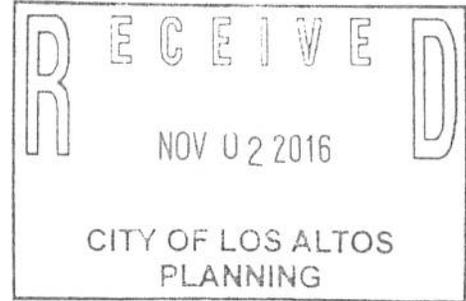


November 1, 2016

Zachary Dahl, AICP
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Re: Design Review Application for 425 Harrington Court

Dear Design Review Commission and Mr. Zachary Dahl:

This letter is in response to the design review application submitted by L. Yao and Y whereby the building of a two-story house is proposed at 425 Harrington Court.

We are the property owners at 440 La Prenda Road which shares the back fence with 425 Harrington Court. We have serious privacy concerns about this building as it will not only tower above our one-story home, but it will also have several large windows and a balcony facing our yard, living room and master bedroom.

We are currently designing a one-story home with a basement. While we were advised that a two-story home would be cheaper to build, we decided to preserve the integrity and charm of the neighborhood and build a basement instead of a second story. We understand that our neighbors at 466 La Prenda Road did the same (by building a one-story with basement). We are disappointed that the property owners desire to build a two-story house. Based on a review of the plans with our architect, we suggest the following changes to protect our privacy:

1. Move the egress window for bedroom #2 to the side and build a small window facing our yard (starting at 5-6ft high) so that property owners cannot see directly into our home and yard.
2. a) Swap the locations of the master bath and master bedroom and place the bedroom egress window to the side, with a small high window in the bedroom at the rear (facing our home and yard) ---or---
b) Replace the balcony with a high window (starting at 5-6ft high) that allows for less views down into our home and yard).
3. Plant additional trees along the back fence for privacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

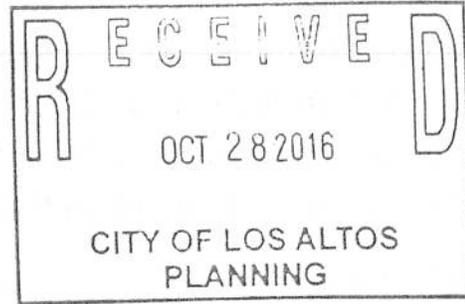
Sincerely,

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October 24, 2016

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Dear Mr. Dahl:

I am a 56 year resident residing at 448 La Prenda Road. I received your letter regarding a proposed building project located at 425 Harrington Court. This project included 2,339 sq. ft. on the first story and 1,145 sq. ft. on the second story.

This past Monday I reviewed the plans at the Community Development Dept. Needless to say, I was stunned and disappointed that this proposed home will come close to my back fence destroying my view of the beautiful black mountains and also will do away with the privacy I've enjoy in my backyard for the past 56 years. I cannot understand why the new owners would consider building such a huge home on a piece of Property that isn't that spacious. This proposed plan will also affects the property of my neighbor at 440 La Prenda Rd. as well. I totally object to the Design Review Commissioners allowing oversized homes on 1/3 and 1/4 acre lots in a community that has had single story homes for years.

I was told when I write this letter I should speak to the provisions contained in the Zoning Code. I feel items 2, 4 and 5 have been violated. The community of Los Altos is sorely losing its charm of being a village that has successfully preserved its rural roots, maintaining spacious lot sizes having single-story homes placed on lot sizes that are compatible. New property owners aren't aware of our past history and our legacy. Nowadays, who seemingly benefits? New residents want big homes on small lots, contractors and realtors want huge earnings to benefit their pocketbooks. What are we coming to?

I am now a widow and I've enjoyed my present home and quiet surroundings. If you pass this project, it will be a great disappoint to me. Also, I'm hoping other nearby neighbors will agree.

Sincerely,

Joan Sprague

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A handwritten note on a grey rectangular background. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Dear Mr. Dahl
Here is a list of
people opposed to the
425 Harrington Ct.
Building project.
Mr. Sebastian Kanthak
will bring more names
before the Nov. 2nd
meeting. Thanks
Joan Sprague"