

May 2016

Letters of Support

Planning Board
City of Alameda City Hall
2263 Santa Clara Ave. Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Strong Support for Fobian Family Proposed Home Addition

To the attention of the Planning Board,

My name is Jackie Repsold. My family lives at 3286 Sterling Avenue. I write once again in support of the Fobian Family's proposed addition to their home here on Sterling Avenue. As previously mentioned in my letter from April 18th, I have known the Fobian family for many years now not just as neighbors, but because Jarred Fobian taught both of my younger sons at Encinal High School. I know the Fobian Family to be a conscientious family who strives to be good neighbors here on Sterling Avenue and this project is a perfect example of their efforts to keep in mind the neighborhood while planning for their family. Their continued efforts to keep their neighbors involved in the process and to accommodate the concerns of a few neighbors is evidence of their commitment. I can only imagine the time and effort that has gone into this process and would urge the board to formally approve their project with no further delay.

After review of the revised plans, my family is unequivocally in support of the Fobian Family's planned home addition. What we see is a good design in keeping with the City's rules brought forward by a family that has worked long and hard to develop a good-looking home addition. Please approve their project so that they may move forward.

Thank you for your time,

Jackie Repsold

Date:

May 21, 2016

CC: Alameda City Council

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DATE:

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

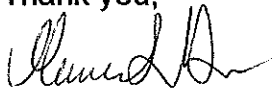
RE: Supporting Fobian Family Addition PLN 16-0039

Members of the Planning Board,

As a resident of Sterling Avenue, I write in support of the Fobian's proposed addition at 3244 Sterling Ave.

I am surprised at the delay in approving the design review for their project. I understand that the vast majority of Sterling Avenue residents are actively in support of their project. Given the strong support on our street for this project and the fact that the proposed project meets and exceeds the City's rules and regulations for a second story addition it is one that I would expect to be approved. The Fobians are a young family who live and work here in Alameda and wish to remain. Their young sons attend school here in Alameda and they have lived on this street for more than a decade. I know they have worked hard to create a beautiful addition that will blend well with the existing home and others on Sterling Avenue. They have done what the law requires, the additional items requested by the City and the Planning Board and made numerous revisions to appease their adjacent neighbors. I applaud them for their efforts. For all of these reasons, I support the proposed project and urge you to finally approve their project.

Thank you,



Maria J. Stankevich-Hodge

3231 Sterling Avenue

Alameda, CA

94501

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Neighbor Support for 3244 Sterling Ave.

Dear Planning Board,

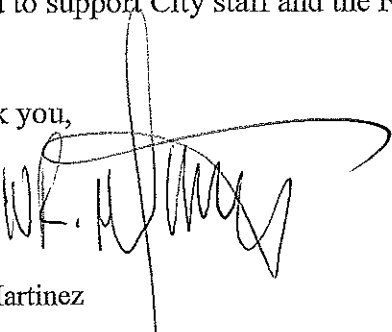
My name is Bill Martinez. I have been a resident of Sterling Avenue for almost twenty years. I have seen many families come and go since I bought my home at 3271 Sterling Avenue. I have known Jarred and Catrina since a short time after they moved to Sterling Avenue some ten years ago. During that time, I have seen them be active participants in our neighborhood. When they began contemplating adding on to their home to accommodate their family they contacted many neighbors including myself to discuss. I am concerned that there has been a lot of delay of their project, despite their hard work and solicitous efforts to address the City and neighborhood concerns. I urge you to approve their project with no further delay.

I have reviewed the revised approved design for the project and remain very pleased with it, as I was with the prior iteration approved on March 14th. As I stated in my letter from April, their addition is a beautiful reflection of their existing home. They even took the time and effort to ensure that the little details like the rooflines and windows match the existing structure. After the project is complete, I am certain that it will be unrecognizable as an addition. Instead, the renderings show that the final product will appear as a cohesive whole.

