

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Town Manager
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Question regarding: Submitting feedback for a "Pending Planning Projects" Project

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

We are long term residents of Los Gatos and live at [REDACTED]

We have been discussing a planned project with the new owner of the house next door to ours (473 Wraight Avenue). We have also reviewed the documentation on file for this project within the "Pending Planning Projects" section of the town's website. We have also met with the new owner. Her plan is to essentially demolish the existing structure and rebuild a substantially larger one on the lot. We have several concerns, including that this structure will cast a significant shadow over the sunny side of our home.

We would like to add our correspondence to the record, since it contradicts some of what has been submitted to the town. Specifically this is in reference to the "Summary of Neighborhood Outreach" document. That document implies that the neighbors don't have any concerns. We do.

We are continuing to work directly with the new owner on resolving our concerns, but want to be sure this effort is documented and our concerns are on the record.

Is there a way to submit this correspondence for the record to the town?

Thank you for the assistance.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Los Gatos, Ca 95032

Dear Vicky

We hope you had a wonderful holiday with your sons in Switzerland. Thank you for meeting with us to help us understand your blueprints for 473 Wraight Avenue and for listening to our concerns. As we discussed, without your architect present, it wasn't possible for us to understand how your plans will affect our property at [REDACTED]. Thank you for offering to forward our questions and concerns to your architect, as follows:

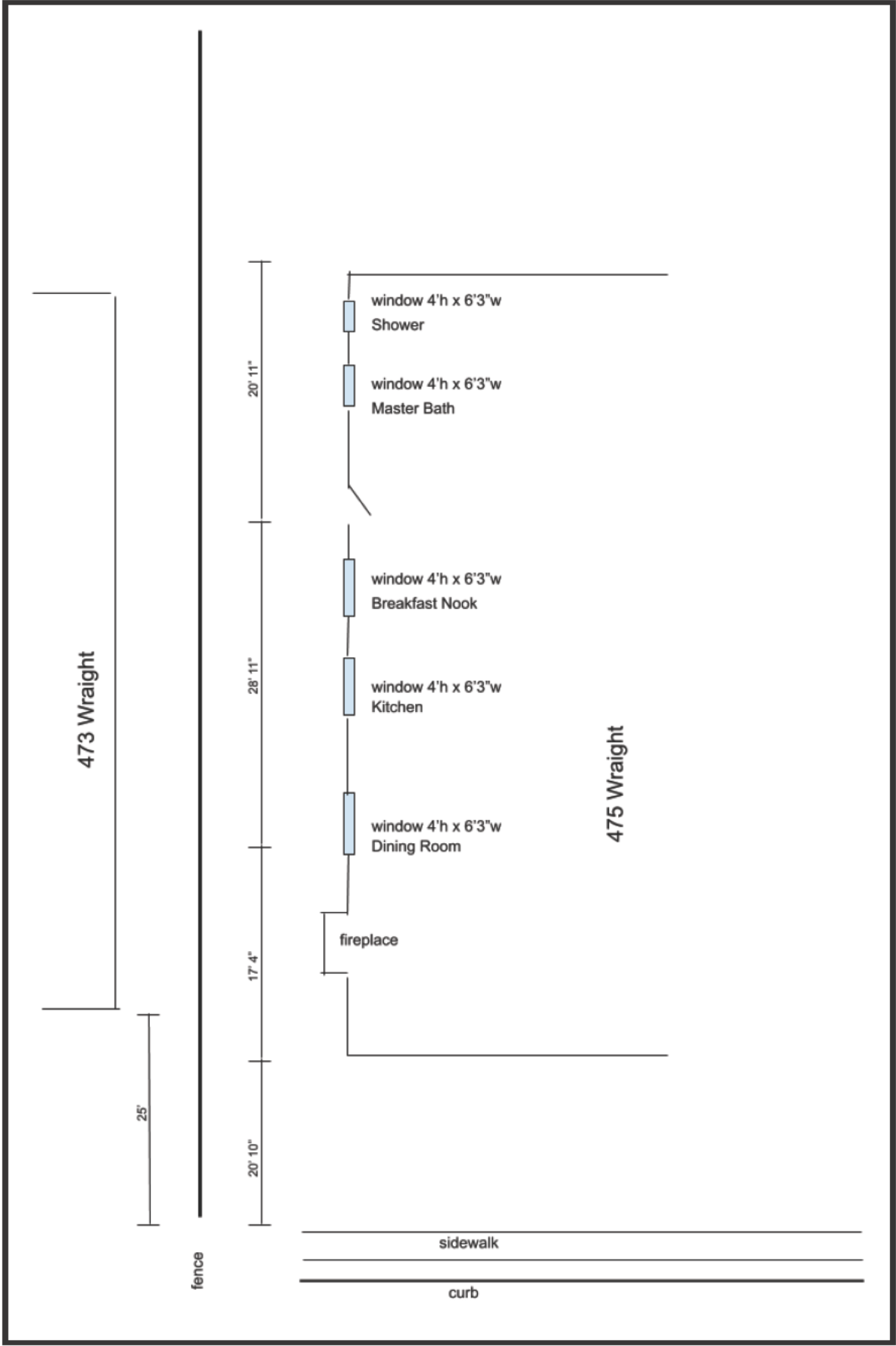
1. The new profile for the proposed new house will cast a shadow across our home's south side and block sun. As the attached drawing shows the new two story house will sit across from all of the windows on that side of our house. The sun traverses the southern sky (particularly so in the winter) so we will lose the light that comes into our main living spaces. We took measurements of our home and the windows on the south side of our property and are including a sketch. We also took a couple of photos, which show that side of our house, including all the windows. They are both at the bottom of this note.
2. The view from our dining room windows currently includes five feet from our windows to the shared fence, another five feet beyond the fence, and also the width of the current driveway at 473 Wraight Avenue. The proposed remodel removes the driveway entirely and adds a full story along all of the windows in our living space. This includes our dining room, kitchen, and breakfast nook. In addition to our living room, this is where we spend our waking hours.
3. We remain concerned that the rear second floor balcony will look down on our two bathroom windows toward the back of our house if someone is standing on the balcony. One of these windows is just above our bathtub.
4. There's also a new second story that is partially set back, but we are not able to discern from the plans exactly where the setback begins in relation to our home and windows. We also cannot tell if your second story windows will look down into our windows.
5. When our neighbors on our other side built their house they worked with us to minimize the impact. They moved their two-car garage to the back of the lot. This preserved the driveway space between our houses and kept their two stories farther away from ours. We have reviewed the Town of Los Gatos Pending Planning Projects comments for this project. The consulting architect mentions the prominence of the current garage design. Moving the garage to the back of your lot would alleviate this problem. Could this also solve our concern about blocking sunlight?
6. As you mentioned in our meeting, neither you nor your architect knew the floorplan of our home when your plans were drawn up. We would be happy to meet with him so that he can take our concerns into consideration.

Again, thank you for meeting with us. We look forward to working with you to resolve our concerns.

Sincerely,

Jim and Jenny Woods

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Jim and Jenny Woods.





From: 
To: [Ryan Safty](#)
Subject: 473 Wraight Av.
Date: Monday, May 29, 2023 5:12:32 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Ryan

i received your notice - thanks.

No issues, looks like a good improvement.

I do have one request if possible. i'll be looking right into their upstairs from my place and vice versa. It would be great if they could put in some trees or something for privacy for both of us.

Is that someone you can pass on?

thanks
John