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Cc: Lesley Xavier <LXavier@santaclaraca.gov>

Subject: August 20, 2025 DRH Meeting RE: Concerns Regarding Proposed Development @ 271
Madrone Avenue

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DRH Meeting 8/20/25
RTC 25-856
Item 7

Good Morning,

Your email has been received in the Planning Division and by way of my reply I am including the appropriate Planning Division Staff for their information. Please note, your comments will be part of the public record on this item.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your input.

Regards,

ELIZABETH ELLIOTT | Staff Aide II

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From: Sachin Vaidya <vaidyasd@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 12:09 AM

To: Planning Public Comment <PlanningPublicComment@santaclaraca.gov>

Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Development @ 271 Madrone Avenue

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Date: August 18, 2025

To:
Santa Clara Planning Department
City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Subject: Objection to Proposed Demolition and Reconstruction at 271 Madrone Ave

Dear Planning Department,

I am writing as the immediate neighbor residing at 261 Madrone Ave to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed demolition and reconstruction project at 271 Madrone Ave. The scale, height, and design of the proposed structure appear disproportionate to the character of our neighborhood and raise several issues that I respectfully request the Planning Department to reconsider.

Specific Concerns:

1. Privacy and Noise Impact from ADU Placement

The proposed attached ADU borders three bedrooms in my home. Its rear entrance and placement of living and kitchen areas adjacent to these bedrooms pose significant privacy and noise concerns, especially during evenings and nighttime.

2. Insufficient Setback

The setback from the adjacent property for the ADU is inadequate and exacerbates the privacy and noise issues.

3. Light Pollution from Wall Sconces

The right side of the proposed design includes three wall sconces. Their potential operation throughout the night or activation due to traffic may cause light disturbances to the bedrooms @ 261 Madrone Ave.

4. Second-Floor Window Overlooking Private Areas

A second-floor office window faces the right side of the property, directly overlooking bedrooms and a swimming pool in my backyard, raising further privacy concerns.

5. Misleading Architectural Renderings

The architect's rendering of the adjacent house is wrong. It misrepresents the relative spacing between homes, showing the new construction in line with other houses. But so much of the house is built in the front in misalignment with other houses that this misrepresentation could mislead the review process.

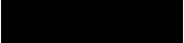
6. Discrepancy in Site Plan vs. Artistic Rendering

The site plan shows one concrete curb cut, one driveway, and two hardscape areas, while the artistic rendering depicts two distinct driveways. This inconsistency needs clarification.

The new design has multiple roof-lines, multiple large driveways, reduced green space. It contrasts the simple homes typical of this neighbourhood.

I urge the Planning Department to carefully review these concerns and consider the impact on neighboring residents before approving the proposed design.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sachchidanand Vaidya
261 Madrone Ave
Santa Clara, CA


Summer Foss

From: Janey Chan <janeychan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 3:46 PM
To: Summer Foss; lindy coburn
Subject: Re: 271 Madrone Plans and Comment Letter

Hi Summer,

I met with the owners of the 271 Madrone project and would like to include a condition of approval that prior to the issuance of permits, the applicant will reduce the upper story windows on the second floor, left elevation to a maximum of 20" and windows should be frosted/opaque glass.

Could you please let me know when the last comment letter can be submitted in case I have any other comments to add?

Thank you so much,
Janey

On Tue, Aug 12, 2025 at 8:18 AM Summer Foss <SFoss@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

Hello, I hope all is well. The project was deemed complete and will be going to Development Review Hearing on Wednesday August 20th at 4pm. You should be receiving a notice.

I am happy to share the plans with you. As we discussed previously the owner has stated that the 3D renderings are not an accurate representation of their landscape plans. See attached for plans.

Sincerely,

Summer Foss | Assistant Planner

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From: Lindy <lindycoburn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 10:06 PM
To: Summer Foss <SFoss@SantaClaraca.gov>
Cc: janeychan@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 271 Madrone Plans and Comment Letter

Hi Summer,

Could you provide an update on the project? Did the applicant submit revised plans and has it been deemed complete?

Please share the latest plan set and the applicant's response to your incomplete letter.

Thanks!

Lindy

On Jul 9, 2025, at 3:01 PM, Summer Foss <SFoss@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Dear Janey and Lindy,

Thank you both for your interest in the proposed project at 271 Madrone. Per your request, I've attached the most recent plans and the comment letter I provided to the applicant during the last review.

I'll be bringing this project to our staff meeting tomorrow to gather additional internal feedback from my colleagues. I'll be sure to share any relevant updates with you as the review progresses.

In the meantime, I look forward to hearing any thoughts or concerns you or your neighbors may have after reviewing the attached documents.

Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Cheers,

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