

Public Hearing Room Physical Accessibility Study

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OVERVIEW

PURPOSE OF STUDY:

Evaluate the Public Hearing Room for potential accessibility improvements and compliance with current ADA standards.

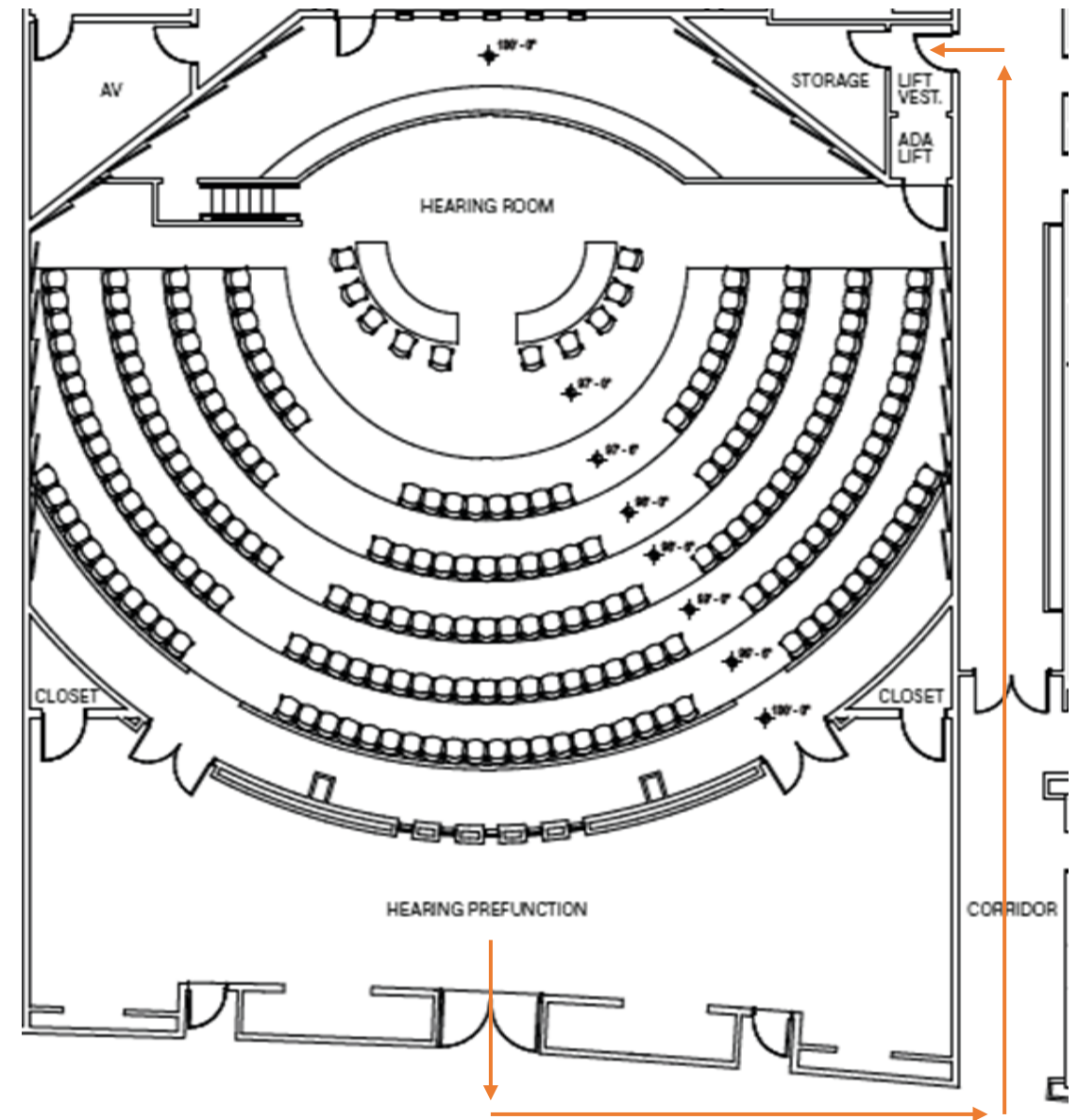
GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- What are our options to improve physical accessibility in the Public Hearing Room?
- If other options exist, what would they cost to implement?
- If the existing lift configuration is the best or only option, what can be done to resolve operational issues and make it more convenient?

