

**Development Review Committee Meeting, 5/19/2020@10am.146 Robin Way,  
Architecture and Site Application S-19-043, APN 532-12-015**

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Dear members of the Town of Los Gatos , Development Review Committee:

Please reject the proposal for the demolition of an existing single family home and the construction of a new single family home covered under the above subject.

Let me start by setting the record straight that we at no point in time have approved the project. It was stated to me in a conversation that I had with Mr Mora on March 16 that in December, 2019 when we were visited by the property owners that the property owners said that we were enthusiastic and approved the project. In later correspondences the property owners said at the December meeting that we "leaved through it page by page" and "we appreciate your heartwarming and supportive remarks" ... didn't approve it then and don't approve it now! Another neighbor had a similar experience.

There are many reasons for not supporting the project, several follow:

- 1) Architecturally the home doesn't fit the neighborhood...Robin Way, Cardinal Lane and Stoney Brook Lane. There are 32 homes in the neighborhood and in the 38 years we have lived at 128 Robin Way there have been 12 remodels/rebuilds all tastefully and respectfully done. This proposal does not fit into that category.
- 2) The mass and scale of the new home does not fit our three street neighborhood i.e. the "look and feel". Our hillside views will be obliterated and neighboring homes will be seriously impacted i.e. 140 Robin Way and 150 Robin Way. You have specific references from other neighbors presentations. Ref-item 2 in Mr Willey's presentation.

We chose this neighborhood to raise our two sons and now to retire and volunteer. The proposed new home is very upsetting. We were welcomed with open arms when we moved to this neighborhood with a one year old and three year old son. The property owners at 146 Robin Way have received the same welcoming arms...they are a wonderful family with three wonderful children. That is why the objection to the proposal is difficult. Did Kohlsaas & Associates, a Town architect lead them astray? This is a very tight knit neighborhood...cul-de-sac potlucks, neighborhood watch, a special graduation in early June for five children from kindergarten through eighth grade, etc. You probably recall the bagpiper group that marched the three streets on a Friday eve in April with coverage by the San Jose Mercury and the Los Gatos Weekly Times. It is a most respectable neighborhood.

Now is the time to reject the proposal and go back to the drawing board with the result being a home that is respectful of our neighborhood. I look forward to speaking to the DRC tomorrow am and welcome any questions you might have. Thank you for your support and thank you to Mr Mora for his assistance.

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