

A Note from Greg & Jenny

When we found this lovely house last spring, we were ecstatic. A house in the amazing Claremont Pines neighborhood, super close to Rockridge but still extremely private, and with gorgeous views. There are excellent schools and lots of outdoors nearby. Plus, it has a mid-century charm that we love. We loved walking with our dog Kona down to the Village Market, taking in the gorgeous views on a neighborhood walk, or going up to Lake Temescal for a picnic. We set out to update some of the older parts of the house like bathrooms and kitchens, and open up the space a bit more. We were excited to better connect the kitchen to both the family room and living room with more ease. We also really wanted the house to have an indoor-outdoor feel, where you can walk directly from living room to deck to yard with ease (this is Oakland, not the San Francisco Sunset - it's so much warmer here. You can actually enjoy your yard!)

We even laid out a grand plan for the upstairs, to make it a luxury master suite with a walk-in closet and huge bathroom overlooking the Bay. We talked with architects about this, and also how to turn part of the roof into a scenic balcony. We have one potential layout that you can look at here at the house, or we'd be happy to share the initial schematic drawings from our architect as well.

Sadly, we hadn't anticipated a change in Greg's work that would require him to drive to Mountain View or Cupertino 2-3 times a week. The commute to SF is simple, but down to Mountain View is more challenging. After much deliberation, we decided to finish up the renovations we had already started and place the house on the market. We toiled over the decision, and tried to find a way to make the work requirement fit, but ultimately the career move won out. We are sad to pass the house on, but remain optimistic that one day we can be back in this amazing neighborhood. We truly hope that you and your family will enjoy the house, the neighborhood and the work we have done so far.

Warmly,
Greg & Jenny (and Kona)

