

## LETTER FROM THE SELLERS

# 1098 Versailles Avenue, Alameda

Our family had lived in Alameda for over 10 years. The past 4 and half years were spent in one of the best homes we have ever lived in – 1098 Versailles. If you are new to Alameda, you will learn that there are two distinct camps of people who live in this charming town. Long-time residents pronounce our street name ver – sales (rhymes with tails). Newer residents seem to lean toward the French pronunciation ver-sigh. Give it a try and see which camp you want to join.

One thing that everyone in town agree on is that this is by far the best neighborhood on the Island. The schools are tremendous and if you have children they will find many kids in just a two block radius. Washington Street has an annual block party that is really fun, with live music games and refreshments. Dozens of amazing restaurants on Park Street are a short walk away. Encinal Market (on High and Encinal) is a great independent grocer that sources locally grown produce and baked goods and has a well-stocked butcher counter with fresh seafood, chicken and meats. I should also let you know that two blocks away there is Versailles hardware, the only hardware store/pharmacy anywhere. BTW – they are firmly in the ver-sigh camp.

Our house has indoor and outdoor spaces for every mood in any season. The soaring ceilings in the living room, kitchen, and master bedroom create a sense of calm throughout. On hot days – open up the windows and doors for wonderful cross breezes – especially in the master bedroom. The downstairs and guest room stay cool in the summer, a well-insulated in the winter, and get plenty of natural light. The spacious kitchen has plenty of room to prepare delicious meals cooked on the Viking range – which is my favorite features in the house.

From May through November you may find yourself spending most of your time on one of the two amazing decks. The side deck was our “front porch” where we could watch as neighbors walk their dogs, ride bikes, or take a stroll. It stays sunny all day and gets fantastic bay breezes that cool things down at night. The back deck provides great privacy and lets you choose between sun or shade with the covered section acting as a three- season room that is protected from rain and high winds. The garden is filled with drought-resistant plants that provide color throughout the year. Humming birds and butterflies can always be spotted in the summer and are great to watch while sipping a drink in the garden.

Every room in the house has features that have been lovingly restored or remodeled. Most of the work was done by us with the intension that we would stay for many years. An out-of-state job opportunity has provided us with a new adventure, but we will sorely miss Alameda and our wonderful house on ver-sigh.

– Sellers of 1098 Versailles Avenue