LETTER FROM THE SELLER

229 Jennifer Way, Pleasant Hill

Dear Prospective Buyers,

Thank you for considering our house as your future home. We thought we would take a minute to explain why we love this home so much; to hopefully help you on your house hunting journey.

First, if you aren't too familiar with the area, Pleasant Hill is a fantastic city. It has a lovely small-town feel (cute locally owned restaurants, downtown 4th of July parade), but is so close to Walnut Creek, and also an easy drive to Berkeley and San Francisco. There are also an abundance of hikes and other outdoor activities available. This particular neighborhood in Pleasant Hill, Gregory Gardens, is (in our totally biased opinion) the absolute best. There are tons of couples and young families mixed with people who have owned in the neighborhood for a while and even some original owners, which makes for a really cool community. People are always outside walking (with kids, dogs, etc.) the streets of the neighborhood and the Contra Costa Canal Trail.

The neighborhood is close to downtown and the park, and everyone is so friendly and welcoming. Jennifer Way is particularly special. It's the type of street where there is no reason to be driving on it unless you live on it (or on one of the cul-de-sacs on either end), so you really don't get much in the way of cars driving through. The families all know (and look out for) each other, there are often kids playing in the street and neighbors talking in driveways. There are some truly incredible families on the street (who we are heartbroken to leave) and it's just a really cool little micro-community.

Then there is the house itself. It is such a gem and was a great first house for us. A wonderful large family room for entertaining, cozy fireplace in the living rooms for the winters, awesome primary bath and incredible walk-in closet, and a beautiful backyard (with delicious lemons and peaches as an added bonus). We have so many memories in that house and while life necessitated a move, we are sad to leave. Those walls have held space for so much life lived. So many game nights with friends in the family room, holiday dinners with family in the dining room, and BBQs in the backyard. We brought our kids home to this house after they were born and watched them take their first steps across those floors. Through it all, the good and the bad, this house has been our home. And we truly couldn't have asked for a better one. We hope that whoever ends up with this house loves it (and the street and neighborhood) as much as we did, and that it brings them the feelings that home should – peace, comfort, respite. A space to live life and share it with the people you love.

Regardless of whether you end up with this house – we wish you the best in your house hunting journey. We know (from experience) that it can be a process filled with excitement, but also stress and frustration, and we hope that in the end, it's all worth it and you end up with one you love and are thrilled to call home.

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