

## Tracy Tam

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**From:** Tricia Biocini [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 2, 2025 10:31 AM  
**To:** Tracy Tam  
**Subject:** Re: New Construction 2645 Rebeiro (PLN25-00387)

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Dear Ms. Tam,

I have been living at 660 Marshall Court in Santa Clara for almost 40 years. My husband and I installed solar panels on our rooftop about 22 years ago because we wanted to help slow down the effects of global warming. We had three young children at home and wanted to do our part to make their world a better place.

Even though it was an expensive project, we thought it was the right thing to be proactive. We put on enough panels to zero out our energy use.

The California Solar Rights Act (1978) was "...created to promote and encourage the widespread use of solar energy systems and to protect and facilitate adequate access to sunlight which is necessary to generate energy systems" (California's Solar Act, Dec. 2014).

The idea was to "reduce the state's dependence on non-renewable fossil fuels, supplement energy sources and decrease air and water pollution" (CA Solar Act, 12/2014). These are goals that are important to all of our futures to live healthy lives and have less climate disasters.

There is a plan to build a two story home behind my home (2645 Rebeiro) that could block my south facing solar panels from producing energy. I wanted to bring this to your attention because my panels have been there for years producing energy to use electricity in my home. The possibility of building a two story that will block my southern exposure even partially will alter the amount of energy that my panels produce.

Even though we need housing in our community, I hope that our city is committed to helping build a better future for citizens.

This will be an issue that comes up more often as homeowners want to expand their living spaces. It is important to be fair about your decisions and that environmental factors are taken into consideration.

I am hoping that the project can be modified to allow for sunlight to continue to shine on my panels.

Please notify me when you have a date for the Planning Commission meeting that discusses this project.

Thank you,

Patricia Biocini

660 Marshall Court  
Santa Clara  
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 4:27 PM Tricia Biocini [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you Tracy., I will write up a letter in the next couple of weeks.

Patricia Biocini

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 4:05 PM Tracy Tam <[TTam@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:TTam@santaclaraca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Patricia,

Thank you for your email. The project hasn't been set for a public meeting yet, but I certainly welcome your feedback at this stage. You may address the letter to myself.

Thank you,

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**From:** Tricia Biocini [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 16, 2025 12:23 PM  
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**Subject:** New Construction 2645 Rebeiro

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Hi Tracy,

I received the Notice Of Development Proposal yesterday, November 15, for 2645 Rebeiro Avenue (PLN25-00387) in the mail.

I live at 660 Marshall Court which is behind the proposed new construction.

I am concerned about this project because I have solar panels on my roof facing south. Since the house is going to be two stories and very large it may block the sun from hitting my panels during parts of the day.

I know there is a solar shade law and another California Law that protects homeowners who have solar panels on their roof.

I know that Santa Clara strives to be a green city, so I would assume the city encourages its residents to install solar panels on their roof.

I am assuming there will be a meeting that the public can attend, but it was not listed on the flyer.

Could you please contact me with the date of a meeting on the project?

Who should I address a formal letter to?

Thank you,

Patricia Biocini