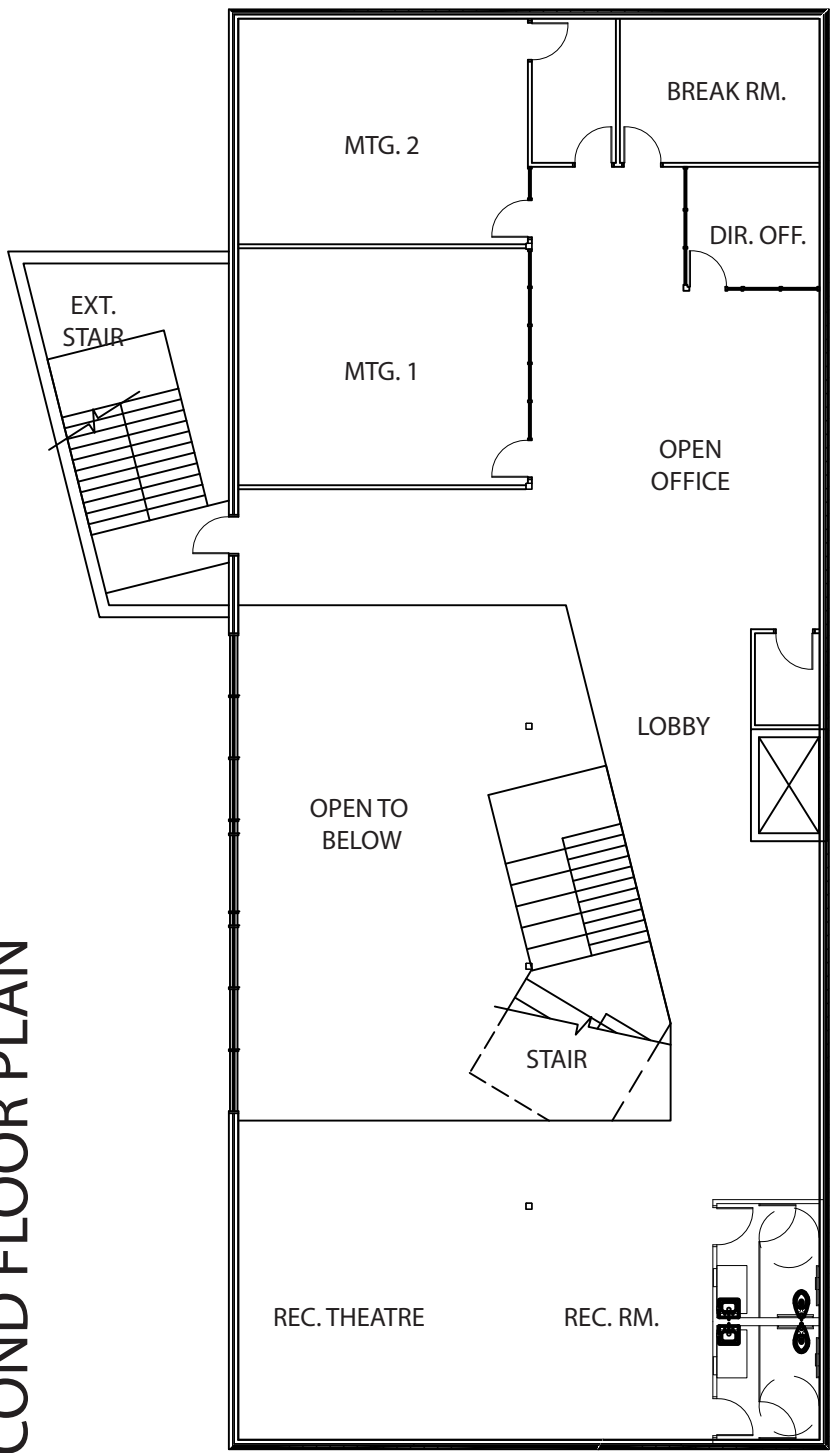
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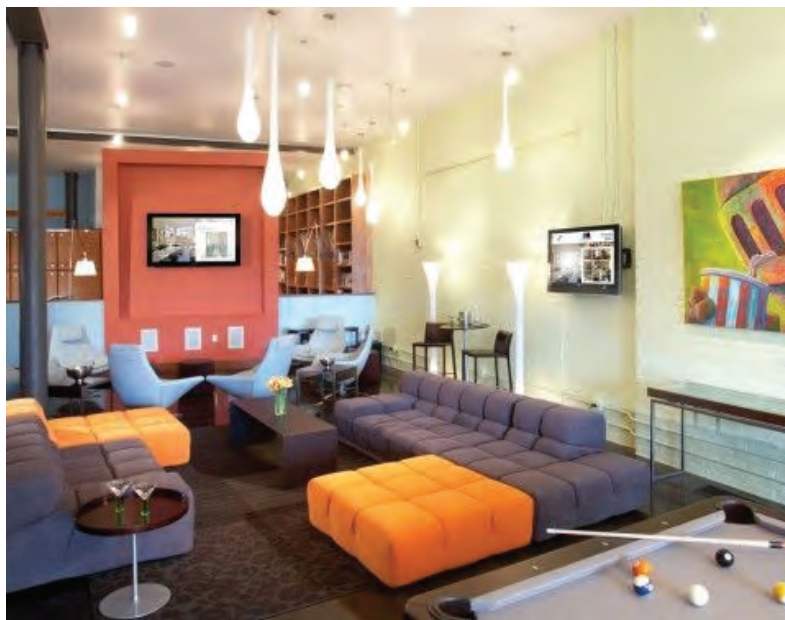
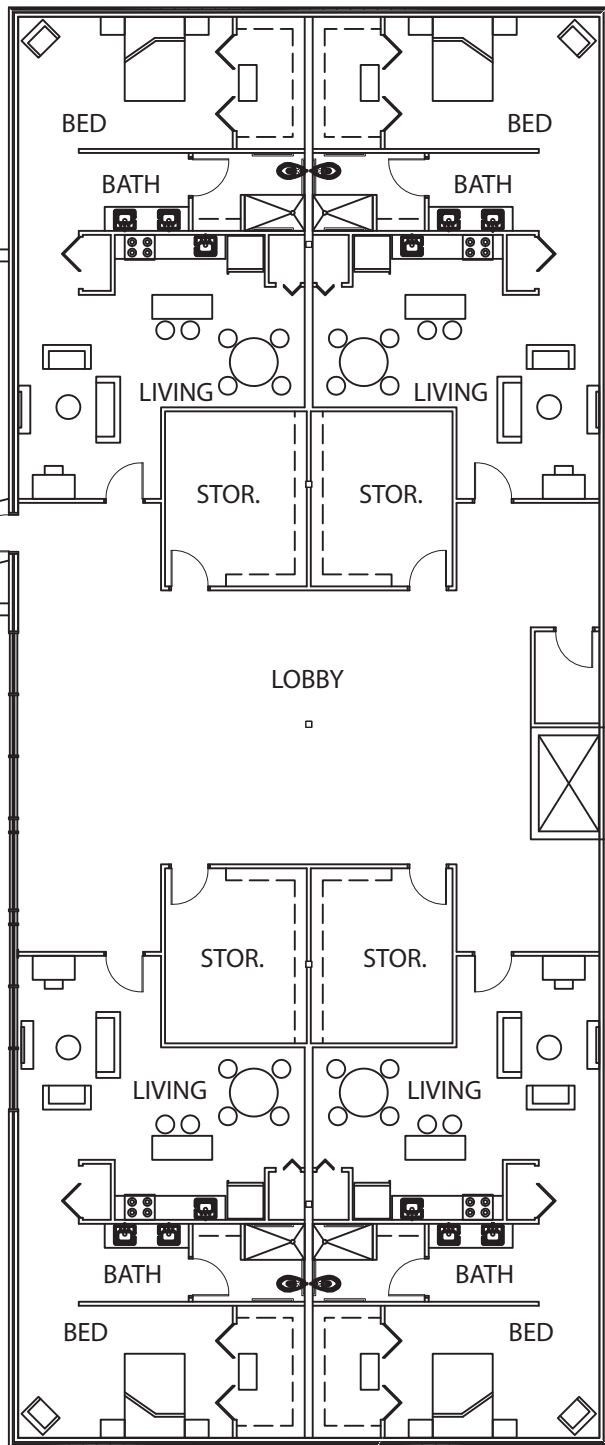
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THIRD FLOOR PLAN



LOFT INTERIOR AND LOBBY IDEAS

Design Development Phase

Expanded Concept

Each floor of the community center will embody one of the three conceptual verbs: inspire, empower, and live. The first floor will *inspire* individuals through the incorporation of a community theatre space where visitors can attend a variety of events focused on visual arts and communication. This floor will also integrate technology and other inclusive spaces that will instigate communication between all. Color and light will be used to create a light and uplifting atmosphere, as well. The second floor will *empower* hearing and deaf individuals alike to be involved in community with one another through various parks and recreation activities, including access to a game room and other organized opportunities. The final floor will provide unique *living* solutions for deaf individuals. Specifically catered to deaf and hearing-impaired needs, these tech-intensive units will ease inhibitions to daily living activities.

Solution Statement

From the street, the IEL Center makes a bold and enticing statement with the addition of a glass enclosed exterior stair. Backlit panels will be used on the rear wall of the stair corridor to create a dynamic art piece that draws people into the courtyard and encourages movement. The angle of the glass enclosed space sets the tone for the open and splayed architecture throughout the building. As guests enter the IEL Center on the first floor, they experience the first dose of this architectural set up. The angle from the exterior stair is repeated on the interior stair to enhance visual interest and sensory reach. Color creates intuitive wayfinding by signifying public landmarks with blue and semi-private spaces with orange and semi-permeable barriers such as GlasPro Switchable Privacy Glass and floating wood sculptural pieces under the stairs and above the cafe. The complementary color scheme also contrasts with skin tone for effective visual communication. Natural light is maximized by the exterior curtain wall and paired with

soft diffused lighting to enhance this as well. The furniture from Vitra is flexible and incorporated in order to achieve uninterrupted circulation paths supporting the DeafSpace relationship of space, proximity, and mobility. Gathering spaces at the café and on the stairs foster interaction between the deaf and hearing communities. The incorporation of technology in the video messaging booths also encourage communication throughout the region. Materials were selected to provide pattern and contrast in key background areas such as the stair railing, flooring, and case work without distracting from the foreground of the space. These materials also reflect a “softness” that reduces reverberation and improves acoustics in tandem with a building-wide white noise generator. In the community theatre, acoustics are emphasized with the use of architectural elements and ceiling and wall panels from Armstrong. By creating a soffit and acoustically sound stage, reverberation and reflection of sound are minimized to create a pleasing and comfortable environment for all users, deaf and hearing alike. The soffit also allows the theatrical equipment to be hidden within the ceiling creating a polished appearance within the space. The panel solutions provide interest and contrast by installing them on an angle, which creates visual rhythm in the theatre. The panels also provide intriguing lighting solutions through the dichotomy between light and shadow.

As guests continue to the second floor, they will encounter a recreational space meant for activity driven gatherings. The game room and recreational theatre can host events such as game nights with board and table games, television and movie marathons, etc. The open plan reigns again to enforce visual access throughout the building including the glass walls at the recreation office, which will be responsible for organizing various events for the community. The two meeting rooms on the second floor will incorporate Skype and multi-media to promote lectures, business meetings, or private gatherings.