I have discussed the project with Jarred in particular on several occasions and during our discussions expressed my strong support for the hard work they have put into the project. This is a size appropriate design that will strongly contribute to the existing streetscape. It is clear from the City's rules that as property owners they have a right to construct an addition to their home, so long as it is appropriate in design and scale. This is exactly what Jarred and Catrina have proposed and the City's own planning staff have approved.

I lend my strong support to the Fobian Family's home project. While not everyone is happy or willing to accept change, it is inevitable. I would hope that the Planning Board will continue to support a project that integrates change in such a seamless and attractive manner. The record shows that any concerns with the project have been addressed and nothing more need be done. Now is the time for the Planning Board to support City staff and the Fobian Family's hard work and uphold the approval of the project.

Thank you,

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Bill Martinez

Date: 5-21-2014

cc: City Council

Planning Board
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Expressing My Support for PLN 16-0039 (Fobian Family Addition)

Members of the Planning Board,

My name is Todd Repsold and I reside at 3286 Sterling Avenue. I previously wrote in April to demonstrate my support for Jarred Fobian's proposed second story addition. I have reviewed the revised plans and continue to support the project. As a long term resident of Alameda, Jarred, an educator for AUSD, with one child finishing his second year at Otis elementary and another soon to attend Otis as well he knew that something would have to be done to accommodate his growing family.

All of the comments that I wrote in support of the beauty and care taken with the design remain the same. Jarred's project remains an ideal example of the type of projects the City should embrace, as the design both conforms to the City's standards and is pleasing to look at. It astounds me that he and his family continue to have to fight to get a design review approval for a project that meets the City's standards.

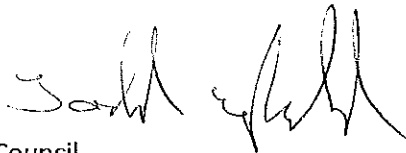
We know that Jarred and his family intend to stay on Sterling Avenue for the long haul so that they may watch their kids grow and thrive in this amazing community. They have adhered to the City's rules and now are only asking for the City to support the proper application of those same rules. They should be afforded the opportunity to remain on Sterling and construct what is sure to be a very attractive addition. I close by saying I lend them my whole-hearted support. Now is the time to approve the project and allow the Fobians to proceed with their addition.

Please approve the project as proposed and allow this family to get started on a great addition to our street.

Many thanks,

Todd Repsold

5-21-16
CC: City Council



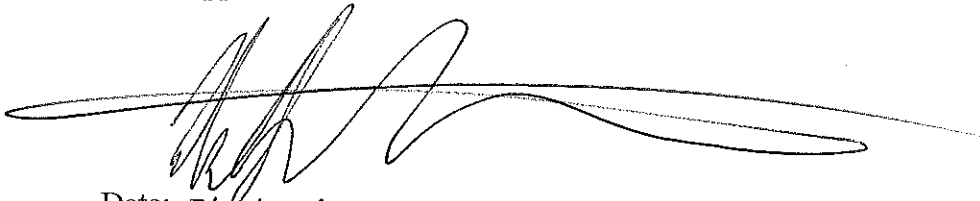
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City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Neighbor Support for 3244 Sterling Ave.

Dear Planning Board,

I have reviewed the proposed plans for an addition to 3244 Sterling Avenue. I have spoken with the Fobian Family regarding the project and their desire to raise their two young children on Sterling Avenue. Given the beauty of the design, its adherence to the City's code and design review standards, and the lengths the Fobian family has gone to in an attempt to accommodate the neighborhood I lend my full support to their proposed design. I urge the Planning Board to approve the project.

With support,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Date: 5/21/2016

Address:

3254 Sterling Ave

CC: City Council

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

Re: Strong Support of Design Review Application No. PLN 16-0039

I am writing to express my strong support for the Fobian Family's proposed second story addition. I reside with my family at 3255 Sterling Avenue. I have lived and served this community for many years. And, when I was given the opportunity to review and support the Fobian Family's plans, I immediately agreed to write in support for their second story addition. Now, upon review of the revised plans I once again reiterate my strong support for this project, which I believe will be a most welcome addition to our street. The proposed design will work to enhance the charming nature of Sterling Avenue and is indicative of how much the residents here care about the character and quality of the neighborhood given the great time and effort the Fobian Family has gone to in designing this addition so that they are able to remain residents of Sterling Avenue.

