



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 8/24/2022

ITEM NO: 3

ADDENDUM

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DATE: August 23, 2022  
TO: Planning Commission  
FROM: Joel Paulson, Community Development Director  
SUBJECT: Review and Recommendation of the Draft Objective Standards to the Town Council.

**REMARKS:**

Exhibit 13 includes Planning Commissioner comments.

**EXHIBITS:**

**Previously received with the June 22, 2022, Staff Report:**

1. Town Council Resolution 2019-053
2. Summary of feedback received during community engagement meetings
3. Draft Objective Standards
4. Public Comments received prior to 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 17, 2022

**Previously received with the June 22, 2022, Addendum Report:**

5. Staff response to Commissioner's questions
6. Issues considered by the Objective Standards Subcommittee
7. Commissioner email regarding City of Palo Alto Objective Standards

**Previously received with the June 22, 2022, Desk Item Report:**

8. Suggested additions and modifications provided by a Planning Commissioner

**Previously received with the August 24, 2022 Staff Report:**

9. Revised Draft Objective Standards
10. Revised Draft Objective Standards with Redlines
11. Summary of Revisions Made and Responses to Comments Received at the Planning Commission Hearing of June 22, 2022
12. Evaluation of Existing Developments

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SUBJECT: Draft Objective Standards

DATE: August 23, 2022

Received with this Addendum Report:

13. Planning Commissioner Comments

**From:** Jeffrey Barnett  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:38:09 AM  
**To:** Sean Mullin <[SMullin@losgatosca.gov](mailto:SMullin@losgatosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** PC Meeting 8.24.22 - Balconies

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello, Sean.

Reference is made to the following language in the Staff Report and Draft Objective Standards: Page 198 of the Staff Report concerning balconies and privacy; Section B.4.11 on Page 243; and the Staff comment on Page 249 concerning B.4.11.

It has come to my attention that the Palo Alto Municipal Code includes language concerning privacy with respect to balconies adjacent to residential properties. It is found at Section 18.24.050(C)(2) and provides:

Balconies: Within 30 feet of residential windows (except garage or common space windows) or private open space on an adjacent residential building, balconies and decks on the subject site shall be designed to prevent views:

- (i) No sight lines to the adjacent property window or open space are permitted within five feet above the balcony or deck flooring and a 45-degree angle downward from balcony railing.
- (ii) Submit section view of proposed balcony/deck and abutting residential windows and/or private open space.
- (iii) Provide balcony/deck design measure which may include:
  - a. Minimum 85% solid railing
  - b. Obscure glass railing
  - c. Barrier with min. 18" horizontal depth from railing (e.g., landscape planter).

Subsections (i) - (iii) would be appropriate for discussion at the meeting tomorrow.

Thank you.

Jeffrey

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