

June 11, 2022

Held Family  
644 Leaf Ct  
Los Altos, CA

Re: 632 Leaf Court Construction Review

To Design Review Commission, Nazaneen,

We are writing this letter in support of our neighbors proposed construction project at 632 Leaf Court. Our family has lived across from the Mujicas for the last eight years. From the moment their moving truck pulled into our court, the Mujicas have been part of our family and a neighborhood highlight. In our relatively short lives together we have watched our children grow up, we have vacationed, socialized, and supported each other. While they are relative newcomers to the neighborhood, the entire family, has become ambassadors to the street. We welcome each other into our homes, and we have spent many wonderful nights by their fire pit, and dining room table.

As supportive neighbors and friends we were excited to hear of their remodel plans across the street. They could have easily uprooted to a house that checks more of their boxes instead of investing in upgrading their house, and our neighborhood. Our family is excited for them to get started with their construction project, the sooner they finish, the sooner we see our upgraded social area across the street.

We were surprised to hear of any neighborhood objections to their construction. Our immediate neighborhood is a court with huge pine, and oaks shading and obscuring our houses. It's a mix of one and two story well maintained ranch style homes. At worst the Mujica's construction project is going to be a neutral addition to our street. We think the end result will be a certain upgrade to the original 1960s ranch style home. The Twelve Acres side of the house is currently a long strip of concrete driveway on the most exposed, trafficked portion of the house. The new house has a smaller driveway with room for more cars inside the garage. If anything, the curb appeal is going to be improved by a reduction in concrete and cars hidden in the garage. I have heard of complaints about the new location of the garage door. In a small sense I get it, garage doors are probably the ugliest part of the house. Unfortunately for Los Altos, garage doors are like belly buttons; everyone has them. Left side or right side it really doesn't matter. We are firmly established in being supportive to our neighbors dreams, not over nitpicking over the location of a belly button/garage door. To suggest as much is unneighborly, and not suitable to the warm supportive feel of our court.

Our family is in full support of our new neighborhood addition. The Mujicas are going to invest time, and money in upgrading our neighborhood and our social gathering spot. They are increasing the value of their house and indirectly increasing the value of all of ours. We feel

very fortunate to be their friends. It's families like the Mujicas that make our neighborhood special, not the siding, paint color, or the orientation of the windows and doors.

Thank you for your service,

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