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156 Poplar Street  
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January 29, 2019

District Councilor Ricardo Arroyo  
Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu  
Mr. Joseph Coppinger, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services  
Ms. Frances Donovan, West Village Neighborhood Association

RE: Tree protection during Redevelopment of 156 Poplar Street

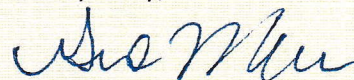
Dear Councilors Arroyo and Wu and Mr. Coppinger and Ms. Donovan:

As requested by the members of the West Village Neighborhood Association and other area residents concerned just as I am about the large, mature sycamore street tree in front of my property, I am writing to confirm the measures that I am committed to taking to protect the tree and to minimize any impact on it from my proposed redevelopment of the property with a new three family building.

I have Mr. engaged Daniel Cohen of Harney Greymount in Needham to advise me, my architect and my builder on tree protection measures for the sycamore street tree. Mr. Cohen is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified and a Massachusetts Licensed Arborist as well as a Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional and Certified Horticulturalist. Mr. Cohen has advised us on design and safeguarding measures and his engagement will continue throughout construction so that he can advise on proper handling of any tree roots encountered during excavation and to make sure that all tree protection measures are being adhered to by all contractors. In addition, to implement Mr. Cohen's recommendation that construction activity near the tree be minimized, my builder, Dave Scanlan of Moss Hill Builders, prior to any demolition or construction, will install a 6 foot fence (as shown on the attached plan), in order to create a buffer zone between the tree and the portion of my property on which construction will occur. This fence will be maintained throughout construction and no construction, other than removal of the unhealthy tree on the corner of my property, final surface landscaping and replacement of the existing walkway, will take place within the buffer zone.

The tree in question is not only a valued natural feature of neighborhood, it is a beautiful feature of my property. I am committed to its preservation for the neighborhood and for the future homeowners of the three residential condominium units that I plan to build on the property.

Very truly,



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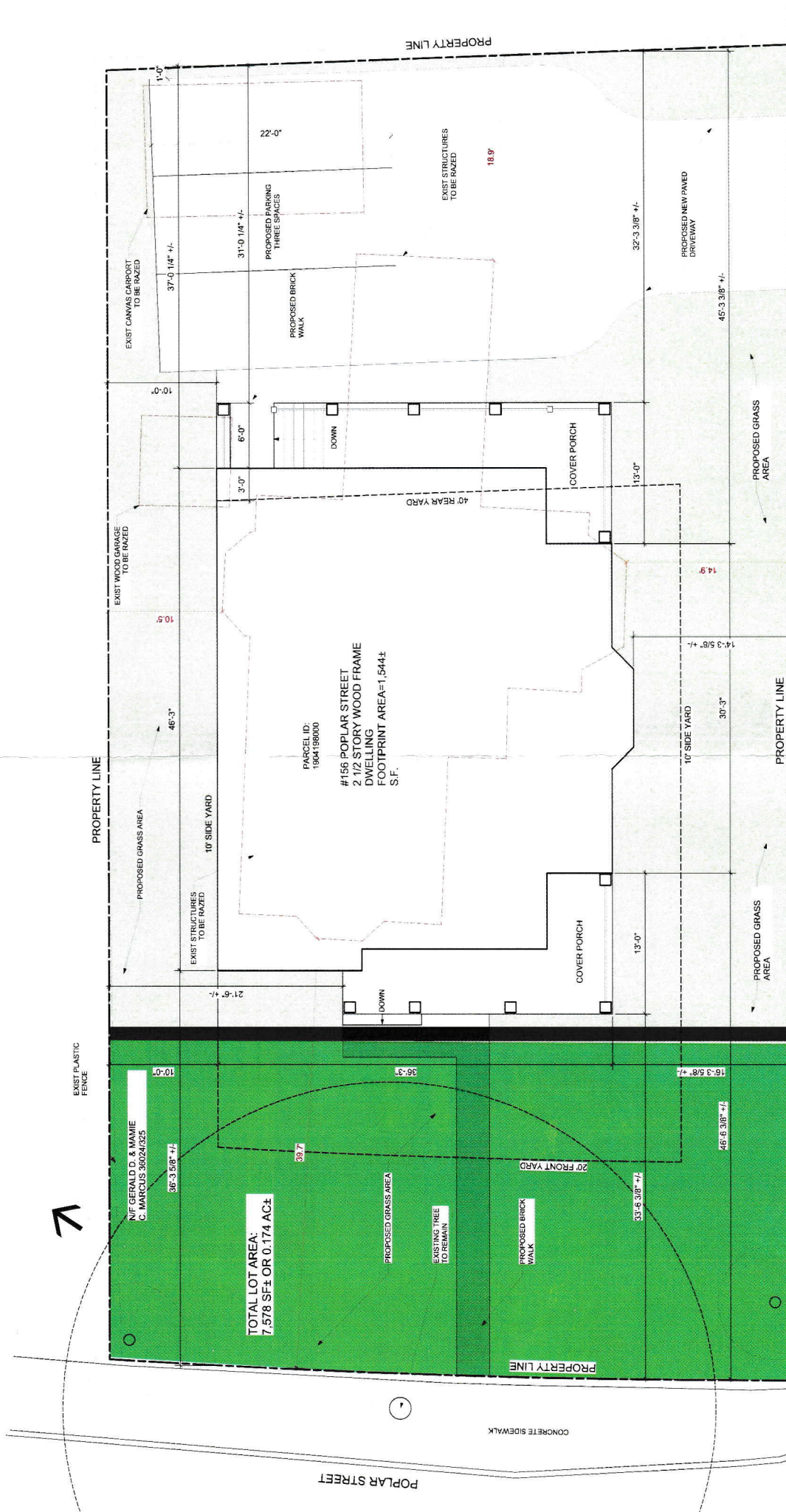
cc: Anthony J. Ross, Esq.



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PROPOSED SITE PLAN