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PETITION FOR APPEAL

TO: THE MARIN COUNTY  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903-4157  
Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors

1. The undersigned, Alix + Freddy Gottesman, hereby files an appeal  
(Appellant/Petitioner)

of the decision issued by the Erin Yattaw  
(Director, or Deputy Zoning Administrator, or Planning Commission)

regarding the Gottesman Revocable Trust Et al Design Review P3897  
relating to property described and located as follows:

a) Assessor's Parcel Number 071-152-66

b) Street Address 111 Oak Ave Kentfield, CA 94904

2. The basis of this appeal is:

See attached letter

(The pertinent facts and the basis for the appeal shall be provided to the Agency at the time the appeal is filed, but no later than the last date established for the appeal period – usually 10 days following the date of the decision. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages setting forth the bases for appeal.)

FROM Alix + Freddy Gottesman  
(Print Name)

Alix  
(Signature)

111 Oak Ave  
(Address)

415-271-2320  
(Telephone)

Kentfield, CA 94904  
(City/State/Zip Code)

ahgottesman@gmail.com  
(Email)

Dear Marin county planning division,

We believe that the unique layout of our lot, existing structures, and surrounding trees mitigate the concerns raised around building a pergola and fireplace on our lot.

1. The area where the pergola and fireplace will be built is completely surrounded by very large (40ft+) trees around our property line. These trees obstruct the view of the pergola from neighbors on the south and west of the property.
2. Our neighbors have had multiple opportunities to comment on the structure and there has not been a single objection. At the Kentfield planning committee meeting on July 12th, several neighbors showed up to support the development, including Bob DeGraph the homeowner of 103 Oak avenue, which is south west of the proposed structure.
3. Because of the unique flag shape lot, the "front" is functionally a backyard and is tucked away from the street and other neighbors. This was acknowledged in the Kentfield community council meeting and one of the primary reasons that they approved the proposal.
4. Though the structure from grade seems tall on paper, the topography of the lot and current garage structure make the additional height fairly minimal. The proposed pergola is only an additional 9 feet above the top of the garage. This is 1" foot shorter than the current basketball hoop next to the structure and 10"-12" lower than the house.

We'd appreciate the opportunity to discuss the appeal and initial proposal with you all. As the Kentfield planning committee and our neighbors discussed, this will be a good addition to our property for both our family and the surrounding neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Freddy & Alix Gottesman (homeowners of 111 Oak Avenue)