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To: [Los Altos Planning Commission](#); [Eliana Hassan](#); [Planning Services](#)
Subject: Proposed remodel at 789 Raymundo Ave
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Dear Design Review Commisioners and Eliana Hassan,

We are neighbors that live behind the proposed 789 Raymundo Ave construction project. We have reviewed the developer/homeowner's plan.

1. We were surprised to learn this weekend that the 789 Raymundo neighbor (located directly behind our house) is planning an extensive remodeling. Neither the homeowner nor contractor discussed any remodel plans with us.
2. It is extremely troubling to us that he is planning to build a large accessory building within 4 feet of our fence line and 8 feet from his side neighbors fence line. Living quarters so close to the lot line will highly impact our privacy and the outdoor enjoyment of our yard in our Los Altos neighborhood.
3. There is an issue with the accessory building of high roofline and potential drainage problems with such a large building so close to the lot line. The proximity to the fence will impact light planes and sun exposure to extensive caged, walk-in gardens we have in that area.
4. This neighbor has a track record of noise excess before the demolition and has worked into the evening on more than 1 occasion with bright flood lights and jackhammers during the demolition.
5. We understand that the owner has a permit to remodel the kitchen. From view to the rear of the current house:
 - a. The demolition has been ongoing for a few months, far more time than a demolition for a kitchen remodel.
 - b. The amount of debris that was removed is far beyond kitchen remodel.
 - c. A large back picture window has no glass, and the interior is exposed to elements. View of the inside from rear to the front shows that it is gutted.
 - d. Pool has been demolished and the cement apron surrounding it is being jackhammered.

Thank you in advance for considering our concerns and hope for a response.

Sincerely,
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