

To: Design Review Commission

Subject: 705 Casita Way Los Altos
New two-story house plan review

Sept 9, 2016

To whom it may concern:

My name is Phan Truong, I am the owner of the property 739 Casita Way Los Altos, CA 94022.
My house is across the street of the new plan for 2 story resident (705 Casita Way).

I would like the Design Review Commission to reject the permit for the 2 story plan at 705 Casita Way
Los Altos, CA 94022

The reasons are:

- 1) The 2 story plan is sensitive to my view and invasive of my privacy.
- 2) The 2 story plan is not of a similar style and character to the homes around the cul-de-sac.
- 3) The new main entrance and entrance walkway right after the curve could cause a blind corner for the traffic turning into the cul-de-sac.

Below are pictures to help express my concerns and comments.

I would appreciate that the Commission consider how my family and the neighborhood would feel for this new project.

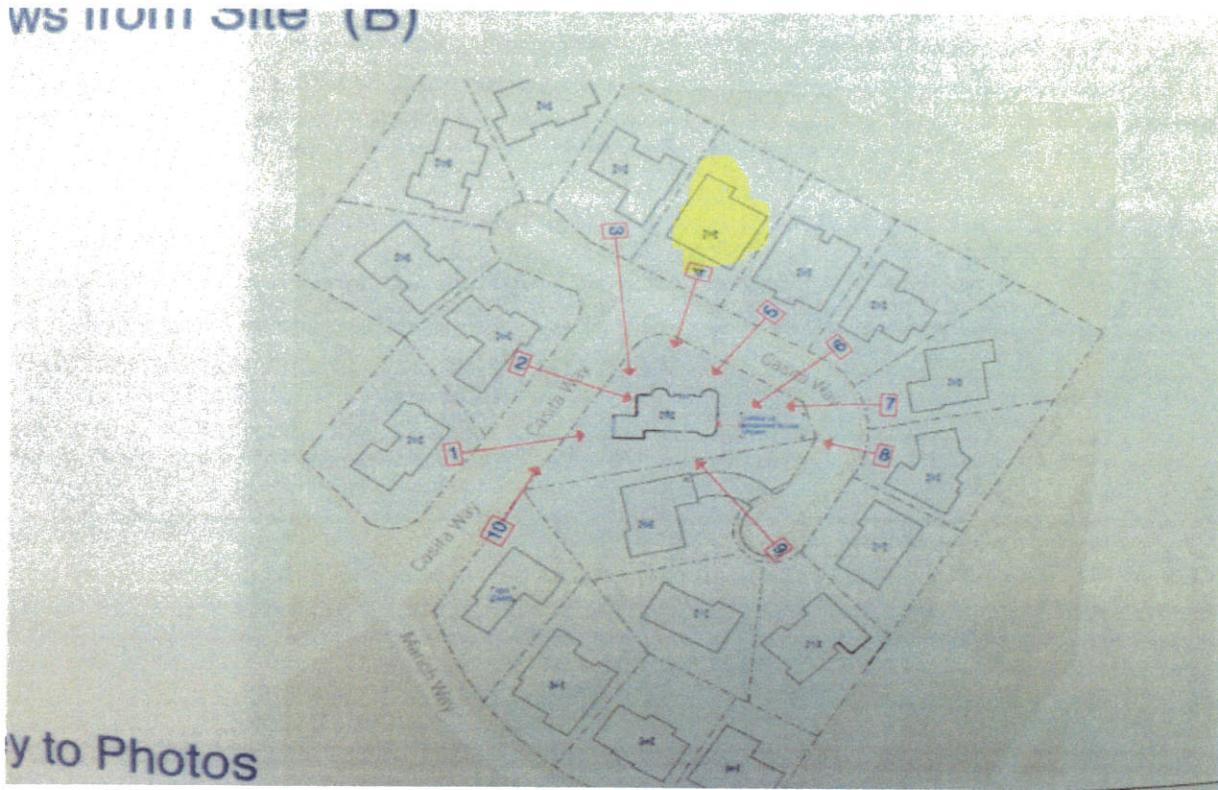
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phan Truong". The letters are dark and fluidly connected.

