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65TH STREET, OAKLAND

Dear Prospective Buyers,

When we first walked into this house in 2021, we felt its potential right away. It's the kind of home that wraps around you and makes you feel at ease, while also sparking excitement about all the possibilities it holds. Over the past few years, we've filled it with love, laughter, and countless memories.

The "back room" has been a cornerstone of so many of those moments. Its history started long before us as a martial arts studio run by previous owners. During the pandemic, it transformed into a pod school for neighborhood kids, providing a safe and creative space when the world felt uncertain. Since then, we've hosted intimate house concerts back there, where friends and neighbors have gathered to enjoy live music and connection. For a long time, we used it as a family rec room, with a pool table and air hockey table that became the center of game nights and many movie marathons. Most recently, we set it up as an Airbnb, offering guests a unique and spacious retreat. This room is endlessly versatile, and we know it will adapt beautifully to whatever inspires its next chapter.

One of the best things about living here has been having the park just a few doors down. Our kids have spent countless afternoons there, shooting hoops on the basketball court, meeting up with friends, or just running around to blow off steam after school. It's such a gift to have a space like that so close—whether it's a quick place to gather with other families or a spot to relax with a coffee while the kids play. The park has truly been an extension of our home.

The location of this house has been such a bonus in every way. Being just minutes from BART has made commuting a breeze, and we've loved being so close to Berkeley Bowl for groceries and amazing restaurants and coffee shops on Shattuck and Adeline. We've had countless cozy mornings at Nomad Cafe and delicious meals at Nick's Pizza, Kiraku, and Roses on Adeline. This neighborhood is full of hidden gems, and we've barely scratched the surface of all there is to discover.

And then there's the community. Our neighbors have been one of the best parts of living here. Brad and Tesilya, along with their children, live just a few doors down and have been incredibly warm and welcoming since the day we moved in. Right next door, Jennifer and Phil have been wonderful neighbors, always friendly and kind. On the other side, Susanna and Adam have always been thoughtful and respectful neighbors. The block is filled with families, and it's common to see kids riding bikes, neighbors catching up in their yards, and a real sense of community that's hard to come by.

This house has been a joyful chapter for our family, and while it's hard to leave, we're excited to pass it on to someone who will love it just as much as we have. It's a home that has so much to give, and we hope you'll feel the same sense of warmth and possibility that we did the first time we stepped through the door.

Warmly,

Jess Thayer