



ARCHITECTURE PLANNING URBAN DESIGN

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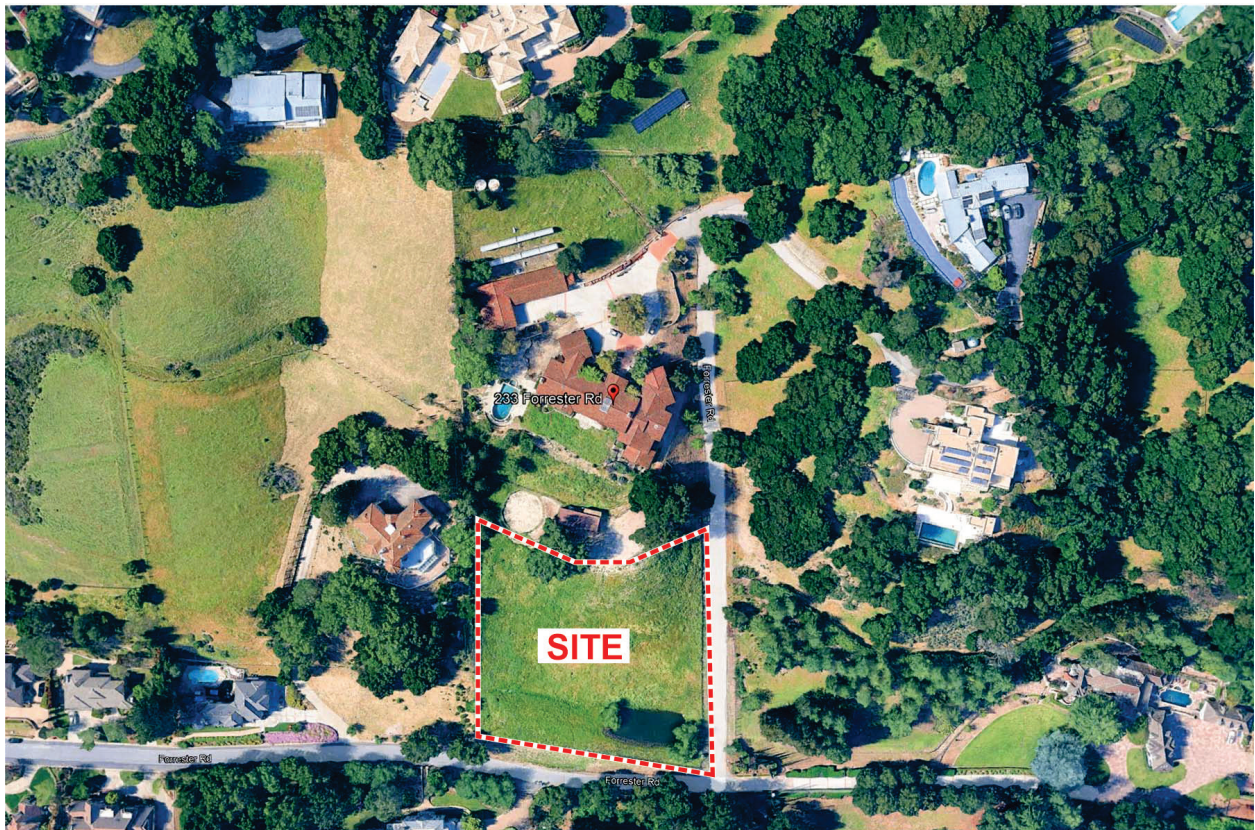
RE: 223 Forrester Road

Dear Jocelyn

I reviewed the drawings and evaluated the neighborhood context. My comments and recommendations on the design are as follows:

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

The site is located on a semi-rural interface parcel of large lots with substantially steep uphill slopes. Photos of the site and its surrounding neighborhood are shown on the following page.