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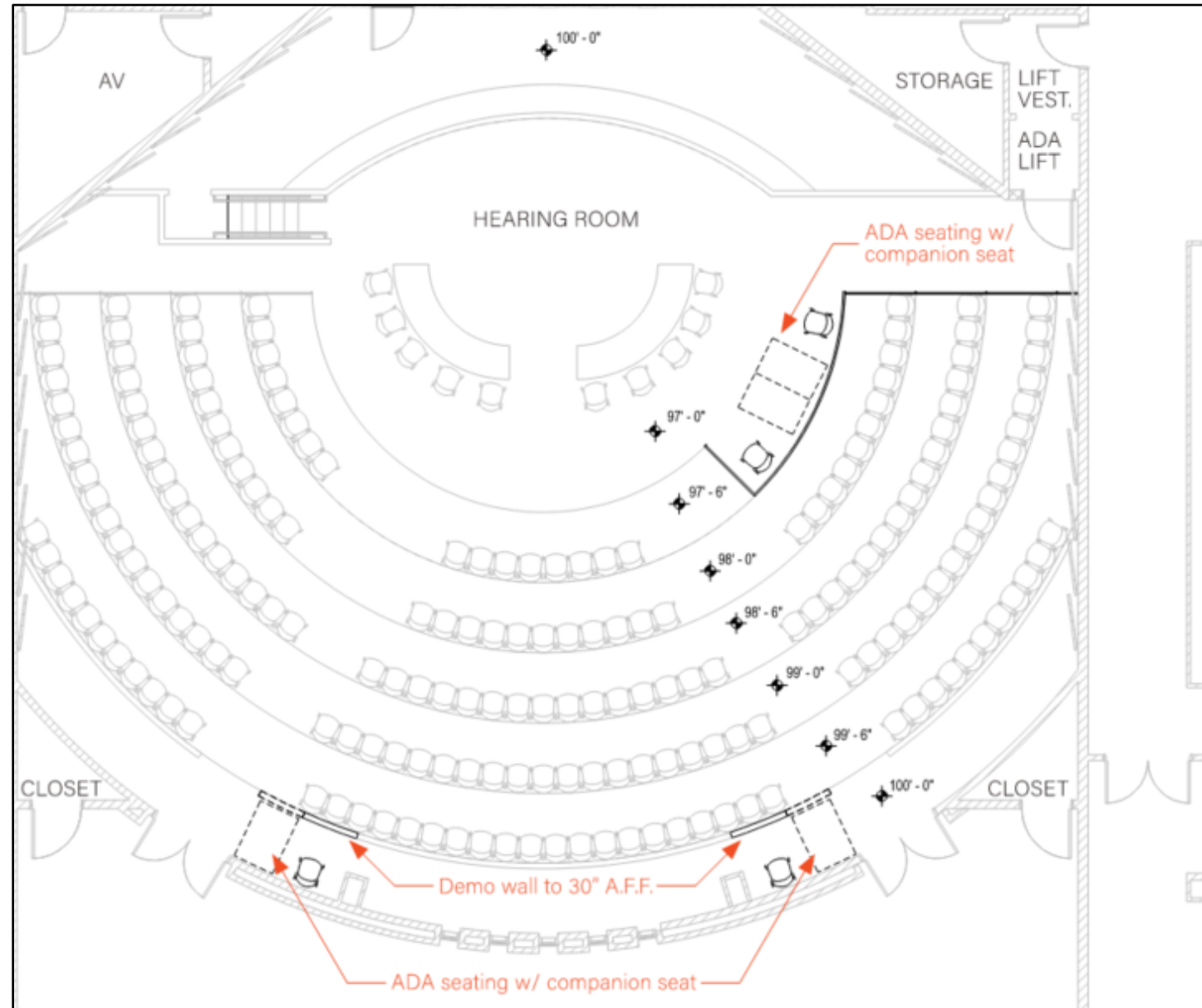
Primary Challenges

- There is no ADA compliant wheelchair seating
- Wheelchair access for presenters is cumbersome and not inclusive
- The existing lift is unreliable and requires ongoing maintenance



