



Planning Division  
Community Development Department, Town of Los Gatos  
110 E. Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

March 22, 2021

**RE: ARCHITECT CONSULTANT SECOND REVIEW**

On behalf of Sonali and Amrito Chaube and their family, below are our revised design report for the house on the above address for the Architect Consultant second review.

**INTRODUCTION**

We received Architecture Consultant Review, written by Larry L. Cannon from Cannon Design Group, dated September 8, 2020. After carefully studied the recommendation, we decided to implement **APPROACH 2** (page 6 on the letter), which stated:

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*APPROACH 2: FORMAL MEDITERRANEAN STYLE*

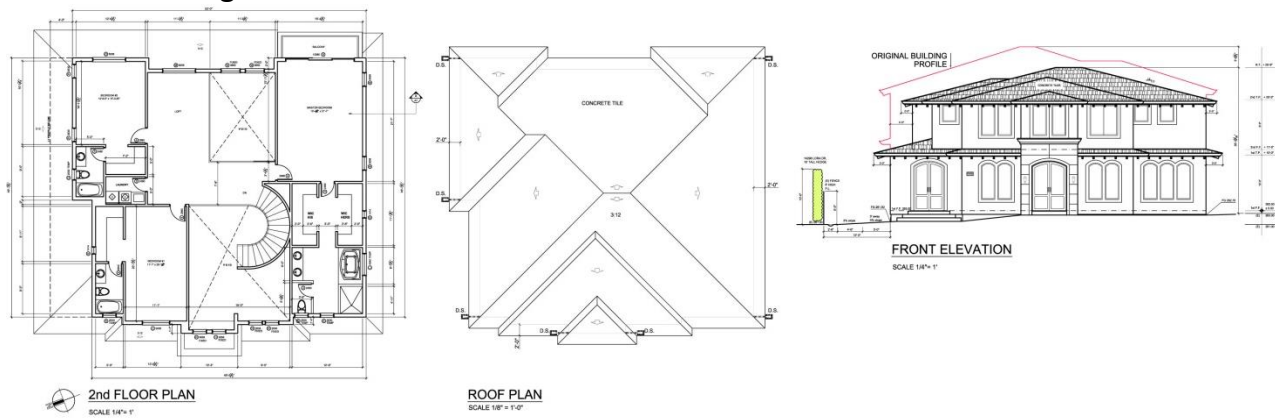
All recommendation as stated and illustrated in the Architecture Consultant letter on Page 8-9, had been implemented, submitted to the city planners, and presented at Town Council Meeting on February 24, 2021. (Notes: For easy reference, all illustrative recommendation is included on Page 5-11 of this letter)

Subsequent to the Town Council Meeting presentation, a number of issues were brought up by the Neighbors, as part of Neighbor outreach. Various revisions have been implemented as our response, which includes:

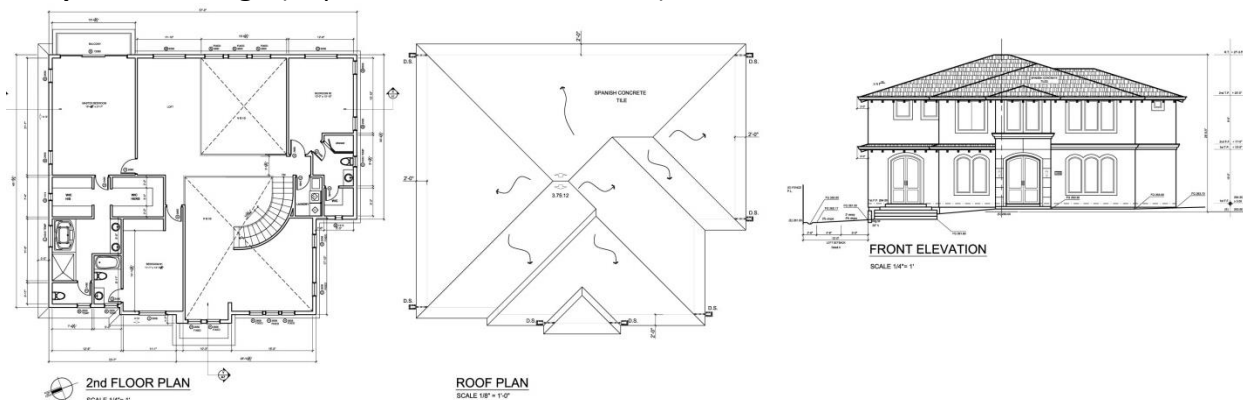
**1. MASS BULK AND SCALE, SOLAR, PRIVACY CONCERNS.**