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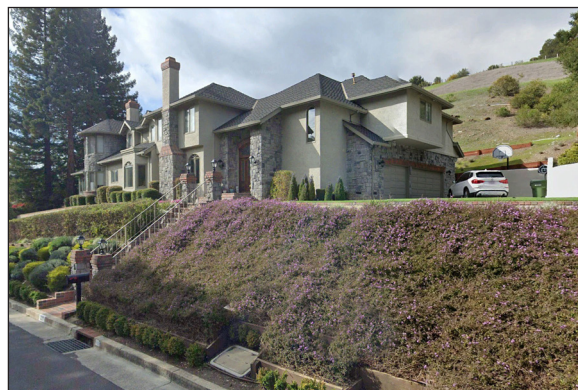
EXHIBIT 5



THE SITE FROM ROAD



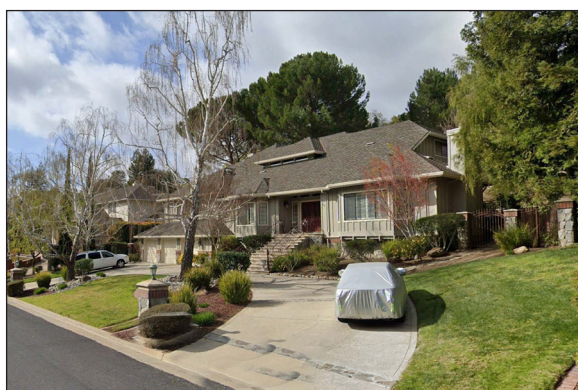
THE SITE from adjacent parcel



House to the immediate left



Entry gate to home immediately across Forrester Road



Nearby homes to the left
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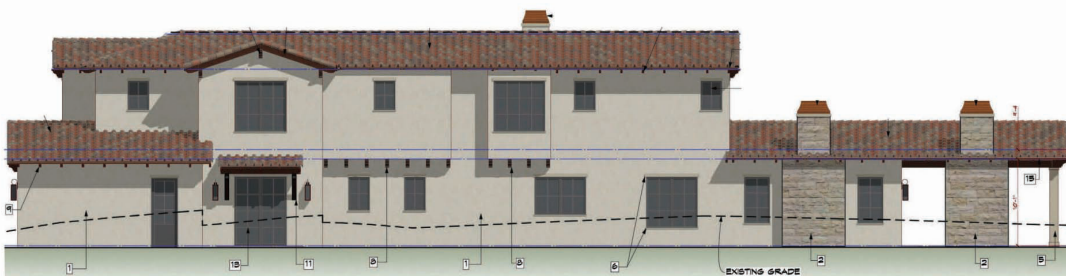


Nearby home across Forrester Road
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PROPOSED PROJECT