I am quite surprised at the delay in approval of their project given the strong support on our street for this project and the fact that the proposed project meets and exceeds the City's rules and regulations for a second story addition. The Fobian Family has worked hard to design a beautiful addition to the Sterling Avenue streetscape, which takes all the appropriate queues from the original two-story home located at 3220 Sterling Avenue. They have literally done everything required of them, everything asked of them by the City and their neighbors and I applaud them for their efforts. In fact, I understand that a majority of Sterling Ave. has expressed support for the project. For all of these reasons, I strongly support the proposed project and urge you to finally approve their project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stewart Chen", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Stewart Chen

3255 Sterling Ave.

cc: Mayor Trish Spencer and Alameda City Council Members

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Neighbor Support for 3244 Sterling Ave.

Dear Planning Board,

I live at 3264 Sterling Avenue and have for many years. In fact, my wife's family formerly owned the original two-story at 3220 Sterling Avenue, which is the home that inspired the design Fobian Family's addition.

I have reviewed the proposed plans for an addition to 3244 Sterling Avenue. I have spoken with the Fobian Family regarding the project and their desire to raise their two young children on Sterling Avenue. I have seen the proposed plans, and as I communicated to Mayor Trish Spencer during her recent visit to the neighborhood I believe this is a good project that will only contribute to our property values.

I lend my full support to their proposed design. I look forward to seeing it built soon. I urge the Planning Board to approve the project.

With support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis D. Bayle", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Date: 05-22-2016

CC: City Council

Planning Board
City Hall
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Support for Fobian Family Addition

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I previously wrote in support of the Fobian Family's proposed addition at 3244 Sterling Avenue on April 24, 2016. I live at 3203 Sterling Avenue. I have reviewed the newly revised plans for the proposed addition and continue to find no fault. I understand that many of our neighbors are also in support of this project. I continue to believe it will be an appropriately sized and designed attractive addition to our neighborhood and support the City's approval of the project. We would ask that the City finalize approval of the plans the Fobians have worked so hard to complete.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Kling", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Kling

Date: 05/21/2016
cc: City Council

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Neighbor Support for 3244 Sterling Ave.

Dear Planning Board,

I have reviewed the proposed plans for an addition to 3244 Sterling Avenue. I have spoken with the Fobian Family regarding the project and their desire to raise their two young children on Sterling Avenue. I believe this project should be approved as designed. Please consider my support as a resident of Sterling Avenue for the proposed project.

In support,

Susan M. Ford

Date:

5/15/14

Address:

*3244 Sterling Ave
Alameda, CA 94501*

CC: City Council

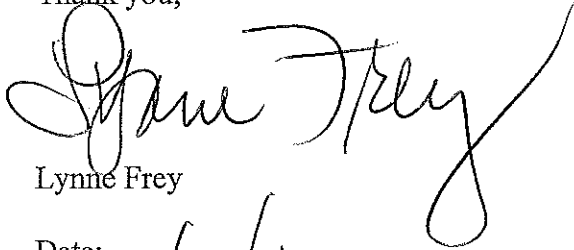
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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynne Frey", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Lynne Frey

Date:

5/15/16

cc: City Council

Planning Board
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2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

May 26, 2016

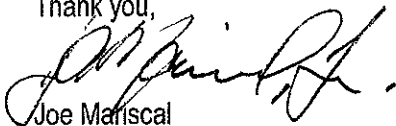
Re: Neighbor Support for Approval of PLN 16-0039 at 3244 Sterling Ave

My name is Joe Mariscal. My wife Dede and I live at 3221 Sterling Avenue. I appeared before the planning board on April 25th in support of the Fobian Family's proposed second story addition. And, with the proposed changes, I continue to lend my support to their proposed project.

