

New Home Construction
Neighbor Notification & Response

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Los Gatos, CA

Property Owner: Young and Tai Kim

Contact Info: (408) 206-2788 / youngchkim@gmail.com

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Neighbor Name: Michael Kowitz **Date:** 04/23/2021

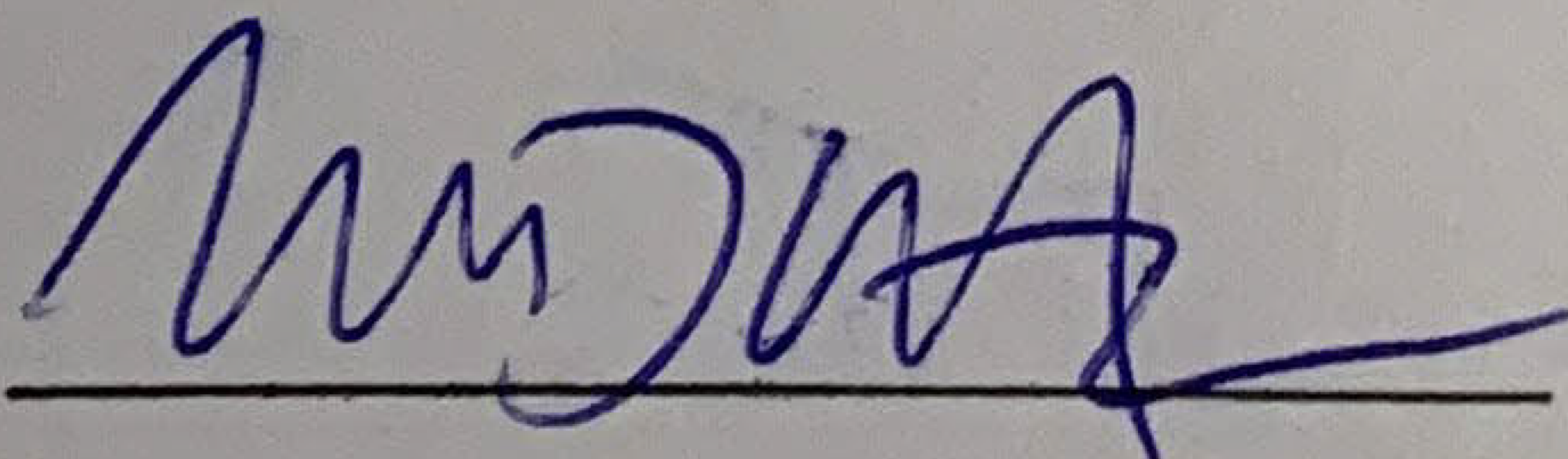
Neighbor Address: [REDACTED]

Neighbor Contact Info (Phone or email):- [REDACTED]

Thoughts and comments can be provided below:

Everything looks good, looking forward
to seeing your home built.

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Neighbor Name: Will & Heather Maynard **Date:** 4/23/21

Neighbor Address: [REDACTED]

Neighbor Contact Info (Phone or email):- [REDACTED]

Thoughts and comments can be provided below:

I'm excited to see a new house in the neighborhood! Personally,

I would prefer one-story construction. We have had issues in the past with second-story windows overlooking our yard. I don't think we have to worry about your planned house, but if other neighbors build second stories, we might lose privacy.

I think the neighborhood is improved with you in it and I hope you enjoy it as much as I have for the last 28 years! Welcome!!

Neighbor Signature:

Will Maynard

Hi Young and Tai,

Thank you for leaving your building plan information with my son Will, who lives around the corner from my house. I looked over the plans and, although I cannot see the dimensions due to the tiny size and poor quality printing, I do have some comments and a request for you to consider. (I would like to see a clearer version of the plans where the dimensions are readable, if that is possible.) What I am asking is that you consider revising your plans to make your main home a one-story home. You have a large lot that can easily accommodate both a 3,100 square foot single story home, and your existing little home that you refer to as a future ADU.

First, I want to say that we are happy to have you as neighbors, and we hope that you will want to stay in the neighborhood for decades, as we have done. This is a wonderful neighborhood, and it has many great qualities that we would like to retain to the extent possible, despite the many negative changes that have been coming statewide and in neighboring cities. We consider you and your wife to be the perfect addition to our great neighborhood.

One of the best things about our little neighborhood is the privacy and quiet that we enjoy. You may have noticed that all of the homes within our small area are one-story homes. I love that characteristic of our area, as we do not have others peering into our yards, or into our homes, as happens with 2 story homes that are built close to one another. Yes, there are a number of 2 story homes behind us that are backed up against the freeway. And there are some further down toward Wimbledon Drive, but again, all but one of those homes are on lots that are backed up against the freeway. Two story homes being backed up against the freeway is actually a good thing, as it helps block some of the freeway noise from coming to our homes and yards.