OPTION 1: Lift

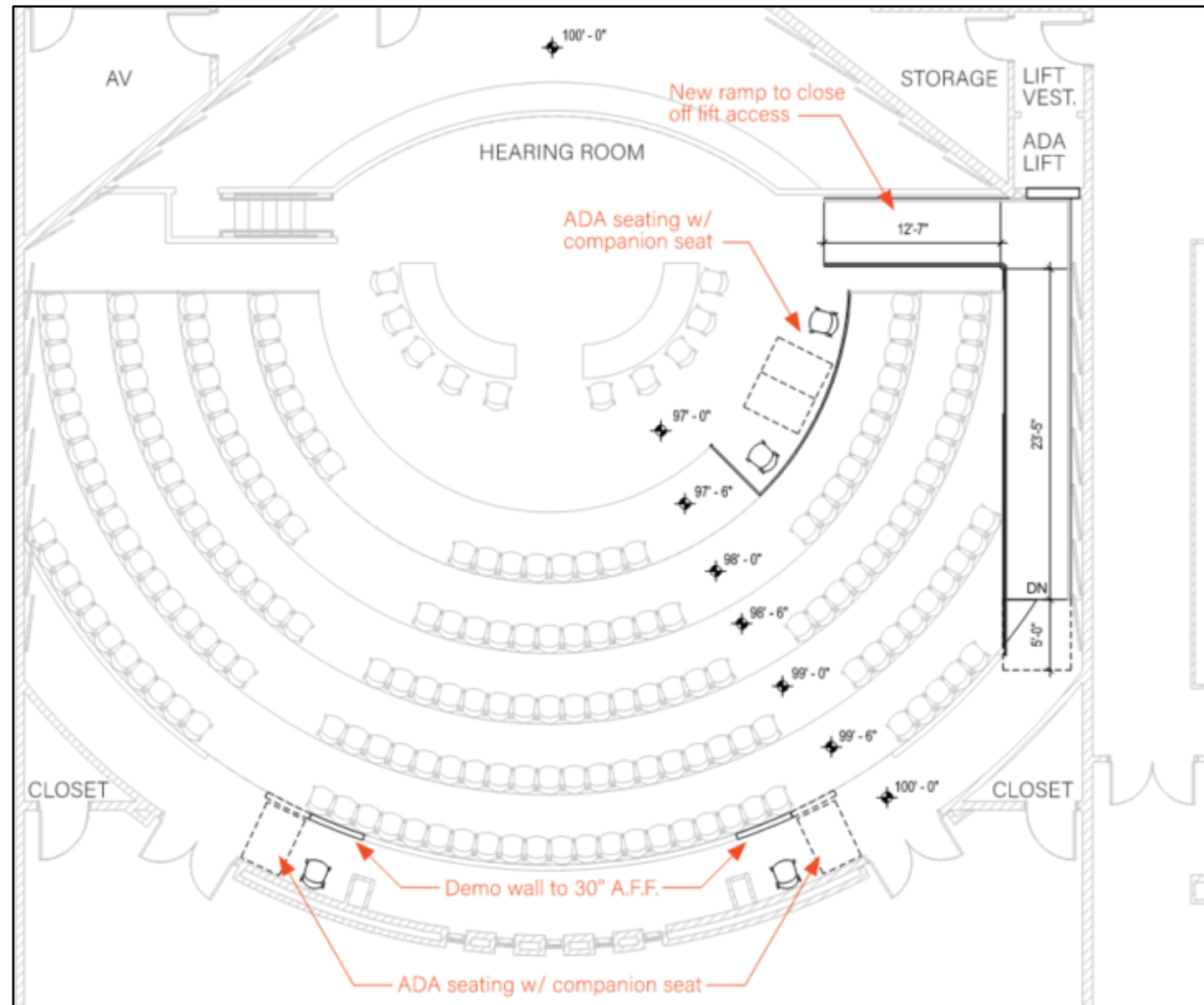
- Scope
 - Add signage and be proactive with assistance
 - Add 4 ADA compliant wheelchair locations
 - Add 4 companion\flex seats
 - Removal of 4 fixed seats
 - Replace, refurbish, and/or simplify lift
- Pros
 - Lowest cost
 - Minimal construction
 - Most seating/standing room
- Cons
 - Least inclusive
 - Ongoing lift maintenance and management



