

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

4209 Maple Avenue, Oakland

Dear prospective buyers,

When we first walked into 4209 Maple Ave, we immediately fell in love with the views of the Bay from the living room window. In the 14 years we lived in the house, that view never got old. We have enjoyed living in this house, taking full advantage of the relaxing park-like environment, the proximity to amenities and amazing restaurants and the tight knit community filled with lovely neighbors.

The most unique facet of the property is the forest-like oasis. Even though the house is located in a large city with all its conveniences, the lot is very private. In the upstairs bedroom, it feels like you're waking up in a treehouse, surrounded by oaks and even a couple of redwood trees. Our kids spent hours in the backyard playing with neighbors and having tea parties on the platform. We enjoyed the early morning quiet with a cup of coffee on the upstairs deck with a view of the Bay. Over the years, we added to the edible garden, planting blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, and a mandarin and lime tree. Recently we added a pomegranate, olive and aprium tree. Our favorite fruit tree is the Meyer lemon tree we planted at the front stairs soon after we moved in. This tree fruits like crazy, ensuring you have almost a year-round supply of delicious lemons.

During our time at 4209 Maple, we took full advantage of the variety of restaurants in the neighborhood. Wawa Thai for takeout, Communité Table for family dinners, Bombera for date nights, L'Acajou cafe for breakfast before a hike in Joaquin Miller Park, and on Summer Fridays, we walked down to Ghost Town Brewing with the kids and the dog and spent our evening in the Biergarten. Our weekly grocery shopping included stops at La Farine for fresh bread and croissants, and Farmer Joes for its incredible produce and wine selection.

The proximity to green spaces and outdoor activities is incredible. Within minutes, you can drive or cycle to the 500 acre Joaquin Miller park. The park has great walking and mountain bike trails for every level, a multitude of picnic areas and an amphitheater that puts on musicals every summer. Redwood and Roberts regional parks are also close by.

The Maple/Frye neighborhood is welcoming and community-oriented. We walked the Frye loop multiple times a week with our kids and would often stop to talk to the many neighbors out walking their dogs or gardening. We will miss the neighborhood traditions such as the pizza party and trick-or-treating on Halloween and the National Night Out cookout. On Friday mornings, we walked with the kids to Sequoia Elementary (a sweet neighborhood school with an amazing sense of community), and by the time we got to school, at least a dozen other students and parents had joined us.

We made many lovely memories in the 14 years we lived at 4209 Maple and we will miss this beautiful home and inviting neighborhood. We hope that you will enjoy this house as much as we did, and that it may bring you many great memories for years to come.

~ Seller 4209 Maple Avenue