



WELCOME HOME

1040 DUTTON AVE

Hello Prospective Dutton Homeowners!

It's hard to believe that almost 10 years to the day, our growing family moved into this warm and beautiful home. At 36 weeks pregnant with our then 2 ½ year old son, we lugged our belongings from our rental home in Oakland, excited to start our new life in San Leandro. As an East Bay native, I was familiar with the area but had no idea what a thriving, welcoming and overall gem of a community we had settled in. Little did we know that our new home would offer everything that we needed as our family expanded.

The home itself provided everything we wanted. We loved the spacious floor plan, with all three bedrooms on the same level, and the beautiful deck overlooking the San Leandro Fire Trail and the Oakland Hills. We also loved the backyard, spending countless hours digging in the dirt, playing in the sprinklers, dancing, eating and entertaining friends in our beloved yard. It was our saving grace during the pandemic, as you can imagine! The location of the home was important to us as well. With BART and 580 freeway minutes away, our commutes were easy. Plus, almost every amenity was within walking distance, coffee shops, Rite Aid (a frequent stop for us), dry cleaners, and my two favorite restaurants, Paradiso and Top Hatter!

My mother moved in with us a year after purchasing the home. Not only did she provide love and guidance to our young children, but she also gave our backyard a little bit of TLC. She spent every day outside meticulously tending to her herb garden, aloe plants, and succulents. Every summer we would watch the grapevines fill up with tiny green spheres that would transform into deep purple grapes by early August.

Soon after our move, we discovered the wonderful resources our city and neighborhood had to offer. Our kids attended a Montessori Preschool in the area, where we met our first set of friends who lived just a few blocks away. Those same friends soon became like family as our kids continued to elementary school at Roosevelt and middle school at Bancroft. Our neighborhood friend circle was filled with good times, whether it was attending a birthday party in our yard, going to the neighborhood block party or celebrating the most epic Halloween nights on Dutton! Halloween was truly one of my favorite neighborhood events with hundreds of kids arriving to trick or treat and take part in the spirited fun.

Over the past decade we've seen the City and neighborhood flourish in business and restaurants, we've benefited from city measures for public education and recreational upgrades like the opening of Farrelly Pool (just a block away). San Leandro and Estudillo Estates continue to raise the bar for individuals/families, and we were fortunate to have been a part of it. Now that our journey has taken us elsewhere, we hope that you'll embrace the warmth and love cultivated in this home and that it will spill over to you and yours in abundance. May you create loving memories for years to come.

Sincerely,
The Olivers