

## Steve Golden

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**To:** Los Altos Design Review Commission; Planning Services; Steve Golden  
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**Subject:** Design review of 959 Altos Oaks Drive, Applicant Isabeau Guglielmo  
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Dear Steve,

This is Dalip Kumar and Neelam Sharma, residents of 955 Linda Vista Way. We are the house right behind the property that is now trying to build two story home.

The house owners contacted us when they were developing the design architecture. We made it known to them that our privacy will be fully compromised with them watching our backyard, master bedroom, and family room. I am attaching pictures of my master bed room and family room taken from our backyard.

We are surprised that the owners of 959 Altos Oaks Drive chose to ignore our concern. I am here listing our objections and possible solutions:

1. 8.7 feet of windows in master bedroom, 8.1 feet windows in bed room 2 and 4 feet window in master bath open in the rear entirely wiping out any privacy in our backyard, our master bed room, and family room. At night, with our lights on, they will be watching fully on our beds and sofas.

Solution: Install windows 6 feet and above for ventilation and light but without compromising our privacy. They have bay windows in bedrooms so they can still install full windows on both side planks of baywindows. Only elements facing us must have windows above 6 feet.

2. They suggested putting trees. Now the problem with trees is that they can be removed or lose leaves in winter but mainly have enough holes for prying through. We will never have peace of mind and always looking to their windows for watchers. Another problem that we are already facing and will become excessive if they put trees all across the fence on their side of our boundary fence. The sun lights our home from their side and I have enclosed one picture showing how one tree right on fence on their side causes shadow for most of the day on 40 percent of our backyard.

Solution: Any trees shall be planted in such a way that we do not lose access to sun in our backyard and tree shade does not cross fence.

3. Altos Oaks Drive is a primarily single story homes street with zero two story homes. The owners can help preserve this character by reconsidering single story home. We rebuilt our home around 10 years back and chose a single story structure only to let our rear neighbour's enjoy their property in peace.

We did make the owners aware of our situation. We have lived here peacefully for almost last 20 years enjoying views of trees across 959 Altos Oaks Dr. It is one thing to getting your views compromised but entirely different thing getting your privacy compromised inside your bedroom and family room. It is such a creepy feeling.

Hope our input is taken seriously to safeguard our right to enjoy our property peacefully for remaining years of our lives. We will like to be informed of any decisions taken in regard of this property in a timely manner. We thank you for giving us a chance to put across our objections.

Best regards,

Dalip Kumar and Neelam Sharma





