

### Agenda Item C.1 CONCEPTUAL/PRELIMINARY REVIEW Meeting Date: December 9, 2025

TO: Goleta Design Review Board

**SUBMITTED BY:** Briah Hiefield, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** 210 Old Ranch Drive (APN 079-570-068) Linberg As-Built Fence

and Retaining Wall 24-0025-DRB; 24-0011-LUP

#### DRB ACTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Conduct Conceptual/Preliminary review and provide comments to applicant. If, after reviewing the plans and conducting the public hearing, the DRB determines that the findings to approve this project can be made, continue the item to January 27, 2026, so that findings can be presented for action.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This is a request for *Conceptual/Preliminary* review for an as-built retaining wall and fence. The applicant proposes to permit an as-built six-foot fence on top of a two-foot retaining wall for a combined height of eight feet. The fence will include two-foot six-inch steel columns with landscaping guidewires on top of the fence. The total height, including the two-foot six-inch columns, is 10 feet six inches. The fence/wall is located along the front property line and adjacent to the driveway. The property is a .16-acre parcel zoned Residential Single-Unit (RS) and shown as Assessor's Parcel Number 079-570-068, located at 210 Old Ranch Drive.

The project was filed by Correy Linberg, property owner.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The DRB reviewed this project on September 24, 2024, and October 22, 2024. The meetings can be viewed in the following links:

- September 24, 2024:
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- October 22, 2024: <a href="https://goleta.granicus.com/player/clip/2012?view\_id=5&redirect=true">https://goleta.granicus.com/player/clip/2012?view\_id=5&redirect=true</a>

At those meetings, the DRB provided several comments regarding the difficulty of making certain findings, including neighborhood compatibility, size/bulk/scale, height, and landscaping. There is concern that the fence as constructed is too tall and they dislike the steel posts and horizontal wiring extending above the top of the fence. There is also concern that there is not enough space for landscaping to thrive in the current configuration of the fence and retaining wall. The DRB ultimately suggested that the best solution would be to move the fence back at least two feet from the top of the retaining wall and remove the steel posts and horizontal wiring visible above the fence.

While the applicant has not changed the configuration of the fence and retaining wall, they would like to more clearly present the space available for landscaping as currently constructed and show how it has been growing. They would also like to present neighborhood support that has been received for the fence and retaining wall as constructed.

Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance Sections 17.24.090(B), Fences, Freestanding and Retaining Walls, and Hedges, and 17.58, Design Review, fences and walls more than six feet in height require Design Review and the ministerial approval of a Land Use Permit. The project does not include a request for a modification.

The Zoning Ordinance describes specific fence height limits for permit exemptions; however, it does not specify a maximum height for fences that exceed the exemption height and require a Land Use Permit. That said, fences, like any other structure, would need to be consistent with maximum height standards for the RS zone district.

In addition, the DRB would need to make all the required findings for the design, pursuant to Goleta Municipal Code Section 17.58.080, Required Findings, including, but not limited to, findings related to neighborhood compatibility, size, bulk and scale, site layout, materials, and landscaping.

At this point, the applicant is requesting Conceptual/Preliminary design review for the asbuilt fence to determine if any changes would be necessary to the existing construction for the DRB to be able to make the required findings for approval.

As indicated above, if the DRB feels the project meets the findings of Section 17.58.080, then continue the item until January 27, 2026, for consideration of the findings. If the DRB feels that the project does not meet the findings of Section of 17.58.080, then direct the applicant to make changes and/or continue the item to January 27,2026, for preparation of denial findings.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Continue the item for preparation of findings and/or redesign by the applicant.

