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62 Ellenwood Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Town of Los Gatos
Los Gatos, California

Subject: Justification for removing the existing house at 62 Ellenwood Avenue and constructing a new single-family home

To Whom it May Concern;

We are requesting permission to remove our home from historical inventory in the town of Los Gatos.

We really appreciate the cottage feel of the existing residence and it's charm, however the additions over the years have resulted in a jumble of small spaces that don't work well for today's families. Our family is currently spread out on different levels and in small rooms within the current structure. Our son is far away from the rest of the family and he would love to be closer to us (and us to him.)

The not so well planned out additions have continued to corner the project onto the site and doesn't allow the rooms to open outward to experience the trees and elements the site has to offer since everything is so crowded together. Our goal in the project is to unify the small spaces to be larger family centered rooms that open up to the outdoors and support a strong indoor/outdoor experience that we have dreamed of for our home.

To retain the current home and do an addition/remodel would likely require some trees to be removed since there is really no room left to expand. We would prefer to retain the feeling of the site. When forced to choose the natural qualities of the site versus the architecture, nature wins. Since this home is non-historic and not of any significance other than being old, we feel the best way to retain and enhance the elements of the site is to start fresh and let the architecture support this.

Thank you for your consideration,



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