- The overall height has been reduced by 3'-8.5" by lowering the foundation, First Floor Finish level, and roof pitch.
- Left side of L2 is setback by 4' to provide privacy and visual relief to the left neighbor at 14298 Lora Dr.
- The second floor has been reoriented to provide additional privacy to the left neighbor.
- Balcony has been positioned to the right side, increasing the distance from the left neighbor.
- Voids have been reduced by 254sf (30% reduction in size).
- All around roof between the 1st and 2nd floor has been introduced to accommodate neighbors concern about the continuous solid wall as well as privacy concern.
- Portion of 2nd floor rear elevation is setback around the void and loft area to break the continuous wall and to further reduce roof height.
- The proposed 4,467 sf. is still under the limit of Town of Los Gatos ordinance (max. limit 4,590 sf.).

**The revised design**



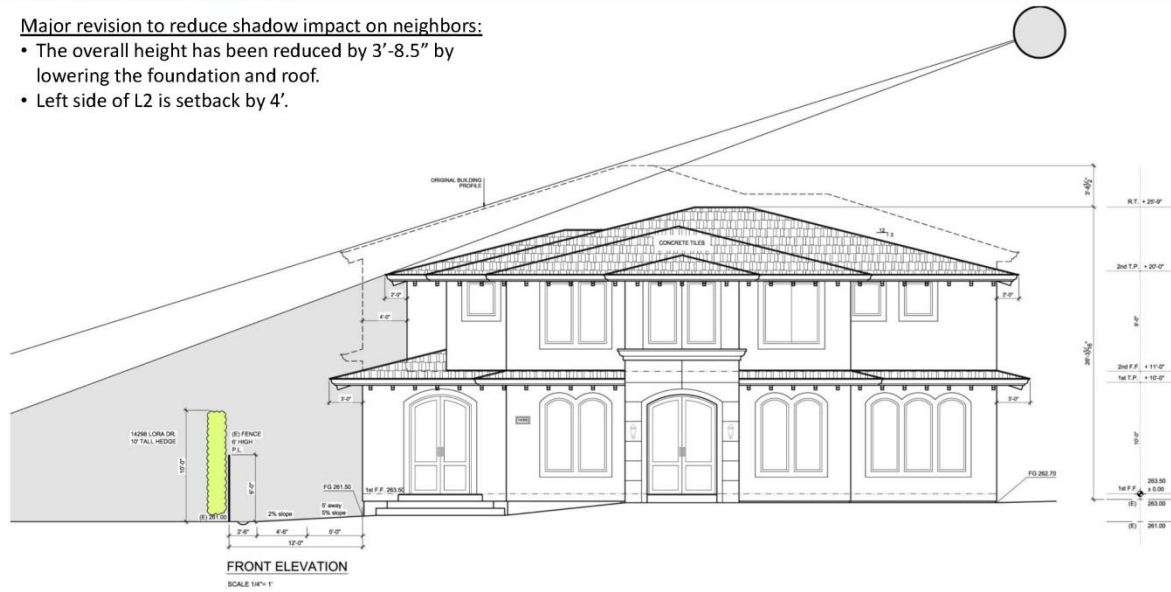
**The previous design (as presented on 02/24/2021)**



**SOLAR & SHADOW**

Major revision to reduce shadow impact on neighbors:

- The overall height has been reduced by 3'-8.5" by lowering the foundation and roof.
- Left side of L2 is setback by 4'.



**CONCLUSION: REDUCED HEIGHT RESULTING A REDUCED SHADOW IMPACT ON NEIGHBORS**

**2. TWO STORY FORMAL MEDITERRANEAN HAS BEEN CHANGED TO INFORMAL MEDITERRANEAN STYLE.**

The revised design



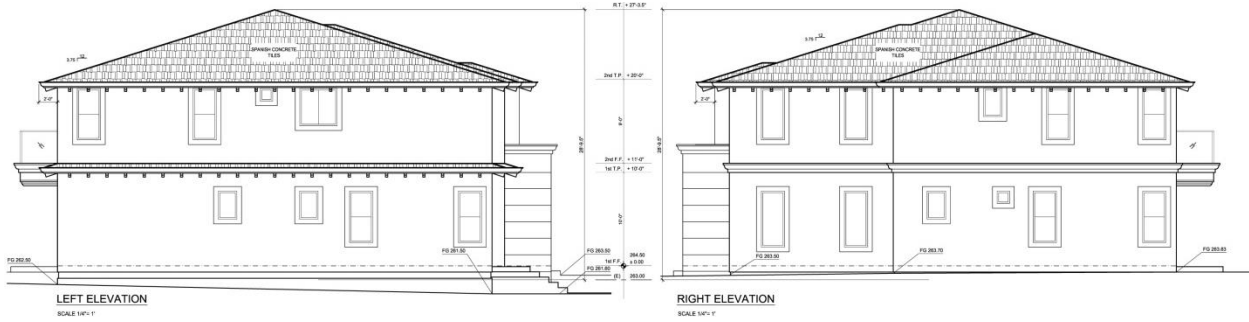
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**Reference of Formal Entry from immediate neighbors**



17525 Wedgwood Ave.



14238 Lora Dr.

THE A. CHAUBE RESIDENCE, 14300 Lora Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032

September 30, 2020

**ITEM: 14300 Lora Drive**

Architecture and Site Application S-20-019

Requesting approval for construction of a new single-family residence on property zoned R-1:8.