If in the future the DRB grants approval of the a fence request then the next steps would include: (1) a ten-day appeal period, (2) conducting Final Design Review, (3) issuance of

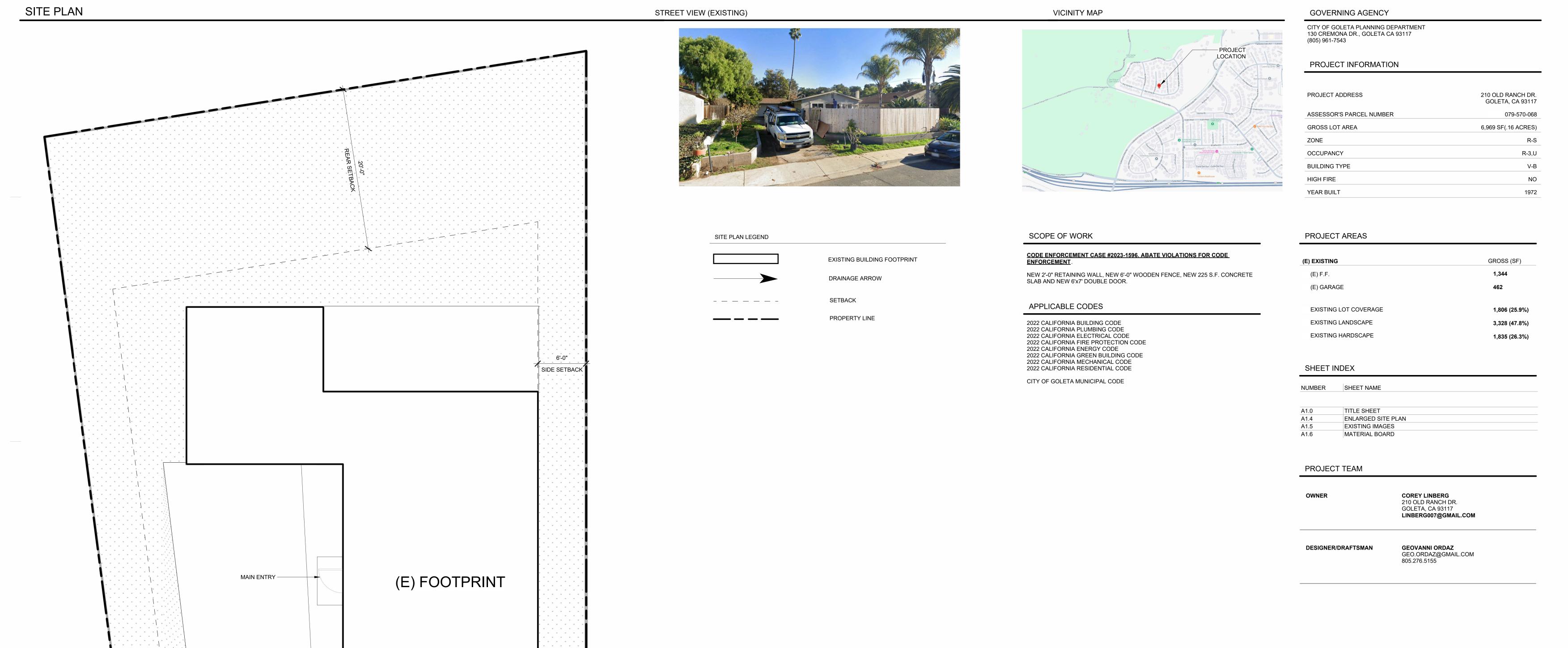
a ministerial Land Use Permit, (4) issuance of Building Permits, (5) conducting as-built Building inspections.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

