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**TO:** Town of Los Gatos Historic Preservation Committee

**FROM:** David Britt; BRITT/ROWE

**FOR:** Justification of request for REMOVAL of existing structure from the Historic List of a single family residence in the TOWN OF LOS GATOS.

Dear members of the Los Gatos Historic Preservation Committee Member;

This letter has been prepared by the applicant David Britt, for the request to remove the existing structure located at **16805 Loma Street, Los Gatos**. The property is not located within the town's historic overlay districts. This letter outlines the justification for removal based on the 5 criterias adopted by the Town of Los Gatos. To make the findings for removal, the house has been thoroughly reviewed by me based on 40 years of experience working in the Town of Los Gatos as a residential designer and an educational background of historic Bay Area architecture at both San Jose State University and University of California, Berkeley.

1. There is no evidence that structure is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the Town. The property was annexed to the town in 1999 as part of the Ferris #6 Annexation.
2. There is no evidence significant persons are associated with the site.
3. There are no distinctive characteristics of the type, period or method of construction or representation of work of a master. To elaborate, the structure can be identified as a "Builder Bungalow" with a simple dutch-hipped roof in mass and scale, but without any identifiable architectural features to determine a specific subset of builder bungalows, i.e. Craftsman, Storybook, Chalet, or others.
4. The Structure does not yield any information to the town's history
5. The integrity has been compromised such that the structure has the potential to convey significance. If there were any details that could possibly distinguish that structure and to deem it architecturally significant (i.e., decorative eave brackets, trim moulds, leaded glass, windows with a specific mullion pattern(s), etc., they have since been removed. There was an addition in 1967 at the rear of the house adding a bedroom and laundry room that are not original, nor match the architectural style of the original structure. The property was also split in the early 70's to create 16801 Lo where the pre-1941 structure at 16801 Loma Street was removed to build a new structure in 2000.

For supporting reference material and evidence to the historic research, please refer to "*Loma Historic Research v2.*" and "*Loma Street Structural Photos*".

Sincerely

David Britt, Britt/Rowe

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