

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

4421 Harbor View, Oakland

When we bought this house, ten years ago, we wrote a letter to the then owner. It was a love letter filled with admirations for its charm and hopes for the life we wished to have in it, for we fell in love with this house the minute we walked in. This letter is no different, it's a love letter full of the knowledge of the life we had while we lived there.

From room to room, this house is full of sweetness, charm, and beauty. The circular shape of the upstairs lends itself to ease of movement and the back wall with windows in the kitchen, dining room, and living room give way to dramatic views of the backyard and the San Francisco bay. The kitchen is filled with light from morning to evening which makes it a pleasure to cook in and spend time. The downstairs living room and bedroom make the perfect guest quarters or can serve as a quiet spot overlooking the backyard. On winters evenings watching the sunset from the couch while there's a roaring fire in the fireplace is cozy perfection. In the nicer months, watching sunsets while barbequing on the deck or sitting in the backyard is spectacular. It has been a wonderful place for entertaining friends and family.

We updated the plants in the landscaping to mostly drought tolerant and native species as well as installing the vegetable garden on the lower level. Swapping/sharing vegetables with the neighbors is quite gratifying as most of them have their own gardens as well.

This neighborhood is incredibly friendly. The neighbors make it a point to stay in touch, invite each other to gatherings, and there is usually an annual block party on Huntington street. Walking to the annual Laurel Street Faire in August is a treat. Strolling to Degrees Plato for tacos and craft beers, picking up some home-cooked style food from Communité Table, walking to a yoga class at Asana studio, or grabbing a kettle corn treat at Peter's, or brunching at Sequoia Diner are all local favorites.

We have been tremendously spoiled by the great food and drink choices in this neighborhood, not to mention the proximity of both Farmer's Joe's locations, The Food Mill, and newly remodeled Safeway. It would be quite easy to stay local and have everything you need, however exploring other Oakland neighborhoods with both highway 580 and 13 being nearby is effortless. That said, the ease of hopping on the freeway for commute reasons is superb as well as there being a Transbay bus pickup and casual carpool pickup at High St and Macarthur.

We have loved living in this house. It's a wonderful house and we hope the next owners will be as happy as we were in this house.

- Sellers of 4421 Harbor View