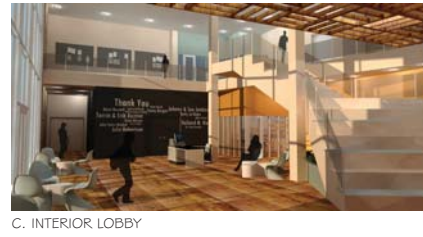
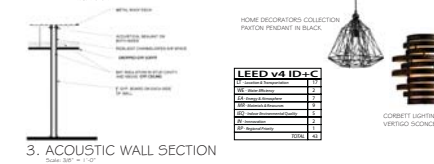
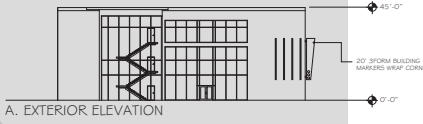
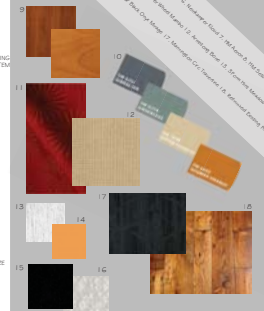
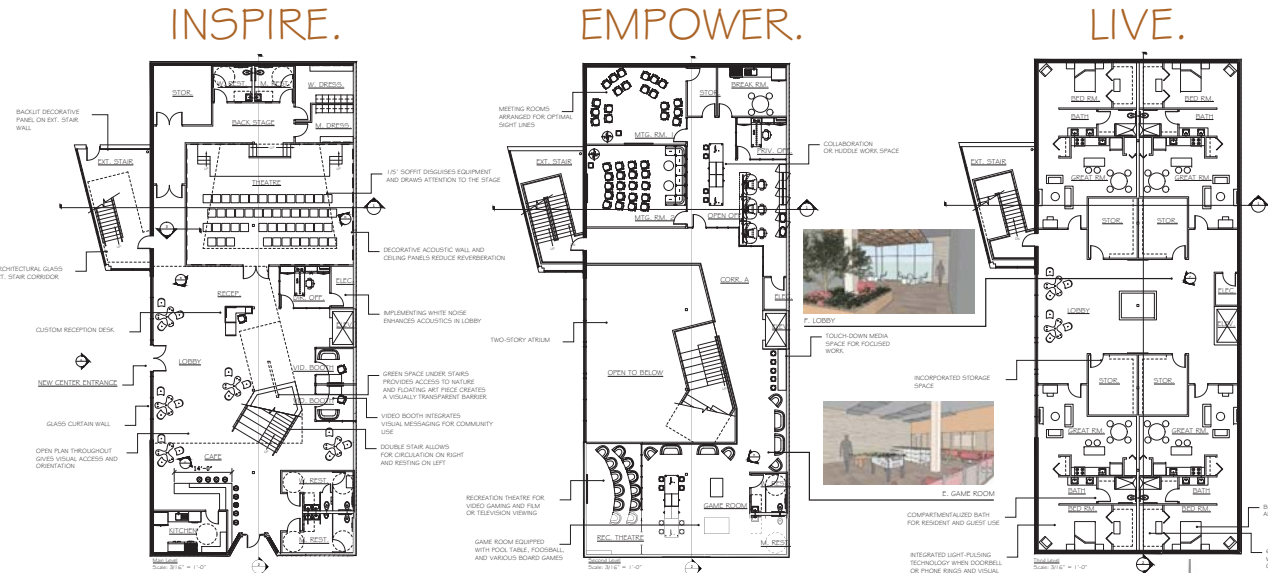
The third floor is the only floor reserved specifically for deaf and hearing-impaired inhabitants for full-time residency. These equal and mirrored 900 square foot units include an attached storage space and multiple integrated technologies. These accommodations include a bed-vibrating alarm system, light-pulsing doorbell and telephone, and visual messaging synced with the television. The inhabitants of this floor will be eligible for a “live-and-work” scholarship, which would allow them to live on the third floor of the IEL Center for free and work within it for a standardized stipend. This idea will drive the application of the Social Cognition Theory the building hopes to embody by creating an immersive experience where deaf and hearing-impaired individuals are empowered to interact socially and professionally with hearing individuals.

IEL CENTER

Enriching everyday lives by **INSPIRING** individuals, **EMPOWERING** community, and honing in on the **DEAF WAY OF BEING.**

Each floor of the community center will embody one of the three conceptual verbs: inspire, empower, and live. The first floor will inspire individuals through the incorporation of a community theatre space where visitors can attend a variety of events focused on visual arts and communication. This floor will also integrate technology and other inclusive spaces that will instigate communication between all. Color and light will be used to create a light and uplifting atmosphere, as well. The second floor will empower hearing and deaf individuals alike to be involved in community with one another through various parks and recreation activities, including access to a game room and other organized opportunities. The final floor will provide unique living solutions for deaf individuals. Specifically catered to deaf and hearing-impaired needs, these tech-intensive units will ease inhibitions to daily living activities.

- Goals:**
- Utilize Universal Design and DeafSpace concepts to create an intuitive environment for deaf individuals
 - Foster community and camaradery between deaf and hearing cultures
 - Create a cohesive design brand that encompasses all three purposes



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Gallaudet University Residence Hall. (2012, January 1). Retrieved February 4, 2015, from <http://ltlarchitects.com/gallaudet-university-residence-hall>.

Basic project information including the purpose and design features were found on LTL Architects' website for the Living and Learning Residence Hall 6 at Gallaudet University. Some of the information regarding DeafSpace concepts was also received from this source.

Johnson City. (2010, January 1). Retrieved February 4, 2015, from <http://www.etsu.edu/com/pathology/johnsoncity.aspx>.

East Tennessee State University's website solely provided basic city data for Johnson City, Tennessee, including average annual rainfall, general climate, and population.

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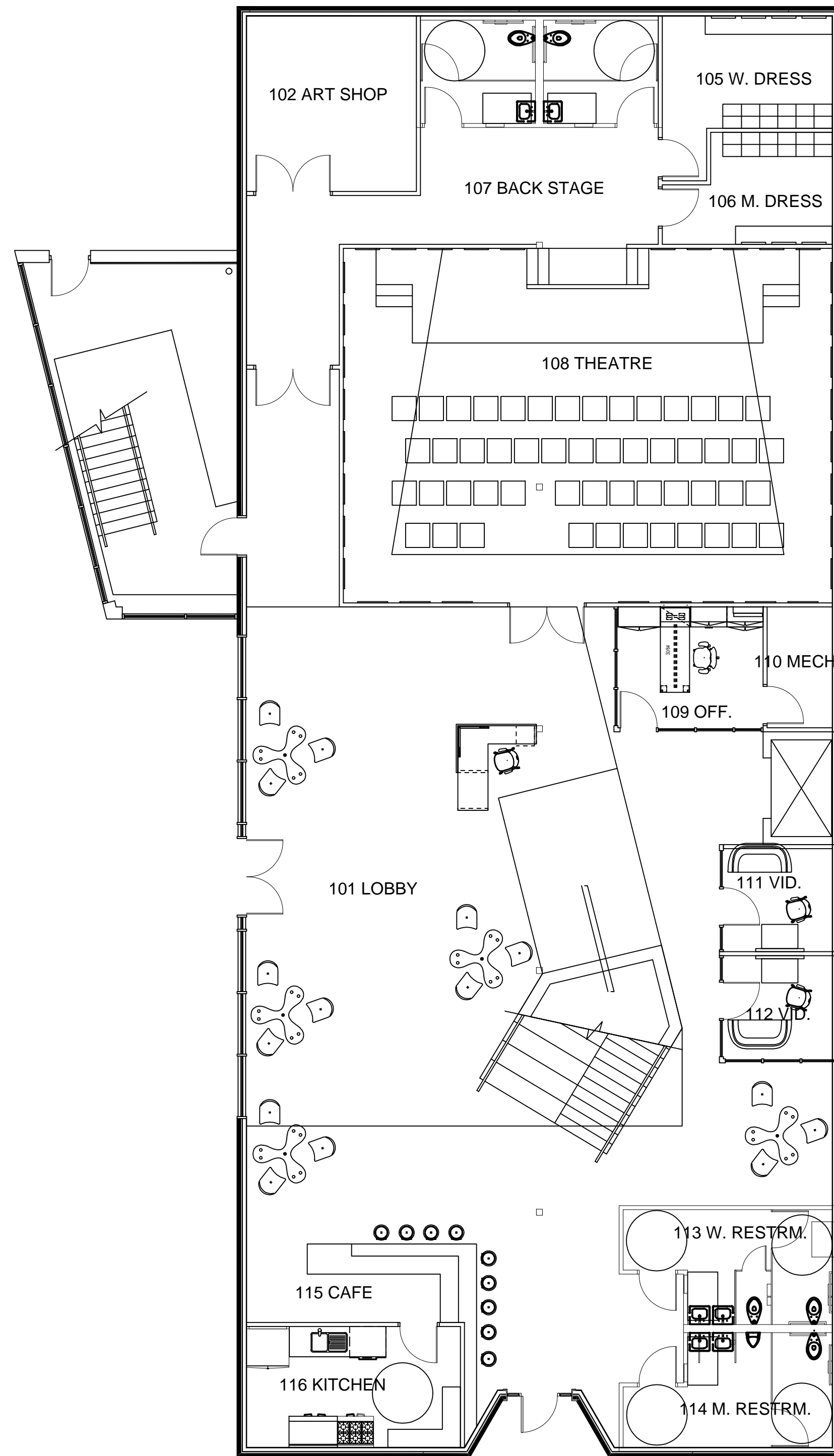
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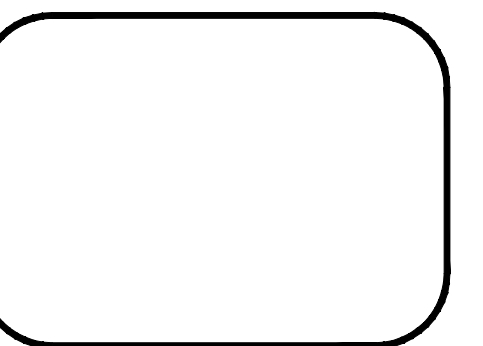
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	1	\$679		HERMAN MILLER AERON EXEC. CHAIR	3D01 - CARBON
	2	\$3,645	14984	NEINKAMPER KLOUD LOUNGE	CLASSIC - 659 BEAUTY
	9	\$975		VITRA ZEB STOOL	10 - NATURAL OAK, VARNISH
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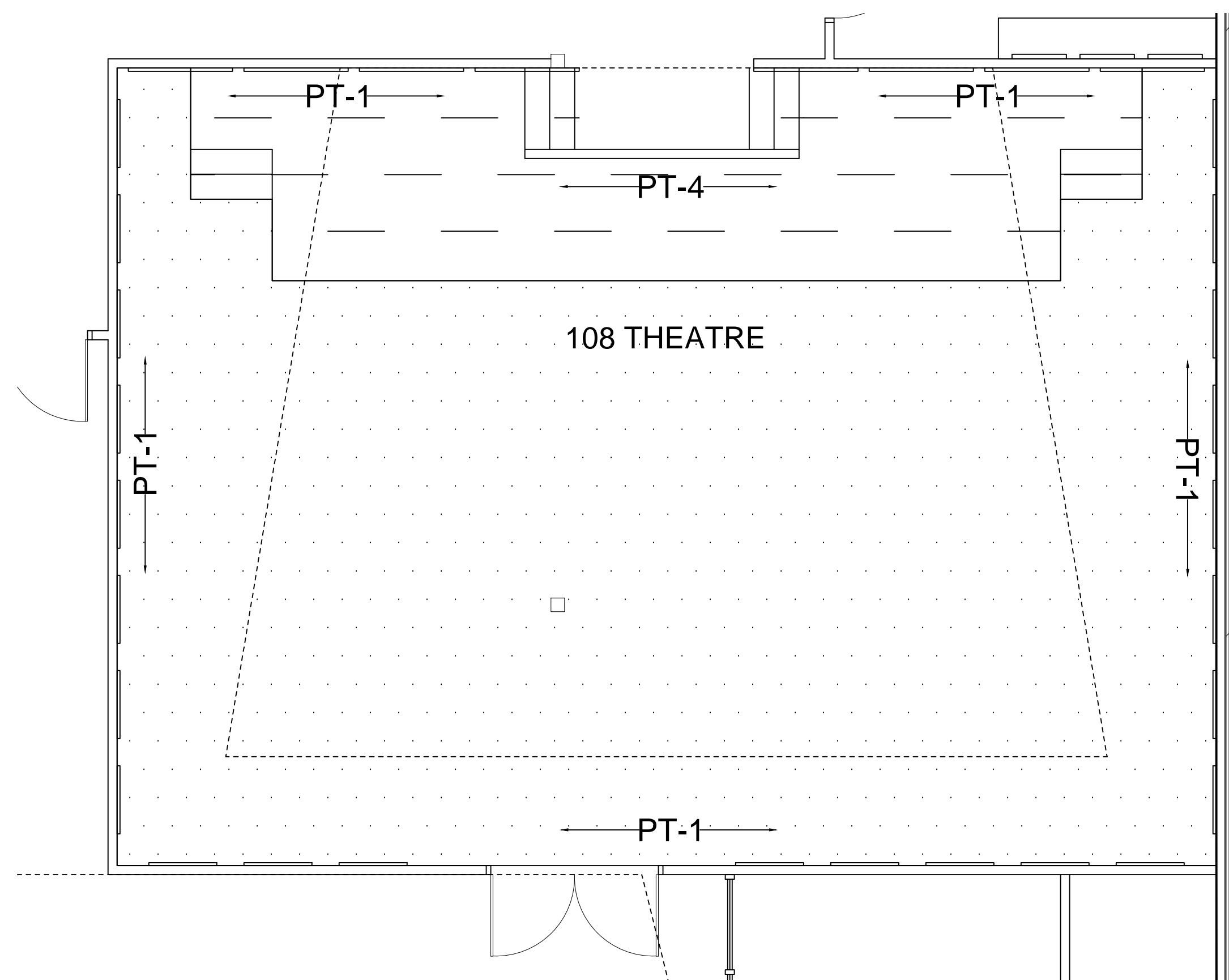
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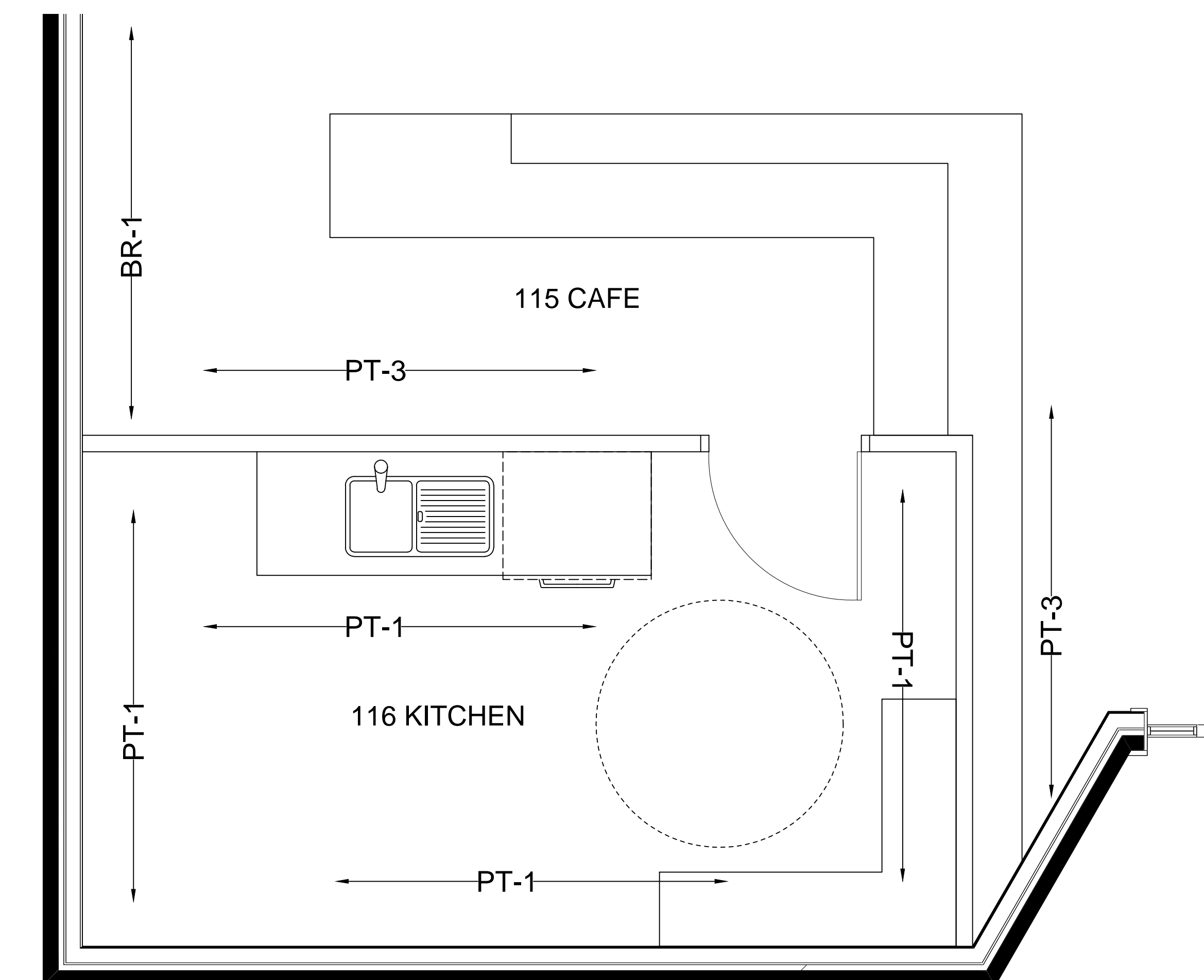


