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To the Los Altos Design Review Commission

We live at 647 Arboleda Drive. The northwest corner of our lot touches the southeast corner of the Li's lot.

It is surprising to see that the latest plans submitted by Yun Li for the remodel and addition for 628 Cuesta Drive, Los Altos are different from the plans shown now in front of 628 Cuesta Drive. We were of the impression that the plans for the back (south) side of the house had been changed from the original based on neighbor input. (Email sent 12/09/2021). They showed that the deck and fence on the 2nd story had been removed along with the glass entry to the deck and the large windows. (Can be seen on the property at 628 Cuesta Drive at this time)

So are these plans sent by the commission that show the deck, fence, sliding doors and large windows the latest? Is there a misunderstanding?

We had hoped that the Li's would consider our concerns.

In an email dated December 5th, 2021 we communicated to the Li's that we were saddened to imagine a second story with a deck and a side window on their home which would have a straight line view onto our yard, patio, living room, dining room and family room thus compromising our privacy. Our yard and patio have been our sanctuary for all these 47 years. The open views through uncovered windows provide a spacious feeling in our compact home.

The Li's responded that they were planning to plant a few osmanthus and orange trees to fill in their southeast corner. How many years will it take to reach the wall height of 17 feet 2 inches I wonder? 10 years for the citrus? There is a large, old ivy bush in the corner of our lot now which may provide privacy til??

We were satisfied that the window on the east wall is to code as it is fixed and it has frosted glass.

An email dated 22/09/2021 stated that the deck would be removed and modifications to the windows would be made.

If in fact the design stated in the email of 12/09/2021 no longer is valid, then we respectfully request the Design Review Commission require the plan to be changed to eliminate deck, glass bedroom door and to reduce number of windows from two to one in a smaller size.

We thank the commission for their time, effort and commitment helping make our Los Altos community a wonderful place to call home.

Sincerely,

Marjorie and Charles Gray

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