

# VENICE V

1217 S Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA 90291



## APPLICANT

Venice V, Inc.

## REPRESENTATIVE

Elizabeth Peterson Group, Inc.

Date: 6/18/24  
Submitted in PLUM Committee  
Council File No: 24-0540  
Item No. 13  
Deputy: Lynn



## **ZA & APC APPROVED**

Conditional Use permit for the on-site sale, dispensing, and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with:

- 1,276 sf ground-floor restaurant having 43 interior seats
- 706 sf basement theater with 49 seats
- In an existing 26,240 sf hotel/apartment



Photo Right: Lafayette Café from 1960's-1985, The Los Angeles Times reported on June 24, 1985: "Lafayette when it first opened, as a bar with a small restaurant operation attached"

## HISTORY – VENICE WALDORF

- Opened May 1915 as the Waldorf Hotel
- Exclusive and luxurious
  - Home of Charlie Chaplin, Fatty Arbuckle and Clara Bow
- Part of Venice's early development & rise as a recreational destination between 1910 & 1930
- Historic ballroom use with live entertainment
- 55 Hotel rooms with electric lights
- Steam heat & central phone system

## HISTORIC ALCOHOL USAGE

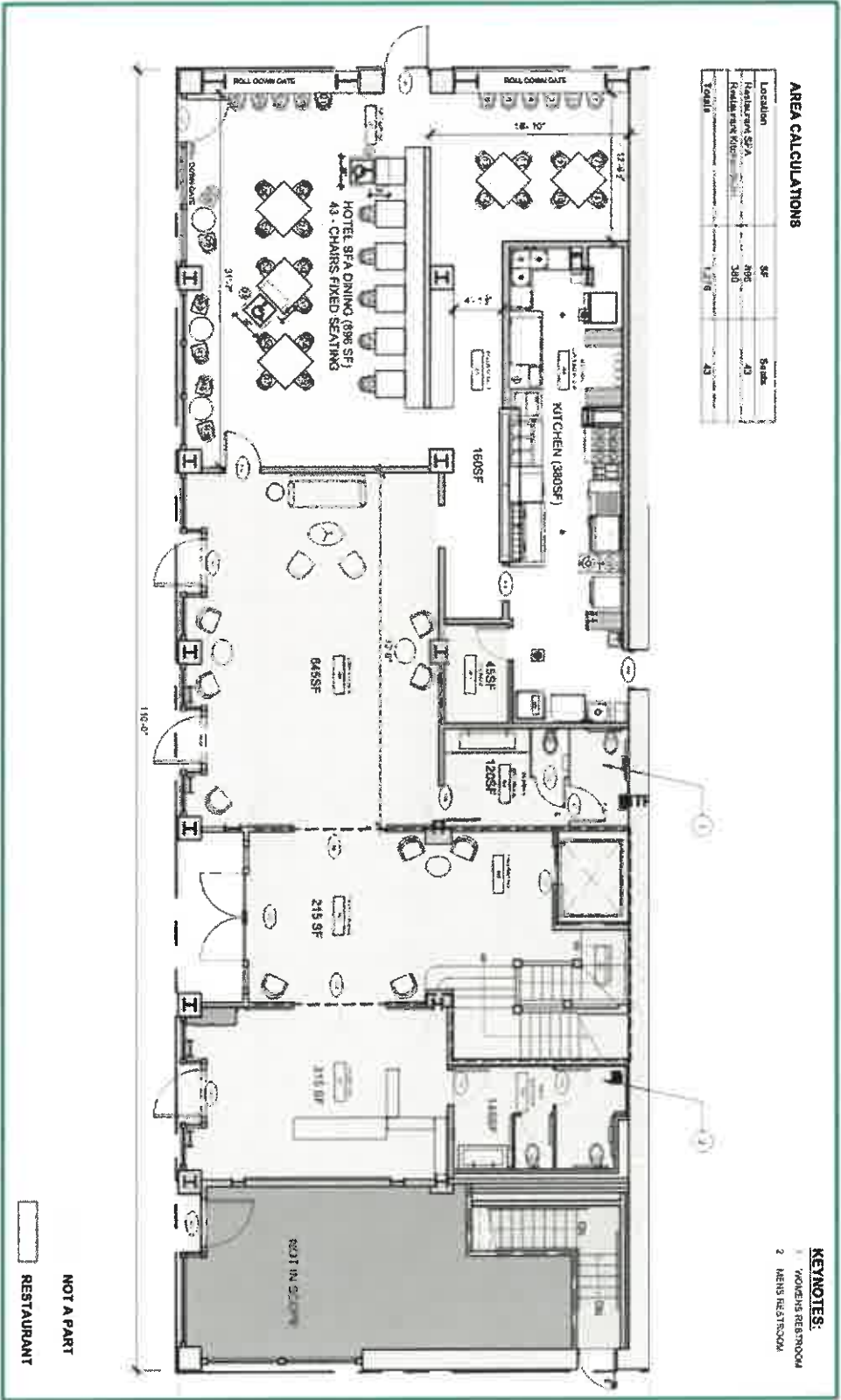




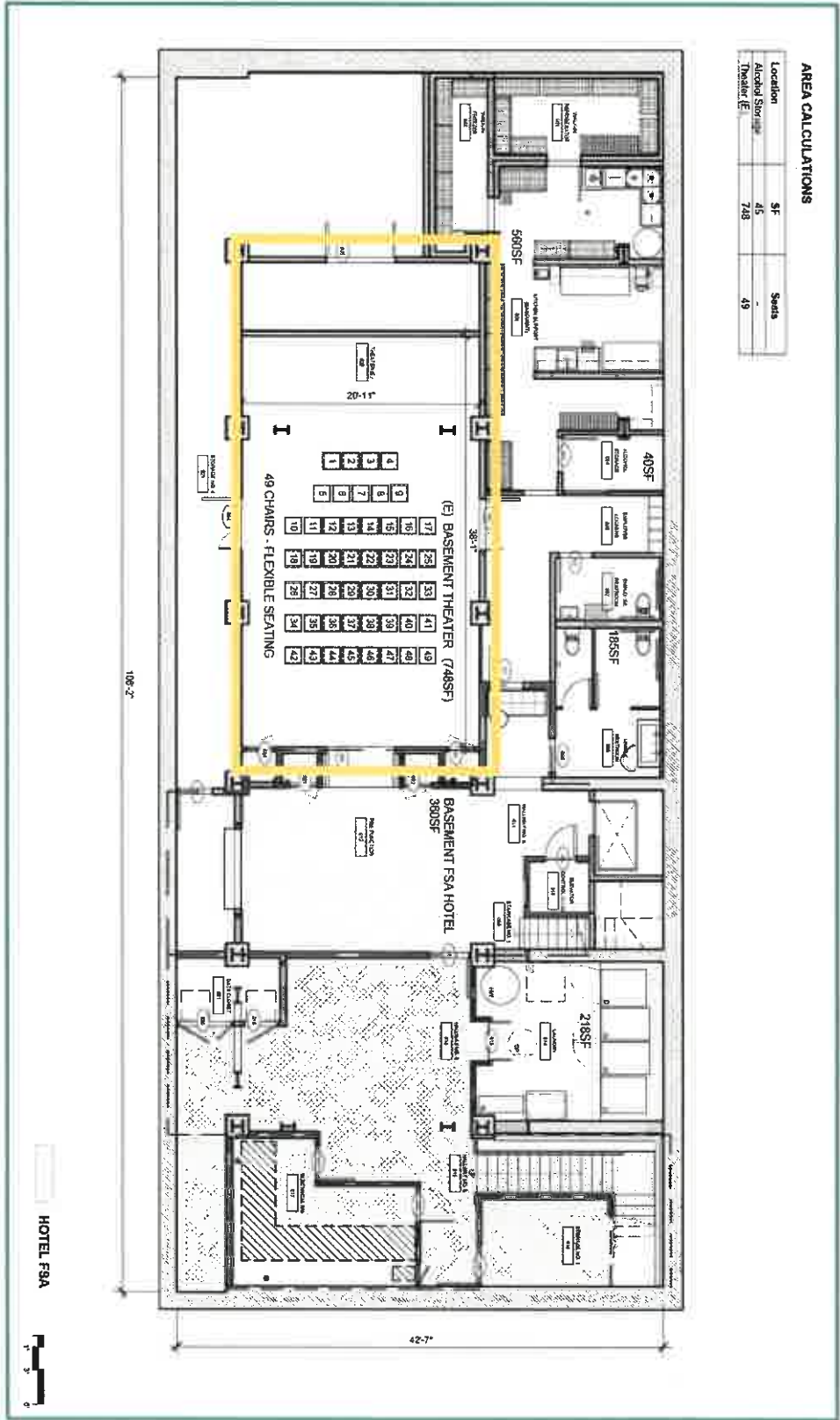
## RESTAURANT



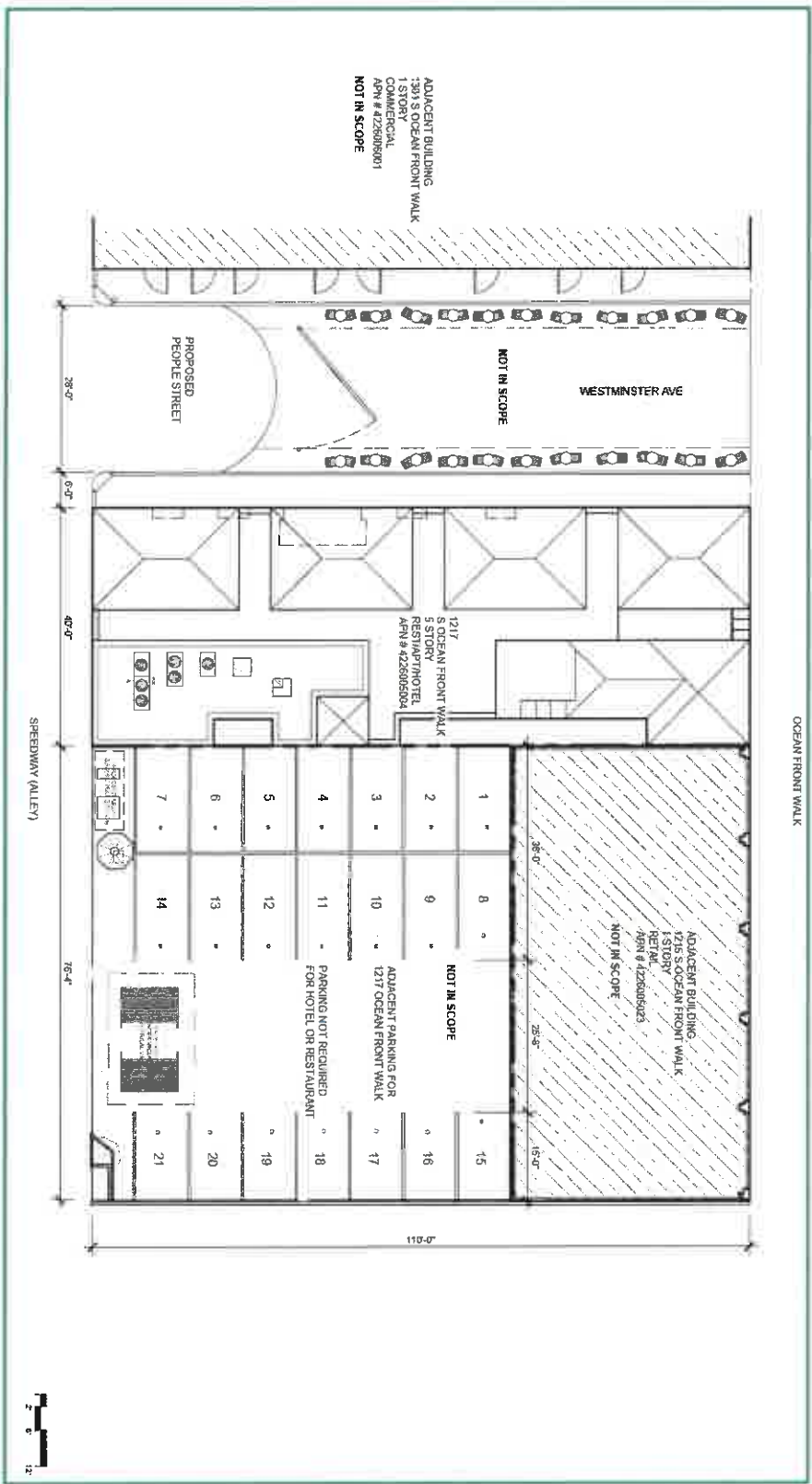
# RESTAURANT – FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT THEATER – FLOOR PLAN



