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CONCEPT STATEMENT

Stare Miasto Restaurant and Bar is a celebration of Polish tradition, architecture, and history. The phrase Stare Miasto translates to Old Town, which is the name given to the historic center of Warsaw, Poland. The city is a monument to Polish culture and history. The city suffered great damage during World War II. Its reconstruction was meant to symbolize the Polish will to survive despite many attempts to destroy the country's culture and statehood. Stare Miasto embodies the elements of the Old Town that makes it a Polish cultural icon. Though the restaurant is indoors, the design is like taking a walk in the historic streets of Old Town, Poland. The design takes cues from Western European architecture evident in the reconstruction of Warsaw, as well as traditional Polish folk art. Customers can choose if they would like to enjoy Polish cuisine inside the restaurant or from the comfort of their own home. Geometric tile patterns are reminiscent of the Old Town Square. Arches, clerestory windows, and rich earthy tones reflect the iconic architecture in Old Town.



Research Summary

ARCHITECTURE

Polish architecture is separated into three different eras. The first is the socialist city, which was created to accommodate the influx of people into the country after World War I. The appearance of these cities reflects the architectural practices of the Soviet Union at the time. These cities featured large public gathering spaces and broad streets. The second is the capitalist city, which was constructed in the 1900s. Several architectural styles are noted, and buildings were often used for commercial and industrial purposes. The third is the Medieval city, which was built during the feudal period. Buildings were reminiscent of Western European architecture.

HISTORY

The city of Warsaw, Poland suffered great damage during World War II. In 1939, the city was deliberately attacked by Germany. The Germans targeted buildings of historical and cultural significance. The goal of this attack was to destroy Poland's tradition of statehood. The reconstruction of Warsaw began post-WW2, and it appears ancient. This was done purposefully by the Polish communist government to restore the city's historic value. This was a symbol of Poland's will to survive despite many attempts to destroy it. The city of Old town is also a monument to the creation of Europe's first constitution and the beginning of its democracy.

HISTORY

The Polish value family and tradition. The typical Polish family household consists of children, parents, and grandparents. Drugie śniadanie, or second breakfast, is a common meal in between breakfast and lunch that Polish families enjoy. Similar to the American brunch, this meal is consumed between 9 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Performing arts are a large part of Polish culture. This includes movies, comedies, and dance. There are also Polish ballets, folk music, operas, and jazz music. One form of traditional Polish folk art is Wycinanki, or cut-paper design. Wycinanki consists of geometric patterns and shapes such as stars, rosettes, and circles. Pajaki is the Polish word for spider, and are decorative folk mobiles comparable in shape to chandeliers. These are typically suspended from ceilings in webs of rye straw and paper.

