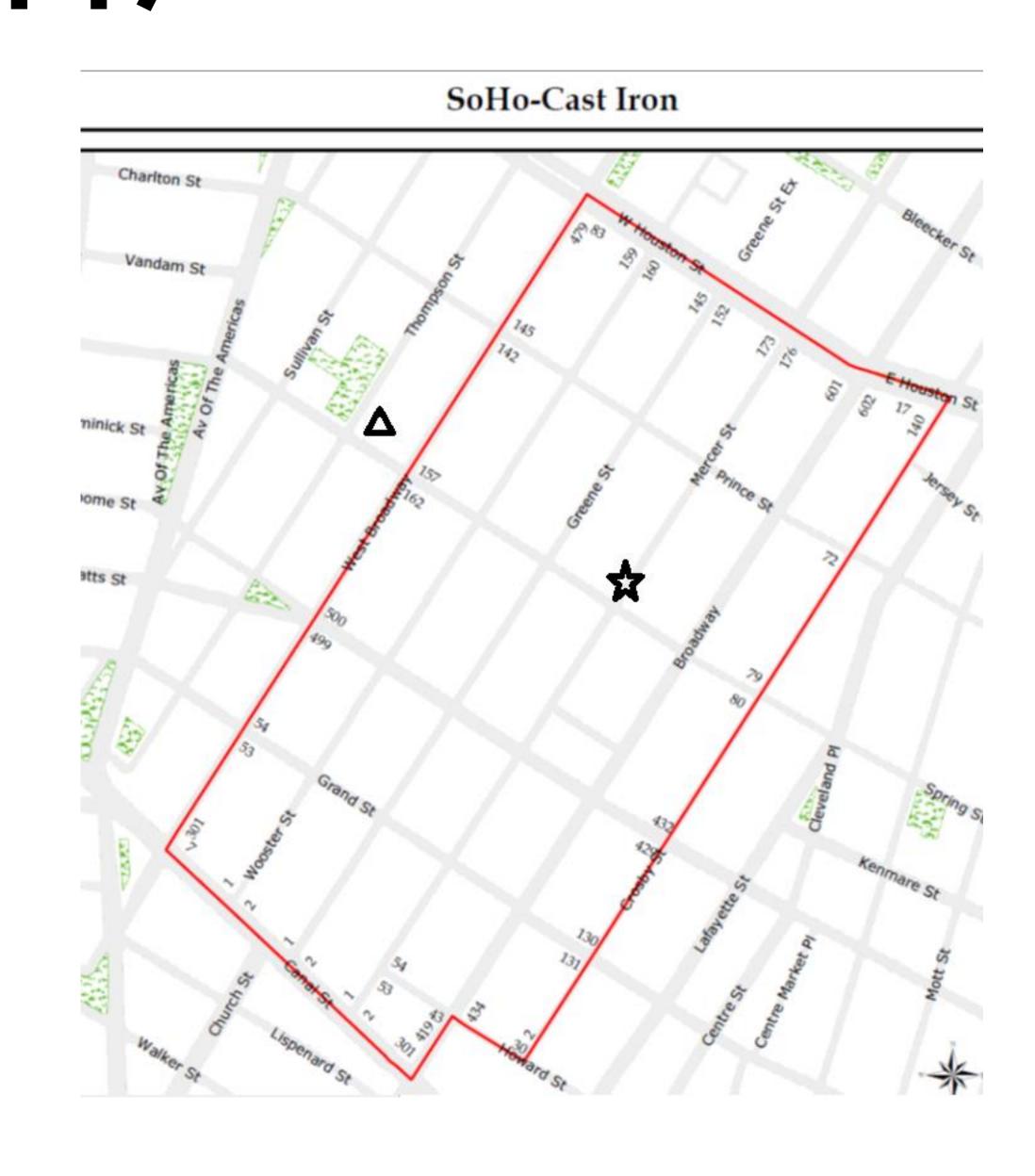
# StoreFront Sign Replacement Fashion Brand Vivienne Hu 107 Mercer St LPC Docket # 19-1149







