



September 30, 2024

**TO:** Los Gatos HPC Committee

**RE:** [REDACTED] Residence  
50 Hernandez Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

The existing siding has no waterproofing underlayment per code and modern building practice. The existing wall cavities have no insulation. Once insulation is installed, any water intrusion will be detrimental to the building health. Potential problems from such a leak include mold and dry rot. Our professional recommendation is to remove the existing siding, add plywood shear to the exterior with a vapor barrier, then install new cedar siding. The integrity of the existing siding will be compromised through the removal process and be rendered unusable.

The new siding will be the same 3 lap profile as the original siding. We are already in the process of this for the new siding being applied to the building addition. This rehabilitation will further the viability of the structure into the future.

Thank you for the consideration.

**Mehus Construction, Inc.**

  
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Aaron C. Ewing, President

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