I was here before the freeway went in. It was so quiet then. You would have sworn that you lived in the country. There were no noises other than an occasional child's voice or a dog barking. Now, there is some level of freeway noise. As I discovered, freeway noise is an unpredictable thing. I planted some 13 or 14 redwood trees along the 200+ feet of our property line that is parallel to the freeway. This has absorbed a lot of freeway noise coming from that direction. I also recently built a fence with the Gera neighbors along that boundary, which has provided additional sound reduction benefit. However, there is still more freeway noise coming from the west. What I have noticed is that new structures can cause noise bounce, where it increases the noise for the rest of us. It is not predictable, as far as I can see.

I have real concerns about starting to include 2 story houses in and around mine and other properties. If you put one in, the neighbor behind you will undoubtedly feel that sets a precedent and then he will build one that is perched over my rear yard. Again, I don't mind if he builds a 2 story on his lot that is up against the freeway, but I would be very upset if he builds one on the lot right behind you.

So, let me comment on the beauty of a single story home. When my house was being built in 1991, the neighbors next door (to the West) objected to the 2 story design that had been presented to the Town by the builder. They complained that they would lose their privacy, that they would have a shadow on their home, that a 2 story home would be too imposing for the neighborhood. A number of changes were made to the home to satisfy their concerns. One of them was that the house be a one story home. That was the best decision that any contractor ever made. A smart realtor will tell you this, too, but everyone now seems to be concerned with how many square feet they can get out of their lot. A lot of realtors seem to think a house should sell for a price per square foot of living space. Well, maybe they are right. But, if you build a single story home, you will recognize that there are special benefits to the single story. As the realtors will tell you, as you get older, you will start to have difficulty to climb the stairs to the second floor. What a wonderful thing to be able to remain in your home after you start having that difficulty! I have stairs at my office, and already, I really appreciate being at home where there are no stairs. In addition, you don't waste square footage with stairways and extra hallways. There are less issues with moving heavy furniture. Your house throws less of a shadow on your own yard, as well as the yard of others. I have lived in both, and to me, a one story house is so much more comfortable than a 2 story house.

Your property in particular is perfectly suited for a one story home. You have a very large lot, and lots of room if the space is used intelligently. I see that someone already reduced the second story "to reduce perceived massing of the home and to step down in scale towards the surrounding homes and streets." To me, this is a recognition that the one story house is better, and especially that it is better in our little neighborhood. I am sure that others in the neighborhood will agree with me after they realize what I am saying. I am asking you, to please consider changing from a 2 story house to a one story house.

Thank you.

Scott Maynard



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Caterina + Don Peterson

Date:

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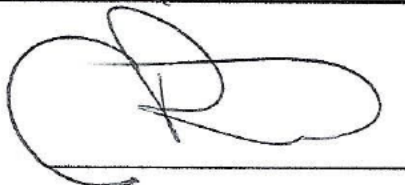
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Would love to see more trees. Look forward
to hearing about next steps and city
review. It's beautiful!

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Neighbor Name: John Wallace **Date:** 4-22-21

Neighbor Address:

Neighbor Contact Info (Phone or email):-

Thoughts and comments can be provided below:

The Kim family have shared their plans for a new home.
We are excited for them, and their house looks like it
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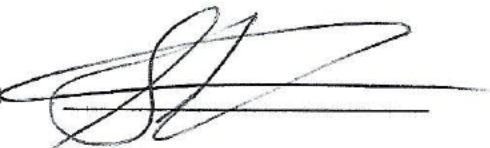
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Thoughts and comments can be provided below:

Supportive of your plans and
happy to see the neighbourhood
develop.

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Neighbor Name: Cathy Vafas **Date:** 4/22/2021

Neighbor Address:

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A nice addition to the neighborhood.

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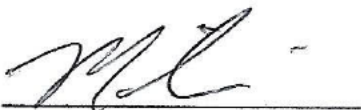
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Neighbor Name: Paul Brown **Date:** 4/22/21

Neighbor Address: [REDACTED]

Neighbor Contact Info (Phone or email):- [REDACTED]

Thoughts and comments can be provided below:

Looks like a great and welcomed
addition to our neighborhood!

Welcome to Wedgewood.

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Neighbor Name: Zack Kowitz **Date:** 4/23/21

Neighbor Address: [REDACTED]

Neighbor Contact Info (Phone or email):- [REDACTED]

Thoughts and comments can be provided below:

I'm not against any of the building
plans proposed by Young & Tai Kim

Neighbor Signature:

