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This home was sold to the Ragunthan's approximately seven months ago. From what I understand, it was temporarily rented to friends until they were ready to occupy. But, instead, the owners have now decided during the busy holiday season to submit a variance and design application to City Hall!

I live at 975 Andover Way and pass the side of this house everytime I go down the hill. We built our home almost 50 years ago. This second story will impact my view somewhat, but not nearly as much as my across the street neighbor who purchased their home 30 years ago.

There are many locations in Los Altos which would accomodate a second story addition without impacting the immediate neighbor. THIS IS NOT ONE OF THEM!

Also, if the friends who occupied the residence while the Ragunthan's were contemplating their next move are indicative of the attitude we can expect from the actual owners, they will definitely not be a welcome addition. The present neighbors do not intrude upon one another, but we do manage a wave or smile when we see one another. Many times, the temporary inhabitants were out and about, and even when I was close enough to almost run over their toes, they never once acknowledged my presence. Just like children, the apple usually doesn't fall far from the tree!

The very generous proposed 2nd story almost obliterates the view the Shaws have enjoyed for 30 years. IT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. If they had wanted a two story house, they had the option of buying one, or buying in a location where they are not negatively impacting someone else.

In addition, because of the timing, the Shaws have had to revise their holiday travel plans to visit their son. It would seem the Ragunthan's may be lacking any basic sensitivity.

Sincerely

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