

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

2950 El Monte Avenue, Oakland

When my husband and I first visited the home on El Monte, it was on a whim. We were enjoying a Sunday in Oakland and wanted to drive up to the King Estates to take a walk and enjoy the view. We happened upon the Open House and took a peek inside.

The home had such amazing energy. Even though we were in the city, we walked up stairs into a little house in the redwoods, and there was green outside every window. We loved the light, the original flooring inlays, the built in bookshelves and the fireplace. We loved the garden, with its fruit trees and roses and veggie beds. We loved the little clawfoot tub. We loved all of it!

We have enjoyed living in El Monte for three years. We have raised two charming toddlers in the home, running up and down the hallways, playing on the patio, planting tomatoes and peppers and walking alongside neighbors up the street to the park and hiking trails. We invested in the house, putting in a new foundation, new appliances, new retaining walls, planting beautiful California native trees and succulents that will only continue to grow and blossom.

We are moving now to share our home with our parents, so they can be around their grandchildren, but it is with a heavy heart. El Monte was a wonderful house for us, we threw great parties in the yard, we got to know our neighbors, and we watched fireworks and sunsets from the hilltop. We explored both Oakland and San Leandro's restaurants, parks and lakes. We visited the Zoo, the Botanical Gardens at Lake Merritt and the hiking trails near Chabot. Less fun, but as convenient, was our commute to work, in Oakland and for my husband in San Francisco. It has been a great home for our family.

I really hope that the next owners of this home enjoy it as much as we have. I hope you guys treasure the light through the windows, the trees and the warmth of the space as a whole.

Sarah, Dashiell, Miles and Noah