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1 INTERIOR FINISH PLAN - THEATRE

Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"



2 INTERIOR FINISH PLAN - CAFE

Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

FINISH LEGEND				
CODE	HATCH	MANUF.	DESCRIPTION	FINISH
WD-1			EXISTING WD FLR	ANTIQUÉ OAK STAIN
RS-1		MONDO	ADVANCE RUBBER SHEET	L08 BLACK
CP-1		MANNINGTON COMMERCIAL	BROADLOOM - CIRC	35216 - TRAVERTINE
PT-1		SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SW 7698 - STRAW HARVEST	MATTE
PT-2		SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SW 6642 - RHUMBA ORANGE	MATTE
PT-3		SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SW 6214 - UNDERSEAS	MATTE
PT-4		SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SW 6257 - GIBRALTAR	MATTE
BR-1			EXISTING EXT. BRICK WALL	

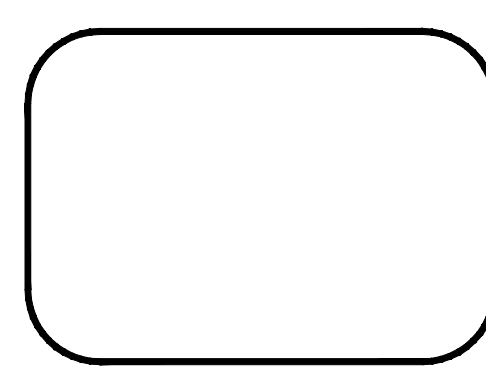
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RM. NUM.	NAME	WALLS				NOTES
		NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST	
108	THEATRE	PT-1	PT-1	PT-1	PT-1	3, 6
		PT-4				
115	CAFE		PT-3	PT-3	BR-1	4
116	KITCHEN	PT-1	PT-1	PT-1	PT-1	

FINISH NOTES

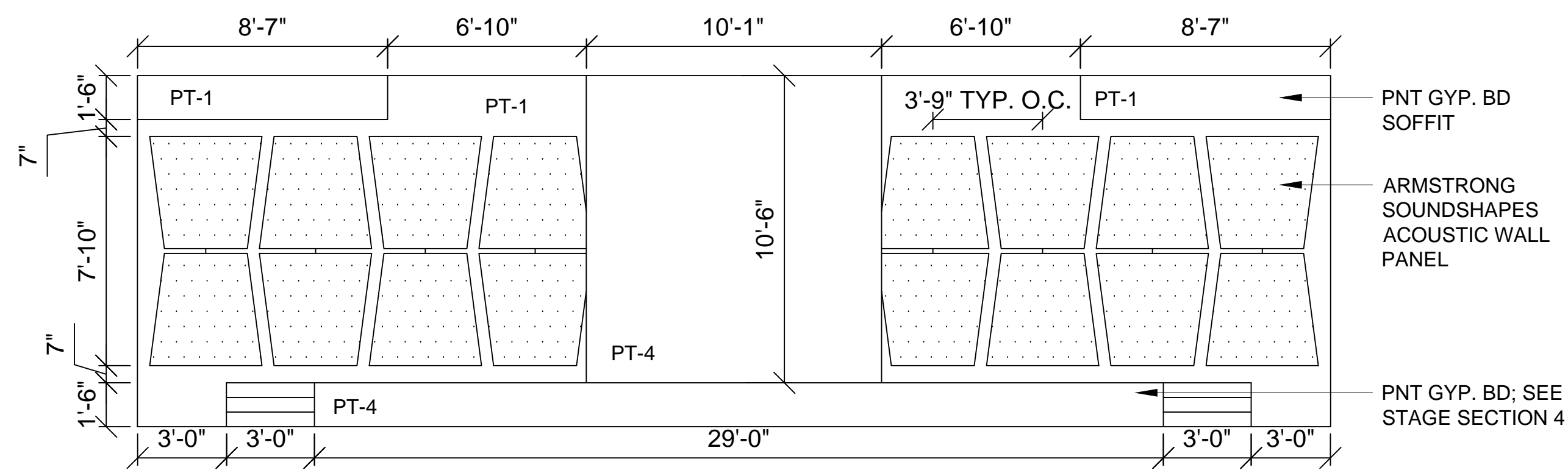
- CONTACT DESIGNER WITH ANY QUESTIONS IN THE EVENT OF CONTRADICTION OR CONFUSING INFORMATION ON PLANS, SCHEDULES, ELEVATIONS, ETC.
- USE PT-1 AS GENERAL WALL PAINT, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
- USE PT-4 AS ACCENT ON NORTH STAGE WALL IN THEATRE.
- USE PT-3 AS ACCENT WALL PAINT IN CAFE. REFER TO PLAN AND ELEVATIONS FOR LOCATION AND EXTENT.
- REFINISH EXISTING WOOD FLOOR, U.N.O.
- INSTALL ACOUSTIC WALL PANELS AS NOTED ON INTERIOR ELEVATIONS.

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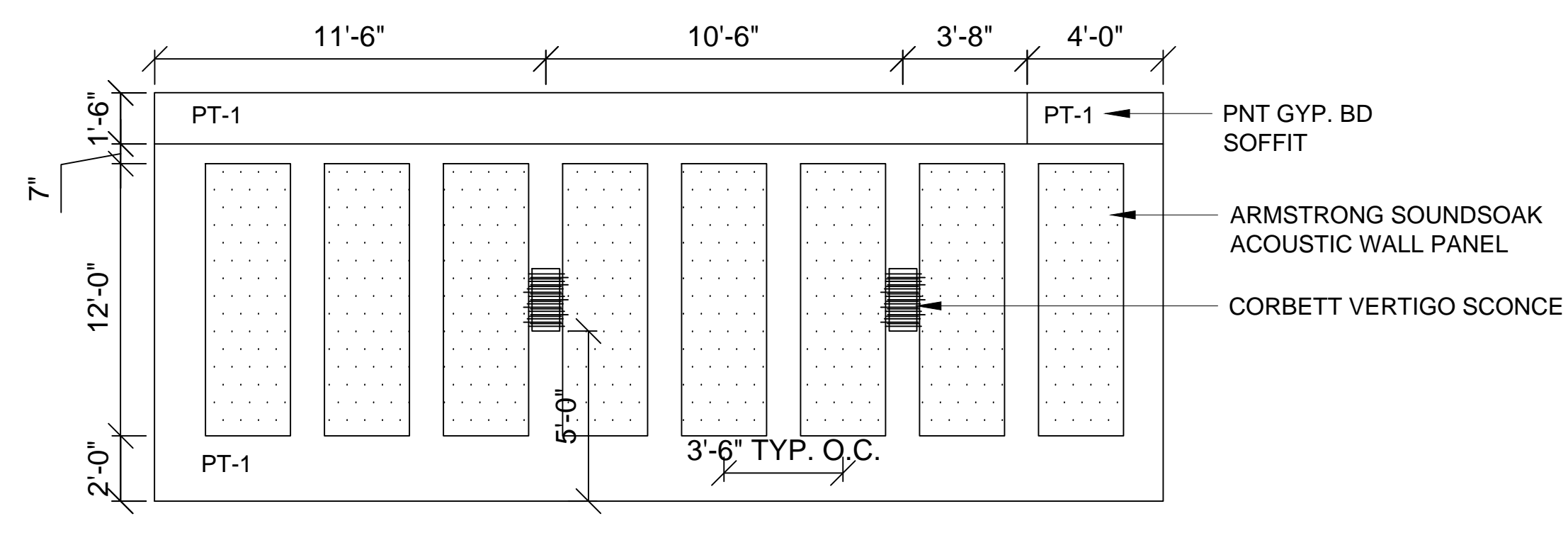