### Vivienne Hu

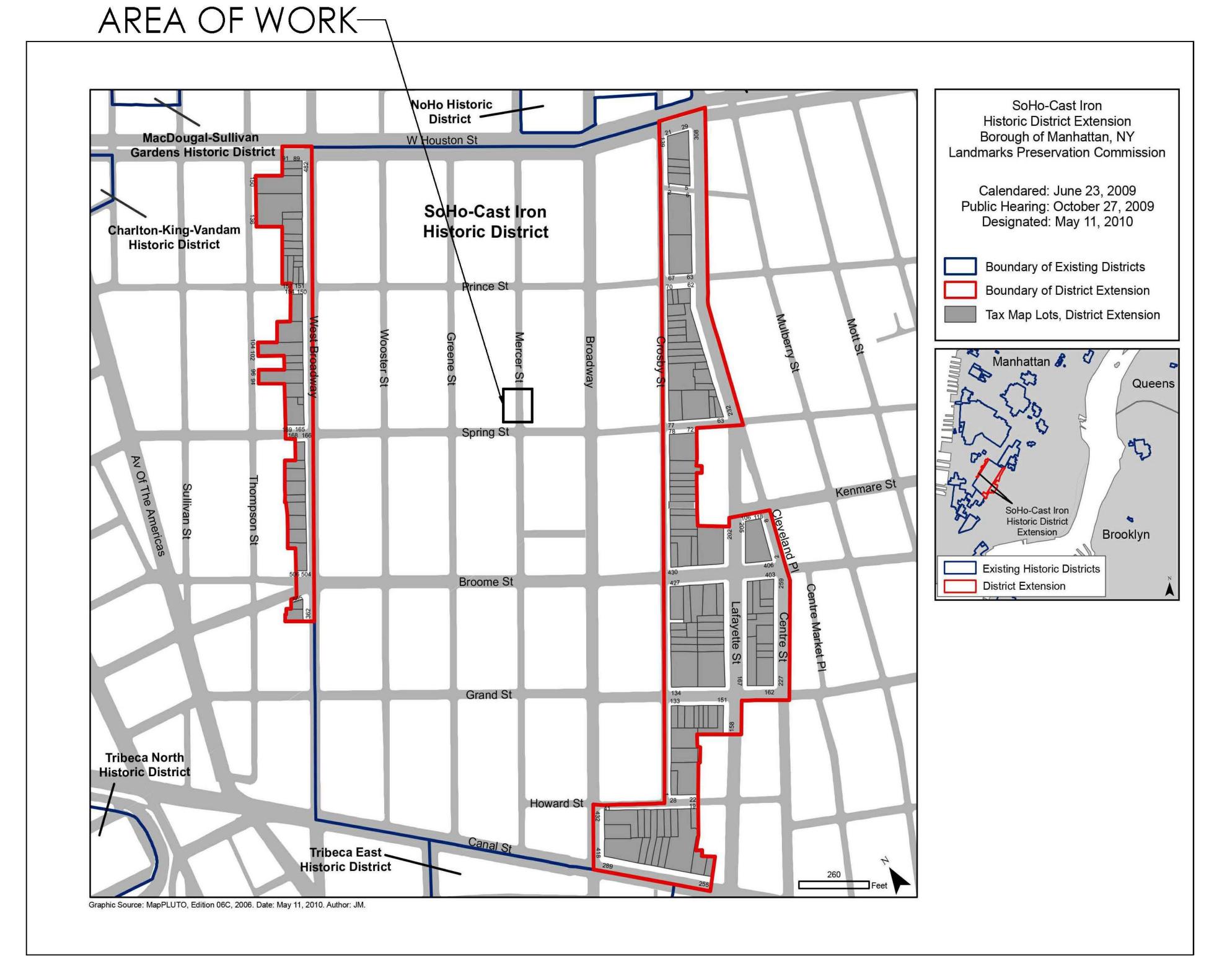


- Vivienne Hu is a NY based Fashion Designer since 2011 with diverse experience in three continents
- She has been a **NY Resident for over 10 years** and previously worked in Investment Banking as well as studied at Parsons Design School
- Vivienne Hu has been a 5 Time Participant in the NYFW-The Shows by IMG, Covered by CFDA's Fashion Calendar & WWD
- Vivienne Hu was named Swarovski Collective Designer 2016
- First Store in Soho for over 3 years since 2012
  - Ventured into the trendy Mercer Street Corridor with top luxurious labels like Dolce & Gabbana, Tory Burch, Balenciaga, Vera Wang, Rag & Bone etc.
- Propose flag design based on thorough research of fashion stores in the Landmark Soho District

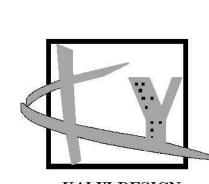




#### 107 MERCER STREET SIGN REPLACEMENT



STREE 国 GREEN BLOCK: 499 LOT: 37 **SPRING STREET** AREA OF WORK— SOHO-CAST IRON EXTENSION MAP Z-100 / SCALE: NTS



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PROJECT LOCATION:

107 MERCER STREET

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BLOCK:

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COMMUNITY BD.: 102

ZONING MAP: 12C

ZONING DISTRICT: M1-5A

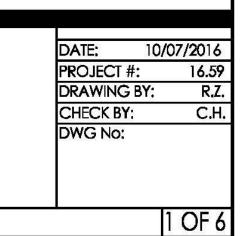
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SOHO-CAST IRON EXTENSION HISTORICAL MAP

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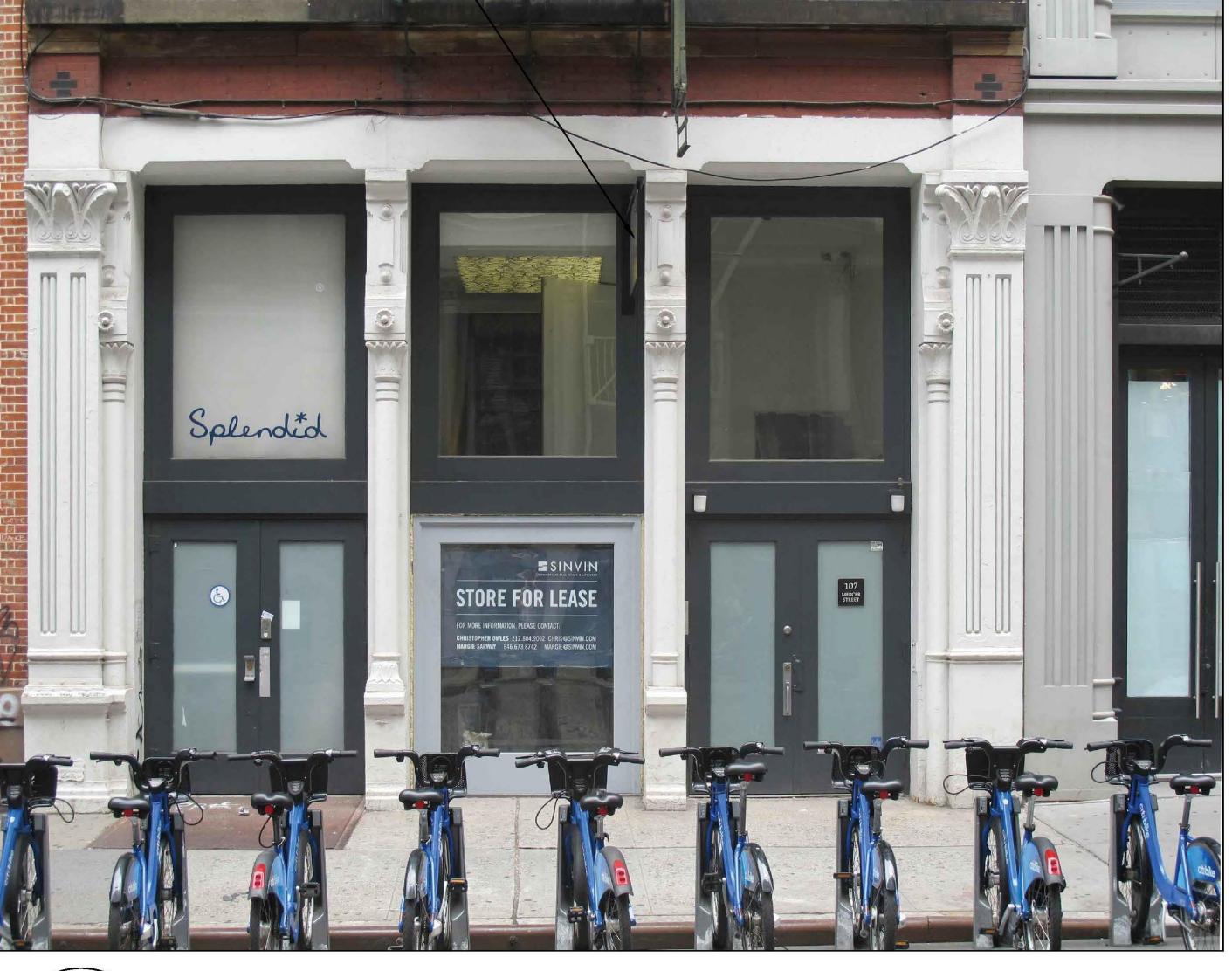
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SITE DESCRIPTION		
BLOCK:	499	
LOT:	37	
ADDRESS:	107 MERCER ST NY NY 10012	
LOT AREA:	5,625 SQ FT	
LOT FRONTAGE:	50'	
LOT DEPTH:	100'	
YEAR BUILT:	1900	
# BUILDINGS:	1	
# FLOORS:	5	
GROSS FLOOR AREA:	25,250 SQ FT	
RESIDENTIAL UNITS:	9	
TOTAL UNITS:	12	
ZONING:	M1-5A	
CONSTRUCTION CLASS	III	
ZONING MAP #:	12C	
LITTLE E RESTRICTION:	NA	
LANDMARK BUILDING:	YES	
HISTORIC DISTRICT:	NA	

#### SIGN AREA AS PER SECTION CODE 32-653A(MAX.12SF.)

Α	6" X 3'-0" =	1.5 SF	1.5 SF
В	8" X 1'-5" =	1.2 SF	1.2 SF
TO	ΓAL	2.7 SF < 12 SF (OK)	SF < 12 SF (OK)



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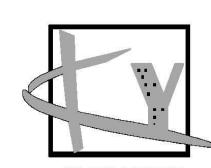
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#### —107 MERCER STREET PROPOSED FLAG POLES (SEE DWG 10 FOR DIMS.)