OPTION 2: Ramp

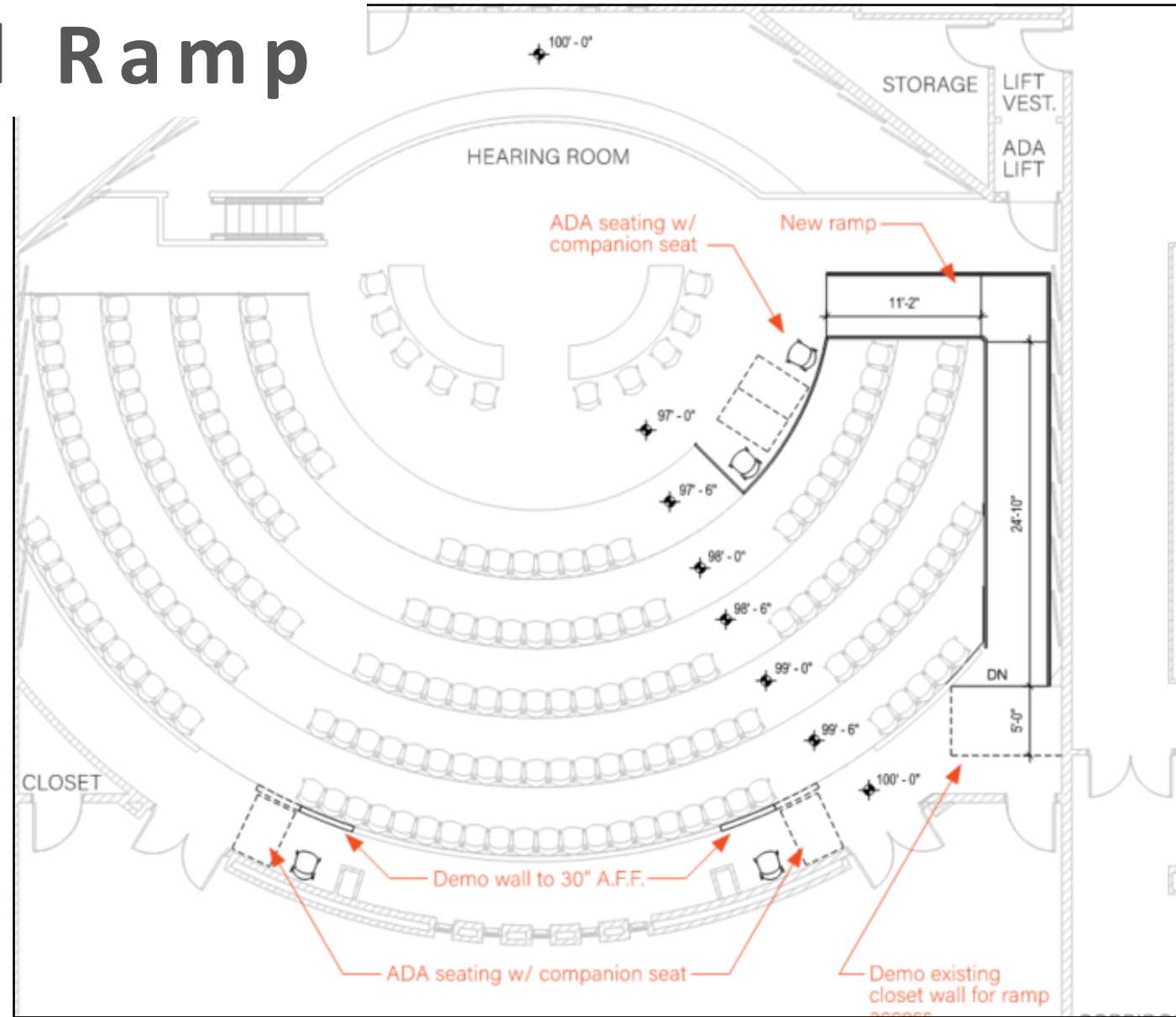
FFM Recommendation

- Scope
 - Add signage and be proactive with assistance
 - Add 4 ADA compliant wheelchair locations
 - Add 4 companion\flex seats
 - Remove 23 fixed seats
 - Install wheelchair ramp along east wall.
 - Remove lift, convert space into storage room.
- Pros
 - More inclusive than Option 1
 - Least management and maintenance
 - Gain storage space
 - Most direct path of travel
- Cons
 - More construction than Option 1
 - Higher cost than Option 1
 - Less seating/standing room than Option 1