APN 409-15-028.

PROPERTY OWNER : A. Chaube  
APPLICANT : Krislani Mulia  
PROJECT PLANNER : Jocelyn Shoopman  
LAST REVIEWED BY STAFF : Second Review

**ARCHITECT CONSULTANT RESPONSE:**

We received Architecture Consultant Review, written by Larry L. Cannon from Cannon Design Group, dated September 8, 2020. After carefully studied the recommendation, we decided to **implement APPROACH 2 (page 6 on the letter), which stated:**

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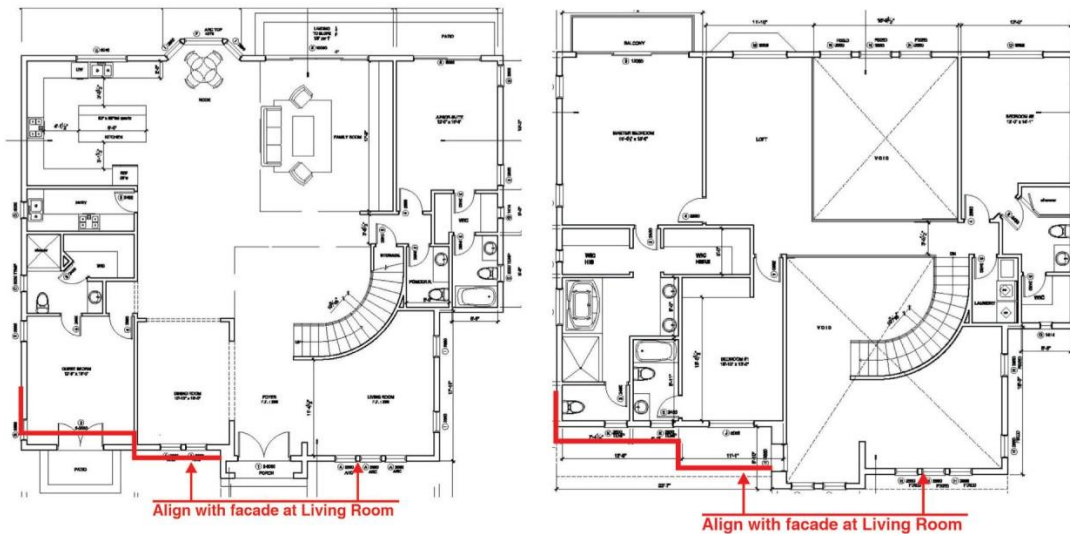


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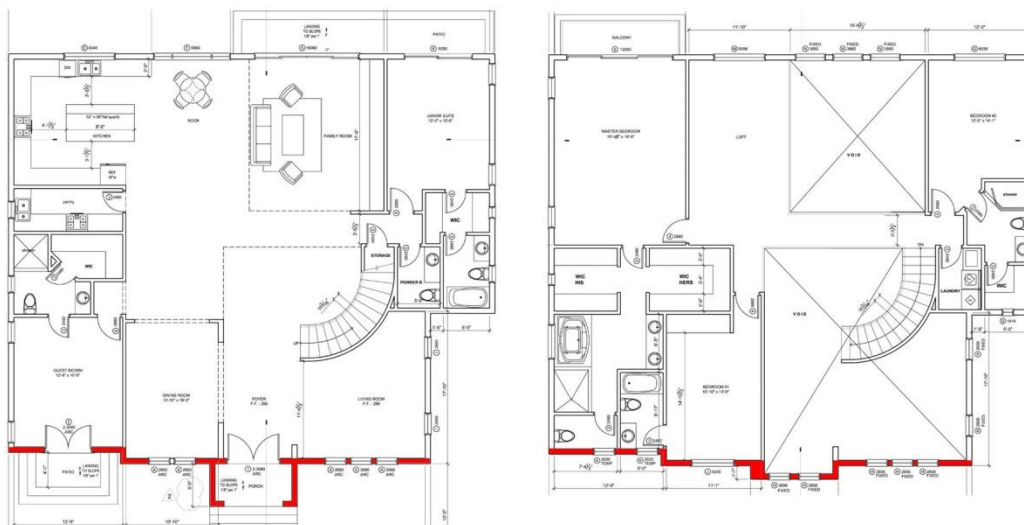
All recommendation No. 1-10 as stated and illustrated in the Architecture Consultant letter on Page 8-9, are implemented and followed:

**1. Simplify the front façade form to allow a building envelope more typical of the formal Mediterranean Style.**

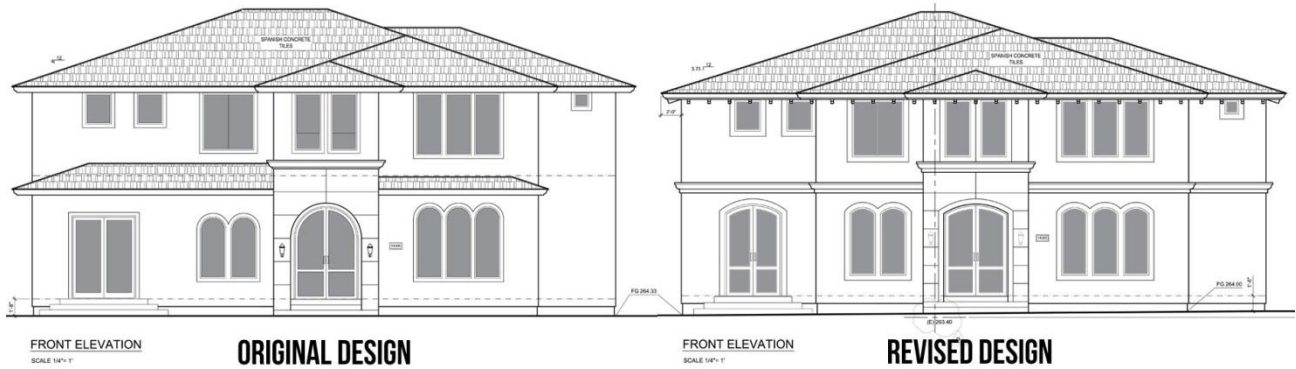
**Response:** The simplified front building envelope resulted into clearer and simpler architectural mass and manages to avoid complex roof forms to be consistent with Residential Design Guideline 3.3.1. (Develop the house plans and elevations together). The simplified front façade eliminates a more irregular front profile on the original design and also eliminates the need for first floor roofs which is inconsistent with the chosen Approach 2 (Formal Mediterranean Style). Some plan modification on the area that got affected by the changes resulted into a slightly larger GFA of 4,342 S.F. compare to the original of 4,195 S.F. that the owner has agreed to compromise in compliance to the Architecture Consultant recommendation. The increase GFA is reflected in Project Data on the revised Sheet A-1.



