

Ryan and Nicole Blake Clausnitzer
1427 Bay Street
Alameda, CA 94501

May 31, 2016

Alameda City Hall
Attn: Planning Board
2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 190
Alameda, CA 94501



RE: June 13th Planning Commission Hearing Project Owners' Statement on PLN16-0026

Dear members of the Planning Board:

We apologize for not being able to personally attend the hearing regarding our home addition. Ryan manages a Special District and pre-paid to attend an annual conference several months ago. We could have asked our two young children, ages 3 and 1, to speak on our behalf, but decided against it. Both of us attend and comment at City Council meetings, as well as the Transportation Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and Planning Board. Nicole serves on Alameda's Social Services Human Relations Board; Ryan is a former appointed Trustee representing Alameda on the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement Board. Unfortunately, we will not be present at this meeting, the hearing that affects our family the most.

We love Alameda. We love where we live: our healthy relationships with our neighbors, daily visits to our neighborhood parks, proximity to bike lanes and bus lines, nearby restaurants and shops, the Mastick Senior Center resources, and walking distance to Nicole's mother-in-law. We respect the direction of the Planning Department in Alameda, and that is why we chose to live here. Ryan was trained in city planning, works closely with several city and county planning departments, and reviews plans in his current career. We are satisfied with the Planning Department's most recent recommendations that we have incorporated into our design, and feel that it is a workable plan that respects the historic nature of the original home in the front, while improving and tastefully enlarging the newer addition at the rear of our home. Our ultimate goal of undertaking this stressful endeavor is that we would like our home to be where our children grow up and where we grow old together.

Thank you, Board members, for your consideration and (hopeful) support on the project. Mr. Daniel Hoy will be representing us and effectively communicating our intent at the hearing.

Sincerely,


Ryan and Nicole Blake Clausnitzer



David Sablan
Planner 1
City of Alameda, Permit Center

Dear Sir,

My name is Kathleen Fennelly. Our family has lived on Bay Street for almost 30 years.

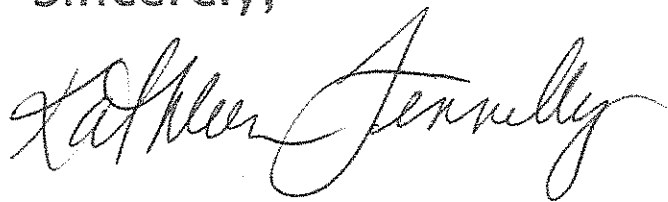
We raised our two sons here. They went to local schools, had friends in the neighborhood, and enjoyed the kind of childhood that brings people to live in Alameda. Safe, friendly, family orientated.

Our neighbors, Ryan Clausnitzer and Nicole Blake have been a great addition to our neighborhood since moving in about 4 years ago. They have two small children and one tiny house. They want to give their kids that childhood.

This house needs more room for their growing family . Their plan will add that. The added third

story would not detract from the neighborhood. Another house 2 doors down is just as tall. The addition would give Ryan and Nicole the space they need and allow them to stay in the neighborhood they love.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Fennelly". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping underline.

Kathleen Fennelly
1430 Bay Street

May 25, 2016

The Planning Board - City of Alameda.

The project PLN16-0026 coming up
for a public hearing on Monday
June 13, 2016 at City Hall.

We as neighbors of Nicole Blake &
Ryan Clausnitzer & residing at 1428
Bay St, have no problem at all with
their intended addition to their home.
In fact it will enhance their property
& raise the value quite a bit.

Plus you get good neighbors you
want to keep them.

Curtis & Esther Ward
1428 Bay St.
Alameda, CA 94501



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2263 Santa Clara Avenue
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Debra O'Farrell
1440 Bay Street
Alameda, CA 94501

May 18, 2016

Dear Planning Board:

We support the owners, Ryan Clausnitzer and Nicole Blake of 1427 Bay Street, decision to build an extension to their home.

Ryan and Nicole and their two children are a wonderful addition to our neighborhood. Before they moved into 1427 Bay Street nearly four years ago, the property was owned by a family who was dangerous, disruptive and questionable to say the least.

Ryan and Nicole and their family moving to 1427 Bay Street helped to change the character of this block in a very positive way. It's so nice to see their two children playing out front and to watch them grow. Also, after the previous neighbors who occupied 1427 Bay Street, it is comforting to know that the house is owned by a nice family who wants to continue to live in the property on a permanent basis.

They have been great neighbors and we believe that the extension they will build will further enhance the value of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Debra O'Farrell
1440 Bay Street
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