Proposed Front Elevation



Proposed Rear Elevation



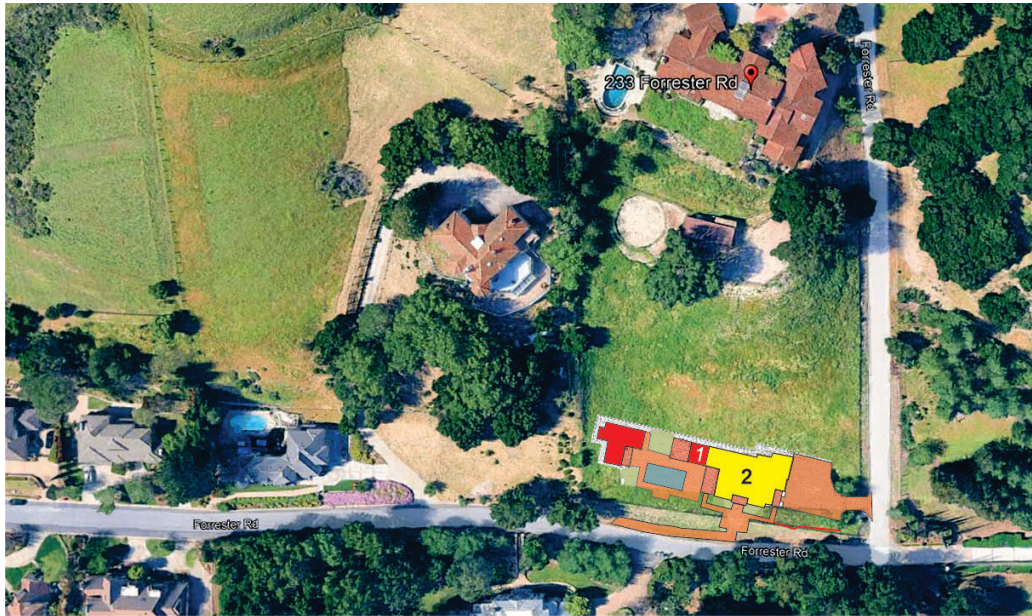
Proposed Left Side Elevation



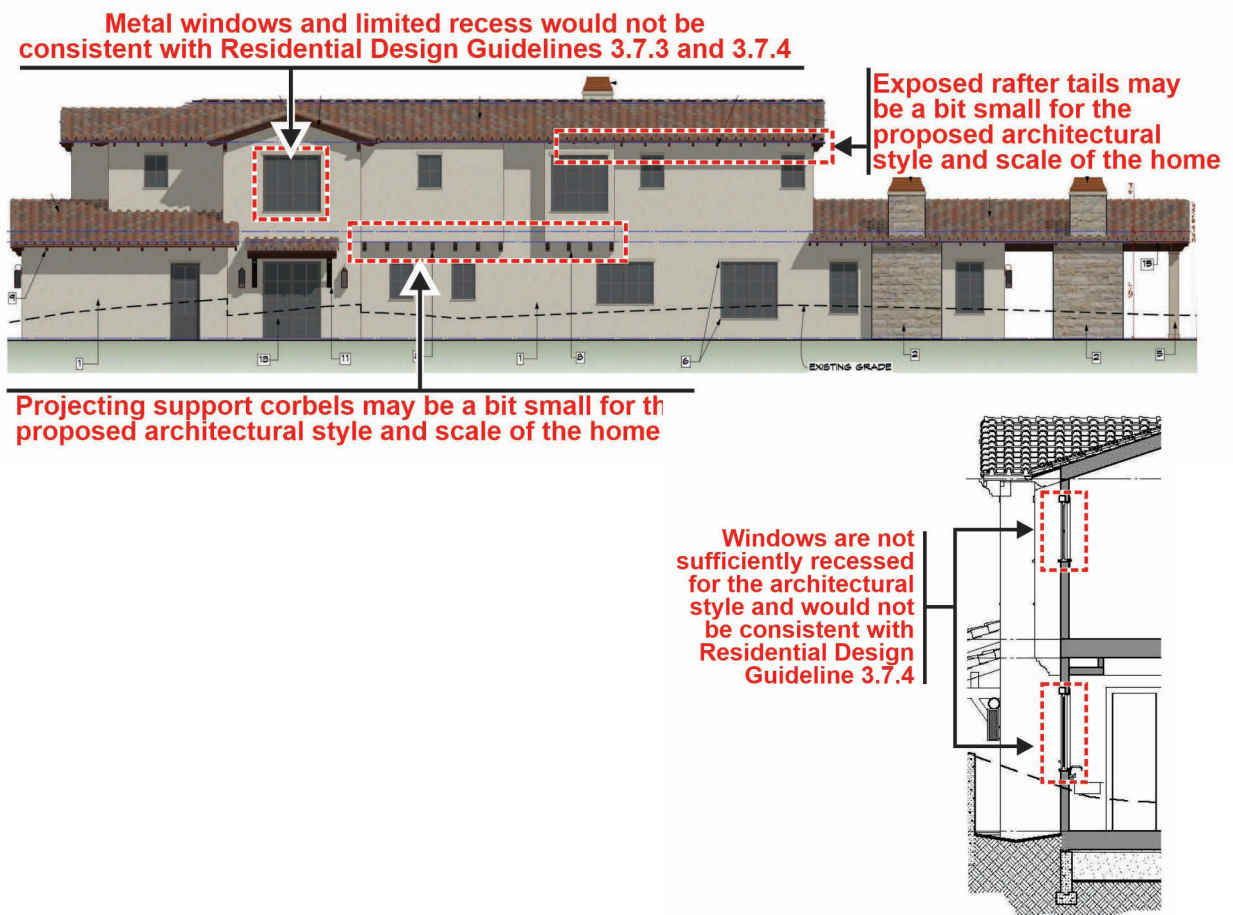
Proposed Right Side Elevation

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The site is quite large but the house is sited very close to the facing road which is common for nearby homes to the west on the uphill side of Forrester Road.



The proposed home is very well designed in an architectural Mediterranean Style with good attention to forms and details appropriate to the style. There are only a couple of details that I would suggest staff review further with the applicant.



1. Windows need further clarification to assure that they are consistent with Residential Design Guidelines 3.7.3 and 3.7.4.

- Windows are not sufficiently recessed from the exterior surface of the wall.
- Metal windows may be too small in sash section of for the style and scale of the house.
- No details are provided for the divided lite window grids.