PROPOSED CONDITION

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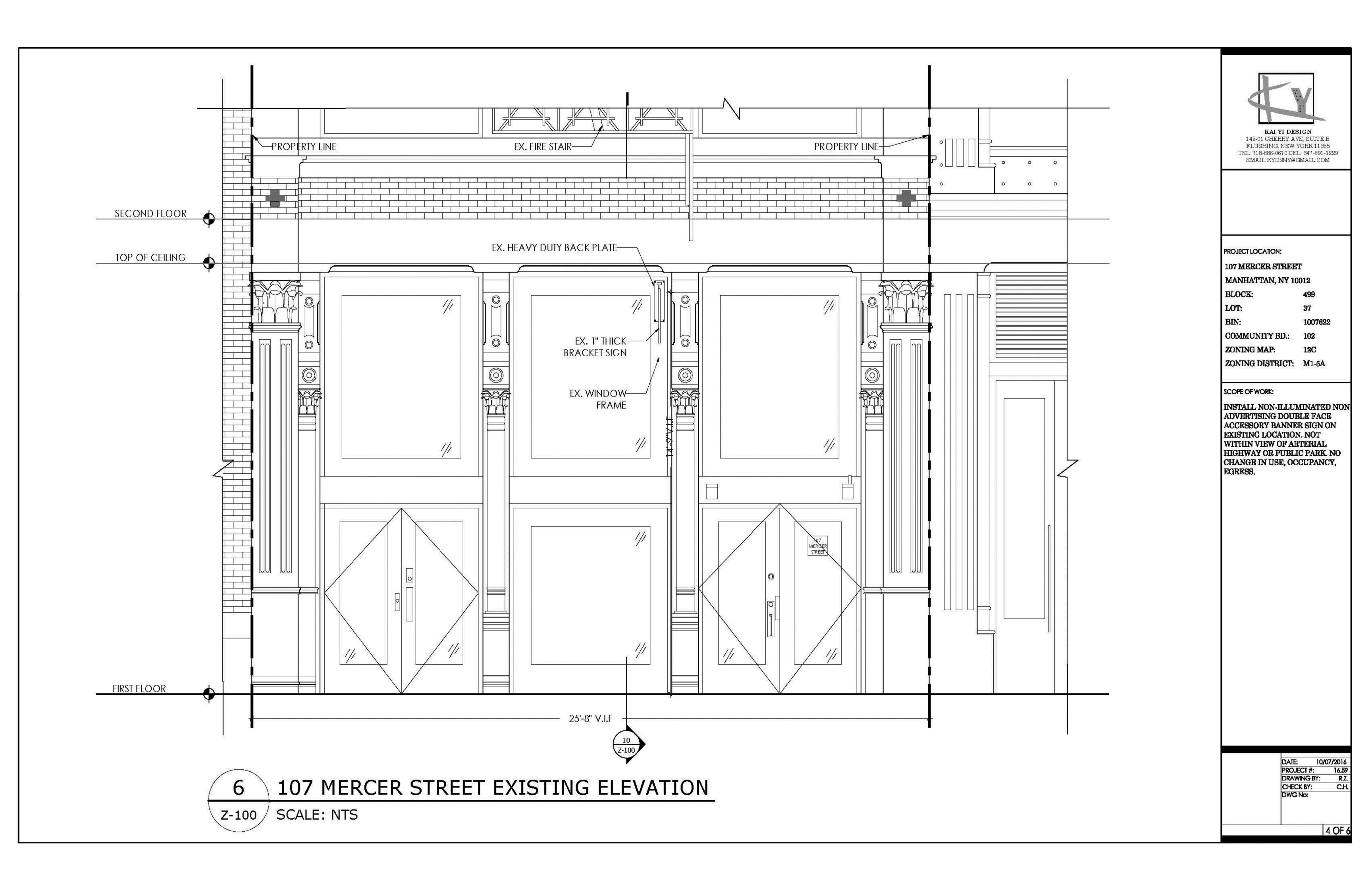
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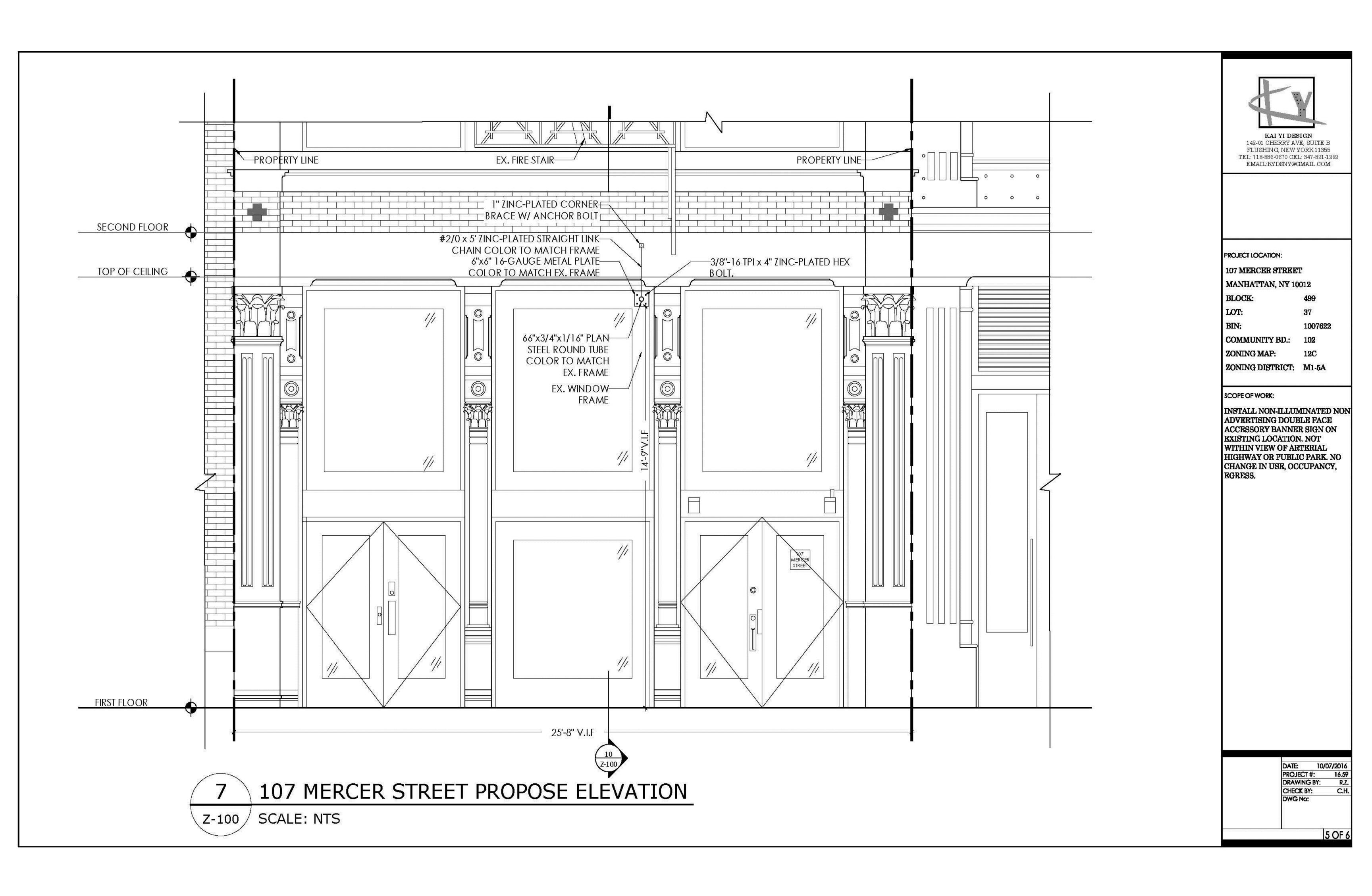