Phan Truong

1) The 2 story plan is invasive of my privacy

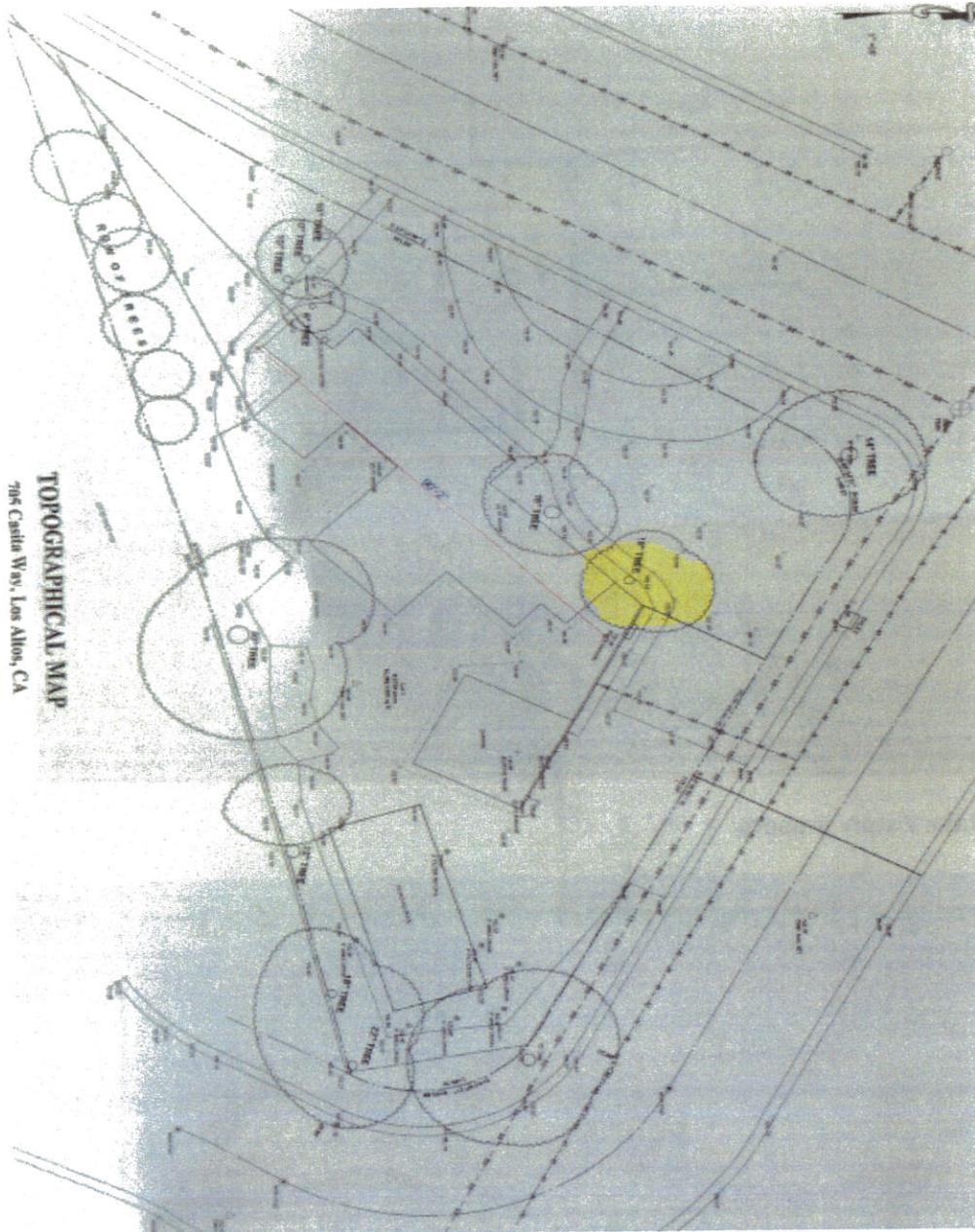
My house is the property highlighted yellow below, the new 2 story house will face directly at my house