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Location



CHEEKTOWAGA NEW YORK

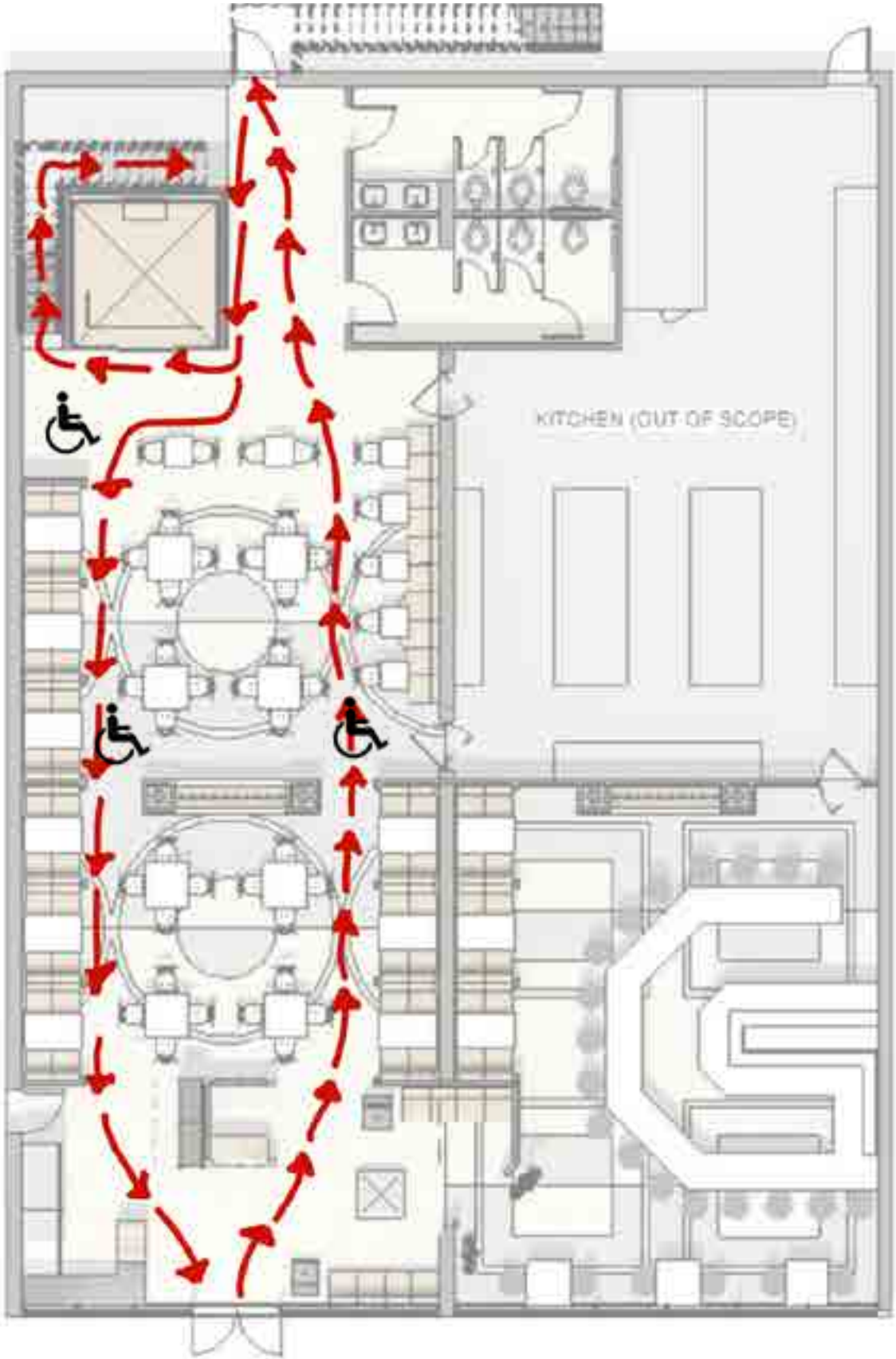
Population: 37,560

The town of Cheektowaga has a population of 86,181, and 39% of its population has some affiliation with Polish roots. The town is deeply rooted in Polish culture and tradition. It hosts several festivals and events that celebrate Polish culture.