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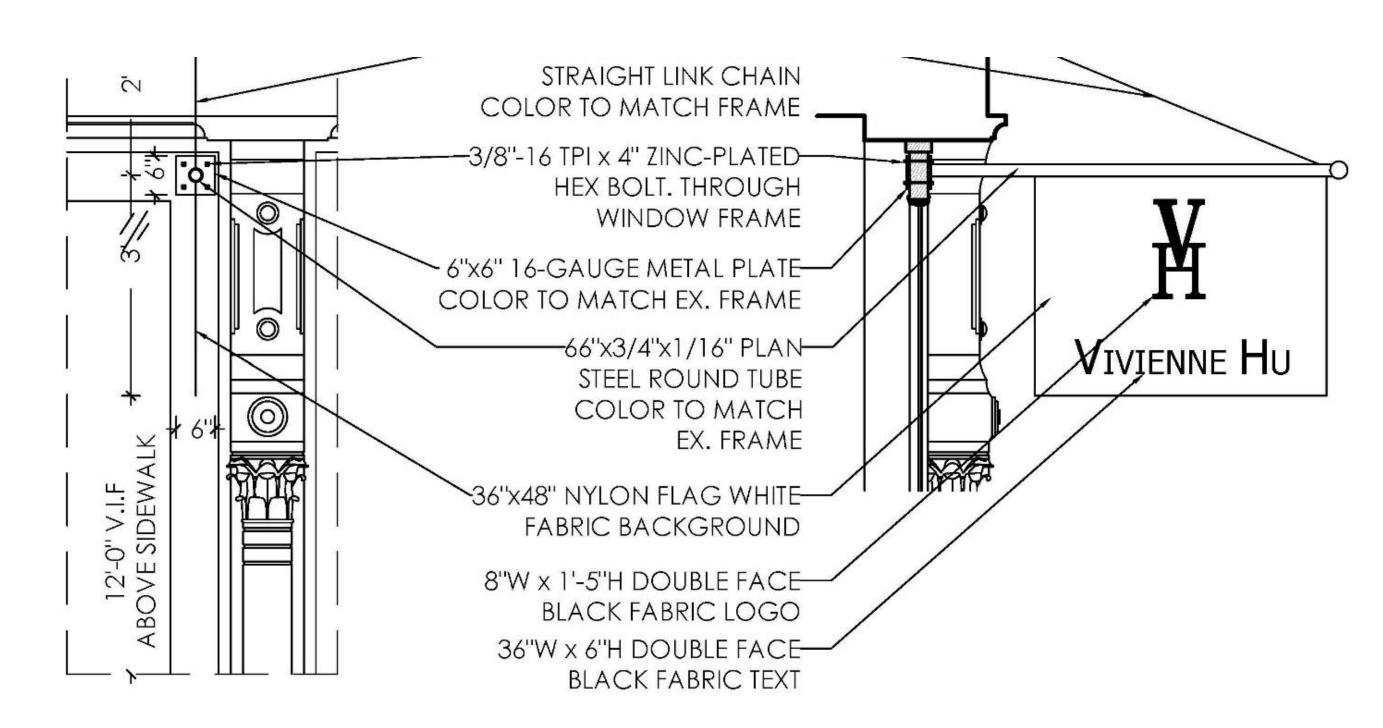
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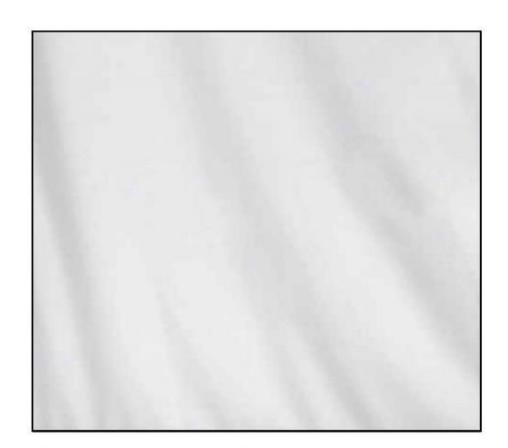




