

## LETTER FROM THE SELLER

# 6579 Saroni Drive, Oakland

Dear Future Owners of 6579 Saroni Drive,

We wanted to write a letter to the prospective buyers of this unique home because it holds such a special place in our hearts.

When we first discovered this home and the incredible neighborhood 5 years ago, we were excited to picture our young boys, Julian and Jasper (who were 2 years and 7 months at the time), growing up on Saroni Drive. We were impressed with the strong sense of community and the many friendly neighbors with young children who welcomed us. This is particularly true at Halloween, when residents join forces to decorate and close the road to traffic so kids from miles around can visit the street for treats. Rumor has it, there even are treats for the grown-ups! We made lifelong friends here, and we know you will find similar friendships and warmth.

6579 Saroni charmed us with its unique layout. We loved having the boys' bedrooms nearby when they were young. Having a separate kids' bathroom they could share was also great. We hosted many parties (before social distancing!), and the ease of entry to the outdoor space made bbq's and socializing simple. We also loved everything the yard offered, including the lovely lemon tree in the center. Our kids enjoyed the hammock, a bouncy house, and even outdoor movie nights out there.

We turned the bonus space downstairs into my cozy office (AT&T offers gigabit fiber to this address which is great for home workers!), and the guest room was good for kids movie nights as well as a great spot for my Mum and Dad to stay when they visited from the UK. Guests appreciated the privacy and having their own bathroom. The previous owners used it as lodging for their au pair because it has a private side entrance. We freshened up the bathroom a year ago to add a touch of glam for our guests.

The house is well located in the Montclair hills. It's a great place to walk and get lost in nature. We often headed up Colton Road to Skyline, where there is excellent hiking, running and cycling. (If you like mountain biking, Joaquin Miller has amazing trails). While exploring the neighborhood, we found secret stairs down to the Village and a trail leading down to the railroad trail that ends just above all the shops. We enjoyed getting the boys up early in the morning to hike in Sibley, where we'd see hundreds of bunnies hopping across the trail. On school days, the commute to the excellent Montclair elementary school was quick and easy.

While we are sad to leave our friends and neighbors while we embark on our next adventure, we know that the next folks who live at 6579 will enjoy the diversity of the neighborhood. Good people, access to Montclair Village, great trails and outdoor life, random visits from beautiful deer and the occasional turkeys have all shaped our time at Saroni Drive. We hope you get as much from living here as we have.

Warm Regards,

The Harper Family