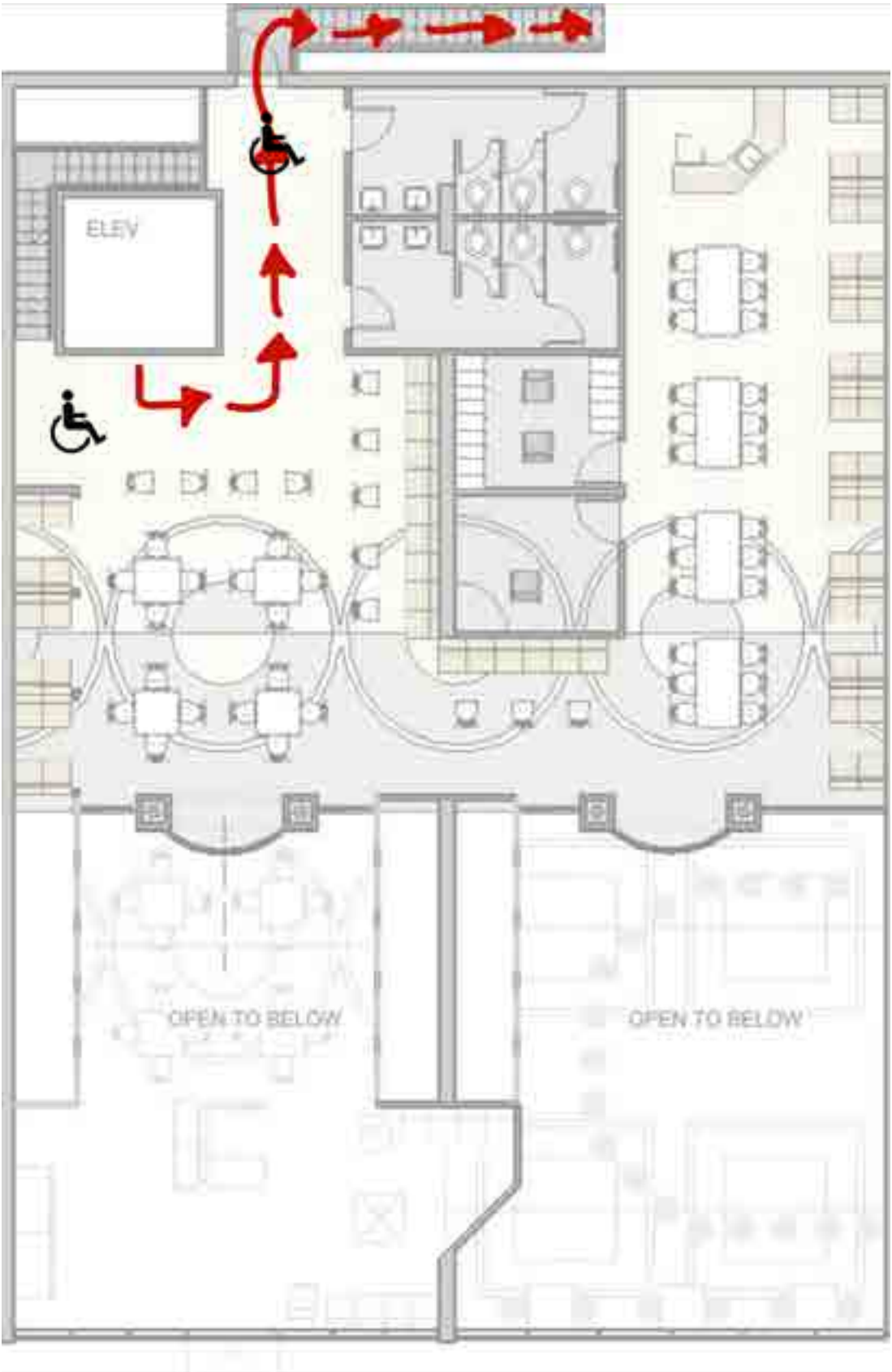


Codes Plan

Illuminated signage concept



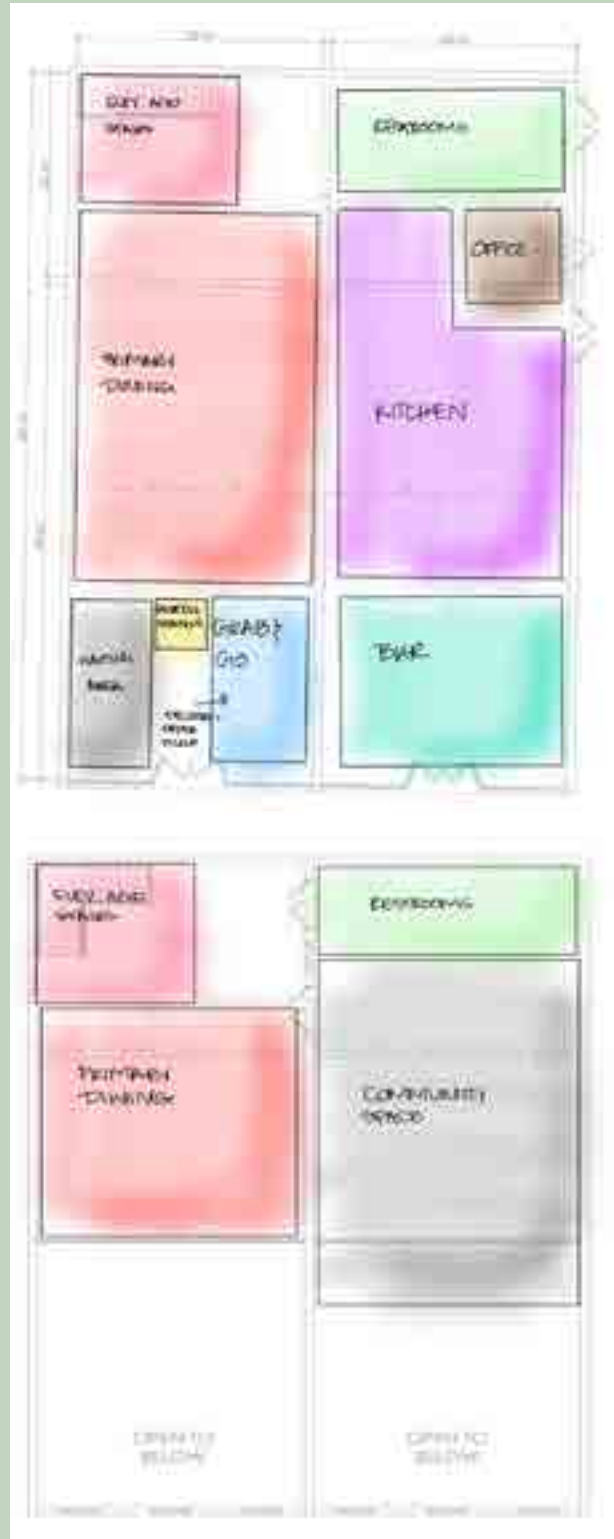