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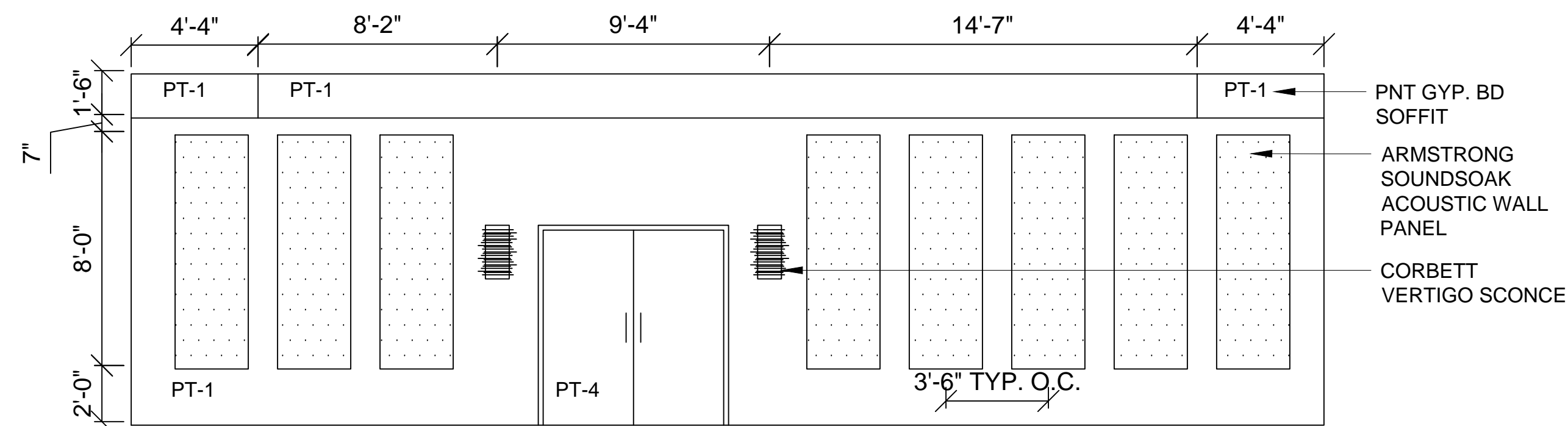
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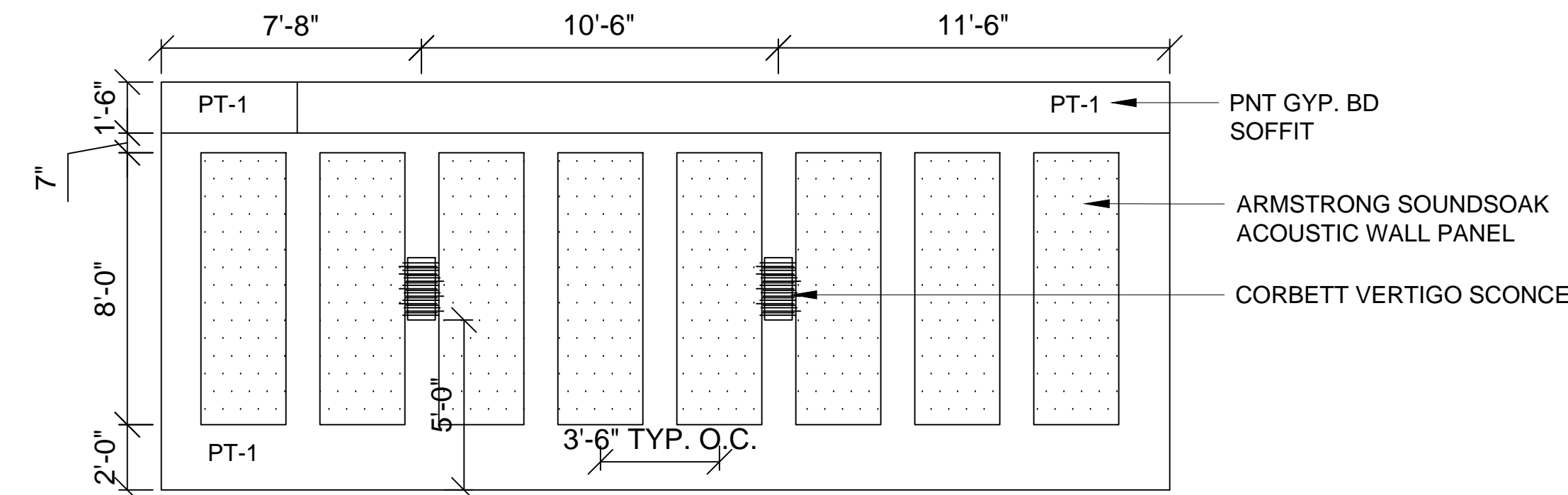
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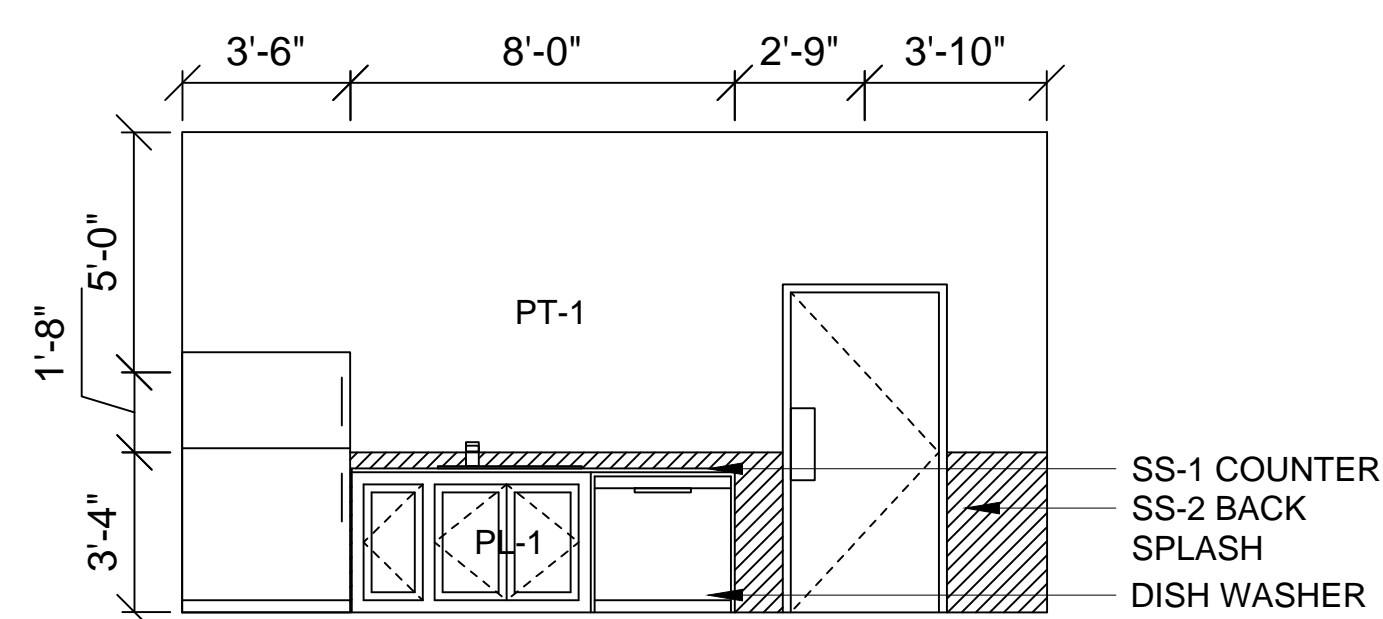
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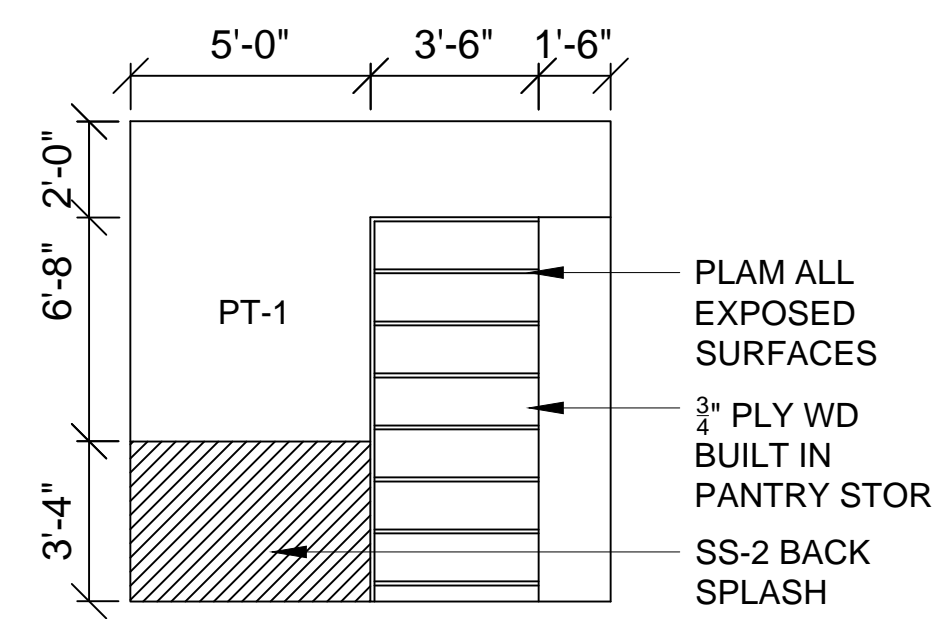
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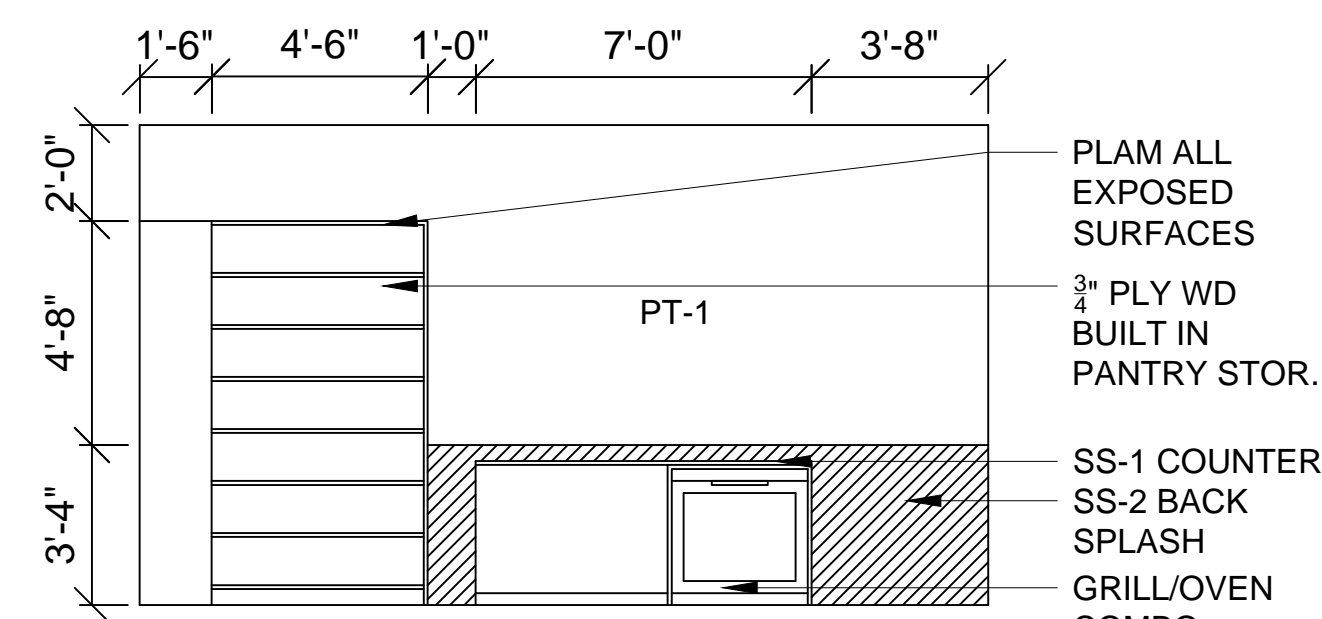
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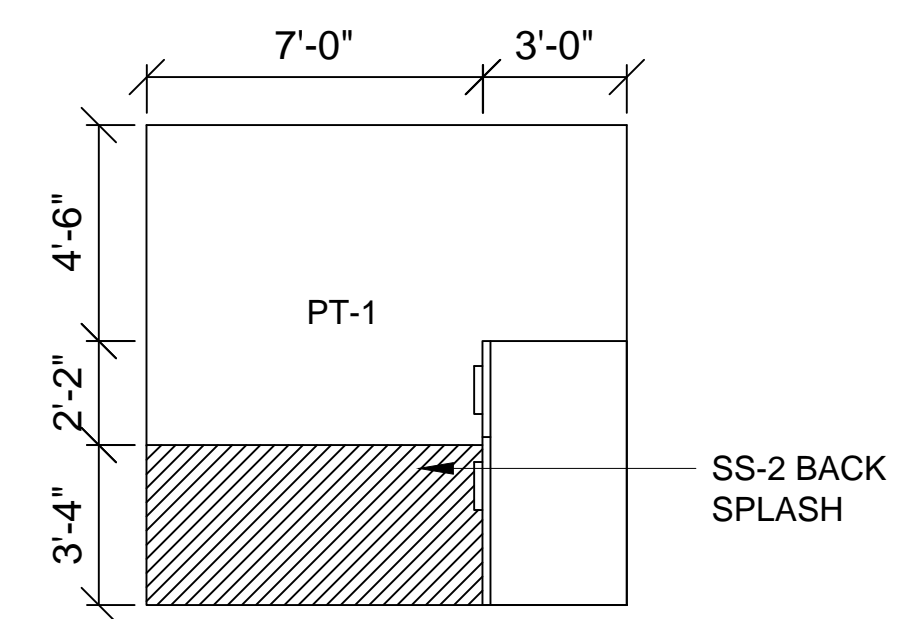
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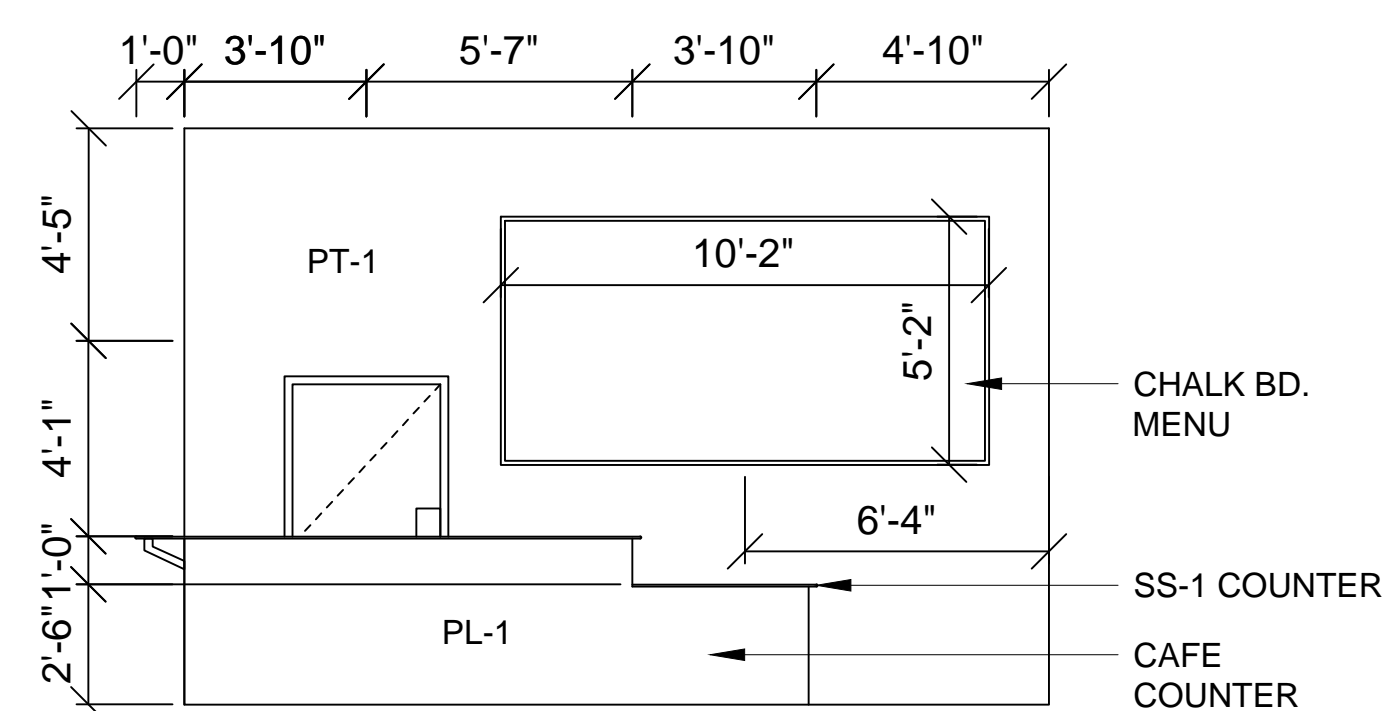
