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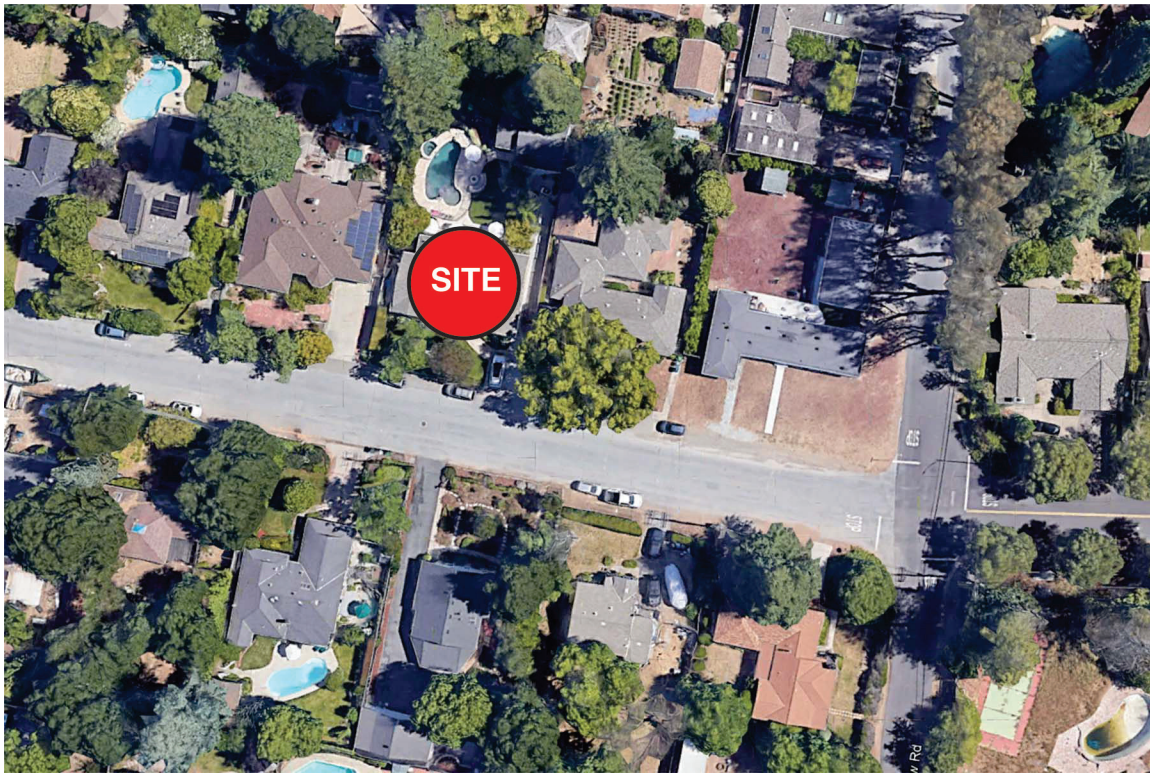
RE: 16529 Marchmont Drive

Dear Erin:

I reviewed the drawings and evaluated the site context. My comments and recommendations are as follows:

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

The site is located in an established neighborhood. Nearby homes are traditional in design, and mostly one-story in height. Photographs of the site are shown on the following pages.





