

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

## 1018 59th Street, Oakland

Dear Home Buyer,

I fell in love with this property when I first saw it 12 years ago, and I know you'll fall in love, too!

The beautiful bungalow drew me in with its charming 1920s architectural details — the gleaming hardwood floors, the built-in china hutch, brick fireplace mantel work, and the original iron bathtub. I also appreciated the roomy kitchen and ample storage space. The basement was the perfect workshop area as I made improvements around the property over the years.

My favorite thing about living at this house was the large garden area. One of my first projects was removing a large concrete pad and building up soil in the deep lot's northwest corner. I planted several fruit trees when I first moved in, which now provide bountiful harvests of apricots, nectarines, peaches, apples, figs, and an ongoing supply of Meyer lemons. (I became a prolific jammer and canner!) I also enjoyed growing vegetables in the raised beds and barrel planters and raising chickens (fresh eggs) and bees (local honey). The Tuesday Farmer's Market is also a great spot for picking out organic, seasonal produce.

You'll see that I strategically planted drought-tolerant and native flowering plants designed to attract butterflies. Spending time in the backyard is truly a pleasure in the summer as you watch hummingbirds and butterflies sip nectar from the salvia, buddleia, and dahlia planted throughout the garden. A Cooper's Hawk likes to spend time in the neighbor's walnut tree. I never used pesticides during the time that I lived at this house.

Aside from the bungalow, I'm going to miss the neighborhood. The house is a few minutes from San Pablo Avenue restaurants, Berkeley Bowl market, Trader Joes, and the Bay Street shopping center in Emeryville. Commuting from the Ashby BART station makes getting around the East Bay and going into San Francisco super easy. The house is also a short walk to a Transbay bus stop and 5 minutes from the Bay Bridge toll plaza.

I cherished the time I spent building a perfect habitat for people and pollinators at 1018 59th Street. My wish for the next owners is that you also flourish and bloom here.

- Seller of 1018 59th Street