



## MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa Costa Sanders, City of San Carlos

From: OTJ Architects

Subject: 686 Quarry Façade Changes

Project name: 686 Quarry Rd

Date: May 15, 2024

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Dear Lisa,

I hope this finds you well. Per our design workshops with the City of San Carlos Planning Department team, please find the updated architectural elevations for 686 Quarry Rd attached. We are submitting these elevations for your review and approval, as they reflect modifications from the previously approved design. Please note that these proposed changes do not adjust the overall massing or floor plans of the previously approved design.

Our goal with these updated elevations is to address practical constructability issues while maintaining the spirit of the original approved design intent. The initial elevation drawings aimed to provide variation and visual interest through aluminum fin extrusions of various heights and depths. The project team has built on these goals while refining the engineering and documentation of the façade's design with the following additional characteristics:

- Constructability: The façade design-builder advised that the original mullion shapes and sizes were impractical due to extruder size limitations. We adjusted the fin dimensions to ensure feasible construction.
- Rationale: The previous design lacked consistency between façades, with abrupt changes visible at corners. We revised the design to allow continuous fin patterns where noticeable.
- Hierarchy: Enhancing the layering of scales and textures adds depth and provides a defined rhythm across the façade.
- Variation: We systematized the variation to create a richly textured building without requiring each mullion to be uniquely engineered.

We believe the revised renderings reinforce the original design and enhance its feasibility, allowing the project to be constructed efficiently.

Sincerely,

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Principal, OTJ Architects