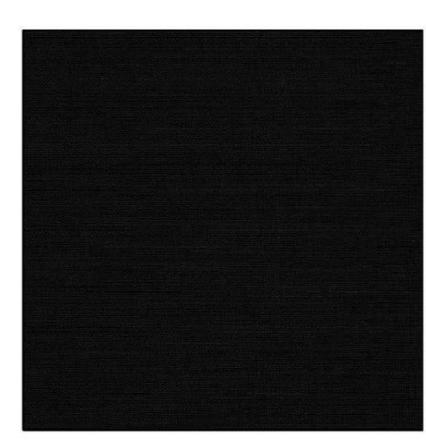


#### SECTION DETAIL @ FLAG POLE

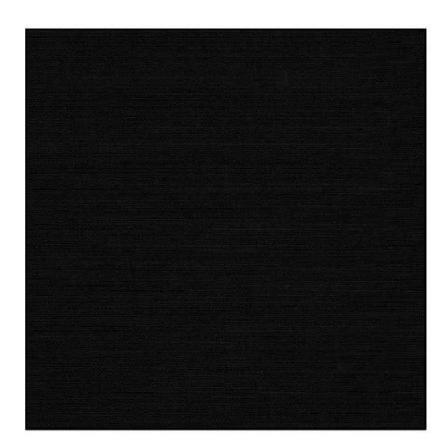
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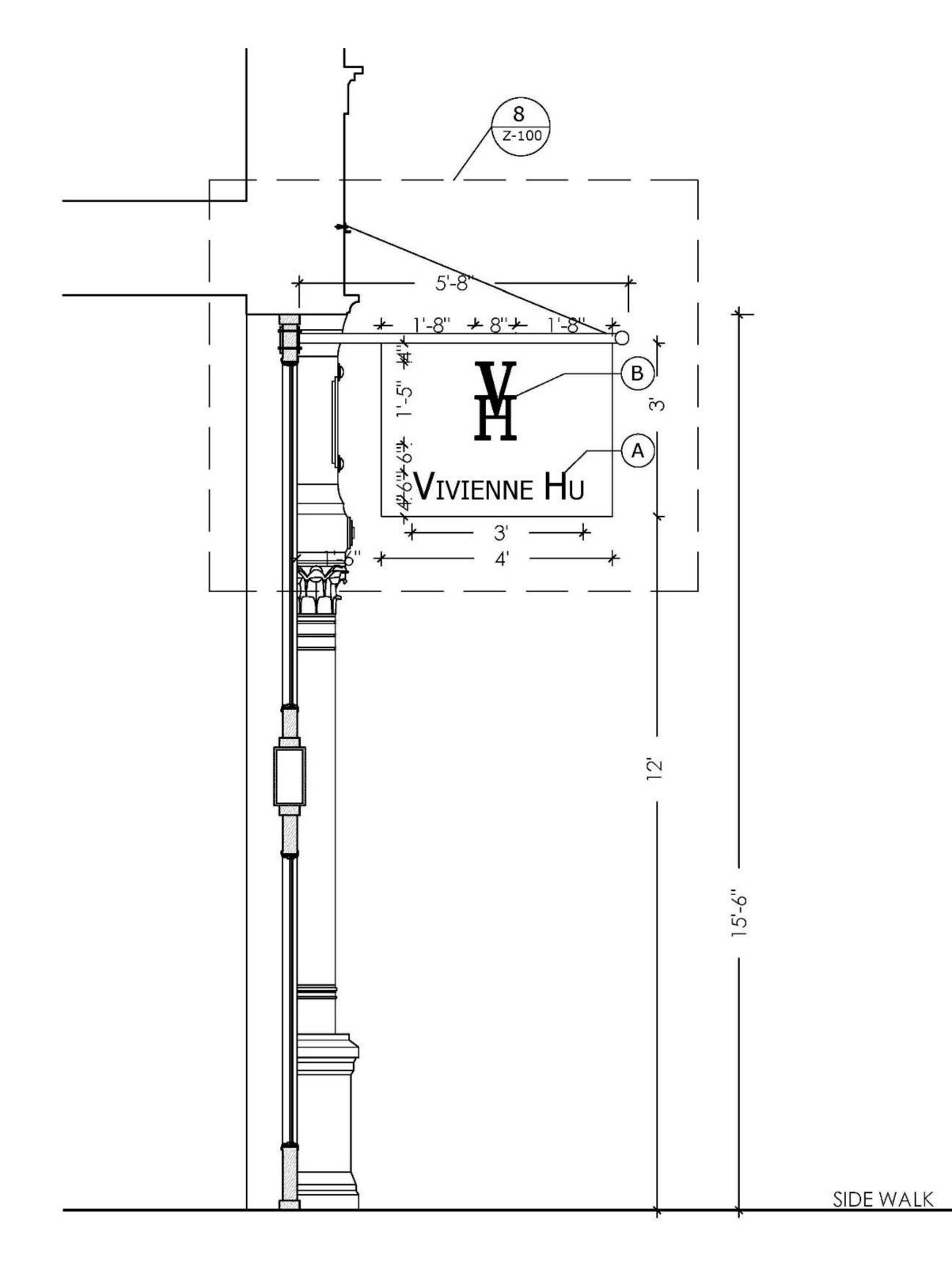
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SIGN BAND COLOR: FABRIC.COM, COLOR: NYLON BLACK FABRIC TEXT 36"W x 6"H



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## Oversized FLAGS + Fashion Stores in Landmark Soho District

- We found most fashion stores adopts oversized fabric signs
- We cannot compete with well established fashion stores without a sign of proper size/materials compared to competitors.
- Mercer Street Corridor is very expensive, and we run great economic risk as a newcomer
- Oversized Sign: Over 2 FT X 3FT, and require special LPC board approval
  - Based on our research on streets immediately adjacent to 107 Mercer,:
    - 50% of existing stores have oversized signs
    - About 70% of fashion stores have oversized signs

#### Reasons:

- Could be under grandfathered sign permit before 1976
- Some of them could be on violation of sign permit
- Approved by LPC



#### Stores with Oversized Flags in Neighborhood

#### North of 107 Mercer

- Banana Republic, 550
   Broadway
- Hugo Boss, 555 Broadway
- Sephora, 555 Broadway
- Aldo, 579 Broadway
- Verizon, 581 Broadway
- Under Armour, 583 Broadway
- Victoria's Secret, 565 Broadway
- Club Monaco, 536 Broadway
- American Eagle, 599 Broadway
- Lands' End, 580 Broadway
- Forever 21, 568 Broadway
- Equinox, 69 Prince St
- Zocdoc, 568 Broadway
- Armani Exchange, 568
   Broadway
- Moncler, 90 Prince St
- Versace, 160 Mercer St
- Nautica, 101 Prince St

- Tumi, 102 Prince St
- Intermix, 98 Prince St
- June Kelly, 166 Mercer St
- Rag & Bone, 119 Mercer St
- The Kooples, 115 Mercer St
- Lole Atelier, 112 Mercer
- Vince Camuto, 532 Broadway