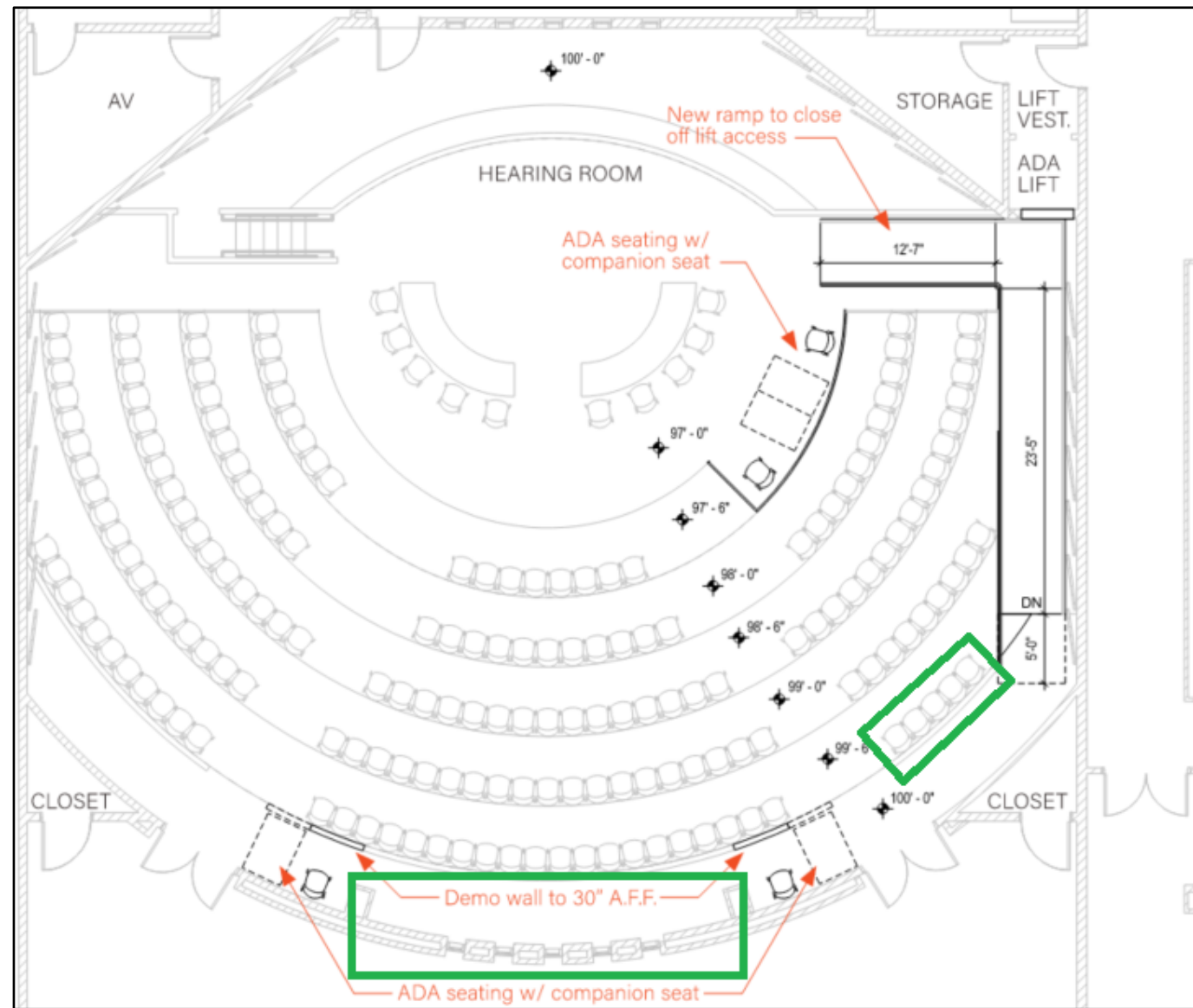
OPTION 3: Lift and Ramp

- Scope
 - Add signage and be proactive with assistance
 - Add 4 ADA compliant wheelchair locations
 - Add 4 companion\flex seats
 - Remove 27 fixed seats
 - Install wheelchair ramp along east wall.
 - Replace, refurbish, and/or simplify lift
- Pros
 - Most inclusive/multiple paths
 - Decreased lift management/use
- Cons
 - Most construction
 - Highest cost
 - Least seating/standing room
 - Loss of storage closet
 - Ongoing lift maintenance and management



Additional Considerations

- Add seats to back wall for mobility limited persons who are not in a wheelchair.
- Install seating that accommodates attendees who are not comfortable in traditional seats.
- Communicate available accommodations
- Make accommodations more accessible
- To be explored during design phase:
 - Real-time translation for non-English speaking attendees
 - Compliance of Commissioner seating area and path of travel to presentation area



Summary and Questions

Option 1: Lift

- Pros
 - Lowest cost
 - Minimal construction
 - Most seating/standing room
- Cons
 - Least inclusive
 - Ongoing lift management and maintenance
- Seats Lost: 4
- Estimated Cost: \$ 123,000

Option 2: Ramp

- Pros
 - More inclusive than Option 1
 - Least management and maintenance
 - Gain storage space
- Cons
 - More construction
 - Higher cost
 - Less seating and standing room
- Seats Lost: 23
- Estimated Cost: \$ 141,000

Option 3: Lift and Ramp

- Pros
 - Most inclusive/multiple paths
 - Decreased lift management/use
- Cons
 - Most construction
 - Highest cost
 - Least seating and standing room
 - Loss of storage closet
 - Ongoing lift maintenance and management
- Seats Lost: 27
- Estimated Cost: \$ 203,000