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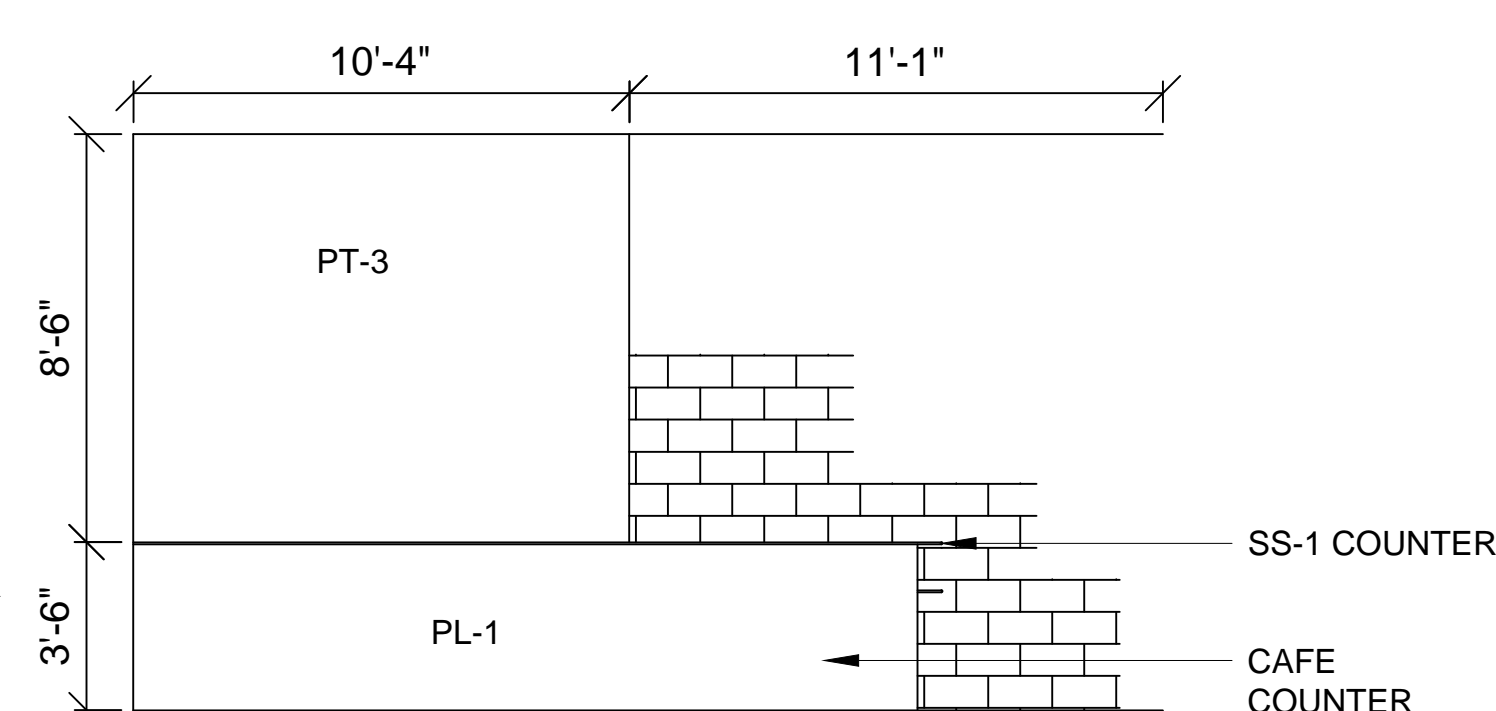
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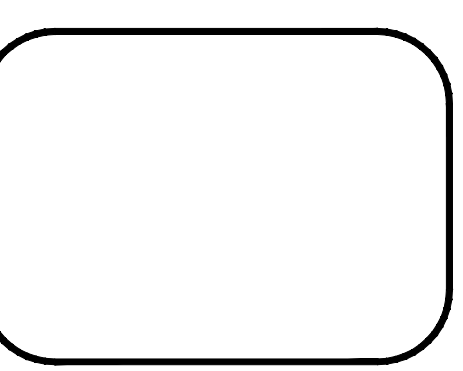
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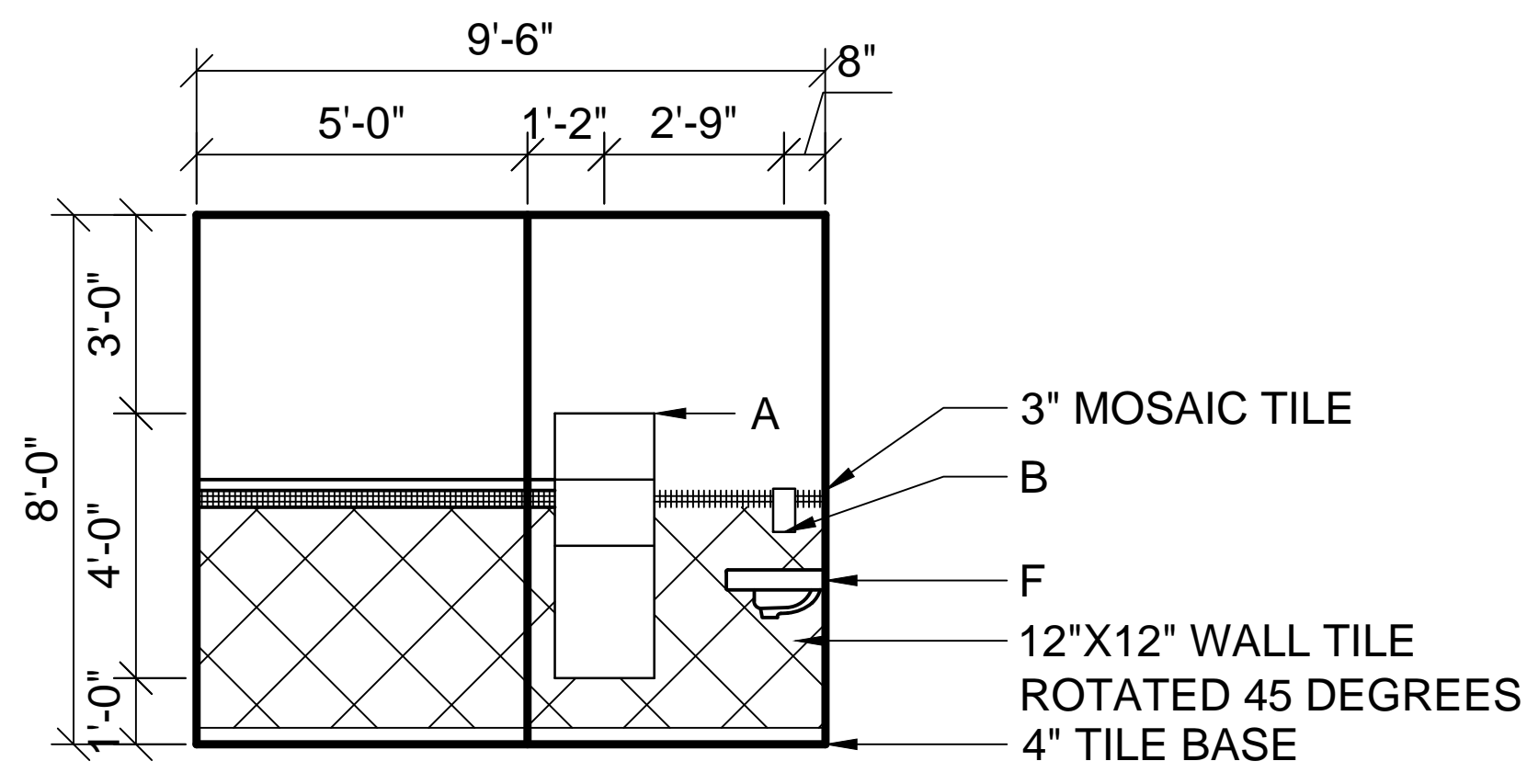
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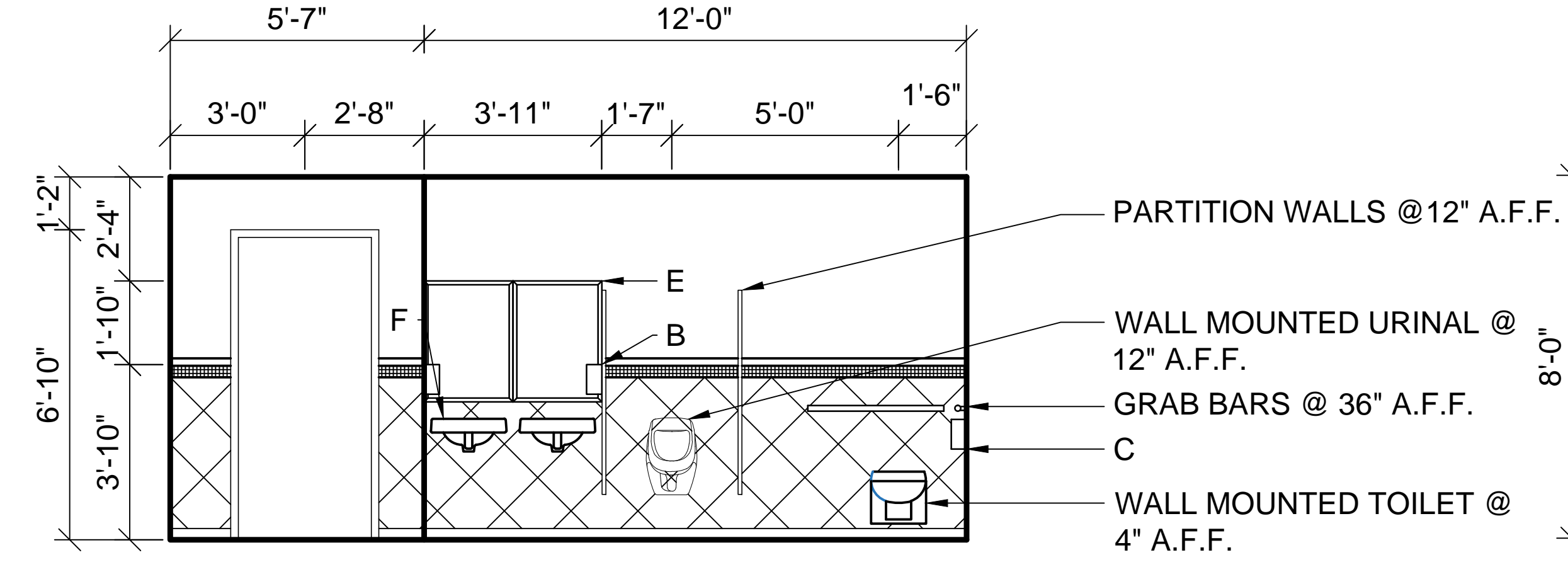
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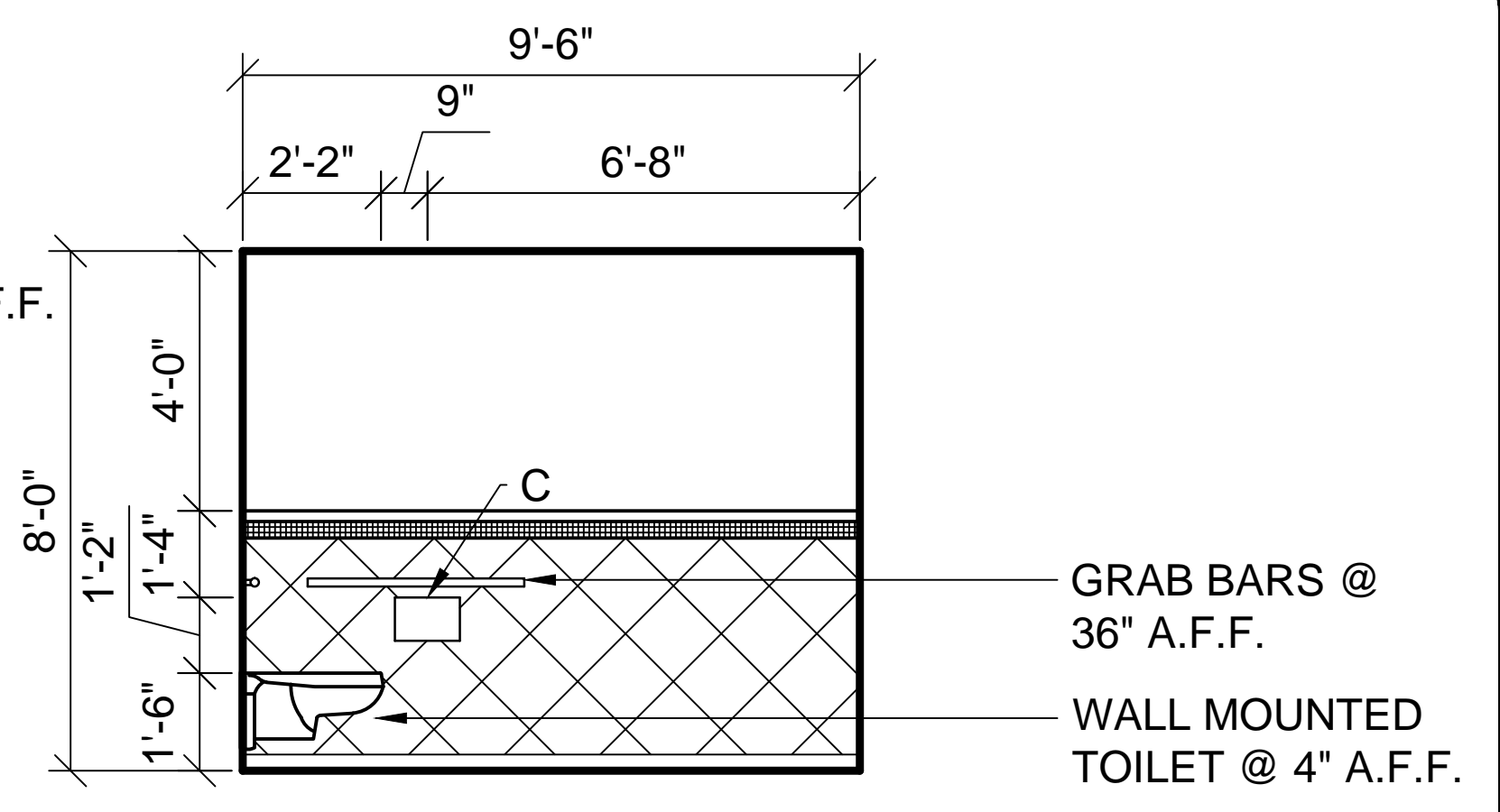
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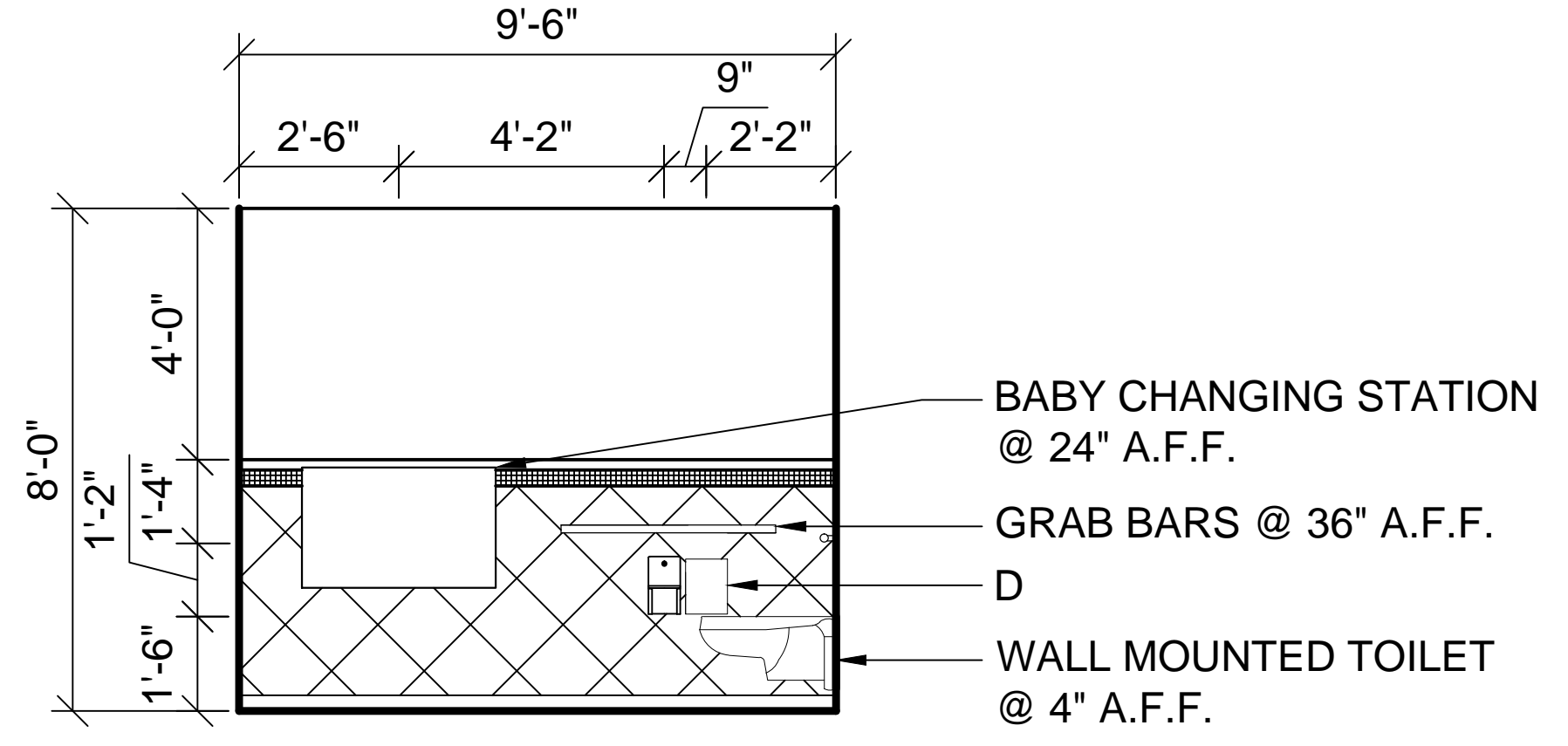
