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Subject: 1485 Fremont Ave

Brittany,

I understand from one of our neighbors that there is a public hearing regarding plans for 1485 Fremont Ave. We wanted to raise two points in regards to this.

1 - Kathy Lane Street Width

Kathy Lane is the most narrow street in Los Altos that we're aware of. This seems to be a result of the odd carveout of 1485 Fremont Ave intruding into the street area.

Kathy Lane is as narrow as 21 feet. Note that there is no curbing on the south side bordering the property at 1485 Fremont Ave.

This creates several problems and hazards:

- a. Parking - there is limited room for contractors and visitors, and those parking make the street even narrower.
- b. Pedestrian hazard - there is very limited room for pedestrians on the street.
- c. Two vehicles cannot proceed down the lane without one backing out of the restricted area.
- d. It is difficult to enter and leave the adjacent flag lot at 1574 / 1584 Kathy Lane, and access can be entirely blocked if a vehicle parks across from this driveway.

A typical street like Julie Lane one block over is 40 feet wide. Are there not city requirements for a minimum safe street width?

We recommend that the street be widened by at least 10 ft, starting from the end at Fremont Ave, past the home located at 1564 Kathy Lane.

We ask that an actual visual observation and assessment of Kathy Lane takes place prior to any approval of plans.

2 - Access to the planned dwellings at 1485 Fremont should on be via Fremont Ave.

It is unclear if there are any plans for a driveway/access from Kathy Lane, which we are opposed to.

Thanks for your attention.

Kind regards,

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