

To whom it may concern:

Mark and I met in the dorms at Santa Clara University our freshmen year. After graduating, and getting married in the SCU Mission a couple years later, our dream was to settle down in the same beloved neighborhood where our relationship began. We would walk to the farmers market in Franklin Square and envision a weekly tradition of walking to get a breakfast burrito and fresh fruit as a family. We bought a little condo on Monroe Street in Santa Clara right after getting married, and this home, serendipitously also on Monroe Street, is the perfect place to settle down and raise our growing family.

The beautiful, circa 1893, Queen Anne style home is our dream home, not just for its location, but also for its incredible character and history. We are committed to preserving the historic beauty of our home. This stately corner house is already listed as a house of historical significance in the City of Santa Clara. The distinctive gables define the 19th century era of the Old Quad. The second floor addition in 1975 was meticulously built to be consistent with the Queen Anne style, which led to the house being placed on the list of historically significant homes after the impeccable done addition.

We are a young family, with an 18 month old son, and a daughter due in March 2021. Raising a family in Silicon Valley is very expensive, and we want to prioritize maintaining our gorgeous home throughout the years to come. Given this tumultuous year and future financial uncertainty, the Mills Act enables us to afford the work this historic home deserves. We feel obligated and proud to keep this house in pristine condition, but sadly, our financial situation does not allow us to do all that we want and is necessary to do.

With the Mills Act, we intend to put all the tax savings back into the house, in addition to applying additional funds when needed. The Mills Act will enable us to sustain this dignified home for decades. Since purchasing the home a few short months ago, we have already completed necessary work on the home, while working to maintain the historic nature of the home. See the list of items we have already completed on the next page. We intend to continue the work we have already started in order to ensure this home is restored appropriately.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you over the years to come.

Sincerely,

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List of Already Completed Work on the Home

1. Resolved the leak in the roof by the basement entrance by replacing roofing and flashing. There was also dry rot found in the same area as the leak, so we went ahead and replaced that dry rot as well. A new gutter in that area was also installed to better direct rain flow.
2. Replaced flooring upstairs with high quality laminate flooring as carpet smelled of pet urine, which made the living space inhabitable.
3. Upon pulling out the carpet, we also discovered excessive mold in one bedroom. We had a contractor remove the molding areas and treated it before installing the new flooring.
4. We tented the entire structure for termites (termites were excessive). We also had the termite company do spot treatment on some areas to further prevent termites in the future.
5. There was one area on the outside of the house where the crown molding was either rotting away or bit away by rats, who had been entering the interior of the home through the opening. We restored the crown moulding to its original, historic nature while closing up the space so rodents can no longer intrude.
6. Replaced broken or missing light fixtures throughout the home. Many have been replaced with era pieces!