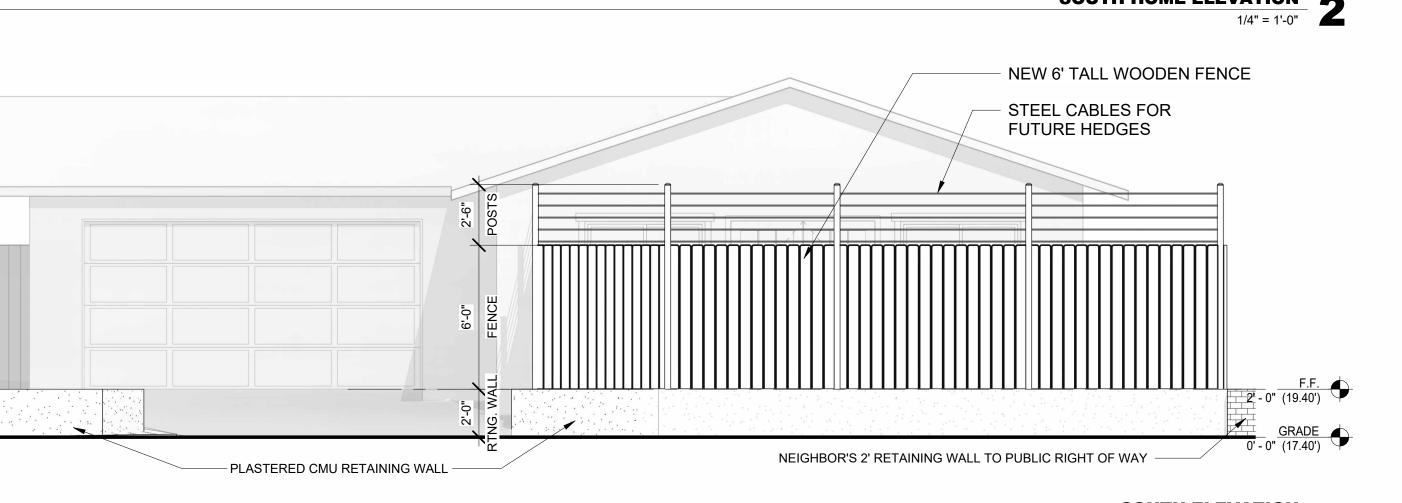
Attachment A – Project Plans

# Attachment A Lindberg Fence & Retaining Wall – Project Plans

## 210 OLD RANCH DRIVE







SOUTH ELEVATION

1/4" = 1'-0"

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(E) DRIVEWAY

NEW 2'-0" RETAINING WALL

10'-0"

