

**Job Site Address:** 17121 Wild Way, Los Gatos, CA 95030

**Date:** 10-21-2024

## Project Description Letter (HPC)

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to request approval for the proposed replacement of the existing windows and doors at the historic building located at 17121 Wild Way, Los Gatos, CA 95030. The current windows and doors are constructed of iron, and we are proposing to replace them with new fiberglass windows and doors. The purpose of this project is to improve energy efficiency, safety, and overall maintenance of the building, while respecting its historical character.

### Existing Conditions

The existing windows and doors are original to the building, featuring iron frames and clear glass panes. Over times, the iron frames have deteriorated, resulting in rust and corrosion that have compromised their structural integrity and functionality. Despite regular maintenance, the windows and doors no longer provide adequate insulation or security.

### Proposed Changes

We propose to replace the existing iron windows and doors with new fiberglass windows. The new windows and doors will closely replicate the appearance of the original windows and doors, including matching the color, muntin pattern, and overall style, in order to maintain the historical character of the building. The fiberglass materials have been selected for its durability, energy efficiency, and lower maintenance requirements compared to iron.

### Material Compatibility and Rationale

While the proposed fiberglass materials are not identical to the existing iron, it has been chosen as an appropriate alternative for several reasons:

- **Durability and Maintenance:** Fiberglass is resistant to corrosion and weathering, unlike iron, which will enhance the longevity of the windows and doors and reduce the need for frequent repairs.
- **Energy Efficiency:** The new windows and doors will feature double-pane glass with improved thermal insulation, which will help reduce energy consumption and maintain a stable interior climate.
- **Aesthetic Compatibility:** The proposed fiberglass windows and doors will be custom-made to match the dimensions and appearance of the original iron windows and doors, preserving the building's historic architectural style.

We believe this approach balances the need to respect the historic nature of the building while provides necessary upgrades for modern use. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Looking forward to receiving your approval, and many thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

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