LETTER FROM THE SELLER

4660
DOLORES AVENUE, OAKLAND

We have loved our twenty-one years on Dolores Avenue. Way back, when we were much younger, we were extremely fortunate to get this house on a great street in the best part of Oakland, a city we have lived in for over forty-five years. We're pretty sure you'll grow to feel the same way, too, if you haven't already found that feeling during your house-hunting.

Our house, our home, has provided us with plenty of room, wonderful views, and a good community. We have good light, views out the back, and good sun out front in the afternoon. The one story feel up front and the elevated view over the canyon out the back provide us with different of place and space. The house has plenty of family and public spaces for everyone, and private places for each person. We're lucky to have a garage; most houses on our street don't. We love our decks for sitting, reading, thinking, skyscaping, viewing clouds, stars, the eastern vista, and the sunrise and moonrise. We value the variety of birds living in the canyon who visit us. We value our year round, very productive Meyer lemon trees as well as the apple and asian pear trees. This house has been a sanctuary for us in so many ways, and we believe anyone who lands here will value all of this, too.

Glenview is a terrific setting. Not too high up in the hills and not too low towards the flatlands. We are halfway between 580 and 13, which is perfect for getting in and out and around. You can be in San Francisco in no time. The neighborhoods here are very walkable and offer multiple possible routes, interesting character homes, beautiful views, and enough ups and downs for a decent workout. Walk alone, with a family member or friend, or with your dog, of which you'll find many; this has been a kind of life-blood for us. And, Oakland weather continues to deliver the best, most temperate weather around, all seasons, despite climate change. Everything grows here.

Our house sits overlooking Dimond Canyon and Sausal Creek. Dimond Park is right around the corner, as are trails leading up the canyon in loops or beyond. There is a great pool in the park below offering redwood trees, tennis courts, picnic areas, and lots of places to walk.

Close by are many parks that are entry points to the extensive East Bay Regional Parks, which runs along the backbone of the East Bay hills practically from the southern foot of Alameda County to the northern head of Contra Costa County. The park system comprises many ecosystems and scores of trails for hiking, biking, and horses. It is an unbelievably friendly, accessible, essential treasure "in your backyard," which is a rare thing in most counties.

The Glenview Farmer Joe's on Fruitvale in the Dimond is the best grocery store for produce; it's a short drive with easy parking, or you can walk there quickly through Dimond Park. A Trader Joe's is close; other stores and pharmacies are nearby. Ace Hardware on Grand Avenue is a great resource. Besides Farmer Joe's we frequent Peet's, La Farine bakery, and Dimond Slice for pizza. Don't forget Arizmendi on Lakeshore; it's just about across the street from Trader Joe's. There is so much shopping and amazing restaurants along Lakeshore, Grand, and Piedmont Avenues (check out the unassuming and surprising Fuji Summer Japanese restaurant), and College Avenue is not far away. So many places, so much to enjoy.

Right close by, an easy walk down Park Blvd leads to lots of restaurants, all very family friendly. We have eaten at Bellanico for special occasions, Marzano for casual times, and have found that the breakfast service and the dishes at Blackberry Bistro is really a cut above. And there is more: Diggery Inn is an institution, across the street is good udon, the new taqueria is good, and Paulista is a welcoming taproom with a tasty menu.

After walking, shopping, and eating, it's great to come home. Our neighbors are friendly, interesting, willing to share a tool or any Dolores Street information you seek; just ask on the text chain. We're close to things and live on a quiet, small, tree-lined street that feels out of the city. We have grown, matured, worked, celebrated, and retired here. 4660 Dolores has been an important place and period of time for us. It is forever in our lives. We really do hope the same for you.

- Seller's of 4660 Dolores Avenue