#### West of 107 Mercer

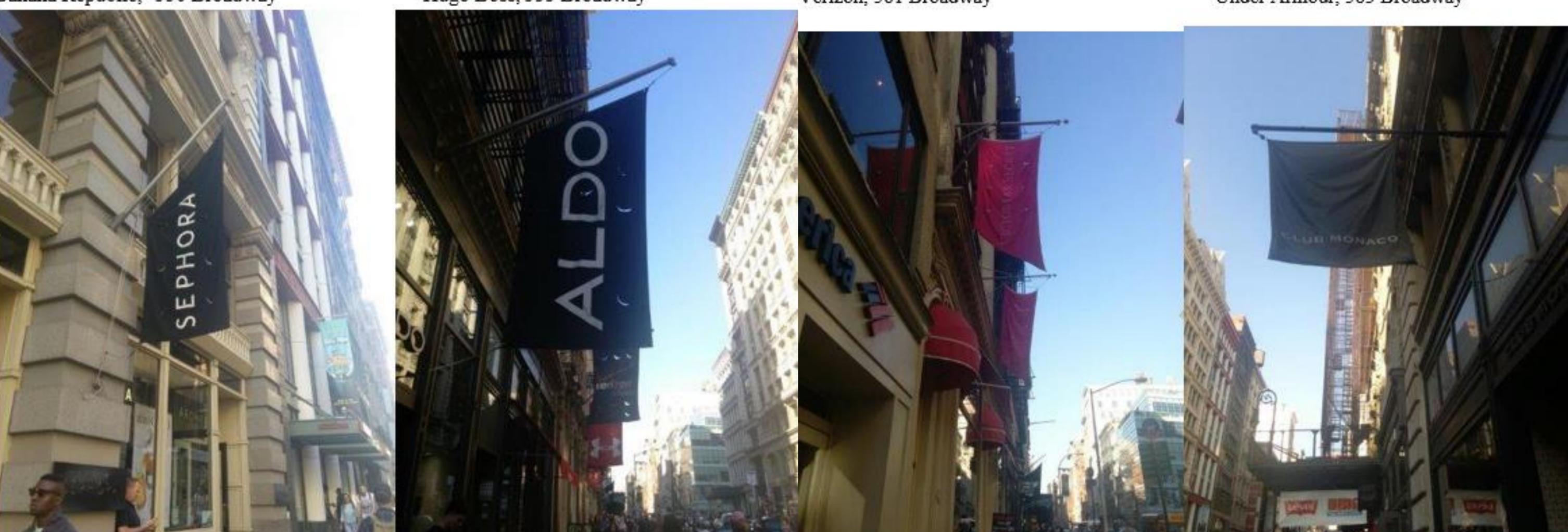
- American Apparel, 121 Spring St
- Stuart Weitzman, 118 Spring St
- John Varvartos, 122 Spring St
- LongChamp, 132 Spring St
- Burberry, 131 Spring St
- Diesel, 135 Spring St
- Hugo Boss 132 Greene St

#### South of 107 Mercer

- PAIGE, 71 Mercer St
- UGG, 79 Mercer St
- Joe's Jeans, 77 Mercer St
- Sweaty Betty, 77 Mercer St
- FRYE, 113 Spring St
- Chase, 525 Broadway
- Michael Kors, 520 Broadway
- Aritzia 524 Broadway
- Bloomingdales, 504 Broadway







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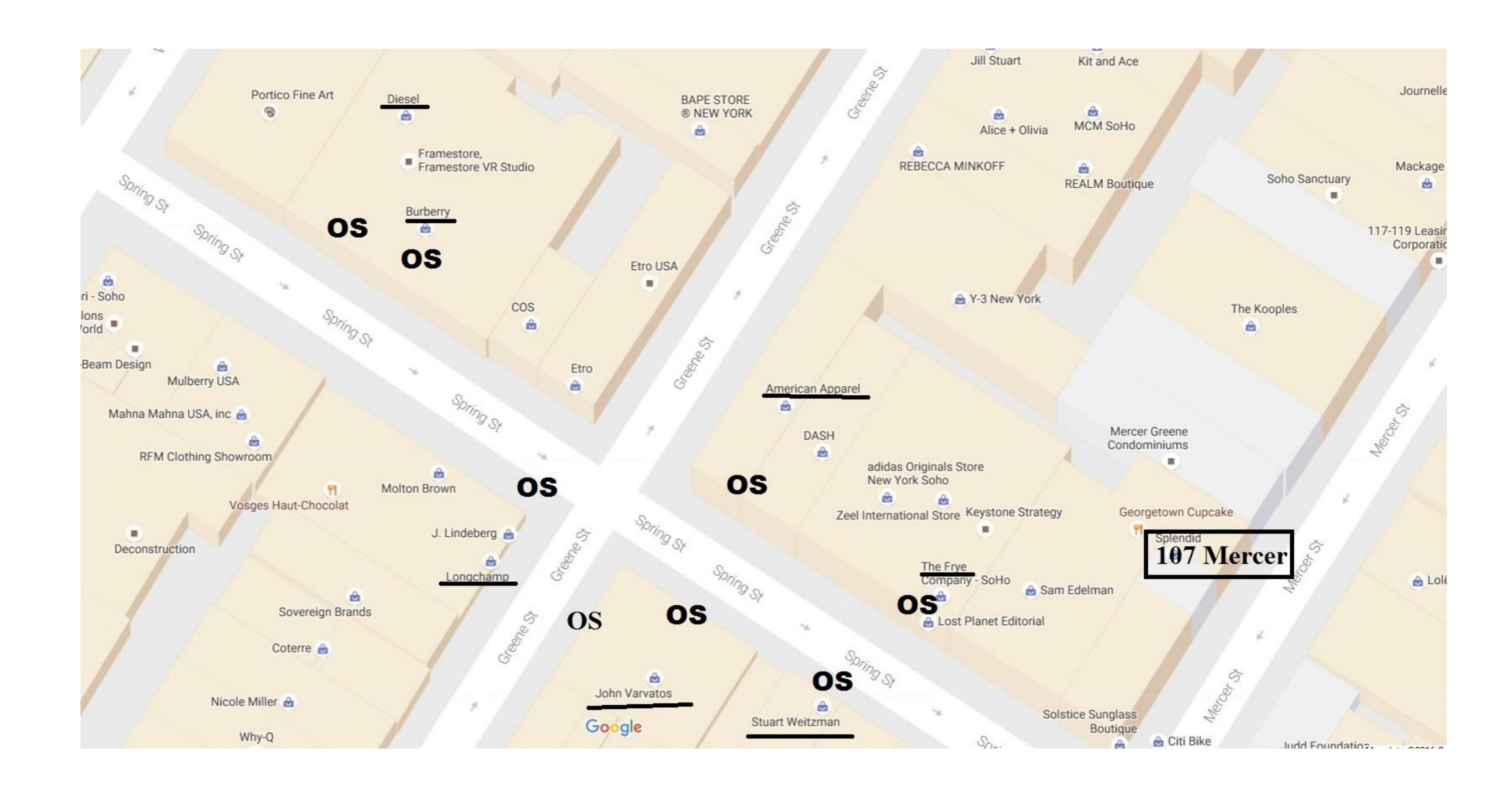
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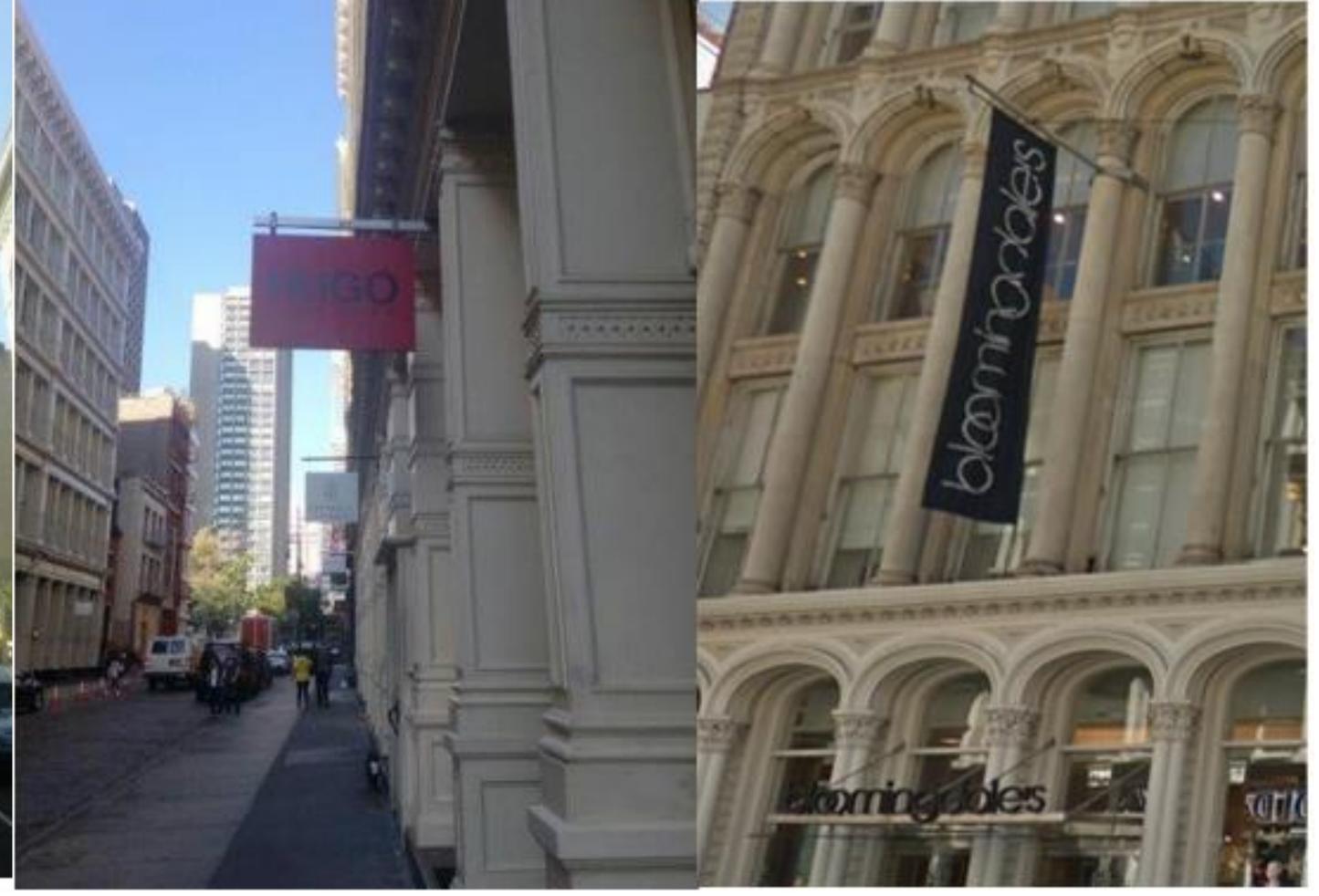
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# Highlights of the Oversized Flags close to 107 Mercer St