*Architecture Consultant recommendation*



*The modified Plans*

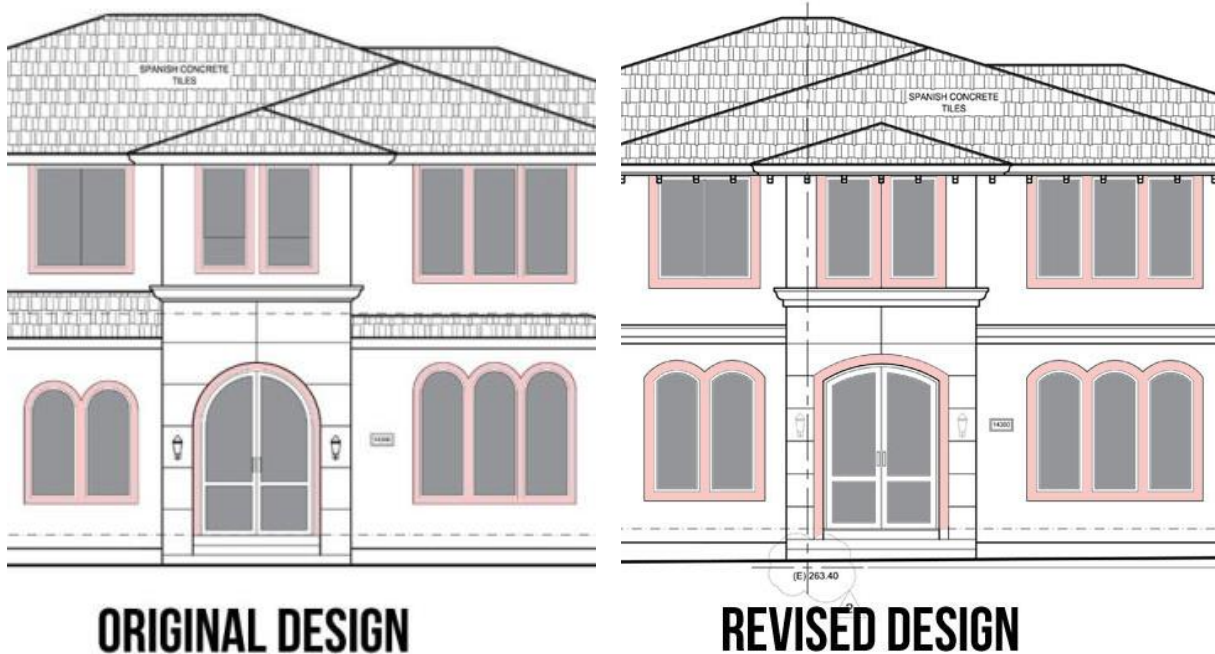


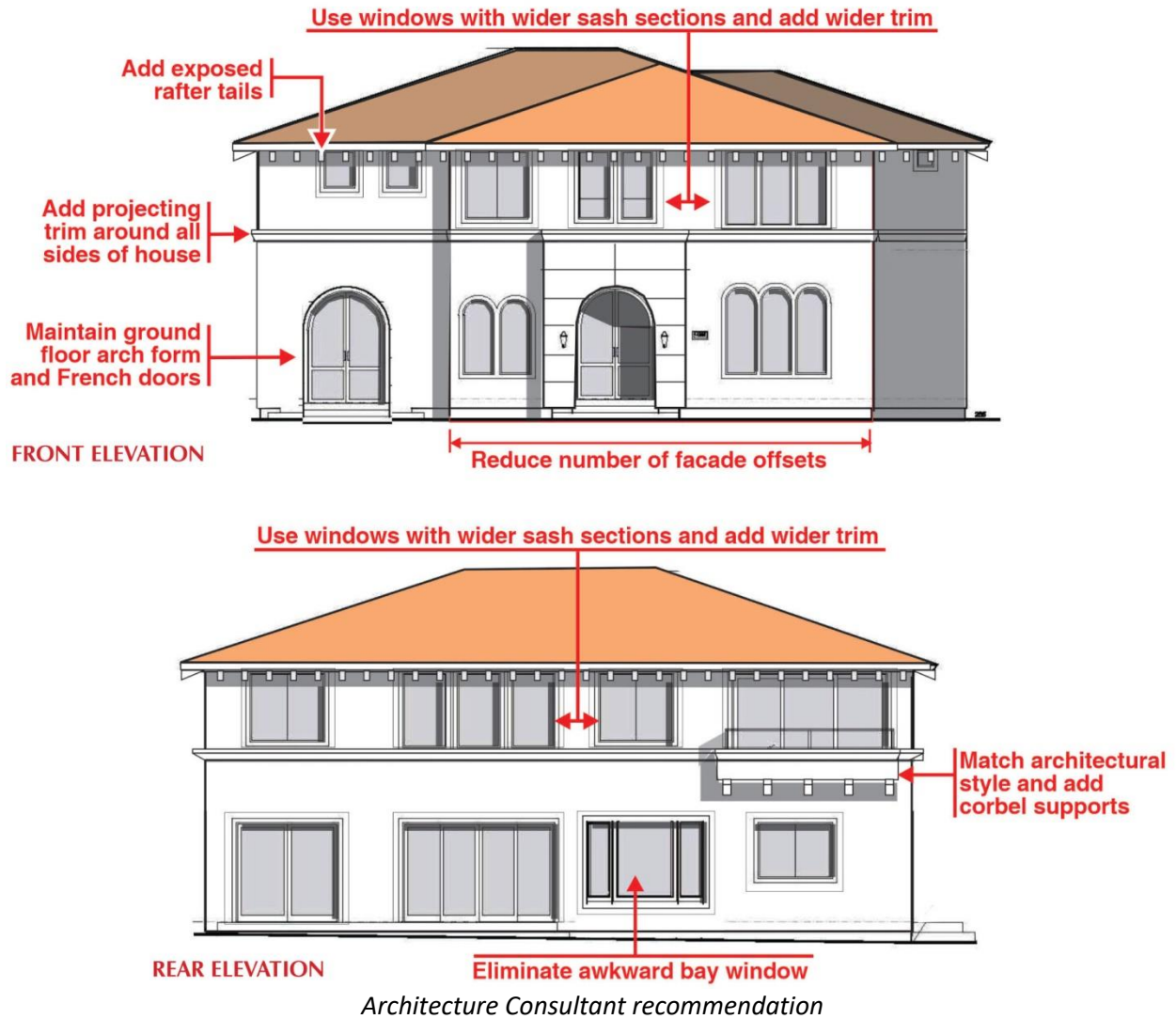
Summary of the Revised Design:

- Overall massing: 1' less overall massing height, with Level 1 height got reduced from 11' to 10' to create a less bulky massing and better proportion.
- Simpler architectural mass.
- Elimination of first story roofs to avoid complex roof.
- More uniform windows height and style.
- Projecting Porch massing also got increased to create more prominent entrance as an important central axis of the Formal Mediterranean Style (refer to Left/Right Elevation for clarity).