During the meeting I provided some history of our street; information that I am familiar with as I have educated myself on the street and its key characteristics. As I pointed out during the meeting, Sterling Avenue has an original two-story home, which was supposed to act as the example of what the street could achieve, but because of budgetary constraints most of the homes were either one or one and a half story homes. The Fobian Family's design is very much in line with that of the original two-story home and does in fact, provide even greater setbacks than 3220 does.

Jarred's plans show a plan that takes into account concerns of their immediate neighbors, but also embraces the beautiful architectural elements of the existing structure and our street, such as exposed rafters, multiple windows, a large porch and the shingled exterior. For these reasons I continue to support Jarred's plan for their addition. I know that he and his family have done quite a lot to develop the plan and to make it fit within the neighborhood. I urge you to approve their project without any further delay. I am in favor of the 3244 plan, and look forward to seeing it completed successfully.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Mariscal", written over the printed name.

Joe Mariscal

May 23, 2016

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501


RE: Supporting Fobian Family Addition PLN 16-0039

Members of the Planning Board,

As a resident of Sterling Avenue, I write in support of the Fobian Family's proposed addition at 3244 Sterling Avenue.

I understand that the majority of Sterling Avenue residents are actively in support of their project. Given the strong support on our street for this project and the fact that the proposed project, which I have seen, exceeds the City's rules and regulations for a second story addition. The Fobian Family has lived and worked here in Alameda for the past decade and wish to remain here on Sterling Avenue. Their young sons attend school here and they hope to raise them in this community. I know they have worked hard to create a beautiful addition that will blend well with the existing home and others on Sterling Avenue. They have done what the law requires, the additional items requested by the City and the Planning Board and made numerous revisions to appease their adjacent neighbors. I applaud them for their efforts. For all of these reasons, I support the proposed project and urge you to finally approve their project.

Thank you,



Lilly Rogers
510-610-9474
3287 STERLING AVE.

May 23, 2016

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2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

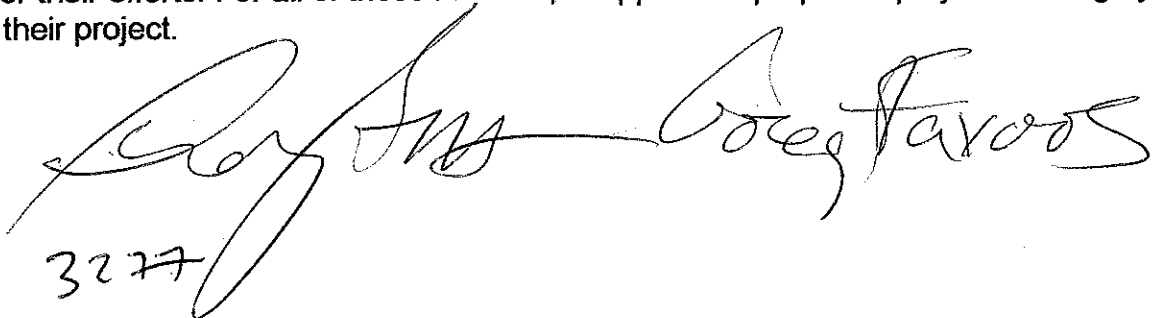
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Thank you,



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May 28, 2016

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

Re: Support for Fobian Family Addition to 3244 Sterling Avenue, PLN 16-0039

My name is Mary Licavoli. I am a long time resident of 3216 Sterling Avenue. I live next door to 3220 Sterling Avenue. I have spoken with Jarred Fobian and reviewed the proposed plans for a second story addition to his home at 3244 Sterling Avenue. I have no objections to this project and ask that the Planning Board approve as proposed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, followed by the date "5/28/16" written in a similar cursive style.

Mary Licavoli

April 2016

Letters of Support

Planning Board
City of Alameda
City Hall
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Planning Board,

My name is Bill Martinez. I have been a resident of Sterling Avenue for almost twenty years. I have seen many families come and go since I bought my home at 3271 Sterling Avenue. I have known Jarred and Catrina since a short time after they moved to Sterling Avenue some ten years ago. During that time, I have seen them be active participants in our neighborhood. When they began contemplating adding on to their home to accommodate their family they contacted many neighbors including myself to discuss.