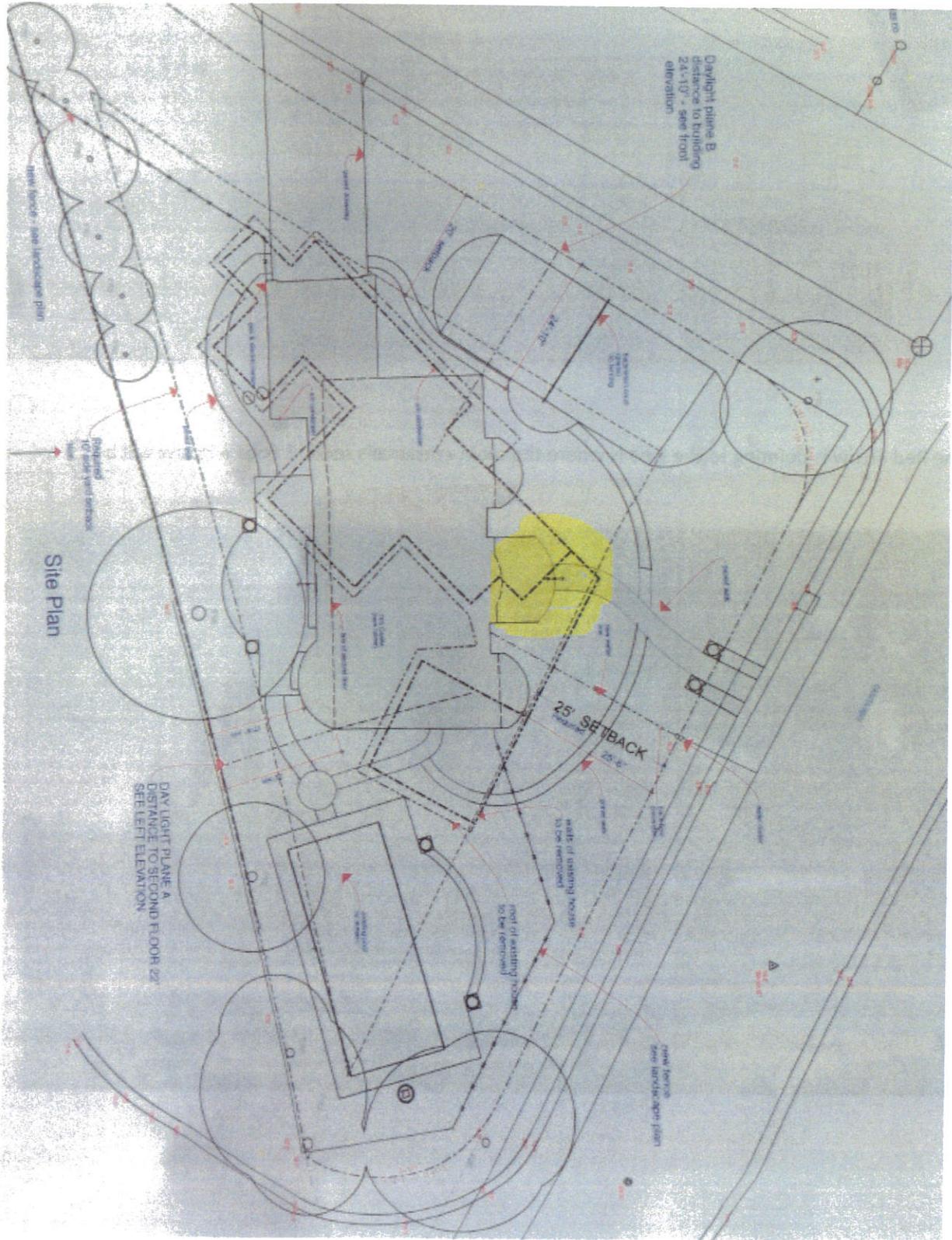
Here is the picture of the 2 story property