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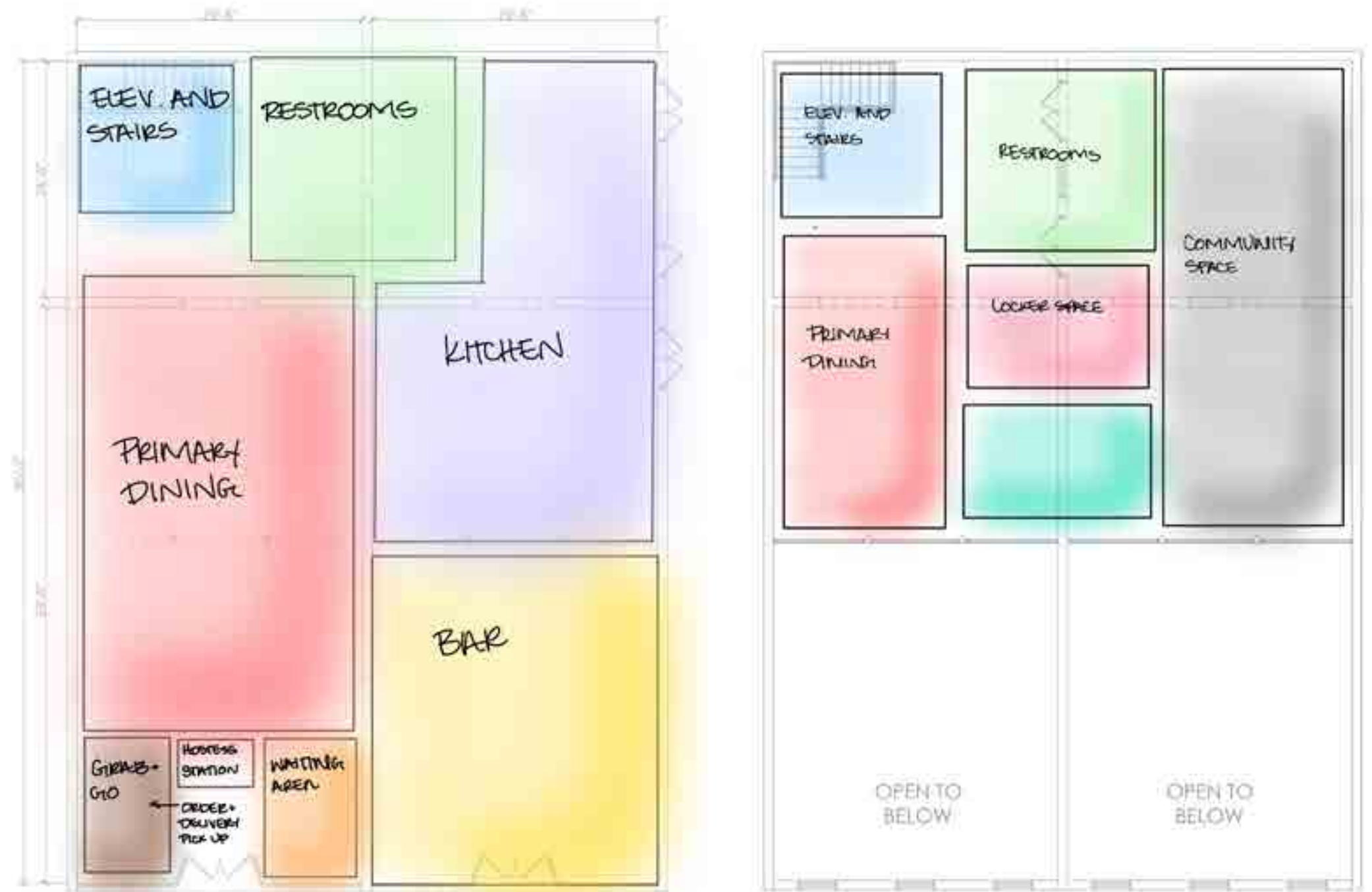
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Schematics

