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**Subject:** Fwd: Design Review for addition to 435 Casita Way  
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To Design Review Commission,

This is a quick follow up letter with additional suggestions/requests that we would like to have considered in the approval process for 435 Casita Way.

Having reviewed the plans it is even more obvious to us now that our privacy is severely impacted by the design of the second story of the house. It would be one thing if the windows in the back were smaller and set higher up on the wall which would provide sunlight to the rooms without completely exposing our backyard to the view of those looking out of the windows. Both the large and medium windows are intrusive, to say the least. We really don't understand why we must sacrifice our privacy when the redesign of the windows could easily allow us some small amount of it.

As far as border trees are concerned, it is not clear to us from the description whether or not these trees will, in fact, provide much privacy at all. Time will tell it seems.

Most of all, we are very upset by the window placement and design now having had a chance to view the plans. This is unacceptable to us.

We strongly object to approval as currently designed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark and Karen Vasser

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To Design Review Commission,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed addition of a second story to the property at 435 Casita Way.

This property is directly behind our house facing into our backyard. We have lived at 416 Alicia Way for over 37 years. We have spent countless hours over this period of time with our family and friends enjoying parties and get togethers in the complete privacy of our beautiful

backyard.

This project, if approved, will destroy completely all of that privacy and the enjoyment that we have had over the years. The entire backyard, including our hot tub, will be in full view of the second story addition that these residents have decided to expand into. They have chosen this intrusive expansion upward rather than to limit it to outward, backward and to the sides of the property like we and our surrounding neighbors have done over the years.

This second story addition will give the residents of 435 Casita Way an unobstructed view not only into our backyard, but also into our family and dining rooms along with part of the kitchen.

For the remainder of the time in our home (and we don't plan to move), the privacy that we enjoy and pay for by living in Los Altos is gone forever.

Our neighborhood is (was) for the past 70 years a quiet one made up of a vast majority of one story ranch style homes with beautiful, useable and private backyards. This addition is not what the neighborhood wants or needs. It is invasive and goes against the basic design of the homes all around it.

Please think hard about our right to privacy during your considerations of this proposed addition. When making your decision, take this question into account: why can't these residents expand their house back and forward and to the sides of their property? We did it and it made for a beautiful, roomy home.

Thank you for your consideration of our request/complaint and for thinking about our desire for privacy and our opinion on this design proposal. A decision to approve this project as is will affect us and other neighbors negatively and it is very important to think seriously about this before giving a quick OK to the project.

Sincerely,

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