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To: [Nick Zornes](#); [Public Comment - ZA](#)
Subject: Comments re: Design Review for proposed project at 1014 Seena Avenue submitted prior to Zoning Administrator Meeting 11/1/2023
Date: Friday, October 27, 2023 1:55:24 PM

We would like to add the following to our earlier email as the plans had not yet been posted. After reading the information in the Agenda Packet, we would like to reiterate that we disagree with several of the statements on pages 124 and 125.

The project's detailing and materials do not maintain an appropriate relationship to the rustic qualities of the area and are not compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. When viewed from the street, the building's appearance is incongruous and inconsistent with its surroundings. The sharp angles of the roof do not reduce the perceived bulk of the structure, in fact, they enhance it.

When we look at the drawings of this design next to the surrounding existing structures, it is obvious to us that "one of these things is not like the others," as the saying goes. The more you approved outliers in design like this, the more of a precedent you are setting which makes it increasingly difficult to maintain the character of this neighborhood.

Thank you,

Vicki and Phil Levy

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Subject: Comments re: Design Review for proposed project at 1014 Seena Avenue submitted prior to Zoning Administrator Meeting 11/1/2023

Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2023 18:11:18 -0700

From: Vicki Levy <vicmom59@gmail.com>

To: ZAPublicComment@losaltosca.gov

Dear Los Altos Zoning Administrator,

We writing to express our concern over the design of the single-family residence proposed for 1014 Seena Avenue. We are not adverse to seeing new construction, but we do not feel that it is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, nor does it integrate well within the fabric of the community.

We are 40-year residents of Los Altos. As we walk through our neighborhood now, we are dismayed when we see homes being built that are not in keeping with the 'village' feel of Los Altos. As outlined in the City's General Plan, the identity of Los Altos is predicated upon its small-town atmosphere as a mature residential community. Homes that have flat roofs and look like fire stations and homes that have a stark, cubist, sterile look as seen in this current project, are becoming more and more common and feel less and less like the Los Altos which used to value its lack of sidewalks and rural feel. Since a majority of the City was developed between 1950 and 1970, there is consistency in the development

patterns and architectural appearance throughout the residential community. This development embodied a rural atmosphere. It is my hope that the Residential Design Guidelines that were adopted continue to ensure that new development and modifications to existing development are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and integrate well within the fabric of the community thus encouraging design integrity and respect for the physical qualities and character of the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

I would encourage the architect to design a home that maintains the existing positive physical qualities and character of the residential neighborhoods of Los Altos.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vicki and Phil Levy