Now that I have reviewed the approved design for the project myself, I could not be more pleased with it. Their addition is a beautiful reflection of their existing home. They even took the time and effort to ensure that the little details like the rooflines and windows match the existing structure. After the project is complete, I am certain that it will be unrecognizable as an addition. Instead, the renderings show that the final product will appear as a cohesive whole.

I have discussed the project with Jarred in particular on several occasions and during our discussions expressed my strong support for the hard work they have put into the project. This is why I decided to write a letter in support. I see that they have a size appropriate design that will strongly contribute to the existing streetscape. It is clear from the City's rules that as property owners they have a right to construct an addition to their home, so long as it is appropriate in design and scale. This is exactly what Jarred and Catrina have proposed and the City's own planning staff have approved.

I lend my strong support to the Fobian Family's project. While not everyone is happy or willing to accept change, it is inevitable. I would hope that the Planning Board will continue to support a project that integrates change in such a seamless and attractive manner. The record shows that any concerns with the project have been addressed and nothing more need be done. Now is the time for the Planning Board to support City staff and the Fobians' hardwork and uphold the approval of the project.

Thank you,



Bill Martinez

Planning Board
City Hall
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I have reviewed the plans for the proposed addition at 3244 Sterling Avenue and the associated documentation. I believe it will be an appropriate and attractive addition to our neighborhood and support the City's approval.

Thank you,

Sophia [Signature] 04/24/16

3203 Sterling Ave
Alameda, Ca. 94501

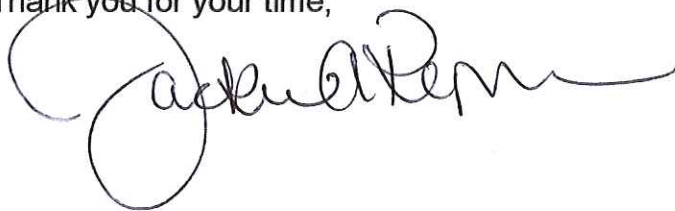
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Alameda, CA 94501
Attn: Linda Barrera (lbarrera@alameda.ca.gov)

To the attention of the Planning Board,

My name is Jackie Repsold. My family lives at 3286 Sterling Avenue. I have known the Fobian family for many years now. In fact, Jarred Fobian has taught both of my younger sons during his tenure at Encinal High School. I know the Fobian Family to be a conscientious family who strives to be good neighbors here on Sterling Avenue and this project is a perfect example of their efforts to keep in mind the neighborhood while planning for their family.

For these reasons, my family is strongly in support of the Fobian Family's planned home addition at 3244 Sterling Avenue. We have reviewed the City's project approval, staff report and other related documents. What we see is a family that has worked long and hard to develop a good-looking home addition and therefore the approval of their project should be upheld.

Thank you for your time,

 4/18/2014

Planning Board
City of Alameda
City Hall
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501
Attn: Linda Barrera (lbarrera@alameda.ca.gov)

Dear Planning Board,

My name is Loretta Carroll and I live at 3292 Sterling Avenue. I am in support of the Fobian Family's planned home addition. I have seen the proposed plans and City staff's project approval. It appears to me that the project is designed to be both compatible with their house and our neighborhood. It also, according, to City staff, is in compliance with the City's laws.

I stand behind the Fobian Family and their efforts to design an attractive addition to their home that will serve their family's needs. I hope that, despite the appeal, you will support your staff's approval and allow the Fobian Family to proceed with a project that will almost certainly contribute to the value of the neighborhood as a whole.

Thank you,

Loretta E Mitchell Carroll - A - 19 - 2016

Planning Board
City Hall
2263 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I have reviewed the plans for the proposed addition at 3244 Sterling Avenue and the associated documentation. I believe it will be an appropriate and attractive addition to our neighborhood and support the City's approval.