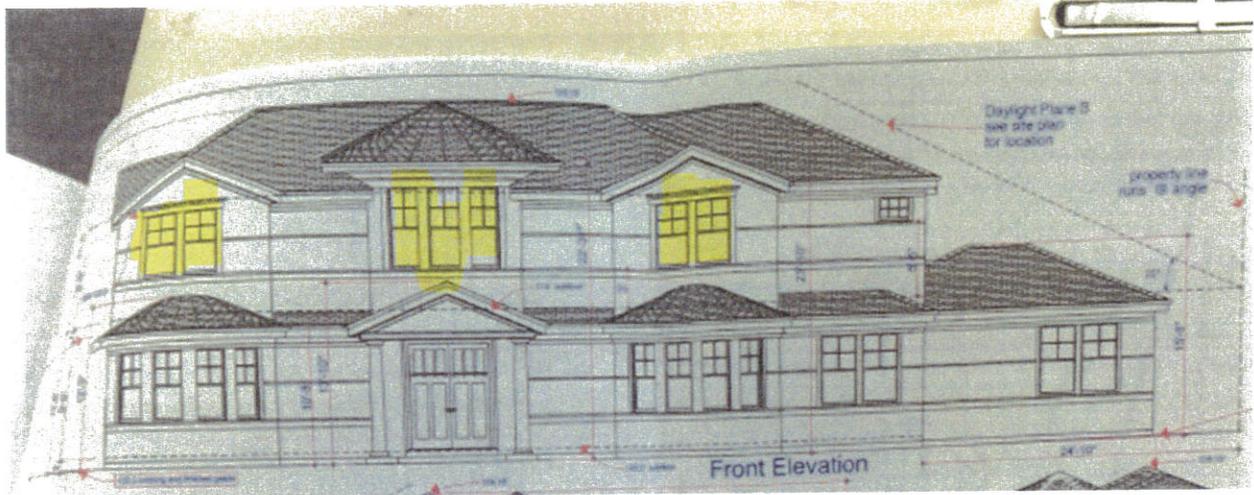
The yellow high light below is the tree currently at the property right now



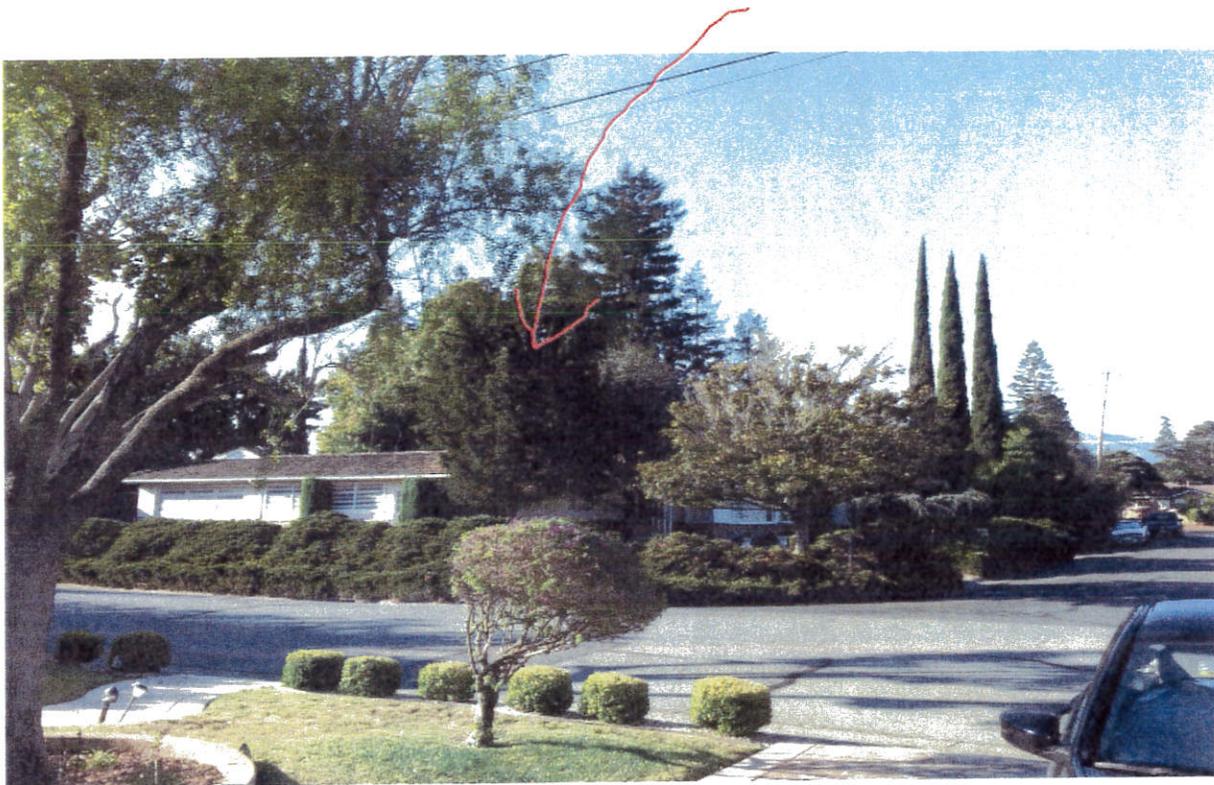
That tree will be the 2 story house's front door which is highlighted below



