

November 3, 2025

To:
Town of Los Gatos
Historical Preservation Committee
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Subject: Justification Letter for Proposed Side Addition – 245 Los Gatos

Dear Members of the Historical Preservation Committee,

I am writing to request review and approval for a proposed side addition to the existing residential dwelling located at 245 Los Gatos. The intent of this addition is to provide functional interior space while maintaining full respect for the architectural integrity and historic character of the property and surrounding neighborhood.

The proposed side addition has been carefully designed to be unobtrusive and minimally visible from the street. The addition is positioned along the side elevation, set back from the front façade and screened by existing landscaping and site features, ensuring that the historic streetscape view remains unchanged.

Architecturally, the design of the addition is fully compatible with the existing residence. The exterior materials will match the current home's white stucco finish, maintaining a seamless visual transition between the original structure and the new construction. The windows will be double-hung, prairie-style units, selected to replicate the proportions, muntin patterns, and trim details of the existing windows. These measures ensure the addition remains consistent with the historic aesthetic of the home and the broader character of the neighborhood.

In summary, this proposed side addition:

- Preserves the historic street-facing appearance of the property;
- Uses materials and design features that harmonize with the existing structure;
- Provides a modest and respectful enhancement that supports modern residential needs while maintaining architectural continuity.

We respectfully request the Committee's consideration and approval of this proposed design. We are committed to preserving the architectural heritage of Los Gatos and ensuring that this project contributes positively to the historic fabric of the historic fabric of the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if additional documentation, renderings, or material samples would be helpful in your review.

Sincerely,



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