Block plan 1

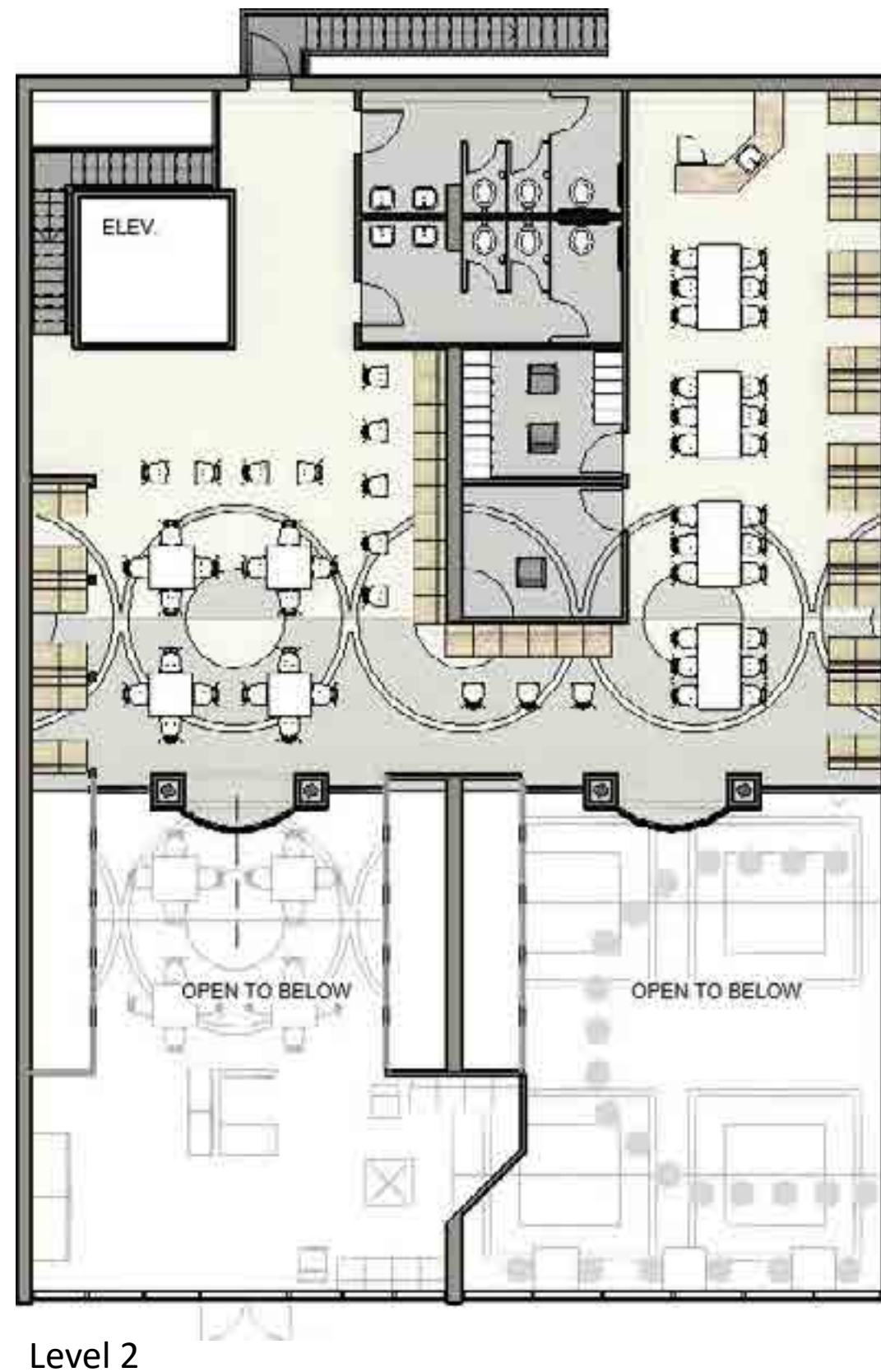
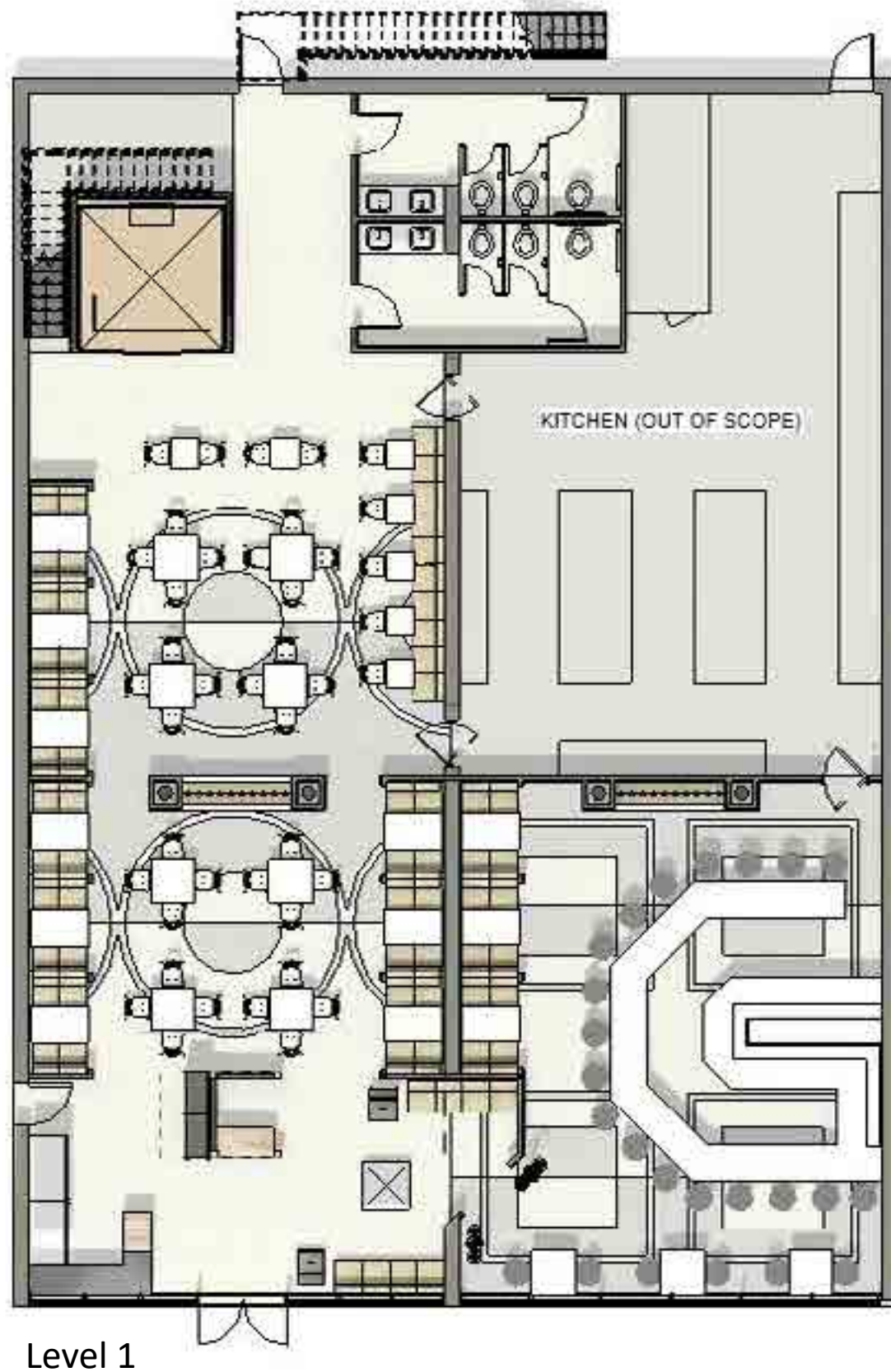


Block plan 2 ***SELECTED***



The selected floor plan was chosen because it allowed for improved circulation throughout the space without extending the top over the space open to below.