Thank you,

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Planning Board
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Attn: Linda Barrera (lbarrera@alameda.ca.gov)

RE: PLN 16-0039

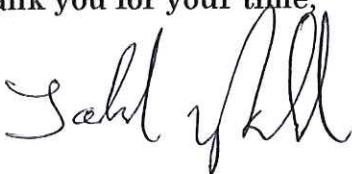
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My name is Todd Repsold and I reside at 3286 Sterling Avenue. I write to demonstrate my support for Jarred Fobian's proposed second story addition. When Jarred first brought up the idea of adding a second story to his home he was aware that it would be an expensive and arduous process. However, as a long term resident of Alameda, Jarred, an educator for AUSD, with one child finishing his second year at Otis elementary and another only two years behind, he knew that something would have to be done to accommodate his growing family.

In reviewing the architectural drawings, it is clear to me that they have done their level best to submit what can only be deemed an exemplary project. From the shingled exterior, to the smaller second story gables and thoughtful window placement they have a project that can withstand any scrutiny. In fact, their project is the complete opposite of the unattractive second story addition across from our own home. I understand it was projects like the one across the street from us, which are out of character that acted as the catalyst for the City's design review process. In contrast, Jarred's project is an ideal example of the type of projects the City should embrace, as the design both conforms to the City's standards and is pleasing to look at.

We know that Jarred and his family intend to stay on Sterling Avenue for the long haul so that they may watch their kids grow and thrive in this amazing community. They have adhered to the City's rules and now are only asking for the City to support the proper application of those same rules. They should be afforded the opportunity to remain on Sterling and construct what is sure to be a very attractive addition. I close by saying I lend them my whole-hearted support. Please finally approve the project as proposed.

Thank you for your time.

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Todd Repsold

4-19-16

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501
Attention: Linda Barrera

Sent to-LBarrera@alamedaca.gov

Re: Support for Approval of Proposed Addition at 3244 Sterling Ave
(PLN 16-0039)

My name is Eli Berland and my wife and I live at 3267 Sterling Avenue. Like the Fobians, we are a family of four. Also like the Fobians, we live in rather small home that has two bedrooms and one bathroom, which makes sharing the space a struggle when everyone wants to be in that single small space at the same time! For these reasons, we read with interest the notice for the proposed addition and took the time to learn more about the project both in reviewing the plans and discussing the project with the Fobians.

I reviewed the plans and other documents posted on the City's website for the Fobian Family's Design Review Application No. PLN 16-0039. The Fobians have proposed an attractive second story that is a smaller iteration of their first story. Given the charming nature of our street with its mix of beautiful homes and residents I can understand why the Fobians would opt to add a second story, rather than attempt to move their family to a different area. If they want to stay and still have a comfortable setup for their family, given the constraints of our small lots, adding a second story is the only way to go.

Like many of my other neighbors, upon review of the Design Review Approval, it became clear to me that the Fobian Family has proposed a project that is in line with the City's guidelines for this type of project and for that reason the City could not be anything other than wholly in support of the project. I believe the updated home will benefit the street both in added value and in aesthetic character. A second story is not out of character with our street. To the contrary, one of the most celebrated homes on our street according to the historical resources survey is the two-story home located at 3220 Sterling Avenue. In fact, the street is a mix of housing types from one to one and a half to two story homes. The

Fobians' proposed plans demonstrate that they have worked to design a project that incorporates the best elements of the homes on our street. I discussed the project with the Fobians and understand that this has been a project that they have worked hard to make a reality. All they are asking is for the Planning Board to support City Staff's already issued approval. I strongly support the Planning Board's approval of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



4/19/16

Eli Berland

Planning Board

City of Alameda

2263 Santa Clara Avenue

Alameda, CA 94501

Attention: Linda Barrera

Sent to-LBarrera@alamedaca.gov

Re: Support for Approval of Proposed Addition at 3244 Sterling Ave
(PLN 16-0039)

My name is Kathleen Berland and my husband Eli and I live at 3267 Sterling Avenue. As Eli outlined in his letter, we understand Jarred and Catrina's desire to remain residents of Sterling Avenue. The Fobian family has resided here on Sterling Avenue for a decade now and it is clear that this is their forever home. As the mother of two small boys myself, I can empathize with their desire to remain in the home their children were born in so that they may stay in their neighborhood school and keep the same friends they have grown up with.