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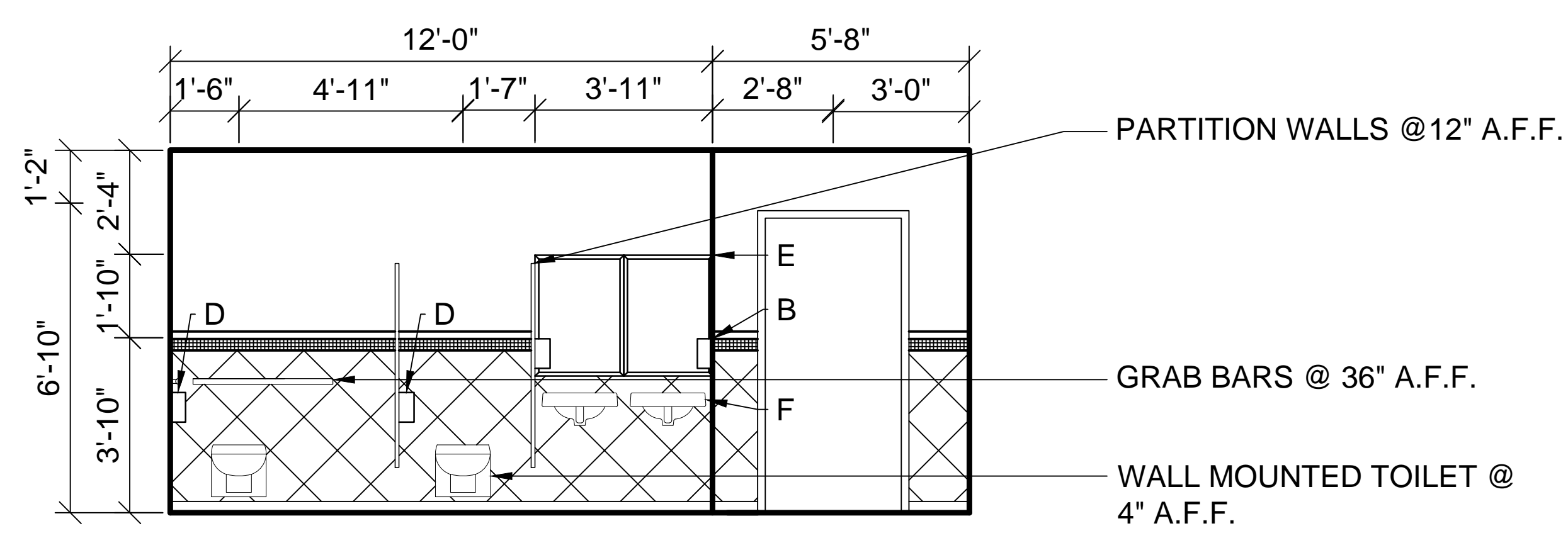
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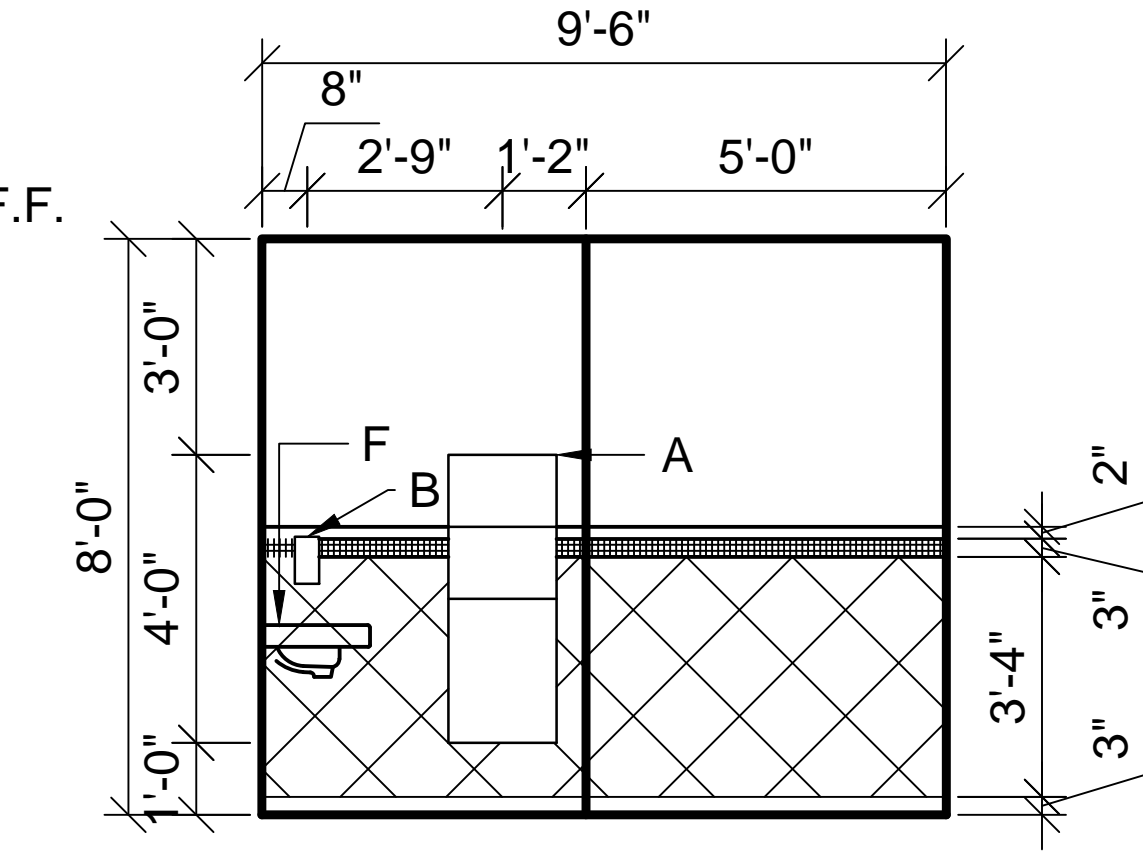
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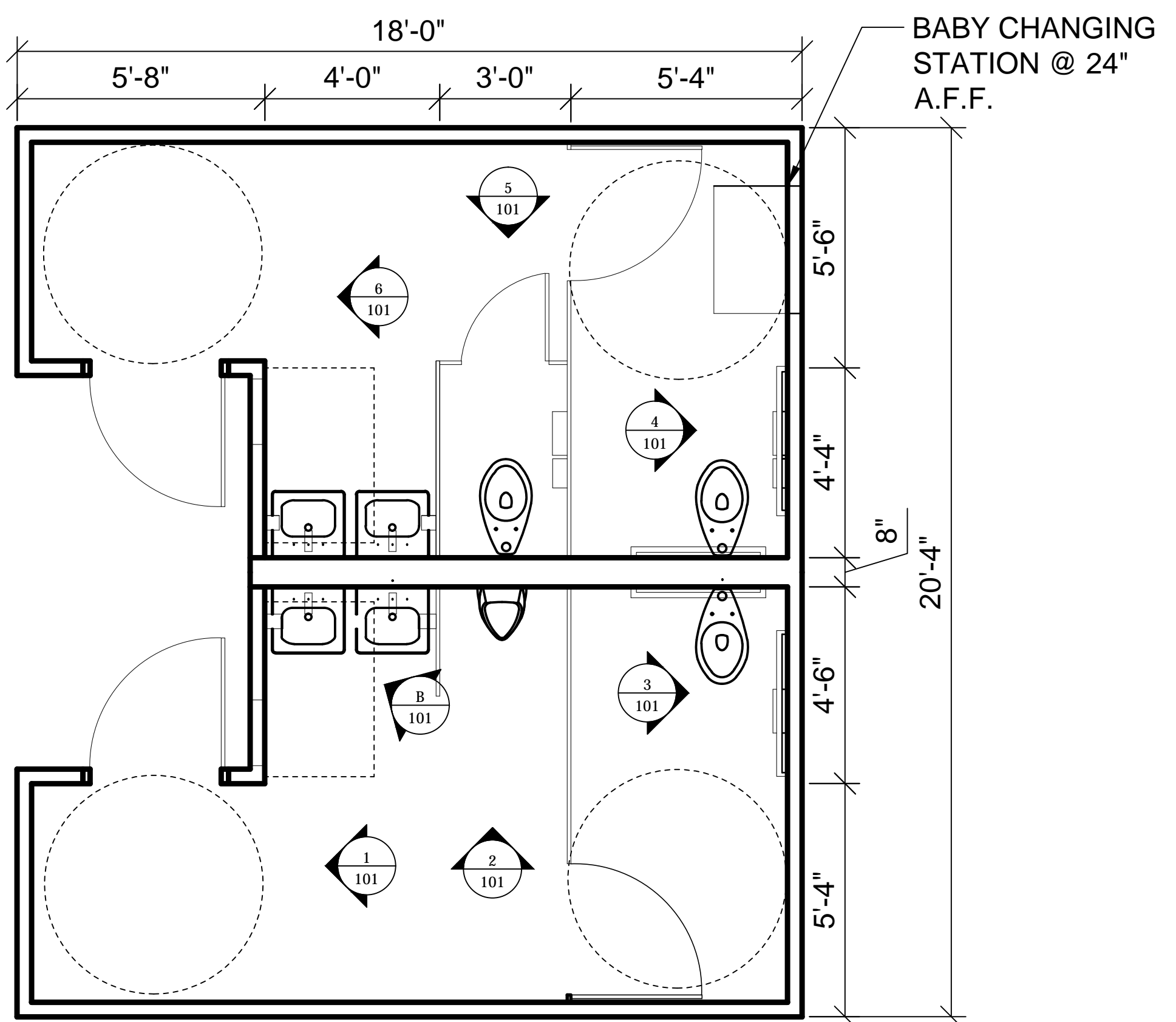
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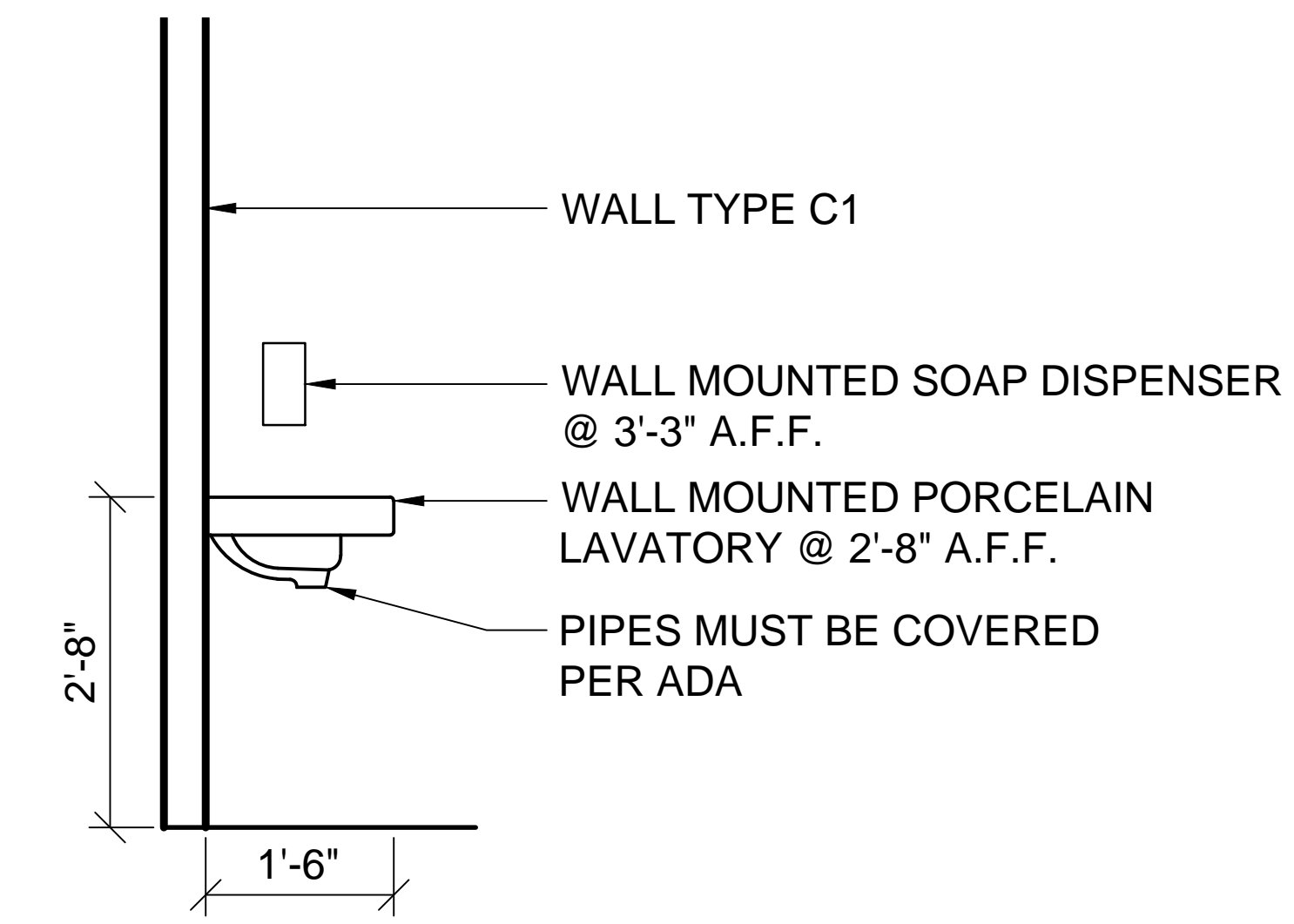
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6 WOMEN'S SOUTH ELEVATION
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A RESTROOM PLAN
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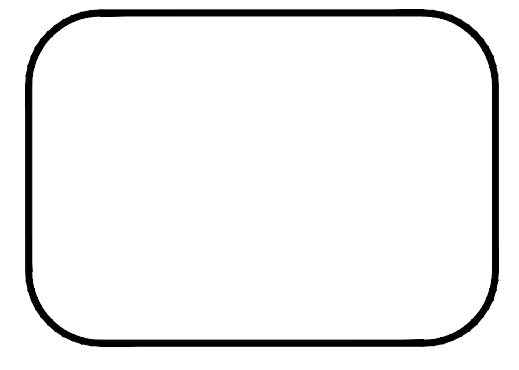


