

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jennifer Geier

FROM:

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CC:

Brad Geier

DATE:

February 19, 2023

SUBJECT:

Guest House

Structural Observation

KPFF Job #:

TBD



This memorandum is intended to provide the results of a Structural observation performed on February 11, 2023, of the two story guest house at the rear of the aforementioned property.

This wood-framed structure has a 900 sq. ft. between the two levels and is balloon framed with an unknown foundation system. Siding has been installed over the original wood siding.

Upon arriving at the site, it was evident that the building is leaning toward the alley, to the northwest quite significantly (several inches). As well, the 2nd floor framing is dramatically sloping from one end of the building to the other, in the direction of the building lean. As well, several openings in the roof were present, allowing for deterioration and moisture infiltration into the structure.

Given these aspects, I did not feel comfortable continuing the observation and vacated the building. I believe that the finishes are helping to stabilize the building and am concerned that any renovation work would actually result in an instability.

In summary, I find that this structure has reached the end of its useful life and recommend that the building be demolished and reconstructed in kind.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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