The Site and Existing House



House to the immediate left



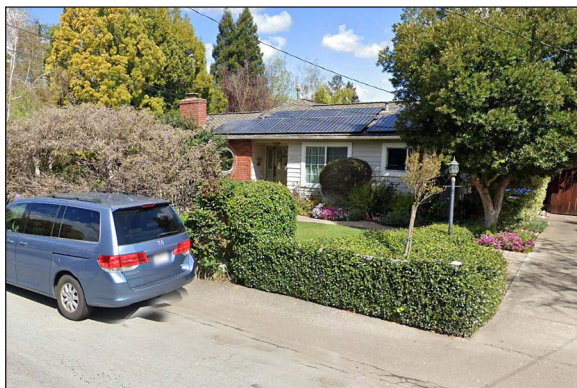
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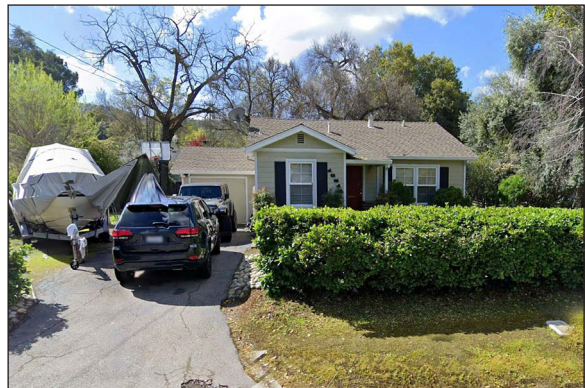
Nearby house across Marchmont Drive



Nearby house across Marchmont Drive



Nearby house to the left



Nearby house across Marchmont Drive

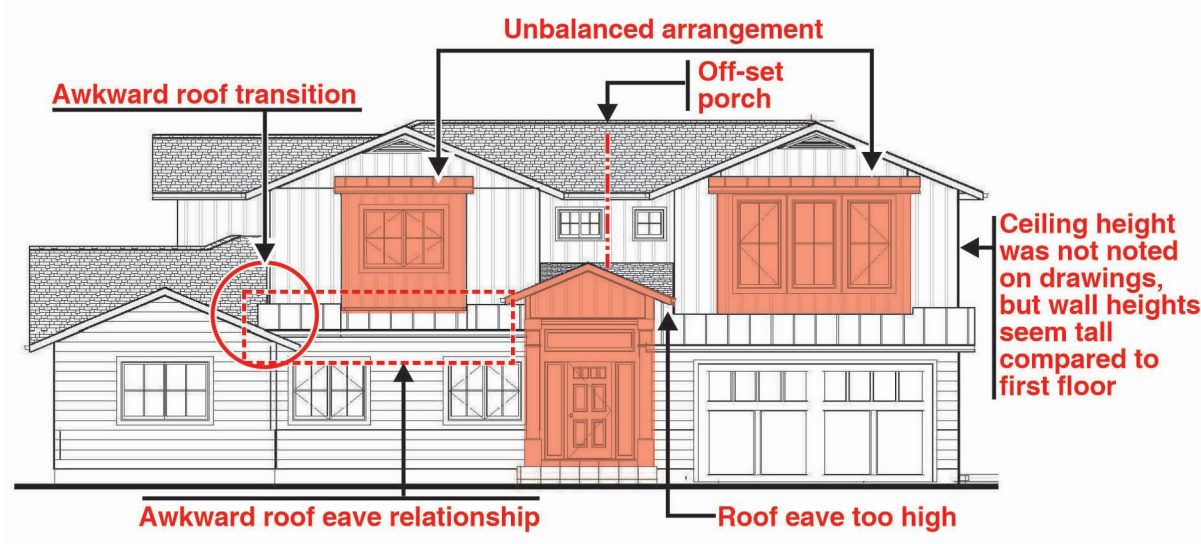
ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