CLRNC. TRIANGLE

OLD RANCH DRIVE

SIDE SETBACK

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

NEW 6'x7' DOUBLE DOOR

NEW CONCRETE SLAB

6'-0" TALL WOODEN FENCE

NEIGHBOR'S RETAINING WALL

NEW 2'-0" RETAINING WALL

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

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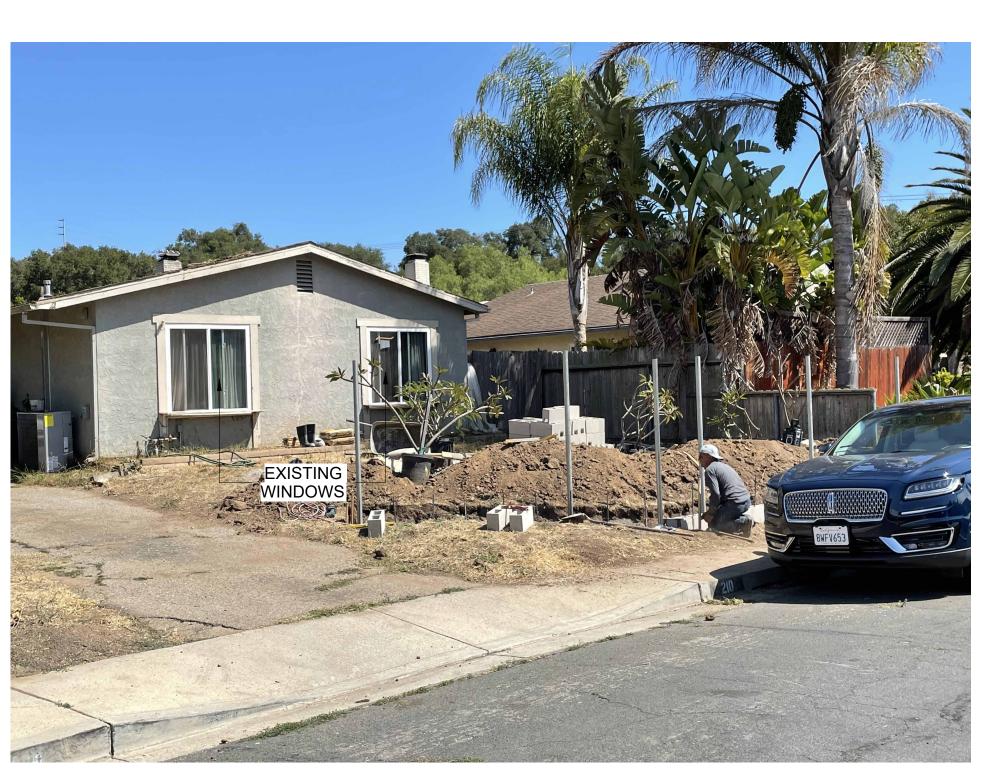
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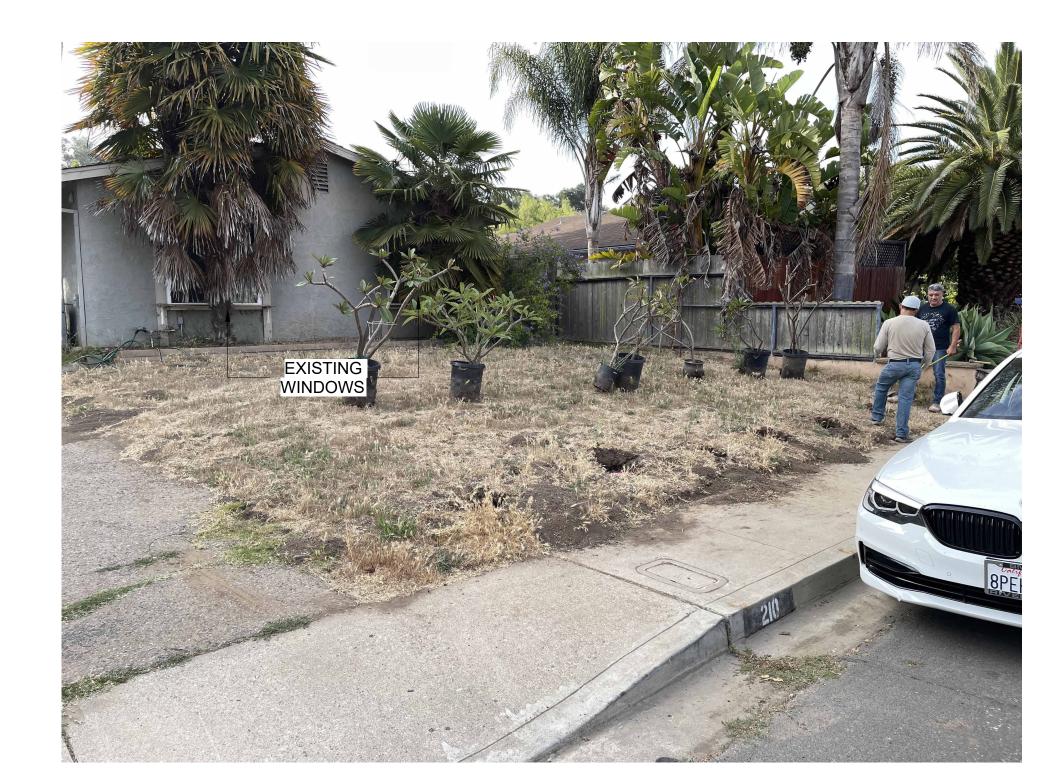
SITE PLAN OVERALL
1/8" = 1'-0"

