

Sean Gallegos

From: jeremw01@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2018 10:14 PM
To: Sean Gallegos
Subject: Design Review Application 18-SC-24 for 697 Benvenue Avenue

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

This e-mail is in reference to the design review application 18-SC-24 for 697 Benvenue Avenue scheduled to be reviewed by the Design Review Commission on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.


The subject property is in a predominately single story neighborhood, both on Benvenue Avenue and on Cuesta Drive. Privacy considerations and impacts of two story construction are of significant importance in such neighborhoods.

Privacy comes from the bulk of the design, the set backs, window and/or door sizes and the screening at the property lines.

We are concerned about the overall impacts on the neighborhood, but since we live at 631 Cuesta, we are especially concerned about impacts on the West and Rear (South) sides.

On the West side of the proposed house, the second story window sizes are small and reasonable, as noted in the staff report. We request that the number of windows and the sizes not be altered in the final design.

In the rear of the proposed house, the second story windows are larger, as noted in the staff report. We request that the number of rear windows, the sizes and the placement not be altered in the final design.

The staff report mentions the trees on the property that provide some screening for the neighbors. We request that the trees specified as remaining in the plan on the website be left remaining and not pruned unreasonably. Additionally, we support the staff recommendation #2 that the Landscape Plan be revised to incorporate fast growing, evergreen trees along the rear property line to fill-in unscreened areas of the rear yard area. 

Finally, we would request that the rear setbacks in the plan on the website not be modified in the final design.

We would appreciate it very much if you could confirm receipt of this email and also if you could confirm if this input will be presented to the Design Review Commission on December 19.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Wright
631 Cuesta Drive
Los Altos

