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Planning Department  
Town of Los Gatos  
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**RE: 62 Ellenwood Avenue – Demolition of an existing single-family residence, construction of a new single-family residence, removal of a large protected tree, and site improvements requiring a Grading Permit on property zoned R-1:12.**

## **Architecture and Site Application S-20-008**

Dear Planning Commission:

Below is a narrative of the updates to our drawings as requested by the Planning Commission at the hearing on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Our approach to meet the request of the committee to revise the building to be less modern and age-appropriate for the neighborhood was thoughtfully discussed with the clients. A Spanish Colonial design was studied however, the clients had a strong preference not to incorporate a barrel tile roof. We then explored architectural vernaculars that would also be appropriate: Arts and Crafts and Bungalow. We landed on a Cottage vernacular that would be a simple, informal structure, indicative of early to mid-1900s with horizontal wood siding and trim, stone, and a wood shingle roof; all materials and elements of northern California suburban and rural environments. The second story roof was changed from hip to gable forms in keeping with the simple details and massing of the cottage style. To maintain alignment with the original discussion of a Spanish Colonial home, we kept the color palette light and similar to the existing home.

In addition, we reduced the driveway width to 14'-0", modified the front fence to be more traditional by removing the stone fins and metal accents allowing the pickets to be exposed and showcase a more patina and rural look. By adding additional trees and removing the trellis at the courtyard, the one-story entry is celebrated but kept as a casual front porch and maintains a traditional appearance with solid wood doors.

We feel confident that this design is consistent with the neighborhood cottage vibe and will age gracefully with the surrounding homes.

Thank you,

Timothy Chappelle

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