My husband and I took the time to review the documents that were posted in relation to the proposed addition at 3244 Sterling Avenue. In short, Catrina and Jarred have done a great job of balancing the City's requirements, their needs, and neighbors' concerns. I did not see anything in the City's file that would support a change or reversal of the approval issued by staff on March 14, 2016. To the contrary, the file shows that they have made many changes in response to various pressures, kept the process collegial, and submitted an excellent project. The result is a two-story addition that checks all the boxes and therefore must to be approved. It is an attractive addition in keeping with their existing home and the street character and it meets the requirements of the city for height and setbacks. I can only imagine what a grueling process this must be to go

through. I strongly support Jarred and Catrina's proposed design and ask that the City continue to do so as well.

Regards,

Kathleen Berland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Berland', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

4/19/16

My original email:

"I am surprised that the city would approve this project, based on my limited knowledge and experience. We (3221) wanted to push out our back wall 20+ years ago; the city said "no" because our house is a "heritage house", so we couldn't make exterior changes, including adding or deleting windows. The city must have dramatically altered their thinking about heritage and preservation. Oliver and Darcy Albrecht (3211) expanded DOWN for this reason. I'm sure you are aware of the ugliest house on the block (3281)...3rd house from the corner with the ugly addition on top. While 3248 is a handsome addition, I agree with you that our block is charming due to its architectural integrity. Only one "natural" 2-story house exists, directly across Sterling from us (3220), a beautiful house. Additionally, I sympathize with the Rogers' concerns about privacy and sun exposure. Dede and I would be disappointed if our southerly neighbor wanted to go up. Please reconsider your decision."

Ann Rogers, Jarred Fobian's immediate neighbor, explained to me that she and her husband (Ted) had issues with Jarred's plan for remodeling his home, including adding a second story. Would I consider reading information about the remodel, then responding to the City with my feelings? I did as asked.

We remodeled our kitchen in 1994. We wanted to enlarge the kitchen by pushing out the back wall, including relocating windows. The City said "No, your house is on the Heritage List. Nothing can be changed on the exterior." I changed the plan because of this. Apparently, Alameda is now more open to change if the Craftsman Bungalow characteristics are retained. But because of the small lot size (ours is 50' x 50', like the others on Sterling), expansion means going up or down. I studied the 3244 architectural plans closely. 3244 will look much like my neighbor's home, the only original 2-story house on Sterling, successfully retaining the charm and characteristics of the entire 40-house block. Oliver and Darcy Albrecht's home (3211) was expanded by going down, enlarging their basement, a simpler but still complicated procedure that retains the Heritage characteristics.

Reviewing Jarred's plans also changed my mind about Ann's concerns for privacy and lighting. The plans show that there are only two added windows on the adjacent side of 3244: one over the stairwell, the other across from the front of Ann's house, near her fireplace and stained glass windows.

Also, the architect's shadow study reveals that, surprisingly, little or no change in the shadow cast by the larger building will affect Ann and Ted's home.

Because I have changed my mind about Jarred Fobian's planned remodel of 3244 Sterling Avenue, I offer this explanation. I am in favor of the 3244 plan, and look forward to seeing it completed successfully.



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March 30, 2016, 2016

Planning Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

Re: Letter in Support of Design Review Application No. PLN 16-0039

My name is Dr. Stewart Chen and my family and I reside at 3255 Sterling Avenue. I have reviewed the plans for the Fobian Family's Design Review Application No. PLN 16-0039 at 3244 Sterling Avenue and believe that it will be an attractive addition to our street. Sterling Avenue is a truly charming neighborhood; both the people and the homes that line the street have made this a wonderful place to call home. However, we are faced with the reality that as homeowners we have rather small lots, which do not allow for horizontal additions. And, as families grow, if they wish to remain here on Sterling Avenue, going up is often the only viable option.

