

5006 Crystal Ridge Court, Oakland

SELLER LETTER

This house immediately attracted us the first time that we entered it with its light-filled rooms. After living in the deep woods for a long time, lots of natural light was important to us. While we are only two individuals, we used every inch of the 2,500 square feet and it has served us well as live-work space. The guest bedroom downstairs was a perfect office. The third bay of the garage was a great art studio. The master suite included plenty of workout space.

We enjoyed creating a tranquil setting in the back yard by transforming the original weedy hillside into both an active entertainment area and a meditative space. The baby cypresses that we planted on Campus Drive grew about a foot per year on its way to being a full privacy screen. The stick that we planted became a wisteria with a breathtaking annual bloom that provides terrific shade. The tiny citrus trees are now super productive and the figs from France are amazingly delicious. We will miss the fruit from this mini orchard. We've done a lot to the house to make it a comfortable home just the way we loved to have it. We have enjoyed caring for it but as one of us approaches 80, we are being proactive in letting go of maintenance and stairs since we don't know what the future has in store for us.

Our neighbors are all lovely, gathering annually for a block party every Fall and being kind and helpful at every turn. While the first generation of kids are grown and gone, there is a new crop now and they're all sweetie pies. We have enjoyed our time here and wish the new residents all the best as they enjoy the fruits of our labor and create their own sanctuary here in beautiful Ridgmont.

~ Sellers of 5006 Crystal Ridge