**2. Select windows with substantial sash and wood or cast stone trim width to match traditional windows appropriate to the style.**

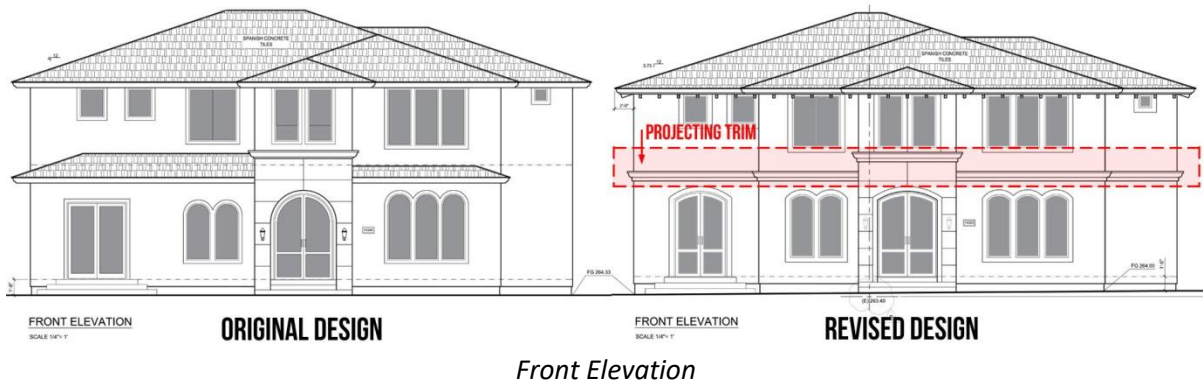
**Response:** All windows sash (from 1.5" to 2.5") and trim width (from 3" to 6") has been substantially increased as reflected in all our revised elevations to match the intended architecture style and consistent with Residential Design Guideline 3.2.2. (Design for architectural integrity) and 3.7.4. (Design the windows with attention to matching the traditional details of the architectural style).





**3. Provide cast stone projecting trim below second floor windows on all four sides of the house.**

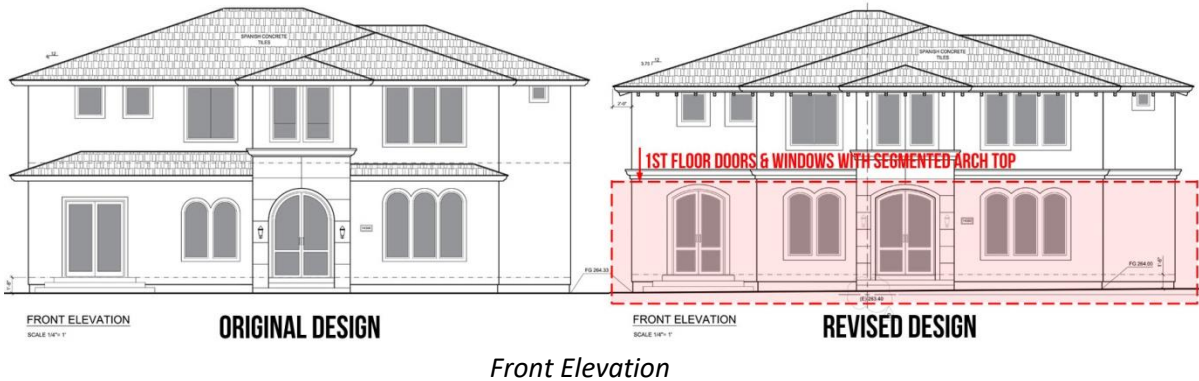
**Response:** A suitable profile projecting trim is added below second floor windows on all four sides of the house to provide visual relief for two story walls which is especially common in Formal Mediterranean Style. The added element is also responsive to Residential Design Guideline 3.3.3. (Provide visual relief for two story walls).