Upon review of the Design Review Approval Notice, it is evident that the Fobian Family has proposed a project that is in line with the City's rules and regulations and does not seek anything more than any other homeowner on our street would be entitled to. The Fobian Family's updated home will be a beautiful addition to the Sterling Avenue streetscape, similar to the original two-story home located at 3220 Sterling Avenue. The proposed plans demonstrate that the Fobian Family has gone to great lengths to ensure that the addition mimics their existing structure, yet on a smaller scale. With the reduced height at the front of the home and the step back from the existing structure, a smaller gable, and no structure above their large covered porch, they have proposed a project that does an admirable job of balancing their need for a larger space with the historic character of their home and our street. I also understand that the proposed plans were drafted with neighboring property owner's privacy in mind. For these reasons, I strongly support the proposed project and urge you to uphold staff's recommended approval.

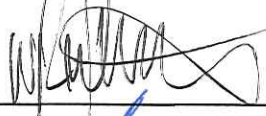
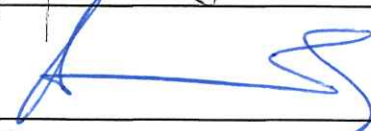

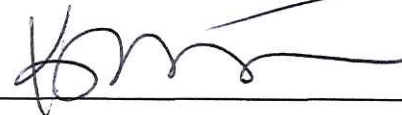

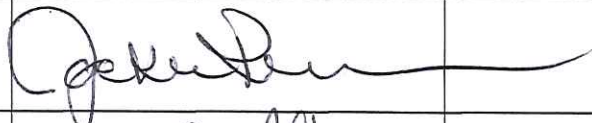



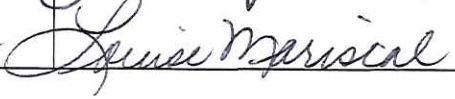
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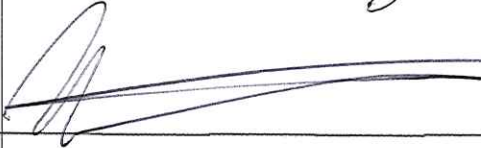
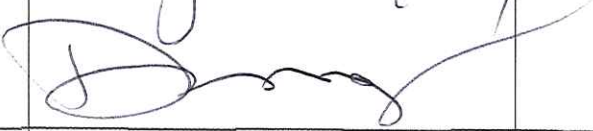
Dr. Stewart Chen
3255 Sterling Ave
Alameda, CA 94501

CC: Mayor Trish Spencer

I/We have reviewed the proposed plans for a second story addition at 3244 Sterling Ave, PLN 16-0039 and have no objections to City staff's recommended approval of the project.

Name	Address	Signature	Comments
Bill MARTINEZ	3271 STERLING AVE		
ALEX VARADY	3220 STERLING		
Eric MADARASZ	3266 Sterling Ave		
Kathleen Berland	3267 Sterling Ave.		
Eli Berland	3267 Sterling Ave.		
Jackie Repsold	3286 Sterling Ave		
TODD REPSOLD	3286 STERLING AVE		
MARSHALL RABER	3276 STERLING AVE		
Joe Mariscal	3221 Sterling Ave		
Louise Mariscal	3221 Sterling Ave		

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Name	Address	Signature	Comments
Kathryn Hill	3206 Sterling	Kathryn Hill	
Sue A. Cobery	3241 Sterling	Sue A Cobery	
Matt Attaway	3254 Sterling Ave		
Stephen Kling	3203 Sterling Ave.	SLG	
Sydney J. Joly	3203 Sterling	Sydney Joly	
Darryl Novo	3211 Sterling		
Patricia M Conway	3200 Sterling Ave	Patricia M Conway	This is ridiculous - Call me if needed!!! (510) 865-2102
Janae Goe	3217 Sterling Ave	