All the second floor windows will look directly to my front bedroom and my living room transom windows which provide light to these rooms



The Red arrow is pointing to the tree is where the main entrance's second floor window will be.



In my front Bedroom transom window, you can see that same tree (where is the second story window) as the red arrow points to, which means no more privacy for us (This is very important as this is a bedroom)



When we open the mini blind in my front Bedroom window, you can see that same tree (where is the second story window) as the red arrow points to



When we open the mini blind in my front Living room window, you can see that same tree (where is the second story window) as the red arrow points to



On the side of my house, you can see that tree again (where is the second story window) as the red arrow points to



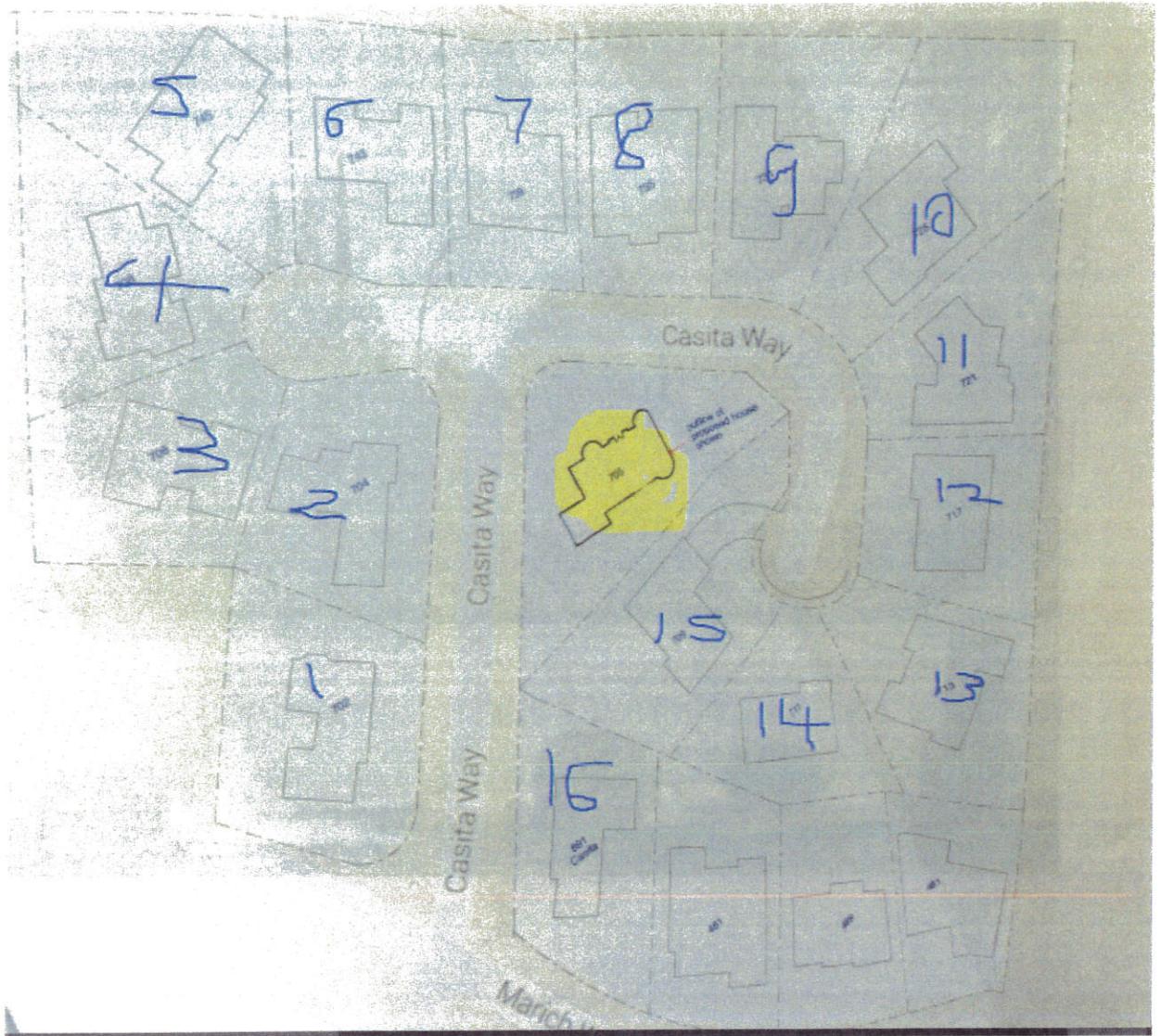
The 2 story plan is sensitive to my view

