

From: [Pai Homes LLC](#)
To: [Los Altos Planning Commission](#)
Subject: comments for PPR19-0008 - HOMETEC Architecture - 140 Lyell Street
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Dear Los Altos Planning Commission -

Pai Homes submits these comments in regard to the project proposed for 140 Lyell Street in Los Altos.

Pai Homes owns the property located at 134 Lyell Street, one of the five properties directly adjacent on the west boundary of 140 Lyell Street. Located upstairs, our unit overlooks what is currently the backyard where the developer proposes to place several 2-story units.

When we bought the property, we knew we faced the possibility of new construction next door. What we didn't expect was the prospect of essentially losing all of the expansive view to the east and, more importantly, losing so much privacy. The proposed project shows bedrooms on the second floor with five-foot picture windows face to face with the large windows on our property. See the photo and detail of the site map attached. Is there no requirement for privacy particularly in the light of the disproportionate impact of the proposed variances, particularly for height and setback, the developer wants?

We request to see design modifications that ameliorate the privacy concerns without detracting from the limited shared space. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

In general, we appreciate the thought and design they've put into the plans, and look forward to a cooperative construction phase.

Finally, are you making any changes to construction guidelines (e.g., time, noise limits) given the significant increase in residents working full time from home in the foreseeable future?

In gratitude,

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Recreate what's not working.
Create from sustainability.



Detail from page 8 of staff report.

