

Seller Letter

8309 Norris Canyon Road, Castro Valley

Welcome to our classic farmhouse in the middle of the East Bay! Where else can you be less than 15 minutes from the BART on one side and San Ramon City Center on the other but still see cows, horses, and goats out of your windows?

We looked at dozens of homes around the East Bay, and when we walked in, we knew it would be home. We fell in love with the warm wood and high ceilings in the great room, the bright windows and expansive window seats in the dining rooms, the kitchen with walk-in pantry, and the views of the hills all around. We loved the stained glass window downstairs and the storage throughout the house (it's remarkable how much can fit under those window seats).

The location of our house truly is wonderful. We can access BART or drive into San Ramon or Danville in just a few minutes. Las Trampas Regional Park is a short drive and has amazing hiking trails with gorgeous views. Cull Canyon Regional Park and Lake Chabot are also a short drive for warmer days. There are nearby playgrounds on both the Castro Valley and San Ramon sides. The Oakland Zoo is only 15 minutes away. The central location has been one of our favorite aspects of living here.

Through the last few years, we've added to the house little by little — replacing the kitchen appliances, adding double paned windows to the living and dining, adding electric solar shades, replacing the roof, adding lighting downstairs, adding French drains, adding a fenced yard, and more. We've also added a golden retriever and two kids to the mix!

Although we had to move away, there are so many memories we will cherish from our home: the upstairs flow made a perfect circle for our kids and dog to run around and chase each other; the family dinners in the dining room with the sun setting in the background; waking up in the mornings to light coming through the stained glass sunflowers in the bedroom; walking outside into what felt like our own secluded forest; playing fetch with our dog in the yard (who loved to run up and down the hill), and finally, coming home after a long day of work and feeling just a little bit better seeing the baby goats scamper on the hillside.

We know the next owners will love making new memories here.

Warmly,
Matt & Nicolle (plus the kids & dog)