Here is the view from my front door, the property's 1st and 2nd floor windows will look directly at my front door. The Red arrow is the entrance second floor window. The Blue area will be the 2nd floor



2) The 2 story plan is not of a similar style and character to the homes around the cul-de-sac.

For this section please refer to the following numbers below



House 1: 702 Casita way



House 2: 704 Casita Way



House 3: 706 Casita Way



House 4: 708 Casita Way



House 5: 745 Casita Way



House 6: 743 Casita Way



House 7: 739 Casita Way



House 8: 735 Casita Way



House 9 and 10: 731 and 725 Casita Way



House 11: 721 Casita Way



House 12: 717 Casita Way



House 13: 713 Casita Way



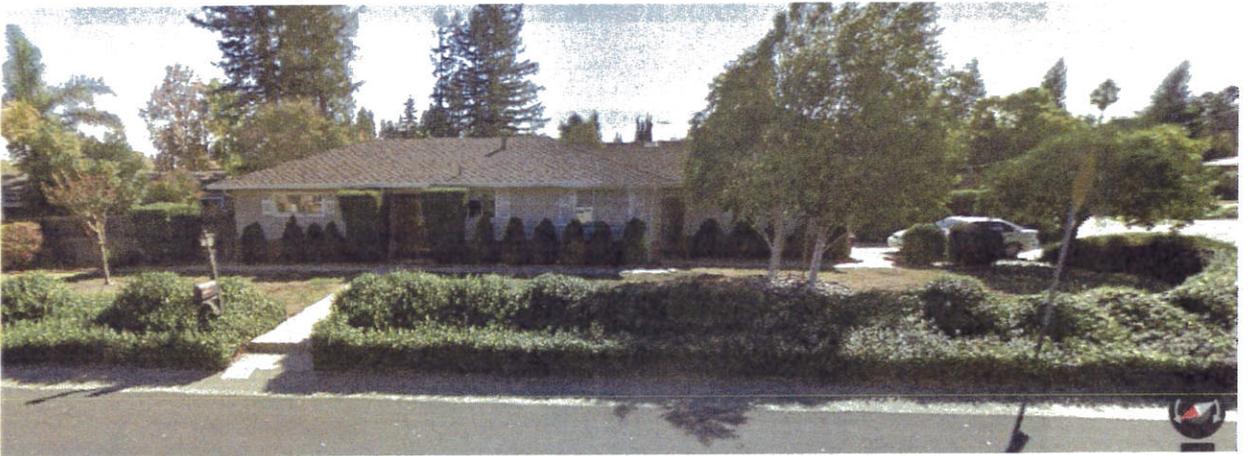
House 14: 711 Casita Way



House 15: 709 Casita Way



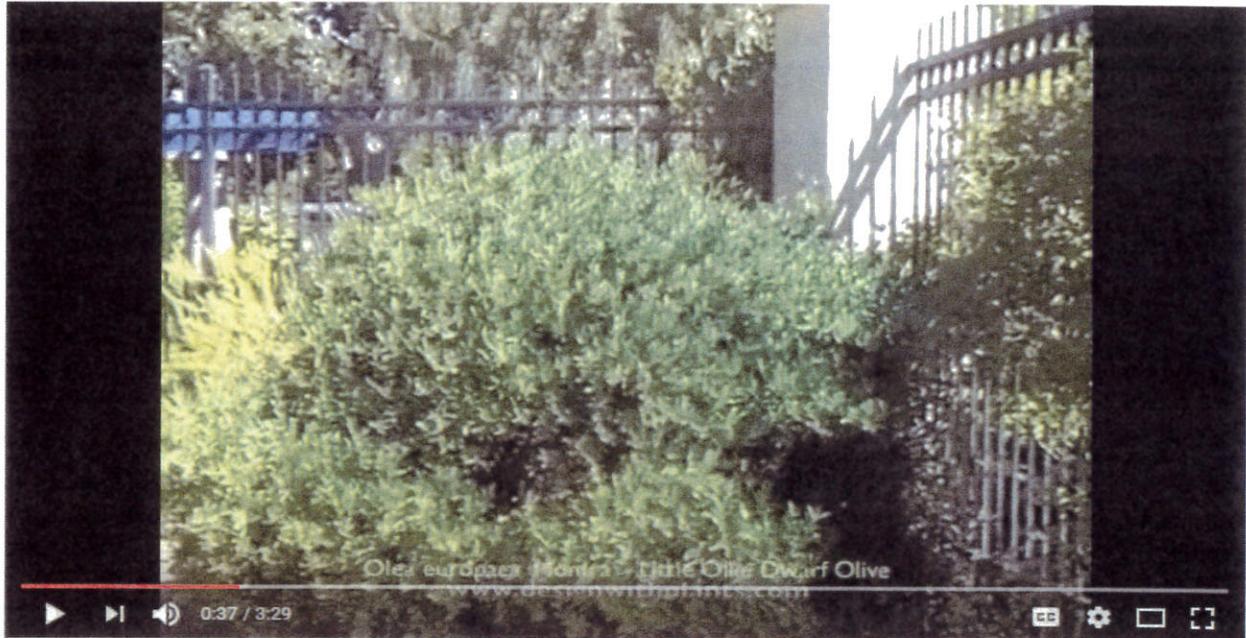
House 16: 691 Casita Way



The picture below with the Blue arrow shows where the entrance walkway is proposed to be. Note that the curve of the cul-de-sac is really close. If the bushes are overgrown, such as in this picture, this can cause a blind corner for drivers.



Here is a picture of what the hedge Olea Europaea would look like when fully grown. Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oOIXBvrB1A>
 They can be very dense and can grow to 6-8 feet tall, resulting in the same possibility of a blind corner forming.



Olea europaea 'Montra' - Little Ollie Dwarf Olive

