

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

6466 Westover Drive, Oakland

Dear Prospective Buyers,

Thank you for looking at our home!

6 years ago we set out to look for our first family home, one where we could raise our son, get a dog, and have a space to host family gatherings. We were drawn to modern architecture with its sleek lines, but we also wanted it to have an artistic flair. As soon as we saw this home, we knew it was it! We instantly fell in love with the height and how every room brought in a sense of nature. It was grand, but not audacious, large, but not overwhelming. And it had an elevator, so we didn't have to lug groceries up any stairs. Yay!

We loved hosting family gatherings here. I mean, we haven't really been able to do that over the last year, but even if we wanted to, it was possible because the deck opens right up to the living room. We even made our deck super cozy - we had a sun shade for super hot days, and artificial turf to cover the deck if we wanted to change things up. (Both will be left for you!) Devon is a musician and he fell in love with the studio space on the first floor. He decked it out with soundproofing elements that made jamming to music possible. We'd turn on the Philips Hue lights to pink, and the chandeliers would glow while the recording studio was on. Once our son was ready for kindergarten we were ecstatic to be zoned for Joaquin Miller, which was also voted the "Best Public Elementary School" by Bay Area Parent magazine in their "Best of the East Bay 2020" reader's poll! Our favorite part of the house is the kitchen. We love to cook, and host gatherings. Shortly after moving in we remodeled the kitchen and love how the light shines in the morning sun. In the afternoon the hills light up and everything is so dreamy.

Last year, long before we knew we were moving, the lot next door came up for sale. We had envisioned opening up the family room where the TV currently hangs, and adding in more sliding doors to a second walk-out deck. This deck would be larger (maybe even space for a hot tub if I got my way), and then open up to a terraced garden. We even thought about adding a wrap around deck from the upstairs guest bedroom that would wrap around to that side of the house, and even adding in sliding doors from the upstairs hallway, making a multi-level deck - doesn't that sound amazing! And, because we own the lot, we didn't have to pay the new Vacant Land Tax.

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The Oakland Hills offered us so much more than we ever expected. The Montclair Railroad trail was great for hiking. We also love the proximity to Montclair Village. The Village is so cute, and we loved walking around the cute shops before doing our grocery shopping. And Daughter Thai has the best Thai food around - you must try it!

One interesting fact about our home that we wanted to share - the first floor was originally designed to be an adult film studio. What?!? That is why there is a separate entrance. The house was never actually used that way, as the film director who commissioned the plans ended up selling the lot and the plans to the eventual owner & builder (who built it to spec, and whom we bought it from). We have the original blueprints for the house that will be given to the next owner.

A couple of months ago we got the news that Devon's job was taking him to New York. He always traveled there for work, but is now needed full time. Unfortunately we did not get to build out or dream yard, but we did create many other memories that we will take with us. We hope that the next owner creates as many memories here as we did.

Sincerely,

Emily, Devon, Judah and Coda (the dog)