B COUNTER HEIGHT DETAIL
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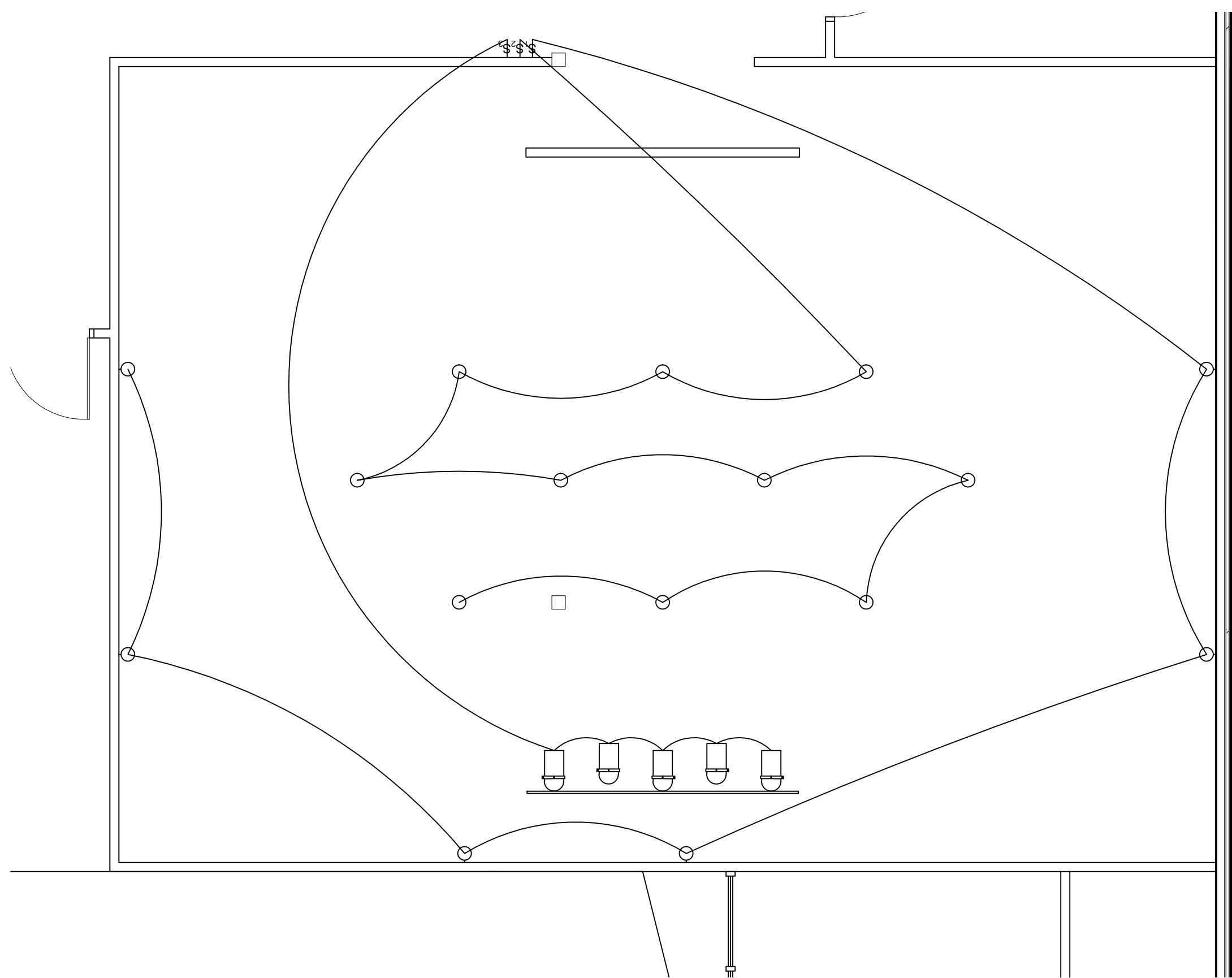
ACCESSORY LEGEND		
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A	TOWEL DISPENSER/RECEPTICLE	1'-0" A.F.F.
B	SOAP DISPENSER	3'-3" A.F.F.
C	TOILET PAPER DISPENSER	2'-0" A.F.F.
D	TOILET PAPER DISPENSER AND NAPKIN DISPOSAL	2'-0" A.F.F.
E	MIRRORS	3'-0" A.F.F.