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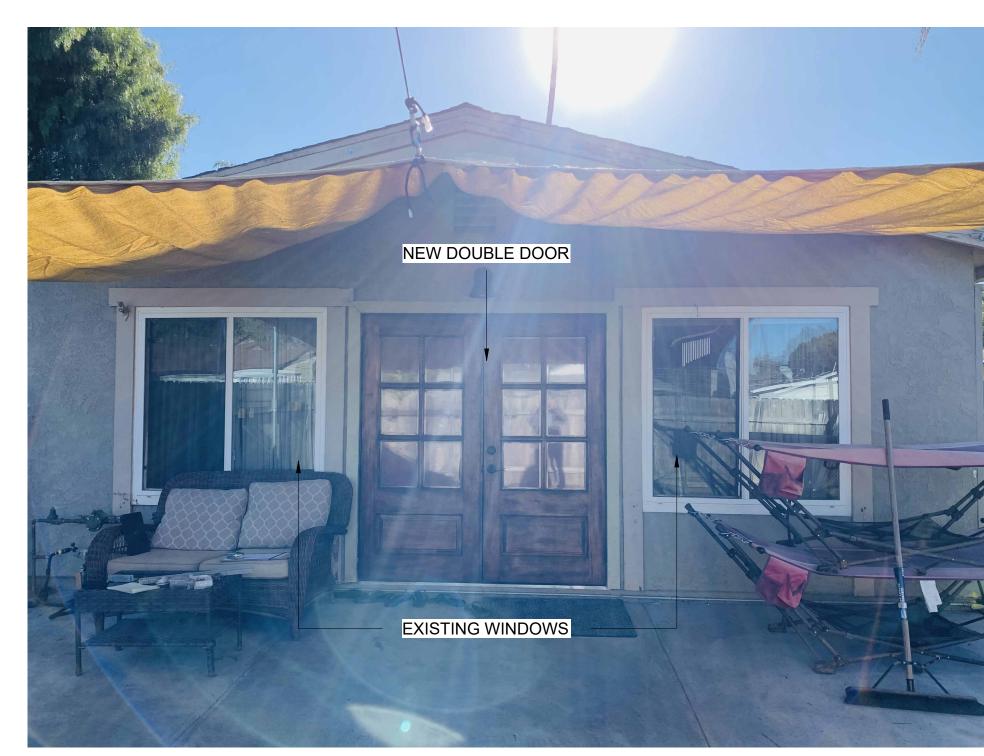