SITE PLAN



## THE BUILDING

\$10 million dollar renovation of property breathing new life into the historic building





# CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY - ISSUED 1960

Address of  
Building 1219 Ocean Front Walk



## CITY OF LOS ANGELES Certificate of Occupancy

**NOTE:** Any change of use or occupancy must be approved by the Department of Building and Safety. This certifies that, so far as ascertained by or made known to the undersigned, the building at above address complies with the applicable requirements of the Municipal Code, as follows: Ch. 1, as to permitted uses; Ch. 9, Arts. 1, 3, 4, and 5; and with applicable requirements of State Housing Act,—for following occupancies:

Issued: July 26, 1960 Permit No. and Year V20791-59

22' x 58' irregular-shaped restaurant converted from an existing portion of the first floor of a 40' x 110', Type III-B, five-story and basement apartment house and store building.

G-2 Occupancy

Owner Herman and Anna Solloway  
Owner's Address 5 Westminster Avenue  
Address Venice, California


E. E. SPITZER lmv

Form B-95a-10M-3-60 (R-37) G. E. MORRIS, Superintendent of Building — By.....

# CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY - ISSUED 1967

Address of Building <b>1217-19 Ocean Front</b> <b>5 - 9 Westminster Avenue</b> Permit: No. <b>67569/64, WLA54382/64</b> and Year <b>93583/65, LA10021/65</b> Certificate <b>15969/65, 92792/65</b> Issued <b>January 21, 1967</b>		CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY  <b>REHABILITATION</b> <b>CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY</b>  NOTE: Any change of use or occupancy must be approved by the Department of Building and Safety.
This certifies that, so far as ascertained by or made known to the undersigned, the deficiencies in this building have been corrected and the building complies with the applicable requirements of Division 49, Article 1, Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code for the following occupancies:		
<b>Five-Story Type III-A, 40' x 110' Apartment Hotel.</b> <b>11 Apartments, 22 Light-Housekeeping rooms &amp; 3-Guest Rms.</b> <b>H-4, G-1 &amp; G-2 Occupancies.</b>		
EXCEPT FOR DEVIATIONS APPROVED BY BOARD OF BLDG. & SAFETY COMMISSIONERS		
Owner: <b>Mr. George Linney</b> Owner's Address: <b>5 - Westminster Avenue</b> <b>Venice, California 90291</b>		
Form B11106-2-11-12-52 <b>Supervised</b> Initial of Building By <b>C. M. WILSON/tb</b>		

## CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY – ISSUED 1969

Address of Building	1217 Ocean Front Walk	
CITY OF LOS ANGELES CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY		
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Issued	3-28-69	Permit No. and Year WLA76575/69
<p>(Convert approximately 18' x 40' portion of existing 5 story, type III-A, 40' x 110', restaurant, apartment-hotel and commercial building to theatre, G-1/G-2/H-4 occupancy.</p>		
Owner	G.R. Lenney & J.T. Corrodi (owners)	
Owner's	J. Ciampa (tenant)	
Address	1217 Ocean Front Walk Venice, California	
Form B-95b—1500 Sheet Sets—3-60 (C-10)		by A.E. HEWITT:cc





## **CLOSING**

This property was built in 1913 and opened as a 55-room hotel with a restaurant, shop, theater, and ballroom.

It has never changed its use. This has been confirmed with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, the Housing Department, and the Coastal Commission.

The City of Venice – and specifically the boardwalk area – is one of the top tourist destinations in California. Pre-Covid there were 16 million visitors per year.

It was a tourist and vacation destination in 1913 and the property's uses fit perfectly for the needs of Venice in the past, present, and future.

It should be acknowledged and celebrated that this legacy property will serve and enhance the boardwalk and Venice for another 100 years with the recent restoration, repairs, and upgrades.



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