Lole Atelier, 112 Mercer St

Directly across Street

Estimate 7.5FT X 4FT



FRYE, 113 Spring St

Around the Corner on Spring St

Estimate 9FT X 5.5FT



UGG, 79 Mercer St

A Short Walk Down on Mercer St

Estimate 7FT X 5FT

## Key takeaways

- Vivienne Hu wants to be in compliance with the local/LPC regulation and obtain a moderate-sized storefront flag with legal approval
  - Vivienne Hu is requesting a 3 FT X 4 FT flag, smaller than most other fashion store flags in the neighborhood
- A majority of fashion stores in our immediate neighborhood have already secured oversized flags
  - Of all the 40 stores with oversized flags, 35 are fashion stores and only 5 are non-fashion ones
  - Many of these fashion stores have been around for a long time, i.e. Burberry, Rag&Bone,
     American Apparel, LongChamp, to name a few. People know them well and they have steady flow of patrons.
- Vivienne Hu is a newcomer to this core area of Soho and as such needs substantial marketing efforts
  - A flag comparable to competitors is critical
- New York City is a fashion capital. Its fashion virility depends on,
  - The innovation and variety of design styles from different designers
  - A fair market environment for all designers to compete fairly.

## Key takeaways

- To promote a fair market and environment for all designer labels, it is best all designers/stores have the same opportunity to display as they deem fit
- We need to be able to compete fairly in an effort to stay profitable
  - The previous tenant, also a fashion brand, at our current location, with a small sign, had
     to close business after a 10-month period due to poor revenue
  - We are currently losing as well
  - The early termination/break of lease create another heavy loss for the business
- Soho is the trendiest area for NYC's fashion, and a lack of flag of comparable size for a newer designer label is a disadvantaged in terms of competition
  - The lack of competition diminishes innovation and the iconic NYC fashion glamour
- Given the high rent level in the area and the importance to secure foot traffic from the street,
   many stores are willing to be in violation and pay the fines/fees to be able to stay competitive.