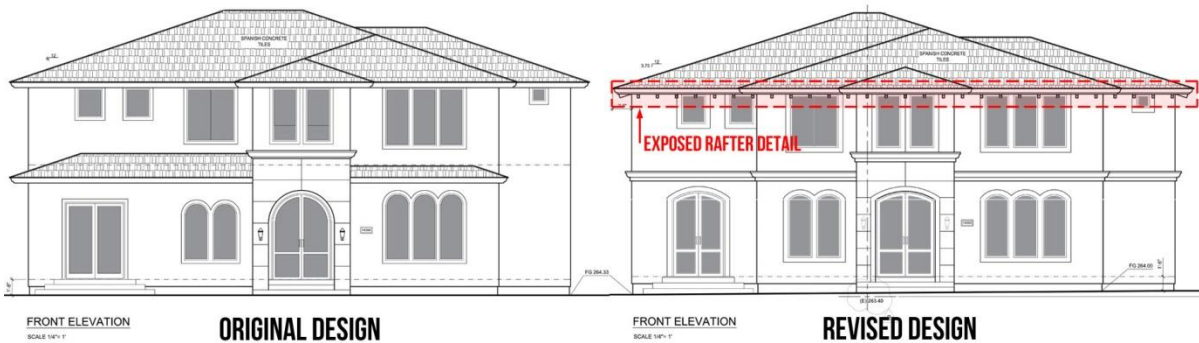
**4. Use arched window forms on all front elevation first floor windows and doors.**

**Response:** All front elevation first floor windows and doors have been modified with arched forms. We implemented 'segmented arch' top compare to the Architecture Consultant illustrated 'half arch' top, as it is aesthetically preferred by the owner. Knowing 'segmented arch' top is also common practice in Mediterranean Style. This implementation is consistent with Residential Design Guideline 3.2.2. (Design for architectural integrity).



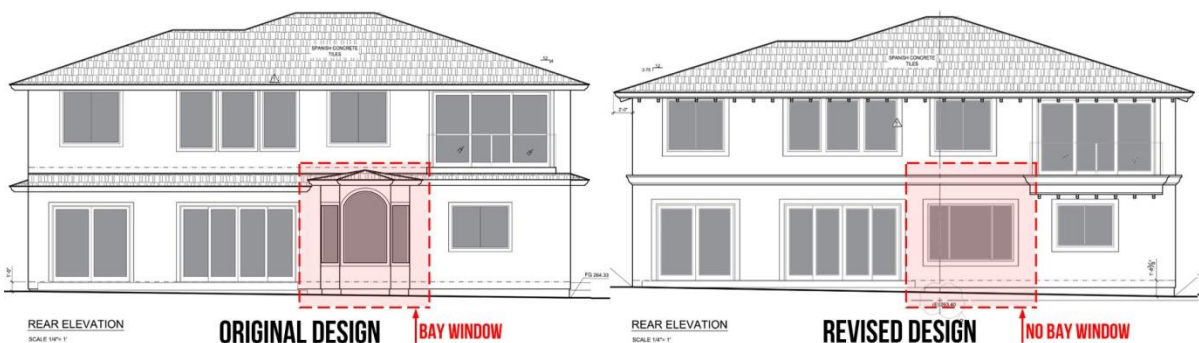
**5. Add exposed rafter tails at the roof eaves.**

**Response:** Rafter tails which are common practice in Mediterranean Style are added into the roof design. This implementation is consistent with Residential Design Guideline 3.2.2. (Design for architectural integrity).



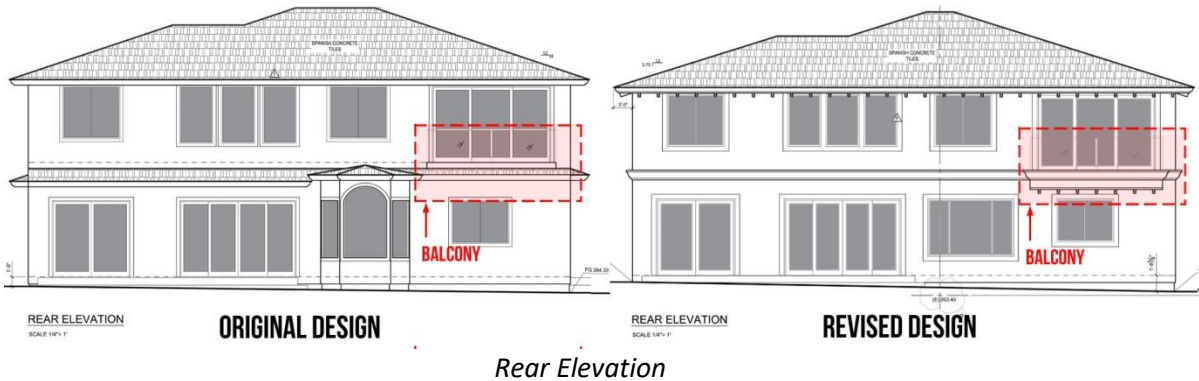
**6. Eliminate the rear elevation bay window.**

**Response:** The rear elevation bay window is changed into regular window similar to other windows design. This approach is to achieve clearer intended architectural style without mixing inconsistent architectural elements. This implementation is consistent with Residential Design Guideline 3.2.2. (Design for architectural integrity).