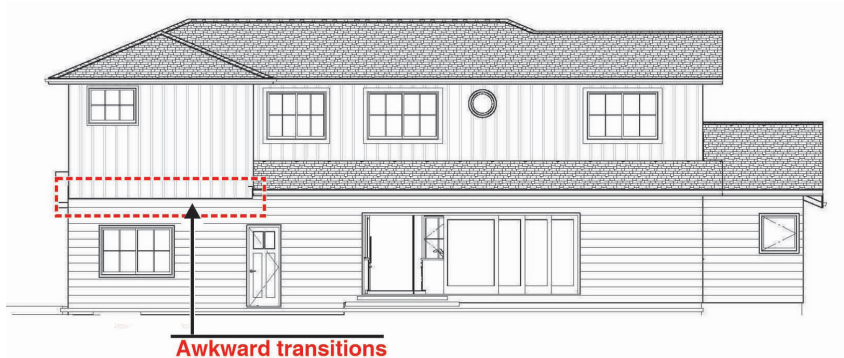
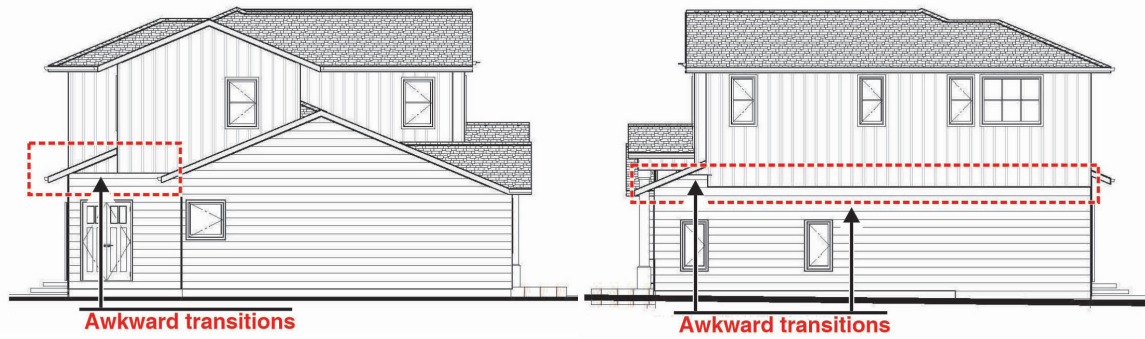
The proposed project includes a second story addition to an existing one-story house. All other homes in the immediate neighborhood are one-story Ranch Style homes. The addition is carried out in an identifiable traditional style with details appropriate to the style. While the change in style is different from the original structure, the form, scale and details would be a comfortable addition to the neighborhood.



There are, however, a few design elements that are not appropriate for this home style and/or the immediate neighborhood.

1. The entry porch is too tall, and out of scale with the house and other homes in the immediate neighborhood.
2. The treatment of the second floor bay windows creates an unbalanced composition which detracts from the general symmetry of the facade.
3. The entry porch is set off center with respect to the overall facade treatment.
4. The roof eave on the left side of the entry, and the roof transition with the adjacent roof is awkward.
5. Metal roofing is added at front first floor gable as if this were an attached porch, which it is not.
6. There are several places where the lower and upper wall siding treatments meet in awkward situations

