

## Sunny Chao

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Hi Sunny,

My husband Reid, cc'ed, and I live at 1141 Payne Drive. A neighbor property at 1460 Oakhurst is on the agenda for the design review tonight, which we're unable to attend. Here are my comments for the record.

The City's design rules exist for a reason - so that citizens can't arbitrarily decide what is too big or not fitting with the neighborhood based on their personal opinions. There are many valid reasons someone might want to make their home large - to fit a growing family, to maximize value, etc. Those reasons are entirely the prerogative of the property owner, and frankly, no one else's business. This property should be approved as long as it conforms to the design rules.

I am sympathetic to the disruption that construction creates. I'm not thrilled that this work is being done by a developer instead of a family. However, this property has already been sold and construction is inevitable. Far from the idyllic rural feeling that some folks think that we have, many of the houses in our neighborhood are run-down, embarrassing eyesores, including the current home at 1460 Oakhurst. I am thrilled to see this home be updated and am looking forward to similar progress throughout the neighborhood.

Julie Gustin