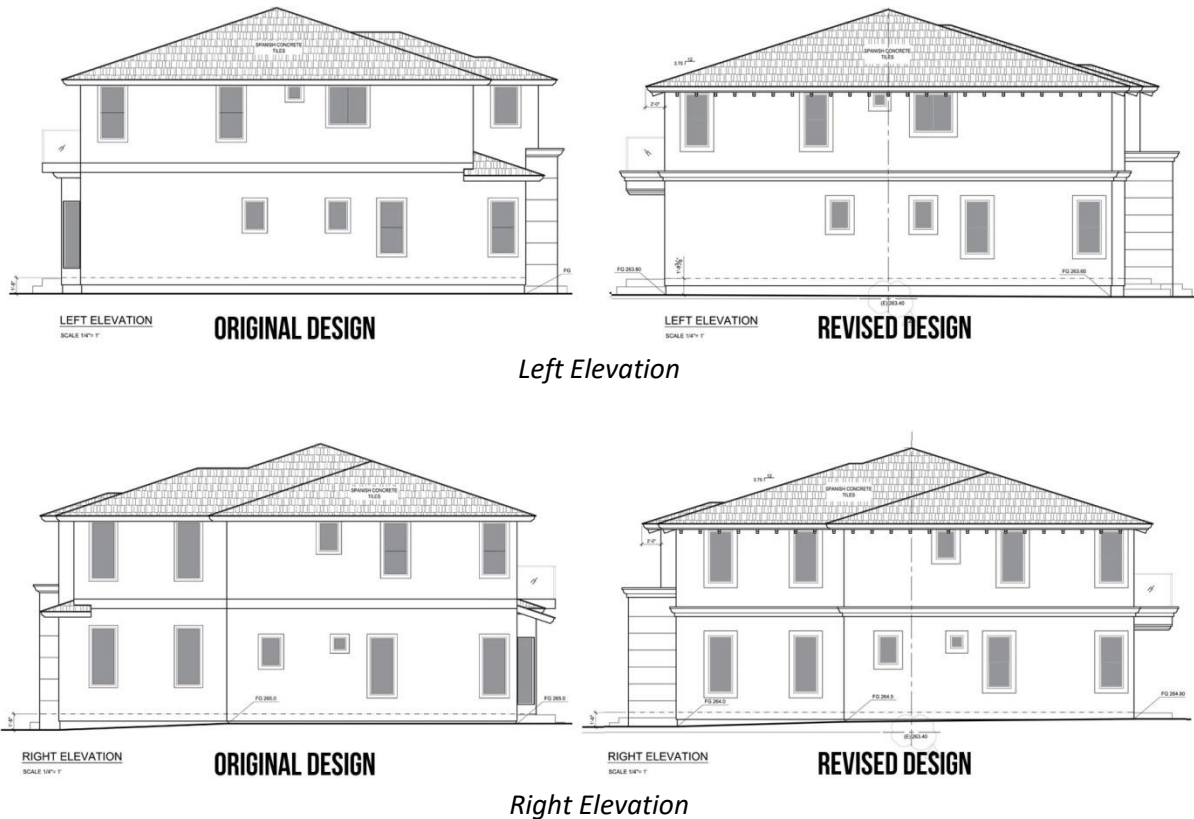
**7. Revise the design and supports for the second floor balcony to better relate it to the overall house design.**

**Response:** The design and supports for the second floor balcony has been revised to be consistent with the overall house design and style, with dimension that are large enough to clearly provide structural support for the balcony. This implementation is consistent with Residential Design Guideline 3.2.2. (Design for architectural integrity) and 3.10.2 (Balconies).



**8. Revise side elevation to match front and rear elevations.**

**Response:** Left and right elevations have been revised to be consistent with the front and rear elevations. This implementation is consistent with Residential Design Guideline 3.2.2. (Design for architectural integrity).



**9. Add additional architectural detail appropriate to the architecture style.**

**Response:** For roof material, Spanish colonial concrete style will be used. Mediterranean style light lanterns are included into front porch design. This implementation is consistent with Residential Design Guideline 3.2.2. (Design for architectural integrity).

**10. Add buffer landscaping in side and rear setback.**

**Response:** Buffer landscaping in side and rear setback is always intended to be incorporated as part of the new house complete design.

Sincerely,

*Krislani Mulia*

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