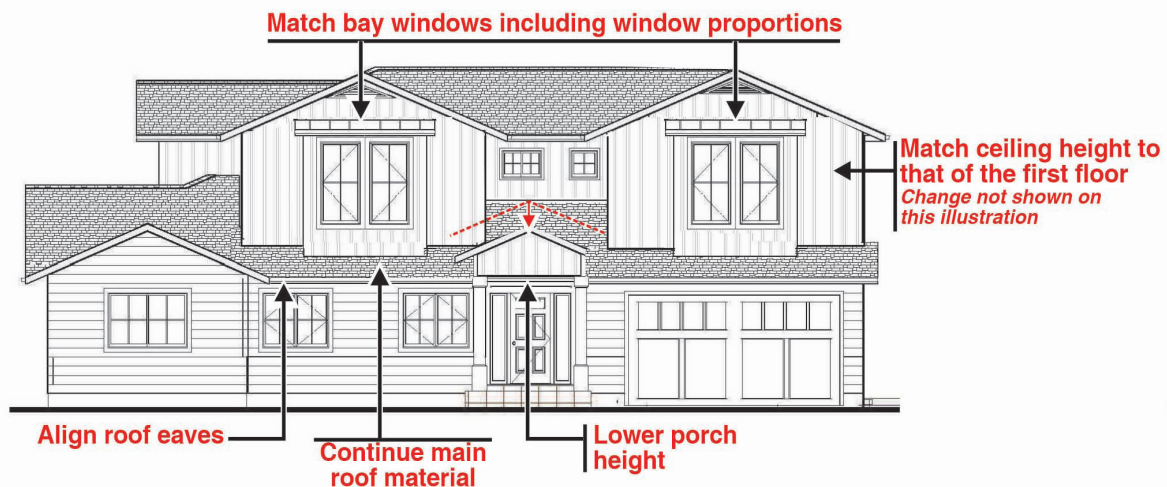


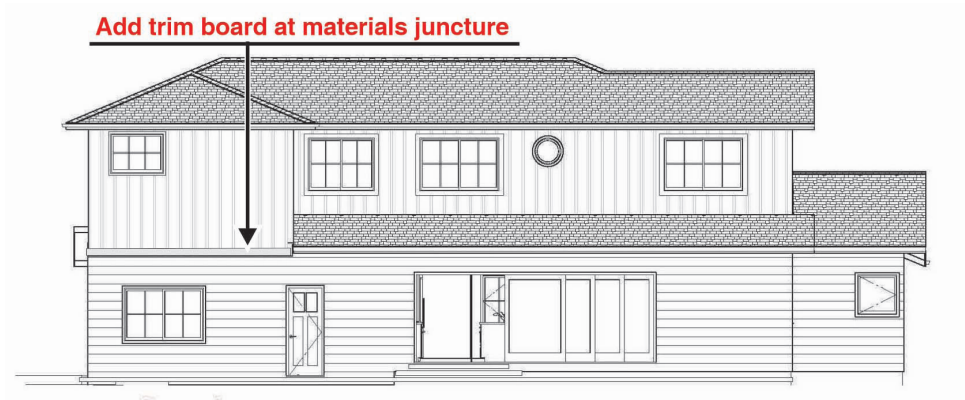
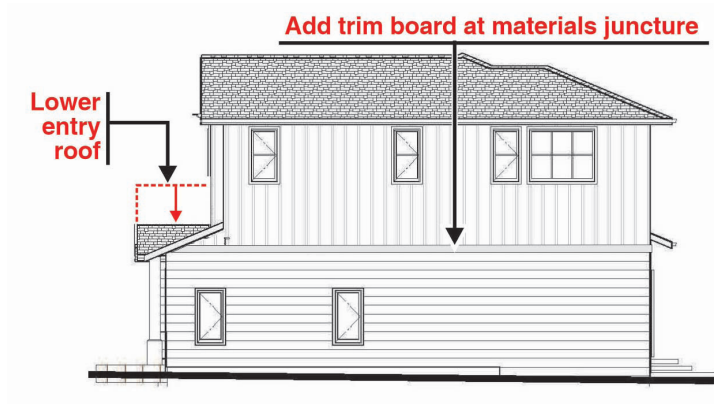
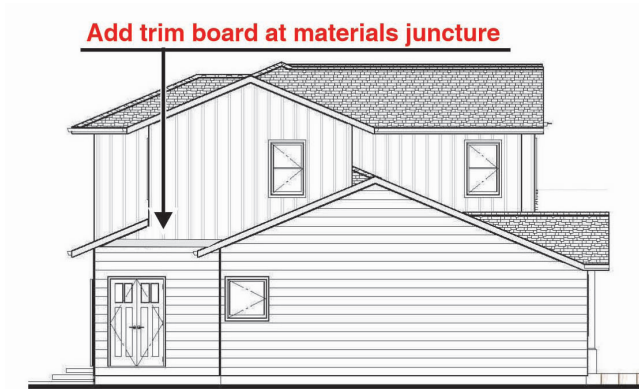


Proposed Rear Elevation

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Match the bedroom bay windows treatment including window proportions.
2. Lower the entry gable.
Note: Off-center gable peak probably acceptable if the above two changes are made.
3. Align first floor roof eaves.
4. Maintain the same roof covering as on the major portion of the house.
5. Provide horizontal trim at transitions between materials.
6. Match second floor ceiling height to that of the first floor.





Erin, please let me know if you have any questions, or if there are other issues that I did not address.

Sincerely,

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