

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

353 Wildrose Circle, Pinole

Dear Future Owners of 353 Wildrose,

For the past 8 years our family has called this house our home, and we have felt incredibly lucky to do so. We're sad to leave, but a new job in another town is calling.

This house has seen many birthday parties, Halloweens, and many other holidays and happy celebrations. In spite of the neighborhood being quiet and tucked away, our girls can report that Santa, the Tooth Fairy, and the Easter Bunny have had no trouble finding us.

To say that this neighborhood is family-friendly is an understatement. For years, our children have safely played in the street with others in the neighborhood, with an open garage door the unspoken signal that "we are open for play time!". This was especially true during the height of the Covid lockdown; we were so grateful to have our little neighborhood "pod" to keep some safe social interactions in place for our children, who would have been otherwise totally isolated.

Also during that time, this house and its helpful layout enabled us to reimagine spaces in ways that were conducive to remote work and school. When we moved here, we had a toddler and a newborn, and it's not an exaggeration to say that our whole family paradigm, and the world at large, changed dramatically during our time here. Hence, the central bonus room has been many things to us over the years; baby crawling practice, home classroom, home office, dining room, music room, yoga studio, and slumber party space.

This location is also ideally supportive of a commute into San Francisco and surrounding areas. We've always been grateful that it's close enough to the city to be convenient, but far away enough to be an oasis.

We are avid cooks and enjoy hosting family and friends; the eat-at counter has been a favorite focal point for every gathering; and in the spring and summer months, the flow from counter to backyard has felt so natural. It's lovely to be able to cook while chatting with guests.

Gardening is a favorite pastime of mine, and I have enjoyed the mixture of dappled shade and bright sunlight that the cozy backyard offers. I have loved cultivating a greenhouse garden in the kitchen window. Much of what now grows outside started as seedlings in that window, over the years. The geranium collection largely began as cuttings from all over the Bay Area, and one variety (the Maverick Orange) originated from seeds I ordered from England. Every variety tells a story - and because they were all planted at different times, you will enjoy a constant and ever-changing staggered pattern of multi-colored blooms that continue to surprise and delight from May until well into October.

I cannot say enough about this lovely backyard. There is an almost constant background of birdsong. When spring arrives and throughout the summer, hummingbirds visit daily, and on occasion, there's a neighborhood pair of doves who drop by to coo their hellos. Our dogs also love to sunbathe out there, on the warm bricks.

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One of our favorite features of this house is its close proximity to the Pinole Shores trailhead, where we have taken many beautiful walks and bike rides. On the Fourth of July, the trail is a perfect vantage point from which to watch the Hercules fireworks along with other neighbors. In fact, the walking trail is how we have made many friends here.

We have enjoyed making the place our own, with interior paint colors that brought us joy and peace, an updated kitchen to support all the cooking and family gatherings we enjoy... and of course, gardening.

We wish the new owners just as much peace, joy, and happy times in this house, as we have experienced.

Sincerely,

Angela, Chad, Ellie, and Hannah