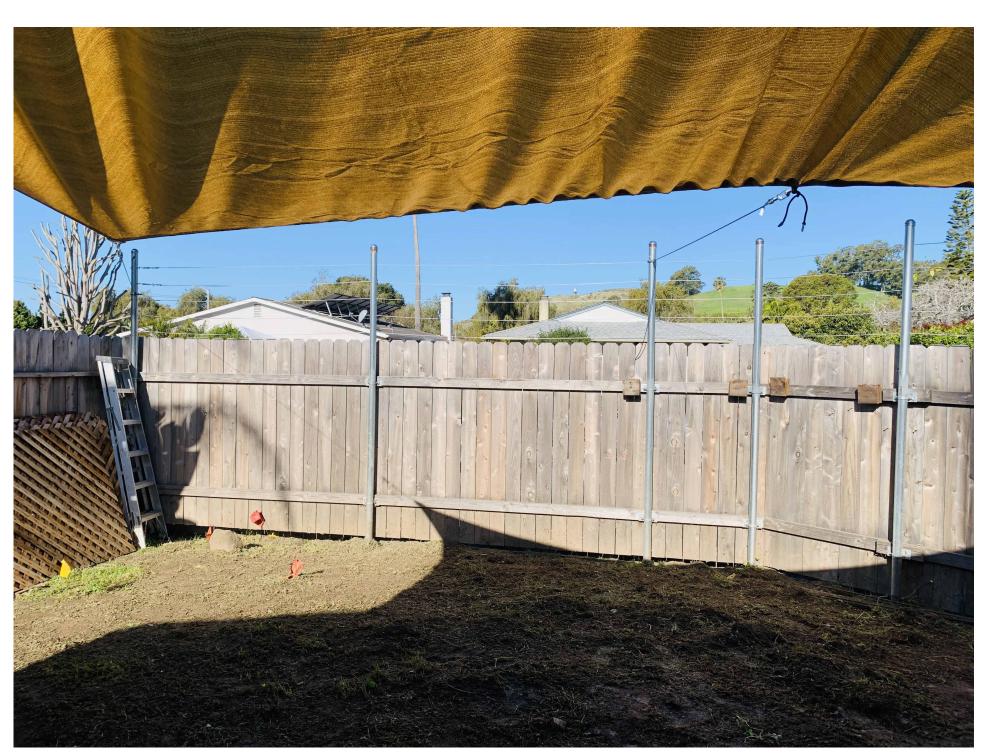
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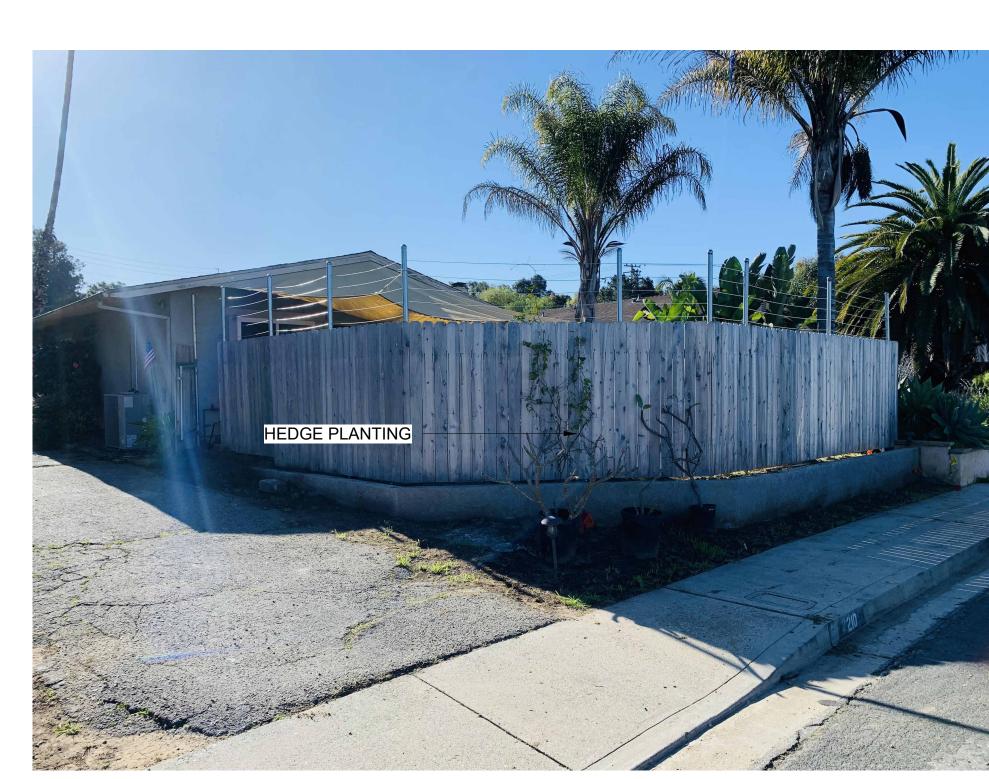
PRIOR TO FENCE



FRONT ELEVATION - DOUBLE DOORS



FENCE FINAL - INTERIOR VIEW



FENCE FINAL - FUTURE HEDGE PLANTING

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**WOODEN FENCING** 



**RETAINING WALL PLASTER** 



WOODEN DOUBLE DOOR

210 OLD RANCH DR.

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