

DL Architecture & Planning

616 Ramona St. Ste. 21, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Tel: (650) 321-2808 Fax: (650) 321-7808

November 14, 2022

Town of Atherton
Planning commission

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to represent my client Joey Gu to request your review and approval of the new addition project located on 140 Atherton Avenue to be less than 8x but no less than 7x diameter of the tree #190 and no less than 6x diameter of the tree #192 indicated on arborist report and site plan A0-1.

The project lot width is 102' which is about half the average lots width on Atherton Avenue, exclude the sideyard setback on both side there is only 40' for the new addition, therefore we are proposing to follow the zoning requirement to maintain existing building 26'-9" setback on the south side for new addition.

Our project has been approved by building department but due to existing redwood trees along south side property line, the new addition is encroached into 10x diameter of 4 trees (#187, #189, #190 and #192).

We have been working closely with city arborist Sally Bentz by providing arborist report with arborist onsite observation through open trench at building perimeter line (picture 5 & 6 on A0-1) and review/approved the revised foundation system to pier and grade beam to minimize ground disturbance to limit grade beam depth into existing grade and flexible pier locations to avoid any major roots. With the above effort, Ms. Bentz was able to approved the exemption for the addition to be within 8x-10x diameter of tree #187 and #189.

Because the exemption for addition to be within tree #190 and #192 is less than 8x diameter which is beyond her authority to approve but recommend us to submit this application for the commissioners to review and approve it.

Base on arborist recommendation and limitation posted on the construction with tree protection during construction, there seems no additional threads to the health

DL Architecture & Planning

616 Ramona St. Ste. 21, Palo Alto, CA 94301 Tel: (650) 321-2808 Fax: (650) 321-7808

of tree #190 and #192. We are happy to answer any questions that commissioners may have or provide any additional documentation to support the request, hope this project for the new addition can be approved and construction can start for the kids to move in for next school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Keng', with a stylized, cursive script.

Eric Keng
DL Architecture & Planning
(650) 321-2808
erickeng@elhome.com