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 ENLARGED BATHROOM PLAN & DETAILS

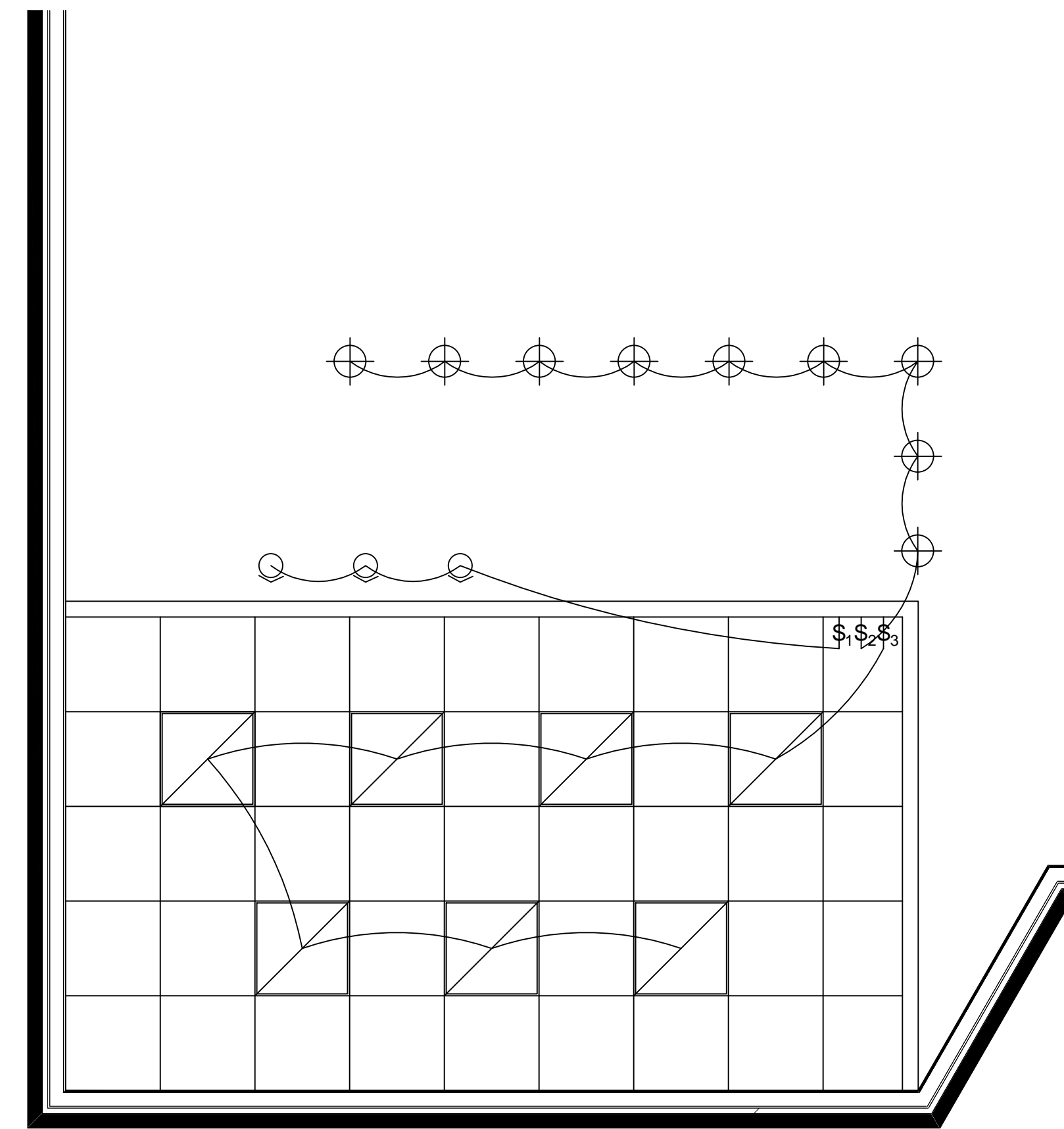


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1 THEATRE LIGHTING PLAN

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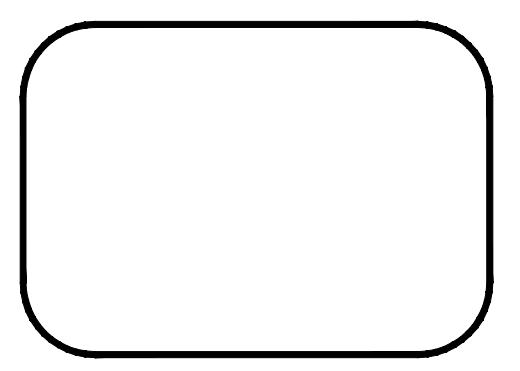
2 CAFE LIGHTING PLAN

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	3	HALO	6" DIA. LED RECESSED ADJUSTABLE GIMBAL - 90 CRI - VWFL BEAM - 3000K - WHITE	RA5606930WH
	9	HOME DECOR COLL.	PAXTON PENDANT - BLACK	
	10	HALO	6" DIA. LED RECESSED DOWNLIGHT - 90 CRI - 3000K	SLD606930WH
	6	CORBETT	VERTIGO ONE LIGHT WALL MOUNTED SCONCE	
	5	STRAND	ACCLAIM AXIAL MARK II ZOOMSPOT	

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