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Hi Jay,

As part of the planning process with the Town, they requested we submit feedback about our communication regarding the project with our neighbors. Feel free to pass this on as part of their request, see below for some feedback from our experience since moving in:

My wife, Meredith, and I moved from San Francisco to Los Gatos to be closer to our family who live in the nearby neighborhood. My wife grew up here and we hope to raise our daughters in our new home on Olive Street. We just settled into the home in early 2021 during the pandemic, but have been able to meet many of our new neighbors already despite the health and safety precautions we are undertaking- seems like such a wonderful community and specifically on our block. With the state of the world it has been particularly difficult to engage in activities that would typically support socializing and sharing, but we have been able to at least open up and introduce ourselves as part of the social fabric as we look to root in town.

- We met Marcus, Celeste and their family just before we bought the home, they live at 114 Olive. They have helped us so much since arriving, daycare/school recommendations, setting up dinner party events, helping us find architects to plan the renovation, introducing us to the other neighbors etc; I would say having these types of neighbors (but them specifically) makes living here amazing. They are in full support of the project and have helped introduce us to many of the processes we will need to navigate since having just completed a project of their own.
- We met Mark, Christie and their family at 114 Olive. More great neighbors and are fully supportive of the project. We trade stories about their ongoing project and our planning process. We have kids around the same age and are excited to watch as the neighborhood kids all grow up together.
- We met Pam at 133 Olive. She is our favorite neighbor. While Jazz on the Plaza is currently not happening, she invites us to the backyard to have a substitute event until the eventual return of the Towns official Jazz parties begin. She is supportive of the project and we are

happy to have her as our friend.

- We were friends with 131 Olive residents when we moved here, but they have moved and its been vacant for quite some time. I assume if someone moves in we will meet them as well and welcome them to the street.
- We met Mark and his son at 129 Olive, recently moved in. Excited to get some bbq parties going and have them join the fun. Not only are they supportive of the project, they might help build it.
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- We just recently met Andrea who lives in 120 Olive with her family and hope to get to know them better.
- We have met Maria, Haley and their family who live at 116 Olive. They have been very nice and seem glad to have another young family move into town. When we had passing conversations about the proposed project they liked the revitalization of the older style homes as many are being updated and leaving others behind as somewhat dated (like ours is currently),

There are a few other neighbors we are excited to meet, but haven't had a chance to yet with the state of the world. Hoping this information speaks to the nature of our earnest attempts to be part of the neighborhood, picking an architect that advises/responds to the character of the design to fit contextually and align with respecting our neighbors in the build of our home.

Thank you

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