

Re: Olgaard Residence- Request for Planning Permit Extension

Site Address: 15365 Santella Court; APN: 527-09-036. Architecture & Site Application# S-24-002.

Date:  
Jan 31, 2024

Community Development Department.  
110 E Main St, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Dear Planning Commissioners

On behalf of Christian & Helen Olgaard, we request extending the previously approved planning approval from the Town of Los Gatos. The Los Gatos Planning Commission and the City Council unanimously approved this proposal in January and March of 2020 respectively. Due to a few unavoidable circumstances, the project submission for the Building Department has been delayed.

This project has ambitious goals of sustainable design, such as net-zero energy consumption, LEED Gold Level Certification targets, minimal impact to the site grading and natural vegetation, as well as high quality of design and construction. The Covid pandemic caused delays in engaging and working with consultants, such as architects from Denmark for the interior design, effort and time that went into selecting a suitable general contractor significantly impacted the project schedule.

Construction document development with feedback from subcontractors and vendors is necessary for the building department submittal, which took a considerable amount of time.

After consulting with the planning and building department personnel, and our general contractor, it became clear that we would not be able to meet the planning permit deadline of March 3rd, 2024. We needed to obtain a building permit for the project and start construction to pass the first building department inspection by the permit expiration date.

With the guidance and guidance of your planning staff, we are resubmitting the same set of documents and drawings, which were previously approved. Furthermore, we are submitting relevant documents that demonstrate compliance with the updated Los Gatos zoning regulations and design guidelines, since the project was approved in 2020.

We hope the review process will be effective and efficient to grant us the extension of the planning approval. If you have any questions, or require any additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely



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