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Olea europaea 'Montra' - Little Olive

[2nd Image]

Habit and Cultural Information

- Category: Shrub
- Family: Oleaceae (Olives)
- Origin: Mediterranean (Europe)
- Evergreen: Yes
- Flower Color: Insignificant
- Bloomtime: Spring
- Height: 6-8 feet
- Width: 4-5 feet
- Exposure: Full Sun
- Summer Dry: Yes
- Deer Tolerant: Yes
- Irrigation (H2O Info): Low Water Needs
- Winter Hardiness: 15-20° F

Olea europaea 'Montra' (Little Olive) - This is a bushy multi-stemmed, sterile dwarf olive with dark green leaves, growing to a maximum height of 6-8 feet tall and about as wide. It can be kept much full sun. Olive trees have a better appearance if planted in deep, rich soil. It is heat and drought tolerant once established. A non-fruiting variety. This plant was discovered at Dick Zylstra's West Coast Nursery in Monrovia, California. The patent number 6,265 was issued on August 30, 1998. Monrovia continues to market this plant under a trademarked name that they still own. This description is based on our research and on our observations of this plant as it grows in containers, our own nursery garden and other gardens that we visit. We also will incorporate comments we receive from others and appreciate receiving feedback of any kind from those who have additional tips that would aid others in growing Olea europaea 'Montra'.

