

Dear Esteemed Committee,

First, and foremost, I would like for it to be known that as the homeowner of 200 Hernandez Ave., as well as residents of the Bay area for many years, we are fortunate and grateful for this discussion, and consideration.

In accordance to the email received on August 27, 2024, I would like to kindly respond to a proposal regarding a new roof for our home.

Pursuant to section 4.48.8 of the Town's Residential Design Guidelines, which requests that "Mission Revival or Mediterranean style structures should have tile roofs of a color, texture, thickness and shape to look like the original clay roof tile".

The roof structure of 200 Hernandez does not have the ability to support a clay tiled roof. The structural trusses built in to support the weight of clay tile are not structured within the roof and fascia supports and could cause significant damage to the structure of the home. As a result of the support needed for clay tile, and the fact that the home is located on a steep slope, the roof has consistently remained a wood and shingle style roof, noting this is not the norm in traditional Mission Revival/Mediterranean style homes.

As a result, we are requesting that an alternative method such as metal be considered for the roof material for our home. Some of the benefits that have been associated with metal roofs are:

- It has a longer life span than other roof styles,
- Provides Resistant to Weather-tightness,
- Is Fire Resistant,
- Long Lasting and Durable.
- Lastly, the metal roof allows for energy efficiency.

In the event this option cannot be allowed, we would love to have open dialogue to agree on something that is more purposeful, and appealing than shingle, while maintaining the beauty of the home here in Los Gatos

Kind Regards,

Vaishali Singh-Sood

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