Floor Plans



Seating count:

Level 1 primary dining: 94

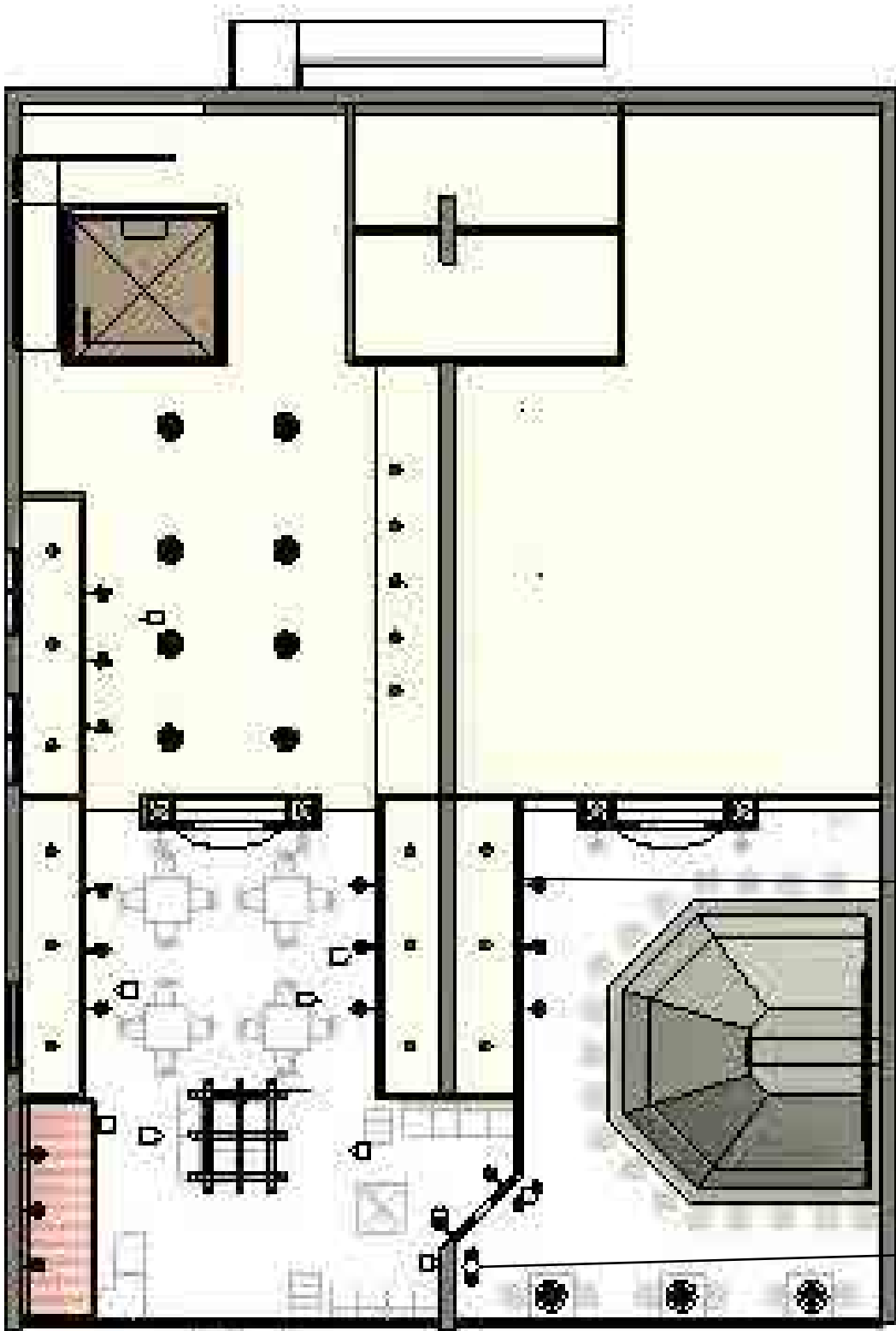
Level 2 primary dining: 56

Bar: 18 (plus 18 table seating)

