

From: [Helen](#)
To: [PLANNING_ZHO](#)
Subject: Fwd: Tet Maria Gonzalez County File number PLN2026 - 00114 (Liu Q anchu) 16 San Juan Avenue in Menlo Park
Date: Monday, October 12, 2026 9:37:30 PM

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Tet Maria Gonzalez at planning_ zho@smcgov.org
County File number PLN2026 - 00114 (Liu [Q anchu](#))
Regarding my property at 16 San Juan Avenue in Menlo Park
Extending added concerns not addressed in my letter Dated May 18,2016

Sent to: Randall Cohen Project Manager
Planning and Building Department
1550ounty Center 2nd Floor Redwood City, Ca. 94063

1, AN INVASION OF PRIVACY

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with 15 Feet of solid glass and Sliding Glass Doors. And another 13 Feet

of Solid Glass and Windows for the Dining Room and a Bedroom.

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That has been some of the wonderful times everyone has enjoyed.

Plan A or B would make the back side of my building totally lose all privacy, Depending on the roof choice, the walls of this building

will be

12 Feet to 15 Feet tall. Any place from my property looking toward the fence it will appear to be an intrusive building against my fence.

In the last 50+ years, that I have owned this property. I raised my family and moved to a smaller place, preserving the family home by renting to qualified families. In all those years myself and all tenants haven't had to cover any glass windows or doors on the back side of the building because of the wonderful privacy it holds

have that small frosted bathroom window in the upper level facing my property. They also had the kitchen facing the side yard for the same reason

2. LOSS OF VALUE

My property is now very desirable because of the amount of privacy and serenity it offers.

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I believe the price of offering to sell will be greatly reduced because of of this addition..

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3. QUESTION REASON

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in order to maintain some needed privacy

Respectfully,
Helen Ward

From: [Helen](#)
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Subject: The referenced letter May 18,2016
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 10:54:19 AM

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Randall Cohen Project Planner
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455 County Center 2nd floor
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I sent another one this morning because reading your e-mail it appears my new computer omitted parts and added some that are not a part.
.I also sent copy of the Letter dated May 18 2016 that I made referenced to in my 10/12/2026 letter. Let me know if I need to resend again with May 19 2016 attached

In a message dated 10/13/2026 7:22:17 AM Pacific Daylight Time,
PLANNING_ZHO@smcgov.org writes:

Good morning, Helen,

This is to confirm that I have received public comment submitted via email.

Thank you,



Maria Gonzalez
Administrative Secretary III

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