3.7.3 Match window materials to the architectural style and to the surrounding neighborhood

- *Wood windows are common in Los Gatos. Wood is still the desired choice for styles that traditionally used wood. However, today there are some window materials, such as vinyl clad wood windows that are not noticeably different from wood at a short distance. They may be used if their visual appearance matches wood.*
- *Generally, avoid metal windows. They may be considered acceptable for a Modern Style house, but would be strongly discouraged for all other styles.*

3.7.4 Design the windows with attention to matching the traditional details of the architectural style

- *Most architectural styles - except Mission, Spanish Eclectic or Modern - should have wood trim around the windows. The trim width should be matched to the style, but in general, should not be less than 3 1/2 inches wide. Head trim depth should be equal to or wider than the jamb casing, but not less than one-sixth of the opening width.*
- *Projecting window sills and beads are strongly encouraged unless the architectural style would not normally have those features.*
- ***Wood trim is also encouraged on stucco houses unless the window frames are recessed at least 6 inches from the outside face of the wall. The use of stucco covered foam trim is strongly discouraged.***
- ***Divided lights (i.e., larger window panes broken up into smaller pieces) are common in many home styles found in Los Gatos. Use either vertical or square proportions for the smaller window elements. Be consistent in the proportions (i.e., the ratio of the horizontal to the vertical dimension) of the smaller panes. Do not use snap in flat grids to simulate divided lights. Use either true divided lights or one of the newer window systems that have dimensional muntins on both the exterior and interior of the glass along with a spacer muntin between the panes of glass. Use consistently for windows on all sides of the house.***

Note: For previous homes similar to this one, staff has consistently ask for wider window sashes such as wood or metal clad wood.

2. Clarification is needed on the scale and shapes of the proposed exposed rafter tails and corbels. In some drawings they appear appropriate in size and scale but not so much in others.

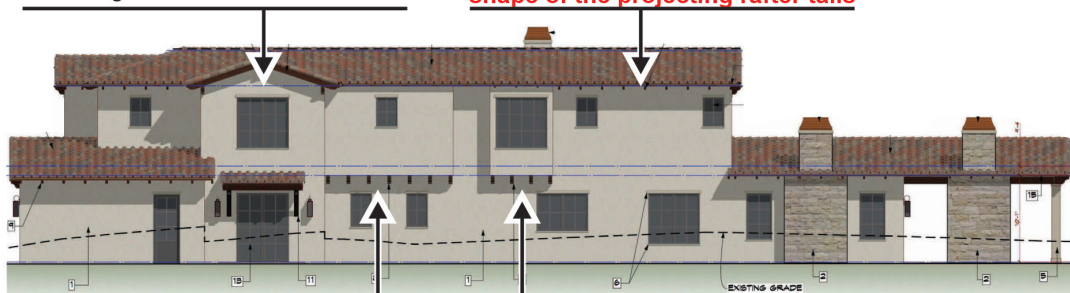
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Work with the applicant to review the details for windows and supporting rafters and corbels.
Jocelyn, please let me know if you have any questions or if there are any issues that I did not address.

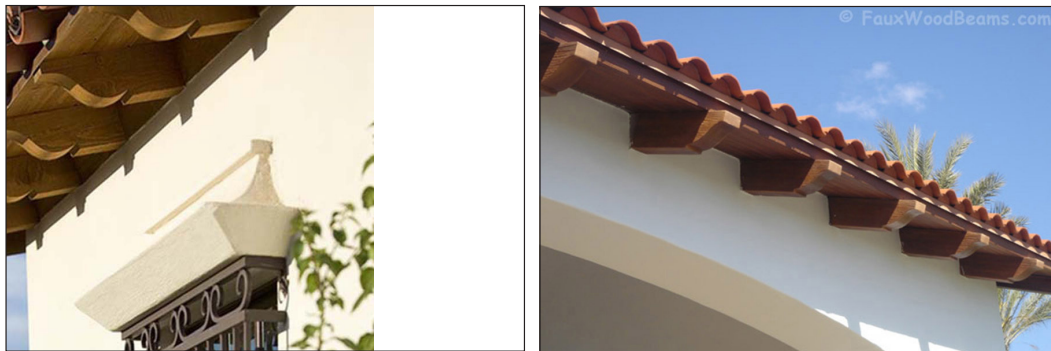
Provide more details on windows to assure that they are consistent with Residential Design Guidelines 3.7.3 and 3.7.4

- Materials
- Recesses
- Window grids

Provide more details on the size and shape of the projecting rafter tails



Provide more details on the size and shape of the projecting support corbels



Exposed rafter examples



Divided lite window grid examples

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry L. Cannon'.

Larry L. Cannon