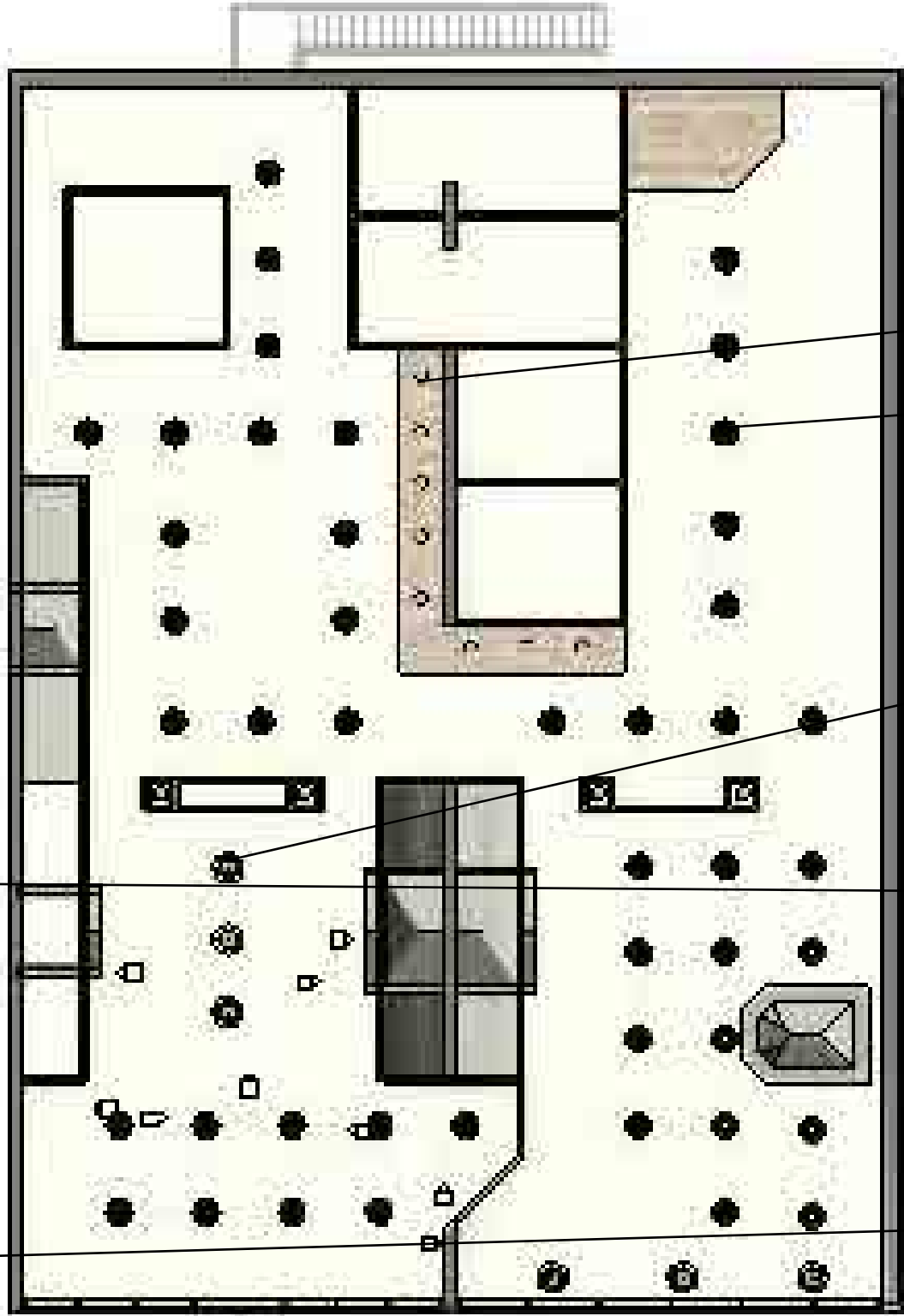
Community space: 54

Ceiling Plans

Lighting Selections



Level 1



Level 2

Faro
Siru Pendant



Faro
Siru Ceiling Mounted



Faro
Siru Decorative Pendant



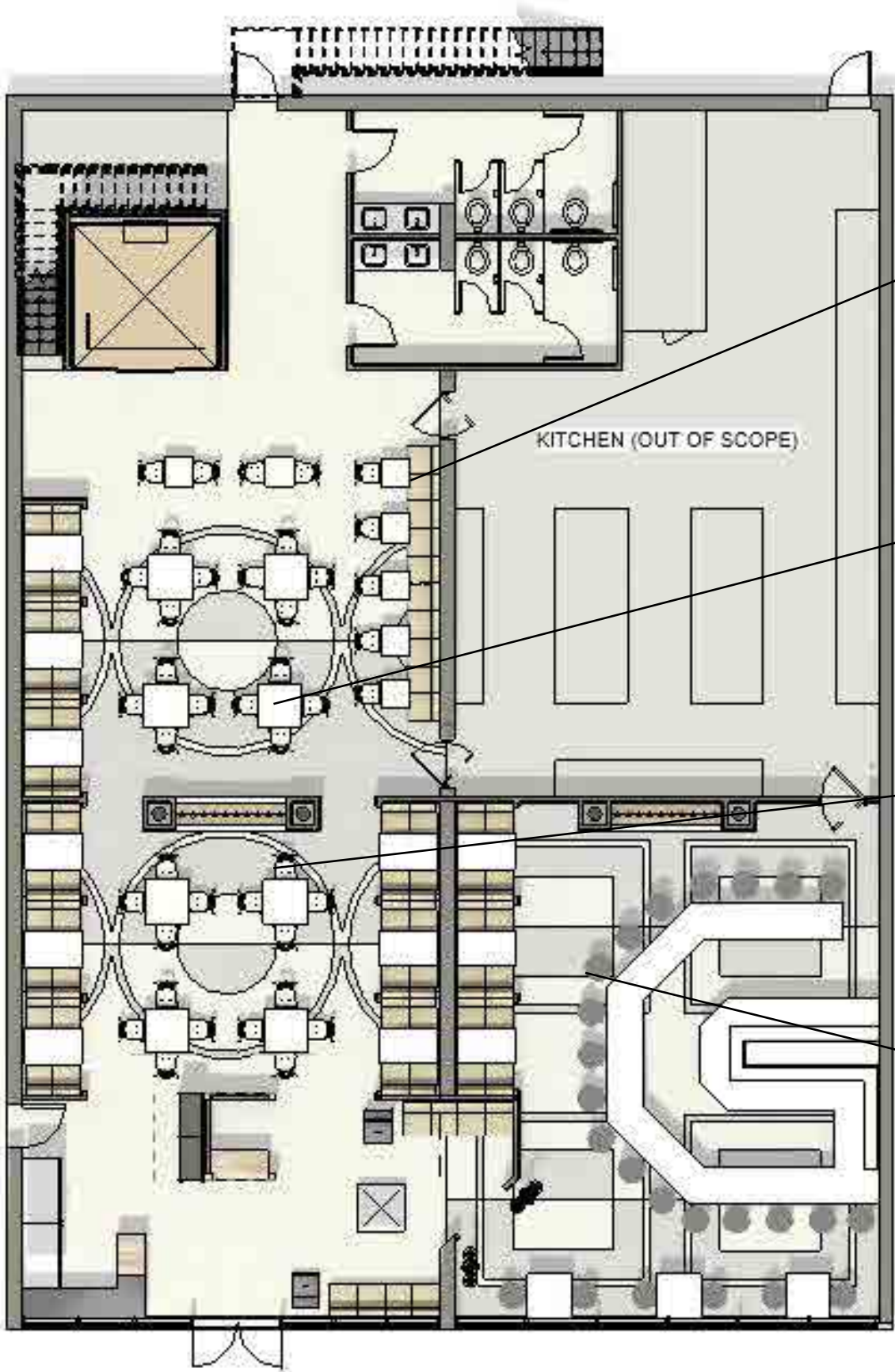
Faro
Siru Wall Mounted



Faro
Siru Floor Mounted



Furniture Selection



Spec
Tailor Booth



