

ATTACHMENT E

June 1, 2022

Hi Neighbors!

We wanted to say HI as we're preparing to *finally* move into 725 University Ave, likely by the end of June. When we bought the house in September 2019 we never anticipated it'd take us so long to move. We and our son Sammy (who is now 4 and a half!) can't wait to be in the neighborhood and to get to meet all of you.

We do have one more thing to ask of the city as we attempt to wrap up the remodel, and we wanted to let you know about it. When we bought the house its detached garage was described as a 2-car garage. Unfortunately that's not quite the case — it's not deep or wide enough to fit two modern cars. Fortunately there's an extra storage area in the back of the garage which is not historical. We are proposing to remove that extra storage area while making the garage about 3' wider and 2.5' deeper, reducing the overall square footage of the detached garage building by a little bit while giving us space to fit 2 cars inside. We'll keep the exterior style of the garage the same as it is today; it'll just be a little bit wider. We've included another page which shows what it will look like.

Due to the unusual layout of the property and the house's classification as a Los Altos Historic Resource, this change requires a variance from the city's Design Review Commission and approval from the Historical Review Commission. This will be discussed at upcoming hearings from those commissions. Dates and times are available on the city's web site, losaltosca.gov.

Having garage space for 2 cars turns out to be even more important to us than it was back in 2019. We're thrilled that after 3 years of IVF, we're expecting identical twin girls this fall! We can't wait to have all 3 kids playing in the neighborhood and joining the huge crowds for Halloween.

If you have any questions or thoughts on the garage change (or about anything else about our multi-year remodel), or if you'd like to say hi, or if you have little kids who would love playmates, we'd love to hear from you! Please drop us a note or give us a call. Thanks!

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Here is what the garage looks like today, followed by renderings of what it will look like after the changes:



EXISTING GARAGE IMAGES



PROPOSED RENDERINGS

Please Note: The rendering inadvertently leaves out the exposed roof rafters at the bottom of the roof. They will still be there, maintaining the style of the garage as it is today.