From:	Lucy Garcia
To:	Lucy Garcia
Subject:	FW: Feedback of the updated proposal at 3885 Baldwin drive.
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From: Tiffany Vien <TVien@SantaClaraCA.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 9:21 AM

**To:** Steve Xu Planning Public Comment <PlanningPublicComment@santaclaraca.gov> **Subject:** RE: Feedback of the updated proposal at 3885 Baldwin drive.

Hello Steve,

This is a confirmation that we have received your comment.

Your email will be part of the public record on this item. Should you wish to participate in Wednesday's meeting, the Zoom information is located on the <u>DRH agenda on the city's website meeting page</u>.

Thank you,

Tiffany Vien | Associate Planner

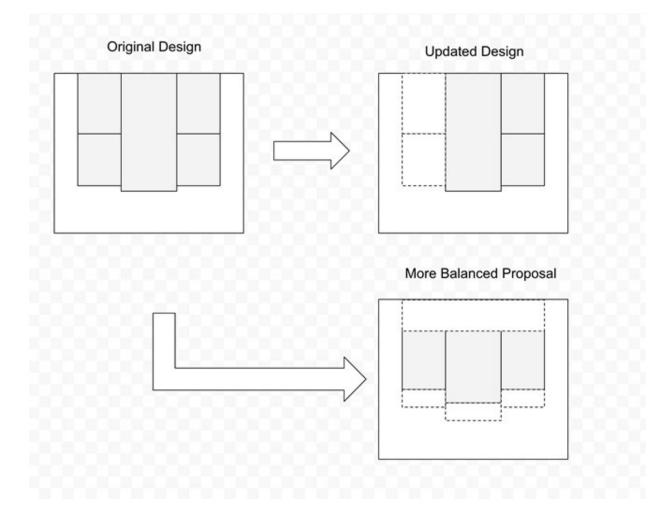
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From: Steve Xu Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 11:05 PM To: Planning Public Comment <<u>PlanningPublicComment@santaclaraca.gov</u>> Cc: Tiffany Vien <<u>TVien@SantaClaraCA.gov</u>> Subject: Feedback of the updated proposal at 3885 Baldwin drive.

Dear Planning Committee members,

I am the neighbor living next to the proposed construction at 3885 Baldwin Drive. I have reviewed the updated design carefully. The only change seems to be the removal of the two second floor rooms on the left hand side. This change introduces several issues. First, since the second floor has not been centered in the space, the building looks unbalanced. This is a regression of the overall design, since the original design was symmetrical and balanced. Secondly, this redesign does not address the neighbors' concerns regarding privacy and blocking of sunlight. Is it possible to rebalance the second floor to make it symmetrical again? A rough sketch looks like the picture below:



First, the balanced proposal is symmetrical and more aesthetically pleasing. Second, it converts one north-facing bedroom into a south-facing bedroom, which will receive more sunshine, and therefore will be brighter and warmer. Third, the new room on the left sits partially on top of the garage, instead of a bedroom, so even if the second floor is noisy the first floor will not have issues. Fourth, separated second floor bedrooms would provide more privacy to the people living inside. Fifth, the more balanced design removes a side window on the right, which will reduce the privacy concerns of the neighbors. Last, the additional setback from the front will block less sunshine for the neighbors. This would be a welcome improvement.

Please consider the more balanced proposal, which would improve the look of the neighborhood, the satisfaction of the surrounding neighbors, and the owners' lives.

Thanks, Steve