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Tailor Booth Table



Cabot Wrenn
NEEDO Wood Stack Chair
1744

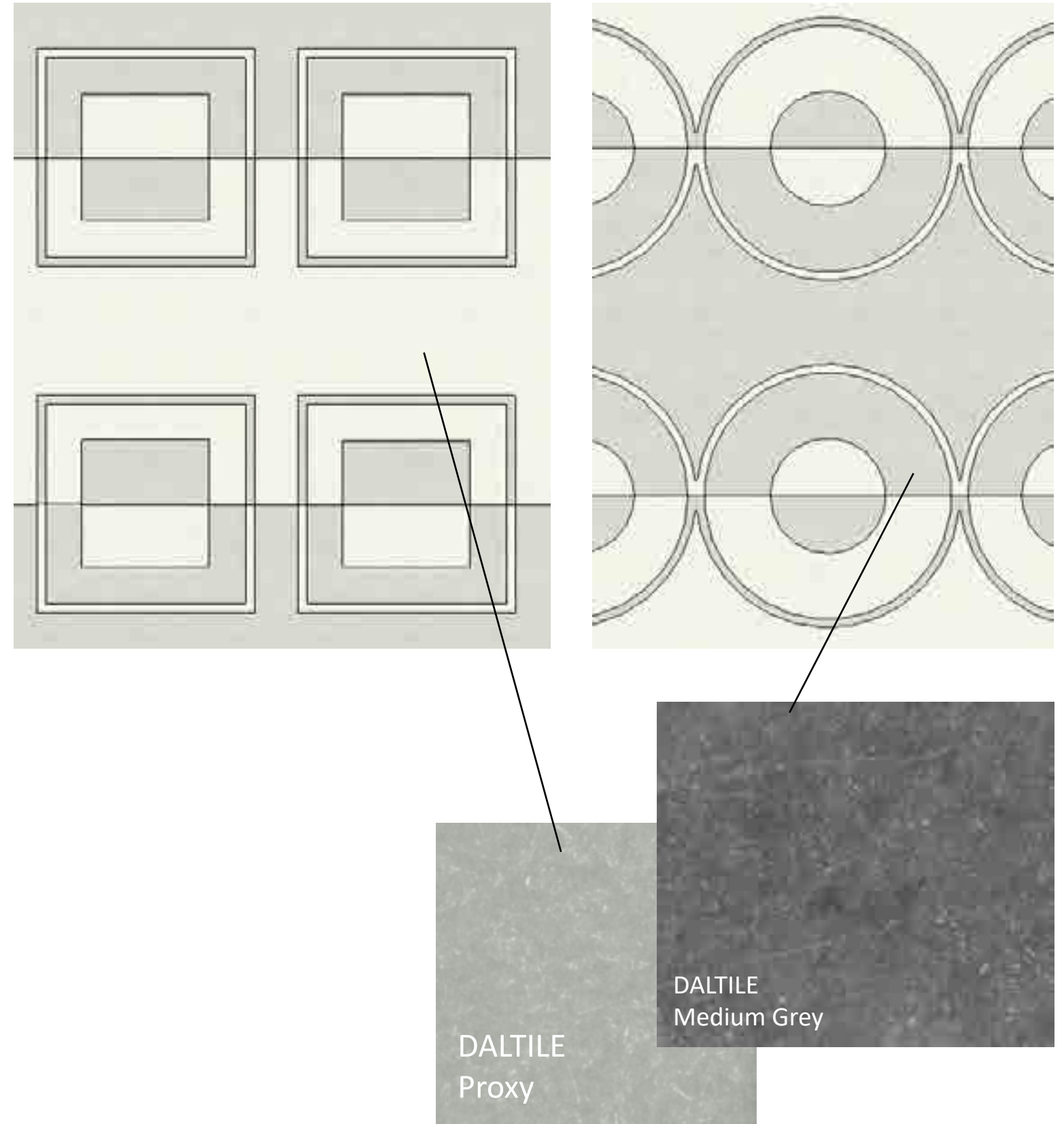


Cabot Wrenn
164-30-Radius Swivel Bar Chair

Material Selection



Custom DALTILE patterns





Entry



Bar



First level dining



First level dining



Second level dining



Community Space